

Frequently Asked Questions

Laser Therapy FAQs

Q: How safe are lasers?

A: Lasers are very safe when used by an experienced and trained professional. There is no evidence that lasers used for cosmetic purposes cause or promote skin cancer. Lasers have been used for over 40 years with a great safety record. Lasers are much like scissors or a knife and if used improperly or by someone inexperienced they can cause harm.

Q: Do lasers hurt?

A: Most cosmetic laser procedures can be done without any pain. If there is any concern a topical numbing cream can be applied. Many patients describe the newest laser treatments as “pain free” and say they experience no discomfort during the treatments.

Q: Is there downtime after the treatment?

A: Many laser treatments can be done with no downtime; much depends on what you are attempting to treat.

Q: How many treatments are necessary?

A: Although many conditions can be treated in just one short session, you may require more than one treatment. If additional treatments are needed, they often take minutes to perform and are spaced out.

Q: Where are laser treatments performed?

A: Most laser treatments are performed as an out-patient procedure at a doctor’s office.

Q: Who is a good candidate for a laser treatment?

A: Anyone who is looking for a way to achieve younger, healthier looking skin with a short amount of downtime and excellent results may be a good candidate for a laser treatment.

Q: How long will my laser treatment take?

A: This depends a lot on the type of laser being used and the size of the area being treated. But many laser treatment sessions can be completed in minutes, leaving you free to get right back to your day.

Q: What are the potential risks from a laser treatment?

A: Laser treatments when performed by a professional in the proper setting have a very low risk of complications. But blistering, scarring and skin pigmentation changes are possible, although very unlikely.