

Subject:	Endovascular treatment techniques in cases of trunk varices
Summary:	<p>This assessment is an update of CVZ's assessment in 2008 regarding the various endovascular treatment techniques for trunk varices.</p> <p>Based on a recent literature study, CVZ's conclusion is that foam sclerotherapy as treatment of stem varices is not an insured provision under the <i>Zorgverzekeringswet</i> (ZVW, Health Insurance Act). This is the same as CVZ's assessment in 2008.</p> <p>CVZ's assessment dating from 2008 regarding endovenous laser treatment and radiofrequency ablation is unaltered: both treatments for trunk varices are designated as provisions insured under the Zvw.</p> <p>The update does not alter the previous assessment in 2008</p> <p>In a separate report CVZ will discuss the relationship between varices and complaints/symptoms and the medical necessity of invasive treatment. Within that framework, attention will be given to whether/how a clear distinction can be drawn between the medically necessary treatment of varices and treatments that are only cosmetic in nature. This distinction is important because, in principle, the last-mentioned treatments are not regarded as provisions insured under the Zvw.</p>
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