



THE NEXT LEVEL OF MICRODERMABRASION

A revolutionary system is breaking onto the dermatology scene and the results are pretty dramatic.

Among the smorgasbord of skin problems that can affect women, a new product on the market seeks to address a number of them, including uneven toning, scarring, early aging, acne and hyperpigmentation. DermaSweep MD Multi-Level Skin Resurfacing System, available in Chicago at Pinski Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery S. C., is a particle-free microdermabrasion system for exfoliation of the epidermis. It uses a custom-tailored vacuum system to remove dead skin cells and clean pores, working to create smoother, more evenly-toned skin. DermaSweep MD's tip combinations offer over 100 exfoliation possibilities.

After the initial exfoliation, the vacuuming tool, or "wand," then applies topical treatments, called an epi-infusion, specific to different skin problems. "It's quite exciting that with the device we can individualize a treatment regimen for each particular patient," Kevin Pinski, MD, explains. For example, the system uses a solution of hyaluronic acid with aloe vera and chamomile for skin prone to dehydration. Results are instantaneous; skin is hydrated and appears more supple.

Unlike other epidermal treatments available from your doctor such as particle microdermabrasion, the procedure is painless and does not leave your skin irritated. During this type of microdermabrasion, particles can become embedded in the skin, causing pain and inflammation. DermaSweep MD, however, uses a bristle system, eliminating that hazard and the possibility of keratin build-up, which can occur with diamond or crystal-tipped wands.

Pinski Dermatology & Cosmetic Surgery S. C. recently replaced their microdermabrasion equipment with DermaSweep. "The new DermaSweep allows our office to obtain better results in a more timely fashion," Dr. Pinski says. "The machine is extremely versatile and safe."

Though avoiding direct sunlight is recommended after the procedure, there's typically no recovery time and you'll be free to carry on with your day. The procedure normally takes 30 minutes to an hour and results are visible after the first treatment; lasting results will occur after four to six treatments.

By **Lindsey Reiser**

A BRIGHT ALTERNATIVE

With feisty reds and dainty corals, NovaNail-Rx offers a splash of color as an alternative to dull, transparent topicals that leave infected nails visually exposed. But though the line flaunts its anti-fungal perk, many people don't know it's also eco-friendly.

According to Heather McCombs, DPM, a Chicago podiatrist and NovaNail-Rx vendor, an herbal approach was taken in the creation of this powerful anti-fungal formulation.

"They wanted to make a product that was formaldehyde, DBP and toluene-free because those are environmentally hazardous chemicals," says Dr. McCombs, who likened toluene to the chemical benzene, a known cancer causer. Old nail polishes contained these elements, which prevented the 35 million Americans affected by nail fungus from using them. "Why expose yourself to something if you can get a product that doesn't have formaldehyde?"

NovaNail-Rx is \$60 per bottle during the month of April. Dr. McCombs recommends religiously following the directions on the line's Web site (www.Novanail-RX.com) to reap the full benefits. **By Sarah Osterman**



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