

## MYTH VS. FACT

What you need to know about lipodissolve. This non-surgical medical procedure to get rid of fat is creating much interest. From national news to leading fashion and beauty magazines, lipodissolve is the top procedure topic when it comes to body shaping. The media attention, web postings and blogs can be helpful research tools to those interested in getting rid of persistent pockets of fat. But, along with good information comes misinformation or *myths* about the lipodissolve procedure.

**Listed below are the top 10 facts you should know.**

Myth	Fact
<b>1.</b> Lipodissolve is just another form of mesotherapy, what's the difference?	Mesotherapy and lipodissolve are definitely not the same. Regrettably, the terms are often confused. Lipodissolve is a medical procedure that uses standardized protocols for subcutaneous micro-injections with the sole purpose of dissolving fat. Mesotherapy on the other hand are injections delivered into the hypodermis layer and can contain a combination of vitamins, minerals, amino acids and medications to treat a variety of medical conditions.
<b>2.</b> Lipodissolve is just another weight loss craze	This is not a weight loss program; it's a medically supervised and is Physician Administered at Marlow Laser Aesthetics. The series of injections will remove localized fat deposits and shape your body. Lipodissolve should be thought of in terms of inches lost not, pounds. The loss of inches makes it possible for many people to wear clothing one or two sizes smaller than before the procedure.
<b>3.</b> The ingredients in lipodissolve are hazardous.	Recent studies (1) indicate that when practiced by licensed and certified physicians, the safety record for lipo-dissolve is excellent. This supports our doctors' experiences, which has proven lipodissolve very safe. Marlow Laser Aesthetics maintains the highest standards and treatment protocols to ensure the safety of our patients.
<b>4.</b> Lipodissolve is not approved by the FDA, and therefore is unsafe and illegal.	Pharmacies are permitted to compound drugs pursuant to a valid patient/physician/pharmacist relationship - even if the drugs have not been approved by the FDA. Pharmacy compounding has an exemplary safety profile, and there is no reason to assume that compounded drugs are unsafe.
<b>5.</b> Lipodissolve is new and not proven.	Lipodissolve has been available in Europe for more than a decade, and is becoming increasingly popular in the United States. Marlow Laser Aesthetics is the only Physicians office where you will receive Doctor Administered LipoDissolve, and has a record of excellent results. See the before and after pictures above and judge for yourself.
<b>6.</b> People have had severe problems from lipodissolve.	As with all medical procedures and injections, certain risks are involved. All patients are provided an informed consent form which identifies potential risks prior to receiving the procedure. Dr. Marlow routinely perform these procedures and our patients have very few if any complications. Moreover, to our knowledge and according to widely published medical literature to date, there have been no reported cases of long term adverse side effects.
<b>7.</b> After lipodissolve there will be loose skin, just as there is with liposuction.	Lipodissolve removes much smaller amounts of fat than liposuction, and in many cases has the effect of causing skin to retract, making the skin in the treated area tighter and more youthful than before.
<b>8.</b> The injected formula destroys everything in the area, not just the fat.	Dispersion studies (2) show that the compounded formula travels less than one centimeter beyond the treatment area, and leaves the body within 24 hours. Therefore, if properly injected the only cells being destroyed are the fat cells into which the formula is injected.
<b>9.</b> It isn't possible to know what is in the lipodissolve formula.	Marlow Laser Aesthetics compound is produced by a state-licensed compounding pharmacy under sterile conditions and dispensed by prescription from a physician who has examined the patient and established a treatment plan for him or her.
<b>10.</b> What is the difference between <b>Physician Administered and not?</b>	Marlow Laser Aesthetics' Dr, Lea Marlow will perform the procedure, unlike the usual environment where a Technician does the work.  Our patients are assured a high level of care, overseen by highly qualified medical professionals.

Sources:

(1) Duncan and Chubaty. *Clinical Safety Data and Standards of Practice for Injection Lipolysis: A Retrospective Study.* *Aesthetic Surgery Journal*, September/October 2006;26:575-585

(2) *Ibid*