

# PRP

### **Contraindications:**

You should not have PRP treatments if you have any of the following conditions:

- An impaired immune system due to immunosuppressive diseases or medications.
- Skin conditions/dermatological diseases including any facial cancer.
- Steroid therapy, communicable diseases, blood disorders and platelet abnormalities, anticoagulation therapy (i.e. Warfarin)
- Do not have PRP treatments if you are pregnant.

### PRE-CARE

### 7 days before treatment:

- Discontinue blood thinning agents such as vitamin E, vitamin A, Ginko, Garlic, Flax, Cod Liver Oil, and Essential Fatty Acids, and multivitamins 7 -14 days prior to treatment. It's fine to continue iron and vitamin D.
- If you are taking any blood thinners, please let your provider know as they may represent a contraindication to this treatment. These medications include Plavix, Coumadin, and Heparin.
- Avoid aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Iburprofen, Naproxen, Voltaren and other antiinflammatory medications. We want inflammation to occur – as this is one mechanism by which PRP works.
- You may use Tylenol (acetaminophen) as needed prior to the treatment.
- Avoid excessive sun or heat exposure.

## 3 days before treatment:

- Maintain hydration and minimize alcohol consumption.
- If possible, refrain from or minimize smoking prior to your procedure as it impacts the healing process.

## Day of Procedure:

- Eat a normal breakfast or lunch the day of your PRP session.
- Stay hydrated.



### **POST-CARE**

- It is normal to experience bruising, redness, itching, swelling and/or soreness that may last from 2-5 days following your treatment. If you experience any pain or discomfort you may take Tylenol or other Acetaminophen-containing products as directed.
- You may have a bruise at the blood draw site.
- You may notice a tingling sensation while the cells are being activated.
- In rare cases, skin infection or reaction may occur, which is easily treated with an antibiotic or inflammatory.
- It is preferred to avoid icing the area unless the swelling is substantial.
- Continue to avoid aspirin, Advil, Motrin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, Voltaren and other antiinflammatory medications for 3 days after your procedure.
- Avoid vigorous exercise, sun and heat exposure for at least 1 day after your treatment.
- Avoid saunas, steam rooms, swimming for 2 days after your treatment.
- Avoid smoking for 3 days after treatment. Smoking prolongs healing, and results may take longer.
- Continue increased water intake the first week after your treatment.
- Do not use blood thinning agents such as vitamin E, vitamin A, Ginko, Garlic, Flax, Cod Liver Oil, Essential Fatty Acids and least one week after your treatment.

### Contact the Office Immediately if any of the Following Signs of Infection Occur:

- Drainage that looks like pus or areas of paleness, or a lacy blue pattern.
- Increased warmth or throbbing at or around the treated area.
- Fever of 101.5 or greater.
- Severe pain that is unresponsive to over-the-counter pain relievers.