

ON THE market

Latest arrivals and tested products that are stirring discussion in aesthetic medicine

HA FILLER JOINS THE FRAY

A "highly" cross-linked hyaluronic acid with added mannitol is the latest addition to the UK's selection of facial fillers. The product is formulated to provide underlying structure to the cheekbones and chin area to restore a healthy balanced face. The distributor, Medical Aesthetic Group, says mannitol was selected to slow down the effects of free radical damage so the product is not broken down in the hours following the injection. "The immediate smoothing and restructuring effect is long-lasting, non-migrating and cohesive [so it] will not separate over time," the group claims.

The indications for Stylage XXL are cheek and chinbone enhancement, chin remodelling, face oval remodelling, mid-

face ptosis and facial HIV-associated lipodystrophy treatment.

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CONVENIENT ACNE TREATMENT

Lustre Pure Light has been created for patients who want accelerated results from an acne treatment programme or for those who may be concerned about the adverse effects of other acne treatments.

Lustre is a small, rechargeable product with slim, flexible heads that directly targets problem areas while the product is worn. The device's 420nm blue wavelength is effective in killing P acnes, the bacteria which causes acne, without damaging skin tissue.

The product will cut down waiting times and will deliver access to blue light technology in a hands-free device that can be worn by the patient at home to keep the condition under control.

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Under the microscope

CONSPICUOUS MELANIN FADES

Hyperpigmentation is a common problem, even in sun-starved Britain where minor bouts with UV can spike the melanin production of sensitive skin.

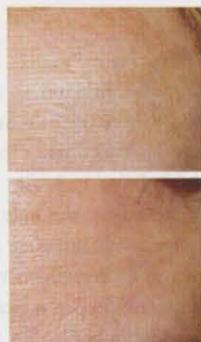
Our patient was keen to try the Lumixyl Topical Brightening System to correct a light-brown patch of hyperpigmentation on her forehead. She started treatment promptly, following the recommended usage of once to twice daily.

The peel pinched her skin on her first applications, which was expected. Days after she upped her frequency to the maximum recommended without discomfort.

The Lumixyl system comprises a cleaner, a brightening cream, a peel, and an SPF 30 sunscreen. The distinctive ingredient is decapeptide-12, a "novel tyrosinase-inhibiting oligopeptide" formulated by Dr Basil Hantash. The formulation was devised as a safe alternative to hydroquinone for treating age spots and melasma without the side-effects.

The protocol is straightforward: you clean the skin with the anti-oxidant cleaner, dab on the topical brightening cream to diminish the appearance of hyperpigmentation without killing skin cells, put on the glycopeel to exfoliate the skin's dead layers for faster cell turnover and to stimulate healthier tissue repair, and protect the skin with the sunblock.

The hyperpigmentation hasn't faded completely, but overall the patient is pleased. SilDerm, W: silderm.com; T: 01260 271666



Before (top) and four months after continued treatment

BRUSHSTROKES



PHLORETIN CF is now in gel form. The anti-ageing anti-oxidant combines 2% phloretin, 10% vitamin C and 0.5% ferulic acid to protect skin. Manufacturer Skinceuticals claims the addition of the phloretin molecule enhances the efficacy of vitamin C and ferulic acid for increased synergy, while regulating pigment.

AZZALURE injectors will note that orders now ship with a syringe that has a green plunger for greater visibility, a displacement spike to limit loss of units, a harder extrusion force for greater injection consistency, and double graduation in ml and Speywood units. Less type makes for easier reading.



PINPOINTE laser is now distributed by Cynosure. The Pinpointe was the first laser to be approved by the FDA for treating onychomycosis (toenail fungus).



REVITALEYES, the brightening eye cream featuring decapeptide-12 (see "Under the



microscope", left) is available from SilDerm. The cream hydrates with hyaluronic acid, reduces the appearance of swelling and decreases the look of dark under-eye circles.

MEDIK8 Growth Factor Serum is said to smooth lines and wrinkles and refine skin texture. The active ingredient is Sh-Oligopeptide-1.

