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New Laser Helps Treat Burn Victims

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. -- The American Burn Association estimates there are more than 1 million cases of severe burns every year in the U.S.

Many victims are left with disfiguring scars that doctors are often unable to treat, until now.

An FDA approved laser called the Fraxel is offering new hope for battling the scars left by burns.

"We've seen some amazing results," said Dr. Jill Weibel, a dermatologist with Skin and Laser Associates of Palm Beach. "The laser is actually removing the scar tissue that forms from a burn and allows your normal skin to heal from the inside out."

Tami Kuether turned to Weibel after she was left with severe scars from a kitchen fire.

"Every doctor I went to before her told me I would have to learn to live with it, but I kept searching for someone who could help," she said.

Kuether began her Fraxel laser treatments six months ago and has seen a dramatic difference.

"People used to look at me with pity, and I knew they were staring at my scars," she said. "Now, people don't look at me like that anymore."

Weibel and her partner, Dr. Kenneth Beer, will soon be enrolling burn victims in a formal study on the benefits of the Fraxel laser for scars.

To find out more, call 561-655-9055.

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