## **Sanctuary Plastic Surgery**

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# Halo & Moxi Pre & Post Laser Guidelines

### **Prior to Procedure:**

- 1. Purchase:
  - a. 4 x 4 Soft Gauze
  - b. Cetaphil Cleanser & Moisturizer
  - c. EltaMD Moisturizer (available in office)
- 2. Discontinue:
  - a. Any products with Retin-A, Retinol, Alpha Hydroxy Acids (AHA), Hydroquinone
    - i. 3 days before & up to I week after your Halo/Moxi
  - b. Direct Sunlight/UV Exposure & Sunless Tanning Products
    - i. 2 weeks *prior* to and 2 weeks *after* your Halo/Moxi- it is imperative that you use SPF 30+, hats, sunglasses, & any other sun protective items to shield your skin from harmful UV rays
- 3. Prescriptions/Medications:
  - a. Valtrex will be prescribed to you, regardless of your history of cold sores.
    - i. Start taking this medication as prescribed or you may receive instructions to start taking the medication after procedure
  - b. Pre-Procedure Meds may be advised as well. Your clinician will review your exact instructions.

#### **Day of Procedure:**

- 1. Arrive 1 hour prior to your appointment time for Pictures and application of Numbing Cream
- 2. Please arrive to office free of any makeup, lotions, perfumes
- 3. We will give you a headband to keep your hair off your face- please have a hair tie if you have long hair
- 4. Eat breakfast/lunch, Drink water
- 5. Wear loose fitting clothing (preferably a button-down top)

#### **After the Procedure:**

- 1. Gently cleanse your skin with Cetaphil and soft gauze as instructed up to 3 times a day- Do not Scrub
- 2. Apply a thin layer of EltaMD Moisturizer for approx. **1-3** days; apply in the evenings before bed (use a towel to protect pillowcases/sheets). Your clinician will review your exact instructions.
  - a. If your skin feels dry, apply more moisturizer between washing- the more hydrated you are the quicker you will heal
- 3. Transition to Cetaphil Moisturizer once your skin starts sloughing (approx. **2-5** days after); this is also the time to try an introduce SPF into your routine again
- 4. Contact office if your skin is breaking out in pimples/bumps/rash, or is *unusually* red/swollen post treatment (mild- moderate redness/swelling/tightness is to be expected)
- 5. Makeup application is different per patient and will be determined by your clinician.