

# RESCULPT CLINIC



*Hét Nederlandse expertisecentrum voor vetbehandelingen*



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Dercum's disease, also known as *adipositas dolorosa*, *juxta-articular adiposis dolorosa* (around the knees), *lipomatosis dolorosa*, *adiposalgia* or *lipalgia*, is a rare condition in which painful subcutaneous lipomas or fat deposits are developed. The lipomas or fat deposits are painful to the touch but can also hurt spontaneously. The pain can be invalidating, and is often difficult to treat.

The cause for the development of Dercum disease is unknown, the pain may be caused by pressure on nerves of growing lipomas. It usually occurs in post-menopausal women (male: female ratio is 1:30) with overweight. Dercum patients often also have other complaints such as chronic fatigue, and neurological or psychiatric symptoms. The predisposition for Dercum is partly genetic (presumably autosomal dominant inheritance).

At present, surgically removing the lipomas or a "medical" liposuction of the fat deposits is the only effective treatment for removing the abnormal, painful fatty tissue. More information about the liposuction treatment can be found on our website and in the brochure 'Tumescent Liposuction'.

### Reimbursement

Treatment of Dercum disease is in principle covered by insured care, but liposuction is not always reimbursed by the health insurer. A request must be made for this.

### Information and introductory consultation

Do you want to know more about this treatment and your options? Then schedule an appointment via the contact page on our website for a live or telephone consultation. During this consult with the medical specialist, ample time is taken to explain the condition, the treatment, the side effects, the follow-up and the result, so that you are optimally informed. The consult takes approximately 45 minutes.

### Complaints and privacy rules

*ReSculpt Clinic has a complaints and privacy policy. You can request this for inspection via the contact page on our website ([www.resculptclinic.nl](http://www.resculptclinic.nl)) or via [contact@resculptclinic.nl](mailto:contact@resculptclinic.nl)*

The logo for Resculpt Clinic features the word "RESCULPT" in a dark grey, serif font above the word "CLINIC" in a similar font. A thick, wavy orange line arches over the text, starting from the left and ending on the right.

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