



PATIENT INFORMATION ON TATTOO REMOVAL

Common Questions and Answers on Tattoo Removal

How does laser tattoo removal work?

The laser disrupts the tattoo's pigment and your body's immune system helps to break it down naturally. The lasers' energy pulse waves are directed at the outer layer of the skin and target the tattoo ink directly.

This process is not immediate. After your treatment or initial visit, the ink that was exposed to the laser will take time to break down and be removed by your immune system over periods of weeks. It may take several visits to see any results. Most take an average of 6-12 treatments for full removal. Some take longer.

This procedure fails to remove all pigment in some cases, especially with professionally applied tattoos, and may not be effective on certain pigments such as yellow. Laser treatment of white or flesh-colored tattoos can cause dark brown/black color change. It is your body's immune system that breaks down the ink, everyone's process may vary.

What to expect after your treatment?

The skin will be red and have a white appearance; this should go away within a few hours. This may not happen with every treatment. The skin could form scabs, blisters, or may even peel for a few weeks. This also may not happen with each treatment. Remember, it depends on your immune system, and each person's body responds to treatment differently.

How should I care for my tattoo after treatment?

Care may vary depending on your response to treatment. If your tattoo forms a scab, blister, or peels, you will want to apply an ointment. We recommend polysporin, bacitracin, A&D ointment, or Vaseline (Neosporin is not recommended). If none of the above happens, home treatment is not necessary. There is no need to keep your tattoo covered other than to prevent ointment from getting on your clothing.

We recommend NO tanning or sunbathing after treatment. If you must be in the sun, you will need to cover your tattoo. There are no changes to your daily activities.

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