

Pendragon Ink Tattoo

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Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

Your tattoo has been done under clean, professional conditions using the utmost modern sterilization techniques and the finest tattooing pigment available. Now it is up to you to take care of it. The chance of infection to your new tattoo is minimal if aftercare instructions are followed correctly. Leave the bandage you received after the tattoo for 2-6 hours (No more than 10 hours). The bandage is there to keep air-borne bacteria and other contaminants in the environment from invading your wound.

Before cleaning or touching the tattooed areas, **WASH HANDS** thoroughly with soap and warm water. Treat your new tattoo as an open wound. Carefully remove the bandage. If it sticks, gently wet any applied bandage and gently pull it off so as not to damage any scabs or dried matter. **DON'T FORCE IT'S REMOVAL!!!** After removing the bandage, cleanse the area with mild anti-bacterial soap and water then rinse. Do not scrub the tattoo or rub with washcloth or towel. Pat the tattoo with a clean, dry towel.

Let the tattoo dry completely (approx. 10 min). Lightly apply a thin layer of acceptable aftercare products:

Vitamin A & D ointment or Specialty Tattoo Products for 3-5 Days, make sure the tattoo is kept very clean and apply ointment 3-4 times a day by cleansing any old ointment and applying a thin layer of fresh ointment – (only enough to make the skin shiny). Do not allow your tattoo to become dry, or too wet. If a scab does form, do not pick at it, but allow it to heal on its own. Don't panic if you have a reaction to your aftercare product. You may be sensitive to one of the ingredients. Although not a major problem, it does happen. The skin can react in a few ways, from redness, to irritable itchy skin; to white pimple like spots. If this occurs stop using your aftercare product. Lightly wash off the remaining product from your skin. A reaction to a product should settle down within 24-72 hours. If you are still experiencing a problem after 14 days, it would be doubtful that the aftercare product was to blame and it may be that you have had a reaction to the ink. This is possible even if you have been previously tattooed without any problems. (Should this occur, contact the studio for advice from the artist.) It may also mean a visit to your physician if the problem persists. After 3-5 days, switch to a fragrance free lotion or gentle moisturizer as needed until completely healed. It is best to use a moisturizer with aloe or vitamin E as this will help heal damaged skin. Regularly moisturizing a tattoo helps to keep the skin soft and keep the colors bright. Also the sun can irreversibly damage even a well healed tattoo so remember to use a good sun block with strong SPF when spending time outdoors. Healing generally takes 14 days in a normal healthy adult. As it heals, expect peeling similar to sunburned skin. Itching is expected.

DO NOT SCRATCH THE TATTOO!!! DO NOT PICK AT THE TATTOO!!!

Do not use: Vaseline or other petroleum jellies, bar soap, heavily medicated antibiotic ointment such as Neosporin, iodine, peroxide, or alcohol based products. **Do not re-bandage!**

Most problems occur from:

Scratching a new tattoo, touching it with unclean hands, tanning or swimming before the tattoo is healed using inappropriate amounts or types of aftercare products.

You may expect some slight swelling, redness and discomfort around the site.

If any of the following symptoms appear promptly consult a healthcare provider: Unusual drainage, excessive bleeding, excessive pain / discomfort, excessive swelling / redness / feeling the skin is hot to the touch, temperature greater than 101 degrees F within 24 hours of the tattoo procedure.

DISCLAIMER:

Pendragon Ink Tattoo is not responsible for the condition of improperly cared for tattoos. We stand by our work and will touch up normal fading and wear on tattoos. We will not continually fix tattoos that are being picked at during the healing process, or cared for improperly. **WE DO NOT GIVE CASH REFUNDS!**

APPOINTMENT POLICY: We require a **\$50.00 deposit for appointments.** This is non-refundable and covers your time slot and art. This deposit goes towards the total cost of your tattoo. We allow for reasonable rescheduling. If you need to reschedule please give us at least 24 hours notice. **If you no call no show for your appointment you may be charged an additional \$50.00 deposit when you reschedule. This is at the artist's discretion.**

Your signature below acknowledges receipt of aftercare instructions and acceptance of our policies.

Print Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Client Phone _____ Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Phone _____