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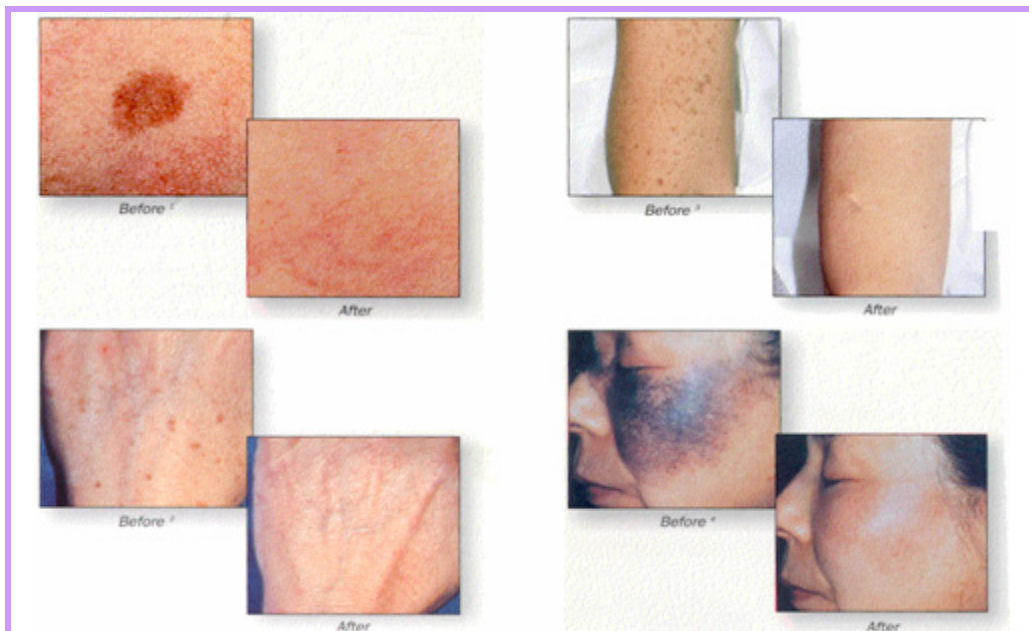
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Laser removal of scars, moles, sunspots and birthmarks



General Information

The q-switched Nd: yag laser is used to treat brown spots and pigmented lesions. Age spots, "liver spots", freckles and many brown birthmarks are included in the conditions that can be effectively treated with laser surgery. The Nd: yag laser light is emitted in short pulses, the impact of which has been described as similar to the snap of an elastic band against the skin. The laser light energy is able to treat brown spots and lesions by selectively targeting dark concentrations of the melanin in the skin.

Scar Reduction

The Silktouch CO2 laser is used to smooth out several types of scars. The treatment recommended is particular to each scar due to its size, location and type but in many instances a significant improvement can be achieved with laser treatment. The Silktouch CO2 laser is used to smooth out scars, blending them with surrounding skin to make them less prominent. Other lasers can be used in combination to treat discoloration. Following treatment the area will be pink and tender while the skin heals.

Pigmented Lesions

Most common pigmented lesions are effectively treated with one treatment; larger lesions may require more than one treatment. It should be noted that due to the nature of some pigmented lesions they may recur with time. Healing following laser treatment for brown spots usually takes between 2-4 weeks. There may be some residual pinkness which takes longer to fade, but can be concealed with make up.

Treatment of Moles

There are many different types of moles, which can or should be removed for either medical and/or cosmetic reasons. Depending on the size, appearance and location of the mole a range of treatment options can be considered. In most instances the mole will be biopsied to ensure it is not of medical concern. Moles that are purely cosmetic can be treated using lasers to resurface the area and /or treat the darker pigment. The type of treatment options available or recommended for your particular condition would be discussed in consultation. For further information feel free to contact the Midwest Laser Surgery Centre.