

Color Change: Laser treatments may potentially change the natural color of your skin. Skin Redness usually lasts 2 weeks to 3 months and occasionally 6 months, following laser skin treatment. There is the possibility of irregular color variations within the skin, including areas that are both lighter and darker. A line of demarcation between normal skin and skin treated with lasers can occur.

Accutane (Isotretinolon): Accutane is a prescription medication used to treat certain skin diseases. This drug may impair the ability of the skin to heal following treatments or surgery for a variable amount of time, even after the patient has ceased taking it. Individuals who have taken the drug must allow their skin 12 months to recover from Accutane, before undergoing laser skin treatment procedures.

Fire: Inflammable agents, surgical drapes and tubing, hair, and clothing may be ignited by laser energy. Laser energy used in the presence of supplemental oxygen increases the potential hazard of fire. Some anesthetic gasses may support combustion.

Laser Smoke (plume): Laser smoke is noxious to those who come in contact with it. This smoke may represent a possible bio-hazard.

Bleeding: Prolonged bleeding is rare following laser skin treatment procedures. It is not unusual for minor oozing to occur, following the procedure. Should significant bleeding occur, additional treatment may be necessary.

Skin Tissue Pathology: Laser energy directed at skin lesions may potentially vaporize the lesion. Laboratory examination of the tissue specimen may not be possible, if this occurs.

Visible Skin Patterns: Laser treatment procedures may produce visible patterns within the skin. The occurrence of this is not predictable or preventable.

Patient Failure to Follow Through: Patient follow through following a laser skin treatment procedure is important. Post operative instructions concerning appropriate restriction of activity, use of dressings, and use of sun protection need to be followed in order to avoid potential complications, increased pain, and unsatisfactory result. Your physician may recommend that you utilize a long-term skin care program to enhance healing, following a laser skin treatment.

Damaged Skin: Skin that has been previously treated with chemical peels or dermabrasion, or damaged by burns, electrolysis (hair removal treatments), or radiation therapy may heal abnormally or slowly following treatment by lasers or other surgical techniques. The occurrence of this is not predictable. Additional treatment may be necessary.

Distortion of Anatomic Features: Laser skin treatments can produce distortion of the appearance of the eyelids, mouth and other visible anatomic landmarks. The occurrence of this is not predictable. Should this occur, additional treatment, including surgery, may be necessary.

Unsatisfactory Result: There is the possibility of an unsatisfactory result from these procedures. Laser treatment procedures may result in unacceptable visible deformities, skin slough, loss of function, and permanent color changes in the skin. You may be disappointed with the final result from laser treatments.

Pain: Very infrequently, chronic pain may occur after laser skin treatment procedures. There will be some post-operative discomfort. Temporary pain during and after the laser procedure may occur and it is normal.

Allergic Reactions: In rare cases, local allergies to tape, preservatives used in cosmetics or topical preparations have been reported. Systemic reactions, which are more serious, may result from drugs used during surgery and prescription medicines. Allergic reactions may require additional treatment.

Lack of Permanent Results: Laser or other treatments may not completely improve or prevent future skin disorders, lesions, or wrinkles. No technique, treatment or procedure can reverse the signs of skin aging. Additional surgical procedures may be necessary to further tighten loose skin.

Delayed Healing: It may take longer than anticipated, for healing to occur after laser treatments. Skin healing may result in thin, easily injured skin. This is different from the normal redness in skin after a laser treatment.

Unknown Risks: There is the possibility that additional risk factors of laser skin treatments may be discovered.