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Hair Removal Laser Patient Information

How does laser hair removal work?

The laser puts out very short pulses of intensely bright light. This light penetrates the skin and is absorbed by hairs that are brown or black. The energy from the light is converted to heat which damages the hair follicle.

Am I a good candidate for laser hair removal?

The ideal patient has a fair to medium skin tone and dark hair in the area where the treatment is desired. Laser hair removal is **not** effective for grey/white, or blond hair.

Is the treatment painful?

Each laser pulse can treat an area of hair about the size of a quarter. There is a moderate stinging sensation that lasts for a few seconds. The skin is cooled with air during the laser treatment to reduce the stinging sensation. After the treatment there is some stinging that is similar to sunburn.

What will I look like after my treatment?

There is often redness in the treatment area that subsides over a few days. Fine scabs may form around the opening of the hair follicles.

Infrequently, some of the treatment areas develop blisters that resolve over one week. The hair is actually shed over one to two weeks.

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Is laser hair removal permanent?

Studies show that hair removal lasers can reduce hair counts by 40 to 80 percent. Results vary from person to person, however, and some people respond better to treatment than others.

Compared with the other methods of hair removal available today (shaving, waxing, electrolysis, depilatories) laser is the most permanent form of hair removal available to date.

Why are multiple treatments recommended?

Hair growth occurs in stages. For a successful treatment the hair must be in its growth phase. Since not all hairs are in growth phase at the same time, multiple treatments are required. However, after each treatment there is usually a noticeable decrease in thickness and rate of re-growth. Once the desired result is reached, touch-up treatments may be needed in 6-12 months for some patients.

What are the possible side effects?

The most common side effects are brownish discoloration or a lightening of the skin color in the treatment areas. This is seen in darker skin types and in patients that tan prior to or after their laser treatment. These color changes are most often temporary, but do take several months to resolve.

Occasionally blistering (similar to a sunburn) can occur. It may appear over a small portion of the treatment area and usually heals within 7-10 days.

How much will my laser hair removal treatment cost?

The cost varies depending on how large an area is to be treated. We will be happy to discuss treatment cost in advance of treatment. Insurance reimbursement is not available for laser hair removal.

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