Is the saphenous vein sacred?

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New paradigm

Ascending evolution of the varicose disease:
Ambulatory Selective Varices Ablation under Local anesthesia

Varices responsible for the hemodynamic trouble

New paradigm

METHODE ASVAL (ABLATION SELECTIVE des VARIQUES sous ANESTHESIE LOCALE): PRINCIPES et RESULTATS PRELIMINAIRES

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Massive destruction weapons

From 2005: crusade against the systematic destruction of a refluxing SV
Increasing number of data calling into question the descending theory

Pattern of superficial veins in women with varicose vein disease

Management of Chronic Venous Disease

Phlebology

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Is There a Role for Saphenous Preservation in the Presence of Saphenous Reflux?

YES!
Saphenous sparing: The new Holy Grail?

We learned from this fascinating experience of 10 years that there is no universal answer!

Even in case of ascending evolution, the saphenous damages can be irreversible.
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The evolution is not systematically ascending from the reservoir
-> limited reservoir, skin changes

ASVAL failure at short term

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**Treatment « à la carte » +++**
- Saphenous diameter, length of the reflux, volume of the reflux
- Preop reversibility test +++
- Age, concern of the patient
- Symptoms, CEAP
- Main patient’s concern (cosmetic, symptoms, preventive)
- Physician expertise

The failures and drawbacks of the traditional approach led us to call into question the old dogma and to consider a new paradigm incarnated in the word “ASVAL.”

We should call into question this new paradigm in order to face its failures, for a better learn of the limits of the saphenous sparing.

① We all must have on our bedhead an anti-dogma book because the dogma is the most destructive force for knowledge.

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**Not a religion but still the first line treatment**

- Stripping/ablation GSV
- ASVAL

We still need new studies to precise the indications.
Thank you for your attention