

Excimer Laser Info Sheet

What is the Excimer Laser?

The excimer laser uses narrowband UVB light to treat vitiligo, psoriasis and atopic dermatitis or eczema. It delivers targeted high dose therapeutic light directly to the affected tissue without exposing healthy skin. By targeting only the affected tissue, without exposing healthy skin, the laser delivers high-dose treatment that may promote faster clearing and longer remission than other treatments.

What is this Laser Used for?

This laser treatment is great for treating stubborn psoriasis plaques on the elbows and knees. It is also a great treatment option for eczema or psoriasis of the face and scalp. It is very effective for vitiligo patches on the arms, legs and face especially around the eyes. This treatment can be done in conjunction with the light box treatments. However, one area can not be treated by both the lightbox and the laser on the same day.

How many treatments will I need?

Each condition and patient will vary in the number of treatments needed and the time it will take to reach clearing. Most patients will initially require 2 treatments each week to clear their lesions. It may take 12-15 treatment to improve psoriasis or eczema. Vitiligo generally takes a little longer and may require 15-30 treatments. Most patients will maintain clearance for 6 months and will require touch up treatments as needed.

How many treatments are needed?

Treatments are generally done 2 times per week for several weeks. Improvement will be seen in most patients within 6 weeks but can vary depending on the severity.

What is the cost?

For most patients, the treatment will be covered under their healthcare insurance. Each treatment done in our office is considered an office visit however.

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