

SkinPen Post-Op Instructions

Before Treatment

- **1 week prior to appt:** Discontinue the use of any retinol/retinoid containing products.
- If you have a history of cold sores, please let us know in advance. You will be given a prescription for Valtrex to prevent an outbreak. Please take 1 g **the night before** and 1 g **the morning of your treatment**

After Treatment

Redness and swelling will increase over the first few hours following treatment. This is normal and to be expected. It is also normal to feel a “sunburn like” sensation following the treatment.

____ If Stratacel* was applied after your treatment, you should leave it on. You can begin the additional skincare recommended below before bed.

____ If PRP was applied after your treatment, you should leave it on the area for at least 2 hours. After that time, you can wash it off with water and a gentle cleanser and then apply the skincare as recommended below.

____ If Benev Exosomes was applied after your treatment, you should leave it on. You can begin the additional skincare recommended below before bed. Use up any remaining exosomes given to you throughout the day by applying every few hours. Keep in the refrigerator.

____ If Arissance Pure PDGF+ was applied after your treatment, you should leave it on. You can begin the additional skincare recommended below before bed.

- There may be areas of pinpoint bleeding immediately after treatment. This is normal and can be cleaned with a clean cloth and tepid water.
- Exercise and sweating are prohibited the rest of the treatment day. Exercise can be resumed the following day.
- The worst of the swelling is typically seen the morning after the treatment and will slowly subside in the days following. Not all patients experience swelling, and it is usually minimal in those that do. For those with swelling, the following is recommended:
 - Ice packs
 - Twice daily antihistamines: Claritin or Allegra in AM | Zyrtec or Benadryl in PM
 - Anti-Inflammatory such as Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen (600mg 3 times a day with food to avoid upset stomach).
 - Sleep with the head elevated on pillow (head above the heart)
- The treated areas may be temperature sensitive, so lukewarm water when cleansing is recommended.
- Avoid sun exposure for 2 weeks. When outdoors, wear a protective hat/visor. Sunscreen should not be applied the day of treatment. The day after treatment, a mineral based SPF should be applied along with a protective hat/visor. SPF should be reapplied every 2 hours.
- Avoid any retinol/retinoids or exfoliating products for one week post treatment.
- Makeup is prohibited the day of treatment and the day after treatment. It may be resumed on the third day.

Skincare After Treatment:

- Wash twice a day (morning and bedtime) with a gentle cleanser (this is not provided but some suggestions include skin1765 Nourishing Cleanser, CeraVe Hydrating Facial Cleanser or Cetaphil Gentle Skin Cleanser).

- **Day of Treatment at Bedtime:**

____ After cleansing, apply a small pea size amount of Stratacel to dry skin. Allow it to dry for approximately 5 minutes.

- Apply the following moisturizers (a large pea size of each is mixed together)

____ Avene Cicalfate+ Restorative Cream

____ White Petrolatum | Vaseline

____ Others: _____

- **Day After Treatment:**

- Continue applying Stratacel twice daily (morning and before bed) after cleansing
- Continue applying the moisturizers mixed together over the Stratacel after it has dried in the morning and at bedtime.
- Elta SPF should be applied in the morning after the moisturizers. Reapply every 2 hours if outside.
- Makeup should not be applied today.

- **Day 3:**

***** If applicable*****

- ____ Begin Using Plated Intense* twice a day (morning and bedtime) after cleansing. This should be the first product applied after cleansing. You MUST wait 5-10 minutes to allow it to absorb and dry thoroughly before applying any other products
- Continue using Plated Intense* twice daily, first thing after cleansing and waiting 5-10 minutes before other products, every day until the bottle is gone.
- If your skin is dry, rough, or sensitive, continue using the Stratacel and moisturizers provided (over the Plated Intense* if applicable, after waiting 5-10 minutes).
- Makeup can be resumed
- Once all dryness has resolved, you may return to your normal skincare (over the Plated Intense if applicable).
- Retinol/Retinoids and exfoliating products should be avoided until day 7 post treatment.

To Apply Stratacel, follow these steps:

- Prepare your skin: Ensure the affected area is clean and gently pat dry to remove excess exudate or wound fluid.
- Apply Stratacel: Apply a very thin layer directly on the affected area and allow it to dry. It should dry in 5-6 minutes.
- Allow to dry: If it takes longer to dry, you may have applied too much. Gently remove any excess gel with a tissue or paper towel.
- Apply other products: Once dry, Stratacel can be covered with other moisturizers and sunscreen.
- Reapply if necessary: Stratacel can be reapplied more often to maintain contact with the skin and reduce dryness.

For best results, Stratacel should maintain continuous contact with the skin for optimal healing.

Please call 773-276-1100 or contact us through Klara with any questions or concern