



Mountain State Dermatology



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CONSENT FOR Q. SWITCHED YAG

FOR THE TREATMENT OF TATTOOS, SOLAR LENTIGO, OR CAFÉ' AU LAIT BIRTHMARKS

The Q. Switched Yag is used for the removal of tattoos, brown birthmarks, age spots and other causes of skin discoloration. The light emitted by the laser is absorbed by the ink used in the tattoos and causes minimal injury to surrounding tissue. The rapid pulsing of the laser shatters the ink in tattoos so that it becomes small enough for the body to remove from the skin.

Several treatments of the entire tattoo are required for maximum fading or clearing. Amateur tattoos usually require an average of 2-6 treatments and professional tattoos often require 6-10 treatments, although occasionally more treatments may be necessary for both types of tattoos. There is immediate whitening of the tattoo, which disappears after several minutes. You may begin to see fading of the tattoo after several days.

Treatments may be repeated at 6-8 weeks intervals. The risk for scarring is low. The treated area may be lighter than your normal skin color for 3-5 months, after which your skin color should return to normal. Permanent lightening of the skin is extremely rare after Q Switched Yag Surgery. The treated area may become darker than the surrounding skin; this is rarely permanent and usually fades after six or more months. Infection after surgery is also quite rare and can be prevented by the use of topical antibiotic ointment or an oral antibiotic as determined by your doctor. There is a small chance that your tattoo may not improve even after several treatments. The Q Switched Yag laser is less effective in removing green ink in professional tattoos. Photography may be performed to help gauge progress of the procedure.

If you have arthritis and are currently being treated or have ever been treated with Gold therapy you are not a candidate for this laser treatment.

The possible complications of the procedure and alternative treatment options available have been explained to me. I have no further questions regarding the surgery to be performed. I understand that no guarantee has been made and I consent to this surgical procedure today and all future sessions to complete the treatment.

Q Switched Yag Laser for the removal of _____

on the _____.

Patient Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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