

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

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