

LASER FUNGAL NAIL TREATMENT

EFFECTIVE TREATMENT



FUNGAL NAIL (ONYCHOMYCOSIS)

Onychomycosis is a fungal infection of the nail most commonly caused by dermatophytes, particularly of the microsporum, epidermophyton and trichophyton genera.

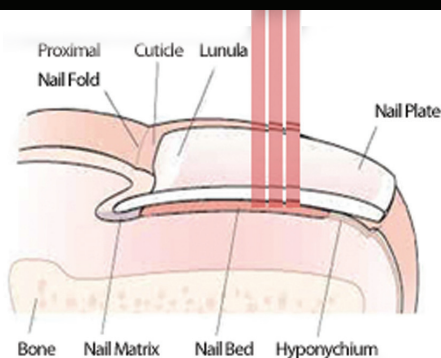
Its prevalence is estimated at up to 20% of the adult Australian population. Predisposing factors include a positive family history, advancing age, male gender, trauma, immunosuppression, poor peripheral circulation, smoking and diabetes.

Current treatment options have relatively limited success, particularly long-term. Oral medications are associated with high recurrence rates and treatment failure, and are not suitable for many cases due to potential adverse effects.



WHY LASER?

Clinical studies concluded that a “1064nm laser was effective for onychomycosis. It is a simple and effective method without significant complications or side effects and is expected to become an alternative or replacement therapy for onychomycosis.”



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At Foot, Ankle & Rehabilitation Clinics we offer an effective treatment option through the use of a medical 1064nm laser. A laser beam will be passed over the toenail which passes through the nail. This will inhibit the fungal growth allowing for a healthy nail to regrow.

You will feel a warming sensation during the treatment which lasts 1 to 2 minutes per toenail

HOW MANY TREATMENTS WILL I NEED?

Extra treatments may be recommended depending on the severity of the fungal infection.

Your podiatrist will talk with you about whether any additional treatments are required. They will also advise you on the proper care of your feet to minimise the risk of recurrence.

RESULTS

After the laser treatment the change to the nail will not be instant.

Nails grow slowly, with a toenail taking on average 12 months to completely grow out, but you should see a gradual growth of clear nail over this time.

COST

Prices are dependent on the number of toenails affected. A thorough examination is performed before the nails are treated. This includes the drilling down of the nails prior to the application of the Laser. Included in the cost is the cream and sprays required to be used to prevent re-infection.

For more details on costs please visit www.farc.com.au