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Smooth OPERATOR

Thanks to the Motus AX, laser hair removal is a speedy, painless process for all.

By Phebe Wahl

and founder of The Dermatology and Laser Group (dermatologyandlasergroup.com) in New York City. “Patients can tell it is a truly cutting-edge device that is so different from all the older laser hair removal devices out there. They are shocked that we can provide this therapy without any discomfort.”

Previously, the issue had been a trifecta of speed, comfort and efficacy challenges. Now, the Motus AX offers solutions for how to treat darker skin tones, larger areas with thicker hair, and how to do so in a quicker and more comfortable way (think treating a larger area in under five minutes for example). “The problem is the darker the skin and the thicker the hair, the more difficult it is for a laser to tell the difference, and that’s really where the Motus comes into play,” says Dr. Paul Jarrod Frank, New York City dermatologist and founder of PFrankMD (pfrankmd.com). “It’s also quite fast, and we’re doing large areas like the chest that once were more laborious.”

Shorter and fewer treatments with long-term hairless results—sounds like a smooth move. *Number of recommended sessions and prices vary, cartessaesthetics.com/motusax*

I close my eyes and await the painful rubber-band snapping sensation I remember from laser hair removal years ago. Beeping and gliding ensue, and as soon as I relax—realizing there is zero pain involved—I’m told we’re already done. Long gone are the lasers of yesteryear; the zippy new device on the block is creating quite the buzz.

The Motus AX is the first high-speed Alexandrite laser able to treat darker skin tones as well as fair hair. Thanks to its Moveo technology, the handpiece swiftly and painlessly glides over skin with a cooled sapphire cylinder tip, which reduces energy loss to the skin and makes for a more efficient and effective process.

“The Motus AX has been a game changer for us,” says Dr. Arash Akhavan, dermatologist