

## **Frequently Asked Questions for Pigmented Lesions**

### **What is the difference between the IPL and 755 Alexandrite?**

IPL stands for intense pulse light. The IPL is used for sun damaged skin, brown spots and uneven skin tones. It has also been used to increase collagen and improve acne scars when used in addition with the LaserFacial treatment. The 755 can be used for the same treatments except it covers a smaller area at a time and the spectrum of light is more direct.

### **How many treatments can I expect?**

It may take several treatments to get the desired results. We say to expect up to 5 but in most cases it can take less and in rare cases not help at all.

### **What does it feel like?**

It may feel like a rubber band snap, but is usually very minimal.

### **What can I expect after treatment?**

Usually within approximately 20 minutes you will see a slightly darker color of the area treated. It can take up to 3 weeks for the discoloration to slough off. It may feel like a slight sunburn sensation for a few days following the treatment. In some cases it may look like a superficial burn and in rare cases a blister may appear. It is very important to follow all post treatment instructions and stay out of the sun for at least a 4 week period following treatment to avoid irritation to the treated area. If you cannot avoid sun exposure then a sunscreen of no less than 30 SPF should be used.

### **How do I prepare for the treatments?**

It is very important for you to stay out of the sun as you could cause discoloration in the area treated. We recommend 4 weeks prior and through out the treatments series. If you cannot avoid sun exposure you should use a minimum sun screen protection of 30 SPF or higher.

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