

## **Electrolysis Pre & Post Care**

Electrology is the procedure of using a probe with Electrolysis, Thermolysis or blended currents for permanent hair removal.

In Electrology, a fine, solid probe is inserted into the hair follicle and a current is applied, which destroys the hair follicle's ability to produce hair. The depth of penetration of Electrology instrumentation is limited mostly to the skin epidermal and is therefore considered a superficially invasive procedure.

To obtain optimal results you may trim. All other temporary hair removal methods should be avoided.

Avoid the use of moisturizers for 48 hours after treatment. Do not use washcloths, and clean the treated area with drying agents, such as Calomine, Calydryl, Witch Hazel or Dermiseptic lotion. In areas with a thin epidermis (upper lip, eyebrow) if there are puss pimples or whiteheads beyond the first 48 hours, use topical antibiotics (Neosporin or Bacitracin), Aloe or vitamin E cream.

People with very dark skin (mostly those of African descent) can, although rarely, have some temporary skin darkening in the treated area.

## Intro-operate Care

- Stubble should be visible on the day of treatment.
- Hair needs to be long enough, that can be tweezed.
- The skin is cleaned prior to treatment.
- You may experience the following sensations throughout the treatment:
  - o Burning
  - o Heat
  - o Pain
  - o Tingling

## Post-operative Treatment Care

- Immediately after treatment, there should be erythema and edema (swelling) at the treatment site, which may last up to 2 hours, or longer. The erythema may last up to 2-3 days. The application of ice during the first few hours after treatment will reduce the discomfort and swelling that may be experienced.
- Following treatment the treated area might bruise, breakout, or scab. These skin reactions will subside. Do not pick or dislodge scabs, should they appear.
- Cleanse the area with a mild antiseptic such as 70% Isopropyl alcohol, witch hazel, or sea breeze, 24 hours post treatment.
- Avoid using soaps, and abrasive materials, 24 hours post treatment. There are no restrictions on bathing except to treat skin gently.
- Avoid using deodorant or makeup on the treated area 24 hours post treatment.
- Use sunscreen (SPF 25 or higher) at all times throughout the course of treatment.

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

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