



Beauty Insider WENDY LEWIS

When the VIPs of the world decide it's time to fill, nip, or tuck, cosmetic-surgery consultant Wendy Lewis and her company, Global Aesthetics Consultancy, is their first call. We asked the pro about the most promising news in treatments—some FDA-green-lighted, others anxiously awaited. CHRISTINA HAN

FILLERS

THE NEWS: Edging out the competition among the new pack of hyaluronic acid fillers is Belotero, from Merz Aesthetics (creators of Radiesse). The general consensus is that this gel leaves a smoother-looking appearance than its predecessors (Juvederm, Restylane, and Perlane).

LEWIS'S TAKE: "The differences are subtle, but the doctors I've spoken to in Europe really like it. One main advantage is Belotero's softer formulation, which doctors think will be useful in the tear trough area, which is tough to treat. The main disadvantage now is that it isn't available with lidocaine, a local anesthetic."

SPOT TREATMENTS

THE NEWS: Hydroquinone creams or standing laser and chemical peels have been the most effective way to fight hyperpigmentation—until now. Syneron's new nonirritating topical cream, elure, uses melanozyme, a proprietary enzyme that directly targets dark spots and breaks up already-formed melanin clusters.

LEWIS'S TAKE: "Elure is safe for all skin tones, has no side effects, and can be paired with laser treatments and even hydroquinone. You have to consistently use the product, though—once you stop, it's back to baseline."

ADVANCED LIFTING

THE NEWS: Derms are raving about the radio frequency tissue-tightening device Exilis, thanks in large part to its temperature sensor. It lets them know exactly how deeply heat is penetrating the skin, allowing for more precise fat contouring. And unlike its rival treatment, Thermage, patients won't need topical anesthesia or painkillers for what doctors are calling a painless procedure. Though it's FDA approved only for lifting and tightening, studies focusing on its body-contouring capabilities are being conducted.

LEWIS'S TAKE: "All the 'before' and 'after' photographs from devices like Exilis start to look the same, but at the end of the day there are people who absolutely do not want to have surgery, and these procedures are really popular with them."

"Sex scenes are great. We just kind of got it on, and then were like, 'That was good!'"
—Amanda Seyfried, on *In Time*, her new thriller with Justin Timberlake.

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