

ipl before & after treatment instructions

Before treatment:

- 1. If possible please do not wear makeup to your treatment.
- 2. Avoid any possible irritants to your skin, such as retinoids or retinol, salicylic acid, astringents, or vitamin C for 1 week prior to treatment, unless otherwise directed.
- 3. Do not wax or use a depilatory on treatment area for 3 days prior to treatment.
- 4. Avoid artificial tanning or sun exposure 2 weeks prior to treatment. Do not use sunless tanner 2 weeks prior to treatment.
- 5. If you have dark hair, please shave area being treated the day of appointment. Men please shave any facial hair.

After treatment:

- 1. Care should be taken to prevent trauma to the treated area for the first 24-48 hours following treatment. Avoid skin irritants for 3 days. This includes waxing, tweezing, depilatories, retinol, retinoids, glycolic acid, salicylic acid, and vitamin C, unless otherwise directed.
- 2. Ice, chilled cold packs, or a wet wash cloth (put in freezer for 2-3 minutes) may be applied post-treatment, or as needed for patient comfort.
- 3. Treated brown spots usually darken after treatment, and flaking begins to form within a few days. This flaking usually resolves in 1-3 weeks. It should be allowed to naturally flake off for best results.
- 4. If significant flaking occurs an antibiotic ointment or lubricating cream may be used. Call the office for recommendations (614) 799-5100.

- 5. Localized redness may also be present and typically resolves in 24-48 hours.
- 6. Avoid hot tubs or spas for at least 24-48 hours after treatment.
- 7. Makeup may be applied as long as the skin is not irritated. Try to wait until the day after treatment to apply makeup.
- 8. If the skin is broken or a blister appears, please contact us at (614) 799-5100. If not allergic, you may use an antibiotic ointment. Also, for further protection, keep the affected area covered and avoid direct sunlight while experiencing these symptoms.
- 9. The recommended time interval between treatments is 3 weeks or longer, once the flaking has cleared, unless otherwise directed.
- 10. Patient should avoid artificial tanning and/or sun exposure without sun protection, in the 2 weeks following treatment.

If you have any questions or concerns please call our office at (614) 799-5100 or email contact@timelessskinsolutions.com. In case of emergency call 911.