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MedLite Laser Treatment for Hair Removal

A new dimension in hair management...

Shaving, tweezing, waxing and plucking are just some of the archaic tools that have been used to combat unwanted hair. While temporarily effective, these methods are very time consuming and can even result in pain, rashes, swelling, cuts and scarring. The MedLite laser for laser-assisted hair removal is now offering a new dimension in managing unwanted hair.

How does the MedLite laser remove the unwanted hair?

The MedLite laser produces an extremely fast pulse of light that is passed through the skin and absorbed in the hair bulge, hair shaft and follicle. The laser light is strong enough to damage the hair bulge and hair follicle without harming the surrounding skin. The damage to the hair is sufficient enough to delay growth for several months.

Is the procedure safe?

The MedLite laser used at this office for laser-assisted hair removal is one of the safest lasers available today. While other lasers are available for this procedure, they all run the risk of side effects because they use the heat from much longer laser pulses to destroy the hair. Because the MedLite laser produces light in such short pulses, it destroys hair through a photomechanical method (similar to hitting the hair follicle with a hammer) and does not heat the hair or surrounding skin to the same degree as other lasers. The MedLite can easily and safely be used with much less of a risk of blistering, burning, scarring or changing the pigmentation of the skin. This is the only laser available that removes hair with this unique method.

What does the treatment feel like?

One of the main benefits of the treatment with the MedLite laser is that it offers a very comfortable treatment. This is due largely to the fact that the MedLite does not work by heating the skin. The sensation can be described more as a "tingling". Anesthesia is generally not necessary for treatment with this laser.

How long will the treatment take?

Treatment with this laser is very fast. Large body areas, including the legs and back can generally be treated in minutes.

What body areas can be treated?

Any skin area can be treated with this laser including the face, underarms, legs, back, chest, and bikini line.

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How many treatments will I need?

Every hair on your body goes through three basic stages: growth, rest and hair loss. These passes repeatedly cycle, and the length of each cycle varies according to the location and your own body chemistry. The laser is most effective on hair when it is in the growth phase. Due to the fact that at any given time only about one third of your hair is in the growth phase, you will need to have several treatments to obtain maximum results. This is a factor for all laser hair removal methods.

Will the hair grow back?

Eventually some of the hair will grow back. Today there is no laser that will permanently remove 100% of unwanted hair. You should think of using the laser as a hair management technique. The safety, effectiveness, speed and comfort of the MedLite make it the ideal laser for this procedure.

Am I a candidate for this treatment?

The MedLite laser can treat any skin type, even tanned skin, and works best on darker hair colors. Because the laser light is absorbed by the pigment or color in the hair, it has minimal effect on white or light blonde hair.

What can I expect after the treatment?

You may notice that some of your hair may have turned white after treatment. This will slough off naturally 2-3 days later, but you may choose to manually remove it with a razor if you wish. Your skin may be red for a brief period of time after the treatment. You may experience some minimal itching for 12 hours. You can immediately return to your normal activities.

How do I get started?

Your physician will be happy to discuss this procedure with you. Please feel free to make an appointment for a consultation to discuss your specific needs.

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Directions

To Tysons Corner office location:

8130 Boone Blvd. #340 Tysons Corner, VA 22182; **703-893-1114**

1. From Mclean, Tysons Corner area:

Take International Drive south to Leesburg Pike (Route 7) where it becomes Gallows Road. Make a **LEFT** turn at the **first** traffic light on Gallows Road after crossing Rt. 7 onto Boone Blvd. Take an **IMMEDIATE** left into the parking lot of our Bldg. 8130 Boone Blvd. #340, Tysons Corner, VA 22182. Our building is behind Jarred Jewelers and McDonalds.

2. From points west of Tysons Corner office location: Reston, Herndon, Leesburg, Sterling, Lansdowne, Loudon County, Clark County, Warren County and Frederick County:

Take 66 East to 495 North or Leesburg Pike East. Our Tysons Office location is off Leesburg Pike (Route 7) and Gallows Road. Make a **LEFT** turn at the **first** traffic light on Gallows Road after crossing Rt. 7 onto Boone Blvd. Take an **IMMEDIATE** left into the parking lot of our Bldg. 8130 Boone Blvd. #340 Tysons Corner, VA 22182.

To Woodbridge office location:

2200 Opitz Blvd Suite 245 Woodbridge, VA; **703-492-4140**

1. From Prince William County, Manassas, Manassas Park, Woodbridge/Lake Ridge, Dumfries to our Woodbridge location:

We are at 2200 Opitz Blvd Suite 245 Woodbridge, VA, across the street from Potomac Library. One block east (towards Rt. 1) from Potomac Hospital and Wegman's.

To Stafford office location:

125 Hospital Center Boulevard, Suite 313 Stafford, VA 22554

Toll free **1-800-265-2653**

1. Coming from points south of the Stafford office: Stafford, Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania County, King George County, Caroline County, Westmoreland County, Northern Neck Region, Richmond County, King and Queen County, Warrenton County, Fauquier County, Orange County, Culpepper County, Essex County, Westmoreland County:

Take I-95 North to exit 140, Turn Right onto Courthouse Road/Route 630 (approximately 1 mi.). Take Right onto Route 1 (approximately 1/2 mi.). Turn Left onto Hospital Center Blvd. At the **THIRD** entrance make a left into the parking lot of the Stafford Medical Pavilion (**Behind Stafford Hospital**).