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Eyeliner pigmentation Post Procedure Care

General

EYELINER (semi-permanent makeup) procedures are affected by the “canvas” (your skin) that they are performed on. Lifestyle, medications, smoking, metabolism, facial surgery and other procedures, and age of skin all contribute to fading. The initial application is always applied conservatively because every person’s skin is different and the final colour can only be precisely determined and adjusted during a follow-up appointment after the initial application has fully healed. Because of this, the pigmentation process is not complete after the initial procedure. In all cases, a follow-up appointment is required approximately 30 days after your initial application to fine tune and ensure the best result.

Though rare, infection is possible. If you see signs of infection such as persistent increased redness or swelling, fever, drainage, or oozing, contact your doctor immediately.

- Apply ice packs as necessary to prevent or reduce swelling.
- When the area starts to flake, leave it. Do not pick, peel or pull on the skin.
- Apply a thin coat of AFTER CARE CREAM) to the area twice a day for 3-4 days, before showering and after cleansing.
- 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.
- Avoid Retin-A, moisturizers, glycolic acids, exfoliants and anti-aging products at all times (not just during healing) on all pigmented 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. Schedule maintenance visits as needed to keep it looking fresh.

Temporary side effects from pigmentation 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 colour 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 colour will show more. It will appear softer when completely healed.

Day Effect

1. The eyes will be swollen and sore, like you have been crying, with a heavier eye makeup look. For the first 3-4 days, the colour is darker than it will appear when healed.

Apply a light gloss of After care cream sparingly to the treated areas with a clean fingertip. Too much ointment makes the swollen area too wet. Use the ointment in the morning and evening. A third application is fine if needed, but don't over use. Clean the eyes in the evening with clean water and a tissue.

2. The eyelids are swollen for a few hours after waking up, still with heavier makeup look.

When you wake up, refresh the treated area with cool water. Tissue dry and re-apply ointment. The eyes will be swollen and sore but will get better throughout the day. In the evening, gently cleanse with cool water, tissue dry, and re-apply ointment.

3. Swelling decreases but is not gone entirely. There is a tight feeling. The top layers of skin begin to lift away. The soreness will become less as the treated area begins to exfoliate. A rough texture appears on the skin. Use a small amount of ointment if needed.

4. There is a pinching feeling. Some itching is normal as the skin begins to flake. When the eyeliner area begins to exfoliate, do not pick at it! Discontinue ointment. It will flake off with the movement of the eye.

5. Colour is somewhat greyish and will take a few more days to clarify to full colour. The pigmented area begins to shrink and soften in size and colour over the next few days.

Exfoliation completes. The colour will appear a bit "frosty," but will clarify in a few days.

6. The colour has lightened from its initial overly-dark appearance. For the next few days, the colour may now be lighter than what the final colour will be.

10. The final colour begins to stabilize and show through. The colour will continue to soften as the healing process completes.