

Laser Treatment Contraindications

Unfortunately, not all treatments are for everyone. Please check our contraindications list to make sure you avoid disappointment.

Conditions that would mean you were not able to have Body Tattoo, PMU, vein or pigmentation laser removal treatments:

Conditions affecting your Immune System

- Previous Tattoo Removal Allergic Reaction
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) an autoimmune disease often referred to simply as “Lupus”.
- Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis especially if treated with “Gold Injections” or Methotrexate
- Any other known auto-immune disorder
- Any other disease affecting your immune function e.g. following removal of your Spleen
- Liver disease such as Hepatitis A, B, C
- HIV

Bleeding Abnormalities

- Haemophilia, Von Willibrands Disease, Thrombocytopenia

Blood Thinning Medication

- Anticoagulants such as Warfarin, Heparin, Clexane Or Dabigatran
- High doses of Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Diclofenac (NB Prophylactic slow release Aspirin at 75 mg day or less is acceptable)

Skin Conditions

- Prone to Keloid or very thick scarring
- Vitiligo or any other skin pigmentation problem
- Psoriasis or eczema (on treatment area)

Cancer treatment

- Photodynamic Therapy (PDT) for Cancer
- Chemotherapy/Radiotherapy for Cancer, Leukaemia, Myeloma or Lymphoma

Other Conditions Where Fragmented Ink Particles Could Cause Harm

- Currently Pregnant
- Breast Feeding
- Acute or Chronic Kidney Disease
- Type 1 Diabetes & type 2 when on medication
- Implants / Metal Plates/ or Pacemakers

Conditions that need a doctor’s letter to confirm the treatment is suitable before treatments can begin:

- Epilepsy
- Transplant Anti-Rejection Drugs

- Thyroid Disease
- Heart Disease
- Hypertension (High blood pressure treated with medication)
- Cancer - after 12 months

The list below is of things that require a waiting period until you can start treatments:

- Active Herpes simplex (Cold Sores) - wait 2 weeks until its healed and use antiviral medication a few days before and continue a week after treatment
- Acute fungal infections - Wait until the condition has cleared until having your treatment
- UV exposure from sunbathing or sunbeds - wait 4 weeks before your starting your treatment and please note you cannot sunbath or go on a sunbed during your course of treatment
- Chemical Peel, Microdermabrasion or Radio Frequency - wait 4 weeks before starting treatments and do not have in the area during your treatment course.
- Medical Chemical Peels, Dermabrasion, Laser Skin Resurfacing or Face Lift at site of treatment - wait 6 months before starting treatments and do not have in the area during your treatment course.

Drugs & Herbal Remedies

- Fever Few or St John's Wort - both of these herbs are photosensitising

Recommend that the client stops taking the preparation and waits 4 weeks for the herb to be completely cleared from their system before treatment - otherwise client skin may be burned.

- Over the counter pain relief e.g. non-steroidal

Anti-inflammatory/pain relief drugs such as Ibuprofen and/or Aspirin these must be allowed to clear from a client's system before any treatment – suggest a delay of one – two weeks before treatment begins.

- Prescribed a drug for a short term (course of less than six weeks) by their GP/Hospital

The course should be finished and wait at least a further six weeks for any drug to be completely excreted from their system before having treatment. (Notable drugs that can cause problems during laser and or IPL use are Tetracycline antibiotics and steroids)

- Prescribed a long term drug (a course lasting longer than 6 weeks) by their GP/Hospital

The client should be referred back to the prescribing doctor for a letter of authorisation for the treatment to go ahead. Notable long term drugs that can cause problems are Ro-Accutane used in Acne treatments (specifically listed on Medical History form), Minocin which is an antibiotic (frequently used in long term Acne therapy) and Amioderone a drug used in Cardiology.