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IPL Pre & Post Procedure Instructions

Pre-Procedure Instructions & Precautions

Before your Appointment:

- Avoid sun exposure and tanning beds for at least 4 weeks prior to your treatment and 4 weeks after your treatment.
- Avoid applying self-tanner for 2 weeks prior to treatment.
- Avoid aspirin and Ibuprofen for one week prior to your treatment. Inform the doctor if you are taking blood thinners or regularly take aspirin or ibuprofen. Avoid alcohol for 2 days prior to treatment.
- Inform the doctor if have taken Accutane (oral acne medication) in the past year. Store ice packs in your freezer for use after your procedure.

Day of your Appointment:

- Arrive without creams or make-up on the treatment area.
- Allow 45-90 minutes for your appointment
- You will be given eye shields to wear to protect your eyes during the

procedure. Post-Procedure Instructions & Precautions

- Expect your skin to appear pink for a few hours after treatment.
- You will be given a cool compress to apply after treatment.
- Avoid exercise and use of saunas and hot tubs for 24-48 hours after the procedure. Make-up may be applied to cover redness as needed.
- Your skin may be temperature sensitive for several days after

treatment. • Brown spots and freckles will appear darker while healing.

• It will take 4-6 weeks to see the full result and 2-3 treatments to achieve an optimum result.

If you experience slightly puffy areas, you may use cold compresses (5 minutes on and 10 minutes off) several times an hour to help ease both redness and swelling.
Sleeping with your head elevated for the first night will help decrease any swelling.
Blistering and crusting are rare; however, if these do occur a thin layer of over-the counter antibiotic ointment such as Polysporin® can be applied 2-3 times a day for 3 days. Please call us if you experience either of these uncommon reactions.
Hyperpigmentation (darkening of the skin color) can occur in some skin types. Please call us if you experience this uncommon reaction.