

Fact Sheet

Hair Reduction

Electrolysis



What is it?

Electrolysis is a proven means of permanent hair reduction. All hair types and colours can be successfully treated, including hormonal hair. Due to the nature of the technique – the hair is removed follicle by follicle – this method of hair reduction isn't appropriate for large areas.

Which areas can be treated?

Electrolysis works well on small areas on the face including the eyebrows, chin, nose, upper lip and ears. But the most common area treated is around the nipples.

Is it safe?

Electrolysis has been around for more than 100 years without any adverse effect. There is no risk of scarring or other marks if the service is provided by a professional.

How does it work?

Heat in the form of electricity is used to destroy the dermal papilla (from which the hair grows).

How long does my hair have to be?

Hair of 4mm to 6mm is ideal so that the clinician can see and follow the shaft to its base.

What happens during the procedure?

An instrument with a probe is inserted into the hair shaft, then a zap of electricity is applied to the base of the shaft. It is not painful – modern electrolysis methods have reduced the discomfort to a mere tingling. A topical anaesthetic may be used in some cases.

How long does the procedure take?

15-60 minutes per session, depending on the size of the area treated. As hair grows in 3-month cycles, you will need 3-4 repeat procedures over 12 months to achieve permanent hair reduction of all hair in the desired area.

How long will my recovery be and what can I expect?

Recovery is immediate, though the area may be a little red and swollen for up to a few days.

Is there any aftercare?

For the first 24 hours, avoid the heat, sun, exfoliation and strenuous exercise as this can irritate the area. Your hair should not be waxed or tweezed during the treatment period as this encourages hair growth and strength. But you may shave, bleach, trim or use a depilatory cream.

Are there any side effects?

Most side effects of electrolysis are mild but can include redness, swelling, blisters, scabs, dryness and ingrown hairs. Redness and swelling should dissipate in a few days.

Poorly performed electrolysis hair reduction can cause lasting skin damage and can also spread infections, however the clinicians at The Facial Rejuvenation Clinic are highly trained to perform electrolysis.

How long will it last?

Hair reduction is permanent, so long as the procedure is performed correctly and all growth stages are treated. The professionals at The Facial Rejuvenation Clinic can ensure you get the best result.

Call us on **1300 88 99 35** to arrange a free, private consultation with one of our highly trained medical clinicians experienced in all skin conditions. During this consultation we will discuss in detail the treatment program best suited to your skin concern and budget.

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