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I qualified MD University of Ghent 1978 and after training in Vascular, Cardiac, Orthopaedic and Thoracic Surgery and Intensive Care at University Hospital Ghent and Antwerp University Hospital I gained recognition in General and Vascular Surgery in 1984. I then confined my interest to Phlebology, joining Leo Thierry in his practice in Ghent, after spending time with Dr Wallois in Paris and Dr Ouvry in Rouen in 1984 and then with Dr Muller in Neuchatel, Switzerland in 1985. Dr Muller developed micro-phlebectomy (nick and pick) and because none of these people spoke English I introduced the Muller hook technique to the English, speakers in Australia and USA. These hooks were later improved by Oesch of Bern, Switzerland. For many years I have practiced as a vascular surgeon at the Maria Middelaers Hospital, Ghent, Edith Cavell hospital, Brussels and Wellington Hospital, London with clinics in Ghent and London. I lecture worldwide including an annual lecture and demonstration in Shanghai, China and represent venous aspects of Vascular Surgery on Belgium Government Committees, a member of Venous forum council, Royal Society of Medicine, London Treasurer of European Venous Forum and an honorary member of many International Phlebology societies.

I now favour Ultrasound guided Foam Sclerotherapy but in selected cases with advanced problems use surgery as day cases or if late in day an overnight stay.