## Fitzpatrick scale self assessment

| Genetic Disposition                                 |                                  |                        |                         |                |                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Score                                               | 0                                | 1                      | 2                       | 3              | 4              |
| What are the color of your eyes?                    | Light<br>blue,<br>Gray,<br>Green | Blue, Gray or<br>Green | Blue                    | Dark<br>Brown  | Brownish Black |
| What is the natural color of your hair?             | Sandy<br>Red                     | Blond                  | Chestnut/Dark<br>Blond  | Dark<br>Brown  | Black          |
| What is the color of your skin (non exposed areas)? | Reddish                          | Very Pale              | Pale with<br>Beige tint | Light<br>Brown | Dark Brown     |
| Do you have freckles on unexposed areas?            | Many                             | Several                | Few                     | Incidental     | none           |

| Reaction to Sun Exposure                                   |                                      |                                      |                                           |                |                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|
| Score                                                      | 0                                    | 1                                    | 2                                         | 3              | 4                          |
| What happens when you stay in the sun too long?            | Painful redness, blistering, peeling | Blistering<br>followed by<br>peeling | Burns sometimes<br>followed by<br>peeling | Rare<br>burns  | Never had<br>burns         |
| To What degree do you turn brown?                          | Hardly or not at all                 | Light color tan                      | Reasonable tan                            | Tan very easy  | Turn dark<br>brown quickly |
| Do you turn brown within several hours after sun exposure? | Never                                | Seldom                               | Sometimes                                 | Often          | Always                     |
| How does your face react to the sun?                       | Very sensitive                       | Sensitive                            | Normal                                    | Very resistant | Never had a problem        |



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| Tanning Habits                                                                   |                        |                      |                |                       |                          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Score                                                                            | 0                      | 1                    | 2              | 3                     | 4                        |
| When did you last expose your body to sun (or artificial sunlamp/tanning cream)? | More than 3 months ago | 2-3<br>months<br>ago | 1-2 months ago | Less than a month ago | Less than 2<br>weeks ago |
| Did you expose the area to be treated to the sun?                                | Never                  | Hardly<br>ever       | Sometimes      | Often                 | Always                   |
| Total score for tanning habits                                                   | _                      |                      |                |                       |                          |
| Add up the total scores for each of the three sections for your Skin Type Score. | 1                      |                      | Fitzpatrick Sk | in Type               |                          |
| Skin Type Score                                                                  |                        |                      |                |                       |                          |

| of the three sections for your Skin Type Score. | Fitzpatrick Skin Type |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Skin Type Score                                 |                       |  |
| 0-7                                             | I                     |  |
| 8-16                                            | II                    |  |
| 17-25                                           | III                   |  |
| 25-30                                           | IV                    |  |
| over 30                                         | V-VI                  |  |

## Lighter skins Type 1,2, 3 / Tones 35 – 75

Whiter, lighter skins can take more power before burning. Use the same joules setting but wider pulse width, narrower intervals and fewer pulses for a more powerful shot. Up the Joules and decrease the intervals as necessary.

This powerful treatment will give the most effective treatment in the shortest time span.

## Darker skins Type 3 – 5 / Tones 70 – 127

Darker skins burn more easily so need a gentler setting.

Using the same Joules setting, use shorter pulse widths, longer intervals and more pulses.

Increase the Joules and the pulse width as necessary.

This will give a gentler shot and treat the target area without burning the surrounding tissue, although this may require more treatments in order to get effective results.

If the treatment is not powerful enough to effect treatment then the therapist can either shorten the interval between pulses, increase the pulse width or up the Joules of the shot.

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