

Melasma Treatment Comparison Chart

Treatment	Cost	Discomfort	Downtime	# of Treatments	Results
Bleaching Creams	\$120 every 2 to 4 months	None	None	Continuous Use	Minimal to Good
Intense Pulsed Light (IPL; aka Photofacial)	\$200/face	Mild/ Moderate	3 to 7 days (brown patches get darker and fall off)	1-3 Treatments, then Bleaching Creams	OK to Great
Cosmelan MD	\$750	Mild	3-5 Days (peeling)	1tx, then Bleaching Cream	OK to Great