

Tattoo Removal

The practice of tattooing can be traced back to 12,000 BC. Decorative tattoos have been traced back to the Bronze Age (8000 BC). There are kinds of reasons to get a tattoo or want it removed.

Tattoo removal is most commonly performed today utilizing serial treatments with various types of lasers. The larger the tattoo and the more colors present the more treatments you will require. The procedure is usually quick, outpatient and recovery is rapid. But, Allow time for the your body to its work. The laser causes a disruption in the color under your skin and slowly your body will reabsorb the tattoo dye. Do not be in any hurry to have additional laser treatments. Anticipate waiting months between treatments.

Different lasers ablate different colors of a tattoo. Consult with your plastic surgeon as to which device would be best for your tattoo. Tattoo removal treatments can be expensive. As many as 4 to 6 laser treatments can be required for ablation, Keep this in mind BEFORE you get a tattoo.

Other methods such as creams, saunes, saline, Intense Pulsed Light Therapy, or IPL and sanding methods like dermabrasion can be utilized. These techniques can be less effective than laser ablation and in some cases result in significant scaring.