

LASER users' expert opinion in response to "The clinical role of LASER for vulvar and vaginal treatments in gynecology and female urology: An ICS/ISSVD best practice consensus document"

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Excerpt

Letter to the editor:

We read with interest "The clinical role of LASER for vulvar and vaginal treatments in gynecology and female urology: An ICS/ISSVD best practice consensus document" by Preti et al.¹ While we welcome efforts to improve research quality in any field of our discipline, we were disappointed by the methodological confusion and incorrect statements presented. It is inappropriate to incorporate different clinical and cosmetic indications treated with LASER technology in a consensus document. The data is not presented in as an impartial fashion as one would expect for a consensus document representing two prestigious societies. Examples of inappropriate and inaccurate statements regarding LASER therapy for women with Genitourinary Syndrome of Menopause (GSM) are listed as follows:

1. It is unacceptable to include GSM and "vaginal rejuvenation" in the same category, as GSM is a true disease state, while "vaginal rejuvenation" is a poorly defined term that implies an aesthetic or cosmetic treatment. [...]