

UConn HEALTH

CLINICAL POLICY

Laser/Energy Based Treatments in Dermatology, Care of the Patient

A. EFFECTIVE DATE :

April 9, 2021

B. PURPOSE :

To define parameters for care of patients receiving laser/energized treatments in

C. POLICY :

1. All patients who are candidates must be evaluated by a Dermatology Practitioner prior to treatment. The LIP will provide written orders for treatment. They will assess the patient for tolerance and effectiveness of the treatment.
2. Appropriate eyewear for laser therapy will be provided for patient, staff and any other individual present in the active laser rooms.
3. Signage indicating laser in use will be placed on all entrances and exits to rooms where lasers are being used. Lasers will be turned off when not in use.
4. Patients must be made aware that cosmetic laser treatments typically are not covered by insurance. The patient is responsible for any and all financial payments which are due at time of service.

D. SCOPE :

Farmington Dermatology

E. DEFINITIONS :

None

F. MATERIAL(S) NEEDED :

Laser as directed by provider, eye protective wear.

G. PROCEDURE :

1. Identify patient using two patient identifiers.
2. Confirm with patient area to be treated with laser/energy based devices.
3. Have patient remove any lotion or make-up in the treatment area using mild, non-alcoholic cleanser and pat dry with a towel.
4. Obtain baseline photographs of the treatment area.

5. Prepare appropriate protective eyewear for patient, physician and staff.
6. If topical application of anesthesia is ordered and required prior to treatment, apply the topical anesthesia to the treatment area for 45-60 minutes.
7. Provider to obtain consent for procedure.
8. Put protective eyewear on patient and operator and anyone else in the room.
9. Laser treatment provided per Dermatology provider.
10. After treatment assess patient's skin and patient's response to treatment.
11. Provide and apply ice to the treatment area as needed for comfort.
12. Provide post treatment education including inflammation/instruction sheet to patient.
13. Document treatment administered and patient response to treatment in patient's medical record.
14. Clean appropriate laser parts and protective eyewear with appropriate cleaner

H. ATTACHMENTS :

None

I. REFERENCES :

None

J. SEARCH WORDS :

K. ENFORCEMENT:

Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

L. STAKEHOLDER APPROVALS :

One File

M. COMMITTEE APPROVALS :

None

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