



Spider Angioma (Spider Telangiectasia)

A Spider Angioma is a group of abnormal blood vessels that produce the appearance of a “spider” on the surface of the skin. A Spider Angioma lesion typically has a red dot in the center with tiny red vessels radiating out around it. Spider Angiomas can occur anywhere, but are most common on the face and sun exposed parts of the arms and hands. Spider Angiomas are very common.

Description:

- A vascular (blood vessel) lesion
- Typically, a red dot in the center with a reddish extensions radiating out for some distance around it (a few millimeters to a centimeter or so)
- Disappears with pressure and reappears when the pressure is released.
- Common in children and adults
- Most frequently seen on the face and trunk

Treatment:

Treatment is generally not necessary. For bothersome Spider Angiomas, the lesion can be obliterated with laser treatment. However, this is considered a cosmetic procedure and will not be covered by most insurance companies.

Expectations (prognosis):

Spider Angiomas often disappear eventually in children, but tend to persist in adults.