



SECOND GENERATION INTENSE PULSED LIGHT - THE ELLIPSE FLEX

What is the Ellipse Flex ?

The Ellipse Flex is the most advanced technology in Intense Pulsed Light. With this machine, bright bursts of broad spectrum light are pulsed into the skin to photorejuvenate the skin. Depending on the wavelengths of light selected, different components of the skin can be targeted, for example, pigment, capillaries and hair follicles. The Ellipse Flex is sold only to medical practitioners, as it is a powerful piece of equipment that needs to have a qualified operator.

Who is a candidate for Intense Pulsed Light?

Anybody who would like to have a clearer more even skin tone and texture can benefit from this treatment. The Ellipse Flex is able to erase unwanted age spots, freckles, and mottled pigmentation. It also treats facial capillaries and diffuse redness in the skin. It is helpful in the treatment of medical conditions like acne and rosacea. With a series of treatments, textural changes in the skin are seen, including refinement of the pores and fine lines. People with very sun-damaged skin respond extremely well to Intense Pulsed Light. It can be used on other areas of the body as well, particularly the neck, chest and the back of the hands. Similar to the principles of laser hair removal, the Ellipse Flex is also used in long term reduction of unwanted facial and body hair.

What is the treatment like?

A full face treatment usually takes 15 to 20 minutes. After the face is cleansed, a gel is applied to the area to be treated and then the treatment handpiece which delivers the short pulses of light is moved along the area. Many people describe the sensation as a rubberband flicking the skin. After the treatment some cool aloe vera based gel is applied to the skin. Treatments are usually performed one month apart. Pigmentation and capillaries usually require between one and three treatments, whereas improvement in skin texture and pore size may take four to six treatments.

What are the after effects?

Directly after treatment the area feels like a mild sunburn and may look a little flushed. This settles rapidly with the application of aloe vera gel or cold compresses. Over the next few hours, freckles and age spots may become slightly darker, and may remain darker for a few days. This gives a slight "dirty" appearance to the skin but it can be easily covered with make-up. Within 7 to 10 days after treatment the darker areas will gradually disappear or flake off. Capillaries often don't appear to change straight after treatment however over 1 to 3 weeks they gradually disappear. Once the appropriate number of treatments are performed, the end result is a clearer, more vibrant looking skin.

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Before and After Photos - Intense Pulsed Light



Pigmentation



Facial Capillaries



Freckled and sun damaged chest

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