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Laser Hair Removal Pre & Post Care Instructions

Before Your Laser Hair Removal Procedure:

- Shave the entire area you desire treated within 24 hours of your planned treatment.
- Use a broad-spectrum SPF 45 (or greater) sunblock before AND after your treatments.
- Avoid natural/artificial tanning anytime within 2-3 weeks before your session.
- Avoid exfoliating agents like Retin-A, AHA/BHA, acne medication or any irritating or drying products 5 days prior to each treatment.
- Notify your provider of any changes in topical or oral prescription medications, as they may influence the ability to provide treatment safely or effectively.
- You may bring makeup or concealer to re-apply on facial areas or to cover redness post-treatment.

After Your Laser Hair Removal Procedure:

- Immediately after your treatment there likely will be some slight redness, swelling around the hair follicles and mild discomfort like sunburn. You may use aloe gel or cool packs.
- You may also notice during and immediately after your session the smell of burned hair, this is normal and will subside with cleansing.
- Do not rub or pick the treated area. Do not use any loofahs or abrasive scrubs for at least 3 days or until any redness and sensitivity subsides.
- Avoid strenuous sports activities or hot water/ saunas/ Jacuzzi for up to 48 hours after treatment to minimize irritation and prolonged redness.
- If a crusting or blistering develops apply Aquaphor twice daily, to keep the area moist until healed and contact our office if the area shows signs of worsening condition.
- Continue to use broad-spectrum SPF 45, or higher.

Scheduling Your Next Treatment:

- After your treatment, the hair may appear to grow for up to the next few weeks. This is simply the treated hair being shed from the follicle and is not **new** hair growth.
- Shaving is recommended between sessions and the day prior to your next appointment to minimize discomfort. If the areas are not cleanly shaved, we may not be able to treat it, you will be asked to reschedule your appointment, and you will lose your session.
- Your session typically is scheduled in 4 weeks for facial areas, 4 to 6 weeks for other areas of the body.
- Adhering to this schedule is important to ensure success of the treatments.
- Electrolysis, waxing, threading, tweezing, or sugaring is to be avoided between sessions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your laser treatment, please call our office at (248) 267-5020.