

ESSENTIALS OF LASER TREATMENT

CBAM Aesthetic Mastery Series



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Dr. Akef is board certified by the College of Family Physicians of Canada in both Family and Emergency Medicine. Additionally, he is deeply involved in interventional pain practice cooperation for the treatment of Migraines, chronic pain, TMJ, Myofascial pain, and Fibromyalgia. He is a leading cosmetic physician and an internationally recognized specialist in non-surgical cosmetic procedures.

Dr. Akef is dedicated to understanding his clients' concerns and creating personalized treatment plans that meet their needs and goals. He is committed to thoughtfully and strategically creating individualized combinations of leading, safe treatments that exceed client expectations. He is also the founder of Angel Gloss spa in Toronto, an established, leading destination for non-surgical cosmetic procedures for individuals seeking leading physicians with proven experience, the latest technology, and cutting-edge techniques.

Dr. Akef is actively involved in multiple training courses, webinars, and conferences all around the world, including prestigious international conferences such as IMCAS, AMWC, and Dubai Derma. He participates as a speaker at these events and is always looking to stay up to date with the latest developments in the field of cosmetic medicine.

Mohsen Talani is the Director of CBAM. He has over 18 years of experience teaching anatomy in Canada and internationally to students and healthcare practitioners in different fields of medicine such as physicians, dentists, nurses, chiropractors, and physiotherapists.

After graduating from medical school at a young age, he became a medical doctor in his home country, Iran, and practiced in the field of emergency medicine. While pursuing his Master's thesis in neuroscience at McGill University, he discovered his passion for teaching. Since then, he has been working in the field of medical science education, with a focus on anatomy.

He strongly believes that with the rapidly growing aesthetic industry, all practitioners should have a profound knowledge of skin basics, fat compartments, muscles, blood vessels, and nerves, in order to provide safe and effective care to clients and prevent or minimize post-treatment complications linked to lack of anatomy knowledge.

He is currently training healthcare practitioners who seek to have a deep knowledge of anatomy. He incorporates fun, innovative, and easy-to-understand methods of teaching in all of his classes, guest lectures, and presentations. Additionally, he supervises the cadaver lab dissections and hands-on practicals.



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Simple Explanations for Practical Use in Treatment

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Laser technology has revolutionized the field of aesthetic medicine, offering non-invasive or minimally invasive solutions to a wide range of skin and cosmetic concerns. As practitioners, understanding the science behind these treatments and how to apply them safely and effectively is essential to delivering the best possible results for your patients. This book is designed to provide you with the knowledge and tools to integrate laser treatments into your practice with confidence. The purpose of this book is not just to offer theoretical knowledge, but to give you practical, real-world guidance that can be directly applied in clinical settings. Whether you are a beginner exploring the field of laser aesthetics or an experienced practitioner refining your skills, this guide will equip you with the essential information to perform laser treatments safely, efficiently, and with the highest standards of care.

How This Book Will Benefit You

- **Clear, Step-by-Step Protocols:** You will find simplified, easy-to-follow protocols for the most common laser treatments, including hair removal, skin rejuvenation, tattoo removal, and more. These protocols will give you the confidence to apply the correct techniques and settings for each treatment.

- **Safety First:** A strong focus on patient safety ensures you'll know how to select the right patients, avoid complications, and manage any adverse reactions that may arise.



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- **Practical Tips:** Each chapter is filled with practical tips on everything from equipment setup to patient consultation, allowing you to create an efficient and safe practice.
 - **Up-to-Date Information:** With the field of aesthetic medicine constantly evolving, this book provides you with the latest in laser technologies and emerging trends, ensuring you stay ahead of the curve.

By reading this book, you will not only gain a deeper understanding of laser treatments but also develop the confidence to implement them effectively and professionally. Whether you're looking to expand your current offerings or take the first step into the world of laser aesthetics, this guide will be your go-to resource for ensuring success.