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**PIGMENTED LESIONS**  
**LASER TREATMENT**

Pigmented lesions that are caused by a deposit of pigmented cells (Melanocytes) at various depths under the skin surface can be treated with the CANDELA system.

The laser will focus on the unwanted pigment in your skin and shatter it, without damaging your normal skin. The following factors should be considered in your decision to undergo this laser treatment:

- Multiple laser treatments are usually necessary. Lentigines (sun or age spots) require 3-5 treatments.
- Treatments are usually scheduled at intervals of 4-6 weeks, depending on your healing time.
- The laser causes a snapping sensation, making it mildly uncomfortable. People who are very sensitive may require an anaesthetic cream (Emla) before the treatment.
- Immediately after the treatment, swelling and bruising, followed by crusting, can occur. This may persist for 1 to 2 weeks.
- Fading of the treated lesion can continue for up to 6 months, in some instances. There is no guarantee that your condition can be completely treated by laser.
- The side effects of this procedure are minimal, but a small risk of the following could occur after the laser treatment: Skin texture change, scarring, pigmentation (light or dark), infection, incomplete removal of pigmented lesions and an allergic reaction.
- After each treatment, it is vital to keep the treated area clean at all times. Use a mild cleanser that does not contain fruit acids or alcohol. If necessary, apply Bactroban regularly to the treated area. Use sun block regularly throughout the day.
- Do not scratch or pick off scabs as this will lead to scarring.

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions before, during or after your treatment.

**NOTE: A TEST SPOT NEEDS TO BE DONE PRIOR TO YOUR FIRST TREATMENT**