

# *Laser compared to IPL*

- ❖ **Much more published clinical evidence for laser hair removal cf IPL**
- ❖ **IPL's can't be used safely on dark skin types**
- ❖ **Lasers are more selective and more effective**
  - fewer treatments required / with greater patient satisfaction
- ❖ **IPL's are considered to be "Jack of all trades, Master of none"**
- ❖ **Lasers penetrate deeper into tissue (IPLs only 2mm penetration)**
- ❖ **Lasers have more advanced skin cooling systems**
  - whereas IPL's normally use gels (can be messy)
- ❖ **IPL's are more uncomfortable / more intense flash of light**
- ❖ **IPL's are claimed to be faster than lasers - not true**
  - because of bigger head size! Does not take into account pulses fired per second!
  - in general, lasers are faster and often much faster than IPL's
- ❖ **IPL manufacturers claim IPL's are newer technology - untrue**
- ❖ **IPL's are useful for mild rejuvenation, red blush**
  - also low-contrast brown pigmentation
- ❖ **IPL's generally cheaper than lasers / ideal to test the market!**
  - though flashlamp costs can mount up over time!