

# Haile Medical Group

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## PinPointe FootLaser™ Q&A

### **What is the PinPointe Laser & how does it work?**

The PinPointe Laser operates in a very tight spectrum of near infra-red light. The laser light passes through the toenail without causing damage to the nail or the surrounding skin. The beam created by this specially designed medical device vaporizes the embedded pathogens in your nail plate and nail bed, leaving normal healthy tissue undamaged, while killing the organisms that cause toenail fungus.

### **What are the benefits of laser treatment vs. creams or medications?**

The oral medications available today are very damaging to your liver and kidneys and require blood tests to monitor their functions. Laser treatment on the other hand, is highly effective and is more successful than creams or medications.

### **How effective is the treatment?**

The laser is very effective, according to clinical studies. Most patients experience significant improvement and in most cases, only a single treatment is required. You can even resume all your normal activities immediately after the treatment is done.

### **Does the laser treatment take long?**

The procedure usually takes about 30 – 40 minutes.

### **Does the laser treatment hurt?**

No anesthetic or injections are ever used. Because the laser does not damage the nail or surrounding skin, most people feel nothing. Some people may feel a warming sensation or minimal prickling pain.

### **How quickly is improvement noticed?**

At the time of the procedure, the toenail will not become instantly clear, it takes time to grow out. New healthy nail will be seen emerging from the cuticle area as your nails grow naturally. The average toe nail replaces itself every 6-9 months. Within the first 4 months healthy new growth will be visible.

### **Will the fungus come back?**

In a high percentage of cases, the fungus is eradicated following one treatment. We will recommend care techniques to reduce recurrence of the infection. There is a chance of reinfection because the fungus is present everywhere in the environment. You will need to practice good foot hygiene to keep your toe nails healthy.

### **Is the procedure covered by insurance?**

The laser procedure is considered aesthetic and therefore not covered by health insurance.

**If it is not covered by my Insurance, how much will it cost?**

Call, email or send the form for a quote.

**What time can I schedule an appointment?**

We are available M-F from 9am-5pm. After hours appointments are periodically available as well.