

# First Follow up Reminders after Laser Liposuction

# **Hygiene:**

It is okay to shower. However, bathing in a tub or a hot-tub is not recommended for another 3 weeks.

## Healing:

- Swelling, pain, sensitivity, and bruising are normal. A bruise dissolves from black to purple, and then to green and yellow, and then disappears. The healing process for a bruise is not the same for everyone. Some people are easy bruisers and take longer.
- Switch from ice to warm compresses for 10 minutes twice a day.
- Do not use a heating pad.
- Massage-
  - In the morning when taking a shower use soap and water to massage the
  - In the evening, use baby oil for about 5 minutes (duration of commercial break on TV)
- Scar care -You should massage the incisions twice a day with Mederma (available at a drug store) or you can also use Biocorneum which is a silicone based gel that bonds directly to the skin. This is available at our office.
- Gentle Intimacy is okay if you are comfortable.

# Compression Garment:

- Wear the compression garment for at least one more week.
- Wearing an over the counter garment such as "Spanx" is recommended to be used at least 8 hours a day for the next 4 weeks. You can wear it while you sleep or during the day while you are at work.
- Most people get a little discomfort and more swelling by the end of the day for the first month.

### Exercise:

| 0 | 1 week  | $\rightarrow$ | Brisk walking                                     |
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| 0 | 2 weeks | $\rightarrow$ | Stationary bike (minimal arm movements- arm lipo) |
| 0 | 3 weeks | $\rightarrow$ | Elliptical, Pilates                               |
| 0 | 4 weeks | $\rightarrow$ | Stair master, Yoga                                |
| 0 | 5 weeks | $\rightarrow$ | Running, weight training and muscle toning        |









