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Vascular Insights given exclusive rights to vascular ablation patent

Dr. Michael G. Tal of Yale University has received a patent for his “vascular ablation apparatus and method.” It involves a device, used in combination with a sclerosant, to disrupt and/or irritate a vessel wall, in order to treat venous stasis, as for example, varicose veins.

Dr. Tal is a co-founder of and the chief medical advisor to Vascular Insights as well as associate professor of diagnostic radiology at Yale University School of Medicine. Vascular Insights LLC of Madison, CT, USA. has obtained exclusive rights to the patent from Yale University.

The method eliminates the need for surgical stripping or the necessity of thermal ablation, as in, for example, radiofrequency or laser therapy, and is more efficacious than foam sclerotherapy. A key advantage of Dr. Tal’s method of vein ablation is that it requires no tumescence anesthesia to protect the patient or enhance the procedure. It can also be used with less concern for the nerve damage associated with other procedures, allowing for a more complete therapy.

Early results with a device based on the patent suggest efficacy rates equivalent to those of radiofrequency or laser.

The patent in question is US 7,862,575 B2 dated Jan. 4, 2011.

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