



Profile
cosmetic surgery

laser (*skin resurfacing*)

When considering cosmetic surgery, it is important that you are fully informed on all aspects of the procedure that you are seeking.

Profile are specialists in the field of CO2 laser work with Ethnic skin types.

Carbon dioxide (CO2) lasers have been used effectively for many years to destroy or remove skin conditions such as warts, surface skin cancers and acne scars. Its main advantage is the reduction of pain and bleeding - which occurs during traditional surgical procedures - delivering faster surgery.

The new high energy CO2 ultrapulse laser is generally regarded as the gold standard for skin resurfacing. It vapourises water and tissue in an instant, tightening the skin and stimulating collagen production to produce a firm and youthful complexion. The depth of the laser is controlled by the computerised system to suit the problems described earlier. The procedure takes between 15-20 minutes for areas around the mouth or eyes and 60-90 minutes for a whole face.

Who would benefit from Ultrapulse CO2 Laser?

- Individuals with sharply defined wrinkles including 'laugh lines', eyelids and 'lipstick bleed' lines.
- Patients with superficial skin lesions including moles, warts and some cancers.
- Patients with rhinophyma, uneven skin pigment, tattoos, etc.
- Scars, including acne, chickenpox and post traumatic scars.

Profile's expertise, gained over many years of working with all different skin types, means, unlike many of their competitors, they can also offer this treatment to all ethnic groups. Note: Laser treatment is not a substitute for a face lift for those patients with significant degree of sagging of the skin.

Will I need pre-treatment?

Yes, this helps to reduce some of the risks associated with CO2 laser, such as, redness and pigment changes. The pre-treatment protocol - on average - lasts for approximately six weeks and consists of applying creams designed to prepare, correct, stimulate and protect the skin. You may also be prescribed antiviral medication two days before treatment, especially if you are prone to cold sores or fever blisters.

Will I need an anaesthetic?

With full face laser resurfacing a general anaesthetic is necessary. In small areas, such as, upper lip, above the eyes a local anaesthetic may be sufficient.

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