



## **CYNOSURE AFFIRM© CO<sub>2</sub> LASER SKIN RESURFACING TREATMENT**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Does it hurt?**

There is minimal discomfort involved with the procedure, but no pain. Numbing cream will be applied prior to treatment. After, the area will be red and will feel similar to a sunburn. You will likely experience some itching and the area will peel in the first several days.

#### **How much does it cost?**

While the laser is available to us on loan, we will charge only \$775 per area (typically priced at \$2,200). Each area (full face, décolletage/chest, or hands) requires only one treatment to see results but you can repeat the procedure again after 2 weeks for maximum effect.

#### **How long is the down-time?**

It's up to you. If you choose to do a light treatment, your downtime will be just 1-2 days. If you would prefer more dramatic results, you can choose a more aggressive level of treatment which will require 3-5 days of downtime. In either case, there is minimal discomfort. You can apply makeup after 2 days and return to work when you're comfortable with your appearance. Many patients have the procedure done on Thursday or Friday and return to work on Monday.

#### **Which areas can I treat?**

You can choose 1 to 3 areas: 1) entire face (including eyes), 2) décolletage/chest, and/or 3) hands. While necks can also be treated, Dr. G does not recommend this for most patients.

#### **What kind of results can I expect?**

- Reduce wrinkles
- Decrease puffiness
- Improve acne and acne scars
- Shrink enlarged pores
- Fade hyper-pigmentation
- Reduce the need for Botox and fillers
- Increase firmness

### **Is this procedure right for me?**

Dr. G believes most patients – both male and female – are good candidates for this laser treatment. The laser significantly reduces wrinkles, puffiness, and enlarged pores. If you currently get Botox injections, this can reduce the number and frequency you'll require. Microdermabrasion and Chemical Peel patients will be amazed at the results they see from just one laser treatment. Those with acne or acne scars will love how the laser smoothes the face and improves the appearance. Patient ages typically range from 20 to 85. New patients will need to schedule a free consultation with Dr. G to assess your skin and medical history.

### **Who's not a candidate?**

Those with medium to dark complexions are not usually good candidates for the laser but a patch test can be done. In less than 2 weeks, we will know whether the laser is right for you.

### **Is there any precaution I need to take after treatment?**

Yes, you must stay out of the sun for at least 2 weeks following the procedure. Do not schedule immediately before a vacation, for instance.

### **Will this fix all my wrinkles?**

No, but depending on how aggressive you choose to be with the treatment, this treatment can reduce the appearance of wrinkles by 50% or more.

### **How long will it last?**

Depending on how well you care for your skin, the results can last for about two (2) years.

### **How long does the procedure take?**

You can be in/out in less than one (1) hour and drive yourself home.

### **Will I have those red "wings" around my eyes?**

No, lasers have come a long way from the treatments of even just a few years ago. With the Cynosure Affirm© CO<sub>2</sub> laser, your entire face will be treated at the same time so there will be no noticeable rings or wing marks left on the skin and all redness will fade within 1-5 days.