# Laser Hair Reduction

## **Expected Downtime**

- MINIMAL. MOST CLIENTS RESUME NORMAL ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY.
- TEMPORARY REDNESS, MILD SWELLING, OR A SUNBURN-LIKE SENSATION MAY OCCUR (24-72 HRS).

### Before Your Session

#### **4 WEEKS BEFORE**

 DO NOT WAX, PLUCK, THREAD, OR USE DEPILATORY CREAMS (SHAVING ALLOWED).

#### **1–2 WEEKS BEFORE**

- AVOID SUN EXPOSURE AND TANNING (INCLUDING ARTIFICIAL METHODS).
- DISCONTINUE RETINOIDS, AHAS/BHAS, AND PHOTOSENSITIZING AGENTS.

#### **ON THE DAY**

• ARRIVE WITH CLEAN SKIN - NO MAKEUP, CREAMS, PERFUME, OR DEODORANT.

## After Your Session

#### **IMMEDIATELY AFTER**

- APPLY ICE PACKS TO SOOTHE SKIN.
- USE A MILD, NON-ACTIVE MOISTURIZER.
- APPLY SPF 50+ SUNSCREEN ON TREATED AREAS.
- ONLY USE PRESCRIBED OR CONSULTED CREAMS (ARNICA FOR REDNESS AND PUFFINESS, DS SILK FOR ALL AREAS OF TREATMENT)

#### **NEXT 48-72 HOURS**

- AVOID HOT SHOWERS, STEAM, SAUNAS, SWIMMING, AND STRENUOUS WORKOUTS.
- DO NOT SCRUB OR EXFOLIATE THE AREA.
- AVOID MAKEUP AND ACTIVE PRODUCTS ON TREATED ZONES.

#### **ONGOING**

- USE SUNSCREEN DAILY.
- SHAVING IS THE ONLY RECOMMENDED HAIR REMOVAL METHOD BETWEEN SESSIONS.

Rare Side Effects: Blistering, hyper/hypopigmentation (more common in Fitzpatrick IV–VI), folliculitis.

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