



## ***Keloids/Hypertrophic Scars***

Scars are the result of the skin's repair of wounds. The longer it takes to heal, the greater chance that there will be a noticeable scar. Keloids and hypertrophic scars result from the development of excessive scar tissue, often leading to pain or itching. Factors include genetics, age, location of the scar, and the amount of tension/stress placed on the scar. Common areas for keloids and hypertrophic scars are the chest, shoulders, upper back, and ear lobes.

### ***Treatment Options Include:***

- Mederma cream – massage into the scar as directed for several months
- Steroids – topical or intralesional
- Laser
- Silicone gel sheeting
- Surgical excision followed by injection with a steroid
- Radiation therapy

**No scar can ever be completely erased.**

### ***For Questions or Emergency Care:***

Call the office at **601-815-3374**. You may need to speak with the doctor on-call.