

Ask Dr. Mikell

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Q. I saw a new laser treatment called Fraxel Treatment on The Today Show recently.
What are the benefits?

A. Fraxel offers several benefits, among them are: smoother, fresher, younger looking
skin, improved tone and texture, reduced wrinkles around the eyes,
improved appearance of acne scars, sun damage and surgical scars.

Q. Does Fraxel treatment hurt?

A. Residual discomfort is usually minimal, with most patients reporting feeling like
getting a little too much sun.

Q. How many Fraxel treatments do you typically need?

A. Everyone's skin is different, but clinical studies suggest that for most people,
maximum results are realized in just 3 to 5 sessions with Fraxel Re:store, and 1 with
Fraxel Re:pair.

Q. What's the difference between Fraxel Re:store and Re:pair?

A. Fraxel Re:pair is for patients who need more repair.

Q. What precautions should I take after the treatment?

A. Wear sunscreen of SPF 30 or higher and avoid
direct sun exposure while your skin is repairing or restoring underneath for at least 3
months after your last treatment. Further protect yourself by wearing wide-brimmed hats
if you expect to be out in the sun.

Q. Is Fraxel Treatment safe?

A. The Fraxel laser has received FDA-clearance for the following treatments: wrinkles
around the eyes, age and sun spots, brown spots, acne scars, surgical scars and skin
resurfacing. It can also be used for stretch marks.

Q. How do I know if I'm a candidate for Fraxel treatment?

A. Call Dermatology Associates of the Lowcountry and schedule a consult appointment.
(843) 689-5259.