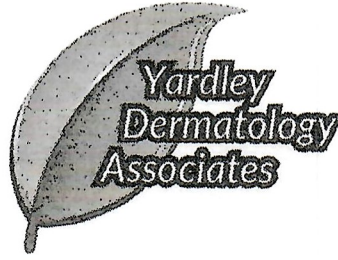


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MINIMIZE SURGICAL SCARRING

Scarring after surgery is typically minimal, near invisible, and fades away with no treatment. However, in some circumstances further treatment is desired to help scars blend with the surrounding skin and reduce their appearance. Listed below are treatment options we recommend for before and after your procedure when scar reduction is requested.

We offer the following procedures in our office at a dramatically reduced cost to our surgical patients:

- **Botox® (Botulinum Toxin Type A)**

Studies show *pre-operative* Botox® injections improve scar cosmeses for lesions on the forehead. Please inquire with your dermatologist prior to your procedure, because treatment 2 weeks before surgery yields the best results.

- **Laser therapy**

Improves contour and decreases redness.

We also recommend these additional treatment options and suggestions for scar reduction:

- **Topical Creams –**

Silicone based gels such as Stratpharma Strataderm Scar Therapy Gel.

- **Scar-reduction Pads**

Such as ScarAway® (available in our office) or Curad® Silicone Strips (available online and at your local pharmacy).

- **Sun Protection**

SPF 30-50 with UV A&B protection is recommended. We carry an excellent line of effective sunscreens in our office.

A NOTE REGARDING POST-PROCEDURE WOUND CARE

After your procedure, you will need to administer wound care to the surgery site for 1-2 weeks following your procedure. Additionally, an appointment for removal of sutures may be required 1-2 weeks following your procedure. We do not recommend travel during this time. Please consider the necessity for post-procedure care when scheduling your Mohs surgery with our practice