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**Explore laser acupuncture's role in modern medicine**

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**Objective:** To explore laser acupuncture's role in modern medicine with a view to strengthen and promote the appropriate use in health care systems.

**Methods:** We conducted a PubMed search to obtain a fair sample of laser acupuncture clinical trials published in English till 2011. Each article was reviewed for a physiologic rationale, as well as study designs and outcomes, experimental and control interventions.

**Results:** Forty-eight laser acupuncture clinical trials were identified. Evidence was found to support the use of laser acupuncture in the treatment of acute or chronic pain from different origins, postoperative nausea and vomiting, nocturnal enuresis, menopausal symptoms, allergic dermatoses, alcohol addiction, smoking cessation, obesity and for cerebral cortical activations.

**Conclusion:** Laser acupuncture integrates the positive effects of acupuncture and low-level lasers, and is therefore effective in the indications of both. In the hands of an experienced physician, laser acupuncture can be used as complementary or alternative treatment in modern medicine.

**Biography**

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