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Pre and Post Care for RF Microneedling Treatment

Please advise your laser provider if you have any of these conditions:

Contraindications include pregnancy, actively infected or actively inflamed skin, skin irritation, cystic acne to area being treated, keloid scars, allergies to topical lidocaine and sunburn.

Pre-Treatment Instructions

- Avoid Accutane for the past 6 months
- Do not use topical agents that may increase sensitivity of skin: retinoids, topical antibiotics, exfoliants, acids that may be drying or irritating to the skin (such as alpha hydroxyl acid (AHA) beta hydroxyl acids (BHA), exfoliating masks, salicylic acids, hydroquinone, and benzoyl peroxide acne products) 5-7 days prior
- Do not take any anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen, Motrin or Advil for 3 days prior to treatment. These agents will interfere with the natural inflammatory process that is critical and responsible for your skin rejuvenation
- Avoidance of IPL/Laser procedures, unprotected sun exposure or sunburn for 2 weeks prior
- No waxing, depilatory creams or electrolysis to area being treated 5-7 days prior
- No shaving the day of the procedure to avoid skin irritation. If there is dense hair present in the treatment area, closely shave the area the day before you arrive to your appointment.
- Moles, warts or actinic (solar) keratosis cannot be treated.
- If you are prone to cold sores, take antiviral agent for 2 days prior to and day of treatment.
- Bruising is a common risk especially with PRP injections. Avoid blood thinning agents (aspirin, fish oil, Omega-3, Vitamin E) for 1 week prior. May resume day after treatment.
- Preparing the skin for this procedure will ensure optimum results. Healthy skin will respond better and results will last longer. Skin cells need nutrients for best function.
- Skin care for pre-conditioning 4-6 weeks prior. Practitioner will make recommendations if pre-conditioning needed.
- Vitamin C is highly recommended. Begin eating more colorful vegetables and oranges.

Day of Treatment Instructions

INITIALS:____

- Skin is clean without lotion, oil, makeup, powder, perfume or sunscreen. Patient may wash face in office upon arrival.
- Inform provider of any relevant changes in your medical history and of all medications you are taking.
- Notify provider of any cosmetic tattoos to areas being treated.
- Topical Lidocaine will be applied in office for 30-45 min prior to treatment.

Post-Treatment Instructions

- Do not take any anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen Motrin or Advil for 1 week. DO NOT ice face or use arnica or bromelain. These agents may interfere with the natural inflammatory process that is critical and responsible for your skin rejuvenation.
- Avoid sun tanning and prolonged exposure to direct sunlight for 2 weeks. After 24 hours, always use a full spectrum sunscreen SPF30 or above. When exposed to sun, wear a hat and apply sunscreen every 2 hours.
- Use Tylenol only as needed for any soreness
- Optional dietary recommendations: Eat fresh pineapple, tart cherry juice (no sugar), salmon (omega-3 fish oil), bone broth based soups, continue taking collagen 1 & 3 supplement (Collagen MD Advanced Connective Tissue Support Formula) for 2 weeks to optimize healing. Avoid dairy, wheat and sugar.

DAY 1-3

- A sunburn -like effect is normal. The skin will feel tight, dry, sensitive to touch. Treat skin gently washing with a gentle cleanser, cool water, using hands only and pat dry no earlier than 4 hours after treatment. Redness or sensitivity might well be present and can last 2-4 days depending on how aggressive of a treatment you received.
- Plan social calendar accordingly!
- Avoid strenuous exercises that cause sweating, jacuzzi, sauna or steam baths for 24 hours due to open pores, or up to 48 hours if inflammation exists.
- May only use Mineral makeup after 24 hours
- Sleep on your back with head of bed elevated to minimize swelling or pain as needed.

DAY 2-7

• Peeling may start 3-5 days after treatment. You will notice skin dryness and flaking. This is due to an increased turnover of skin cells. Do not pick, scratch or scrub at treated skin! Allow old skin to flake off naturally and keep moisturized AT ALL TIMES with Hyaluronic serum for face and neck, Coconut Oil or a fragrance free moisturizer for body treatments.

DAY 5-7

- You may restart your regular skin care products and Retin-A once your skin is no longer irritated.
- Many patients have noticed continued skin improvement for months following the last treatment.
- For best results, we recommend follow up and repeat treatments in 4-6 weeks and a series of 3-5 treatments depending on your personalized care plan.

Client Signature:	Date:

Print Name: ______