

# Morpheus8 Post-Treatment Care

## What to Expect After Treatment:

- Redness and mild swelling are common and may last 1–3 days.
- Pinpoint scabbing or small grid-like marks may appear—do not pick or scrub.
- Mild tenderness or tightness may last for several days. Skin may feel dry or rough during the healing phase.
- Slight bruising can occur, especially in delicate areas (e.g., under the eyes or neck).
- Cooling skin: Use of a **cold compress** such as gel pad (20 min on/20 min off) will help or air cooling like a fan but **no ice**.

### Post-Treatment Care Instructions

#### First 24 – 48 Hours

- **Do not touch or apply products** to the treated area unless directed. **Avoid makeup, sunscreen, or any skincare products** for 24 hours.
- Gently cleanse with lukewarm water and pat dry—no rubbing or exfoliating.
- Apply a **soothing, non-comedogenic moisturizer or post-care product** recommended (e.g., Alastin, Aquaphor, Cicalfate).
- Wash your pillowcase daily if you sleep with an animal.

#### Days 3-7

- Resume gentle skincare, avoiding activities like retinoids, acids, or vitamin C.
- Moisturize regularly to support healing. Avoid heavy sweating, steam, or saunas.
- Use a **broad-spectrum SPF 30+ daily** (usually after 48–72 hours).
- No exfoliation, scrubs, or chemical peels until cleared by your provider.

# **Healing Timeline**

| Time Frame | What to Expect  |
|------------|---|
| Day 1-3    | Redness, mild swelling, sensitivity, possible scabbing          |
| Day 3-7    | Texture may feel dry or sandpapery; some flaking possible       |
| Week 2+    | Skin looks smoother, firmer; ongoing collagen remodeling begins |
| 1-3 months | Full results appear gradually as collagen continues to rebuild  |

#### When to Contact Us

Call us if you experience:

- Signs of infection (pus, excessive redness, warmth, or pain)
- Blistering or severe swelling
- Persistent numbness or tingling beyond 48 hours
- Unusual discoloration or pigmentation changes

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### Q: How long will the redness last?

**A:** Redness usually lasts 1-3 days. Some patients with sensitive skin may experience redness for up to 5 days.

## Q: When can I wear makeup again?

**A:** You may apply makeup after 24–48 hours, once the skin has begun to heal and any pinpoint scabs have shed or healed.

#### Q: Can I go back to work?

**A:** Yes, most patients return to work within 1–2 days, depending on downtime tolerance and visible effects like redness or swelling.

### Q: Is it normal for my skin to feel rough or bumpy?

**A:** Yes. Mild texture changes, dryness, and a sandpaper-like feel are part of the normal healing process.

#### Q: When will I see results?

A: Some improvements can be seen in as little as 1–2 weeks, but full collagen remodeling occurs over 6–12 weeks.

#### Q: How many treatments will I need?

**A:** Most patients benefit from a series of 3 treatments, spaced 4–6 weeks apart. We will recommend a personalized plan based on your skin goals.

#### Q: Can I exercise after treatment?

**A:** Avoid intense workouts, sweating, or heat exposure for 48–72 hours to reduce inflammation and irritation risk.