

Tattoo Removal



The Lumenis® Tattoo Removal Solution utilizes the Q-Switch non-invasive laser to target and destroy the pigment of black, blue and other dark tattoos, either amateur or professional. The Lumenis® Q-Switch technology effectively tailors treatment according to the type of the tattoo. Ultrashort laser pulses are directed to the tattoo ink in the skin, break it into small particles that are naturally dissolved by your body but leave the surrounding skin intact.

A series of treatments will gradually reveal your skin with minimal downtime.

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HOW DOES TATTOO REMOVAL WORK?

Tattoo inks are made of solid colored particles that can be targeted and eliminated by dedicated lasers in the similar manner as pigmented lesions. The Q-Switch laser applies sound to the tattooed area of the skin. The tattoo ink particles absorb the laser energy, heat up, and shatter into smaller ink particles leaving the surrounding skin tissue unharmed. In the days and weeks following treatment, the body's immune system flushes away the shattered ink particles, causing the tattoo to fade. Over a series of treatments, more and more of the ink shatters, leaving the skin free of ink.

THE TREATMENT

A local anesthetic is applied to the treatment area. During treatment, ultrashort laser pulses are directed to the tattooed area of skin. Treatment will take between 15 to 45 minutes, depending on the size of the tattoo being treated. You will feel the heat on the tattoo area, and may experience a feeling similar to a band-aid being ripped off.

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT AFTER TREATMENT?

Immediately following treatment, white bubbles will be seen on the treated tattoo area accompanied by some mild redness and swelling, which will resolve within 24 hours. A thick crust will appear over the treated area, which will fall off in about 2 weeks. In rare cases, minimal bleeding in the treated area can occur. Fading of a tattoo is gradual and will be noticed in the weeks that follow.

WHEN WILL YOU SEE RESULTS?

There may be change in the color intensity of the tattoo visible immediately after the first treatment. However, the number of treatments needed to remove a tattoo depends on the area of the body, your skin color, and the tattoo itself, starting from 2-3 treatments and up to 10 in some cases. Treatments are typically spaced 6 to 10 weeks apart.

IS TATTOO REMOVAL RIGHT FOR YOU?

Lumenis® energy based treatments are not suitable for everyone and carry some risk. Lumenis® Tattoo Removal is not suitable when you have active infections (viral, fungal or bacterial), inflammatory skin conditions or skin cancer. Risks from tattoo removal treatment include redness, swelling, purpura, petechiae and scarring.

Schedule a free consultation - we will work with you to determine whether tattoo removal is appropriate given your skin condition and meets your personal skin care goals.

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