Sclerotherapy
Informed Consent

Nature and Purpose of Sclerotherapy
I understand that injecting a liquid sclerosing solution, sodium tetradecyl sulfate (STS) into my affected veins is being done for the purpose of attempting to improve the symptoms and appearance of my body. The solution is known to cause an irritation to the inside of the vein being treated that can result in the permanent closing of the treated portion of that vein. The use of sodium tetradecyl sulfate is approved by the Food and Drug Administration for this purpose. The current practice in many major vein centers including ours, is to use this medication as a foam. That use is under investigation by the Food and Drug Administration and not yet approved.

Alternatives
I understand that, in addition to doing nothing, alternative treatments for varicose veins do exist Conservative treatments such as compression, and surgical procedures including stripping or ligation, surface laser treatment, and endovenous ablation are options which I have discussed with the staff at The re*be Skin Clinic.

Risks
The nature of the procedure(s) to be performed have been explained to me by the staff at The re*be Skin Clinic, and I understand that among the known risks are bruising, pigmentation changes, skin breakdown (wound and scars), local pain, swelling, inflammation, secondary matting (spider veins), and allergic reactions. I am aware that in addition to the minor risks described above, there are other risks, which are rare. These can include infection, inflammation, clots in the deep venous system that can go to the lungs. A heart birth defect if present, with abnormal right to left flow of blood can put you at risk for a headache, confusion or a stroke. Injection into an artery can cause loss of skin or marked pain around the injection area, local nerve compression causing temporary or permanent numbness also are rare but can occur. Serious complications are fortunately are rare but can result in the need for additional surgery, hospitalization, amputation, disability or even death.

Proposed Treatment
I understand that the practice of Medicine and Surgery is not an exact science, and therefore, reputable practitioners cannot guarantee results. No guarantee has been given by anyone, as to the results that may be obtained by undergoing the procedure. I have had sufficient opportunity to discuss my condition and proposed treatment plan with the staff at The re*be Skin Clinic, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I believe that I have adequate knowledge on which to base an informed consent to the proposed treatment.

Photographs
I authorize the taking of clinical photographs and their use for future treatments at this clinic.
My photographs in addition may be:

· used for scientific purposes	yes	no
· used in publications	yes	no
· shown in presentations or seminars	yes	no
· shown to other clients	yes	no
· presented to the internet	yes	no

Cosmetic versus Medically Necessary Sclerotherapy
The re*be Skin Clinic provides both cosmetic and medically necessary services. When it is decided that treatment is needed or desired, the staff at The re*be Skin Clinic will discuss whether your veins are a medical issue or considered to be cosmetic. In some cases you may need a certain number of medically necessary treatments. If you have Medicare, any treatments beyond what was estimated to be a medical necessity will be your responsibility to pay for. Payment will be due at the time of service. Any fee for cosmetic treatment will be your responsibility.
I hereby consent to sclerotherapy treatment performed by the staff at The re*be Skin Clinic.

Signature:_____ Date: _____

Witness:_____ Date: _____

I have discussed the nature and purpose of endovenous laser ablation treatment and the associated risks, consequences and alternatives with the person signing above and am satisfied they understand them.

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Ronald J. Kolegraff M.D.

Date: _____