

PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY: ADVANCED THERAPY FOR ACNE, ROSACEA, WRINKLES, AGE SPOTS AND PRE-CANCEROUS SKIN DISEASE

Van Dam Dermatology, Ltd., is among the first in the Midwest to offer an advanced treatment that vastly enhances the outcomes of light-based Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) skin therapy. As a national training center for physicians developing skills with IPL, we now offer PhotoDynamic Therapy (PDT) for:

- Treatment of many forms of acne including cystic acne and rosacea
- Reduction of oil glands and visible pore size
- Treatment of irregular pigmentation
- Rejuvenation of fine wrinkles and improved skin tone
- Treatment of pre-cancerous actinic keratoses

PhotoDynamic Therapy enhances Intense Pulsed Light by adding two immediate pre-treatment components:

- An advanced microdermabrasion to efficiently exfoliate the skin in preparation for step two
- The application of an FDA-approved prescription medication to enhance the reaction to IPL

These two extra steps allow cells in the oil glands, cells with irregular pigment and cells in a pre-cancerous state to more readily absorb the corrective light. Together the medicine and the light combine to produce remarkable results. In many cases, just one or two PhotoDynamic Therapy treatments:

- Improves active acne and rosacea for up to a year
- Stops excess oil production and shrinks enlarged pores
- Eliminates pigmented sun and age spots
- Produces firmer, smoother skin

A follow-up within 2-4 weeks after your initial treatment will determine if a second treatment may be necessary to maximize your results. PhotoDynamic Therapy is a very appealing advancement, especially for adult acne in women who prefer not to take oral medications such as antibiotics or Accutane®. The only (occasional) side effect of PhotoDynamic Therapy is a slight redness, like that of a mild sunburn.

Van Dam Dermatology has offered treatment with laser and light-based therapies (including IPL) for nearly 20 years. Other uses for IPL (without PDT) include the elimination of vascular and pigmented lesions as well as long term hair reduction

Call 847 382 5111 for more information or to schedule a consultation and learn how this amazing new treatment can make the difference in the health and beauty of your skin, for life.