

DOT Co2 Laser Resurfacing Post-Op Instructions

- Cool soaks (4 x4 gauze in cool Sterile Saline or distilled water) for first 48 hours.
- Apply soaks to face 5-6 times per day, while awake. (**No soap!**).
- Apply Vaseline in a thick layer after each soaking (keep refrigerated for comfort).
- Use Sterile Saline-soaked gauze and Vaseline to gently massage away dead skin layers, starting day 3-7 after. Light circular motions help remove peeled skin.
- Dryness/Scabbing slows the healing process and leads to irritation. **Keep your skin lubricated!!!** Drink plenty of fluids to keep well hydrated.
- Sleep elevated on 3-4 pillows or recliner chair for first week to decrease facial swelling.

EXPECTATIONS

- Weepy exudate or mild bleeding from treated areas of the skin for several days is normal.
- There will be facial and eye swelling for several days.
- Approximately 1 week after surgery, we will recommend a Medical Grade Post Kit to help the healing process and hydrate the skin. ****Avoid use of products Retin-A/Retinols or Glycolic acids for 2 weeks after procedure. Do not use Neosporin, Bacitracin or Peroxide.**
- Women may begin to apply make-up around 10-14 days after surgery (check w/Provider for his approval 1st).
- You should expect redness (or pinkness) and puffiness for several weeks-1 month.
- Avoid sun or windburn for 6 months after the procedure.
- **Call/Text our office if: Severe swelling occurs, Blisters appear, Fever of 101.5 F or greater**

MEDICATIONS

- Doxycycline 100mg 1 tablet twice a day for 2 days/antibiotic
- Lortab 7.5mg (Hydrocodone) 1 tablet every 6 hours as needed/pain
- Celebrex 200mg take once a day as directed/inflammation
- Ativan 1mg (Lorazepam) 1 tablet every 8 hours as needed/anxiety and sleep
- Arnica dissolve under tongue (begin day before surgery) /inflammation and bruising
- Valtrex 500 mg twice a day (begin day before surgery) / antiviral
- Scopolamine Patch- transdermal – Helps prevent post op nausea- bring to surgery
- Phenergan 25mg – 1 tab with hydrocodone every 6 hrs as needed for /nausea

Follow up Appointment: _____

Primer call or text 407.333.3040, if you have questions or concerns. If you have an emergency, call 911.

I have received a copy of the above instructions and agree to follow them

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Date: _____