

Informed Consent and Information Sheet

Agreement of Assumption of Risk & Release of Liability Laser Hair Removal

This form is intended to provide you with information concerning the risks and benefits of laser hair reduction; by the use of Candela laser systems. We also require acknowledgement of your assumption of these risks as well as agreement to our limitation of liability.

What is the Candela system?

The GentleLase/GentleYag system is a laser manufactured by Candela for the use of permanent hair reduction. The GentleLase/GentleYag system is a class IV FDA approved medical device for this indication. Depending upon skin and hair type, either a GentleLase/GentleYag laser will be selected to achieve thermal damage to the hair follicle. In order to protect your skin, a cooling system will be used to chill the epidermis during treatment. We may also combine the use of cold air with an application of cooling gel. You will be required to wear protective eyewear as supplied by us throughout the entire course of treatment.

How does Hair Grow?

In today's practice, it is believed that hair follicles develop from a complex series of interactions between different elements of the skin. Interestingly, not all hair follicles are actively forming at the same time. They actually go through distinct phases: growth, regression, and resting. The duration of each phase is dependent upon several factors, including body location. During the regression phase, the surrounding skin begins to absorb the hair bulb. Finally, the hair enters the resting phase, at the end of which the hair falls out and the follicle begins the cycle again.

How Does the GentleLase/GentleYag Reduce hair?

The light from our laser is absorbed by the pigment in the hair follicle and this energy is converted to heat which results in thermal damage to the hair follicle. As hair in the active state of growth contains higher amounts of pigment, actively growing hair is more likely to respond than hair in the other stages of growth. For some treated hair follicles, delayed re-growth of the hair may occur instead of permanent destruction, while it is possible that your hair may not respond at all. The treated hair that does grow back is usually thinner and lighter.

Is Laser hair Removal Safe?

Generally, laser hair removal is a very safe, non-ablative treatment. The laser parameters are chosen to attempt the destruction of hair by taking into consideration the anatomy of hair follicles while accounting for your hair size, depth and color and skin tone. Like many treatments, there are however risks associated with hair removal. These risks include:

1. Redness
2. Swelling
3. Crusting or bruising of the skin
4. Blistering of the skin
5. Burning of the skin
6. Temporary or permanent changes in the pigmentation of the skin.
7. Allergic reaction, usually associated with wheals, itching and rashes
8. Formation of acne or acne like symptoms
9. Formation of white blood cells with other substances, with acne-like presentations
10. Complete loss of or significant impairment of eye sight

Does it hurt?

You will likely feel a tingling, stinging or snapping sensation and while some areas of the body are more sensitive than others most people tolerate the procedure well. You agree to advise us during the procedure as to the degree of discomfort you experience and to allow us to make adjustments as needed in our effort to achieve a safe and effective treatment without undesirable side effects.

How Many Treatments Will I Need?

The GentleLase/GentleYag works by destroying or temporarily disabling hairs that are principally in the active growth phase at the time of the treatment. Since other hairs will enter the growth phase at different times, additional treatments will likely be necessary to disable or to destroy the majority of hair follicles in a given area. Our staff will work with you to develop the best program that fulfills your needs. Treatments are usually given at intervals of about 3-6 weeks apart. Individual response will vary, but usually at least six to eight treatments are necessary to attain desired results, and with individuals with darker skin needing more treatments.

Are the Results Permanent?

Once we destroy the hair follicle, it is believed that it will never return. However, we are not likely to be able to treat all hair follicles. Also, as one ages, new hair follicles may form, but they will not be the same as those that we have destroyed. Attainable results are best thought of as a bell shaped curve. Some individuals respond incredibly, while others do not respond at all. The vast majority of people, however, attain satisfactory results within a predictable number of treatments.

What Happens After Treatment?

Within several minutes, the treated areas are likely to become slightly red and puffy. We expect for the redness to subside quickly and within a day the area typically returns to normal. You may return to normal activities immediately. DO NOT, however, expose the treated areas to periods of sunlight or ultraviolet light for 48 hours following your procedure. Also, DO NOT plan important social engagement for several days following treatment if electing hair removal on areas of your body that will be seen by others. Lastly, DO NOT take hot showers/baths, swim, enter into hot tubs, go to the gym, or work under halogen lights for one day following your treatment.

Within 3 – 14 days after treatment, you may experience what seems to be hair growth throughout the treated area. Many of these hairs, however, are being shed and are not re-growing. In-between treatments, you should not wax, sugar, or epilate your hairs. Remember, hair follicles must be present in order for us to treat them.

Can Laser Hair Removal Work for Everyone?

No. We cannot effectively treat all hair colors or all individuals. White and grey hair will not respond, and blonde and red hairs are more resistant. Hair dye will NOT make treatments more effective. Also, everyone can respond differently to treatment, and as such giving exact predictions to efficacy is impossible. Again, some individuals will respond remarkably well while others will not respond at all. Most people, however, receive satisfactory results with a significant reduction in hair.

Contraindication:

Laser hair removal cannot safely and effectively be treated on everyone at all times. Please inform us if you are currently taking or have been on Accutane in the last 6 months, if you are currently taking any other medications, have a history of cold sores or fever blisters, prolonged sun exposure in the last three weeks, are currently tanned or are tanning, shave the same day as your treatment, have used epilators, BOTOX, facial fillers in the last week or if you use a pacemaker.

Assumption of Risks and Release from Liability:

By completing the fields below, you agree that you have read and understand the foregoing risks as well as understand that there may be additional risks that are not enumerated herein and that we are not presently aware of. You agree to assume these risks and to release Image ReNu and its owner and its staff of any and all liability associated with these and other risks regardless if we are negligent or otherwise at fault. By completing the information below, you acknowledge that you make the election to have laser hair removal performed by us on your person, and that you do so under agreement with these terms willingly and without reservation.

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Date: _____