

# SkinPen Microneedling

## Pre/Post Instructions

The following instructions will provide helpful information and guide you through your recovery. These are designed to be general guidelines. Remember, everyone recovers differently.

#### PREPARING FOR YOUR SKINPEN PROCEDURE

- The treated area may be pink and mildly inflamed (similar to the appearance of a mild sunburn) for 24-48 hours following your SkinPen procedure.
- 24 hours post-procedure, your provider may advise you to keep your skin clean of cosmetics or sunscreen for the remainder of the day.
- If you are prone to herpes simplex outbreaks, such as cold sores, consult your provider on ways to treat prior or whether the procedure is appropriate for you.
- If your face or treatment area has irritated skin (sunburn, open wounds, sores) the day preceding your appointment, please contact our office before your appointment.
- This procedure may not be performed on active breakouts or open lesions. Please consult your provider prior to your SkinPen procedure to address any such issues.
- Wait at least six months post accutane use before your SkinPen procedure, as accutane use may impair proper wound healing.
- If you have recently used spray or self-tanning lotions on treatment areas before your SkinPen procedure, discuss with your provider.
- Avoid sun exposure for 24 hours prior to the procedure.
- Discontinue the use of topical products containing AHAs, salicylic acid, or Retinols for 24 hours prior to your SkinPen procedure.
- If you are on autoimmune therapy, ask your provider if the procedure is appropriate for you.

#### **POST SKINPEN PROCEDURE GUIDELINES**

The day of the procedure:

- Unexpected complications may occur when products not proven safe for use with microneedling are applied post-procedure.
- Avoid strenuous exercise or excessive perspiration, as excess blood flow and sweat can cause discomfort and irritation to compromised skin for 72 hours.

- Skinfuse® Lift HG may be applied additionally the day of the procedure to assist with skin hydration. Re-apply, as needed, up to 24 hours post procedure.
- Strictly avoid sun exposure as you will not be wearing sunscreen. You may return to sunscreen use 24 hours following the procedure. Continue to minimize sun exposure for 72 hours following the procedure.
- The next morning cleanse with a gentle cleanser, apply laser enzyme gel and SPF (provided by our office).

### The days following the procedure:

Follow the specific skincare regimen provided by your provider. Please make your follow-up appointment by calling the office or as instructed by Alison and Brooke. If you have any problems before then, do not hesitate to call 207-835-4777 for assistance. After hours, please call the office and press 7 when prompted to reach Dr. Holland directly.