

Fractional CO₂ laser: from skin rejuvenation to vulvo-vaginal reshaping

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Abstract

Background

The CO₂ laser has become the gold standard treatment in dermatologic surgery for the treatment of a large number of skin and mucosal lesions. The introduction of the fractional micro-ablative technology represented an integration to the ablative resurfacing technique, reducing the healing time and the side effects.

Objective

Vaginal rejuvenation performed with this technique is a minimally invasive procedure that stimulates internal tissues of the female lower genital tract to regenerate the mucosa, improving tissue trophism and restoring the correct functionality.

Methods

In our experience, 386 menopausal women affected with vulvo-vaginal atrophy (VVA) were treated with three sessions of fractional micro-ablative CO₂ laser.

Results

After three treatments, patients reported a complete improvement of the symptoms (59.94% dryness, 56.26% burn, sensation, 48.75% dyspareunia, 56.37% itch, 73.15% soreness, and 48.79% vaginal introitus pain).

Conclusions

Fractional micro-ablative CO₂ laser seems to reduce symptoms related to vaginal atrophy. The beneficial effects were reported just after the first session and confirmed 12 months after the last session.