

VENOUS LAKES

A venous lake is a name of a benign harmless growth on the skin. It often appears dark blue or purple and may be flat or raised. The name is derived from venous which refers to the vein component of the growth. The term lake refers to it being a small area of blood under the surface of the skin.

A venous lake is a benign growth and never becomes cancerous. They can occur on any area of the body surface but are most common on the lip and ear. In some cases they can appear quite dark and are often mistaken for other types of growths. In some cases a skin biopsy test is done to determine that indeed the growth is a venous lake.

In general patients with venous lakes do not have symptoms. Occasionally the lesions can bleed if injured. In most cases they are best left alone. In certain circumstances removal can be arranged.

In summary, a venous lake is normally a small blue to purple growth occurring on the lip or ear. They are harmless. They are best left alone.

If you have any other questions regarding this growth please ask me before you leave the office.