

## Highly Effective 3-Step, Dual-Wavelength Multipulsed Freckle Treatment with Fotona StarWalker System

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Introduction:

Freckles are light- to dark-brownish macules that affect photo-exposed skin areas. They start small at about 2 mm or less, but with time can increase in quantity, size and even color intensity. Since these lesions are benign, their increase reflects the photo-exposure of the patient. In some cases, however, they appear in special locations (axillary folds, mucosa) and may form part of a syndrome or specific clinical picture and so require a specialized evaluation before treatment. Freckles are a purely aesthetic condition that has high treatment demand.

Laser	StarWalker MaQX		
	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
Wavelength	KTP-532 nm	Nd:YAG 1064 nm	Nd:YAG 1064 nm
Pulse duration	Q-Switch MaQX-1	FRAC3 0.6 ms	Q-Switch MaQX-1
Fluence	0.8-1.8 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	8-15 J/cm <sup>2</sup>	1.5-2.5 J/cm <sup>2</sup>
Frequency	1 Hz	4 Hz	4-6 Hz
Handpiece	R28	R28	R28
Spot size	2 mm	4 mm	6-8 mm
Cooling	Yes		
Anesthesia	Topical		
Tx interval	3 sessions with 3 weeks interval		



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## **CLINICAL CASE:**

Available treatments to date show limited effectiveness, no matter which modality is used. Chemical peels, Intense Pulsed Light, and multiple laser sources have been reported for this purpose.

We present a highly effective treatment modality with which we have had no complications to date.

Our protocol includes a three-step approach using two synergistic laser wavelengths and two different pulse durations available in the Fotona StarWalker Q- Switched laser system as described above.

Before and after treatment, patients must protect their skin with adequate photo-protection. The following case was treated in 3 sessions, performed once every three weeks. The end result pictures that follow were taken 10 months after the final treatment.



10 months after the final treatment



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