Warrenton Dermatology & Skin Therapy Center

SkinPen Microneedling

Pre & Post-Treatment Instructions

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How to Prepare for Your Upcoming Appointment:

- Avoid sun exposure for 24 hours prior to the procedure. If you have been over-exposed to the sun (tan or sunburn) in the days preceding your appointment, please call our office to reschedule.
- Allow 2 weeks after spray or self-tanning lotions before your SkinPen procedure.
- Discontinue the use of topical products containing Retin-A, Retinol, or Vitamin A for at least 7 days prior to your SkinPen procedure.
- Wait at least six months post isotretinoin (Accutane) use before your SkinPen procedure, as isotretinoin use may impair wound healing and increase risk of scar tissue formation.
- If you are on autoimmune therapy, ask your Dermatologist if you should refrain from taking any medications prior to your SkinPen procedure.
- If you are prone to herpes simplex infections, such as cold sores, ask your Dermatologist whether prophylaxis therapy is appropriate prior to the procedure.
- You are advised to keep your skin clean of cosmetics or sunscreen for 48 hours post-procedure.
- This procedure may not be performed on active breakouts or open lesions. Please consult your Dermatologist prior to your SkinPen procedure to address any such issues.
- The treated area may be pink and mildly inflamed (like the appearance of a mild sunburn) for 24-48 hours following your SkinPen procedure.
- You should avoid pain relief medications, anti-inflammatories and supplements that act as blood thinners 7 days prior to treatment. This includes, but is not limited to: Advil, Ibuprofen, Aleve, Aspirin and Fish Oil. These may increase the chance of bruising and bleeding in the treatment area.
- It is imperative that pre-treatment instructions be carefully followed. If treatment cannot be
 provided at a scheduled appointment due to non-compliance, a \$50 rescheduling fee will be
 assessed.

Post-Treatment Guidelines:

- Avoid strenuous exercise or excessive perspiration for the rest of the day, as excess blood flow and sweat can cause discomfort and irritation to compromised skin.
- The treated area may be pink and mildly inflamed (like the appearance of a mild sunburn) for 24-48 hours following your SkinPen procedure.
- Avoid use of any topical products not provided by our skincare professional for specific use with this
 procedure for at least 48 hours. This includes but is not limited to cosmetics, cleansers, sunscreens,
 moisturizers, etc.
- Strictly avoid sun exposure, as you will not be wearing sunscreen. Resume wearing sunscreen 48 hours after the procedure but continue to minimize sun exposure for one week.
- Follow the specific skincare regimen provided by your skincare professional.