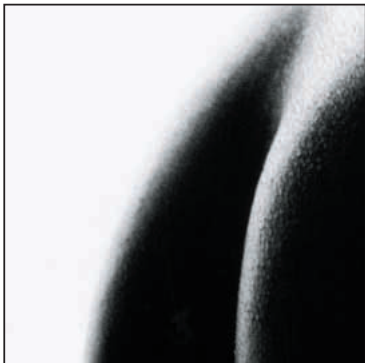
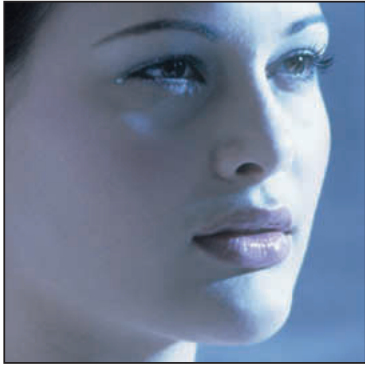


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## VelaSmooth

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### **What is the VelaSmooth?**

VelaSmooth is a new device to treat the appearance of cellulite. It is based on the now well-established Elos technology and utilises a combination of three modalities – controlled fixed wavelength Infra Red Light, Vacuum Suction and conducted Bipolar Electrical energy.

### **What is Elos?**

Elos stands for electro optical synergy and combines bipolar conducted electric current with optical energy.

### **Is treatment with Elos technology safe?**

Treatment is safe for the skin when used in accordance with the manufacturer's guidelines. There are many advances in the new Elos technology that make it one of the safest systems available for all skin colours. There are no known long-term health hazards – both light and electric energy have safely been used for decades in medicine, surgery, and aesthetics. Note: The patient's personal physician should always be consulted before treatment.

### **How does VelaSmooth help the appearance of cellulite?**

The lumpy dimpled appearance of cellulite is predominantly caused by fibrous bonds constricting and holding fatty deposits. The VelaSmooth device mechanically manipulates these fibrous bonds, skin and the fat layer and simultaneously provides consistent effective heating to subcutaneous fat whilst also increasing stimulation to mitochondria. Bonds are stretched, cells are lysed (broken down) and absorbed, metabolism of the area is increased and the end result is a smoother, more regular appearance and a general reduction in hip size.

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## **Why is VelaSmooth more effective than current cellulite treatments?**

VelaSmooth is the only cellulite treatment currently available that utilises three energy modalities. It combines well-known energy sources to synergistically enhance the effect of any single energy on its own. All of the modalities are incorporated into a single treatment head. This is where the elos combination of light and electrical energies provides intense heat while the mechanical energy, applied via vacuum suction, causes a painless physical stretching of the fibrous bonds.

## **What kind of results can be expected from VelaSmooth cellulite treatments?**

In a recent pilot study (Shoual 2004), a 65 per cent reduction in the appearance of cellulite was noted and average hip size was reduced by 3.2cm. Further clinical studies are presently underway and are soon to be published.

## **How frequently do VelaSmooth treatments with Elos technology need to be performed?**

Successful results have been reported after two treatments per week for four weeks.

## **How does treatment with VelaSmooth feel?**

Treatment with VelaSmooth feels like a warm massage and most patients enjoy the treatment.

## **Does the patient need to wear special suits or stockings with VelaSmooth?**

No special suits or stockings are required. Unlike some massage devices that require patients to wear an uncomfortable body suit, VelaSmooth just requires a thin layer of gel or water to be applied to the patient prior to the treatment, although even this is not always necessary.

## **Who is suitable for VelaSmooth cellulite treatment?**

Patients with the visible appearance of cellulite and with any skin type are suitable (the system is not sensitive to skin pigmentation). Contraindications for treatment include, among others: pregnancy, scarring or infection of the area, pacemakers, diabetes (Type I or II), photosensitising drugs and agents, known anticoagulative or thromboembolic conditions, use of NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) or aspirin two weeks prior to treatment and any known photosensitivity. If any of these are present, patient's should check with their doctor.

## **What happens after treatment with VelaSmooth?**

Patient comfort levels are high during the procedure. Patients may notice a slight increase in urine output following treatment. This is because the lysed (broken down) cells are absorbed and excreted via the lymphatic system.

## **When will the patient start to see a difference?**

Patients should notice a visible smoothing effect after four treatments, however this varies between patients.

## **How does the patient know VelaSmooth is safe?**

VelaSmooth has been involved in numerous clinical trials with no reported adverse events.

## **Who can perform the treatment on patients?**

The treatment may be performed by doctors, nurses or clinically trained aestheticians under the guidance of doctors.

## **How much does each treatment cost?**

Treatment costs for each VelaSmooth sessions range between clinics. However, averages prices range from \$150 – \$200 per session.