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Microskin Comes to US. A simulated “second skin” technology developed in Australia is now available in the US for patients with vitiligo, other pigmentary disorders, and various skin defects. Microskin is a customized, colorized, liquid application for the skin. Once-applied, the water-proof product is durable, flexible, and won’t rub off on clothing or other items. It is lightweight and breathable. Microskin is available only from specialty centers—the first in the US opened in New York this year—where a computerized skin analysis is used to develop a customized formulation for the individual patient. Patients are

then taught the specialized application process. Microskin is not a makeup, the developers note. Application to the face usually lasts one to two days; application on other body sites will last several days, depending on epidermal turnover. Information is available at microskincenter.com

Glytone Line Expands. Physicians looking for a comprehensive line to dispense may be interested in recent extensions to the Glytone line. Glytone’s Exfoliating Body Wash with 8.8% free glycolic acid is especially useful as a prep for self-tanners and can help improve keratosis pilaris, the company says. Glytone Body Lotion SPF 15 offers 12% glycolic acid complex, 7.5% octinoxate, 5% octisalate, and 3% oxybenzone for application to all non-facial body areas.

Also, the Glytone Clarifying Skin Care System for mottled hyper- and hypo-pigmentation, lentiginosities, minor acne scars, and uneven texture is available. The system, available in two different versions for dry or oily skin, includes cleanser, toner, SunVanish Rx Cream or Gel, Sun Protect SPF 40, Skin Bleaching Clarifying Rx Cream or Gel, and Enhance Night Renewal Cream. Enhance Night Renewal Cream is also available for sale individually. It contains 5.5% free glycolic acid and 0.5% retinaldehyde to hydrate skin and reduce the signs of aging, age spots, and sun damage, Glytone says.

Avene Emphasizes Comfort, Safety. Patients may be able to look their best and protect from the sun all at the same time with new High-Protection Tinted Compact SPF 50 from Avene. The make-up is formulated with 100% mineral sunscreen and antioxidant Pre-tocopheryl. Avene says the make-up is non-irritating and leaves a natural finish. When day is done, some patients can remove their make-up with Antirougeurs Anti-Redness Dermo Cleansing Milky Fluid. The gentle no-rinse milk cleanser is specially formulated for skin prone to erythema. It is intended to gently remove make-up while preserving optimum skin comfort, according

In The Pipeline

With recent submission of a Premarket Approval Application (PMA) for Aquamid to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Contura, Inc. has requested marketing approval in the US for the aesthetic treatment of moderate to severe facial wrinkles and folds. Aquamid is composed of 97.5 percent water for injection and 2.5 percent cross-linked polyacrylamide. The patented hydrogel is homogeneous: it contains no micro particles; hence its filling effect is due solely to the injected volume. Unlike particle-based fillers, the hydrogel does not rely on an intended foreign body reaction to achieve the desired augmentation, Contura says. The filling effect is immediate and predictable.

The PMA includes data from a successful US pivotal study, in which the safety and efficacy of Aquamid was compared to Restylane (Medicis) for 12 months after treatment. Study results, presented last year at the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery’s Annual Meeting and at Plastic Surgery 2009, showed that Aquamid was as effective as Restylane at six months follow-up based on the study endpoints and maintained this effectiveness at 12 months follow-up. Both treatments were safe and well-tolerated. Also included in the application is data from a study extension that followed the Aquamid-treated subjects up to two years and demonstrated a consistent effectiveness and safety profile.

If approved for the US market, Aquamid will be produced at Contura’s new manufacturing facility in Denmark, which was designed to meet FDA requirements, and was recently approved by European authorities. ■

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to Avene. The company also recently released Tolerance Extreme Cleansing Lotion and Soothing Cream a sterile, preservative-free formulation with a minimum number of ingredients intended soothe all allergy prone skin types, from mild sensitive skin to those with hypersensitive, intolerant skin. It is the first skin care line worldwide to use the patented DEFI (Device for Exclusive Formula Integrity) cap, designed to keep a formula completely sterile through its lifetime.

New and Improved Nozzle. For more targeted delivery of Clobex Spray (clobetasol propionate 0.05%), Galderma has introduced a new nozzle delivery system. The novel nozzle, as opposed to the original sprayer, helps psoriasis patients apply the product more easily and precisely to affected areas of the body and scalp, the company says.



Melatonin to Revive Skin. Popular to support sleep, melatonin is now formulated in a topical product to rejuvenate the skin. Youth Corridor Antioxidant Boost Skin Serum with 10% Vitamin C, Vitamin E, and Melatonin, developer Dr. Imber says, is more effective than vitamin C or E used alone or in combination.

Youth Corridor Antioxidant Boost Skin Serum is designed to target inflammation caused by the sun and free radical damage.



Self-preservation Meets Research Promotion.

With every sale of UV products globally, SkinMedica will donate one dollar to Skin Cancer Research, the company says. And a new product is available for sale just in time. SkinMedica Environmental Defense Sunscreen SPF 50+ with UV ProPlex is oil- and fragrance-free, photostable, and PABA-free. The formulation is water resistant

and features UV ProPlex—what the company describes as a triple-layer protection formula. According to SkinMedica, the first layer of protection protects against UVA and UVB rays, the second layer chemically shields skin, while the third biological layer offers potent antioxidants like green tea, caffeine, vitamin E work and the novel antioxidant picea excelsa.



Cellular Support. A new sunscreen that claims to provide protection from cell damage is now available. Anthelios 45 with CELL-OX Shield provides dual protection against exposure to harmful UV rays. The first line of defense features a patented synergistic combination of UV filters with a unique stabilizing performance booster to deliver longer-lasting photostable and broad-spectrum protection (SPF 45/PFA 26) with enhanced efficacy against UVA and UVB rays, while the second line of defense features an antioxidant complex, the company says. Anthelios 45 Sunscreens with CELL-OX Shield are available in two textures—an Ultra Light Fluid for Face and an Ultra Light Fluid for Body.

Smooth Restoration. A new collection of skin care products for skin that is just beginning to show the first signs of aging was recently launched and may be of interest to patients. Vichy Aqualia ANTIOX uses a highly potent anti-oxidant complex the company says can guard against oxidative stress and protect stem cells. The Fresh Serum provides a resurfacing effect with a combination of two antioxidants in highly concentrated forms: pure Citrus Polyphenol (serum phase) and pure Vitamin C, at 10 percent dose to be mixed and refrigerated. Additionally, the collection includes the Anti-Fatigue Eye Stick, which, according to the company, reduces dark circles within the first week. Finally, the ANTIOX 24H Moisturizing Fluid SPF12 addresses dull complexion, irregular skin tone, uneven skin texture, signs of fatigue and the first signs of wrinkles, the company says. ■