



Permanent Hair Reduction

What is Profile™?

Profile™ contains an infrared laser that can selectively target microstructures such as hair follicles. It is very effective for lighter skin types and, because of the relatively low absorption of this light by melanin, it is the best choice when treating darker skin types. Additionally, the ability to safely treat sun-tanned skin makes this the treatment of choice for active individuals.

Can all skin colors be treated?

Yes, all skin types I through VI can be treated. Skin Type I is very fair, always burns, never tans (usually blonde hair and blue eyes). Skin Type VI never burns (dark skin, dark hair and eyes).

Can tanned skin be treated?

Tanned skin can be treated safely, but always inform your physician if you have been tanning, using tanning products or exposed to the sun within the last three weeks. He will adjust your treatment regimen accordingly to give you the safest, most effective experience.

What happens during hair removal treatment?

Your physician will discuss the treatment with you and decide if you need a topical anesthetic cream. The area of your skin that is to be treated will be scanned with laser light from the Profile system. Treatment time will depend upon the area to be treated. A system for cooling your skin will be used to remove heat as it leaves the follicles and should ensure a comfortable treatment. However, since the sensation varies from individual to individual, a topical anesthesia can be provided. Let your physician know if you are very sensitive.

How does it work?

The Profile laser selectively targets your hair follicles and heats them with infrared energy. Unlike other processes, the laser beam treats many hairs at once, making treatment of large areas practical. The Profile employs a unique computer-guided scanning system that automates the treatment, ensuring that your skin is rapidly and evenly treated. The computer sets the parameters and places the beam in an optimum pattern for your skin to ensure a safe, fast, effective and gentle treatment.

Is there a risk for complications?

There is a low risk of pigmentary changes, however discuss your concerns with your physician prior to your treatment.

Can pseudofolliculitis be treated?

Yes. Pseudofolliculitis is a type of chronic acne disorder caused by ingrown coarse or curly hairs. This disorder affects darker skin types and the infrared energy, which is delivered by Profile, is the preferred method of treatment.

How many treatments will I need?

You may need to be treated about 3 – 5 times at approximately 5 – 8 week intervals. There are three phases of hair growth – anagen, catagen and telogen. Only hairs in the active growth, anagen, can be successfully treated.



Does treatment hurt? What can I expect with the procedure?

Most patients describe laser hair removal as feeling “prickly.” Each patient has his or her own level of skin sensitivity and pain threshold. Different areas on the body are also more sensitive than others.

On the day of your treatment, plan on wearing clothing that will allow easy access to the area being treated. You may not need any type of anesthesia for your treatments. Laser hair removal works best when the hair is 1 to 2 millimeters in length. No specific care is needed after the treatment.

Will my insurance coverage treatment?

Unwanted hair is usually a cosmetic issue, so in most cases you should expect to pay for treatment. In the rare instances where treatment is considered medically necessary, insurance may cover the cost of treatment. It’s best to speak to your doctor and your insurance company to clarify this question.