

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is MiXto SX Micro Fractional CO2? CO2 is a carbon Dioxide laser that has been used for more than 25 years in the Aesthetic industry for treatment of conditions such as fine and deep wrinkles, scars of various origin, uneven pigmentation and dilated pores. When the CO2 beam of light comes in contact with the epidermis it heats and vaporizes the skin tissue, instantly removing the superficial layers of the skin, scars and wrinkles while smoothing out the surface of the skin. The skin remodeling occurs with new skin and collagen growth. MiXto SX stands for the Mixture between CO2 energy and fractional resurfacing, the SX stand for surgical because the Laser can also be used to make a very clean incision without bleeding.

2. How does it work? The MiXto SX gives the Physician more control to regulate the depth of penetration and the amount of heat delivered by the beam. The high speed scanner, driven by a patented pending algorithm divides the treatment area into four quadrants or "fractions" and skips the beam from quadrant to quadrant so that each strike is separated by the longest possible interval. This process is repeated until the entire area is treated. Dividing energy this way allows maximum time for thermal cooling of the tissue, less pain for the patient and faster recovery! Compared to traditional resurfacing of the past this is a big step in technology for the patient and the physician!

3. How is this different than other laser treatments? The MiXto delivers more results in a 30-minute treatment than competitors can accomplish in 3 treatments for less discomfort, downtime and cost.

4. Does it hurt? For most patients we apply topical and local anesthetic and oral tylenol then they can drive themselves home. The discomfort is similar to bad sunburn. If you are anxious, stronger oral medications can be given to relax you, but then we ask that someone drive you home.

5. What are the risks? Erythema (redness of skin); the laser-treated areas have a distinctive redness representing increased blood flow due to the growth of the superficial tissue and collagen. It will gradually fade during the first few days. Inflammation (swelling); Treatment with the MiXto System presents a minimal amount of swelling that can last up to 24 hours. Hyperpigmentation (tanning); This is presented after the third day of the procedure but then begins to shed and reveal younger healthy looking skin. A personal interview and clinical examination will be conducted to obtain relevant facts about your medical and dermatologic history, and any medications you are currently taking or have taken in the past. If you are prone to cold sores, you need to ask your doctor for an antiviral prescription before the treatment. Fractional Treatment with the MiXto SX has been proven safe for the face, neck, chest and hands.

6. How long is recovery? Most patients are ready to go back to work the next day, but it depends on the patient and their lifestyle. Typical downtime is 4-5 days.