

## Tattoo Removal

At Beautologie we are excited to offer one of Bakersfield first truly dedicated Tattoo removal devices, the Q-switched Nd-Yag laser. Every day, we see patients from every walk of life that have second thoughts about their tattoos. What once seemed like a good idea just doesn't fit your new image and you wish it would go away. Now, we can make your wish come true. Using the Q-switched Nd-Yag laser we can safely remove your tattoo.

### How are the Tattoos removed?

The Q-switched Nd Yag uses an intense beam of light to significantly lighten or completely remove your tattoo. When ink particles of your tattoo absorb the light from the laser, they are broken up into tiny fragments. These fragments are then absorbed through your body's natural cleansing mechanism. This process generally takes a few weeks. The treated area scabs over which generally falls over after a few days taking some of the ink with it.

Multiple treatments are generally required to obtain your desired results.

### What will my skin look like after the treatment?

Right after each session your skin may be reddish or blister. Also there may be minimal swelling which will resolve over a couple days. Maximum results will be seen in 6-8 weeks at which time we would perform the next session.

### What does the laser feel like?

Some patients say it feels like a slight sting like the snap of a rubber band or a sunburn like sensation. A topical numbing cream applied prior to treatment will lessen this sensation.

### How many treatments are required?

The number of treatments required for maximum improvement depends on the size, location, depth, and color of your tattoo. Treatments are generally 6-8 weeks apart and sessions generally last 15-20 minutes. Patients will generally start to appreciate lightening of the tattoo just after the first session however 5-15 treatments are generally required for optimum results.



-Before Treatment-



-After 2 Treatments-



-After 3 Treatments-



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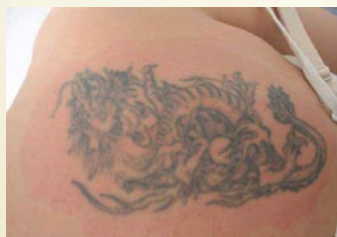
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-Before Treatment-



-After 6 Treatments-



-Before Treatment-



-After 2 Treatments-



-After 5 Treatments-

### **My tattoo has lots of colors. Can it be removed?**

Our laser treats all colors, however some colors such as orange and yellow are more difficult to treat than darker colors such as black and dark blue. Lighter colors may require more treatments.

### **I had my first treatment and nothing seems different. Is this normal?**

Yes. Some people may even see their tattoo get darker with their first treatment. Everyone responds at a different rate.

### **I had a treatment a week ago and it seems all healed.**

#### **Can I come back sooner than six weeks?**

Healing is not the reason for the spacing of your treatments. The laser does not expel the ink, it breaks it up so your body's immune system can take it away. If you treat your tattoo too frequently, the laser is simply targeting the ink your body hasn't had the chance to remove, and you pay more for the same result.

#### **Are there any limitations after treatment?**

You may resume all activities soon after treatment, provided you ensure the area is not rubbed or scratched. If you are in the sun, you should cover the treated area to prevent sunburn until the skin has healed.

### **I love this tattoo, but there's this one part that bugs me.**

#### **Can I have just a piece of it removed?**

Yes. We can take the face off your pin-up girl to have it redone. We can take just the name off the banner across your heart. Our lasers are very accurate.

### **I have permanent make-up (lip liner, eyeliner, eyebrows).**

#### **Can you remove it?**

We do not treat these types of tattoos. Some cosmetic inks have metallic bases. When the laser comes in contact with these inks, it can turn black. Be cautious of anyone who says they can effectively remove cosmetic ink. Once this darkening occurs, it cannot be removed by any laser. You may end up with permanent black lip liner. Tattooed eyeliner cannot be removed due to the danger of the laser near the eye, and the ink in permanent eyebrows could migrate up the forehead causing a shadow effect.

### **Do I have to pay for my entire treatment in advance?**

No, and we offer multiple area discounts for those removing multiple tattoos in the same session.

### **Will I have a scar?**

Most patients will not scar, however, scarring is a possibility in any medical procedure involving the skin. If you are predisposed to Keloids, or you scar easily, your chances are higher. Compliance with our aftercare instructions will greatly reduce your chances of scarring.