



LASER TATTOO REMOVAL: POST CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Tattoo removal varies from patient to patient depending upon the type of ink used and the patient's immune response. With each treatment there will be a gradual reduction of ink in the skin and sometimes the patient cannot see the difference. Photographs will be taken prior to each treatment as a means for the physician and the patient to assess progression. Blisters may form under the skin and it is extremely important to avoid popping, rupturing or rubbing the area. By properly caring for your tattoo during the phases of removal we are able to prevent and avoid scarring.

- Tattoo removal may require more diligent care due to the nature of the tissue effect.
- Apply an ointment to the area two to three times per day such as Polysporin, Bacitracin, or Aquaphor
- Cover with a sterile non-stick dressing
- Keep site moist with ointment for 10 days. Wash area gently (do not scrub) every day. **Do not** let the area dry out and scab.
- **Do not** scratch or pick at the area.

After the redness subsides the pigment will still be present. It will gradually lighten over the next 3 to 4 weeks. It is very important to avoid direct sun exposure within 8 weeks of treatment. A sunscreen with a high protective rating should be used.

Amateur tattoos in most cases are the easiest to remove and can be accomplished with the least number of treatments. Most are removed with 3 to 5 treatments but some areas may take more.

Professional tattoos will have an even distribution of ink, even depth of placement, and more ink is used. Because of this, the number of treatments ranges from 4 to 9 and may even need more.

Cosmetic tattoos like lip and eyeliner in most cases are made of iron based inks. A test will always be performed to determine whether or not the tattoo ink will oxidize and blacken. An oxidized tattoo can be treated but may take 4 to 6 treatments.

Follow up treatments will be scheduled 4 to 6 weeks apart.

Thank you for choosing DermaCare for your Tattoo Removal.

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