

Laser and IPL Pre & Post Care

Recommended Pre & Post Care for Laser / IPL Treatment
For best results please follow these instructions

Before your treatment:

- Do not wear makeup on the day of treatment
- No sun-tanning or self-tanners 4 weeks prior to treatment
 - Includes spray tans, tanning lotions, tanning beds, sun exposure, etc.
- Some medications or supplements may increase the risk bruising. Consult with your physician
- Avoid treatments that may irritate the skin for 1-2 weeks prior to treatment (waxing, depilatories, etc.)
- Notify clinic with any changes to your health history or medications since your last appointment
- History of herpes or cold sores may require an anti-viral prescription prior to treatment

After your treatment:

- Avoid sun exposure and use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen to prevent further sun damage
- Bruising, redness and swelling are common and resolve with time
- A "bug bite look" is common and usually resolves in 1-2 days
- Avoid heat – hot tubs, saunas, etc. for 1-2 days
- Avoid skin irritants (examples below) a few days post-treatment
 - Products containing tretinoin, retinol, benzoyl peroxide, glycolic/salicylic acids, astringents, etc.
- Notify clinic of any concerns (blistering, excessive redness/swelling, etc.)
- Leg vein treatments only:
 - Compression stockings (20-30 mm/hg) are optional
 - Avoid high impact activity 3-5 days
 - Hemosiderin staining (brown staining) may occur after a treatment and usually resolves with time (can take 1-2 years) but, on a rare occasion, it may be permanent
 - Strict avoidance of sun exposure may decrease risk of permanent hemosiderin staining
 - Large leg veins may take many months to resolve and should not be re-treated before then
- You can usually resume your skincare routine as per Dr. Laura's guidelines within 3 days post procedure. We will inform you if there is any changes to this.
- Treated pigment will turn darker (brown to black) within 24-48 hours
 - Do not pick at treated areas
 - Treated pigment will exfoliate off the face in approximately 1 week
 - Treated pigment will exfoliate off the body in approximately 2-3 weeks
- If there is any redness swelling, you can use gentle skincare. A gentle cleanser and moisturiser and SkinCeuticals phytocorrective mask and serum or other products given by Dr. Laura Clinic. If you are unsure please contact the clinic directly.

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