



TATTOO CORRECTION AND REMOVAL CONSENT FORM

The PicoSure™ uses an Alexandrite laser that can see all colors of ink, including green and blue which have been difficult to remove in the past. This wavelength, delivered in picoseconds, is 1000 times stronger and more effective on recalcitrant (resistant) tattoos.

Most tattoos can be faded or removed in about 2-6 sessions. However, since there is no standardization for tattoo ink, number of treatments and clearance may vary depending on formulas and pigments used. Factors that affect the dispersal of ink include amateur vs. professional tattoos, location of the tattoo, and age of the tattoo.

This treatment can promote mild discomfort, including a snapping sound as well as the sensation of heat and a pinprick feeling. Following the procedure, the treated area may blister and have pinpoint bleeding for a few days. The site should be kept clean and protected with Vaseline or Aquaphor and covered with a bandage until healing has taken place.

I understand that:

- ◆ Common side effects include: temporary redness, bruising, blistering, swelling, scabbing, and pinpoint bleeding that may last from a few hours to 3-4 days or longer.
- ◆ Pigment changes, including hypopigmentation (lightening of the skin) or hyperpigmentation (darkening of the skin) may occur, but respond spontaneously without intervention in 6-12 months.
- ◆ Other potential risks include crusting, pain, burns, infection, scarring, and failure to achieve the desired result.
- ◆ Lasers can cause eye injury. Therefore, protective eyewear must be worn during treatment by both patient and operator.
- ◆ The treated area may NOT be exposed to sunlight, tanning beds, or sunless tanning creams for 4 weeks before AND 4-8 weeks after treatment until the area is healed. I will apply a broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunblock to the treated area when exposed to the sun.
- ◆ I consent to photographs being taken to evaluate treatment effectiveness for medical education training, professional publications, or marketing purposes. No photographs revealing my identity will be used without my written consent. If my identity is not revealed, these photographs may be used and displayed publicly without my permission.

Before and after treatment instructions have been discussed with me. The procedure, as well as potential benefits and risks, have been explained to my satisfaction. I have had all my questions answered. I freely consent to the proposed treatment.

PATIENT NAME	PATIENT SIGNATURE	DATE
PROVIDER NAME	PROVIDER SIGNATURE	DATE



TATTOO CORRECTION AND REMOVAL INSTRUCTIONS

This laser treatment is not recommended in the following situations:

- ◆ Hypersensitivity to Near-Infrared light wavelength
- ◆ Taking medication known to increase sensitivity to sunlight
- ◆ Seizure disorders triggered by light
- ◆ Have taken isotretinoin (Accutane) in the last 6 months
- ◆ Have active infection or open wound in the area to be treated
- ◆ Have systemic illness or local illness in the area to be treated
- ◆ Have lupus
- ◆ Have atypical nevi (moles) predisposed to development of melanoma in the area to be treated
- ◆ Have active herpes simplex lesions in the area to be treated
- ◆ Receiving or have received gold therapy
- ◆ Currently pregnant

Before treatment:

- ◆ Sun exposure decreases the effectiveness of the laser and can increase the chance of post-treatment complications. The area must not be exposed to sunlight, tanning beds, or sunless tanning creams for 4 weeks before treatment. Apply a broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunblock to the treated area when exposed to the sun.
- ◆ Remove all makeup, creams, or oils on the designated area prior to treatment.
- ◆ If the tattoo is in a hair-bearing area, shave the area to clear the tattoo image.
- ◆ Most tattoos can be treated without anesthesia. However, if the tattoo is large, in a sensitive area, or you have a low pain threshold, a local anesthetic (lidocaine) can be injected in the treated area.

After treatment:

- ◆ The treated area is expected to be red, raised, or swollen, and may have some pinpoint bleeding and bruising around the site. You will leave the clinic with a sterile bandage over the site, and are instructed to keep the area covered for 24 hours.
- ◆ After 24 hours, remove the bandage and gently wash the site daily with warm soap and water and pat dry. Cover the site with a thin layer of Vaseline (petroleum jelly) or Aquaphor until site has healed, about 1 week to 10 days, depending on individual healing rates.
- ◆ If crusting occurs, apply ointment to the site 2-3 times a day. Keep the area moist and let the scab fall off on its own. **Do not scratch or pick the treated area.**
- ◆ If there is discomfort, ice/gel packs may be applied to the treated area for 10-15 minutes every 4 hours as needed. Acetaminophen (Tylenol) may also be taken according to label directions.
- ◆ You may bathe or shower as usual. However, **do not** swim or use hot tubs/Jacuzzis until the site heals.
- ◆ Avoid sun exposure for 4-8 weeks after treatment, or until healed. If the area is exposed to sunlight, cover with a broad spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen preferably with zinc oxide, and reapply every 2 hours.
- ◆ Contact your provider if you experience any sign of infection (extreme redness or swelling, tenderness, and/or pustular drainage.)

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