



## **Vascular Laser (Candela V-beam)**

### **How does the Candela V-beam work?**

The Candela V-beam produces an intense but gentle burst of light that selectively destroys the blood vessels of your spider veins, without damaging the surrounding tissue. After laser treatment the surrounding tissue is left intact. This laser can also be used for the treatment of port wine stains and other vascular lesions.

### **Are there any reasons that would not make me a candidate for V-beam therapy?**

The Candela V-beam is not recommended for patients with darker skin. Because of the increase in skin pigment the laser will be less effective on damaging the blood vessels of the spider veins or other vascular lesions to be treated. The depth of penetration of the Candela V-beam is limited to vessels about 1.5mm in depth. Therefore, vessels deeper than this may not respond to the therapy. Additionally, blue vessels may not respond as well as red ones.

### **How many treatments will I need?**

For the treatment of facial spider veins we generally recommend a total of 3-5 treatments each a month apart. However, the type of vascular lesion to be treated will determine the number of treatments needed. The red veins respond better than blue veins and the smaller, matting vessels will respond sooner than the vessels up to 1.5mm in size. Port wine stain lesions have more vessels to be treated and may require multiple treatments.

### **What to expect?**

Avoid the sun 4-6 weeks before and after treatment with this laser. The feeling of a laser pulse has been described as being snapped by a rubber band or a slight stinging sensation. Following laser treatment, the area may continue to sting slightly or feel warm like sunburn. You may also experience mild bruising on the areas treated by the laser for a week. To minimize down time please ask us about our Jane Iredale concealers.

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