



Permanent & Corrective Cosmetics FAQs

What are permanent cosmetics?

Permanent cosmetics are often referred to as “permanent makeup” or “micropigmentation.” The cosmetic implantation technique deposits colored pigment into the upper reticular layer of the dermis.

How are permanent cosmetic procedures done?

All-natural pigments are deposited into the dermal layer of the skin in a sterile and sanitary manner using a state-of-the-art machine. The process includes an initial consultation, application of the pigment and a follow-up visit to adjust the shape and color or density of the pigment.

What does is included in a permanent cosmetics consultation?

The consultation is an in-depth look at your skin, complexion and face shape to match the appropriate technique to your desired result.

Who benefits from permanent cosmetics?

Anyone who desires a soft, natural enhancement to their appearance. It is especially beneficial to those who cannot wear traditional cosmetics due to allergies or skin sensitivities; active people who want to look their best for activities such as swimming, hiking, biking, tennis, or aerobics and don't want to worry about “sweating off” or reapplying cosmetics; and those with motor impairments such as arthritis, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, or stroke survivors with unsteady hands who cannot apply traditional makeup.

What type of permanent cosmetic procedures is offered?

Permanent cosmetic procedures can be subtle or dramatic, depending upon what you are looking for. Options include eyebrows, eyeliner, or full lip color.

Are permanent cosmetics really permanent?

Technically, permanent cosmetic procedures are considered permanent because the color is implanted into the upper reticular part of the dermal layer of the skin and cannot be washed off. However, as with any tattoo, fading can and often does occur, requiring periodic maintenance, color re-enhancement or color refreshing.

How long does each procedure take?

Two visits are required per procedure and will be scheduled 4 – 6 weeks apart. The initial procedure will generally take 1 ½ to 2 hours. Touch-up procedures usually do not require as much time.

Is it painful?

Because of the delicate area, some discomfort may be experienced. The use of topical anesthetics combined with a relaxing atmosphere help to lessen any discomfort.

Is it safe?

Permanent cosmetics are completely safe as long as proper sterilization and sanitation guidelines are met.

What if I don't like it?

Although the procedures are considered permanent, you have the flexibility to change the color and/or shape, to some extent. Colors will appear darker immediately following the procedure but will soften and lighten during the healing process. The healing time is different for each individual and procedure.

Are there any side effects?

Generally there will be some swelling of the treated area. While eyebrows may show little after-effect, eyeliner and lips may show more and the edema may last from 2 – 72 hours. During the procedure, there may be some bleeding or bruising. There is usually some tenderness for a few days. The color is much darker than expected for the first 6 – 10 days.

Do the pigments used pose any allergy problems?

You can develop an allergy to anything at anytime. However, documented allergies to permanent cosmetic procedures are extremely rare. There have been very few reactions to pigments and only rarely in the case of blue-based red pigments.

What is a touch-up and do I need one?

A touch-up is a color re-enhancement. Almost always, the implanted color is not perfect after the first procedure. We recommend a follow-up visit 4 weeks after initial procedure.

How do I make an appointment?

Go to www.centerforsight.net and click "schedule an appointment" or call (941) 925-2020.