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Seized by the ultimate double whammy—the onset of wrinkles and unsightly pimples—Jancee Dunn scours the market for grown-up fixes

ABOUT FACE
SMOOTH AND SOOTHE SKIN WITH A HOST OF NEW TREATMENTS AND PRODUCTS

I started by calling Fredric Brandt, M.D., to try one of the most exciting new treatments, the Isolaz acne laser. It's the first laser approved by the FDA to treat severe acne. The painless, ten-minute procedure uses pneumatic energy (a kind of medical vacuum) to thoroughly clean the pores while a bacteria-killing laser finishes the job. It's safe for pregnant women and, with its added benefits of clearing sun damage, is ideal for those in their 20s and up.

As he examined my skin in his New York office, Brandt told me that most of his Isolaz patients are in their 20s, 30s, and 40s. "Every woman thinks she's the only adult with acne," he said, "but it's so common." He showed me Isolaz's vacuum apparatus and explained that each patient has her own cartridge attached to the end of it that collects the sebum. "I'll show you all the oil later," he said, laughing. "People love to see it afterward. Everybody loves a cheap thrill." He went on to explain that most people need three or four treatments every two weeks or so; then the acne goes into remission for a couple of months. After that, they do maintenance visits a few times a year. Then he began the procedure. The suction was in tense but not painful. After Brandt had done one side of my face, he had me feel it. "Don't you love it?" he said. "Isn't it fabulous?" Oh, yes. It was as soft and fresh as a toddler's cheek. My skin looked immediately better, and even more gratifying, it was velvety clear 48 hours later. Two weeks later, my skin was poreless—and free of pimples.... and every three months, I'll be visiting Brandt.

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