

MICRO-NEEDLING TREATMENT BEFORE AND AFTER CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Micro Needling is a safe, natural, holistic alternative for resurfacing of the skin using micro needles to produce optimal results. There may be some bleeding and mild discomfort during the treatment which is temporary. Topical coolness or anesthetic cream may be used if needed for tolerance.

Treatment achieves:

- Helps to build collagen
- Smooths fine lines and may help fill in pitting or areas lacking structure
- Smooths acne scars
- Stimulates growth factors
- Post care includes no aggressive products for 48 hours after treatment and SPF of at least 30 shall be worn when outdoors.

Pre-Treatment Instructions:

- Avoidance of Accutane for the past 6 months
- Avoid retinoids, topical antibiotics, exfoliants, hydroquinone, sunburn, and benzoyl peroxide 3 days prior to procedure
- Avoidance of IPL/Laser procedures for the past 7 days prior
- No waxing, depilatory creams or electrolysis 5-7 days prior
- No shaving the day of the procedure
- No significant changes in the skin recently including breakdown of skin, excess dryness, or sunburn
- Skin is clean without lotion, oil, makeup, deodorant, powder, perfume or sunscreen
- Antiviral agent for 2 days prior to and day of treatment if history of cold sores
- No active cold sores, herpes simplex, warts, open sores, sun, dermatitis, inflammatory rosacea or excessively sensitive skin in the area to be treated
- No allergies to salicylates

Day of Treatment Instructions:

- Omit lotions, creams, makeup or deodorant in area to be treated
- Arrive with clean washed skin
- Inform provider of any changes in medical history and of all medications you are taking

Post- Treatment Instructions:

Immediately after your Medical Micro-Needling procedure, your healthcare provider may apply moisturizer and sunscreen topically. Do not take any anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen, Motrin or Advil. These agents will interfere with the natural inflammatory process that is critical and responsible for your skin rejuvenation. Avoid sun tanning and prolonged exposure to direct sunlight. When exposed to sun, always use sunscreen SPF30 or above. You may clean your face with a gentle cleanser before bed.

Post-Treatment Instructions Continued:

- Redness or sensitivity might be present
- Use Tylenol only as needed for any soreness
- Eat fresh pineapple to optimize healing
- Avoid strenuous exercise or sweating for 24 hours due to open pores
- Treat skin gently; washing with a gentle cleanser, cool water, using hands only and pat dry no earlier than 4 hours following treatment
- May use cool compresses for discomfort, burning, redness, or swelling
- Avoid sun exposure for 3 days and if possible 10 days. Apply a minimum of SPF 30 every 2 hours
- May use mineral makeup after 24 hours
- Restart regular skin care regimen in 48 hours and Retin A in 72 hours
- Recommend follow up and repeat treatments in 4 weeks and for best results a series of 3 – 5 treatments

Day 1: On the next day, you may clean your face as usual and apply makeup, lotions and other topical products as usual. Stay away from exfoliants or glycolic acids that are present in cleaners as these can make your skin very dry after the procedure. Be sure to use an approved SPF 30 or greater sunscreen!

Days 2-7: Within two (2) days following your Medical Micro-Needling procedure, you will notice skin dryness and flaking. This is due to an increased turnover of skin cells. During this period, you may apply your regular skin moisturizer. Follow the instructions given to you by your medical professional. If your medical professional used the pen around the eyes, you may have a little micro bruising that may exist for three or four days. This can easily be covered with makeup. Days later, your skin will start shedding. These are skin layers that would regularly shed a week later, but the Micro-Needling brings this skin to the surface sooner. During this temporary process, your skin will shed and be dry. You may use your regular skin care products once your skin is not irritated.

Days 7+: A week after the Medical Micro-Needling procedure, most patients notice that their skin is smoother and more radiant. Continue with sun protection every day and reapply every 2 hours if outdoors.

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