

## Commonly Asked Questions About IPL Photofacial

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### **What is an IPL Photofacial?**

IPL (Intense Pulse Light) Photofacial is not a laser treatment. It's a non-invasive treatment that consists of the generation and transmission of extremely bright broad spectrum light through a hand piece with a smooth glass panel that is held to the surface of the skin.

### **How do IPL Photofacials work?**

IPL Photofacial is applied via a series of gentle light pulses over the treatment area. As the light penetrates the skin it is absorbed by small surface blood vessels or pigmentation. The heat generated by the absorbed energy causes damage to the vessels or pigmented areas stimulating the body's own natural healing process. Pigmented lesions will typically darken, and harden before they flake off or are absorbed by the body.

### **What are treatments like?**

A cool gel is usually applied to the area prior to treatment. Dark protective glasses will be provided to protect your eyes from the bright light. The smooth glass surface of the hand piece is held to treatment areas and pulses of light are applied. A slight sting may be felt, similar to the light snap of a small rubber band. Treatment is generally administered in a series of procedures that typically range from 20 to 45 minutes.

### **How many treatments will I need?**

Typically, a series of four or six treatments may be recommended at three week intervals. There is no downtime with Photofacial. You can return to work and assume all normal activities immediately after treatment. Follow-up treatments may be desired once a year to maintain results.

### **What kind of results can I expect from IPL Photofacial treatments?**

After a series of treatments, you will see a significant reduction of unwanted pigmentation and your skin tone will even out. Expect to see a gradual decrease in redness, broken capillaries, flushing irregular pigmentation, pore size and fine lines. Results will continue as treatments progress.

### **Can IPL Photofacial help reduce the appearance of Rosacea?**

Rosacea is a skin ailment that leaves people red-faced from dilated blood vessels and chronic flushing. Rosacea can also be the cause of pimples or blisters on or around the nose and cheeks. IPL Photofacial can successfully treat dilated blood vessels and redness without impacting damaging surrounding healthy skin, while greatly reducing episodes of flushing with long-term effectiveness.

### **Can Photofacial help reduce the appearance of broken veins and capillaries?**

Our bodies are an extensive network of veins and tiny blood vessels called capillaries. Over time, aging, trauma, lifestyles factors and sun exposure can cause a number of them to break and appear as red streaks or blotches. IPL Photofacial treatments can eliminate abnormally dilated vessels, damaged veins and capillaries by virtually removing all trace of these blemishes.

IPL Photofacial treatments are also a non-invasive, effective and affordable way to help treat sun-damaged skin.