## What is vaginal and vulvar atrophy?

Atrophy is a condition in which the walls of the vagina and vulva become thinner and dryer due to a decrease in estrogen. It affects around 40% of postmenopausal women and can cause painful intercourse, vaginal dryness, burning and decreased urinary tract health resulting in pain with frequent urination and even recurrent urinary tract infection.

## What treatments are available for vaginal atrophy?

Until recently, traditional therapies for vaginal atrophy included administration of hormones such as estrogen, an oral medication called Osphena, and a variety of non-medicated vaginal moisturizers and/or lubricants. Many women, such as breast cancer survivors, may be advised against taking hormones, while others have previously tried hormone therapy with minimal success. Fortunately, there is a new non-hormonal treatment called the MonaLisa Touch that has been shown to be very successful in treating vaginal atrophy.



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When estrogen levels decline after menopause, many changes occur. Millions of women experience symptoms such as vaginal dryness, itching, burning or painful intercourse as a consequence of these changes. Many women suffer silently, and those who seek medical treatment find their options limited: messy estrogen creams or hormone replacement therapy, which aren't for everyone.

Now there's a better way!

## Is the treatment painful?

No anesthesia has been necessary for any patient prior to or during treatment. The procedure is done in a simple fashion by placing a small probe in the vagina with minimal or no discomfort. The treatment session lasts approximately five minutes and no posttreatment pain medicine is required. Some patients report mild discomfort with the insertions of the laser guide during the first

ture due to vaginal dryness

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