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POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS AND RISKS OF LASER HAIR TREATMENT

1. **DISCOMFORT:** Some discomfort may be experienced during the laser treatment, but it is minimized by applying cool aloe gel directly to the skin during the treatment. In addition, the laser handpiece cools and soothes as it glides along your skin. Some areas are more sensitive than others, so occasionally an anesthetic cream may be required before the treatment commences.
2. **HEALING:** A small percentage of patients may notice some blistering, burning, crustiness, or flaking of the treated areas that may require 1-3 weeks to heal. Call the office if this develops. Once healing has occurred, the area may be pink and sensitive to the sun for an additional amount of time.
3. **REDNESS, SWELLING, BRUISING:** Short-term redness, swelling, or occasional bruising of the treated area may occur.
4. **INFECTION:** A skin infection is a rare, but possible, complication.
5. **PIGMENT CHANGES:** There is a rare possibility that color changes in the treated skin area (lighter or darker than the surrounding skin) may occur. This usually is temporary, but may last for months. They rarely lead to permanent changes.
6. **SCARRING:** Permanent scarring from the treatment is rare, but is a possibility when the skin's surface is disrupted. Strict adherence to the aftercare guidelines minimizes the chances of this complication.
7. **EYE EXPOSURE:** Protective eyewear will be provided during the procedure and is extremely important to keep on at all times during the treatment. This will protect your eyes from accidental laser exposure, which could result in permanent eye damage.

