# WHAT IS CHRONIC VENOUS DISEASE? (CVD)



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Chronic Venous Disease (CVD) is related or caused by the body's veins (venous system) becoming diseased or abnormal.

The more advanced form of CVD is Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI) where there is also likely to be skin changes, swelling and wounds or sores called ulcers.

> Definition sourced from the American Venous Forum. http://www.veinforum.org/patients/what-is-vein-disease/what-is-chronic-venous-disease.html

# CVD

Chronic Venous Disease is a common disease in adults in the US

25 million adults in the US are affected by CVD More than 6 million have more advanced venous disease

Source: Beebee-Dimmer, JL, et al. The Epidemiology of Chronic Venous Insufficiency and Varicose Veins. Ann Epidemiol 2005;15:175–184.

# **CVD Risk Factors**



#### **Older Age**

Obesity

Family History

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### Risk Factors for CVD

#### Standing

### History of Blood Clot in Legs (DVT\*)

\*Deep vein thrombosis (DVT)--when a blood clot forms in one or more of the deep veins in your legs

### Female Gender

Sources: 1. Robertson L, et al. Epidemiology of chronic venous disease, *Phlebology* 2008;23:103–111.2. Comerota, A. Treatment of Chronic Venous Disease of the Lowe Extremities, what's new in guidelines? *Phlebololymphology*, 2009;16(4): 313-318.

#### **Risk Factors for Men**

#### Low Fiber Diet/Constipation

Lack of Physical Activity

**Previous Leg Injury** 

#### **Risk Factors for Women**

#### **Pregnancy/Multiple Births**

#### **Overweight and Obesity**

#### Prolonged Standing or Sitting with Limited Movement

Source: The Influence of Environmental Factors in Chronic Venous Insufficiency Arkadiusz Jawien, Angiology 54(1):S19-S31, 2003

# Causes of CVD

# **Combination of Factors**

Genetic

Inflammation

Stress On Legs

# **Signs of Venous Inflammation**

Swelling Edema

> A condition characterized by an excess of watery fluid collecting in the tissues of the legs

## Varicose Veins

Occur when vein walls are stretched out and lose their tone

The veins most commonly affected are those in your legs and feet

## **Pigmentation** Skin discoloration

Skin darkens, or becomes reddish or brown at the ankles or lower legs

# Venous Eczema

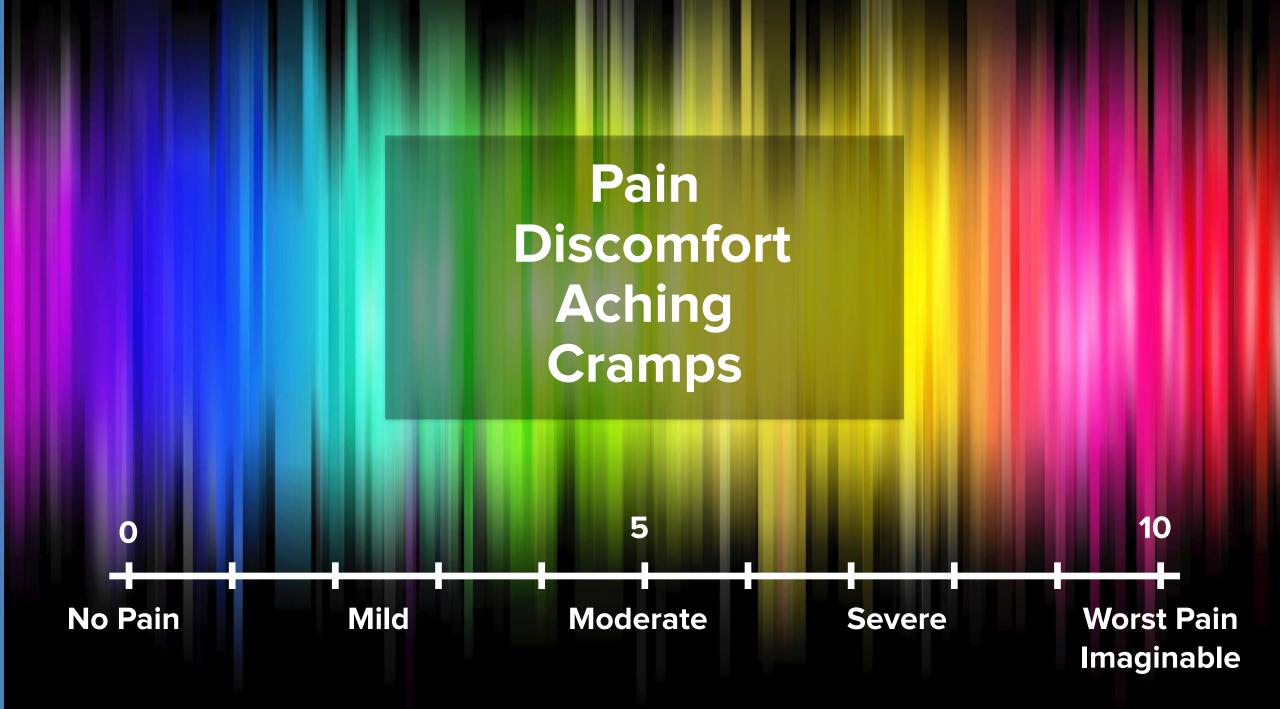
Caused by fluid collecting, which can form itchy, red, blistered, or crusted patches on both lower legs

# Ulcers

Skin erosions

# A breakdown of the skin caused by fluid building up from poor vein function

# **CVD Symptoms**



# Heaviness Swelling

# Managing CVD

## Procedures

## Compression

## Venoactive Therapies

# **Reducing Inflammation**

# Venoactive Therapies

Micronized Purified Flavanoid Fraction (MPFF)

> A pill, available only by prescription, made from food or plant substances, that effect swelling (edema) and other symptoms of CVD





You would have to eat 25 - 50 oranges with their peels per day to get the same amount of MPFF

## **Self-Checklist for Managing CVD**

Wear compression stockings
Avoid too much standing
Keep legs elevated
Make an effort to exercise
Ask your vein specialist about naturally-derived venoactive therapy for symptoms

For More Information About Venoactive Therapies Like MPFF, Go to Vasculera.com



