

# DERMATOLOGY



PROFRACTIONAL LASER

Is that dirt on your face or just an age spot?

## Which is worse?

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The demand for effective correction of pigment issues, fine lines, wrinkles, and scars is always increasing. Now, new laser devices promise better results, minimal discomfort, and less downtime than older modalities. For dramatic skin improvement with tone, texture and dyschromia (pigment issues) Sciton's ProFractional Laser may be your best answer.

Over recent years, **non surgical** facial rejuvenation has become an attractive option for patients looking to enhance the overall appearance of their skin without

the associated risks, costs and discomforts of surgery. Aesthetic concerns such as fine lines, wrinkles, acne scarring and pigment have been addressed and treated

with excellent results using ablative laser treatment modalities, however the discomfort and recovery time associated with these protocols was far too long to be practical for most busy patients.

The new ProFractional laser is similar to previous fractional devices, but what sets this unique laser apart is the quick healing time and elimination of discomfort during treatment. The ProFractional device uses a laser microbeam to treat thousands of pinpoint areas of your skin. This ac-

tion initiates the body's wound healing response which stimulates fibroblasts to produce new collagen and elastin, while leaving the surrounding tissue intact for rapid healing.

ProFractional is a fast, comfortable procedure done in the doctor's office. The procedure normally takes 30 minutes depending on the condition and the size of the area treated. A numbing cream will be used in advance to aid in the comfort during the procedure.

The laser procedure is typically done in a series of 1-4 treatments, spaced 3-6 weeks apart, depending each patient's specific needs. ProFractional may be combined with a MicroLaserPeel or other popular aesthetic procedure to further enhance treatment results.

Immediately following the procedure some patients may experience a mild redness resembling a light sunburn sensation. Complete healing takes only about 2-5 days depending on the depth of each individual treatment. Most patients can go back to work two to three days after the treatment.

Looking and feeling attractive

has never been more important to success in the workplace and to overall wellbeing. Surprisingly, these goals are also more affordable and more comfortable than ever before. Look in the mirror. If you "spot" something you would like to change, now is the perfect time to do it.

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