

BBL™ AFTER CARE

- Erythema may be seen in the treated area for several hours to 14 days after treatment. Patients may report a feeling of tightness or sunburned feeling in the area treated.
- If blistering occurs, aggressive wound healing measures should be implemented. Apply an antibiotic ointment and call the office.
- <u>Avoid any sun exposure</u> to the treated area for a minimum of 7 days after the procedure. The treated area is more prone to sunburn and pigmentation change. This includes the use of tanning beds.
- Makeup may be used after the treatment. Any moisturizer without alpha-hydroxy acids is acceptable.
- If there is any sensitivity, until it has subsided, avoid all the following:
 - Use of scented lotions or soaps, exfoliant creams (Retin-A, glycolic/salicylic and alpha- hydroxy acids), acne creams or gels, loofa sponges and aggressive scrubbing
 - Hot or cold water wash with tepid water
 - Shaving
 - o Swimming pools and spas with multiple chemicals/chlorine
 - Activities that cause excessive perspiration
- A cold compress or an ice pack can be used to provide comfort if the treated area is especially warm. This is rarely needed but if so, usually within the first 4 hours after the treatment.
- Vitamin E or Aloe Vera applied to the treatment area may provide a soothing effect.
- Post treatment discomfort is typically minimal but, if the area is very uncomfortable, oral pain relievers, i.e., Extra Strength Tylenol or Advil, may be used.
- "Coffee ground" looking pigmentation can occur 3-4 days after the treatment. This is common. Do not try to exfoliate the spots away as they will resolve on their own. If you do not get these, it does <u>not</u> mean the treatment did not work.
- Avoid tweezing, waxing, bleaching or chemical peels for 2 weeks before or 2 weeks after the treatment. Do not use any irritants such as Retin-A, Benzoyl Peroxide, or astringents during this time.
- It may take up to four weeks or longer to observe the maximal effectiveness of this treatment.