ASDSA members PROTECT patients from harm

Dermatologic surgeons are the best choice for laser procedures

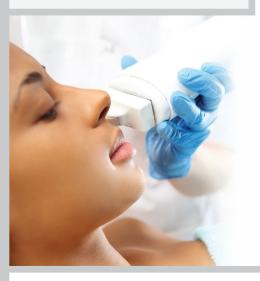


3.27 million laser procedures were performed by ASDSA members in 2017

DERMATOLOGISTS

are the physician of choice for laser procedures, with **patient** satisfaction at 90%

Board-certified
 dermatologists have gone
 through medical school and
 residency and are able to
 provide quality patient care



7 in 10 INDIVIDUALS are considering a COSMETIC PROCEDURE

PROTECTING PATIENTS

from adverse events is key when lasers are used to remove, burn or vaporize the skin

- Any laser procedure that can damage living tissue is considered the practice of medicine by the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons
- Before any laser procedure
 is done, a dermatologist
 evaluates a patient's current
 condition, select an appropriate
 course of treatment and
 provide adequate information
 about follow-up care

The use of a written protocol **PROTECTS PATIENTS** from the harmful side effects of inappropriate laser use

- Inappropriate use of lasers can result in permanent scars
- When 123 complications from non-physician laser use were reviewed, 82% of these complications occurred when there was no on-site physician supervision

ON-SITE ON-SITE SUPERVISION is KEY in protecting PATIENTS when delegating procedures to non-physicians

- If a procedure is within the scope of practice of a non-physician provider, it may be delegated through a written protocol after a physician has performed an initial assessment
- The percentage of medical malpractice lawsuits involving non-physician use of lasers increased from 38% in 2011

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