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Laser Hair Removal :Raleigh Laser Professional Provides Questions to Ask

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/24-7PressRelease/ - RALEIGH, NC, June 12, 2008 - Laser Hair Removal: A Guide to finding effective, safe fast and affordable laser hair removal treatments. Raleigh Laser Hair Removal and medical spa expert Kile Law Provides guidelines for choosing the appropriate Laser Hair Removal system.

Laser hair removal <http://www.michaellawmd.com/laser-hair-removal.html> has come a long way since the first laser for hair removal received FDA clearance in the mid 1990's. Older generation lasers were very slow, very painful and worked only on individuals with very dark hair and very light skin. Today, lasers can work on all skin colors and some lasers are even safe for treating tanned skinned.

Which laser to choose? -Spot size

The spot size of a laser determines how much skin area can be covered per laser pulse. Lasers with larger spot sizes (18 mm) can cover more area much more quickly. For example, a laser hair removal treatment of the back or full legs could take as long as 2 hours with older lasers. Today, these areas can be completely treated in less than 20 minutes. The spot size not only determines the speed and comfort of the treatment, but the efficacy as well. In the April 2004 issue of Derm Surgery, a peer reviewed medical study showed that lasers with an 18 mm spot size (exclusive to the Candela family of lasers) was more effective at removing hair than lasers with smaller spot sizes.

How many lasers does the practice own?

There is no single laser that can effectively treat all skin types. Be sure to find a medical practice with a minimum of 2 lasers

Pain Free Options

State of the Art laser hair removal centers will offer PSF with laser treatments <http://www.michaellawmd.com/painless-laser-hair-removal-raleigh.html> making laser hair removal virtually painless

-Cooling systems

Each laser has a different way of cooling the skin. Some lasers use a topical cooling gel, others use a chilled tip. The most consistent, comfortable and safest way to cool the skin is with a Dynamic Cooling Device or DCD. Lasers equipped with a DCD cooling system are so effective in providing cooling to the skin that no topical numbing creams are necessary.

-Light Sources

Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) Systems are not lasers. They can remove hair, but recent peer reviewed medical studies show that most lasers are much more effective in treating unwanted hair than IPL systems

Choosing a Laser Hair Removal Center

Board Certified Physician

Many laser hair removal centers today operate without a physician. It is important to be certain that a board certified physician is on the premises or available in

case of a concern. To determine whether or not a physician is board certified, go to www.abms.org. Board certified plastic surgeons can be found at www.plasticsurgery.org

Possible complications:

Complications with newer laser hair removal systems (built in 2002 or later) is not common, particularly if the laser is equipped with a Dynamic Cooling Device. It is important, however to determine how the laser clinic handles potential complications. Is there a physician available to examine the problem and prescribe medications if necessary?

Packages of treatments

Laser Hair Removal works on hair while it is in the growth phase only. At any given time, between 20% to 40% of the hair on any face or body area may be in a growth phase. Multiple treatments are required for complete clearance of the hair. However, each person may respond slightly differently. Laser hair removal centers should charge for just one treatment at a time. A reputable medical office or medical spa offering laser hair removal will offer individual treatments and not insist on payment of multiple treatments up front.

Pricing:

Because lasers for hair removal are much faster today than ever before, prices should be lower as well. An office offering laser hair removal can charge less for a laser hair removal treatment of the legs taking just 20 minutes vs. a 2 hour treatment with an older generation laser. Avoid centers offering "specials" on treatment packages, particularly if there is pressure to buy because a "special" is set to expire.

Consultation:

A complimentary consultation should be available for you to visit the facility, meet the laser technician and experience a spot test with the laser.

When considering a hair removal laser treatment, consumers should ask the following questions:

- 1) Is this laser FDA approved for hair removal on my skin type and hair color?
- 2) What is the spot size of the laser? In order for a laser to perform quickly and most effectively, it should have an 18mm spot size
- 3) Is the laser equipped with a dynamic cooling device (DCD)? This is the safest and most consistent method of cooling the skin. It ensures patient safety and comfort.
- 4) Is there a board-certified physician on site? A facility without appropriate medical supervision may not be the safest environment for a laser procedure.
- 5) Are treatments sold in a package or one at a time? Businesses that want your money up front may not have the confidence that their laser will perform effectively. A client should be able to pay for treatments as needed without paying all at once.
- 6) Are complimentary consultations and spot tests available? You should be able to meet the technician and experience a pulse or two before committing to a treatment.

Blue Water Spa is a plastic Surgery Medical Spa owned and operated by board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Law. Blue Water Medical Spa offers laser hair removal, facials, microdermabrasion, chemical peels, massage, Botox, Restylane and the full spectrum of aesthetic surgery procedures performed by nationally known board-certified plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Law. Dr. Law has returned to his hometown of Raleigh North Carolina to raise his family after practicing aesthetic surgery in Beverly Hills. Dr. Law has been featured in many national magazines and interviewed for news programs, but he has declined invitations to participate in plastic surgery reality television programs. Blue Water Medical Spa and Dr. Law have received many "best of" awards in their area since opening their business in 2003.

Raleigh Laser Hair Removal at Blue Water Spa provides safe, effective, comfortable fast laser hair removal for men and women. The medical spa is owned and operated by board certified plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Law