AFTERCARE

Congratulations on your new tattoo and thank you for choosing FRANCHI!

01 INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NEW TATTOO

If you try to follow this simple healing method you will have the best results! We recommend washing the tattooed area GENTLY every 2-3 hours with warm water and a disposable paper towel, gauze or cotton pad, pat the area dry.

Apply a THIN layer of the barrier cream that has been supplied to you in the morning and at night. (Clean with warm water before applying)

Keep it out of the sun throughout the healing process. Do not apply ANY cosmetics in this area and avoid sweating for AT LEAST 10-14 days. Keep the area clean and let it breathe!

That's it! :-)

02 WHAT TO EXPECT

Immediately following your procedure, the tattooed area will appear to be darker and bolder in colour and more sharply defined. This can last up to a week after the treatment. The treated area may feel a bit like sunburn afterwards but there should be minimal discomfort. During the initial healing period, there should be minimal scabbing or flaking of the skin. If there is some scabbing or flaking, do not pick, and allow the scab or dry skin to come off on its own. The complete healing process takes about 6-8 weeks. During this process, your tattoo will soften and lighten. Be patient! Wait at least 6 WEEKS to see the true colour, as it seems to take on new strength, and it is only after 8-12 weeks that your touch-up/adjustment can be done.

03 WHAT NOT TO DO

You may shower or bathe normally, but avoid getting any soaps, shampoos or cleansers for the first 10 days in that area.

DO NOT:

-pick or scratch at the dry skin/flakiness; let the skin fall off naturally. IMPORTANT: Once the flakes have fallen off, a shiny layer of healed skin will completely cover the hair strokes. Within 1-2 weeks, the hair strokes will slowly reappear at their lighter shade.

- apply make-up to the tattooed area for the first 2 weeks.

- use Vaseline, Neosporin or other petroleum based products while healing.

- apply any anti-acne products (e.g., Benzoyl Peroxide, Salicylic Acid, Proactiv, etc.) or lightening creams such as hydroquinone.

- bleach, tint or dye the tattooed area for one month.

- anti-aging products or facial products containing Alpha Hydroxy Acids (AHAS), Retin-A, Lactic or Glycolic Acid.

- thread, wax, or use hair removal products on the treated areas while healing.

- swim for 14 days.

- soak your face underwater or allow the shower to spray directly into your face for two weeks.

04 ONCE HEALED

Once completely healed, you may apply sunscreen on the treated area. Wear large sunglasses and a hat for further protection. Rinse and dry the area thoroughly when in contact with chlorine.

Glycolic acid, microdermabrasion, and chemical face peel products must be kept away from the tattooed area. If you are having laser resurfacing or laser hair removal after your tattoo has healed, please inform the laser technician.

Once the treated area is completely healed, any changes or additions that need to be made can be done at your follow-up appointment no sooner than 8-12 weeks later.

There are no implied or written guarantees if you do not take care of your tattoo.

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