

CHEMICAL PEELS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs	Chemical Peels
What is it?	A mild acid is applied to the skin, causing it to shed the first several layers of cells.
How is the procedure done?	The skin is first cooled down with icepacks, then prepared with acetone. The solution is swabbed on using cotton balls and finally the skin is iced again.
What are the side effects?	Flaking, peeling and redness are normal. Moderate discomfort (burning sensation) is felt during the treatment.
How long does it last?	This treatment generally lasts ~6 months but may vary depending on individual factors. Patients generally need to repeat peels twice a year, usually in the spring and autumn.
Does the treatment hurt?	Immediately after the solution is applied the skin will feel very hot. This feeling lasts ~20 minutes. It will feel like a sunburn for a day or so. Skin will also feel tight.
How much down time is there after treatment?	The skin will shed and peel over the next 4-7 days and will have the look of dry skin.
What is the after-care following treatment?	Mild cleanser with warm tap water.
May I put makeup over treated area?	No cosmetics should be applied for one week after treatment.
How Long does the procedure take?	45 minutes to an hour