

## CO<sub>2</sub> LASER RESURFACING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs	CO <sub>2</sub> Laser Resurfacing
<b>What is it?</b>	This laser targets the water in skin cells, vaporizing it and thereby removing the the most superficial layers of skin. This reveals new firmer skin beneath. Fine lines and wrinkles are minimized and acne scars appear smoother.
<b>How is the procedure done?</b>	The laser is projected on to the skin via a small handpiece. There is also a vacuum smoke extractor used during the treatment.
<b>What are the side effects?</b>	The new skin that is revealed will be open and pink for 10 days after treatment. After the 10 days the skin will be healed but will remain pink for several months until it fades back down to the normal skin tone in ~2-6 months.
<b>How long does it last?</b>	In most cases, only one treatment is required with this treatment and the effects will last for years but depends on other factors, such as how quickly you skin ages.
<b>Does the treatment hurt?</b>	Local anesthetic will be injected into treatment area, therefore the only pain is from the freezing. After the treatment the skin will feel tight but not painful.
<b>How much down time is there after treatment?</b>	Minimum 7 to 10 days down time. In this time the skin will be open and bright pink.
<b>What is the after-care following treatment?</b>	Polysporin 5 times a day for one week.
<b>May I put makeup over treated area?</b>	No make-up may be applied until the skin is completely healed to avoid the risk of infection. (approximately 10 days)
<b>How Long does the procedure take?</b>	30 minutes to an hour depending on how large an area is being treated