#### LASER & SKIN

# Lasers & Energy Devices Used To Treat Medical Problems: WHAT'S NEW IN 2024?

#### **SUZANNE L. KILMER, M.D.**

Director, Laser & Skin Surgery Center of Northern California Clinical Professor, Department of Dermatology University of California, Davis Medical Center

#### **DISCLOSURES**

#### Medical Advisory Boards

Acclaro, Aesthetics Biomedical, Allergan, BellaMia, Cutera, Cytrellis, Dominion Aesthetics, Endo Med, Engage Technologies, Evolus, FA Corporation, Galderma, Lumenis, Lutronic, Merz, Revance Aesthetics, Solta/Valeant, Syneron Candela, Venus Concepts

#### Research Support

Acclaro, Aesthetics Biomedical, Allergan, Avita, Medical, BTL, Cutera, Cytrellis, Dominion Aesthetics, Endo Med, Galderma, Loreal, Lutronic, Revance Aesthetics, Sofwave, Venus Concepts

#### Stock:

Accure, Skincare, AVAVA, Blueberry, Cutera, Cytrellis, Dominion Aesthetics, Engage Technologies, Revance Aesthetics

#### Cutaneous Laser & Energy Based Device Surgery

- Vascular Lesions
  - Port Wine Stains / Hemangiomas
  - Facial vessels
  - Leg veins
  - Vascular anomalies
  - Blue rubber bleb nevus syndrome
  - Osler-Weber-Rendu
  - Lymph-hemangiomas
  - Others
- Tattoos & Pigmented Lesions
  - Decorative, cosmetic, traumatic tattoos
  - Birthmarks, CALM, Becker's Nevi
  - Nevi
  - Melasma
- Hair Removal
  - Hair containing grafts post surgery

- Resurfacing
  - Ablative wrinkles, acne scars
  - Non-Ablative skin toning, rejuvenation
- Scars, Stretchmarks
  - Acne scars
  - Traumatic scars
  - Striae
- Tumors/Growths
  - BCC, SCC in situ
  - Sebaceous hyperplasia
  - Adenoma sebaceum
  - Rhinophyma
- Hyperhidrosis
- Acne

# Fully Ablative Lasers Remove ALL Superficial Photodamage

- Clears the entire epidermis!
  - Seborrheic and actinic keratoses
  - Lentigos, actinic bronzing
  - Smooths sebaceous hyperplasia, nevi, and other superficial irregularities
- Can go into the papillary dermis
  - Some superficial vessels
  - Fine lines and crinkling
- BCCs and superficial SCCs
  - Important to know/guess the depth of malignancy
  - Aggressive curettage Depth matters!

#### **Actinic Cheilitis**

 $CO_2$  90-100mJ, 55w $\rightarrow$  3-9-6  $\rightarrow$  3-9-5



## **Actinic Cheilitis**

 $CO_2$  90-100mJ, 55w $\rightarrow$  3-9-6  $\rightarrow$  3-9-5









Pre

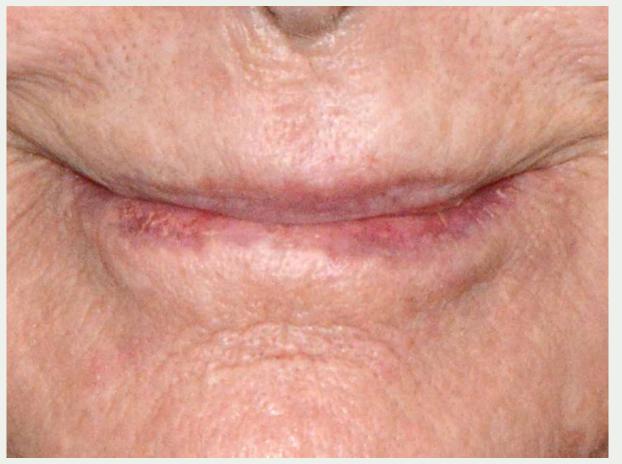
6 days post

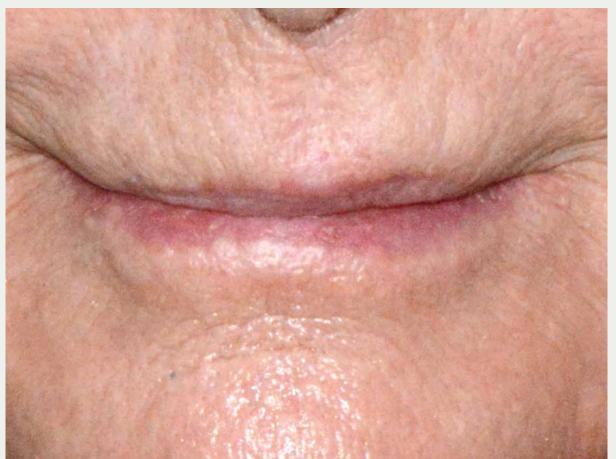
13 days post

6 months post Stayed clear 8 years

#### **Actinic Cheilitis**

 $CO_2$  90-100mJ, 55w $\rightarrow$  3-9-6  $\rightarrow$  3-9-5





Pre

19 days post, stayed clear at least 3 yrs

# Fully Ablative CO<sub>2</sub> Resurfacing LONG term removal of actinic damage!





No other tx except topical vitamin C

### CO<sub>2</sub> Resurfacing > 10 yrs No Recurrence





#### Note:

- 1-month post-op tighter lids and fuller lips, erythema lower eyelids
- No recurrence of AKs for > 10 years in areas resurfaced

## CO<sub>2</sub> & Erbium + spot tx to AK's



Pre



7 weeks post CO2/Erbium



10 weeks post CO2/Erbium 3 weeks post PDL

# Fully Ablative CO<sub>2</sub> Resurfacing No new BCCs on face for at least 3 years!





Pre

6 months post

#### Non-Ablative Fractional 1550/1927 Laser

Actinic Keratosis



Lesion Count: 25

Photographs courtesy of Leonard Goldberg, MD

#### Fully Ablative CO2 – Multiple Superficial BCCs



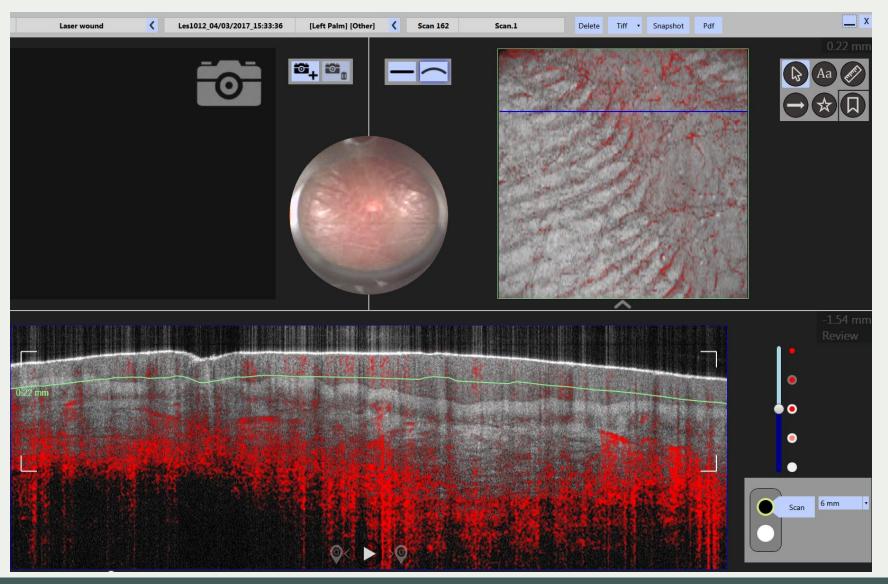
Fully Ablative CO2 over entire face with 1-2 extra passes over BCCs in an 80+-year-old male with hx of over 100 BCCs! No recurrences or new BCCs in tx'd area.

## Fractional Resurfacing for Hypertrophic Scars

- Laser variables
  - Wavelength- Erbium or CO<sub>2</sub> so can go deep
  - Power of machine
    - High energy so can go deep with least thermal damage
  - Lower Density
    - % heated/coagulated and % ablated tissue

For scars want HIGH energy to go deep (can measure scar depth now), less coagulative damage and LOW density

### OCT Imaging to see Depth of Scar



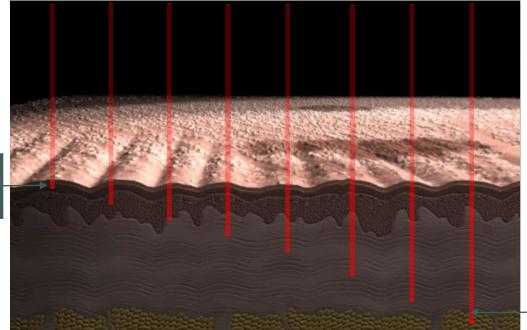
### Deep Fractional Scanner

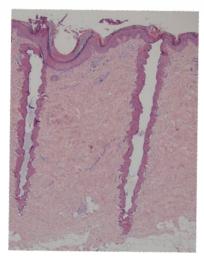


Spot Size: 0.12 mm (120

microns)

Depth: 75-3500 µm



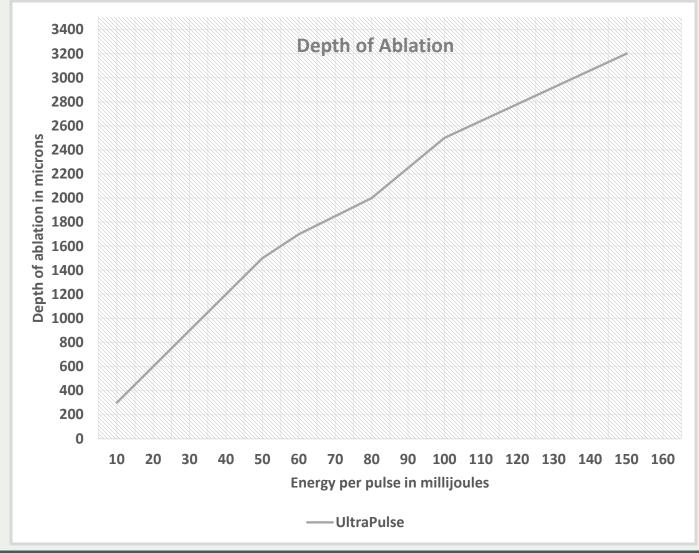


Energy - 150mJ; density - 3% Depth of up to 4mm

150mJ 3500um deep

2.5mJ 75um deep

#### Depth of Ablation for High Pulse Energy CO<sub>2</sub> Laser



# Improved Range of Motion & Healing of Ulcer/Contracture



Photos courtesy of J. Waibel, M.D.

## Single Deep Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> Treatment

Note textural improvement and elevation of chin



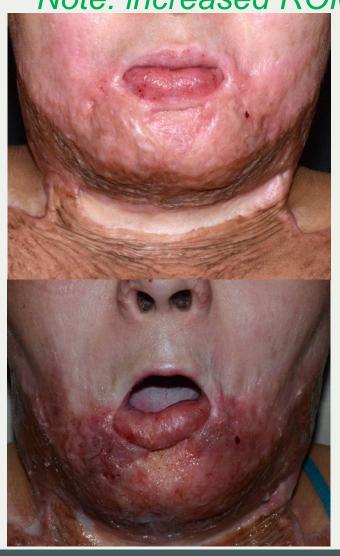


Pre

7 months post

# Single Deep Fractional CO<sub>2 TX</sub>

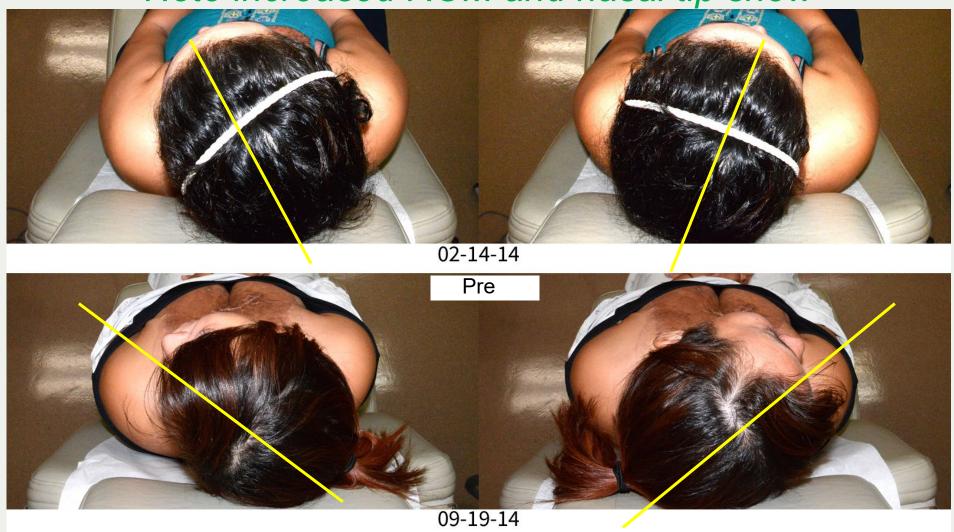
Note: increased ROM and oral opening.





### Single Deep Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> Treatment

Note increased ROM and nasal tip show



# Deep Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>, PDL & Kenalog Tx (Pt is Keloid Former)



Post 10 tx Pre



2 yrs of combo TXs post-accident





5-Ablative Fractional 2910nm,

2- Fully Ablative (DEEP & SCAR FX

8- Pulsed Dye Laser

1- Pulsed 532 Laser

13-ILK

# Welding Accident 11 treatments over 14 months,



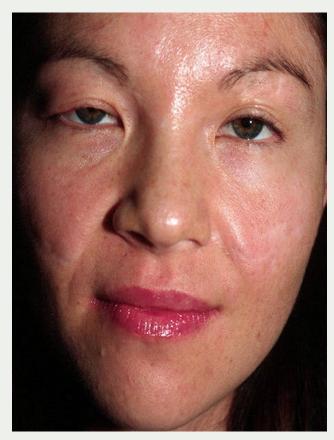


SER & SKIN

# PDL + Erbium + CO<sub>2</sub>







Pre 2 mo post

4 years post

# CO<sub>2</sub> + Erbium + PDL



Pre 4 mo post

### Single Fractional Ablative Tx





#### Scar: Non-Ablative Fractional 1450nm





Pre tx

Post tx with 70mj

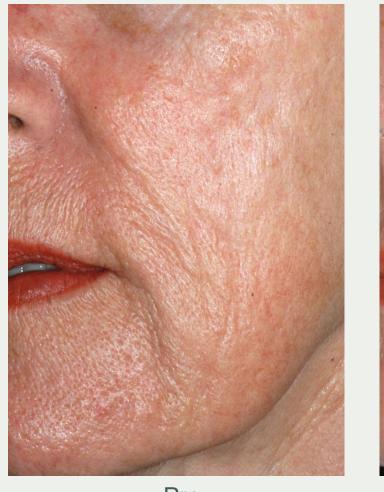
#### Non-Ablative Fractional



Pre

4-month post 1 tx

#### Non-Ablative Fractional



Pre 4-month post

#### Non-Ablative Fractional 1565nm







## Summary

- HELD
  - High Energy
    - Greater than 50mj. Often 70mj to 150mj?
  - Low Density
    - Much less than 10%. Usually 1%, 3%, or 5%
- Improved Range of Motion and Healing of Ulcer/Contracture
- Less sensitive to touch
- Improved cosmesis color and texture!

## Rhinophyma



### Rhinophyma



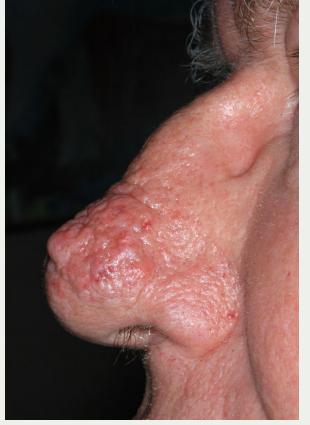
## Rhinophyma – Fully Ablative



# Rhinophyma









Pre 8 months post

Pre 8 months post

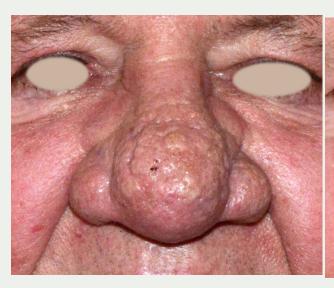
## Rhinophyma - Why Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>?



- Use of Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> maximizes improvement while lowering risk of hypopigmentation and scarring
  - May extend length of improvement when using deep fractional settings
  - Shortens healing time
- Can start with fully ablative to smooth out nodular (or even cutting mode) then do fractional ablative
  - May decrease risk of recurrence with less downtime than more aggressive fully ablative
- Even with highly aggressive settings they heal in 7-10 days
- CO<sub>2</sub> has more coagulation, so less bleeding!

## Rhinophyma – Fractional Ablative CO<sub>2</sub>

150 mJ/6-12% + 50 mJ/5-20% + 20 mJ/5-20%

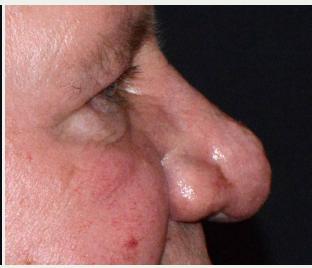


Pre

2 weeks post fractional ablative Treated with lighter settings



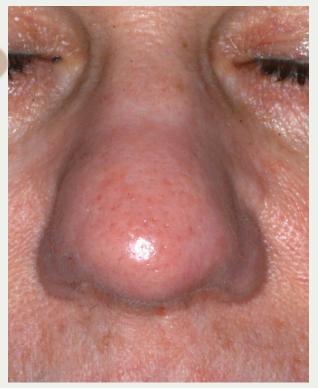
Pre



2 weeks post fractional ablative

# Rhinophyma – Female Deep (4mm) Fractional Ablative









Pre

1 month post fractional ablative

Pre

1 month post fractional ablative

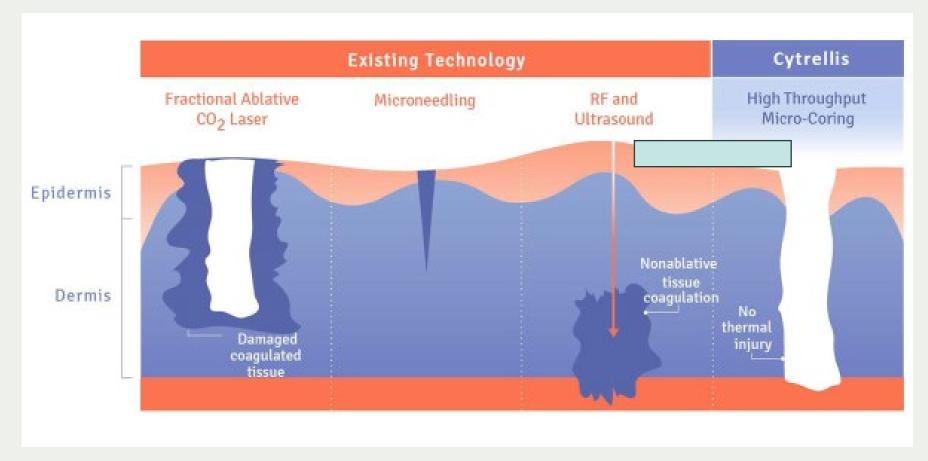
# Xanthelasma CO<sub>2</sub>





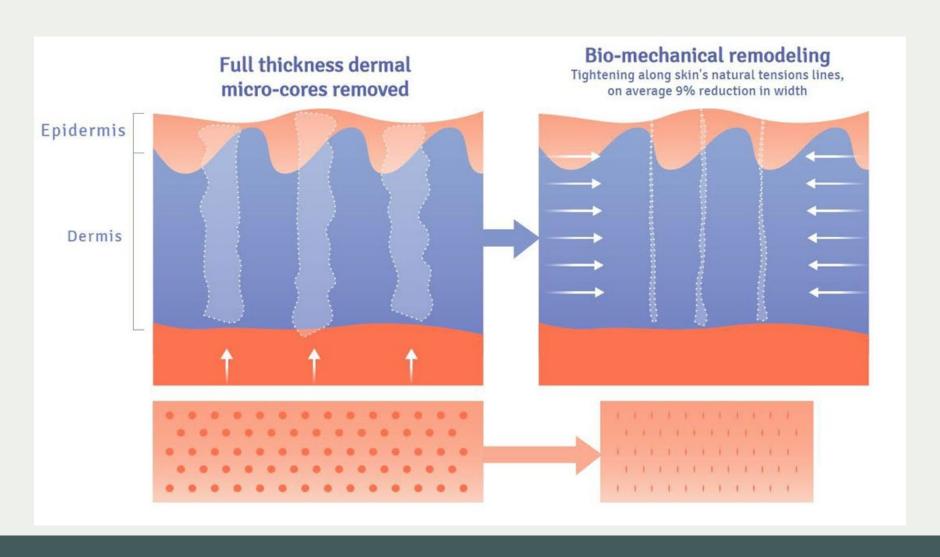
Baseline 1 yr post CO2

#### Changing the Way, We Think About Treating Sagging Skin

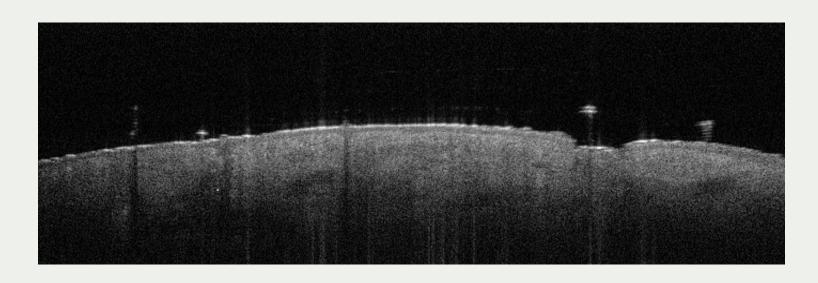


Full dermal thickness removal without energy removes excess skin vs. other treatments' use of heat

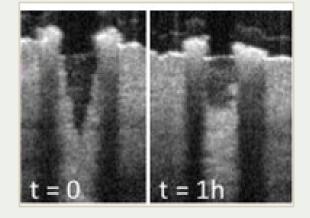
## **Entirely New Category of Treatment: Dermal Micro-Coring**



#### OCT Images Demonstrate Immediate Hole Closure vs Laser



Post Dermal Micro-Coring
Treatment
At 10 min, channels appear closed,
possibly cause of faster healing\*



Post Ablative
Laser Treatment
Channels open at
1 hour post treatment\*\*

#### Micro-coring: Stria





3 wks post 2<sup>nd</sup> tx

#### 64 yr. old with Dry Eye Syndrome Optipulse IPL

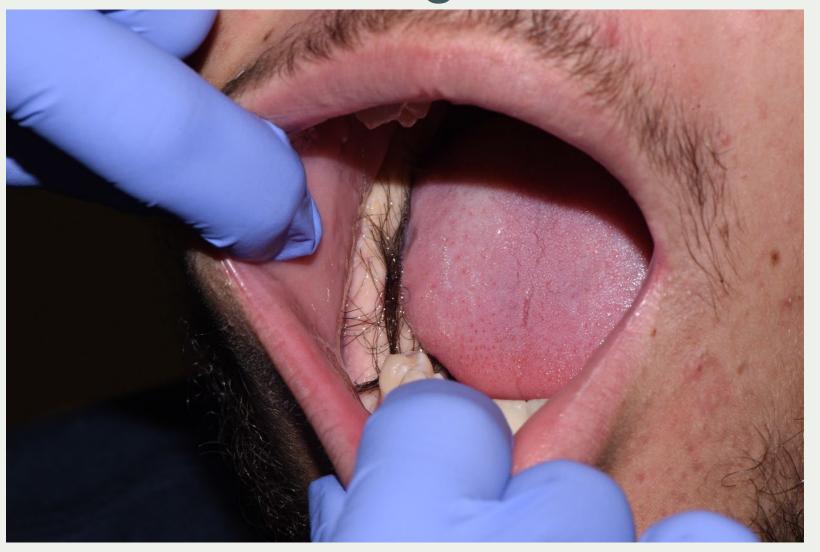




Pre

Immediately post Tx

## Hair Containing Skin Grafts

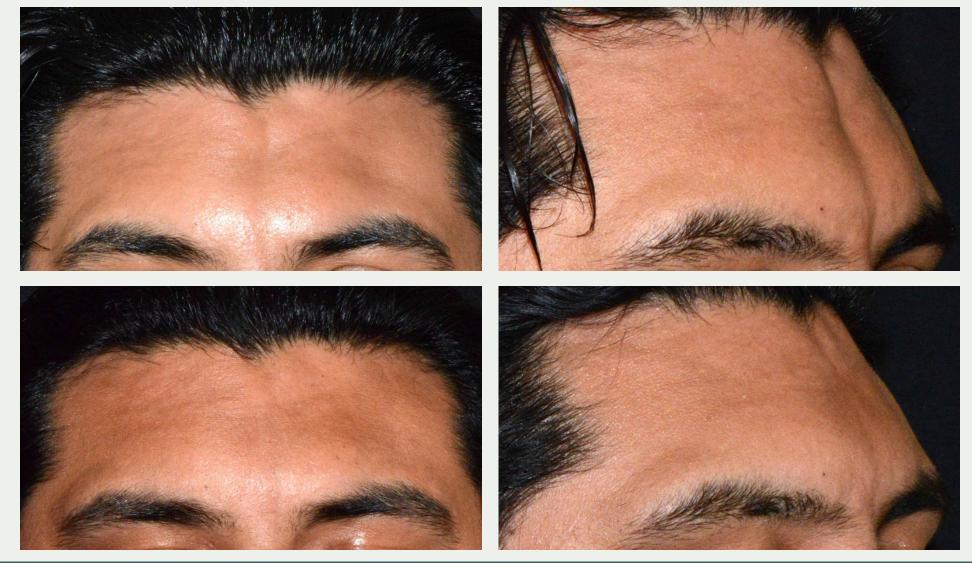


# Sarcoidosis Tx with PDL (+ Prednisone?)



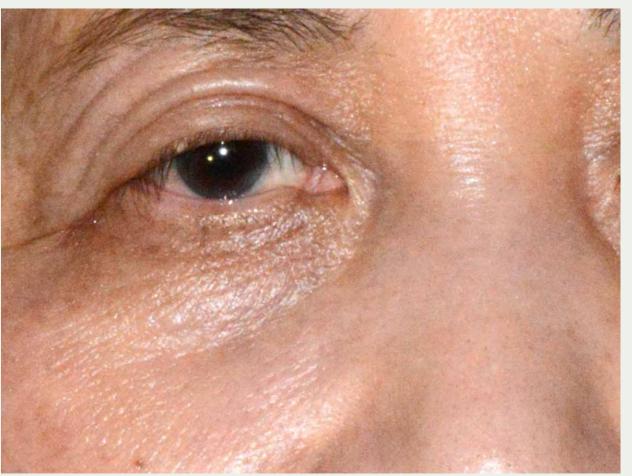
04-14-11 05-04-11 07-20-11 02-06-12

#### Linear morphea of the forehead (en coup de sabre)



#### Picosecond to Nevus of Ota





Pre 3 months post 9 tx

#### Picosecond to Nevus of Ota

#### Unresponsive to QS Laser



Tx 1 - 07-03-13 Spectra (lower eye) 1064 8mm 1.5 Jcm2 Pico (nose) 755 3.5mm 2.8Jcm2



Tx 2 - 08-29-13 Spectra (lower eye) 1064 8mm 2.0 Jcm2 Pico (nose) 755 2.5mm 4.0 Jcm2



Tx 3 - 10-17-13 Pico 755 2.0mm 6.37 Jcm2



Tx 4 - 12-05-13 Pico 755 2.2mm 5.26 Jcm2



Tx 5 - 01-15-14 Pico 755 2.2mm 5.26 Jcm2



Tx 6 - 04-29-14



Tx 7 - 06-24-14



Tx 8 - 08-19-14



Tx 9 - 10-21-14 Pico 755 2.1mm 5.77 Jcm2 Pico 755 2.1mm 5.77 Jcm2 Pico 755 2.0mm 5.77 Jcm2 Pico 755 2.0mm 5.77 Jcm2



01-13-15

#### Picosecond to Nevus of Ota



Pre 2 months post 3 tx Pico 755 2.1mm 5.77 Jcm2

## Intradermal Melanocytic Nevi - Diode Laser Treatment



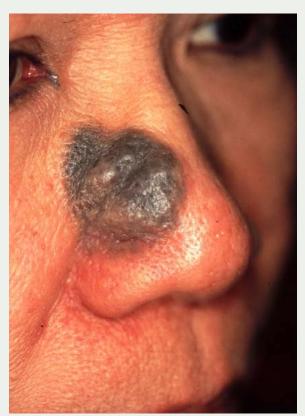


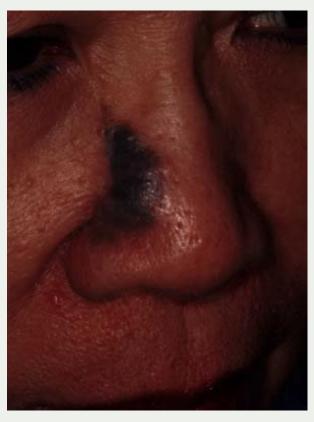


1 year post 3<sup>rd</sup> tx

- Thick, dark nevi on male (type IV)
  - 1st tx: 40 J/cm2, 20ms
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> tx: 50 J/cm2, 30ms
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> tx: 60 J/cm2, 30ms
  - All with cooling & at 1-month intervals

## Congenital Nevus









Excision

+ CO2

+ QSRL

### Pico to Minocycline Pigmentation



Pico test site cleared better than QS so fully treated with pico



Pre-Test Spot



11 weeks post 1 tx

## Argyria



Deposition of ingested colloidal silver along the nerve endings gives blue-grey discoloration and makes for a very painful but effective Q-Switch laser treatment!

Use lowest fluence that gives immediate clearing

## Argyria





- Deposition of ingested colloidal silver along the nerve endings gives blue-grey discoloration and makes for a very painful but effective Q-Switch laser treatment!
- Use lowest fluence that gives immediate clearing

#### Beckers Nevus: 755nm, 3 mn



## Neurofibromatosis - Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>





Pre 8 days post

# Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Collagenoma





Pre

Post single fractional CO2 tx

#### PWS – Fractional Ablative

- Significant improvement hypertrophic and nodular lesions
- Marked textural improvement in both new and previously treated lesions
- Lack of honeycombing is advantageous, especially for large truncal lesions
  - Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> practical for large surface areas
  - Deep Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> adjustable spot size allows for focal of blebs with different settings and around small spaces
- Improvement continues at least 2 months
  - Distal extremity lesions require even longer healing time

## PWS Treated with Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>









Pre 1064nm Nd:YAG

Pre-Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>

2 mo Post Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> Pre PDL

- Significant improvement hypertrophic and nodular lesions
- Marked textural improvement in both new and previously treated lesions
- Lack of honeycombing is advantageous, especially for large truncal lesions
  - Fractional CO<sub>2</sub> practical for large surface areas
  - CO<sub>2</sub> adjustable spot size allows for focal of blebs with different settings and around small spaces
- Improvement continues at least 2 months
  - Distal extremity lesions require even longer healing time

## Lymph-hemangioma

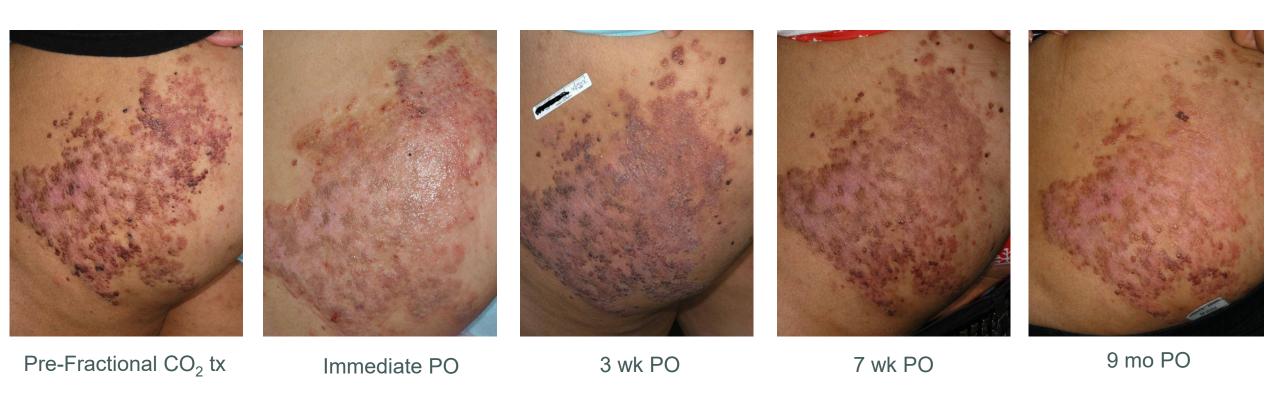






Pre LP Alex Post 2 tx Post 4 tx

## Lymph-hemangioma



Single tx was more effective than 4 LP Alex tx with no weeping at 2 months post op and minimal only with exercise at 9 months

#### Hemangioma Resolution with Fibro-fatty Residua









Baseline

1 month post 3 treatments

Baseline

1 month post 3 treatments

- Use fractional lasers to shrink tissue.
  - · Can go deep and tighten up boggy skin without scarring
  - · Eliminates need for excision and safer (and better) than ablative resurfacing
- Often improves hypopigmented scars
- Improvement seen even in areas with movement

### PDL + LP Alex+ Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>





#### Vascular Lesions LP Alexandrite (755nm) Laser

- Use to treat darker bluish-purple lesions
  - De-oxyhemoglobin absorption peak at 755nm
- Typical settings: 12 mm, 3ms, 20-40 J/cm2, no overlap
  - Lower fluences with hemangiomas
  - Then change to 8 mm to increase fluence to 50-70J/cm2
- Cooling important (40-50 ms with cryogen spray)
- Use cautiously!
  - Targets melanin including hair
  - Extreme care within orbital rim
  - More bruising

### Blue Rubber Bleb Nevus Syndrome





Pre LP Alex



Post 1 LP Alex tx

#### Blue Rubber Bleb Nevus Syndrome



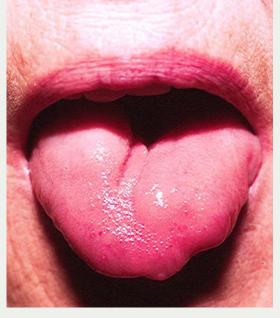
Pre LP-Alexandrite 755nm, 3ms

Post 2 LP Alexandrite tx 15 mm 20-30J/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### Blue Rubber Bleb Nevus Syndrome











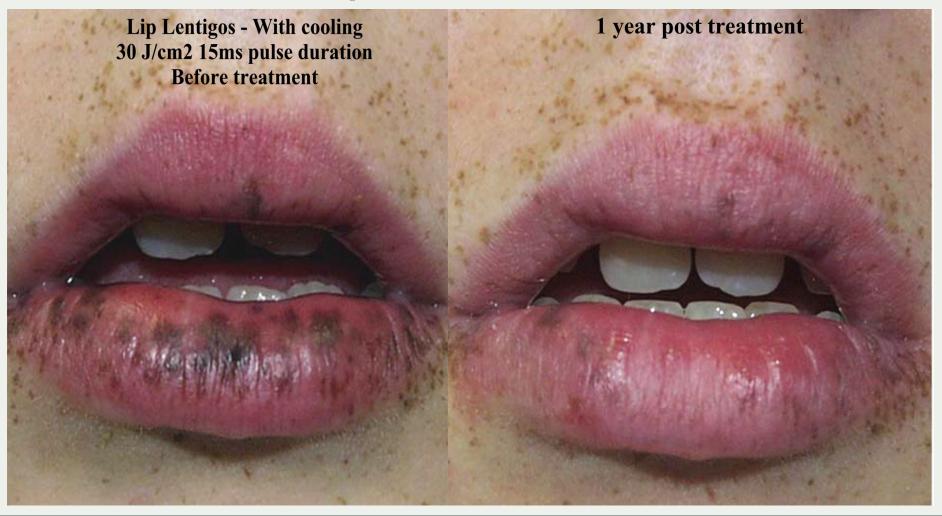
Pre LP Alex

Post 2 LP Alex tx

Pre LP Alex

Post 2 LP Alex tx

# Labial Lentigos Recurred post QS Laser tx



## Epidermal Nevus

**Test sites** 



**Pre GentleLase tx** 

4 mo post tx

9 mo post op

## Epidermal Nevus





Shaved off then treated with CO<sub>2</sub> laser





### Seborrheic Keratoses





### CALM-755nm, 3mn



### Calm-755 nm, 3ms



Pre tx Post 4 tx Post 6 tx

8mm spot,  $60 \text{ J/cm}^2$ , 0 - 20% cooling

### Cafe Au Lait Macule



Pre tx

1 yr post 6 tx

### PIPA – Q-Switched Nd:YAG



Pre Q-Switched Alex tx – 3mm, 5 J/cm<sup>2</sup>



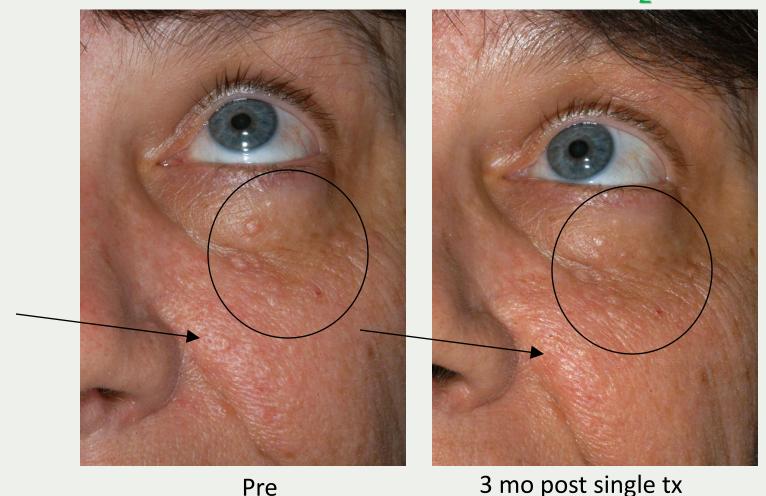
Post tx

### DPNs tx'd with 532 nm, ms domain



### Multiple Sebaceous Hyperplasia

Treated with Fractional CO<sub>2</sub>



3 mo post single tx

## Ruptured Lobules of Sebaceous Hyperplasia with granulomatous inflammation + foamy histiocytes

(consistent with ingestion of degenerating sebocytes)



## Syringoma

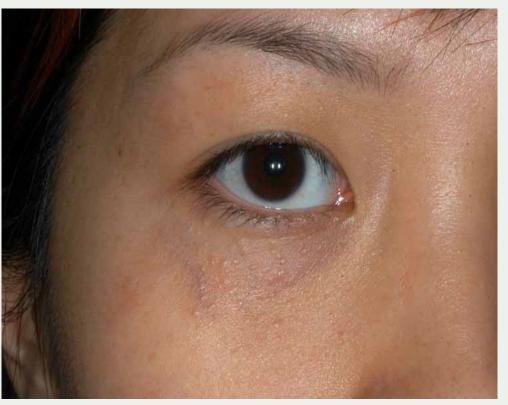




Pre 6 weeks post

### Syringoma





Pre

6 wks post-Non-ablative fractional

### Microwave Device for Hyperhidrosis

(and Cosmetic Sweating)

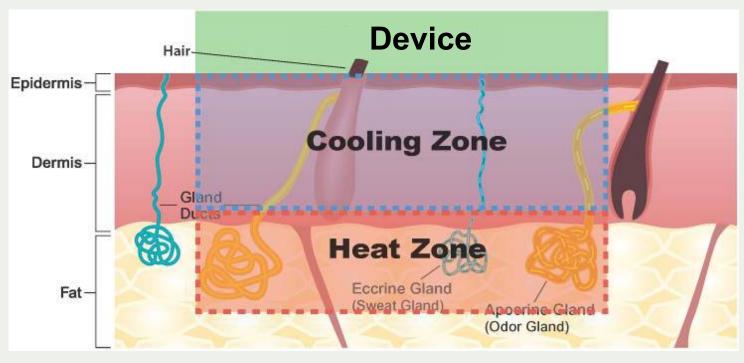
- Safely and dramatically reduces underarm sweat
- ✓ Lasting efficacy
- ✓ High patient satisfaction
- ✓ Non-invasive (no surgical incisions or cuts)
- ✓ Strong safety profile
- ✓ Secondary beneficial effects:
  - Decreased hair
  - Odor reduction



- Requires about 60-75 minutes per procedure
- 1-2 (rarely 3) procedures spaced 3 months apart required for best results

# Controlled Thermolysis Caused by Precisely Delivered Microwave Energy



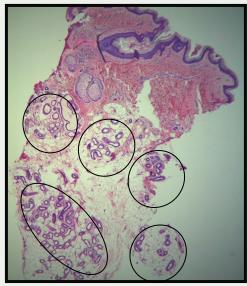


#### Cellular thermolysis at ~60° C

- Hydro-ceramic cooling keeps Heat Zone at level of sweat glands
- Cooling protects epidermis and upper dermis, while deeper tissue not affected
- Since sweat glands do not regenerate, results are permanent

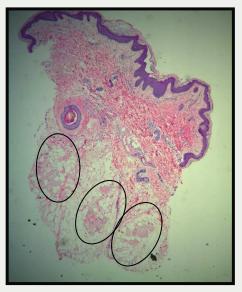
### Human Histology Illustrates Gland Destruction and Removal

Normal sweat glands



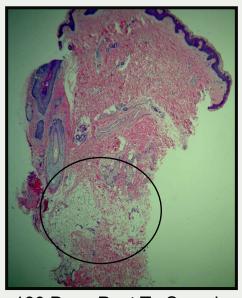
Baseline

Sweat gland cells devoid of nuclei – complete cellular necrosis



10 Days Post Tx Sample

No sweat glands



180 Days Post Tx Sample

"The ontogenisis of sweat glands is only at the embryonic period, so no new sweat glands are regenerated after birth"

# 3 Year Starch-Iodine Test on Same Patient Demonstrates Dramatic and Lasting Results

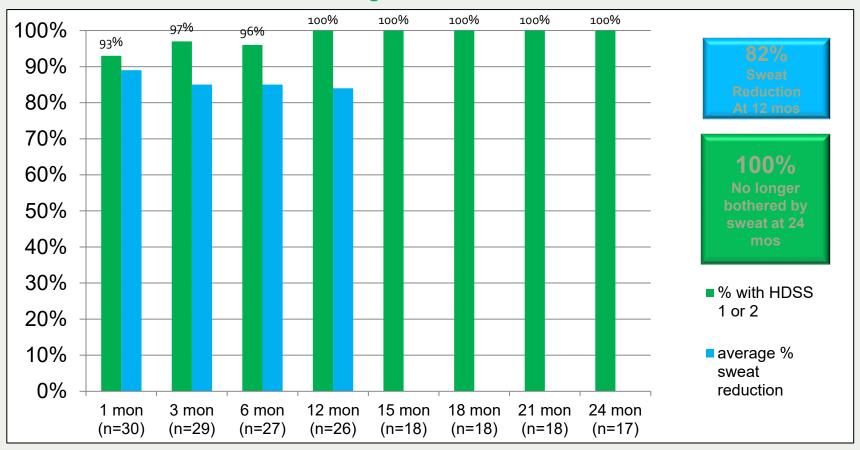
Zone of Treatment



Dark areas show where the patient is still sweating. The patient is not sweating in the treated area.

### Long-Term Results

HDSS Improvement and Gravimetric Sweat Reduction HDSS, Average Sweat Reduction

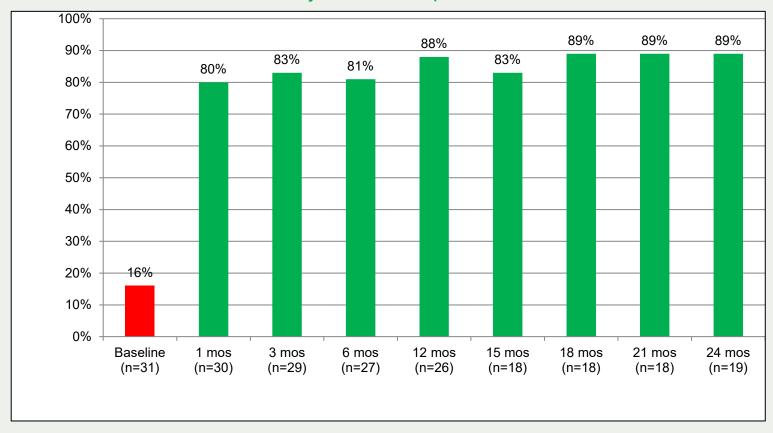


1. Gravimetric % sweat reduction only obtained at in-office visits through 12 months

Lupin M, Hong HC-H, O'Shaughnessy KF. Long-term Efficacy and Quality of Life Assessment for Treatment of Axillary Hyperhidrosis With a Microwave Device. Dermatol Surg 2014; 40: 805-807.

## Long-Term Results Odor Reduction

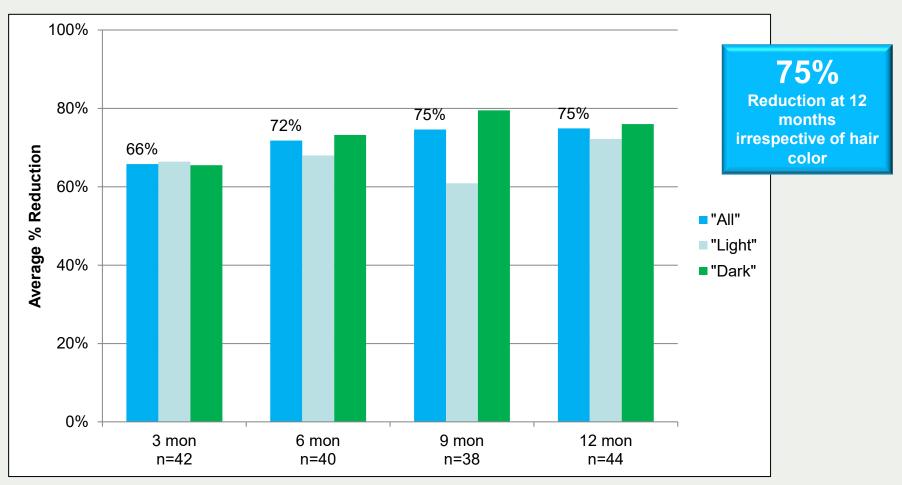
% of subjects without problematic odor



89%
Patients without
Problematic odor
at 2 years

Lupin M, Hong HC-H, O'Shaughnessy KF. Long-term Efficacy and Quality of Life Assessment for Treatment of Axillary Hyperhidrosis With a Microwave Device. Dermatol Surg 2014; 40: 805-807.

### Hair Reduction Study Results



Zelickson B, Brauer J, et al. Presented at the 2015 ASLMS Annual Meeting, April 22-26, Kissimmee, FL, Abstract #60.

### Microwave Device Results – Light Hair



Baseline

12-month follow-up; 84% reduction

#### Microwave Device - Hair Reduction All Skin and Hair Colors

- includes white hair -



Before



1 year after treatment

#### Microwave Device - Hair Reduction All Skin and Hair Colors

- includes white hair -



Before

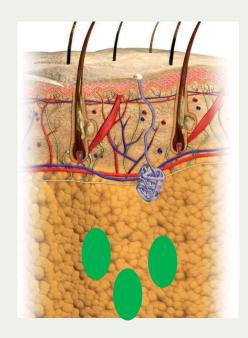


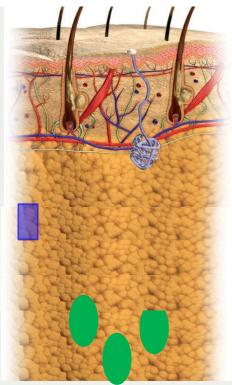
1 year after treatment

### High Volume Anesthesia (HVA): Create Space Between Skin and Nerves

Use high volume fluid to create separation distance between skin and the nerves

- Increase margin of safety
- Improve patient comfort during anesthesia delivery
- Potential to improve efficacy with safer use of higher energy





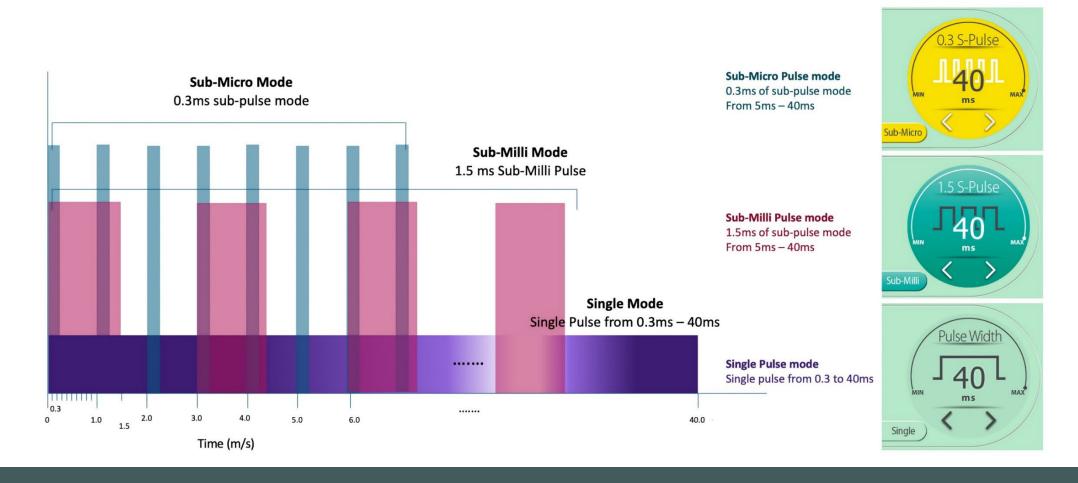
### Microwave Device Tumescent Anesthesia Delivery





- Decrease the treatment time
- Decrease side effects
- Higher patient satisfaction
- Achieve comparable or better outcomes with 1 treatment
- Cost benefit for the patient

A novel 532/1064nm laser device developed with new pulse sequences and cryogen spray cooling (ICD: Intelligent Cooling Device) to better target vascular & pigment lesions.



#### Post radiation scarring and fine vessels

INSERT PIC

Before Immediately After

3 Months After 1 Treatment

### Poikiloderma

1064nm in addition to 532nm Settings: 14mm, 10ms (Sub-Micro), 4.0 J/cm2, ICD 20/20/0





### **PWS & Pigmented lesions**







Courtesy of: Omar Ibrahimi, MD



Courtesy of: Suzanne Kilmer, MD

Courtesy of: Omar Ibrahimi, MD Courtesy of: Ann Hern, MD