



Colorado *Facial*  
Plastic Surgery  
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## **REAL POST CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Treatment areas will have Dressings and/or a pressure garment that must be worn for 24 hours/4 days. According to the physician's instructions, wear the garment in the evening and while sleeping for at least one week after the original 4 days.
2. Wound care: Gently swab the incision sites with rubbing alcohol then apply antibiotic ointment to the incision points twice daily for one week while the skin is healing after initially removing the pressure garment. Tiny scabs may appear during the healing process. Please do not pick at the scabs.
3. Cleanse the treated areas gently with mild soap such as Cetaphil or Cerave and water after 48 hours. Avoid drying or irritating facial products including Retinol and acids (Salicylic, Glycolic, etc.). Do not rub or irritate the area.
4. Although these effects are rare and temporary, redness and swelling may last up to 3 weeks and are a part of a normal reaction to the treatment. Bruises occur in some people and last 1 to 2 weeks and are a normal reaction to the treatment.
5. Limit physical activity and exposure to excessive heat (including fires) and UV light. Sleep on several pillows or in a recliner to keep your head elevated for at least two to three days to help minimize swelling.
6. Make-up may be applied as soon as 72 hours after the procedure to cover any redness or bruising. Avoid the incision points that may still be healing.
7. If treatment was done on the face or neck, facial shaving should only be done with an electric razor for the first week.
8. Burns and changes in pigmentation are rare although may occur. If you notice small white bumps, they may take a few weeks to resolve.
9. Only take prescribed pain medication or Tylenol for pain relief (not both) after your procedure, unless instructed otherwise. Other pain relievers such as Aspirin or NSAIDs (i.e. Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Aleve, etc.) can thin the blood and cause bleeding or bruising. The only exception to this rule is if your primary care doctor has prescribed you to take a daily Aspirin, NSAID, or other blood thinner.
10. Do NOT drink alcohol for several days as instructed by the doctor after this procedure. Drinking alcohol can negatively affect healing and can cause thinning of the blood, bleeding, crusting and/or bruising.
11. Remember, although the skin has initially healed, it takes a minimum of six weeks before any changes in skin tightening can be perceived AND twelve months before final results in skin tightening can be appreciated.

12. If you experience any questions or experience fever, chills, drainage, discharge, or extreme discomfort, please contact the doctor's office immediately. If you are calling after hours, the answering service will page the doctor for you.