

# Have you received previous treatment?

Tattoos or pigmented lesions that have not been effectively removed by other treatments may respond well to newer therapy, providing prior treatment did not cause excessive scarring or skin damage. Your aesthetic practitioner will advise you.

## What precautions are required?

- An ice pack may be applied immediately after treatment.
- A topical antibiotic cream or ointment is recommended.
- Care should be taken in the first few days following treatment to avoid scrubbing the area, including abrasive skin cleansers.
- A bandage or patch may help to prevent abrasion of the treated area. Use sunblock on the treated area.

## Are there any side effects?

The AlexTriVantage technology significantly reduce the potential for scarring or changes in skin texture compared to older treatment options. Patients will experience temporary discoloration or reddening of the skin around the treatment site. Some patients may also experience a temporary lightening or darkening of the skin for a few months following treatment. The skin will typically resolve to normal pigmentation colour.

It is important to follow the recommendations of the treating physician for proper post-treatment skin care.



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## Why is the laser a safe treatment?

The AlexTriVantage laser by Candela is more predictable than traditional methods of tattoo removal because of its unique ability to selectively treat the tattoo or pigmented lesion. It will eliminate the tattoo or pigment while leaving the surrounding skin undamaged.

## What conditions are treated?

Dermal and epidermal pigmented lesions and tattoos (amateur and professional; multiple tattoo inks) can be treated. The effectiveness of the laser is dependent upon the age, location, depth, and type of tattoo and pigmented lesions, as well as on the composition of the pigments.

## Why would someone have a pigmented lesion or tattoo removed?

Many people are uncomfortable with unsightly dermal lesions like age spots, freckles and birthmarks, or with a tattoo they had applied several years ago. It is estimated that as many as 50% of individuals with tattoos regret the permanency of the tattoo and wish to have it removed. This treatment is now possible.

## What does treatment involve?

Treatment varies from patient to patient depending on the age, size and type of tattoo, color of the patient's skin and depth to which the tattoo or pigment extends beneath the skin's surface. In general, these steps will take place:

- The patient is asked to wear eye protection
- The skin's reaction to the laser is tested during the first visit to determine the most effective treatment.
- The laser handpiece is placed against the surface of the skin and activating the laser.
- As many patients describe it, each pulse feels like the snapping of a rubber band against the skin.
- Smaller tattoos or lesions will require fewer pulses, while larger ones will require more. All tattoos will require repeat treatment.

The degree of discomfort varies with each person. Depending on your preference and location of the tattoo or lesion, some form of anesthetic may be used.