



Laser Tattoo Removal Singapore Clinic

Had body art done on a whim but itching to get rid of it? Not sure on who to ask?



How Does It Work?

Laser tattoo removal is non-invasive treatment that targets pigmented ink with short intense pulses, leaving skin unharmed. Depending on the size, placement, depth and colour, several treatments may be needed.

You will need to go through a consultation session that will brief you on the tattoo removal process. For most patients, the expensive price point is a driving factor in their decision. Do take note that it costs around ten times more to get a tattoo

removed as compared to getting it inked. This is regarded as the standard price point for a single treatment.

Professional Tattoo Removal: What To Expect

Tattoos cannot be removed with just one session and will need multiple follow up consultations to achieve its desired effect. In some cases, it may even take one whole year to thoroughly remove all visible signs of ink from your skin. Do take note that tattoos with multiple colours and those which are done by professional tattooist are more difficult to remove. (see the Kirby-Desai scale below)

Tattooed skin requires sufficient time to heal between treatments as your body's immune system work overtime in flushing the ink away. It's endorsed to take at least 4-6 weeks between laser sessions and 8 weeks for those with darker skin tones. There may be some scabbing or redness forming at treated area.

Clustering these treatments together can increase the likelihood of damage and have lasting side effects on your skin. This is because the body doesn't have enough time to get rid of the ink that was fragmented during the latest session.

Most patients will require around 5 to 8 treatments, while others will see a comprehensive removal in 3 or 4. In some extreme cases, there are those that need more than 10 treatments if there is considerable skin disfigurement or layered tattoos.

The Kirby-Desai scale

The Kirby-Desai scale is a useful and renown tool for determining the required number of treatments a tattoo will need for removal.

The scale in question will take the following factors into consideration:

- Tattoo layering (if there is another ink on top of another)
- Part of the body
- Depth of ink (colour strength of tattoo, whether it was applied by a seasoned artist)
- Existing skin disfigurement
- Ink shades
- Fitzpatrick skin type

Do take note that the swiftness of removal is entirely dependent on the patient and tattoo complexity.

The Kirby-Desai scale was first introduced in 2009, with the technology showing an improvement in removing tattoos, as it continues to be an excellent tool for accessing where a patient stands on the bell curve. There are also other considerations such as patient wellbeing, that play a role in the speed of removal.

If a patient is young, physically able, and possess a hardy immune system, they will often see results quicker than a mature, obese individual with health complications. Patients should exercise, drink enough water and massage the afflicted area (upon healing) as they are good aftercare tips for those that want the best results.

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