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Laser therapy for scar correction: Is it worth the time and the money? Patient perspective

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Different type of lasers has received extensive exposure in the medical literature and media over the last few years. Burns survivors interested in improving burn scars are seeking for solution and cannot ignore the good results shown in many articles. But the real question is: Is this medical excitement really worth it for the patient. This article is written after treating hundreds of patients with laser treatment and seeing clinical improvement. The author wanted to have better knowledge about what expectations the patient should have if they were booking laser treatment. The senior author asked question before and after fractional CO₂ laser treatment for burns scars and analyze the patients' answers regarding the improvement, the pain, the cost and the overall satisfaction. The preliminary conclusion is positive, as the majority of the patient has seen improvement in pruritus, scar thickness, range of motion. Also, the opinion of the majority is that the fraction CO₂ laser treatment for burn scar is worth the time and the money they invested in it.

Biography

Genevieve F Caron is a Canadian Board certified Plastic Surgeon. She completed her medical degree and Plastic surgery training in Quebec, Canada then two fellowships in Western Canada focusing on scar management and cosmetic surgery. She now practices in Montreal, Canada in a private clinic and teaching at the University hospital. She treated hundreds of scars with different type of laser and has a passion for this innovative technology.

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