



FACT SHEET



Product:	Varicodyn™
Suitable for:	People suffering from varicose veins and spider veins
Ingredients:	Horse Chestnut ext 20% saponins 300mg Butcher's Broom root 300mg Grapeseed Extract 95% PAC's 20mg Vitamin K 0.3mg (50% RDA) Dicalcium Phosphate Microcrystalline Cellulose Magnesium Stearate
Recommended dose:	For adults only – take 1 tablet twice a day. No not exceed the stated dose.
Contraindications:	Varicodyn™ should not be taken by anyone with kidney or liver disease.
Documented side effects:	In rare cases, oral intake of horse chestnut may cause itching, nausea and upset stomach. Occasionally, butcher's broom can cause nausea.

Drug interactions: Herb-drug interactions are possible between horse chestnut and heparin, ticlodipine and warfarin. There are also several drug interactions possible with vitamin K. No interactions have been reported between butcher's broom or grapeseed extract and prescription medications.

Always tell your health care providers about any complementary and alternative practices you use. Providing a full picture of what you do to manage your health will help ensure coordinated and safe care.

Further reading:

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