

## **Laser Vessel Treatment Pre & Post Care Instructions**

## PRE TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Arrive to your appointment with your skin COMPLETELY clean and dry with no makeup prior to treatment.
- 2. AVOID THE SUN- The area to be treated should not be exposed to sun 4- 6 weeks prior to treatment. If you are in the sun during this time you should defer treatment until a later time.
- 3. Treatment of tanned skin may cause blistering or possible hypo-pigmentation which may last for 3-6 months.
- 4. Avoid using tanning creams, spray tans, or any type of temporary pigmented creams prior to treatment.
- 5. Patients with a history of the following conditions may not be good candidates for laser treatment and should consult their primary care provider when considering treatment:
- Diabetic patients or patients with poor circulation
- Patients who have a history of poor healing
- Patients who take a blood thinner, such as coumadin or aspirin
- 6. Patients who are taking high doses of iron may have an increased risk of hyperpigmentation.

## POST TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. The heat from the laser pulses may be slightly uncomfortable during and immediately following treatment. Cold gel packs/ice can be applied to reduce discomfort.
- 2. Tylenol is recommended for any pain, as needed.
- 3. AVOID THE SUN-completely after treatment to reduce hyperpigmentation. Use a broad

spectrum SPF 30 zinc oxide or titanium dioxide with UV A/B sunblock.

- 4. Check with your provider about the possibility of using a daily moisturizer.
- 5. Avoid strenuous exercise for 48 hours after treatment. Consult your provider.
- 6. Consult the office immediately at 617-973-9700 if you experience increased pain, redness, swelling or blistering.
- 7. Your provider may recommend the application of a topical antibiotic ointment if blistering occurs.