Pulsed Dye/V-Beam & Aura Lasers

Postoperative Instructions Following Laser Surgery For Vascular/Sebaceous Lesions, Scars & Warts

Immediately After Surgery (24-72 hours):

- Most patients do not experience discomfort following surgery. If mild to moderate tenderness does occur, however, take a non-aspirin medication (Tylenol) as directed on the label.
- Slight blistering may occur. Apply a thin film of Recovery ointment 4 times a day for 3-5 days as directed. In some cases it may be necessary to use every hour.
- Some slight bleeding or drainage may occur. If so, apply pressure with clean gauze or tissue for a full 10 minutes. If the bleeding is not controlled within this time, call the doctor or go to the nearest emergency room.
- Some swelling normally takes place during the first few days after surgery. If severe
 inflammation persists and is associated with red streaks or the treatment site develops pus,
 notify the doctor as soon as possible.
- You may shower, but do not scrub the area until it has healed.
- Avoid scratching the area during the healing process.

1-16 Weeks:

- The skin should heal normally in 7-12 days. Contact our office if you have any concerns, signs
 of infection or questions.
- After redness subsides, the pigment will still be present. It will gradually lighten over the next 3-4 weeks. It is very important to avoid direct sun exposure within the next 8 weeks of treatment.
 Use a sunscreen with a SPF of 45 or higher when in the sun.
- Any light colored scar usually resolves in 2-4 months.

Return Visits:

At the time of surgery, you will be given an appointment for a return visit. These visits are arranged so that complications can be avoided and to evaluate and manage your progress.

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If an emergency arises, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room

I have read, or have had read to me, these postoperative instructions, and I have received them to take home to follow.