## **NEW GLOW**

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## POST-TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS for IPL

## After your IPL treatment:

- Avoid sun exposure and tanning beds for four weeks after your treatment and four weeks before your next treatment.
- Use SPF 30 or higher sunscreen daily and re-apply every two hours when outdoors or while driving.
- Avoid skin care which may cause irritation to your skin including scrubs and products containing: tretinoin, retinol, benzoyl peroxide, glycolic acid and salicylic acid (AHAs and BHAs), astringents or vitamin C for one week.
- Do not wax, tweeze or use a depilatory on the treatment area for one week.
- If skin appears irritated, avoid wearing makeup for 72 hours following treatment.
- Treated areas should be kept clean and moist between treatments. Use of mild soap or non-irritating cleanser is recommended.
- Cool packs can be used following treatment to reduce discomfort if skin feel hot or irritated. Do not apply chemical cold packs or anything frozen directly to skin.

## What to expect:

- Irritation, itching, or a sensation similar to sunburn may occur within 48 hours following treatment.
- Redness and swelling may occur with 24 hours following treatment and usually subsides within one week.
- Bruising may occur and last up to two weeks.
- When treating prominent blood vessels, vessel collapse is expected followed by an immediate clearance/ brightening.
- When treating pigmented lesions, an immediate darkening of the lesion is expected.
- Pigmented areas may darken after treatment and crusting may occur within a few days. This usually resolves within one to three weeks. A topical antibiotic may be applied if significant crusting occurs. Allow skin to slough naturally, avoid rubbing, exfoliating, pulling or peeling skin.
- Contact our office if significant scabbing occurs.
- A series of three treatments spaced three to four weeks apart is usually recommended but more treatments may be necessary.