



KANSAS CITY

Skin & Cancer Center

RECOMMENDED PRE & POST CARE FOR HAIR REDUCTION TREATMENTS

For best results please follow these instructions

BEFORE YOUR TREATMENT:

- Hair should be cleanly shaven
 - Leave a representative sample unshaven for clinician to assess
- Do not wear makeup on the day of treatment
- No sun-tanning or self-tanners 4 weeks prior to treatment
 - Includes spray tans, tanning lotions, tanning beds, sun exposure, etc.
- Some medications or supplements may increase the risk bruising (Consult with your physician)
- No waxing, plucking or tweezing at least 4 weeks prior to treatment
 - Some body parts may require a longer wait time
- Avoid treatments that may irritate the skin for 1-2 weeks prior to treatment (depilatories, hard chemicals etc.)
- Notify clinic with any changes to your health history or medications since your last appointment
- History of herpes or cold sores may require an anti-viral prescription prior to treatment

AFTER YOUR TREATMENT:

- Avoid sun exposure and use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen to prevent further sun damage
- Redness and perifollicular edema (looks like a rash/bug bites) are common and resolve with time
- Bruising, redness and swelling are common and resolve with time
- Hair may take up to 2 weeks to fall out
- Avoid heat for 1-2 days
 - Hot tubs, saunas, etc.
- Avoid skin irritants (examples below) a few days post-treatment
 - Products containing tretinoin, retinol, benzoyl peroxide, glycolic/salicylic acids, astringents, etc.
- Do not wax or pluck between treatments
- Notify clinic of any concerns (blistering, excessive redness/swelling, etc.)
- Hair removal requires a series of treatments – the number of treatments depends on body location and type of hair
- Consult with clinic about when to resume skin care regime

Additional instructions: _____