

## **Angioma**

### **What is Cherry Angioma?**

Cherry angioma is a cherry-red to purple colored benign skin tumor of unknown origin that appears most frequently after age 40.

Cherry angiomas are the most common vascular lesions to appear on human skin. They are made up of clusters of dilated capillaries on the surface of the skin, which accounts for the cherry-red or purple color. No one knows exactly what causes them.

Cherry angiomas can occur almost anywhere on the skin, but most commonly on the torso. They rarely occur on the hands or feet. When they first occur, cherry angiomas are about the size of a pinhead and do not protrude above the surface of the skin. However, some grow to 1/4 inch across or more, and become spongy and dome- or mushroom-shaped.

### **Are angiomas painful or dangerous?**

A cherry angioma is painless and harmless, but many persons want them removed for cosmetic reasons. Large angiomas can bleed profusely when they are injured. Because of this, don't puncture them or try to remove them yourself.

### **How does Advance Fluorescent Technology treat angiomas?**

AFT laser treatment of these red skin spots is rapid and achieves excellent results, eliminating these lesions. Laser treatment usually gets rid of the lesion permanently.

After laser treatment, the red spot, or cherry angioma usually becomes less red immediately, and may form a small crust or scab which falls away after a few days.

Because laser treatment is rapid, large numbers of red spots can be treated in a very short period of time.

### **Is the treatment painful?**

No, the sensation is often described as a "snapping" feeling, such as rubber band snap. The sensation only lasts for fraction of a second, and you may feel warmth or a tingling sensation for a short time afterward.