**Broadband Light Therapy (BBL HERO)**

 **Overview**

 BBL Hero is the next generation of phototherapy. This non-invasive procedure offers a safe and effective treatment for hyperpigmentation caused by the sun, small blood vessels, rosacea, acne, and collagen stimulation. The results include brighter, even-toned, smoother, and younger looking skin anywhere on the body.

 **Pre-Treatment Guidelines:**

* Avoid tanning, spray tanning, self-tanners 4 weeks prior to procedure
* If you have a history of the HSV-1 virus, you will need a prescription prior to your appointment for an antiviral medication. Follow the instructions on the bottle as directed by your medical provider
* Wait 3 months post Accutane before procedure
* Avoid treatment if you are pregnant or lactating
* Discontinue the use of prescriptions that contain Retin-A (tretinoin) 3-5 days prior to procedure
* Depending on your skin type, and if we are treating you for sun-damage, it is beneficial to have you pretreat 2-4 weeks prior to treatment with a 4% Hydroquinone

**Post Treatment Guidelines:**

* Wear sunscreen with a zinc base and a 30 SPF or higher daily; avoid direct sun exposure
* Avoid direct sun exposure, self-tanners and spray tanning 1 week post procedure
* Redness, discomfort, tenderness, dry skin, irritation, itching, and local swelling are the most common adverse effects and generally subside 1-48 hours following treatment
* Your skin might feel like a mild sunburn; ice or use a cool compress as needed
* If swelling occurs, you may sleep at a 45-degree angle; take an OTC antihistamine such as Allegra or Benadryl
* If we are treating you for sun-damage or brown spots, expect the brown spots to appear darker like coffee grounds for 5-7 days post procedure
* Do not pick, scrub, scratch, or rub the brown spots off of your skin; keep skin hydrated and it will heal appropriately
* Use a mild cleanser and moisturizer recommended by your skin care professional
* Avoid lakes, hot tubs, saunas, hot showers, and extreme physical activity for 48 hours
* Do not use any loofahs or harsh exfoliants for 2-4 weeks on the treated area