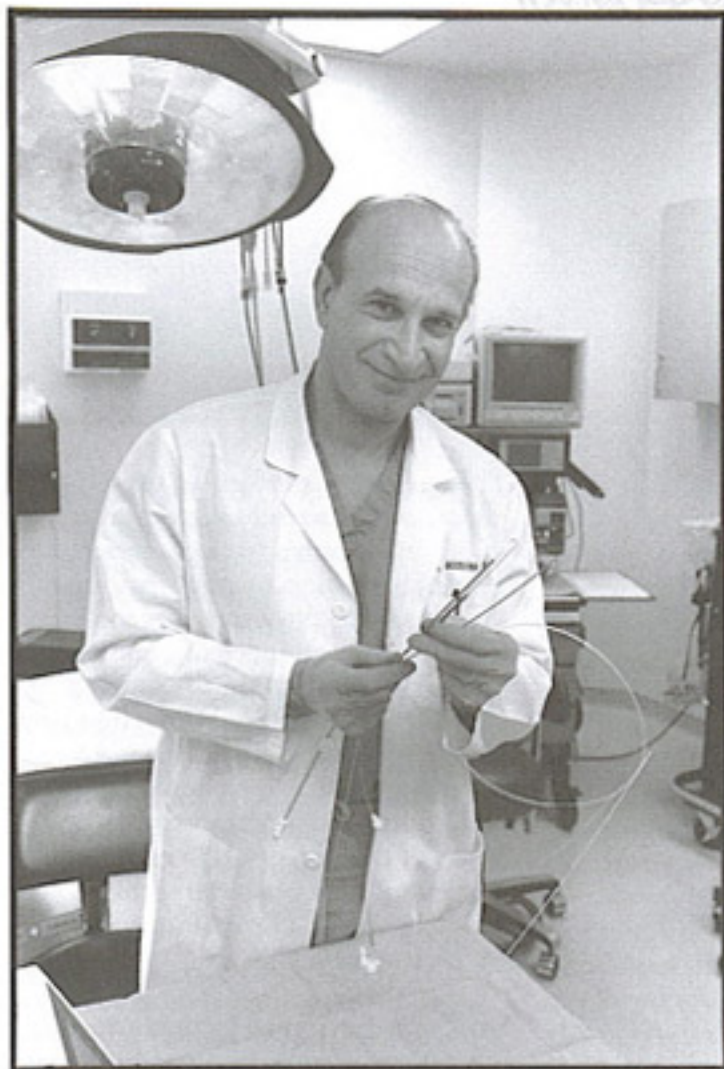


## Across the Lake at Surgicare



**Dr. Juan Agostini uses an innovative, new approach for varicose vein surgery**

### Minimally Invasive Surgery for Varicose Veins

**V**enous disease is more common than disease of the arteries," says Dr. Juan Agostini. "Nevertheless, there are few vein specialists, which is why we have become a referral center for the treatment of venous disease. With this new procedure, minimally invasive catheters and laser fibers have replaced the surgical scalpel, with excellent results."

Dr. Agostini is a board-certified surgeon with special training and expertise in the treatment of venous and arterial disease. He is a member of the American, Canadian, and French Colleges of Phlebology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Until recently, people with varicose veins who suffered from aching leg fatigue, itching, swelling, skin discoloration, ulcers, or blood clots have had little recourse but to undergo traditional methods of treatment.

The standard surgical approach—stripping the veins—requires spinal or general anesthesia, sizable incisions, and a prolonged period of recovery.

For the past year, Dr. Agostini and Dr. Ferrer have been using a new, minimally invasive approach called the Endo Laser Venous System (ELVS) to treat varicose veins. They now treat painful varicose veins with outpatient surgery that is performed under local anesthesia and sedation. Patients may return to normal activities the following day, and can resume exercise a week later. This is a significant advance in venous disease treatment.

Doctors Agostini and Ferrer perform this new procedure at Surgicare. "Surgicare is unique in that it is a free-standing center in a suburban setting, which eliminates the anxiety some people associate with large medical facilities," says Dr. Agostini. "There is a tremendous emotional component to surgery, and going into a pleasant environment like Surgicare's is paramount to making patients and families comfortable. We have all the technology and safety features that are available at a larger facility, and the quality of the staff is superb."