At Ingalls, specially trained interventional radiologists are using the state-of-the-art VenaCure™ Laser Venous System to treat patients with varicose veins and venous insufficiency on an outpatient basis— with a minimal amount of discomfort.

A vein treatment that fits your patients' busy lifestyles, Endovenous Laser Therapy (EVLT) is a quick, effective treatment that represents a vast improvement over the traditional option of vein stripping and ligation surgery. After the 45-minute procedure at the Ingalls Vein Clinic (located at Ingalls Family Care Center in Tinley Park), patients can literally walk out of the office and resume normal activities in as little as a week. And, it has a 95-percent success rate.

**Here's how the Procedure Works:**
The process begins with ultrasound mapping of the affected veins. (For patient convenience, the mapping procedure is available at three locations: Ingalls Family Care Centers in Tinley Park and Flossmoor and at Ingalls Memorial Hospital in Harvey.) Following that, the patient has a consultation with an Ingalls interventional radiologist to determine the best course of treatment. If the laser treatment is deemed appropriate, the patient is scheduled for the procedure, which involves the insertion of a laser fiber into the vein through a tiny puncture. The laser energizes the fiber as it is withdrawn from the vein. Energy emitted from the tip of the fiber causes only the treated vein to close, while the body automatically routes the blood to other healthy veins. As the healing begins, the veins continue to disappear visually. The entire procedure takes only 45 minutes and is performed under local anesthesia.

**Personalized Care for Your Patients**
As an added benefit to patients, Ingalls employs the services of a specially trained program coordinator who answers questions, makes referrals, schedules necessary testing before the procedure, assists with insurance claims, and communicates results and outcomes to referring physicians.

**Benefits of EVLT at Ingalls**
- Minimally invasive, 45-minute outpatient procedure
- Local anesthesia
- Patients literally walk out of the office following the procedure
- One-week recovery vs. six weeks with traditional vein surgery
- 95-percent success rate
- Extremely low risk of infection and fewer complications than with traditional vein surgery

For more information about varicose vein treatment options at the Ingalls Vein Clinic, please call Kathy Wallace, RN, program coordinator, at 708.915.7518.

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