

## CoolPeel CO<sub>2</sub> Laser – Pre & Post Care Instructions

## What to Expect

- Immediately after treatment, you may experience a **warm, sunburn-like sensation** that typically resolves within 4–6 hours.
- Using a fan or a cool, damp cloth is safe and may provide relief.
- Do **not** apply ice directly to the skin.

## **Pre-Care (2–4 Weeks Before Treatment)**

- **Avoid sun exposure and tanning**, including tanning beds and self-tanners, for at least 2–4 weeks. *Recently tanned or sunburned skin cannot be treated.*
- Discontinue retinoids, glycolic acid, salicylic acid, and other exfoliating products on the treatment area at least 72 hours before your procedure.
- Stop photosensitizing medications (unless otherwise instructed by your provider).
- Avoid chemical peels, microneedling, waxing, or other resurfacing treatments in the treatment area.
- Begin or continue daily sunscreen use if not already part of your skincare routine.

## **Post-Care**

- Skin may feel warm, swollen, or sensitive. To relieve discomfort:
  - Use cool, damp compresses, a fan, or hypochlorous acid spray (available at Amazon, Walgreens, or CVS).
- Do not touch or wash your face the day of treatment. You may gently cleanse the following morning using the cleanser provided.
- Sleep with a clean pillowcase and keep your head slightly elevated if possible.
- Avoid the following for 5–7 days post-treatment:
  - Sun exposure
  - Intense workouts and sweating
  - Steam rooms, saunas, hot tubs, and hot/steamy showers
- If the perioral (around the mouth) area was treated, avoid very spicy foods and be

- mindful when brushing teeth to prevent irritation.
- Skin will feel like **rough sandpaper for 3–4 days** as it naturally exfoliates. Do not scrub or pick.
- For comfort, you may take acetaminophen (Tylenol) as directed, up to twice daily.
- For swelling, you may take Zyrtec or Benadryl (follow package instructions), and Pepcid may also assist with the healing process.
- Bromelain capsules, taken twice daily, may further reduce swelling if desired.

Reminder: Healing experiences may vary depending on your skin type and treatment settings. Follow these guidelines carefully and contact your provider with any concerns.