

Platelet Rich Plasma is blood plasma containing a high concentration of platelets (also known as thrombocytes).

FAQ'S

What is PRP?

PRP stands for Platelet Rich Plasma - blood plasma containing a high concentration of platelets (also known as thrombocytes).

PRP therapy helps to accelerate and promote the body 's natural healing and rejuvenation process without subjecting patients to significant risk. Blood is taken directly from the patient, in a procedure similar to a blood test. The blood placed in a centrifuge, which separates the red blood cells from PRP. The PRP is then directly injected into the focus area to support and help accelerate the process of tissue regeneration and repair.

PRP contains fundamental growth factors, which are activated by the platelets which help initiate the tissue regeneration process. For example, when you cut yourself, the body's natural response is to attract platelets that release growth factors and facilitate healing. By concentrating the platelets we increase the release of growth factors.

What areas can be treated?

- Face
- Neck
- Decolletage
- Hands
- Hair Loss

Are results instant?

Typically first results are visible 2 weeks weeks after treatment and full results around 4 months after, as platelets stimulate the release of growth factors which assist in collagen regeneration. Increasing the collagen in your skin means over time your skin will appear rejuvenated, younger and fresher looking. Results will vary from one individual to the other.

How long do the results last?

Treatment results vary however in most patients the results last up to 18 months. Touch up treatments will maintain the results as well.

How long does the treatment take?

An initial consultation will be completed with all new clients, with all paperwork and consent forms completed and a review by our doctor to authorise the treatment. Generally an initial appointment will take 1.5-2 hours. All future treatments should only take around 1 hour.

Does it hurt?

Different areas of the face attract different pain scales. Lips and around the

mouth can be a little more sensitive than other areas on the face. The injections may sting a little however most people tolerate the treatment well with the use of topical anaesthesia and/or ice.

Are there any side effects?

The injection may sting for a short while, and in some cases can cause some temporary localised reactions. While every precaution will be taken to prevent any complication, and that complications from this procedure are rare, they can and sometimes do occur. These include but are not limited to;

- Redness, pain/ tenderness of area treated
- Bruising
- Swelling
- Itchiness/ tingling sensation.
- Petechiae (small pin prick bruises)

Who is not suitable for PRP?

- People with conditions or past history of:
- Facial cancer, past and present. This includes SCC, BCC and melanoma.
- Systemic cancer with past chemotherapy.
- Steroid therapy.
- Dermatological diseases affecting the face (i.e. Porphyria).
- Blood disorders and platelet abnormalities.
- Anticoagulation therapy (i.e.: Warfarin).
- Current smoker.

How many treatments will I need?

This may vary depending on your skin condition, lifestyle and your expectations. 3 treatments, 4-6 weeks apart is normal. Once you are happy with the results you can simply maintain the look with top-up treatments maybe every 12-24 months.