

GREENSBORO DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATES, PA

Patient Information

LASER TREATMENT

Information to review closely prior to your treatment.

Lasers can selectively destroy blood vessels and have been shown to treat both telangiectasias (spider veins) and hemangiomas effectively. Most spider veins can be treated in one to two laser treatments. Hemangiomas may take several treatments for their resolution. Existing laser research and clinical evidence indicate that laser surgery is safe, but there is no guarantee that laser treatment will treat your condition completely. Although side effects from this procedure are minimal, there is a small risk that the following could occur:

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| 1. Skin lightening | 6. Swelling |
| 2. Skin darkening | 7. Incomplete removal of lesion |
| 3. Infection | 8. Activation of cold sores |
| 4. Skin texture change | 9. Bruising |
| 5. Scarring | 10. Blisters or scabs |

I assure you that these effects are rare except for swelling at the site of the laser treatment that often lasts two to three days. We will discuss what I have enclosed more at the time of your visit.

Laser treatment of your telangiectasias (spider veins)/hemangiomas are considered cosmetic and will not be covered by your insurance company. I want to also make it clear that although this therapy is “state of the art” in removing blood vessel growths, it is not always successful and may require more than one treatment.

Payment is expected at the time of the service. We ask that you please inform us, at least 48 hours in advance, if you are unable to keep your appointment. This will allow Greensboro Dermatology time to schedule other patients who are waiting for an appointment. Failure to cancel at least 48 hours prior to your appointment will result in a \$75.00 charge. We look forward to seeing you on your treatment date.