

The Truth About Laser Foot Surgery

The laser has gained recent acclaim in modern medical care. This is mostly due to the advances made in eye or cataract surgery. The laser is also used by Podiatrists for removal and correction of several common soft tissue foot problems.

The laser functions as a concentrated beam of light energy: similar to focusing the sun's rays with a magnifying glass. The laser beam itself is hot and acts on moist tissue by evaporating water contained in tissue. Therefore, it is useful in removing warts, moles and skin lesions (not bone). The laser also can be used to remove fungal nails permanently.

Laser surgery tends to be less painful, quicker healing, and less bloody since the light beam seals bleeding vessels or cauterizes them. We want to stress that LASERS CANNOT CUT BONE, therefore, they CANNOT BE USED TO CORRECT BUNIONS, HAMMERTOES OR ANY BONE DISORDER The laser is a very useful tool for today's medical practitioner. It has specific uses and is an advantage when used together with more traditional treatments. Unfortunately, the laser does not do away with the need for anesthesia prior to surgery.