

## SEEING THE LIGHT

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**Q:** I'm hearing a lot about lasers for skin improvement. Is this a viable option for looking my best?

**A:** It seems that every day a new method of skin improvement hits the market to better treat facial pigmentation, wrinkle reduction, facial vascular veins or permanent hair removal.

Now the newest lasers are delivering on the promise of safer, effective and faster facial rejuvenation, becoming a non-invasive, no-downtime option.

One of the two latest "best-of-breed" lasers in town is at Sansum Clinic in the Facial Plastic Surgery Center. Under the direction of David LaPatka, MD and Carol Cope, RN, the new laser is predominantly used for cosmetic purposes such as reducing wrinkles on the face, reducing or removing blotchy pigmentation, hair removal and the improving of dull complexions that result from aging or sun damage. In addition, the new laser can do a total skin resurfacing using a microthermal, pixel pulse that removes the epidermis and triggers the body's natural ability to produce new healthy skin tissue.

"Today, one hundred percent of my clients are completely happy and satisfied with the results, as well as with the procedure," said Carol Cope, RN, and Sansum Clinic's director and trained laser technician. "The beauty of the Alma Laser we just purchased is that refreshing your facial complexion can be achieved with very little heat damage to the skin, resulting in less redness and faster healing."

Treatments for the face with the new Alma Laser take approximately an hour. With the Alma, only the uppermost layers of the skin are treated producing minimal thermal damage, with new skin growth within seven days or less. There is no downtime and you can continue with your day—and the next—without worry.

Naturally, every individual is different. To learn how the latest in lasers can help you achieve the look you want, consult with the experts at Sansum Clinic's Facial Plastic Surgery Center at 215 Pesetas Lane, (805) 681-8993.

– Ana Drucker