

Frequently Asked Questions

Laser Hair Removal FAQs

Q: What is laser hair removal?

A: Laser hair removal is a nonsurgical cosmetic procedure which removes unwanted facial and body hair. Multiple treatments are typically required.

Q: Who is the best candidate for laser hair removal?

A: The best candidate for laser hair removal is a man or woman who has realistic expectations and is interested in removing unwanted hair of the face or body.

Q: Are there any limitations to what laser hair removal can achieve?

A: Some patients may not respond well to treatment, including those with darker pigmentation or even those with blonde, white or gray hairs. Patients should also understand that multiple sessions are typically required.

Q: Does laser hair removal require anesthesia?

A: Laser hair removal typically does not require that anesthesia be used, though some patients may opt for a topical anesthetic.

Q: How long does the laser hair removal process take?

A: Though multiple sessions are usually required, a single session can last anywhere from several minutes to several hours depending on the size of the area being treated.

Q: Is there much pain during the procedure?

A: Laser hair removal is not a painful procedure, though patients may have a topical anesthetic applied if necessary.

Q: What can I expect for the recovery after laser hair removal?

A: There is virtually no downtime associated with laser hair removal. Though some patients may experience temporary swelling or redness, patients can return to their normal activities right away. It's important, however, to limit sun exposure for a few days.

Q: Is it necessary to take time off from work after laser hair removal?

A: No, most patients can return to their normal activities and work right away.

Q: What are the risks associated with laser hair removal?

A: Though there are minimal risks associated with laser hair removal, there is the possibility of swelling and redness which may last for a few days after the procedure. For some individuals, particularly those with dark or tanned skin, the procedure may not be effective and can even damage the skin.

Q: Is laser hair removal ever covered by insurance?

A: Insurance coverage is typically not available for laser hair removal procedures.

Q: Is it possible to get laser hair removal financed?

A: Financing is available for many plastic surgery procedures and your surgeon should be able to provide you with additional information.

