

<u>Post Treatment Instructions</u> Laser Tattoo Removal

- Clean treated area daily with a gentle foaming cleanser, allowing water or shower to run over the treated area and then pat the area dry.
- Apply a very thin layer of Bacitracin to the treatment area once daily. Keep the area dry and let the scab fall off on its own.
- If clothing will be rubbing on the area, you may apply a sterile non-stick pad over the treated area.
- If crusting occurs, do not shave, pick, or scratch the treated area, this could create scarring.
- Discomfort may be relieved by ice packs or Acetaminophen.
- No swimming or using hot tubs or whirlpools until the treated area heals.
- Small blistering is normal, larger blistering is normal when treating color tattoos. Do not pop, unroof or re injure the treated area.
- Avoid sun exposure. When treatment area might be exposed to the sun, use a 30+ SPF sunblock with zinc oxide.
- Call our office if you have increased pain, signs of infection or severe swelling.

Over the course of approximately 4-8 weeks after each treatment, specialized blood cells called macrophages will be attracted to the treated area. These macrophages will engulf the tiny particles of ink and remove them from the area. This means that, during this time, the tattoo will gradually fade in preparation for either the next visit or completion of treatment.