<u>Pre & Post Care Instructions for</u> Laser treatment of Spider Veins & Varicose veins



For best results, please follow these instructions:

- To AVOID hyperpigmentation (dark spots) after treatment, do not expose yourself to the sun without AT LEAST wearing 30+ SPF sunscreen. Remember, the sun's harmful rays can penetrate clothing. In addition, you must avoid the use of self-tanning agents, spray tans, tanning beds or any other artificial pigment to the skin while undergoing treatment and for at least three weeks prior to the first treatment.
- 2. You must avoid any irritants to your skin, such as any products containing Retin-A, retinol, benzoyl peroxide, glycolic/salicylic acids or astringents for one week before and after your treatment.
- 3. If possible, please do not wear any makeup prior if you are having a facial treatment.
- 4. To avoid the opening of the treated veins & significant bruising do not take aspirin or other anti-inflammatory products (Anacin, Bufferin, Advil, Ibuprofen or Nuprin) for one week before & after treatment. Tylenol may be used.
- 5. To decrease any achiness or discomfort after treatment, support hose or an ace bandage MAY be helpful. It may also help in reducing the amount of bruising. Please note: research comparing the use of support hose compared to not using the support hose after laser vein treatment demonstrates mixed results.
- 6. Vitamin K cream has been reported to reduce bruising for those who tend to bruise easily. We recommend Arnica Montana 5 tablets under the tongue daily. It is a homeopathic remedy utilized to reduce bruising.
- 7. To decrease swelling, ice can be applied 20 minutes on, 20 minutes off. Swelling will resolve by itself in a few hours. Bromelain 750 mg four times per day is a homeopathic remedy utilized to reduce swelling. Do not take on an empty stomach.
- 8. Varicose veins are most often hereditary; compression stockings are recommended for veins around the knees, ankles and legs to prevent them from recurring in new spots.

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

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Please call us if you have any questions at 778-379-5444

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