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Sublative™ Acne Scar Treatment FAQ's





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Sublative Acne Scar Treatment

How does Sublative work in the treatment of acne scars?

The Sublative™ applicator delivers bipolar radio frequency energy via a matrix of electrodes in a disposable applicator tip.

The RF energy generates fractional deep dermal heating in the region of the electrode matrix to induce skin injury with minimal epidermal damage, thus eliciting a wound healing response.

Which conditions can be treated with Sublative?

Sublative can treat mild to moderate scars, including acne scars but also wrinkles, skin laxity, textural irregularities, tone irregularities and superficial skin lesions.

It is less recommended for thick scars and deep wrinkles where there is a need for a more radical approach.

Who should be treated with Sublative?

Sublative is the only technology proven to reduce moderate to severe acne scars for all skin types.

Treatment is a predictable and effective solution for all skin types, even darker types.

When can patients expect to see results?

Post treatment, they may notice tone and texture improvements as a result of increased levels of beneficial collagen and new healthy skin cells which are produced.

Typical treatment protocol is 3 treatments, 4-6 weeks apart. The total number of required treatment sessions depends on the skin condition of the patient.

How is the Sublative treatment tolerated by patients?

During treatment, many patients feel a warm, prickly sensation as energy enters their skin. After treatment a pink or red “sunburn” appearance and feeling is also common.

Topical anesthetic ointments and cooling are often used to reduce discomfort during treatment.

How long is the downtime after treatment?

The downtime after a Sublative treatment depends on the settings of each treatment.

If a patient asks for less downtime and minimal ablation, a milder set of parameters can be chosen and they can be back to their normal activities in a day or two.

If the condition requires a more aggressive treatment for better results, the downtime can be 2-5 days.

What are the contraindications to the treatment?

There are a few conditions, some internal such as electrical and metal implants, others refer to conditions of the skin, injected materials and skin diseases, bleeding disorders, conditions aggravated by heat, certain drugs taken by the patient and more.

It is preferable not to treat acne scars in patients with active acne to prevent a flare up in the condition.

Glossary of Terms

- **Acne vulgaris** - A common dermatological disorder that predominantly affects teenagers, but can also affect pre-adolescents and post-teen individuals.
- **Acne scars** - Appears in some patients as a result of the healing process of acne.
- **Epidermis** - The outer layer of the skin.
- **Dermis** - A thick layer of supportive connective tissue below the epidermis.
- **Ablation** - Removal of material from the surface of an object by vaporisation.
- **Coagulation** - The process of changing from a liquid to a gel or solid state by a series of chemical reactions.
- **Collagenesis** - New collagen formation.
- **Denaturation** - A structural change in macromolecules caused by extreme conditions.
- **Post-inflammatory pigmentation** - Darkening of the skin pigment due to increased amounts of melanin, usually occurs during the healing process after treatment of skin of darker skin types.
- **Radio Frequency (RF)** - A frequency of electromagnetic radiation in the range at which radio signals are transmitted, ranging from approximately 3 kilohertz to 300 gigahertz.
- **Bi-polar RF** - Radiofrequency energy transmitted from two electrodes to a single target. The electrical circuit in this case runs between the two electrodes, thus maintaining control over energy's depth of penetration.