

## **GenesisPlus Laser Treatment for Onychomycosis (Nail Fungus) Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What is GenesisPlus?**

GenesisPlus is a new FDA approved laser perfected for safely and effectively treating onychomycosis (nail fungus). By targeting the fungus directly, GenesisPlus gets to the source of the problem immediately.

### **How does GenesisPlus work?**

Tiny pulses of light from the GenesisPlus laser pass through the nail to the fungus underneath. The fungus is irradiated without any damage to the surrounding nail or skin.

### **How long does the procedure take?**

All toes on both feet are treated for the best chance of success. The GenesisPlus laser procedure will take 15-30 minutes.

### **Is GenesisPlus painful?**

Most people feel a slight warming sensation during the procedure. No pain medication is needed and most people find the treatment very easy to tolerate.

### **How many treatments will I need?**

Many patients only need one treatment, but some need more if they have severe cases of toenail fungus.

### **Are there any restrictions on my activity post procedure?**

You can resume your normal activities immediately.

### **When will I see results?**

You won't notice anything immediately following treatment. However, as your nail grows out, the new nail growth should be clear. Toenails grow slowly –especially nails infected with fungus. So, it may take 6-12 months for your toenail to clear.

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

Re-infection with toenail fungus may be acquired anywhere from your environment, for example, in damp areas such as public swimming pools. Certain medical conditions can make re-infection more likely such as diabetes and peripheral vascular disease. Please refer to our "Prevention" guidelines for further information.

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#### **When can I apply nail polish?**

While it is important to remove nail polish, decoration and jewelry prior to treatment, you can reapply nail polish 24 hours after treatment.

#### **How does Genesis compare to other toenail fungus treatments?**

Traditional treatments such as nail trimming, topical medicine, oral medicine or nail removal have significant drawbacks. Nail trimming doesn't treat the fungus. Topical medicines need to be applied for 12 months and have a low success rate. Oral medicines are taken for 3 months but can cause liver or kidney problems. GenesisPlus is a quick, easy, safe, effective procedure that treats the fungus at the source. Studies of laser treatment of nail fungus show a success rate of 85%.

#### **Does my insurance pay for this?**

Currently this procedure is not included as a health insurance benefit; however, the initial foot consultation is free. Insurance plans consider this procedure a cosmetic or aesthetic procedure and therefore do not provide coverage. If you have a Health Savings Account (HSA), Medical Individual Retirement Account (Medical IRA) or other Flexible Medical Spending Accounts (Medical FSA), you can pay for the procedure with these funds. Otherwise, payment can be made with cash, credit or debit card.