

Chemical Peels

Description:

One or a combination of acids is painted on skin like a mask in varying strengths. The acid solution peels away layers of the skin.

Superficial peels increase cell turnover and are used to improve skin texture (and uneven pigmentation); significant wrinkle reduction is unlikely.

Effectiveness:

Noticeable skin vitality; improved complexion, and some smoothing of fine wrinkles, but deeper wrinkles and sags appear unaffected.

Estimated Treatment Cost:

\$2000-\$3500 for full face medium peel

Longevity of Results:

6 months to 1 year

Undesired Effects:

Following a medium or deep peel, skin is red and a surface crust forms. This flakes off after about a week, but skin can remain red for a month. The deeper the peel is, the longer and more painful the recovery.

Harmful Side Effects:

Potential risk of permanent scarring, but usually rare.

Staffing Required:

Physician

Comments:

Physicians and clients often complain of unevenness of effects. Most popular cosmetic treatment until Botox® arrived in the mainstream.

Downtime Required:

You are burning off layers of skin with acid so, depending upon the depth of the peel, be prepared for some downtime from work or the public eye due to unsightly and painful conditions.