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## Mona Lisa Touch <sup>®</sup> External Pre-Treatment Instructions

It is important to follow your treatment provider's instructions before and after treatment.

## Pre-Treatment Recommendations:

- Shower or bathe the morning of treatment, so that the area to be treated is clean.
- Understand and sign a Consent to Treat form.
- Closely clip or trim the vulvar area before your treatment.
- Dress in loose fitting pants and cotton underwear on the day of treatment.
- Your care provider may apply topical anesthetic to the vulvar area prior to treatment to minimize treatment discomfort.
- Purchase supplies and medications needed for post-treatment care before treatment date.
- Patient supplies needed are:
  - Moisturizing occlusive ointment, such as Aquaphor<sup>®</sup> Healing Ointment or Vaseline<sup>®</sup> ointment
  - o Gentle, hypoallergenic skin cleanser
  - Cold gel packs
  - Patient prescriptions as directed by physician: antiviral and/or others

## 24 Hours Post Treatment Instructions:

- Skin may feel sensitive and may be red and swollen and treated area may be itchy.
- Use cold compresses or cold gel packs (20 minutes on; then 20 minutes off) as needed for swelling and discomfort.
- Gently cleanse the area 2-3 times a day with sterile saline or a mild, hypoallergenic cleanser.
- Reapply occlusive ointment after each wash and continue to use until skin is healed.
- Avoid lifting heavy weights or doing intense physical exercise for 3-4 days following the treatment.
- Refrain from sexual intercourse for a week after the treatment.
- Wear loose, cotton underwear.
- Avoid wearing panty hose and tight-fitting pants.