AFFIRM LASER

Pre and Post Treatment Instructions

IMPORTANT:

- Please alert us of any medical conditions you may have and/or any prescribed medications you are taking prior to your treatment.
- We CANNOT treat you if you have been tanning, including self-tanners and spray tanning, 4-6 weeks prior to your appointment.
- If you are non-Caucasian or Caucasian with melasma, you **MUST PRE-TREAT** with 4% hydroquinone or Lytera 2.0 2-4 weeks prior to each treatment you receive at Mill Creek Skin & Laser.
- Results can vary from person to person.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Laser is contraindicated for those patients who:

- Are pregnant or breastfeeding
- Take anticoagulants (ex. blood thinners; Plavix; Coumadin; and the likes) or immunosuppressants.
- Take medications that alter wound healing response
- Are taking or have taken isotretinoin capsules (Accutane/Sotret, Claravis, Myorisan) within the last six months
- Have seizure disorders triggered by light
- Have Pace maker or defibrillator
- Have a history of skin cancer or exhibit suspicious lesions
- Have received gold therapy

Pre-Treatment Instructions

- 1. Limit any alcohol and caffeine consumption for 3 days before and after treatments.
- 2. Avoid non-steroid, anti-inflammatory medicines (Motrin, Aspirin or Aleve) 3 to 7 days before treatment.
- 3. Do not use any products containing Retin-A or Retinol 7 days prior to treatment.
- 4. Shave the treatment area 1-3 days prior to treatment
- 5. Make-up, lotion, sunscreen and deodorants must be thoroughly removed from the area to be treated prior to treatment.
- 6. Do not wear perfume on the area of treatment.
- 7. Bring a hat or shirt to your appointment if the sun is out, in order to protect treated area.

Post-Treatment Instructions

- 1. No rubbing and/or scratching treated area.
- 2. No swimming or using hot tubs/whirlpools while redness is present or for at least 24-48 hours.
- 3. Apply icing, Hydrocortisone 1% cream twice a day while redness is present.
- 4. If crusting occurs, do not shave or pick area. Apply antibiotic ointment/cream (e.g. Neosporin) as directed and contact us. Keep area moist and let it fall off on its own.
- 5. Discomfort may be relieved by ice packs or acetaminophen or aspirin or NSAIDs (ex. Aleve, Motrin).
- 6. Contact us if there is any indication of blistering or infection (redness, tenderness or pus).
- 7. Avoid sun exposure. When treatment area is exposed to the sun use a sunblock with SPF of 30 or greater.

Call 425.316.8200 if you have any questions or concerns.

Patient Name (Print)	Patient Signature	Date	
Guardian Name (Print)	Guardian Signature	Date	
Relationship	<u> </u>		

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