

The No-Show & Rebooking Playbook

How aesthetic clinics recover the empty chairs that come from missed messages and last-minute cancellations.

In aesthetics, an empty chair isn't a small thing. It's high-ticket time you usually can't resell on short notice — and it tends to come from two places: someone tried to book after you closed and went elsewhere, or a client cancelled last-minute and the slot just sat there. This short playbook is about plugging both leaks without making your front desk work more hours.

No opt-in, no pitch. If after-hours bookings and no-shows aren't where you're leaking, this will tell you that too.

Where the chairs go empty

Med spas don't run on insurance and EHRs — they run on **demand, speed, and rebooking**. Three leaks show up at almost every clinic:

- **After-hours interest evaporates.** A lot of booking interest happens evenings and weekends, scrolling Instagram. If no one answers, the prospect books with whoever does.
- **Last-minute cancellations leave dead slots.** Without a waitlist to pull from, a cancelled chair is simply lost revenue for the day.
- **Clients don't get rebooked.** A happy client who isn't nudged into their next treatment or a membership drifts — and often turns up at a competitor months later.

The empty-chair audit

Each "no" is money sitting in an empty room.

- A booking request **after you've closed** gets a real reply (not just "we'll call you back") within minutes.
- Every booking gets an **automatic confirmation and reminder** by text.
- When a client cancels, an **open-slot offer** goes to a waitlist automatically.
- Clients are **nudged to rebook** their next treatment before they leave or shortly after.
- You **ask happy clients for a review** as a matter of routine, not when you remember.
- You can see your **no-show rate** and **after-hours booking volume**.

Fewer than four checks usually means several recoverable chairs a week.

The empty-chair math

The number most owners stop on — run it for a single treatment room:

- A. Booking requests per week _____
- B. % that come in after hours _____ %
- C. After-hours requests (A x B) _____
- D. No-shows / late cancels per week _____
- E. Average treatment value \$ _____

Weekly revenue exposed = (C + D) x recovery rate x E = \$ _____

Monthly \approx weekly x 4.3 = \$ _____

A single recovered laser or injectable package can outweigh a year of automation. That's the case for fixing this first.

The playbook

1. **Capture after-hours demand.** Booking requests and common questions ("how much is Botox?", "do you do lip filler?") answered 24/7 by text and web, so evening interest turns into booked appointments instead of cooling off.
2. **Cut no-shows with reminders.** Automatic confirmations and well-timed reminders by text — the single highest-leverage move against

no-shows.

3. **Run a waitlist.** When someone cancels, the open slot is offered to waiting clients automatically, so the chair refills itself.
4. **Rebook and build membership.** Gentle, automated nudges move clients toward their next treatment and into recurring memberships — the backbone of predictable revenue.
5. **Feed the review + referral engine.** Automatically request reviews from happy clients; aesthetics runs on social proof and word of mouth.

Clinics that add instant after-hours booking and reminder automation tend to recover chairs that would otherwise have sat empty. Results vary by clinic — but fewer no-shows and more after-hours bookings captured is the consistent pattern.

It plugs into the booking and text tools you already use, so it's a low-risk thing to try — not a rip-and-replace of your front desk.

Want us to map your empty-chair math?

Tell us roughly how bookings come in and what a typical no-show week looks like, and we'll show you where the chairs are sitting empty and what it would take to fill them — no slides, no obligation. If this isn't a real leak for you, we'll say so.

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