



# **Class IV Laser Protocol**

### **Pain and Inflammation**

(i.e., plantar fasciitis, Achilles tendonitis, capsulitis, tendonitis, trauma, post-op, etc.)

WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:

20 Watts CW 810/980 Wavelength

TREATMENT:

Treatment time – 10 minutes. Treat twice weekly for three weeks or once weekly for six weeks. Some physicians implement 10 treatments weekly. Repeat if necessary.

## **Fungus Toenail**

WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:	980/810 Wavelength 15 Watts   980/810 Wavelength 10 Watts   810 Wavelength 20% Duty Cycle
TREATMENT:	Use 7mm or 3mm handpiece. Treatment time for hallux toenail – 2 minutes. Treatment time for lessor toenails – 1 minute. Debridement of toenail down to 1mm. Use antifungal topical with standard antifungal prevention protocols. <i>Request video demonstrating technique.</i>

## Surgery

#### WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:

TREATMENT:

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6 Watts CW 810 or 980 Wavelength

Treatment time – 10 minutes. Surgical treatment of painful discrete warts with a local anesthetic. *Request video demonstrating technique.* 

#### **Mosaic Warts**

WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:	5 Watts Avg. Power 10 Watts Peak Power 50% Duty Cycle
TREATMENT:	No anesthetic. Must touch wart with 3mm bare fiber May need a vacuum for smoke. Must clean and cut the fiber after each patient treatment. <i>Request video demonstrating technique.</i>

## Neuropathy

WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:	10 Watts CW
TREATMENT:	Treatment time – 10 minutes (each extremity) Treat the common peroneal, tibial, post-tibial nerves. 60% of treatment on entire plantar surface of the foot. Treat three times in first week. Treat two times in second week. Treat one time in third week. Repeat if necessary. Must have maintenance. <i>Google "laser for neuropathy" for scientific articles</i>

### Wounds





WATTAGE AND WAVELENGTH:

TREATMENT:

5 Watts 50% Duty Cycle

Never hold the handpiece over the wound. Never touch the wound with the handpiece. Request article published at Kent State Podiatry College for reference and discussion of treatment methods.