

Skin typing assessment quiz

One of the most important factors in deciding which Laser/IPL™ (and settings) to use is the patient skin type. Skin typing is determined by genetics, reaction of the skin to sun exposure and tanning habits. The following skin type quiz¹ is intended *as a sample only* to provide additional help in the evaluation of an individual skin type. *Skin typing of the area to be treated* is to be assessed. Lumenis takes no liability on that document and its content is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical diagnosis.

Genetic predisposition

Score →	0	1	2	3	4	Report Score ↓
What is the colour of your eyes?	Light blue, grey, green	Blue, grey or green	Blue	Dark brown	Brownish black	.....
What is the natural colour of your hair?	Sandy red	Blond	Chestnut, dark blond	Dark brown	Black	.....
What is the colour of your skin (non-exposed areas)?	Reddish	Very pale	Pale with beige tint	Light brown	Dark brown	.....
Do you have freckles on non-exposed areas?	Many	Several	Few	Incidental	None	.....

Total score for genetic predisposition:

Reaction to sun exposure

Score →	0	1	2	3	4	Report Score ↓
What happens when you stay in the sun too long?	Painful redness, blistering, peeling	Blistering followed by peeling	Burns sometimes followed by peeling	Rare burns	Never had burns	.....
To what degree do you turn brown?	Hardly or not at all	Light colour tan	Reasonable tan	Tan very easy	Turn dark brown quickly	.....
Do you turn brown within several hours after sun exposure?	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often	Always	.....
How does your face react to the sun?	Very sensitive	Sensitive	Normal	Very resistant	Never had a problem	.....

Total score for reaction to sun exposure:

Tanning habits

Score →	0	1	2	3	4	Report Score ↓
When did you last expose your body to sun (or artificial sunlamp/self-tanning cream)?	More than 3 months ago	2-3 months ago	1-2 months ago	Less than a month ago	Less than 2 weeks ago	.....
Did you expose the area to be treated to the sun?	Never	Hardly ever	Sometimes	Often	Always	.....

Total score for tanning habits:

Add up the total scores for each of the three sections for your Skin Type Score:

¹ Quiz adapted from the Radiation protection (tanning units) amendment regulation by the Australian Government Health Directorate and the American Skin Cancer Foundation