



## **FaceTite PRE / POST Treatment Instructions**

### **Precautions to take before your treatment:**

- Avoid skin irritation or intentional skin tanning. Sun-screen is advisable when outdoors during daylight hours.
- Discontinue any irritant topical agents for 2-3 days prior to treatment.
- Arrive for treatment with clean skin. There should be no lotion, make-up, perfume, powder or bath/shower oil present on the skin in the area to be treated.
- Have a ride available for after the procedure.

### **Instructions following your treatment:**

1. Treatment areas will have Dressings and/or a pressure garment to be removed in 48 hours. According to the physician's instructions, wear the garment in the evening and while sleeping for at least two weeks or until swelling subsides. The garment ideally should be worn for 12 hours per day for the first 2 weeks.
2. Wound care: Let soapy water wash over the incision sites (do not scrub) then apply antibiotic ointment to the incision points twice daily for one week while the skin is healing after initially removing the pressure garment. Tiny scabs may appear during the healing process. Please do not pick at the scabs.
3. Cleanse the treated areas gently with mild soap such as Cetaphil or Cerave and water after 48 hours. Avoid drying or irritating facial products including Retinol and acids (Salicylic, Glycolic, etc.) for 3 weeks after the procedure. Do not rub or irritate the area.
4. Although these effects are rare and temporary, redness and swelling may last up to 3 weeks and are a part of a normal reaction to the treatment. Bruises occur in some people and last 1 to 2 weeks and are a normal reaction to the treatment. Some patients report a burning sensation, tingling or a tightening sensation in the treatment area for up to 3 months.
5. Limit physical activity and exposure to excessive heat (including fires) and UV light for 2 wks.

6. For facial and neck procedures: Sleep on several pillows or in a recliner to keep your head elevated for at least two to three days to help minimize swelling. Minimize talking and chewing for 48 hours. We recommend following a soft diet for the first 48 hrs.
7. Make-up may be applied as soon as 72 hours after the procedure to cover any redness or bruising. Avoid the incision points that may still be healing.
8. If treatment was done on the face or neck, facial shaving should only be done with an electric razor for the first week.
9. Burns and changes in pigmentation are rare although may occur. If you notice small white bumps, they may take a few weeks to resolve.
10. Only take prescribed pain medication or Tylenol for pain relief (not both) after your procedure, unless instructed otherwise. Other pain relievers such as Aspirin or NSAIDs (i.e. Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Aleve, etc.) can thin the blood and cause bleeding or bruising. The only exception to this rule is if your primary care doctor has prescribed you to take a daily Aspirin, NSAID, 14 or other blood thinner. Your next dose of pain medication should be at: \_\_\_\_\_. Take all antibiotics unless instructed otherwise.
11. Do NOT drink alcohol for several days as instructed by the doctor after this procedure. Drinking alcohol can negatively affect healing and can cause thinning of the blood, bleeding, crusting and/or bruising.
12. Remember, although the skin has initially healed, it takes 3-6 months before any changes in skin tightening can be perceived AND twelve months before final results in skin tightening can be appreciated.
13. If you experience any questions or experience fever, chills, drainage, discharge, or extreme discomfort, please contact Dr. Andrew Marlowe. If you are calling after hours, the answering service will page the doctor for you.