

# SkinPen Microneedling Pre & Post Care

## Pre-Treatment

- Avoid Vitamin E, fish oils, and Ginkgo Biloba for one week prior to treatment.
- Avoid ASA (Abbreviation on a medication that indicates it contains acetylsalicylic acid, Aspirin) 2 weeks before treatment. (Please consult with your physician first if you are on ASA therapy).
- Avoid anti-histamine and inflammatory drugs one week prior to treatment. These negate the effects of the procedure. The body's histamine and inflammatory responses are needed post procedure.
- Stop laser hair removal, electrolysis, waxing, and depilatory creams one week prior to treatment.
- Stop topical retinoids (tretinoin and retinoic acid, Retin-A, Renova, Refissa) one week prior to treatment.
- If using Accutane, a 6 to 12 month waiting period after discontinuation of medication is required.
- Please notify our office if you have ever been diagnosed with Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV)- You may require prophylactic therapy.

### What to expect after your treatment:

- Immediate pinpoint bleeding may occur, which will resolve within 10-20 minutes.
- Minor redness and swelling will occur for 1-4 days.
- Minor peeling and flakiness will occur after a few days. Do not pick at the loose skin.
- Call our office if you experience excessive redness, swelling, pain or drainage as this might indicate an infection.

## Post-Treatment

### The initial 72 hours post-procedure are the most critical.

- Avoid direct sun and heat. This includes simple day-to-day tasks such as gardening, cooking over a hot stove for a long period of time, sitting next to a bonfire or fireplace, etc.
  - Discontinue use of any Alpha-Hydroxy products. You may resume your homecare regimen when skin is no longer flaking and peeling (usually 5 to 7 days).
  - Use hydrating and reparative products. Products rich in soothing and healing ingredients are best to encourage new, healthy cell growth. Peptides, antioxidants, stem cells, Vitamin A, C, and E, and growth factors are ideal.
  - ~~3000~~ ~~a~~ physical sunscreen, chemical sunscreens may burn and cause discomfort. Sun care products should be applied no less than every minutes. DO NOT go outside without sun protection (even on a cloudy day).
  - No scratching, peeling or picking at skin.
  - Limit exercise the first week.
  - Drink plenty of water.
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