

Thrive Primary Care Reveals How Morpheus8 for Jowls Targets Loose Skin Along the Jawline

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Thrive Primary Care, a family medicine practice in Folsom, California, explains how Morpheus8 for jowls works as a nonsurgical option for people who notice a less-defined lower face. The practice explains that the treatment combines microneedling with radiofrequency energy to address loose skin along the jawline, and it also publishes a recovery and sun safety guide with aftercare information.

Jowls develop as the skin along the lower face gradually loses support. Collagen and elastin help skin stay firm, and as that support declines with age, tissue along the jaw can sag, softening the face?s outline. Genetics and sun exposure can also influence when the change becomes noticeable.

According to the practice, Morpheus8 pairs tiny needles with fractional radiofrequency energy. The needles create microchannels in the skin and deliver heat beneath the surface, triggering the body?s healing response and stimulating collagen production. The practice notes that Morpheus8 for jowls may improve mild to moderate looseness along the jawline, with results that vary from patient to patient.

A 2025 article in Aesthetic Surgery Journal reported on Morpheus8 radiofrequency microneedling performed on 233 jawlines, among other facial areas, and concluded that it can improve skin appearance and quality. The article describes radiofrequency-assisted treatment as an option for patients whose laxity is not severe enough to warrant a facelift.

InMode, the device maker, announced on July 17, 2024, that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cleared the Morpheus8 applicators for fractional radiofrequency use in dermatologic procedures where coagulation or contraction of soft tissue is needed. The announcement does not mention jowls specifically. The agency notes that it has authorized only a limited number of microneedling devices for specific uses in specified areas of the face and body, and it recommends that patients ask for the patient labeling that accompanies authorized devices.

The agency?s safety communication, titled Potential Risks with Certain Uses of Radiofrequency Microneedling and dated October 15, 2025, states that serious complications have been reported, including burns, scarring, fat loss, disfigurement, and nerve damage. It advises clinicians to discuss risks and benefits with patients. An MDedge article on how radiofrequency microneedling works lists infection, pigment changes, and scarring as potential side effects, and names a pacemaker, pregnancy, breastfeeding, and active skin infection as contraindications.

The degree of skin laxity affects what the treatment may achieve. Mild to moderate sagging may respond better than advanced jowling, and the practice advises patients with substantial sagging to ask how the expected result compares with a surgical lift. A consultation begins with a skin examination and a discussion of goals. Active irritation or breakouts may delay a session, and certain medications or skin conditions may affect timing. The practice decides whether treatment is appropriate through an individual medical evaluation.

The practice states that physicians at Thrive Primary Care perform each Morpheus8 session, and that the clinician selecting the settings already knows the patient?s medications and skin history.

The clinician first applies a topical numbing agent, then moves the handpiece across the selected areas, which may include the jawline and neck. Patients often describe a warm, prickling sensation rather than sharp pain. The treatment is nonsurgical and can usually be performed during an office visit.

Changes are expected to appear gradually over weeks and months as new collagen forms. Some patients need more than one session, with appointments spaced several weeks apart, and the number of sessions depends on the degree of laxity and the results seen after each visit.

After treatment, the practice says redness and small pinpoint marks may appear and usually fade within a

few days. Patients are asked to follow the clinician?s cleansing and moisturizing instructions and to keep treated skin out of direct sunlight while it heals. Photos taken before treatment and at follow-up visits, using similar lighting and camera angles, may help patients and clinicians track subtle changes.

Thrive Primary Care is a family medicine practice in Folsom, California, that also offers aesthetic treatments. The practice says its three board-certified family physicians bring three decades of combined experience, and it has served patients in Folsom and the greater Sacramento area for more than 10 years.

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