



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Sofwave?

Sofwave is an ultrasound device that is FDA approved to non-surgically tighten and lift the neck, jawline, nasolabial folds, “jowls,” eyebrows, areas of cellulite, laxity in the upper arms, and treat acne scars.

How is this different from Fraxel?

Fraxel treats the epidermis (top layer of the skin) to improve skin tone and texture. Sofwave treats the dermis (deeper in the skin) to tighten and lift.

How many treatments are needed?

One. Some patients elect to get yearly maintenance treatments. Older patients (70’s), or those with significant skin laxity may need 2 treatments spaced 4-8 weeks apart.

When can you do Sofwave?

Any time of year, safe to treat in the summer (it does not affect the epidermis/ top layer of the skin). It is okay for patients to have an active tan.

Who is a good candidate for Sofwave?

Best candidates are patients younger than 65 with mild to moderate skin laxity who are able to build collagen after treatment.

How long does the procedure take?

45-60 minutes. No need to come early for numbing.

Contraindications:

You can’t use Sofwave if you have active/severe cystic acne, open wounds, are pregnant, or have metal implants.

What does it feel like?

It is tolerable without topical numbing (4-5/10 pain). Each “pulse” (time you activate the ultrasound) heats the tissue and feels like warm pins and needles. I will use a Zimmer attached to the Fraxel, which is a cooling device that makes the procedure much more tolerable.

What is the downtime?

Because Sofwave treats the dermis rather than the surface of the skin, there is NO visible downtime at all. Ok to return to work, exercise, go in the sun, get in a sauna, etc immediately after treatment.

Can you do Sofwave at the same time as other cosmetic treatments?

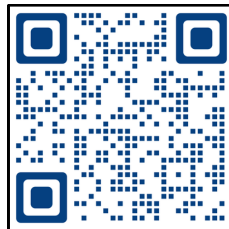
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Cost?

Depends on the area treated. Range: \$750-\$3,000



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