Chemical Peels

The chemical peel is one of the oldest cosmetic procedures in the world, and was performed in ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome to help people achieve smoother, more beautiful skin. Today, chemical facial peels are popular because they offer nearly immediate results and can be performed as an outpatient procedure. If you want to reduce or eliminate the appearance of fine lines, wrinkles, acne scarring and uneven pigmentation, or if you simply want to rejuvenate your skin, visit one of the licensed skin therapists at Southeastern Laser Med Spa to revise a plan that will work for your unique features and lifestyle!
What are Chemical Peels?

Clients who have never heard of this treatment before will want to know, what are chemical peels? A chemical peel is a treatment in which an acid solution is used to remove the damaged outer layers of the skin. Typically administered as a facial peel, a chemical peel enhances and smooths the texture of the skin. It is an effective treatment for facial blemishes, wrinkles and uneven skin pigmentation.

Risks and Benefits of Chemical Facial Peels

Chemical peels rarely result in serious complications, but certain risks do exist. These risks include scarring, infection, swelling, changes in skin tone and cold sore outbreaks. You can reduce the risks associated with facial peels by following all of your esthetician’s instructions completely and by providing your esthetician with information regarding medication, sun exposure and at-home product use. Prescription Retin-A, for example, or any other acid-based solution is not to be used at least one week prior to a peel and not to be used again post-peel until your skin care therapist allows it.

A chemical facial peel can provide several benefits to the skin. The procedure can restore a more youthful appearance to skin and reduce wrinkles, uneven pigmentation, sun-damage and blotchy patches. Clients love the results of chemical peels – when performed correctly by a licensed skin care therapist – as “building-up” to certain peels provides less down time.

Light Chemical Peels

Your licensed esthetician will use a specific formula for your chemical peel based on the characteristics of your skin and your desired result. Light chemical peels are used to treat fine wrinkling, areas of dryness, uneven pigmentation and acne. The solution used for light chemical peels is usually comprised of alphahydroxy acids (AHAs), such as glycolic, lactic, salicylic or fruit acids. Light chemical peels are ideal for people who want the benefits of a facial peel but do not wish to spend the time required to recover from a deeper peel.

Medium Chemical Peels

For medium facial peels, many doctors use trichloroacetic acid (TCA). This chemical works well for treating fine surface wrinkles, superficial blemishes, and pigmentation problems. Similar to the light chemical peel, medium
chemical peels require less downtime than a deeper peel. TCA peels are the preferred choice for clients with darker skin.

**Deep Chemical Peels**

Deep chemical peels are the strongest of the facial peels. The chemical used for deep chemical peels is phenol acid. Deep peels are used to treat coarse facial wrinkles, blotches caused by aging or sun exposure, and pre-cancerous growths. While a deep chemical peel produces the most dramatic, longest-lasting results, the procedure takes longer than other peels (one to two hours) and requires the most healing time. Phenol acid is typically used only for facial peels. Because a deep chemical peel may cause permanent lightening of the skin, prospective patients should seek advice from a qualified cosmetic dermatologist before undergoing the procedure.

**Note From Director:**

"Chemical peels are an amazing addition to any facial procedure. Along with microdermabrasion, chemical peels are one of the most popular procedures we offer at Southeastern Laser. I always recommend to my clients to follow our Monthly Facial Membership program when deciding to do a series of peels - you receive more for your money, as any peel is added into your facial treatment for no cost to you. You also receive discounts on products that will assist your skin pre and post treatment.

Our goal at Southeastern Laser is not only to help you achieve your desired goals on the outside, but to replenish your spirit on the inside - which is where our true beauty lies! We look forward to seeing you very soon!"

-Courteney Griffin, Director
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