

RADIATION TATTOO REMOVAL SERVICES

For People Who Have Finished Radiation
Treatment In Waterloo Region

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What is Tattoo Removal?

When you have radiation treatment tiny marks are placed on your body. These marks help to line up your body in the same spot for every treatment. To remove your tattoo(s), a special laser is used to break up the ink in your skin. Then, your immune system (cells that protect your body) helps to clear the ink out of your body.

There are professionals in the Waterloo Region who are trained to remove tattoos. Some businesses offer **free** tattoo removal for patients who have finished treatment. It might take more than 1 laser treatment to get rid of your tattoo(s).

When Can I Get My Tattoos Removed?

Radiation treatment tattoos can be taken off your body after you are done **ALL** radiation treatments. **You must to talk to your Radiation Oncologist (cancer doctor) before you get your tattoos taken off.** Some people might need more radiation treatment in the future. In this case, your radiation therapy team would need to use your radiation tattoos again.

Does Tattoo Removal Hurt?

There might be some mild pain where the laser treats your tattoo. Your skin might become red, hot, or you might get a rash around the laser treatment area. Let your **family doctor** know if you have side effects from the laser that do not go away (e.g. rash, redness, pain).

Talk to your Oncologist

Talk to your Radiation Oncologist (cancer doctor) before you get your tattoos removed. The radiation team may need to use your tattoo marks again in the future.

Tattoo Removal Services

Below is a list of businesses in the Waterloo Region that offer tattoo removal services specific to cancer patients.

Name	Cost	Contact
Derma Envy Skincare 	Free	99 Northfield Dr. East, Suite 305 Waterloo, ON, N2K 3P9 519-888-8149 
Onyx Medical Aesthetics	Free	580 Lancaster St. West Kitchener, ON, N2K 1M3 519-896-6699 www.onyxmedicallaesthetics.com 
Laser Away Ink	Free	120 Main Street, Unit 1 Cambridge, ON, N1R 1V7 519-221-4884 www.laserawayink.ca *Book a free Consultation 
Tora Tattoo and TD Laser Clinic	Reduced Rate for Cancer Patients	7 Young St. East Waterloo, ON, N2J 2L2 519-888-6420 www.toratattoo.com 
Worthy Skin & Beauty Bar	Free *no show or cancellation fee may apply	255 Northfield Dr. East, Unit 4 Waterloo, ON, N2K 0G5 226-647-1538 info@worthywaterloo.ca 

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