

Laser Vein Therapy Pre & Post Care

Before your treatment:

- Do not wear makeup on the day of treatment
- No sun-tanning or self-tanners 4 weeks prior to treatment
 - o Includes spray tans, tanning lotions, tanning beds, sun exposure, etc.
- Some medications or supplements may increase the risk bruising. Consult with your technician.
- Avoid treatments that may irritate the skin for 1-2 weeks prior to treatment (waxing, depilatories, etc.)
- Notify our office 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

Post Treatment Instructions:

- 1. Immediately after the treatments, you should apply an ice pack, as there may be mild swelling. It is normal for the treated area to feel like sunburn for a few hours. You should use a cold compress if needed. Avoid any trauma to the skin for up to 2-5 days, such as bathing with very hot water, strenuous exercise, or massage.
- 2. Avoid picking or scratching the treated skin to achieve your best results. If any crusting, apply antibiotic cream. Some physicians recommend Aloe Vera gel or some other after sunburn treatment such as Desitin. Darker pigmented people may have more discomfort than lighter skin people and may require the Aloe Vera gel or an antibiotic ointment longer. Follow instructions as specified by your laser professional.
- 3. Make-up may be used after the treatment has quit swelling unless there is epidermal bleeding. It is recommended to use new make-up to reduce the possibility of infection. Keep the area moist. Any moisturizer without alpha-hydroxy acids will work.
- 4. You may shower after the laser treatments in tepid water. The treated area may be washed gently with a mild soap. Skin should be patted dry and NOT rubbed.
- 5. You will experience redness and bruising from five to fourteen days after the treatment. Avoid direct sun exposure and tanning beds for 1-2 months and throughout the course of the treatment so as to reduce the chance of dark or light spots. Use sunscreen SPF 25 or higher at all times throughout the treatment when going outside.
- 6. Avoid tweezing, waxing, bleaching or chemical peels during the course of the treatment. Do not use any irritants such as Retin-A, Benzoyl Peroxide or astringents.

Please call our office during normal business hours if you have ANY questions or concerns: (718) 505-2737.