

*The Cosmetic  
Laser Center of  
GMA*

## *Laser Hair Removal*

### ***Safe and effective treatments***

The Cosmetic Laser Center of Glenwood Springs uses the most advanced FDA cleared laser technology for permanent hair reduction, safely and effectively treating all ethnic origins and skin types, including tanned skin. Steven O'Brien, M.D. supervises all laser treatments.

**Call for an expert, FREE CONSULTATION : 970-945-8503.**

### ***Treatments that really work***

Laser energy is absorbed by the pigment in the hair follicle only while your hair is in its *anagen*, or *active* phase of growth. The laser light is converted into heat, causing thermal (heat) damage to the follicle without harming the surrounding tissue. Other normal functions of the skin are not impaired but hair re-growth is impeded in the damaged follicle. Dr. O'Brien's equipment is the most effective hair removal laser available.

### ***Average treatment series***

Only 25% or less of your hair may be in the active phase at any one time depending on the body area. **Thus, a series of treatments will be required** to achieve the long-term improvement you desire. These treatments are spaced approximately 4-12 weeks apart, based on hair growth cycles. Our extensive experience tells us that you can expect to need from 6-10 treatments (6-8 is average) to each treatment area for long lasting, optimal results.

### ***Typical treatment sessions***

Sessions for an upper lip or small bikini area can take as little as 10 minutes, while larger areas on back and legs may require 60 minutes or more. Every patient receives a free, no obligation consultation with Dr. O'Brien. Please come to the consultation appointment with the hair to be removed having grown at least 2 days so that Dr. O'Brien can evaluate the color, distribution and texture. The treatment for hair removal stings briefly while the laser is actually firing. You and Dr. O'Brien can decide at your consultation if a prescription topical anesthetic cream will increase your comfort. Ladies' bikini lines are treated by a female technician.

### ***How permanent is Laser Hair Removal?***

After you have completed a series of six to ten treatments, any remaining hair will usually be finer in texture and lighter in color. Some clients need to shave 1 or 2 hairs from a treated area 1 or 2 times per month. Additionally, we all grow new hair follicles through time. Some patients require "touch-up" treatments from time to time. Dark, coarse hairs respond best. We have alternative treatment protocols for blonde, platinum, most red, gray, and fine hair.

### ***The cost:***

Charges are based on the actual treatment time. The basic charge is proportionate to treatment and prep time. Body hair on the same area varies greatly among individuals. The following "typical area treated" is an estimate. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Individual Treatment	Price	Typical Area Treated
30 minute consultation	No charge	
10 minutes	\$100-125	Upper lip and chin or limited bikini or under arms or hands
20-30 minutes	\$150-200	Extended bikini or extended facial hair
45 minutes	\$300	Some lower legs or forearms or partial men's backs
60 minutes	\$400	Some lower legs or some men's backs