

Croton oil face peel

Croton oil face peel is the name of the non surgical treatment that can erase the majority of your wrinkles

Croton oil face peel is one of the most popular procedures in cosmetic surgery.

If you consider having this treatment, you need to know a few things about it.

1) What happens during the initial consultation?

- You will meet your surgeon and will tell him exactly what you want, why you want it (generally to erase lines without surgery) and for how long.
- You will be asked to give information about your previous operations (cosmetic and non cosmetic), your health condition, your current medications, your allergies to medications, if you are a smoker or not, if you have a history of hypertrophic scar, of hyperpigmentation, and if you ever had cold sores
- Your surgeon will examine your face, take note of all the wrinkles that bother you on the face and /or on the neck, and the type of skin you have
- Then, the whole treatment will be explained to you in details, including:
 - the type of anesthesia (local, sedation or general)
 - the type of chemical peel used, its different concentrations used according to the part of the face concerned; the length of the treatment; the type of ointment or bandage used at the end of the procedure
 - the treatment usually takes one hour; you can stay a few hours in a hospital or decide to stay overnight (when you have the bandage on)
 - What to expect when you wake up, and in the next 14 days (scabs, redness, itchiness..)

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-What to do in the 7 days following the treatment (the way to clean your face, the type of cream to be used

-When your next appointments at the office take place

2)What happens when you decide to go ahead with your treatment?

You will have a second consultation where everything is explained again.

Then, you call the office and we book the hospital for you.

You might need to do a blood test(usually in a private lab),mostly to check your red and white cells and your coagulation and also , you will have an allergic test (at the back of your ear)

If the treatment is carried out under general or sedation, you will have to stop eating, drinking and smoking 6 hours before

You will see your surgeon before going to theater and have time to ask him any question you forgot to ask before.

He will ask you to sign a consent form, where all the possible risks are mentioned. He will then take some before photographs (they will stay in your file and are totally confidential)

-Then, you will meet the anesthetist and you will be taken to theater.

Your treatment takes about one hour. You will spend half an hour in recovery, before being taken back to your room.

You will be discharged few hours later.

3)What can I expect from this treatment ?

Generally, most of the lines will totally disappear , and especially , around the mouth and around the eyes.

Sometimes, this treatment is also used for acne scars

The croton oil face peel is NOT recommended if your skin is dark or if you have a past history of hypertrophic scars

4)What happens after the treatment?

-Back home you are supposed to take it easy: no sport, no heavy lifting for 3 weeks

-you might have to stay in for a week , due to the redness of the face

-You will have to follow the instructions carefully:how to wash, how to moisturize, how to protect your face from the sun

-You will feel uncomfortable, but not sore

- You will be told to take some antibiotics, and a preventive treatment against cold sores for one week

-You are supposed to come back to the clinic once a week for 4 weeks

The initial swelling will disappear within 3 weeks, the redness within 5 weeks ,the scabs within one week

5)What are the risks of this treatment?

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Apart from the usual side effects (pain(3-5 days), swelling, redness, scabbing, itchiness), there are some potential risks ,which are still very rare:

-scars: hypertrophic scars (only if you have a past history of hypertrophic scars)

-pigmentation problems: hyper/hypo pigmentation (only if you are prone to have a wrong pigmentation after sun exposure)

-cold sores

-infection (this is why you have the antibiotics)(there is always a risk of infection with any type of treatment)

Again all these risks of complications are rare, but remember that surgery is not an exact science and there is no magic in surgery.

If there is a complication that requires surgery, the patient has to pay for hospital and anesthetist fees, and sometimes ,for surgeon fees

Would you have more questions, do not hesitate to ask your surgeon,who will be always pleased to see you again during a second consultation