

## Tattoo Removal Q-Switched Laser PRE-CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- ➤ Discuss and disclose any healing disorders such as caused by diabetes mellitus, connective tissue disease or radiation/ chemotherapy.
- ➤ Do not proceed with the Q-Switched Laser treatment if the patient is pregnant or breast feeding.
- > Discuss and disclose allergies to topical anesthetics, antibiotics, or other medications.
- > Discuss the history of any hypertrophic scarring or keloid formations or other skin diseases.

## **Before continuing and follow-up treatments:**

- ✓ Disclose any new medications you may have begun using during your treatment program
- ✓ Treatments cannot be performed on areas with a suntan or sunburn
- ✓ Avoid direct exposure to the sun and tanning beds 2 weeks prior to treatment and 2 weeks after the treatment
- ✓ Avoid pain medication such as Mortrin, Aleve and aspirin 3 to 7 days prior to the treatment
- ✓ A broad-spectrum sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher should be applied to any treatment area exposed to the sun



## Tattoo Removal Q-Switched Laser POST-CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- ➤ On completion of a tattoo removal treatment, patients may experience minor discomfort and redness. This discomfort will subside quickly. However, the redness will last for 24-48 hours. Once the redness is gone the treated area will look similar to the way it did prior to treatment. Pin point bleeding may also occur
- Patients may wash the treated area as normal.
- > It is recommended that the treated area be coved with an antibiotic ointment for 1-week.
- The body will absorb the broken up ink and the area should be retreated every 9-weeks.
- Multiple treatments may be required to achieve the desired result.

## **Precautions**

- o Avoid exposure to the sun and tanning beds for 14 days prior to the treatment.
- Do not rub, scratch or pick at the treated area. Treat the area gently. Pat skin dry after bathing or showering. An antibiotic ointment such as <u>Bacitracin</u> may be applied. Neosporin and Polysporin are not recommended.