

FAQ: Profractional Resurfacing™

WHAT IS PROFRACTIONAL?

Profractional is a laser procedure with relatively little downtime, used for improving wrinkles and scars. It is a form of laser resurfacing that has come to replace carbon dioxide laser resurfacing.

WHAT CAN BE TREATED WITH PROFRACTIONAL?

Profracational can be used to help improve the look of wrinkles and fine lines, acne scars and sun-damaged skin.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Profractional uses laser energy to create thousands of microscopic wounds in the skin that are surrounded by areas of healthy, untreated skin. The thousands of small wounds created by the laser stimulate production of new collagen. The result is overall tightening of the skin and diminishing wrinkles and scars.

WHO SHOULD CONSIDER A PROFRACTIONAL TREATMENT?

Patients looking to improve the appearance of scars or sun damage in a comfortable treatment with a fast recovery may be great candidates for Profracional treatments.

WHAT AREAS CAN BE TREATED?

Most skin areas can be treated. Popular areas are the face, neck, and chest.

DOES TREATMENT HURT?

There is moderate pain associated with Profracional treatments. An anesthetic cream is applied 60 minutes before the procedure to reduce pain during the procedure. A regional nerve block may be used for additional pain control.

HOW MANY TREATMENTS WILL I NEED?

Profracional is typically done in a series of 1-4 treatments, spaced 3-6 weeks apart, depending on your desired improvement.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE MY SKIN TO HEAL?

Immediately following the procedure you will experience swelling, redness, bleeding and a hot sunburn sensation. The burning sensation generally lasts 2-4 hours. Facial swelling, especially around the eyes, is normal and can last for a week following the procedure. Complete healing takes about 5 days however, most patients can get back to work and apply makeup three days after the treatment.

HOW MUCH DOES TREATMENT COST?

The cost of treatment depends on the location, size of the area to be treated and the estimated number of treatments necessary. Please refer to our Menu of Services brochure for specific pricing.



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