

## Full Lip/Lip Liner Tattoo Post-Care

- After 6 hours following your procedure, cleanse the lips with a simple soap, then immediately apply your aftercare ointment.
- Continue gently cleansing and applying ointment 2-3 times per day for 3-4 days (or until all scabbing/crust has come off).
- Avoid sweating such as from vigorous exercise for 24 hours.
- For at least one week post-procedure or until healing is complete (whichever is longer):
  - Keep your hands clean and avoid touching the affected area(s).
  - Do not scrub or pick treated areas.
  - Do not use peroxide or Neosporin on treated areas.
  - Do not expose area to direct sun or to tanning beds.
  - Avoid exposing the area excessive moisture or humidity, such as: facials, swimming, whirlpools (hot tubs), saunas, steam rooms, and steamy showers.
- Lips may appear to have too much color in the days following the procedure. You may add makeup to soften the color.
- Scars on the lips from fever blisters cause pigment removal. See our Pre-Procedure Instructions for lips.
- Avoid Retin-A, moisturizers, glycolic acids, exfoliants and anti-aging products at all times (not just during healing) on all micropigmented areas. These can cause pigments to fade and lighten prematurely.
- Avoid tanning beds, sun, chlorine spas and pools, soap and chemicals (including skin cleansers, makeup removers, alpha hydroxyl creams, and tooth whitening toothpaste) near the treated area until healed.
- Pigments will slowly fade over time according to one's metabolism, skin type, sun exposure, medication, facial surgery, and smoking. Schedule maintenance visits as needed to keep it looking fresh.
- Periodic touch ups will ensure longer lasting results.

## Lip Micropigmentation Healing Schedule

If you've never had micropigmentation before, there are a lot of unknowns. One of the most common questions we're asked is what to expect during the healing process. While every person is different and some heal more quickly or slowly than others, here's generally what to expect.

Temporary side effects from micropigmentation include but are not limited to: redness, swelling, puffiness, bruising, dry patches and tenderness. You should expect to lose approximately 1/3 of the initial color during the healing process. We have selected the optimal pigments for you with this in mind. In approximately six days it may appear too light. After about 10 days, the color will show more. It will appear softer when completely healed.

<u>Days</u>	<u>Effect</u>
<b>1</b>	Swelling, tender, heavy, thick lipstick look with reddish brick color. For the first few days, the color is darker than it will appear when healed.
<b>2</b>	Slight swelling, reddish, tender, with a slight metallic taste.
<b>3</b>	Less swelling, thicker texture, sore, hot feeling before exfoliation with an orange color.
<b>4</b>	Exfoliation begins, very chapped lips. The color will become lighter as the epidermis sloughs off. It will appear that you have lost all of your color, however, when your lips have healed completely, the dermal layer will gradually become darker.
<b>5</b>	Very chapped but almost finished with first chapping stage.
<b>6</b>	A soft, rich color begins to appear.
<b>7-13</b>	Lip color disappears and the "frosty" 2nd chapping stage begins as a whitish gray haze on the lips.
<b>14</b>	Color blooms from within more and more each day until day 21 (3 weeks post procedure)
<b>21</b>	Healing complete. The color you see is the color that you have. Your lips will remain a bit dry for a month or two. Use a good lip balm and they will return to normal with full color.