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Surgical Applications

1. Cutting and Tissue Removal

Used in place of traditional scalpels.

Minimizes bleeding due to cauterization.

Common in:

- Dermatology (e.g., mole, wart, or tattoo removal)
- ENT surgeries (e.g., tonsillectomies)
- Gynecological procedures (e.g., endometriosis treatment)

2. Laser-Assisted Tumor Removal

Used to shrink or destroy tumors.

Often combined with other therapies in oncology.

Dermatology & Cosmetic Medicine

1. Skin Resurfacing & Wrinkle Reduction

Ablative lasers (e.g., CO₂, Er:YAG) remove skin layers to improve texture.

Non-ablative lasers stimulate collagen production.

2. Acne & Scar Treatment

Targets sebaceous glands or reduces scar tissue.

3. Hair Removal

Laser targets melanin in hair follicles to reduce hair growth.



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4. Tattoo Removal

Q-switched lasers break down ink particles for the body to absorb.

5. Pigmented Lesion & Vascular Treatment

Treats age spots, melasma, spider veins, port-wine stains.

Ophthalmology

1. Refractive Eye Surgery

LASIK, PRK: Reshape the cornea to correct vision.

2. Cataract Surgery

Femtosecond lasers assist in lens removal.

3. Retinal Treatments

Laser photocoagulation for diabetic retinopathy, macular edema.

4. Glaucoma Management

Laser trabeculoplasty improves fluid drainage.



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Dentistry

- 1. Cavity Preparation & Tooth Whitening
- 2. Soft Tissue Surgery

Gingival reshaping, treatment of periodontal disease.

3. Sterilization of Root Canals

Oncology

Photodynamic Therapy (PDT)

Combines light-sensitive drugs and lasers to destroy cancer cells.

Other Applications

1. Urology

Laser lithotripsy for breaking kidney/bladder stones.

Prostate surgery (e.g., HoLEP for BPH).

2. Vascular Surgery

Endovenous laser therapy (EVLT) for varicose veins.



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3. Gastroenterology

Ablation of polyps or lesions.

Hemostasis for bleeding ulcers.

4. Pain Management & Rehabilitation

Low-level laser therapy (LLLT) reduces inflammation and promotes healing.