

## PRE AND POST INSTRUCTIONS LASER VEIN (ExcelV+)

## **Pre Treatment**

- Do not apply any cream, lotion, oil, to your legs the night before or the day of your treatment.
- Do not drink alcoholic beverages or smoke for 2 days before and 2 days after your treatment because drinking alcohol thins blood and smoking slows or impairs bleeding.
- For facial consideration, avoid Retin-A®, Differin®, and chemical acids (AHA/BHA) at least 5 days before treatment. Individuals with a history of cold sores should start taking oral antiviral medications if the upper lip or chin is to be treated.
- Aspirin or other blood thinning drugs, or other non-steroidal inflammatory drugs for 1 week before and 1 week after your treatment.
- Avoid self-tanner lotion for 1 week prior to treatment.
- If you become ill and begin taking an antibiotic mid-treatment, you will need to stop the medication for seven days before your next laser treatment.
- Avoid sunbathing a month before and a month after your appointment. Any patient arriving with a tan or sunburn may be rescheduled.

## **Post Treatment**

- The treated veins may remain visible for 3 to 6 weeks before dissipating.
- In some cases, the treated skin may blister. Do not scratch or open the blister—this could cause permanent scarring and/or infection.
- You can expect treated areas to remain somewhat red and swollen for the first 24 to 48 hours, and may last up to 1 week.
- Brown spots can remain for up to 6 months.
- It is possible to have pain from treatment of larger veins for several days post treatment. Tylenol and/or arnica is recommended for any discomfort.
- Bruising is another common side effect to laser treatment and will dissipate within a matter of days or weeks.
- Do not engage in vigorous aerobic activity such as running, hiking, or aerobic exercise for approximately 3 days post treatment.
- It is advised to remain out of the sun and use medical grade sun block for any sun exposure for 1 week after treatment.
- The skin of the treated areas may tend to itch. This is a sign of healing. Keep areas hydrated with moisturizer and apply hydrocortisone cream to itchy areas 3-4 times daily until itchiness subsides.

Please contact your provider immediately if you notice any blistering, rash, crusting, pus, tenderness or any other changes that may concern you.

We want you to be completely happy with your visit to Eterna! Call the office with any questions or concerns 253.268.3400 or after hours 253.249.6979.

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