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# Laser e patologie cutanee cervico-facciali



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# Laserchirurgia e sistemi laser

Chirurgia generale

Oculistica

Ginecologia

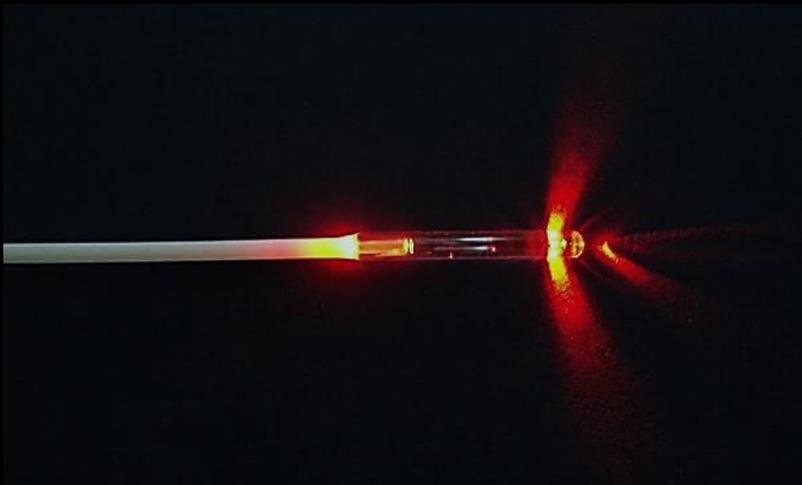
Dermatologia

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Diodo

CO<sub>2</sub>

Alessandride

Er:YAG

Nd:YAG

Rubino

Argon

Vapori di rame

Q-switched

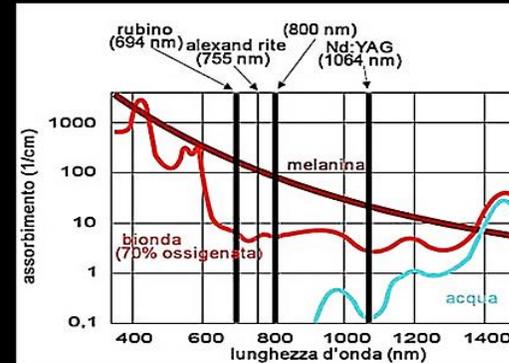
Krypton

# Evoluzione del laser

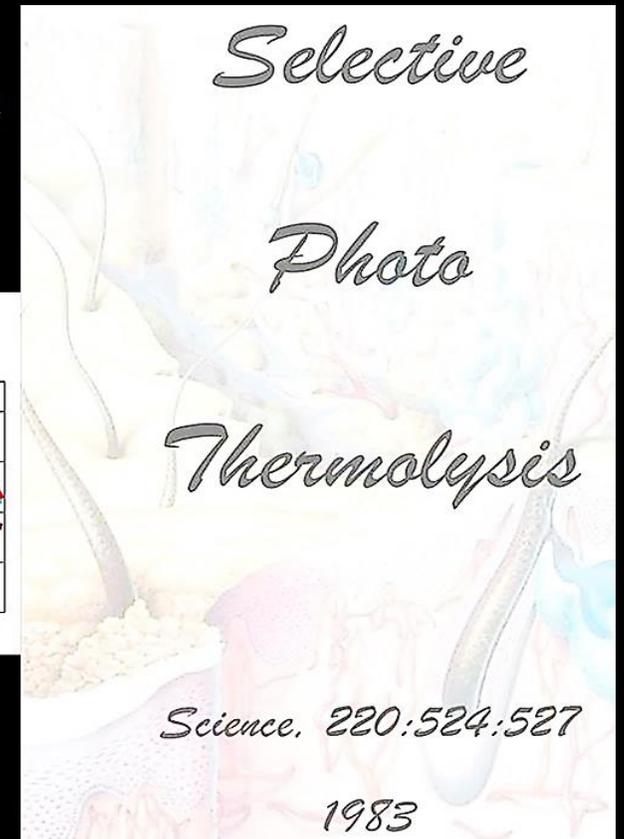


## Fototermodisi Selettiva

- Lunghezza d'onda
- Fluenza
- Rilasciamento termico



John Parrish  
Rox Anderson



**1917**

Albert Einstein

**Teoria Quantica della Radiazione**

**1960-1969**

**Realizzazione dei Principali Apparecchi Laser**

**1983**

**Definizione di Fototermodisi Selettiva**



CO<sub>2</sub>

Er:YAG

Nd:YAG

DYE (FPDL)

IPL



Casistica personale 3436	Anni 2000-2008	Laser
Uomini	829 (24,13%)	
Donne	2607 (75,87%)	
Range di età	10 mesi-89 anni	
Gruppo A	2319 (67,49%)	Dye-Nd.YAG
Gruppo B	721 (20,98%)	CO <sub>2</sub> -Er:YAG
Gruppo C	159 (4,63%)	Nd:YAG (Ipertricosi)
Gruppo D	10 (0,29%)	MEL 308nm
Gruppo E	227 (6,61%)	IPL

Risultati		
Ottimo	1196	34,80%
Buono	1623	47,23%
Discreto	561	16,32%
Scarso	56	1,62%
Complicanze	328	9,54%



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# 👉 Laser chirurgici

- Il laser **CO<sub>2</sub>** (miscela di anidride carbonica, elio, azoto) emette un raggio infrarosso con una lunghezza d'onda di 10600nm.
- Cromoforo: **l'acqua**.
- Capacità di ablazione ~50μ, danno termico accessorio di ~60-80μ.
- Coagula vasi sanguigni e linfatici fino a 0,5mm, sigilla piccole terminazioni nervose riducendo edema e dolore postoperatorio.

Il CO<sub>2</sub> può essere utilizzato in modo CW, UP, Frazionato.



- Cheratosi attiniche e seborroiche
- Cheilite attinica, leucoplachia
- Rinofima
- Nevi epidermici
- Xantelasmi
- Adenomi sebacei
- Granuloma piogenico
- Molluschi contagiosi
- Angiofibroma, angiocheratoma
- Tumori benigni della cute
- Verruche
- Condilomi
- Siringomi
- Fibroma mollusco
- Cicatrici patologiche
- Malattia di Paget
- Rejuvenation – Resurfacing





**Cheratosi seborroica**



**Nevo sebaceo di Jadassohn**



**Rosacea  
Rinofima**



**Adenoma sebaceo gigante**





**Lupus Eritematoso Discoide del cavo orale**



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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Oral lupus erythematosus successfully treated with CO<sub>2</sub> laser: a case report**

Sir,

Lupus erythematosus (LE) is an autoimmune disorder characterized by attack of an individual's immune system against his or her own healthy tissues, especially nuclear components. Classically, LE can be divided into systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and cutaneous or discoid lupus erythematosus (DLE), which is milder and usually affects only the skin, causing a red, raised rash on the face and scalp. About 5%–10% of patients with DLE will progress to SLE.<sup>1</sup>

The mucous membranes may be also affected by changes that are clinically similar to those of the skin. Although involvement of the oral cavity is rare, oral manifestations of LE can appear on the mucosa of the gum, palate, and inferior lip, and sometimes these regions are involved simultaneously.<sup>2</sup>

The therapeutic approach toward oral LE is still under debate. In practice, patients usually have undergone unsuccessful treatment using nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and immunosuppressive therapy, as well as radical surgery after neoplastic degeneration.<sup>3</sup>

Here, we report the case of a 54-year-old Caucasian woman with a three-year history of oral LE.

She was treated locally with steroids and two sessions of diathermocoagulation, and also received systemic therapy with prednisone. No signs of improvement had been recorded and then no other pharmacological treatments were administered.

She had three distinct lesions on her lower lip and one lesion on the vestibular mucosa of the right cheek, and no other morbidities. She complained of burning pain and difficulty while chewing and phonation (Figure 1(a), (b)). However the diagnosis was confirmed by incisional biopsy performed two weeks before our treatment.

After administering local anesthesia (2% mepivacaine plus epinephrine and bicarbonate), we treated the patient using a CO<sub>2</sub> laser equipped with a 5 × 5 mm scanner at 5W/cm<sup>2</sup> of power. The treatment was repeated 30 days later. The lesions resolved and the patient was seen monthly for follow-up evaluation. At 24 months, the patient remained free of oral lesions, confirming successful control using CO<sub>2</sub> laser vaporization (Figure 1(c), (d)).

**Discussion**

Oral mucosal involvement is seen in 9%–45% of patients with SLE and in 3%–20% of patients with DLE.<sup>4–6</sup> Because the oral lesions of LE do not respond to conventional pharmacologic treatments for LE, treatment usually consists of diathermocoagulation or surgical excision.<sup>7</sup>

The CO<sub>2</sub> laser emits light in the near infrared region at 10,600nm, which is absorbed by tissue water. The laser-tissue interaction heats cells instantly to more than 100°C, resulting in vaporization of superficial tissue layers, coagulation and necrosis of cells, denaturation of matrix proteins and non-fatal damage in a deeper zone.

CO<sub>2</sub> laser is usually indicated to treat several cutaneous diseases such as benign tumors (keratosis, warts, dermic or verrucous nevus) or aesthetic defects as skin aging and wrinkles.

Following the principle of selective photothermolysis, this laser allows to the surgeon to achieve optimal precision during the treatment, and by also reducing the thermal damage of surrounding tissues, as happens in DTC diathermocoagulation, the healing process starts immediately.<sup>8</sup>

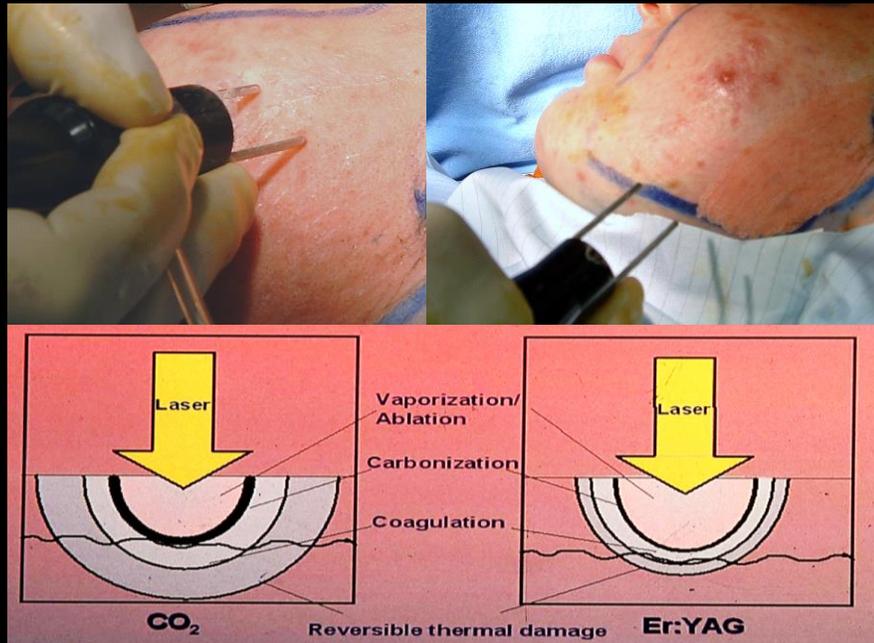
Zhao et al. reported on the effects of CO<sub>2</sub> laser irradiation of the oral mucosa, and emphasized the speed of healing after surgery.<sup>9</sup> They also did not observe any inflammation during the healing process. They postulated that the absence of inflammation was due to the sealing of small blood and lymphatic vessels, which reduced the release of inflammatory mediators.<sup>9</sup>

We therefore decided to use CO<sub>2</sub> laser surgery because it would reduce our patient's discomfort during the rapid healing process. Although clinical healing was observed after the first treatment, we decided to repeat the procedure because a limitation of this technique is the difficulty in determining the depth of epithelial tissue, and we wanted to ensure adequate treatment. To the best of our

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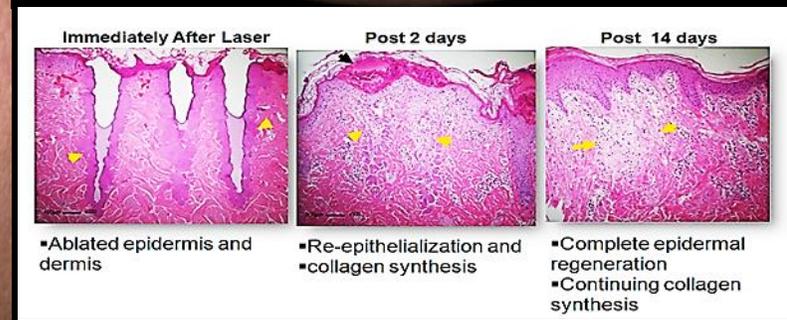
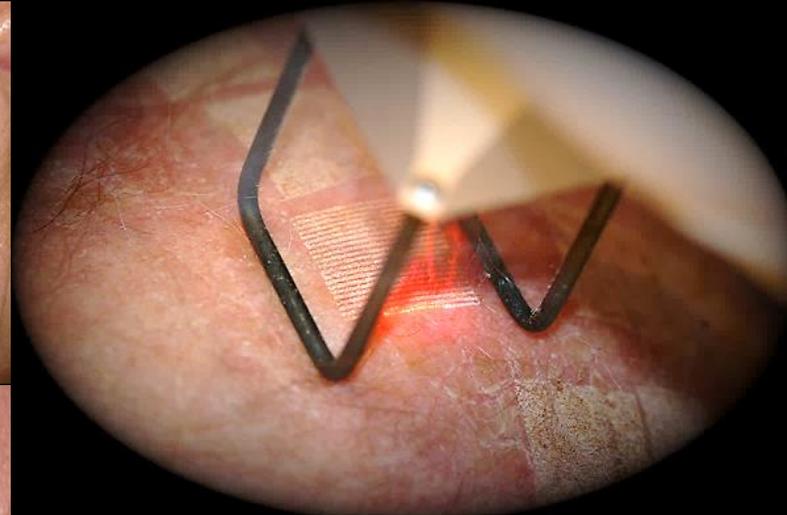
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- Il laser **Erbio:YAG** (cristallo di ittrio, alluminio, granato drogato con erbio) emette un raggio infrarosso con una lunghezza d'onda di 2940nm.
- Cromoforo: **l'acqua**.
- Capacità di ablazione ~15-20 $\mu$ , danno termico accessorio di ~5 $\mu$ .
- Non coagula vasi sanguigni e linfatici.



- Verruche piane
- Neurofibromi
- Xantelasmi
- Adenomi sebacei
- Siringomi
- Cheratosi attiniche e seborroiche
- Macchie
- Nevi epidermici, dermici
- Rinofima (rimodellamento)
- Cicatrici patologiche
- Cheiliti attiniche
- Tricoepiteliomi
- Resurfacing - rejuvenation

# Laser CO<sub>2</sub> frazionato



➤ Il CO<sub>2</sub> frazionato coagula/rimuove microcolonne dermo-epidermiche con effetti terapeutici sovrapponibili al CO<sub>2</sub> UP e con un significativo miglioramento dell'outcome del paziente.





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# CO<sub>2</sub> full-face resurfacing

## The Fitzpatrick TB scale

Skin type	Skin color	Features
I	White or freckled	•Always burns, never tans
II	White	•Burns easily, tans poorly
III	Olive	•Mild burn, gradually tans
IV	Light - brown	•Burns minimally, tans easily
V	Dark - brown	•Rarely burns, tans easily
VI	Black	•Never burns, always tans

## Indice di sicurezza

Grado e Area	Epidermide + Derma (µm)	%
<b>Indice basso</b>		
1.collo	253	54.5
2.palpebre	345	62.3
3.glabella	468	69.2
<b>Indice intermedio</b>		
4.fronte	1171	79.3
5.guancia	1050	86.6
<b>Indice elevato</b>		
6.labbro superiore	1217	87.2
7.punta del naso	1029	89.2
8.labbro inferiore	1086	89.6
9.mento	1524	90.2



- ✓ 4 settimane precedenti: crema a base di ac. glicolico + ac. Kojico + filtri solari).
- ✓ 3 giorni precedenti: profilassi antivirale (altri 7 gg nel postoperatorio).
- ✓ Il giorno precedente: terapia antibiotica per 3-5gg (in base al farmaco).

# 👉 Laser vascolari

- Il laser **DYE (FLPD – Flashlamp Pumped Dye Laser)** utilizza un flash allo xenon o al kripton per eccitare il colorante rodamina e produrre fotoni alla lunghezza d'onda di 585-600nm con una profondità terapeutica di 1,5mm. determina agglutinazione eritrocitaria e coagulazione intravasale.
- Cromoforo: **ossiemoglobina**.

- Eritrosi
- Couperose
- Angiomi piani
- Angiomi rubino
- Angiomi port-wine
- Teleangectasie

- L'effetto clinico del laser è caratterizzato da una lesione purpurica circolare che in 7-14gg si risolve con lo sbiancamento della lesione.
- Il setting della macchina varia in base alla patologia ed al paziente: sono necessari uno o più test prima di procedere con il trattamento.





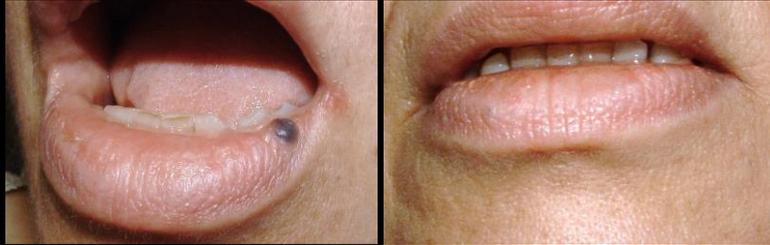
➤ Il laser **Nd:YAG** emette un raggio di 1064nm ottenuto dalla stimolazione di un cristallo (ittrio-alluminio-granato) con un fascio di luce continua o pulsata: possiede una capacità di penetrazione nel tessuto superiore agli altri sistemi (6-8mm).

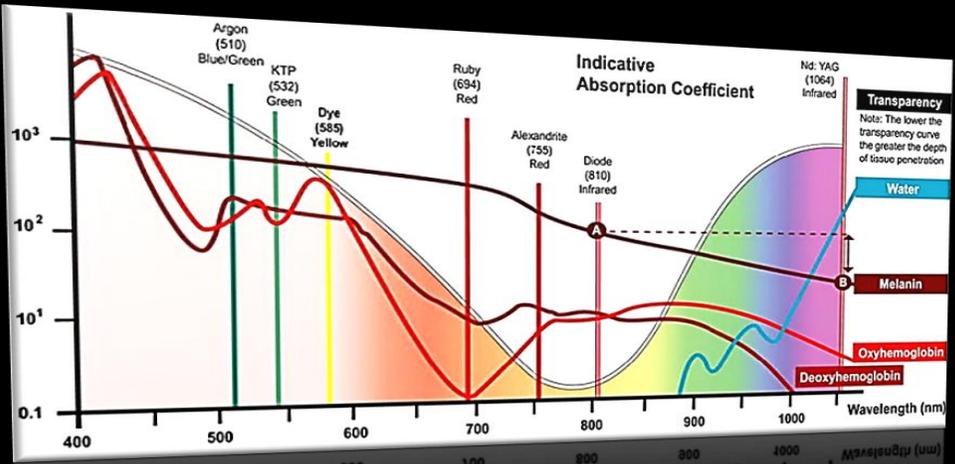
➤ Cromoforo: **melanina**.

- Patologie vascolari anche nel derma medio
- Epilazione permanente
- Tatuaggi monocromatici neri o blu

➤ Nelle patologie vascolari è utile l'associazione con il Dye-laser per la coagulazione dei vasi profondi (effetto termico).







## 👉 Ipertricosi

➤ L'ipertricosi, genetica o acquisita, può interessare entrambi i sessi e prevede un aumento della pelosità, diffusa o localizzata, senza pattern androgeno dipendente.

## 👉 Irsutismo

➤ L'irsutismo è caratterizzato da un abnorme sviluppo di peli (*guance, labbro superiore, mento, braccia, cosce, regione addominale*) riconducibile a differenti condizioni patologiche (*farmaci, ovaio policistico, m. del sistema endocrino e del metabolismo, tumori*).



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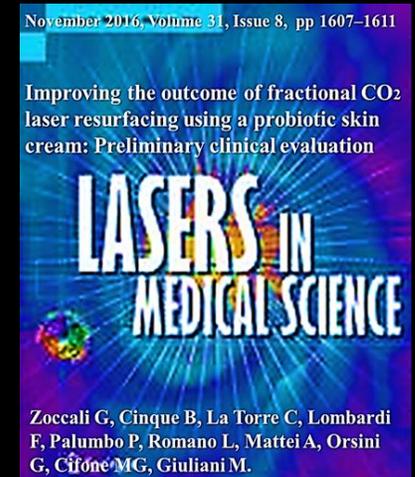


# Laser - Complicanze



## Laser chirurgici

1. Infezioni batteriche, virali (Herpes), micotiche
2. Discromie
3. Eritema persistente
4. Esiti cicatriziali



## Laser vascolari

1. Iperpigmentazione
2. Ipopigmentazione persistente
3. Pustolosi amicrobica transitoria
4. Esiti cicatriziali

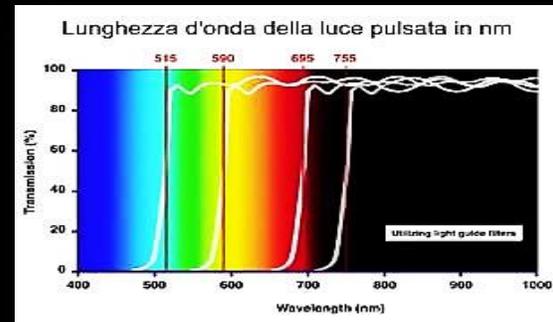


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# ☞ Luce Pulsata Intensificata (IPL)

➤ L'IPL è una sorgente di energia luminosa pulsata **non monocromatica e collimata** ma con uno spettro più ampio (modificando il cristallo del manipolo si ottengono lunghezze d'onda differenti 390→1200nm). L'energia può essere erogata in un unico spot o frazionata in 2–3 impulsi.



## Laser

- Monocromaticità (solo una lunghezza d'onda)
- Coerenza (le onde sono sempre in fase)
- Luce collimata



## Luce Pulsata

- Non-monocromaticità (una banda di lunghezze d'onda)
- Non coerenza (le onde non sono in fase)
- Luce defocalizzata



- L'IPL fotocoagula i piccoli vasi e riduce la concentrazione di melanina.
- Stimola i fibroblasti e la neocollagenogenesi.
- Azione di contrasto all'aging cutaneo.



- **Patologie vascolari (spider nevi, rosacea, couperose)**
- **Ipercromie cutanee (cheratosi seborroiche, lentigo solare, melasma)**
- **Acne**
- **Ipertricosi**
- **Photoaging**
  - ✓ **Tipo I: macchie solari, capillari, rosacea**
  - ✓ **Tipo II: elastosi cutanea e rughe**
  - ✓ **Tipo III: cheratosi attiniche**
- **L'IPL è indicata nel Photoaging I-III**



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

**Melasma Treated with Intense Pulsed Light**

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**Abstract**  
*Background* Hypermelanosis includes a diverse group of genetic and acquired skin anomalies that appear as darker, hyperpigmented areas. Melasma, in particular, is a hypermelanotic condition that affects sun-exposed skin in females. Whether this condition is acquired or genetic is still controversial. However, it clearly correlates with exposure to UV light, a genetic predisposition, and hormonal variations (from pregnancy or oral contraceptive). *Methods* Between October 2005 and March 2008, 38 patients with melasma were treated with intense pulsed light (IPL) at the LASER Center of the Department of Health Sciences, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Section, University of L'Aquila. Diagnosis was based on medical history, physical examination, and video microscopy. *Results* Results were graded as excellent, good, moderate, or poor. Grades were given according to outcome scale and reported complications. All 38 patients had follow-up checks at 30 days, 3 months, and 6 months and someone at more than 1 year. Results were excellent in 18 patients (47.37%), good in 11 (28.95%), moderate in 5 (13.16%), and poor in 4 cases (10.52%). *Conclusion* From a careful review of the scientific literature and according to our personal clinical experience, IPL stands out as an effective tool in the treatment and healing of a high percentage of hypermelanosis and melasma, with a very low risk of complications and an excellent satisfaction rate among patients.

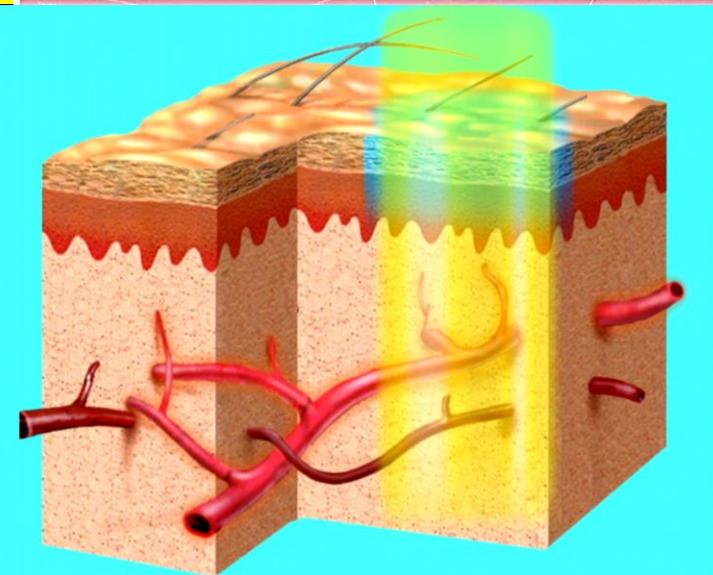
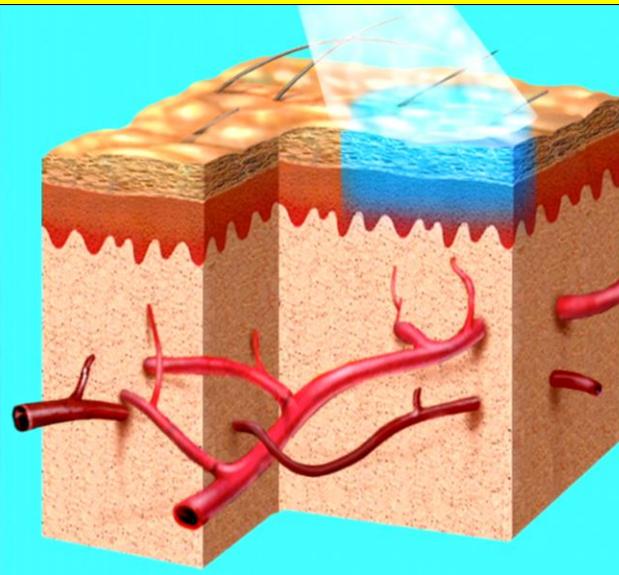
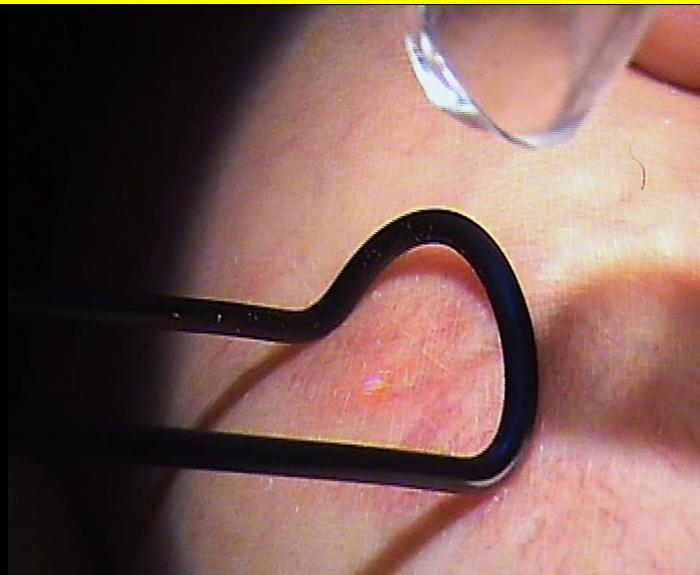
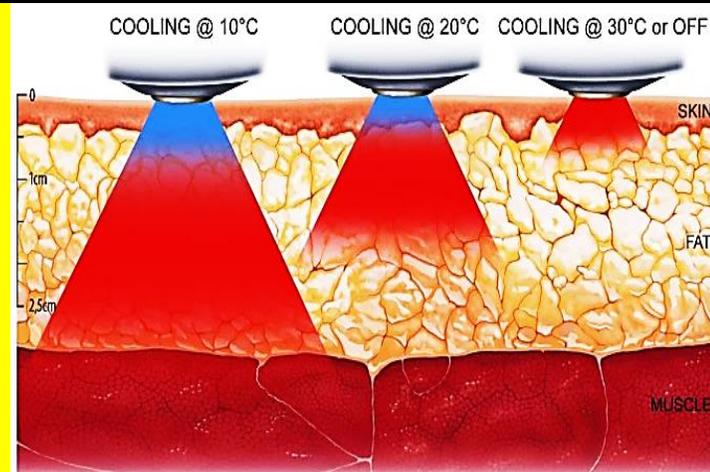
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Melasma is an acquired hypermelanosis of unknown origin that affects sun-exposed skin. Ninety percent of those affected are female [1, 2]. Although all wavelengths of sun radiation can induce melasma, including the visible spectrum, overexposure to UV rays seems to be the main cause of the abnormal deposition and accumulation of melanin. Ultraviolet light induces peroxidation of lipids in ocular membranes, formation of free radicals, and ultimately abnormal melanin production. Other etiologic conditions that may cause melasma include a nonspecific genetic predisposition (30%) and variations in female hormonal balance from pregnancy or oral contraceptives. Melasma has also been described in patients with ovarian dysfunction, thyroid autoimmune disease, and liver disease, and in association with photosensitizing drugs (phenytoin, meprobitalin) or cosmetics [2–5].

From a clinical standpoint, melasma affects both sides of the face with irregular, asymmetric, intensely pigmented, and well-demarcated areas. The areas vary in number, size, and color, ranging from ochre-yellow to dark gray. Melasma can be classified according to location, histological pattern, and morphology under Wood's lamp [1, 2, 6].

## 👉 Il raffreddamento cutaneo

➤ Il raffreddamento della cute è indispensabile perché tutela la superficie cutanea; consente fluenze più elevate con risultati clinici migliori, minore numero di sedute e basso rischio di effetti collaterali e/o complicanze.

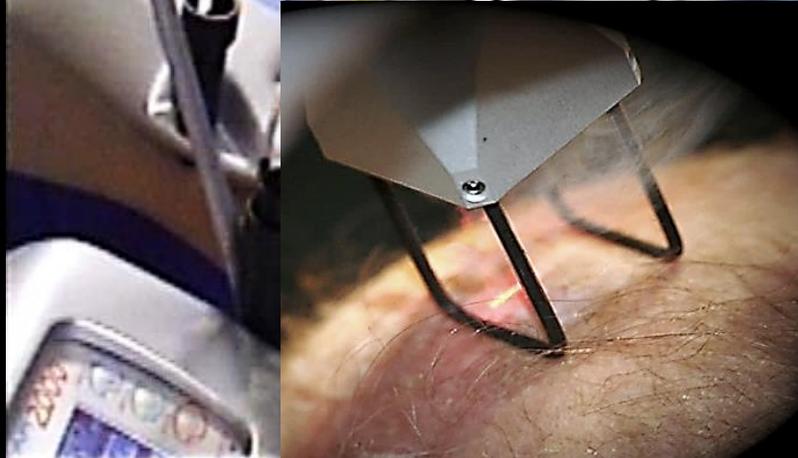


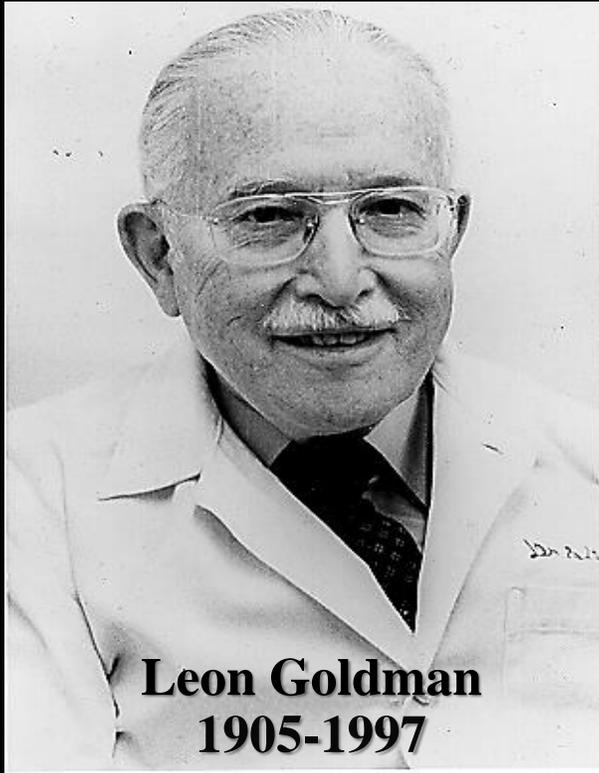
# ☞ Sicurezza e Laser



## Rischi legati al raggio laser

- ✓ Incendio
- ✓ Fumi di origine chirurgica
- ✓ Danni oculari
- ✓ Danni agli elementi dentari





“Se non avete bisogno del laser ... NON USATELO!”



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