

# POLYCLINIC PLASTIC SURGERY

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## Pre & Post Instructions Laser Hair Reduction

### Before your treatment:

- Hair should be cleanly shaven
  - Leave a representative sample unshaven for aesthetician to assess
- 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 and anytime thereafter.
  - Some body parts may require a longer wait time
- Avoid treatments that may irritate the skin for 1-2 weeks prior to treatment (depilatories, harsh 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
  - Redness and perifollicular edema (looks like a rash/bug bites) are common and resolve with time
  - Bruising and swelling are less common but may occur and will resolve with time
  - Hair may take up to 2 weeks to fall out
  - Avoid heat – hot tubs, saunas, etc. for 48 hours.
  - Avoid skin irritants (examples below) a week 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 regimen.
  - Additional instructions: \_\_\_\_\_
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