



Frequently Asked Questions about Laser Hair Removal

Which Laser does NuvEAU Medical Aesthetics use for Permanent Hair Reduction?

NuvEAU Medical Aesthetics uses the Sciton Profile System, which includes both the Nd:YAG laser and the intense pulsed light module (BBL). This allows for flexibility in treating various skin and hair types.

What is Laser Hair Removal? How does it work?

Laser hair removal offers patients a safe, fast, and effective alternative for dealing with unwanted hair. Lasers work by emitting a specialized light that is passed through the skin and preferentially absorbed by its target, be it unwanted blood vessel, birthmark, tattoo, or in this case, hair. The laser used in hair removal targets the melanin (color) in the hair follicle, damaging the follicle and removing the hair.

Laser hair removal is safe enough to be used on all body parts, including the face, back, underarms, bikini line, legs, and arms.

Can all skin types be treated?

Yes, all skin types can be safely treated.

Can tanned skin be treated?

Tanned skin can be treated safely, but always inform your physician if you have been tanning or exposed to the sun within the last TWO weeks. The staff at NuvEAU Medical Aesthetics will adjust your treatment accordingly to give you the safest, most effective treatment.

What happens during laser hair removal?

The area of your skin that is to be treated will be scanned with the laser light from the Sciton Profile System. Treatment time will depend upon the area to be treated. A system for cooling your skin will be used to remove heat as it leaves the follicles and should ensure a comfortable treatment session. However, since the sensation varies from individual to individual, a topical anesthesia can be provided.

What should I expect after treatments?

Some redness and slight swelling may be present in the area that has been treated. However, this should subside within a few hours.

Is there a risk for complications?

Our laser uses the safest technology available for permanent hair reduction. However, as with any laser procedure, there is a low risk of complications. Please discuss questions and other concerns with Dr. Cheng during your consult or before the procedure begins.

Can ingrown hairs (pseudofolliculitis barbae) be treated?

Yes! Pseudofolliculitis is a type of chronic acne disorder caused by ingrown coarse or curly hairs. This disorder can be significantly improved with laser permanent hair reduction.

Is treatment permanent?

On average, each laser treatment will be associated with some permanent hair loss. However, due to the nature of the hair growth cycle, you will need a series of laser treatments to achieve the desired result. Remember that the goal may not be total hair removal. Many patients are happy with a reasonable degree of hair reduction. Any remaining hair is often lighter in color and thinner in texture. As with other treatments for unwanted hair, there is no guarantee that laser hair removal treatment will be permanent.

How many treatments will I need?

There are three phases of hair growth- anagen, catagen, and telogen. Only hairs in the active growth, anagen, can be successfully treated. You may need to be treated about 3 to 5 times at approximately 5 to 8 week intervals.

Does treatment hurt? What can I expect with the procedure?

Most patients describe laser hair removal as feeling “prickly,” or like the light snap of a rubber band against the skin. Afterwards, it might feel like a bad sunburn. Each patient has his or her own level of skin sensitivity and pain threshold. Different areas on the body are also more sensitive than others.

What will I look like immediately afterwards?

Generally, some redness will remain for approximately five to seven days. For some patients recovery time will be less while other patients will have prolonged redness.

How much does treatment cost?

The cost of treatment is dependent on many factors. These factors include the size of the area needing treatment and the number of treatments necessary to achieve the desired outcome. Please inquire about package discounts offered by Nuveau Medical Aesthetics during your consultation.