



COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING IPL TREATMENTS:

Q. *What is IPL and what can it treat?*

A. IPL stands for Intense Pulse Light. It is used to treat a variety of skin and aging issues from sun damage (age spots) to wrinkles; acne and rosacea; from diffuse redness to uneven skin texture. And, now even skin tightening of the face and neck! It is the #1 non-invasive, anti-aging tool in the medical cosmetic industry.

Q. *What is a Photo Facial?*

A. A Photo Facial is a non-invasive treatment that consists of a series of pulses of intense light energy, penetrating the skin (dermis) to treat sun damage, rosacea, uneven texture, fine lines and wrinkles. It consistently improves the visible appearance of the skin with virtually no down time.

Q. *How often do I need to have a Photo Facial?*

A. Photo Facials are done in a series of treatments approximately every 3-4 weeks. The average person with average aging concerns will need 4-5 treatments. If the skin is well cared for (by using at least SPF30 sunscreen and appropriate skin care regime) a completed photo facial series will last up to one year.

Q. *Is the IPL just for your face and neck?*

No, the IPL can effectively treat any area of the body. Other common areas that are affected by sun damage are chest, back, arms, and hands.

Q. *Does it hurt?*

A. The area to be treated will first be cooled with an icepack. A thick cooling gel is then applied. You will feel warmth and some clients may feel a sensation similar to a rubber band snap.

Q. *Who performs the treatments and what is their training?*

A. We have trained professionals performing the service. Our laser staff went through vigorous training before beginning to treat clients. They received individual training from the company from which we purchased our IPL machine. After the completion of this training, they participated in an intensive two month training. Our staff also has extensive experience in other areas of laser treatments, with at least 1-3 years of experience.

Q. *Is it expensive?*

A. The price is dependent on the area from which you are having a treatment. Prices range from one spot for \$25 to \$225.00 for Photo Facial. Prices will be discussed definitively at your consultation.

Q. ***Is there anything that I need to do to prepare my skin before a treatment?***

A. If you currently use any of the following, you will need to discontinue their use 2 weeks prior to having your IPL treatment.

- Any Retinol products
- Any Prescription acne products
- Any Prescription rosacea products
- Any Photo-sensitive medicine or topical creams.
- Accutane

Read the labels of all products or ask your physician or pharmacist if you are unsure.

Q. ***Are there medical conditions which would not allow me to have an IPL treatment?***

A. Yes, you cannot have an IPL treatment with any of the following medical conditions:

- Pregnancy
- Keloid Formations (excessive, raised scarring)
- Open Lesions
- Abnormal coagulation
- AIDS
- Skin Cancer or Melanoma

Q. ***I am currently having the Venus Skin Tightening on my face and neck, can I do this also?***

A. Yes! However they cannot be done on the same day. Having the skin tightening 1 to 2 weeks post the IPL treatment would be ideal.1123

Q. ***I am currently having Microdermabrasion and/or Microcurrent. Do I need to stop these treatments?***

A. No. Actually we recommend that you continue doing both of these, incorporating them in your Photofacial. Together, these three treatments provide a tremendous assault on all signs of aging! The *Photofacial* goes to your dermis and regenerates your collagen and elastin. The *Microdermabrasion* treats the epidermis, and the *Microcurrent* treats the muscles supporting your face and neck

Q. ***How can I find out more?***

A. We always offer free private consultations. Call us at 815-220-0979 to schedule your appointment and find out more information.