

## Frequently Asked Questions

### WHAT IS PERMANENT MAKEUP?

Permanent makeup (also known as micropigmentation) consists of implanting natural pigments under the superficial layers of the skin by means of a small, sterile micro-needle, to create lasting cosmetic definition of the lips, eyes, and eyebrows. Permanent makeup is used for aesthetic purposes to enhance, contour and outline facial features but also used correctively, in areas where hair or colour is missing.

### CAN I HAVE MORE THAN ONE PROCEDURE DONE DURING THE SAME APPOINTMENT?

Yes, you can. Times will vary depending on which procedures you would like to have done. Let us know when you make your booking so we can allocate the correct time slot.

### IS PERMANENT MAKEUP SIMILAR TO TATTOOING?

It has some of the same qualities, yet it is very different. Only specialists in micropigmentation can perform this procedure on the face; tattoo artists cannot. Studio 6 uses only the techniques, tools, and pigments specifically designed for micropigmentation procedures, making it safe, sterile, and mostly painless. Permanent makeup technicians also use effective topical anaesthetics that are not allowed for use by tattoo artists. Studio 6 uses instruments much more delicate in design that provide natural-looking results.

### HOW SOON AFTER MY PROCEDURE CAN I WEAR MAKEUP?

Eyeliner is fairly quick to heal. You'll notice tiny black flakes coming off and dropping on to your lashes from day 3 and depending on your personal healing, you should be ready for a touch of mascara on your lash ends from day 4.

Eyebrows take roughly 5 - 7 days to heal. 3 or 4 days to scab over and then another few days for the scabs to start to drop off naturally.

Lips usually heal in 5 - 7 days depending on your personal healing and aftercare.

Important info for Lips - See the pre-treatment information for important details about preparing for lip procedures.

#### IS PERMANENT MAKEUP A SAFE PROCEDURE?

At Studio 6, the procedures are performed under sterile conditions, using only disposable needle cartridges and with a digitally controlled implantation device. There are no long-term side effects; short-term effects may include some redness, swelling, and tenderness. There are no known allergic reactions to pigments.

#### IS THERE ANY DISCOMFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROCEDURE?

Studio 6 uses topical anaesthetics that are highly effective to be applied to the treated area which significantly reduces discomfort. Typically, patients will report a tickling sensation with little or no discomfort during or after a procedure has been performed.

#### HOW LONG DOES THE PROCEDURE TAKE TO COMPLETE?

The average time required for a procedure is between one to two hours.

#### WHAT WILL THEY LOOK LIKE IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE PROCEDURE?

Your brows may be a little swollen, red and sometimes a bit white. This is all very normal. They will be considerably darker for the first week, before they begin to fade out to a softer colour.

#### DOES IT HURT AFTERWARDS?

The area can be a little sore for the first few hours and then tender to the touch for a couple of days.

#### WILL I NEED A FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENT?

Yes! All permanent cosmetic procedures need a follow-up appointment to address any issues you may be having or if you may need a touch-up.

#### WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM PERMANENT MAKEUP?

If you are allergic to traditional makeup, are physically active, have sparse, thin or faintly coloured eyebrows and lashes or have a problem with applying or smearing of traditional makeup. Permanent makeup may also be used to camouflage scars and correct skin discolorations such as vitiligo. Individuals with alopecia (abnormal hair loss) and recovering cancer patients can benefit from cosmetic or reconstructive tattooing.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MICROBLADING AND POWDER BROWS?

Powder brows use a pin-dot pigment application (using a rotary machine), while microblading uses pigment to create realistic, hair-like strokes (using a manual tool). The difference here is that powdered brows will look like you just applied fresh makeup.

Powdered brows also offer a less invasive procedure because it draws both dots and dashes to the target area where microblading uses strokes to fill in eyebrow hairs. The Powder Effect does require a touch-up procedure two months after the original one; however, it will last longer than microblading.

Microblading, on the other hand, is best for those that want to better define the brow line and create brow hairs where hair has been lost. The realistic hair-like strokes make for a natural look and require touch-ups once a year. If you have oily skin, it may be more frequent.

Finally, powdered brows require less healing downtime than microblading. While microblading requires seven days of healing, powder brows only require 3.

## WHAT IS AREOLA REPIGMENTATION?

Areola repigmentation is a specialty area of tattooing that requires advanced experience as well as technique. This procedure helps improve the appearance and self-esteem of both women and men who have undergone breast surgery. Areola repigmentation techniques can "create" an areola after breast reconstruction or restore an areola to a more natural-looking colour and shape.

Areola repigmentation may also be called areola tattooing, areola micropigmentation, areola pigmentation, areola recolouring or areola simulation.

## HOW AREOLA REPIGMENTATION HELPS PEOPLE AFTER BREAST SURGERY?

The areola is part of the human breast in both women and men. It is a circular area of skin around the nipple that is often darker and thicker than the surrounding skin. The areola plays a key role in the aesthetic look of a breast. Since a woman's self-image can depend on the appearance of her breasts, a missing areola can be psychologically devastating.

A woman can survive breast cancer after undergoing a mastectomy, and she can regain her figure with a breast reconstruction. However, she may not feel "complete" without an areola. A woman can become emotionally distressed from a scarred areola as well. A man's self-esteem can also be lowered by the appearance of his chest and breasts. Areola tattooing provides the "finishing touch" after breast surgery.

Patients feel the tattooing process helps them during the last part of their recovery to look complete and feel "whole" and "normal" again. This is the goal, to do everything possible for those that have gone through so much already, to help them feel "normal" again.