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# Tattoo Laser Aftercare Instructions

## What to expect :

- A sun burn like sensation.
- Minor redness and swelling at the treatment site.
- Pigment areas will turn a dark gray and Flake off in 1 to 2 weeks.
- A blister or crusting may form.

## What you should do :

- Lasered skin should be handled very gently. It should be cleaned twice a day with a gentle anti-bacterial soap and followed by an application of bacitracin antibiotic ointment.
- Avoid trauma to the area. It is critically important to avoid picking, scratching, rubbing, or rough toweling the area excessively. Mishandling of freshly lasered skin in this manner can result in significant scarring.
- Blistering may occur. If any excessive blistering occurs or, if a blister becomes unroofed, it is important that the wound care be kept moist with bacitracin ointment and a dressing. **DO NOT LET THE WOUND DRY OUT.**
- Continue the above outlined post-op care until the area treated is completely healed. Avoid sun exposure and, as soon as the tattoo is healed, begin applying sunscreen with at least an SPF30 to the area.