

Fraxel re:store® DUAL system

Treatment using the 1927 nm wavelength

PATIENT DIARY





CASE STUDY

Patient

A 47-year-old female Executive Assistant seeking treatment for sun spots, which have worsened over the years. She has an active outdoor life style and enjoys hiking and gardening. Her dermatological history is positive for rosacea, for which she uses Metrogel® as needed.

Physician

Steve Struck, M.D. board-certified plastic surgeon practicing in Atherton, California.

Preparation

A topical anesthetic ointment was applied one hour prior to procedure and removed immediately before the treatment.

Follow-up care

Gentle cleansing (Cetaphil® gentle facial cleanser), Moisturizing (Aquaphor® healing ointment) and Sun protection (Neutrogena® SPF® 70®).

BEFORE



TREATMENT EXPERIENCE

Patient

The numbing gel really works, I'm totally numb. The procedure was completely painless and actually felt nice with the cooling air that sort of felt like cool mist. My face started to tingle about 10 minutes after the procedure. When the numbing gel wore off my face felt hot and very tingly, like a "fresh" sunburn, this lasted about an hour. I took Ibuprofen to ease the sunburn feel.

Physician

Patient was relaxed and tolerated the procedure very well. She reported a pain score of 1 on the 0 to 10 scale, 10 being the worst pain. Mild erythema (redness) and almost no edema (swelling) immediately post procedure, as normally expected.

IMMEDIATELY POST TREATMENT



DAY 1

Patient
I slept well (last night),
not uncomfortable at all.
A bit itchy, I can't get enough
moisturizer on my face!

Physician

Pruritus (itching) is a common side effect, which can be relieved by the use of an ice pack and liberal application of moisturizer. It is not uncommon for the patient to look a bit more erythematous (red) than they did immediately after treatment.



DAY 2

Patient
I am pretty brown, skin is very
dry, has a sandpaper-like feel.
At 9:00 pm, I saw first signs of
peeling.

Physician

If you look carefully, you can see the individual laser "dots" on the skin surface. This contributed to the overall darkened appearance.



DAY 3

Patient
Wow, I am officially peeling!
And it feels so much better.

Physician

Desquamation (peeling) usually occurs day 3 – 4 after a face treatment. At this time, patient should refrain from picking or manually exfoliating the treated area to allow natural healing.



DAY 4

Patient It's almost all off, just a bit still along the jawline, hairline and nose tip. All the pigmentation has faded away.

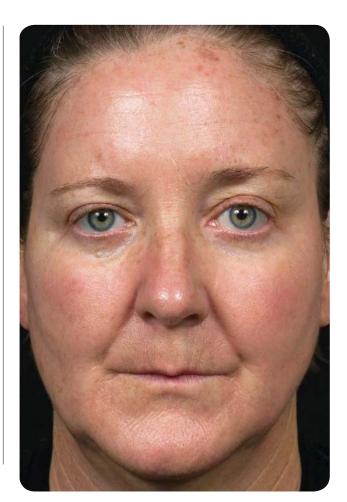
Physician
Desquamation tends to
start from center face,
as observed here.



DAY 5

Patient
Everything is off, skin looks
luminous, baby soft. People
who have not seen me
in a while, noticed a "glow"
about me.

Physician Patients, in general, feel much better when desquamation (peeling) is complete.



1 WEEK

Patient

I am so glad that I did this and it's a pretty amazing result for just 7 days later. Now it's smooth, clear, slightly pink with a healthy look. I will be diligent with the SPF and hat wearing when I exercise or work in the yard.

Physician

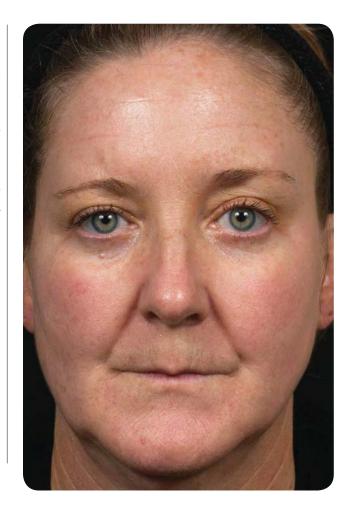
Patient still has some redness but nothing significant. Sun avoidance/sun protection is essential after a laser resurfacing procedure, both to protect the skin and prolong the results.



WEEK 2

Patient
I have not put any make up on
my face at all. Just moisturizer
and it's a great feeling. My
skin is still very smooth and my
cheeks have a healthy pink glow.

Physician All redness is resolved at this time. Patient may return to her normal skin care routine.



1 MONTH

Patient
I have one small area of pigmentation that is much lighter than before but remains; I have been told it is due to the depth of the pigmentation. Overall I am delighted with the outcome and have recommended the procedure to several friends and family!

Physician

At this time, a series of 1550 nm treatments may be considered to further improve some of the deeper pigmentation, as well as long term collagen remodeling to address deeper wrinkles. In addition, a good skin care regimen and sun protection will help to maintain clearance of superficial pigmentation from the 1927 nm treatment. Individual results may vary.



BEFORE



1 MONTH AFTER



