



## Laser Tattoo Removal

### **How does the Laser Tattoo work?**

This laser works by passing through the top layers of the skin and absorbs tattoo pigment. This laser causes the tattoo pigment to break apart into smaller particles that are then removed by the body's immune system.

### **How many treatments are required?**

The number of sessions required to remove a tattoo depends on the size, color, density, and depth of ink. Due to different types of inks used in tattooing, the results and the number of treatments may vary. On average the patient will need 9-11 treatments scheduled one to two months apart. After each treatment session patient will see the tattoo become lighter.

### **Who are candidates for the Laser Tattoo?**

The best candidate for Laser Tattoo removal are those patients with lighter skin types because darker complexions have a higher risk of scarring. Patients who are pregnant or breastfeeding are not recommended to be treated with the laser.

### **What to expect?**

To minimize discomfort topical or injectible anesthetic is available and recommended. The feeling of the laser pulse has been described as being snapped by a rubber band or a stinging sensation. After the treatment, a scab forms on the area treated and can last for up to two weeks. Redness, crusting, sunburn sensation, or itching can be expected following the treatment.

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