

Laser Pearl

Patients today are seeking a more aggressive treatment for facial lines and texture without the lengthy downtime of traditional ablative procedures. Cutera's introduction of Pearl™ with proprietary YSGG technology provides this optimal balance between cosmetic benefit and patient downtime. During treatment, a portion of the epidermis is removed. There is simultaneous thermal injury to all or part of the remaining epidermis. This creates a natural protective dressing on the skin to minimize downtime during the restorative process.

What is the Pearl procedure?

The Pearl procedure combines the impact of resurfacing lasers with the gentleness and safety of non-invasive procedures to treat aging and sun-damaged skin. Pearl reduces wrinkles, uneven texture and solar damage with fewer treatments and less overall recovery than other technologies to provide a healthy, pearl-like glow.

What is "social" downtime?

Downtime is the time spent recovering from a procedure. With "social" downtime, you can continue your normal daily activities. However, you may not wish to attend important social events because your face will appear pink/red for 3 - 4 days.

How does a Pearl treatment feel?

The Pearl treatment feels like a series of brief pinches. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 representing pain, most patients report the treatment feeling like a 2 or 3.

When will I see results? How soon can I wear make-up after a Pearl treatment?

Results are noticeable by day 3 or 4 when the superficial tissue has peeled off, leaving fresh, new, healthy skin underneath. Make-up may be applied at this time.

Are there any restrictions on my activity after a Pearl treatment?

After treatment, the skin will look and feel mildly sunburned. You will apply ointment on the skin for 3 - 4 days. Since you cannot wear sunscreen during this time, you will need to wear protective clothing and limit sun exposure for a few days after the treatment.

How many treatments are recommended?

Some patients may require two treatments spaced approximately one month apart to achieve the desired results. Other patients may need only one treatment.

Can Pearl be part of a combination therapy treatment?

Yes, patients may choose to have a Pearl treatment followed by separate visits for 3D Skin Rejuvenation, Titan, or injectables. Discuss combination therapies with your practitioner.

How does Pearl compare to other laser treatments?

Pearl offers the most effective treatment to address fine lines, uneven texture and discoloration without wound care and the lengthy downtime required with certain Erbium and CO2 laser procedures. Compared to today's fractionated technologies, Pearl offers noticeable results in just one treatment versus 4 - 6 fractionated treatments.

Who is a candidate for a Pearl treatment?

Patients with light to medium skin tones and mild to moderate sun damage are the ideal candidates.