

WESTSIDE DERMATOLOGY

"CAN HELP YOU ERASE A PIECE OF YOUR PAST"

Westside Dermatology is Queensland's premier Laser Specialist group. Our team has been involved in tattoo removal for over 15 years and is the region's most experienced centre for tattoo removal. Our team of experts have assisted over a 1000 clients remove unwanted tattoos, or provide a palate for your tattoo artists to create a new work of art. We combine both expertise and the latest in Laser technology to offer the best possible results.

Why should I see a Specialist centre to remove my tattoo?

Removing a tattoo is as important as getting one! Our experts at Westside Dermatology are the most experienced in Queensland and have been involved in tattoo removal for over 15 years. We have established a unique professional reputation and relationship with tattooists and the tattooing community in South East Queensland.

How do I book in to remove my tattoo?

Call reception on **07 3871 34 37** to make a booking for a consultation with our Laser Specialist.

Westside Dermatology is the only Specialist Centre in Queensland to offer tattoo removal.

More information on laser tattoo removal visit us at:
www.brisbanetattooremovals.com.au

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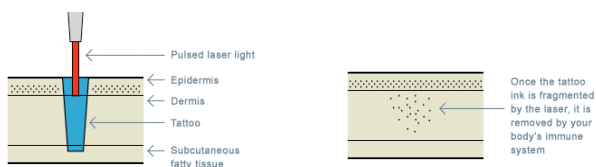
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Facts on Tattoo removal

- Specialised Q-switched lasers are the most effective ways to remove or fade tattoos
- Our experts can remove or fade a tattoo
- We can also work in with a tattooist to provide a new palette for another work of ink
- As a guide 6 – 10 sessions are needed to remove a professional tattoo
- Different tattoo colours require different wavelengths of laser
- Black and red pigments are easier to remove compared to green and yellows
- Prices for tattoo removal start at \$195 per session.

How does laser tattoo work?

Q Switched laser removes the tattoo ink by using a unique colour of light that preserves normal skin, but is absorbed by the ink of the tattoo. The intense energy of lasers results in the emission of a specific wavelength of light, this in turn breaks up tattoo ink into smaller particles. These particles are eventually transported from your skin by your body's immune system.



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Getting a tattoo removed is less painful than getting one in the first place!

At Westside Dermatology we strive to make this procedure as painless as possible – tattoo removal is LESS painful than getting inked in the first place. Anaesthetic cream, applied prior to laser is used on all patients – this makes the procedure almost pain-free. In ultra sensitive areas, we add some local anaesthetic injections prior to treatment. Each treatment is complete in 10 minutes.

What will my tattoo look like after laser treatment?

The treated area will be white and swollen, surrounded by a border of red. Some patients will have pin – point areas of bleeding lasting for a few hours. Dressing are applied after laser treatment, and should be left on for 24 – 36 hours. The treatment area heals up within 5 – 7 days, a little longer on the ankles and feet.

How many laser sessions will I need to remove my tattoo?

As a guide, professional tattoos will require up to 10 treatments for complete removal, home tattoos are treated in half the sessions. If new ink is planned over the old tattoo, less treatments are needed. Tattoo removal is conducted every 6 – 10 weeks.

Does the colour of my ink influence laser removal of my tattoo?

Definitely! Black and red tattoos respond well to laser tattoo removal and require lesser treatments to remove. Greens, aqua and yellows are more resistant to treatment. These colours will usually necessitate more treatments for further fading.

What factors will determine the number of treatments that I will require?

Tattoo colour: Black ink is the easiest to remove, followed by red. Yellow, green, aqua and multi coloured tattoos are harder to remove and may require additional treatments (up to 12) for best results.

Location of tattoo: Tattoos located on the head, neck and torso generally require fewer treatments compared to tattoos on the extremities (hands and feet). This is due to the better lymphatic drainage of the trunk and face, which facilitates removal of tattoo ink.

Patient's skin colour: Darker skin types will require more treatments compared to fairer skin types. This is due to the fact that we use less energy in darker skin to prevent injury to the outer layers of the skin.

Tattoo age: new tattoos (less than 8 years old) respond better to laser compared to older tattoos. With time, the ink in older tattoos move deeper into the skin. Older tattoos may require an additional 1 – 2 treatments for complete removal

Will my tattoo disappear completely after laser treatment?

Complete removal can be seen, most often with black coloured tattoos. As a guide, patients can expect a 85 – 100% improvement at the end of the treatment regime. Yellow, green and aqua colours may require additional treatments.

Does laser tattoo removal leave a scar?

A combination of years of experience together with the latest laser technology will decrease any incidence of scarring. However, some patients, despite optimal treatments and care, may develop mild scarring. This occurs in less than 1% of cases. Patients at risk include darker skin individuals, or those with a history of keloid/hypertrophic scarring. Your laser specialist will take every possible step to minimise scarring

Can I have a new tattoo over the laser treated area?

Absolutely! In many cases, complete removal of tattoo ink is not need if a new art is planned. We can provide just enough fading of your old tattoo to enable your artist to create a new design. Our specialist team will work in conjunction with your tattoo artist to facilitate removal or fading of unwanted areas.



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What is the cost of laser tattoo removal?

A fee of \$39 applies for the first consultation. During this consultation we discuss the process of laser removal, and the benefits and risks of this procedure. Additionally a medical history is taken, the area measured, and photographs documented. We will also provide you with an approximate cost of the procedure and the expected number of treatments.

Should you proceed with laser treatments, this fee is refunded from your first laser session.

Laser sessions cost – \$195 for tattoos up to 7 cm by 7 cm
– \$240 for tattoos up to 15 cm by 15 cm
– \$320 for tattoos larger than 225 cm

(Professional tattoos on average will need 8 – 12 sessions, Yellow, green and aqua colours often will need an additional 2 – 3 sessions, in rare cases some maybe resistant to laser)