

Contraindications and Possible Complications

Contraindications

- **Patients with infectious diseases**
- **Patients with Lupus or Rheumatoid arthritis**
- **Patients with a propensity for keloid scar formation**
- **Patients who are immunocompromised or have compromised healing**
- **Patients who are on long-standing systemic steroids such as Prednisone**
- **Patients who are pregnant**
- **Patients who have used isotretinoin (Accutane) in the last 6 months**
- **Patients with a medical condition that may affect wound healing**

Potential Complications

Complications, though rare, occasionally occur and should be discussed and understood. The patient must understand the importance of post care instructions and that the failure to comply may increase the probability of complications.

The potential complications of laser treatment are:

- **Scarring-hypertrophic and non-hypertrophic**
- **Burns**
- **Hyperpigmentation**
- **Hypopigmentation**
- **Induced bruising or petechia formation**
- **Edema**
- **Wound infection**