



**Laser Hair Reduction
Pre & Post Treatment Care
Potential Side Effects**

- The best way to minimize the risk of side effects is to avoid UV exposure for 7 days pre and post treatment.
- Avoid sunburns or tans for at least 2 weeks prior to treatment.
- Avoid sunless tanning products for 7 days before treatment.
- Provide your technician with an accurate and up to date medical history in order to receive safe and effective treatments.
- Side effects are uncommon but may include; Hyperpigmentation (darkening of skin), Hypopigmentation (loss of skin pigmentation), mild to moderate burns or blisters, permanent skin discoloration, temporary redness, follicular edema (little pink/red “puffiness and small bumps like “goose bumps”) swelling and itching in the treated area, hives, rashes, bruising, and lack of desired results.
- Clients who are pregnant cannot be treated.
- Technicians cannot treat over tattoo’s.
- If you have Epilepsy Ciao Bella Medical Spa & Vein Clinic is unable to provide treatment.

Pre-Treatment Care

- **The area to be treated must be clean-shaven. Unshaven clients will be rescheduled.**
- **Avoid UV exposure 7 days prior to your treatment.**
- **Clients who are sunburned or tan must wait at least 2 weeks before being treated to avoid additional skin damage.**
- **Avoid sunless tanning products 7 days prior to your treatment. It is recommended that you exfoliate the area to remove any residual color.**
- If applicable, apply numbing cream 30 to 40 minutes prior to your treatment. All products must be completely removed prior to treatment.
- Clients should come to appointments with clean skin in the area to be treated.
- Avoid chemical peels and other laser procedures in the area to be treated for 2 weeks prior and two weeks after your laser treatment.
- Avoid all alpha hydroxy and beta hydroxyl products(AHA/BHA), hydroquinone, retinols/retinoid),Tazorac, Differin for 7 days before treatment.
- Clients with any abnormal lesions, moles or spots on the area to be treated must be cleared by medical practitioner prior to treatment.
- Clients must stop waxing, tweezing and chemical epilation 3 weeks prior to treatment.
- If you are prone to cold sores, take an anti-viral medication (such as Valtrex) prior to your treatment. Clients with active cold sores may not be treated.
- Clients who have used Accutane, or similar products, within the last 6 months CANNOT have laser hair removal treatments.
- Client should not perform any physical activity that increases body temperature or blood pressure within 2 hours before and after treatments.

- If you have botox or dermal fillers in the area to be treated, wait 14 days after injection.
- Antibiotics may increase photosensitivity. We recommend that you check with your personal physician prior to receiving laser treatments if you are taking a long term antibiotic. If you become ill and begin taking an antibiotic you will need to be off of the medication for 7 days before laser treatment.

What to Expect From Your Treatment

- Clients with red, grey or blonde hair, in the area to be treated, should consult with a Ciao Bella professional Laser Technician prior to receiving treatments, as the laser is less effective on these hair colors.
- During your treatment you can expect slight discomfort, similar to a rubber-band snap on your skin. An over the counter numbing cream is available for purchase. Consult your laser technician with questions.
- You should experience slight redness, bumps, and swelling in the treated area for up to 72 hours. If these conditions persist, topical creams such as aloe, calamine or hydrocortisone may be applied.
- Allow 7 to 14 days post treatment for hair to “fallout.”
- On average clients experience 20-30% less regrowth after each treatment.
- On average clients experience 70-90% reduction in hair growth after a series of 8-12 treatments.
- For best results, maintain a consistent treatment schedule.

Post Treatment Care

- **Avoid extended UV exposure for 7 days post treatment.**
- If blisters occur, do not puncture. If skin is broken, apply an antibiotic ointment until healed.
- Tylenol is recommended for post treatment discomfort.
- You may apply cool towels, ice packs or aloe vera to alleviate discomfort due to heat.
- Avoid any additional laser treatments or chemical procedures on the treated area for at least 2 weeks post treatment or until healing has occurred.
- Use a broad spectrum UVA/UVB SPF 30 or higher is critical when receiving laser treatments and is recommended ongoing for maintenance of results.
- If you experience any side effects such as hypo or hyper pigmentation, prolonged redness or swelling, histamine reaction, or blistering call or come in for instructions on treatment.
- To achieve the best results, complete the full treatment schedule at the intervals recommended by your technician.
- Exfoliate treated areas to minimize risk of ingrown hairs.

