

How to Choose Your Laser Center

Complimentary Consultation – Not a Sales Pitch

Is there pressure to purchase? Your consultation is a time for you to learn about lasers. Not a sales pitch – no pressure. A complimentary consultation should be provided to determine if you are a good candidate for laser before you commit to any treatment. Not everyone is a candidate for laser treatments. If you aren't – the provider should tell you. Complimentary consultations for laser services should be provided by a Physician Extender, such as a Physician's Assistant or Nurse Practitioner.

Experience

Seek a laser center that has extensive experience with providing various laser treatments. An experienced facility should have performed thousands of treatments. Seek a facility that has provided laser training to other medical professionals. Providers should be trained thoroughly by a qualified clinical trainer. Providers should be warm, discreet and accustomed to providing safe laser treatments. Laser technicians should have training in appropriate medical documentation to ensure clear, thorough documentation to ensure you will receive a consistent series of treatments.

Physician Owned & Operated – Not a Franchise

Who is the medical doctor who owns and operates the practice? Research the physician on North Carolina's Medical Board [website](#). The aesthetic laser center that you elect to receive treatment from should have a board-certified plastic surgeon onsite who directly oversees laser treatments. Facilities should adhere to the safety, cleanliness and truth in advertising guidelines outlined by the NC Medical Board and The American Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Variety of Laser Services for All Skin Types

There is not a single laser that effectively treats all skin concerns on all skin types. Dark or tanned skin requires a laser with a long pulse. A longer pulse means that more of the laser energy is delivered to the target rather than to the surface of the skin where pigmentation problems might occur with lasers designed to treat light skin. Laser centers should have multiple lasers to ensure a safe and effective treatment will be performed.

No Packages or Prepayments

Can treatments be purchased per session? Clients will come back because they have great results- not because they have a binding long term contract. Each person will respond a little differently to treatment and some people will require more treatments than others. Others may determine that they wish to discontinue their treatments after one or two sessions.

Patient Safety

Patient safety should be every laser centers top priority. As with any procedure, you should be given an informed consent to read over that explains all the possible risks. At every appointment, a pre-treatment consent reviewing various contraindications such as sun exposure, medication changes, and health history changes as these things could possibly make the skin more sensitive to the thermal energy of the laser should be completed. Smoke evacuators should be placed in each laser room to eliminate potentially dangerous plume for the safety of patients and staff.

Why Blue Water Spa/Michael Law MD?

Blue Water Spa's Director of Training has been providing laser training to medical professionals for decades. We continue to learn and train others about the safest, most effective, fastest, and most comfortable laser hair removal available. More than 200,000 laser services have been performed at Blue Water Spa since 2003. Michael Law MD is onsite and directly oversees laser treatments. At Blue Water Spa, we have seven different lasers that we utilize for treatments. Your aesthetic needs will be assessed and a customized treatment plan will be developed. We see patients of all ages: from teens, 20's, 40's, 60's and beyond. We have an aesthetic tool box that we use to address skin care needs from patients. We offer laser hair removal, skin tightening, pigmentation removal, tattoo removal, laser acne treatments, laser treatments for redness – any skin care need you have – Blue Water Spa has a safe and effective treatment option.

