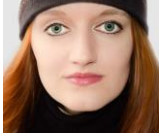






Fitzpatrick Scale: Skin Typing

Consultations are recommended in determining skin type, based on ethnic background, blending of ethnicities, previous skin damage and lifestyle.

Skin Type	Visible Notations	Example
I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucasian, no visible melanin/pigment • Pink undertones • Can not tan 	
II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucasian, possible light freckles, pink undertones • Can not tan 	
III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caucasian, can burn and tan • Pink undertones • Scars pink or white, not prone to hyperpigmentation 	
IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light 4s can present as a skin type 3, but the variable is that one can hyperpigment when scratched or scarred • Yellow or green undertones to the skin • Dark 4s have more melanin and tan more than burn • Latinos and indigonous people are common dark 4s • Asian people can never be lighter than a 4 regardless of how light their skin is but can be present as a skin type 5. 	
V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle eastern, Indian and some asian descendance • Red and brown undertones to the skin • Prone to hyperpigmentation 	
VI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All African American skin types (light to dark) • More melanin than skin types I-V • Can have red and brown undertones • Patient present lighter, but have underlying melanin due to heredity ethnicity must be treated as a skin type 6 	