



PRE AND POST TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS

CO2 LASER

PRE-TREATMENT

- ❖ When booking your CO2 treatment, please keep in mind the possibility of redness, swelling, flaking, and peeling after the treatment. These normal side effects usually begin to appear immediately after treatment and can take 3-10 days to resolve.
- ❖ Avoid direct sun and all forms of tanning (including self-tanner or spray tans) on the treatment area for 2 weeks before and after your treatment.
- ❖ Discontinue Retin-A, Glycolics, Alpha or Beta Hydroxy Acids, and exfoliants for one week prior to each treatment. Discontinue Accutane (and any isotretinoin products) for 12 months prior.
- ❖ If your face will be treated and you have a history of facial cold sores, please notify us in advance so that we may provide you with a prescription for antiviral medication to start before your treatment. The CO2 treatment cannot be performed on your face if you have an active cold sore.
- ❖ Best results are achieved when the skin is well hydrated at the time of treatment. For this reason, it is strongly advised that you prepare your skin for treatment using the skin care products listed below for 14 days prior to treatment:
 - Alastin Regenerating Skin Nectar
 - Alastin Silk Shield Mineral SPF 30
- ❖ For patients who may have an increased risk of (PIH) post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation (or darkening of the skin) post treatment, it is **STRONGLY ADVISED** that the skin care products below are used as instructed for a full 14 days prior to treatment. If you are a high-risk patient for PIH (darker skin types, history of hyperpigmentation) then you are **REQUIRED** to use these skin care products to pre-treat your skin for 4 weeks prior to each treatment.
 - iS Clinical Brightening Complex
 - Alastin Silk Shield Mineral SPF 30

Please see consultation form or consult your provider to determine if pretreating with iS Clinical Brightening Complex is required for your treatment
- ❖ It is important that you are in good health at the time of your treatment to ensure your body has a healthy healing response after the treatment. Healthy healing is important for your safety (i.e. to minimize infection) and to ensure good results.
- ❖ It is important to wait at least 4 weeks after a CO2 treatment and until any redness, swelling and/or peeling have completely resolved before getting other treatments on the same area. When getting a CO2 treatment *after* other treatments, it is important that the area to be treated is not swollen, irritated, peeling, or bruised at the time of the CO2 treatment.
- ❖ Anticipate it taking 3-6 months after your final CO2 treatment to see complete results. Additional treatments are often required to achieve desired results.

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TREATMENT DAY

- ❖ Please come to your appointment with clean skin – remove all makeup, creams and lotions.
- ❖ Please dress so that you may comfortably and modestly expose the treatment area, when applicable (i.e. chest).

POST TREATMENT

- ❖ If antiviral medication was prescribed for you, please make sure to continue to take as directed.
- ❖ Acetaminophen/Tylenol may be taken if needed to relieve any discomfort, however, NSAIDs and anti-inflammatories, including but not limited to Motrin, Advil, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Fish Oil, CoQ10, and Turmeric, should be avoided for 1-week post treatment to ensure optimal healing/results. Consult with your physician prior to discontinuing any medication. Even if you are unable to discontinue the medications/supplements listed, the treatment will still be safe and effective.
- ❖ Do not apply ice or any type of cooling to the area post treatment.
- ❖ The products below should be used following your treatment:
 - Alastin Regenerative Skin Nectar
 - Alastin Ultra Calm Cleansing Cream
 - Alastin Ultra Light Moisturizer with TriHex Technology
 - Alastin Silk Shield All Mineral SPF 30
 - Alastin Soothe and Protect Recovery Balm
- ❖ Avoid using exfoliants, retinols, alpha or beta hydroxy acids, or topical Vitamin C products for at least a week after the treatment. Do not use any mechanical cleaning devices (i.e. Clarisonic), facial scrubs or washcloths on the treated area - only wash the area with your hands – for at least a week.
- ❖ Avoid direct sun exposure and wear a large-brimmed hat and minimum 35 SPF for at least 2 weeks post treatment. This is important to ensure proper healing and to minimize chances of scarring.
- ❖ No sweaty exercise or exposing the treated skin to hot water, steam, pools, the ocean, hot tubs or saunas for 48 hours post treatment.
- ❖ Do not apply makeup to the treated area and keep it as clean as possible until any “sandpapery” skin, scabs, or peeling have resolved. Do not allow anything unclean to come in contact with the treated skin - this includes touching the skin with unclean hands. Tinted sunblock may safely be used.
- ❖ Peeling and flaking after treatment are normal. Allow the skin to flake off naturally and do not rub, pick, or peel the skin off as it heals. This may result in scarring and infection.
- ❖ Please schedule your follow-up appointment 90 days after your final treatment to assess results and determine whether additional treatments are needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at

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