



Effective Mar 3, 2015, the cost of the sclerotherapy drug Asclera (polidocanol) may be the responsibility of our patients.

Recently the FDA approved a specific brand name of a polidocanol product called Asclera (www.asclera.com). FDA laws mandate that if a FDA approved drug is available in the US, it must be used rather than a generic version of the drug.

Asclera is significantly more expensive than generic polidocanol. Our professional fee for a sclerotherapy session covers the procedure of injecting the veins but is not adequate to cover the cost of Asclera. There is no markup of the cost of Asclera. The cost is \$22 per 2 ml vial. Typical range for a sclerotherapy session is 2-10 mls, which means the cost of Asclera could range from \$22-\$110 per sclerotherapy session. For example, if we use 6 ml of Asclera in one session then the cost of the drug would be \$66.

If your sclerotherapy session is covered by your insurance company, we will also bill them the cost of the Asclera medication. If the insurance company denies the cost of this medication, the patient will be responsible for the cost and will be billed accordingly. If your sclerotherapy session is self-pay, the cost of the Asclera medication will be due at the time of service.

The events leading to this new policy are beyond our control. This change is necessary to offer you the safest, highest quality medical care at VEINatlanta.

Thank you for understanding.