

Table XXVI

Operative procedure	Reference <i>Abstracts corresponding to references can be found using the listing "RCTs by alphabetical order" or "RCTs by topic."</i>	Summary
RFA <i>versus</i> invagination stripping <i>versus</i> cryostripping	Stötter L, Schaaf I, Bockelbrink A. Comparative outcomes of radiofrequency endoluminal ablation, invagination stripping and cryostripping in the treatment of great saphenous vein. <i>Phlebology</i> . 2006;21:60-64.	60 patients and lower limbs with GSV primary VV and reflux at SFJ Group I (N=20): RFA Group II (N=20): HL+ invagination stripping Group III (N=20): HL+ cryostripping Post-operative results: <u>Immediate success with:</u> 2 GSV open segments in group II vs 0 in group I and III. Results at 6 weeks of follow-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Pain score, time to return to full activity:</i> better in group I compared with groups II and III; P= 0.012 and P=0.014 respectively Results at 1 year of follow-up: 1 patient lost to follow-up in each group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>Groin neovascularization:</i> groups I and II=0, group III=1 · <i>Segmental recanalization <10cm:</i> group I=2, group II and III= 0 · <i>Patient satisfaction:</i> group I> group III>group II; P=0.001 for all groups

Abbreviations:

GSV = great saphenous vein ; HL= high ligation; RFA= radiofrequency ablation; SFJ= saphenofemoral junction; VV= varicose veins