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LaserStraight Shooter Supplement

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Proctors for Additional Hands-On Aesthetic Laser/IPL Training

Who? For graduates of our Aesthetic 3 Day Seminars, and Online courses

Even though our 3 day seminar does include introductory hands-on work with various devices, we try to make it clear that the student certainly will need additional hands-on work prior to unsupervised clinical treatments. And of course there is no hands-on work at all in our Online computer based training. Many of our students are sent by practices that already have more experienced people applying treatments, and the student is sent to us both for the broader academic training they can't get in their office, and frequently for the Aesthetic Laser Operator Certification. They receive their additional hands-on training when they go back to their own office and work with the physician(s) or other staff.

Some of our students though don't have such a practice to go back to and learn more. Most of these people are just starting out on their own. One way to get good hands-on additional experience is to work with the device manufacturers clinical trainers after you buy their device. They have excellent clinical training. I wouldn't buy a laser or other device though until you obtain more broad training in these procedures, as we discuss in our courses. AFTER you've had this training you'll be better able to make purchasing decisions on equipment and then work with their trainers.

Some of our students buy good used aesthetic laser equipment (you'll learn about these sources in our courses) and the original manufacturer is not available to support them for further training. Because of the very low costs of this good used equipment the dealer is not really setup to provide clinical training either. This is where working with an independent proctor can be advantageous. We will connect you with various regional proctors and let you make your own arrangements with them, but **WE OFFER THESE REFERRALS ONLY TO GRADUATES OF OUR OWN SEMINARS OR ONLINE TRAINING.** These preceptorships are applicable to physicians, nurses, aestheticians and techs who have completed our initial training. Please remember that any State licensing requirements (if any) are an entirely separate issue and it is up to the student to determine whether they need to be licensed in their State.

Preceptorship Arrangements

Beginning in 2013 we have a handful of regional preceptors to refer our students to after initial training. You'll make your own arrangements after you determine that they have the types of equipment and perform the procedures you'll be doing. Fees will vary, but \$1500 per day would be typical. Cases would primarily involve nonmedical cosmetic procedures such as laser hair removal or skin rejuvenation, and 1-3 days would be more than sufficient to cover these basic procedures. We usually suggest 10-20 procedures per modality. It might involve physicians, nurses, aestheticians or technicians. We can arrange medical preceptorships as well (qualified physicians only of course).

We'll provide the names and contact information for preceptors only to our own students after they have completed one of our courses, but these handful of U.S. preceptors are currently available in:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• San Diego, California• Anaheim Hills, California (L.A. area)• Scottsdale, Arizona• Harlingen, Texas• Baltimore, Maryland• Long Island, New York• Lafayette CO (Denver area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fayetteville, Arkansas• Fairfax & Arlington, Virginia• Boston, Massachusetts• Wausau, Wisconsin• Minnesota• Honolulu, Hawaii• Toronto, Ontario Canada
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*** If you are reading this and would like your practice to participate as a proctor, please contact me*

You'd need to make contact with one or more of these facilities, and explain that you are one of our students looking for additional hands-on training. Explain what your interests are and ask if they have equipment and do procedures that could help you, and ask about their fee. **You'll need to show them a copy of your training certificate from us prior to being accepted in their program.**

When you inquire about procedures I would NOT FOCUS on specific makes/models of equipment. Instead I'd look at what you want to do with what type of equipment - for instance laser hair removal with Alexandrite or Diode lasers. It should make no difference whether they are Candela's, Cynosure's, Lumenis', or Aesclepien. If you're looking for specific "push button" training on a unit then you're better off getting that quick training from your original supplier. This is not the best use of a preceptor, who shows you how to correctly apply laser treatments on patients and how to monitor skin reaction to avoid problems. See how many laser or IPL modalities the practice can train you on.

In addition to rounding out training courses with hands-on, some States and Certification agencies require a fair number of cases for licensing in that State. Texas for instance wants 100 cases for their highest level of provider, and they and Florida accept the National Certifications from our National Council on Laser Certification (NCLC) - www.LaserCertification.org. It is up to the applicant to determine what their own State requirements are. In Texas for instance, you first need to achieve the appropriate level of State licensing PRIOR to obtaining the NCLC Certification.

Please call or email me if you are one of our registered students and want to contact a proctor.

If you have equipment in your own office we can also come in for such training on-site.

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