## <u>Chemical Peel</u> After Care Instructions

- Gently cleanse your face twice a day with a gentle cleanser. **Ideal Skin Tonics Cleanser sold here is** recommended or other as long as its gentle and not an active skin care product.
- Please do not pick or pull your skin at any time after your peel, as it can cause scarring. Your skin will take about 4 to 7 days to completely peel depending on the strength of the peel or treatment you received. Chemical peel on body, chest, or arms often takes longer (up to 3 weeks).
- Please do not exfoliate using a cleansing brush or any facial scrub or acid based products for 2 weeks; longer if peel is done on body.
- Do not use any products that contain AHA, Glycolic, Retin-A, or any acne medication until your skin has finished peeling (usually 7 days, but possibly longer).
- Keep skin well hydrated by drinking at least three 8-ounce glasses of water per day, and moisturizing throughout the day with a good moisturizer Ideal Skin Tonics or Aquaphor) both day and night. Reapply throughout the day as often as needed. Your skin should never be so dry that it is cracking or sore.
- Refrain from waxing, tanning, or using sunbeds for 3 weeks.
- Avoid working out and sweating for at least 24 hours and up to 48 hours.
- If your skin becomes itchy at any time, you may use a 1% hydrocortisone cream (any brand).
- Finally, use SPF 30 or higher consistently throughout the day. REAPPLY, REAPPLY, REAPPLY, for this will limit your skin from burning in the sun (even when it's cloudy out or when sitting by a window) and will minimize the chances of more sun damage and discoloration.

Please call 360.521.1953 with any questions or concerns.