



Rewriting the Skin's Future: Regeneration, Longevity, and the Next Era of Aesthetics

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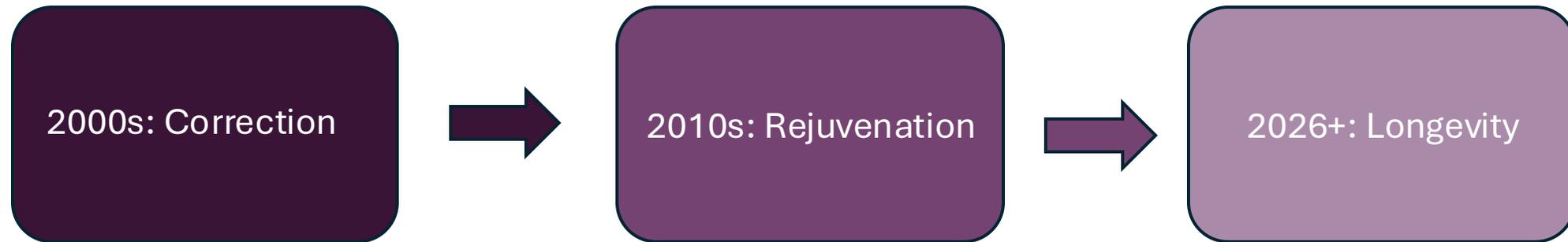
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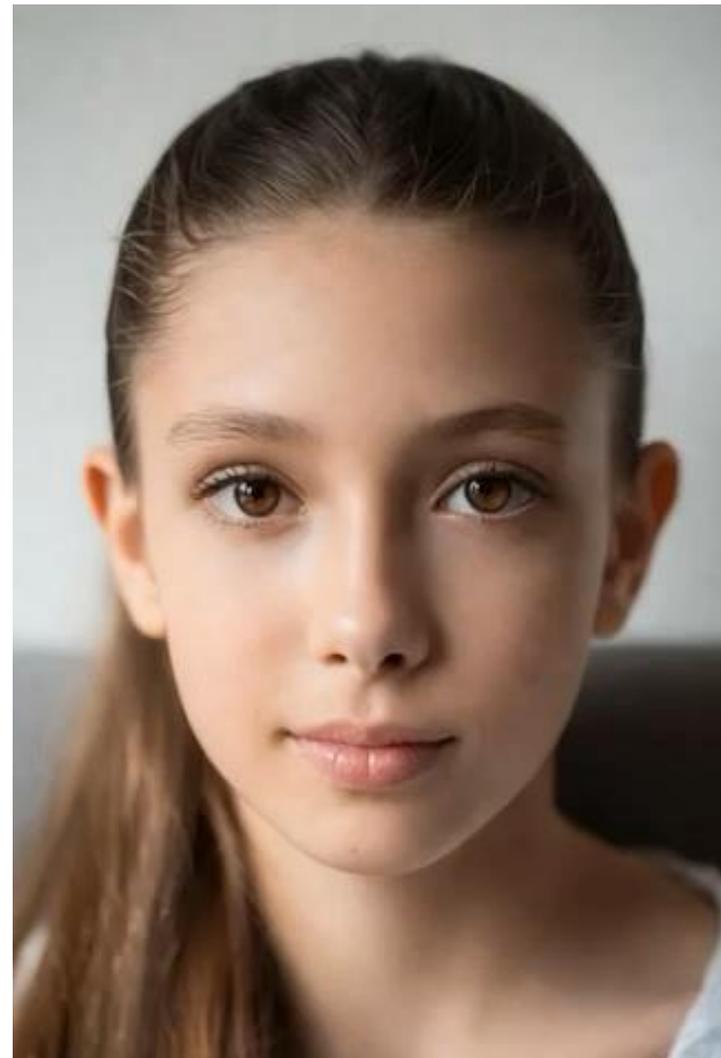
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The Evolution of Aesthetic Medicine



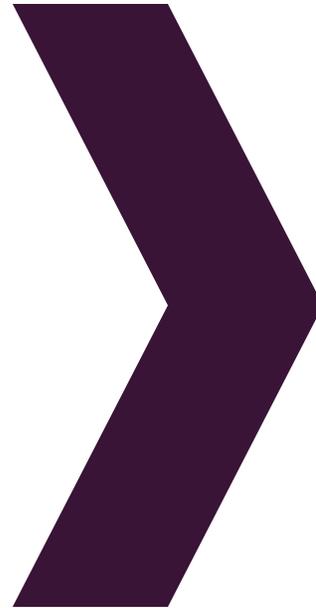
Why Do We Age?



Menopausal Skin

Scientific Mechanisms

- Collagen drops rapidly: ~30% in first 5 years post-menopause, then ~2%/year
- Dermal biomechanics decline as estrogen-regulated ECM genes downshift
- Stratum corneum ceramides decrease and shorten → TEWL↑ and dryness
- Skin surface pH rises → protease activity↑, barrier recovery slows, sensitivity/rosacea flares
- Sebum declines overall; some retain hormonal acne
- Repair slows; fragility/bruising increase

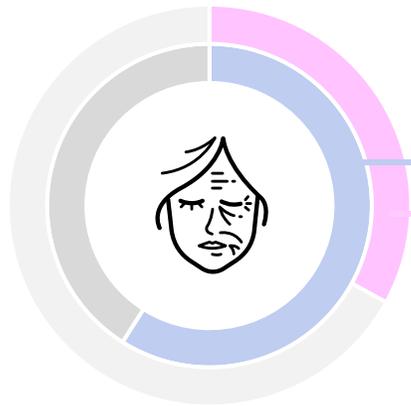


Regimen Translation

- Barrier lipids + humectants daily
- Retinoid ladder for collagen signal, slower titration
- Visible-light-blocking SPF for dyschromia and relapse prevention
- Gentle acids (PHAs/low AHA) 1–2×/week to avoid barrier injury
- Pigment anchors: thiamidol, TXA, azelaic + supportive botanicals
- Consider phytoestrogenic bioactives where appropriate

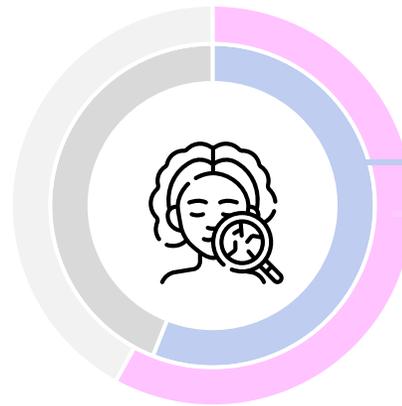
A variety of skin changes are observed, across face & body

Women surveyed experienced on average 3 skin changes to the face & body since the start of menopause



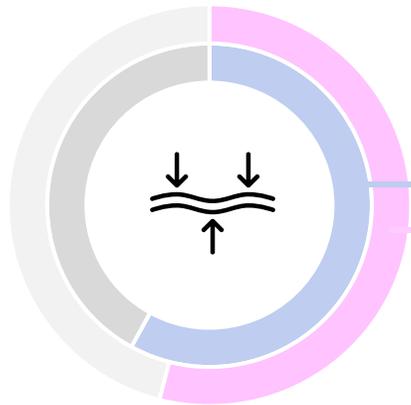
Lines & wrinkles

59% on the face
33% on the body



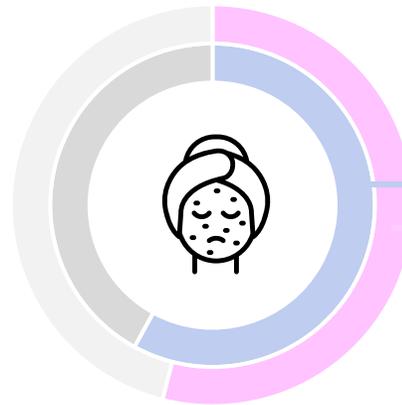
Increased dryness

56% on the face
58% on the body



Loss of firmness and elasticity

58% on the face
54% on the body



A duller skin tone

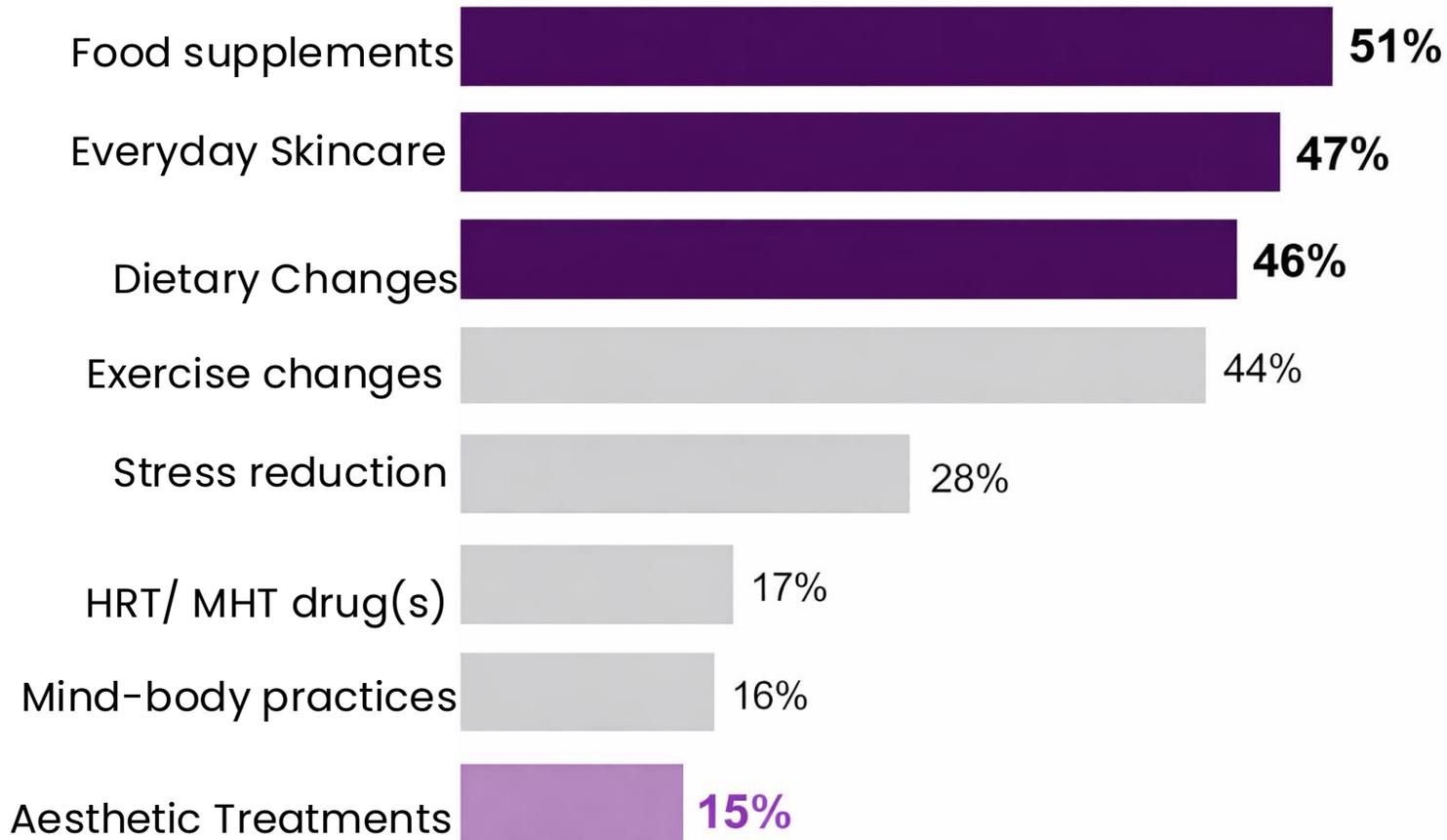
40% on the face
30% on the body

The **overall impact of skin changes** on the face and body was rated

6/10
in severity

What women try first to alleviate the negative impact of menopause....

Treatments or actions to help reduce the effects of menopause

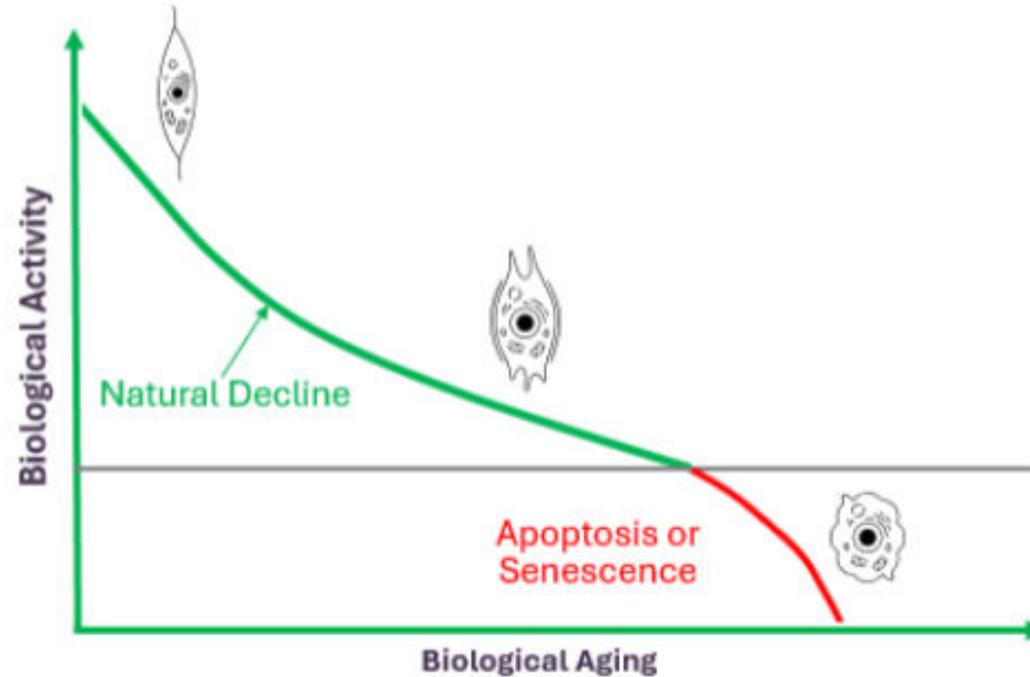


Most women start with OTC, Skincare and lifestyle changes. **A stepwise plan builds trust and adherence.**

Skin Longevity

A reflection of sustained cellular health

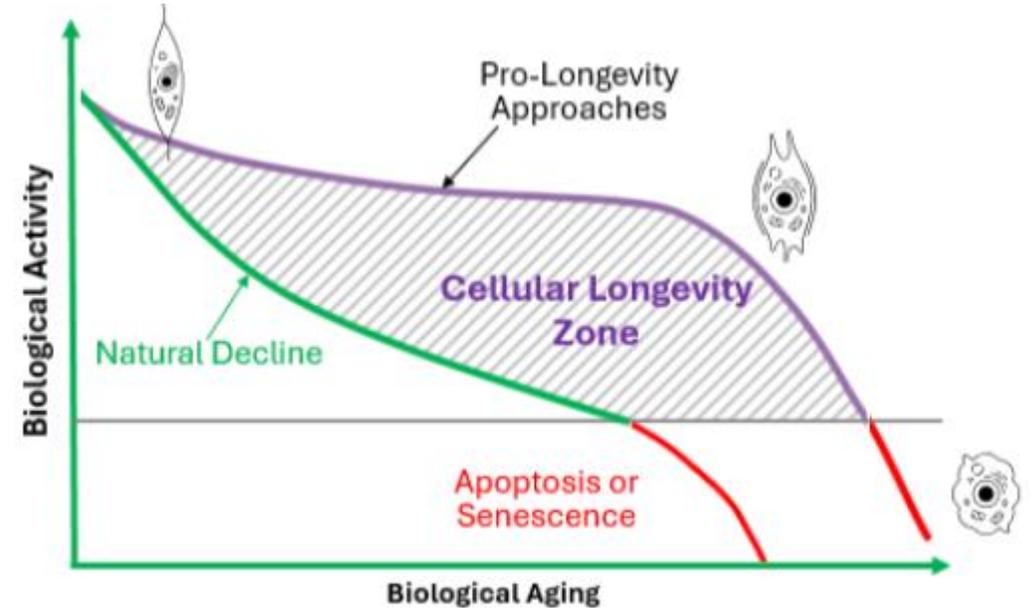
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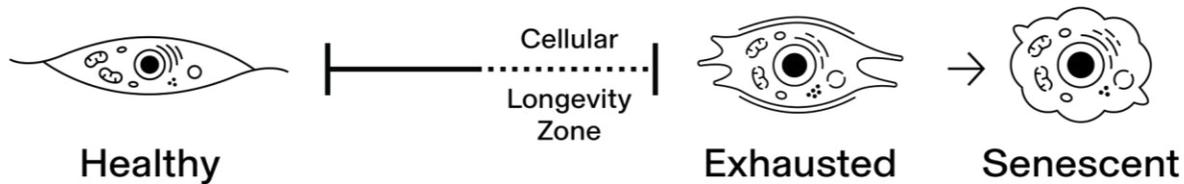
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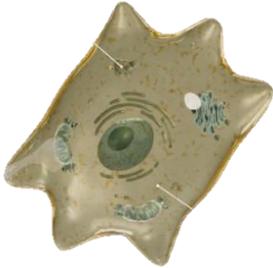


Focus on the dermal fibroblast:

- Metabolically active
- Responsive to signaling cues (GFs, cytokines)
- Extracellular matrix (ECM) production
- Capacity for regeneration & healing

Skin Aging:

The Accumulation of Exhausted and Toxic Dermal Fibroblasts



Healthy Fibroblast
EFFICIENT

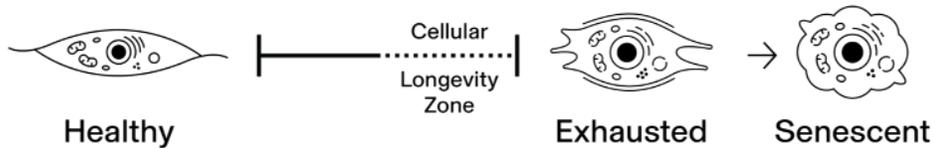
Exhausted
Fibroblast
INEFFICIENT

Senescent Fibroblast
TOXIC

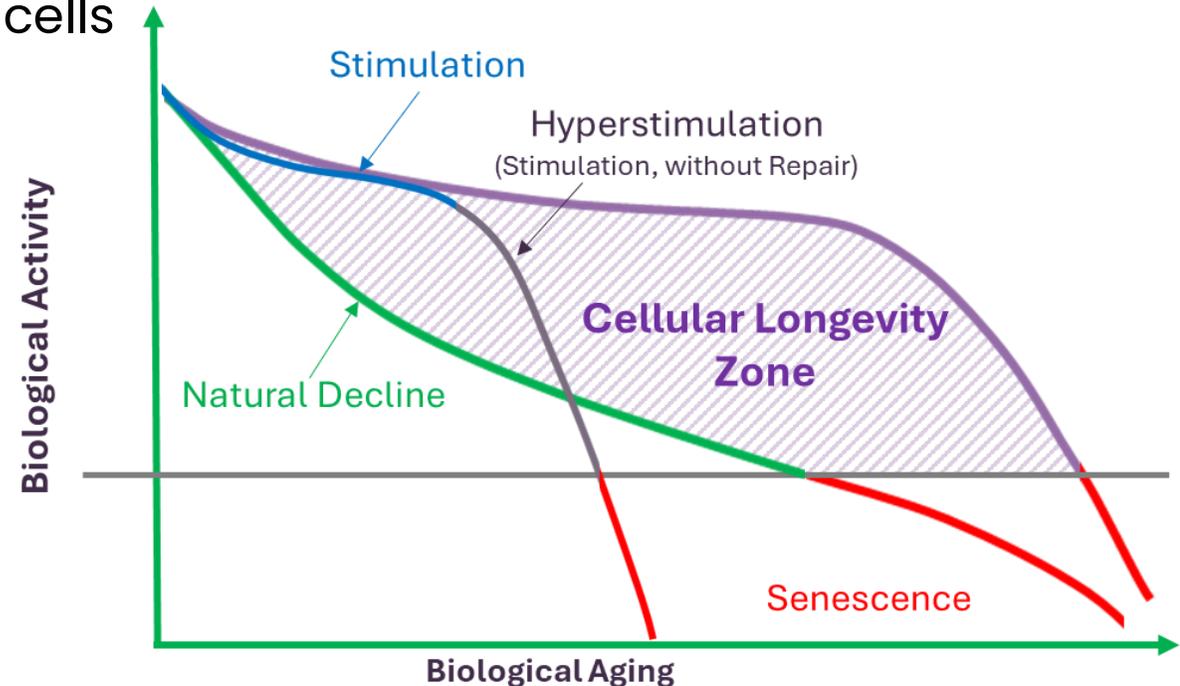
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- Hyperstimulation pushes fibroblasts beyond their regenerative capacity and can accelerate aging

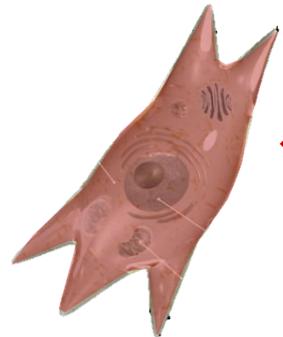


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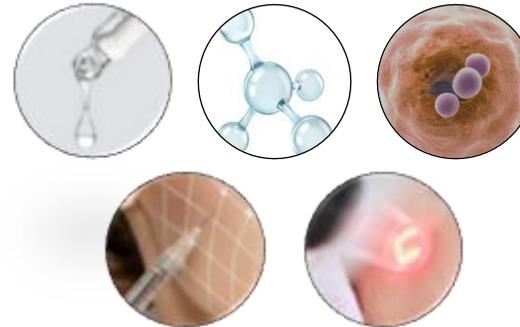


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Exhausted Fibroblast
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Current Treatments

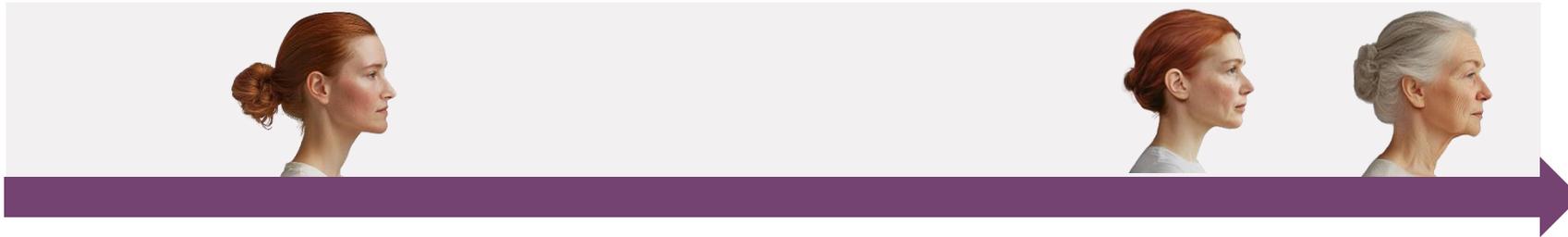


“Anti-Aging” Approach

- Targets **signs**, not the aging process
- **Temporary** results
- **Declining** efficacy

Pro-Longevity Mindset Shift

Reset cells to a healthy state, extend cellular longevity over a lifespan



Healthy Fibroblast
EFFICIENT



Exhausted
Fibroblast
INEFFICIENT

Research has identified a few highly conserved *Master Regulators of Aging*

mTOR

mTOR is a highly conserved master regulator of cellular metabolism, growth and longevity. It is a hub that integrates signals from nutrients, growth factors, and environmental stress to control cellular processes

mTOR is known to play a role in ALL hallmarks of aging

AMPK

AMPK is a conserved master regulator of metabolism, which is activated in response to energy stress. AMPK restores energy balance by inhibiting anabolic processes and promoting catabolic processes that generate ATP

AMPK plays a role in many hallmarks of aging, including:

- Deregulated nutrient sensing
- Disabled macroautophagy
- DNA damage & Telomere attrition
- Stem cell exhaustion
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Cellular senescence

SIRTUINS

Sirtuins are a family of highly conserved enzymes that control a variety of cellular functions via gene expression regulation in response to diet and stress.

SIRTUINS play a role in many hallmarks of aging, including:

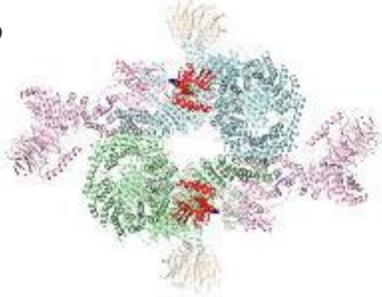
- Epigenetic alteration
- Deregulated nutrient sensing
- Mitochondrial dysfunction
- Telomere attrition
- Genomic instability
- Chronic inflammation

mTORC1 Inhibition

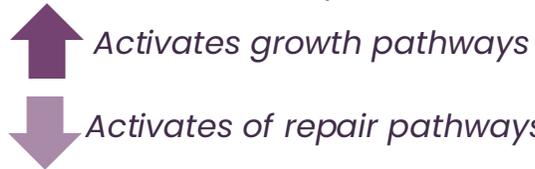
Pan-Hallmarks Approach to Longevity

mTOR is a master regulator of cell function, balancing growth and repair

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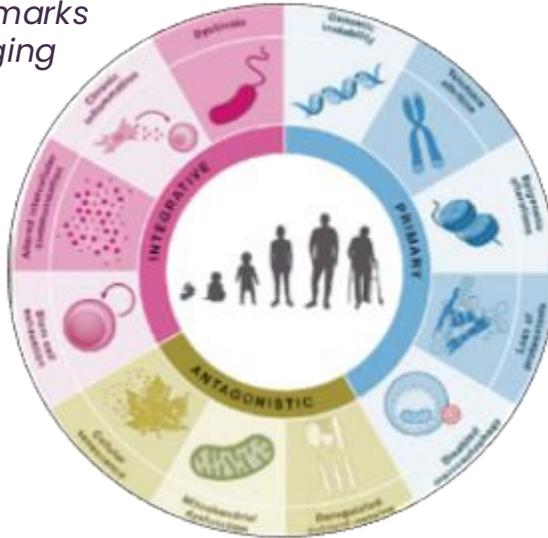


mTOR is evolutionarily conserved across all species

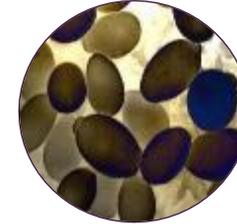


mTOR is a "Pan-Hallmarks" Regulator of Aging

12 Hallmarks of Aging



mTOR inhibition increases lifespan in all species tested



Yeast (+54%)



Worms (+19%)

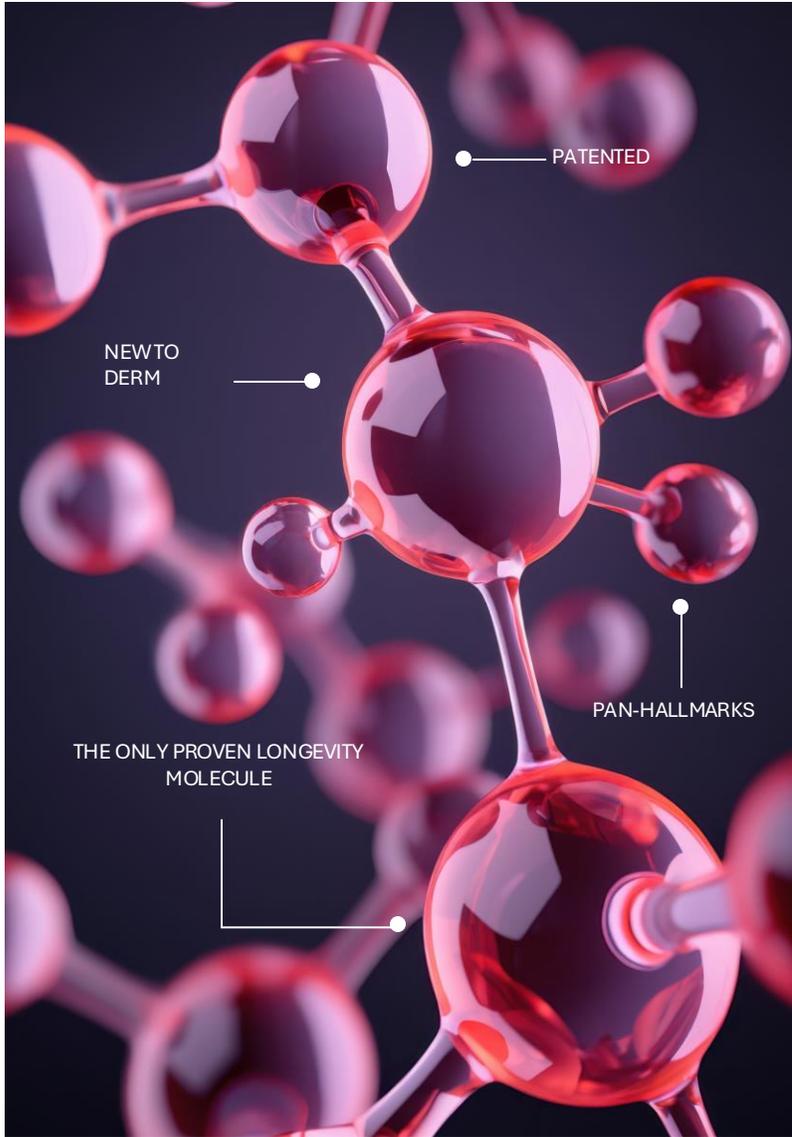


Flies (+26%)



Mice (+18%)

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RLX-201

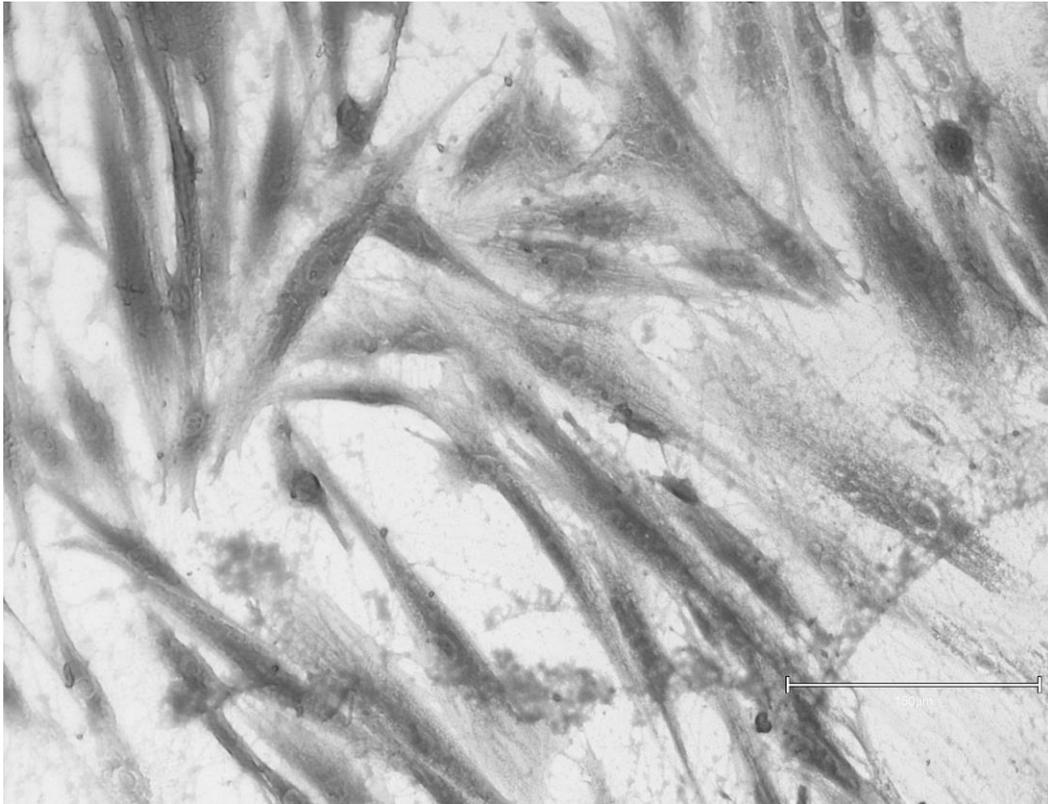
Patented Longevity Molecule

- Rapamycin-based analog, selectively inhibits mTORC1 and preserves mTORC2
- Optimized for topical penetration and skin permeation
- Excellent safety profile
- Soluble and stable in common skincare excipients
- INCI registered as a cosmetic ingredient

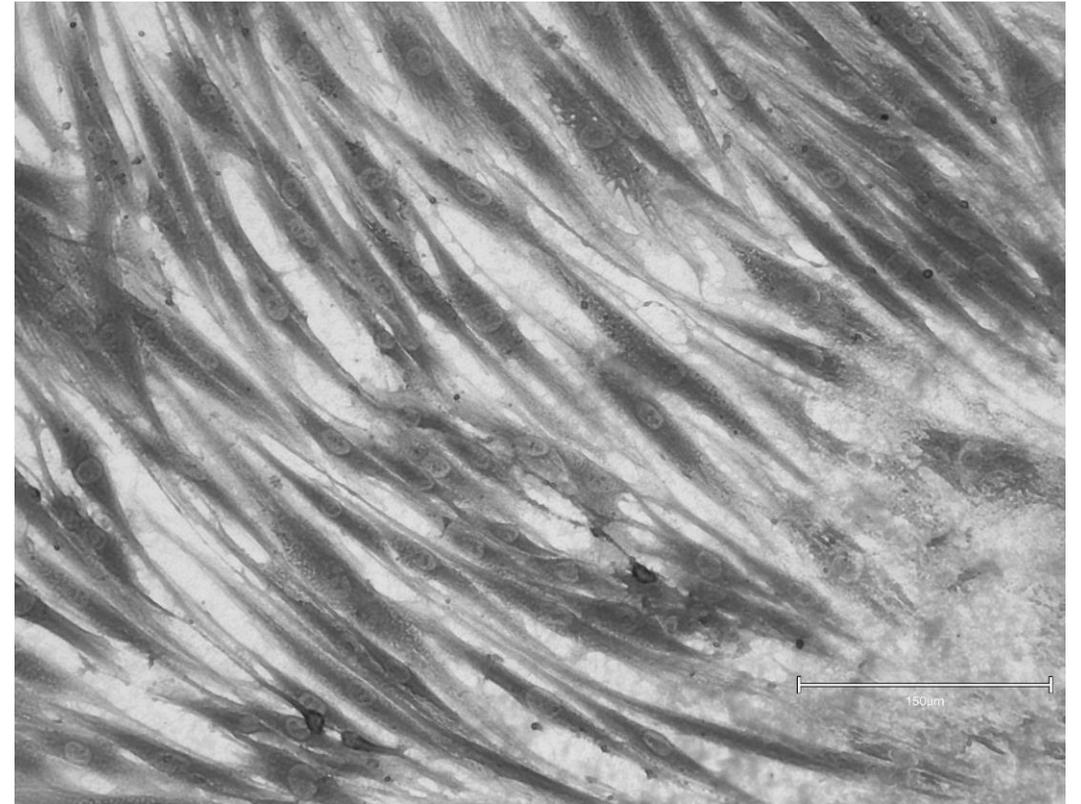
RLX-201: Rejuvenation of Fibroblasts

RLX-201 treatment results in healthier, more active fibroblast phenotype, restoring morphology and function

Control Fibroblasts



RLX-201-Treated Fibroblasts



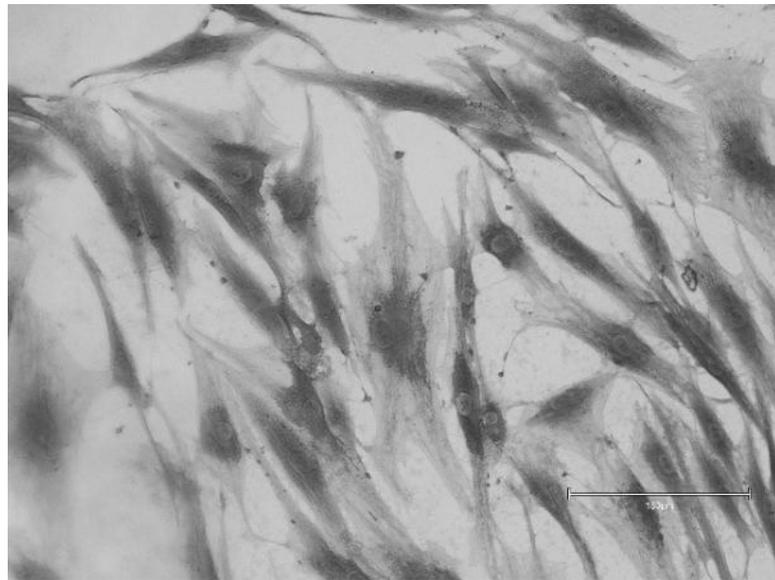
Study performed in adult human dermal fibroblasts. Cells were pre-treated with RLX-201 or water (control) for 72 hrs, followed by water for 24 hrs.

RLX-201 + Anti-Aging Active

Cellular Repair Resets Exhausted Cells

56 Year Old Donor Skin:

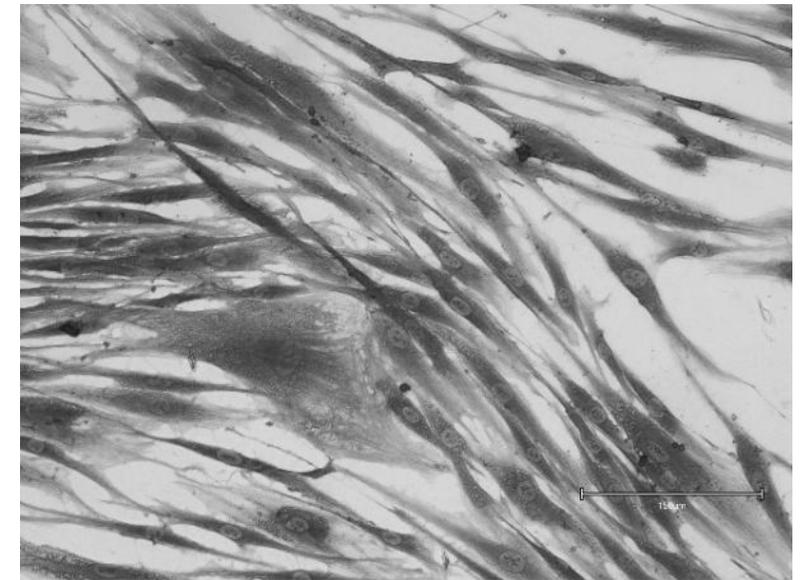
No Treatment



AA Active Only (Control)



RLX-201 Pre-Treatment + AA Active



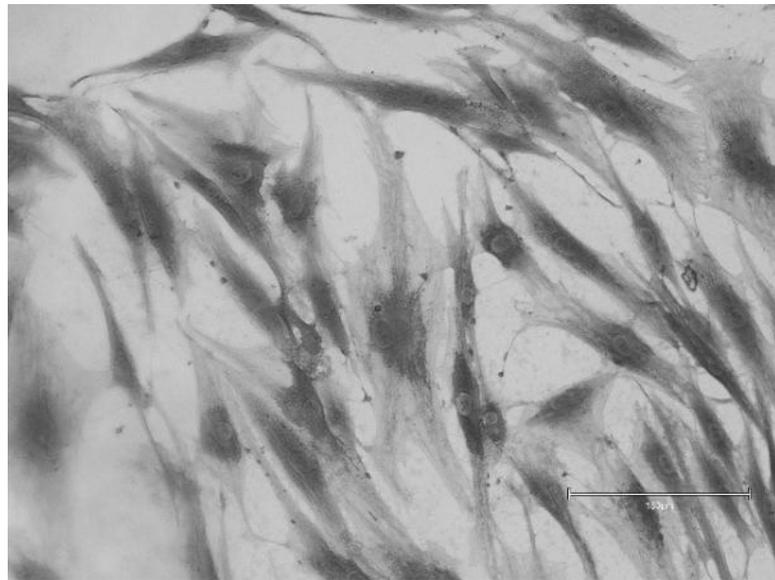
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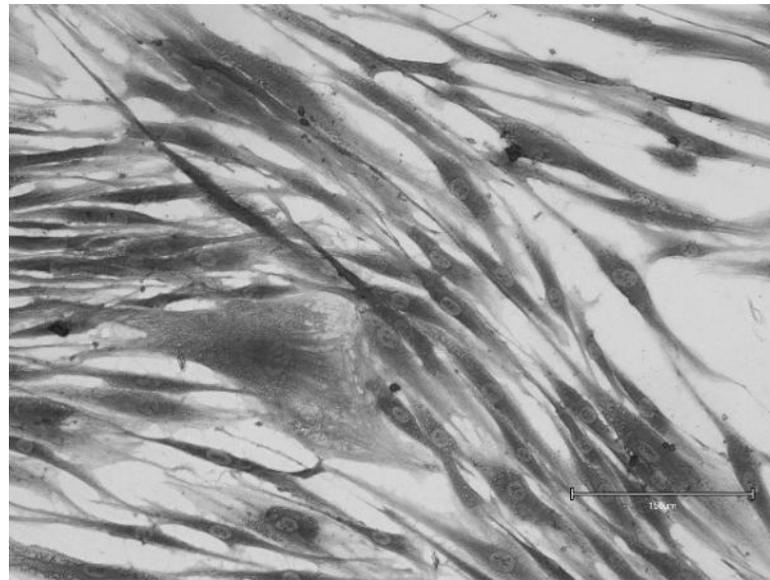
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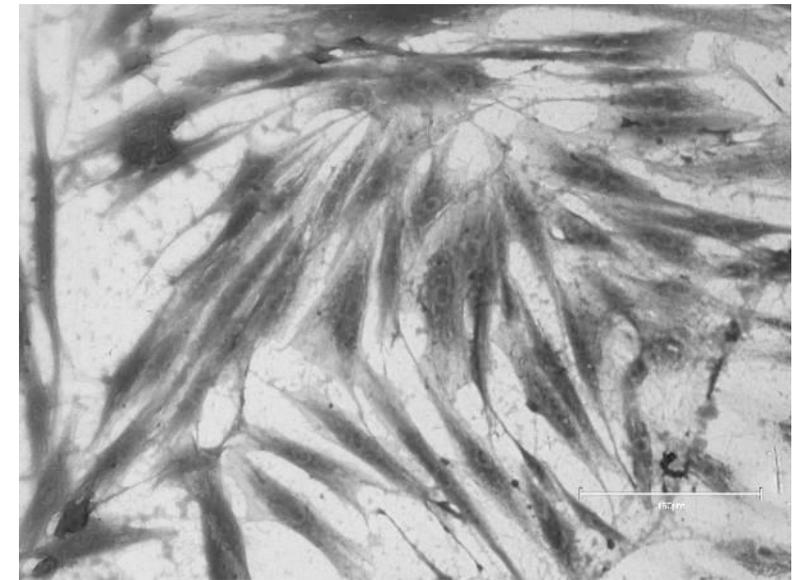


RLX-201 Pre-Treatment + AA Active



23 Year Old Donor Skin:

No Treatment



Study performed in adult human dermal fibroblasts. Cells were pre-treated with RLX-201 or water (control) for 72 hrs, followed by fibroblast-stimulating active for 24 hrs.

Building a Regimen

Morning Regimen Template

- Gentle cleanse
- Cellular repair mTORC1 inhibitor
- Targeted AM Correction
- Moisturizer or Barrier Repair Serum, as needed
- Broad-spectrum SPF (tinted if pigment-prone)

Correction Adjuncts by Phenotype

Dry/Sensitive

- Barrier-first
- PHAs
- Gentle Retinoid Ladder

Oily/acne-prone

- BHA + retinoid backbone

Pigment-prone

- Tinted SPF
- Vitamin C
- TXA + azelaic acid

Menopausal/mature

- Richer Lipids
- Assertive retinoid, if tolerated

Evening Regimen Template

- Cleanse / double cleanse if needed
- Cellular repair mTORC1 inhibitor
- Retinoid most nights
- Moisturizer over/sandwich for tolerance
- Off-nights: acids or pigment adjuncts

Designing for Decades

Cycling & Compatibility Rules

- Alternate high-irritancy actives
- Avoid peel + retinoid + BPO same night
- Post-procedure: barrier-only until healed
- Re-introduce actives slowly

Take-Home Longevity Algorithm

- Daily SPF AM + retinoid PM + barrier repair
- Add-ons only if pathway-matched
- mTOR agents = emerging longevity adjuncts
- Design for decades, not weeks

Longevity Skin Care

- Prevention + repair + tolerance
- Simple, biologically matched routines win long-term

Patient Mindset Shift

"I want to look younger"



"I want ways to age gracefully"



No more "Chasing Lines"

Why "looking younger" is an outdated metric

Rejuvenation = cellular function, barrier integrity, inflammation control

Skin quality > isolated fixes

Subtle clinical pearls (no deep dives, just credibility signals)

Future-Proofing Skin



**Aesthetics -->
preventative,
rejuvenation with
longevity, not
reactive**



**Skin = Organ
Treat it with time**



**Restoring balance
and confidence**



**Protecting identity
and natural
expression**



**Why younger
patients are
entering aesthetics
earlier—and what
that means ethically
and clinically**

Aggression to Precision: A Smarter Aesthetic Paradigm



Targeted, biologically
informed intervention



Lower doses, smarter
placement, better timing



Fewer dramatic changes,
more consistent vitality

The Early Entry of Aesthetics: A Cultural Shift

Social media markets aesthetic treatments not only to adults, but to the younger generation as well



Aesthetics in Adolescence?

- The beauty of youth
- Managing expectations while being supportive
- Identity matters, but so does confidence!
- Important: skincare education + what is needed at their age
 - acne, acne scarring, barrier repair, aesthetic corrections if appropriate



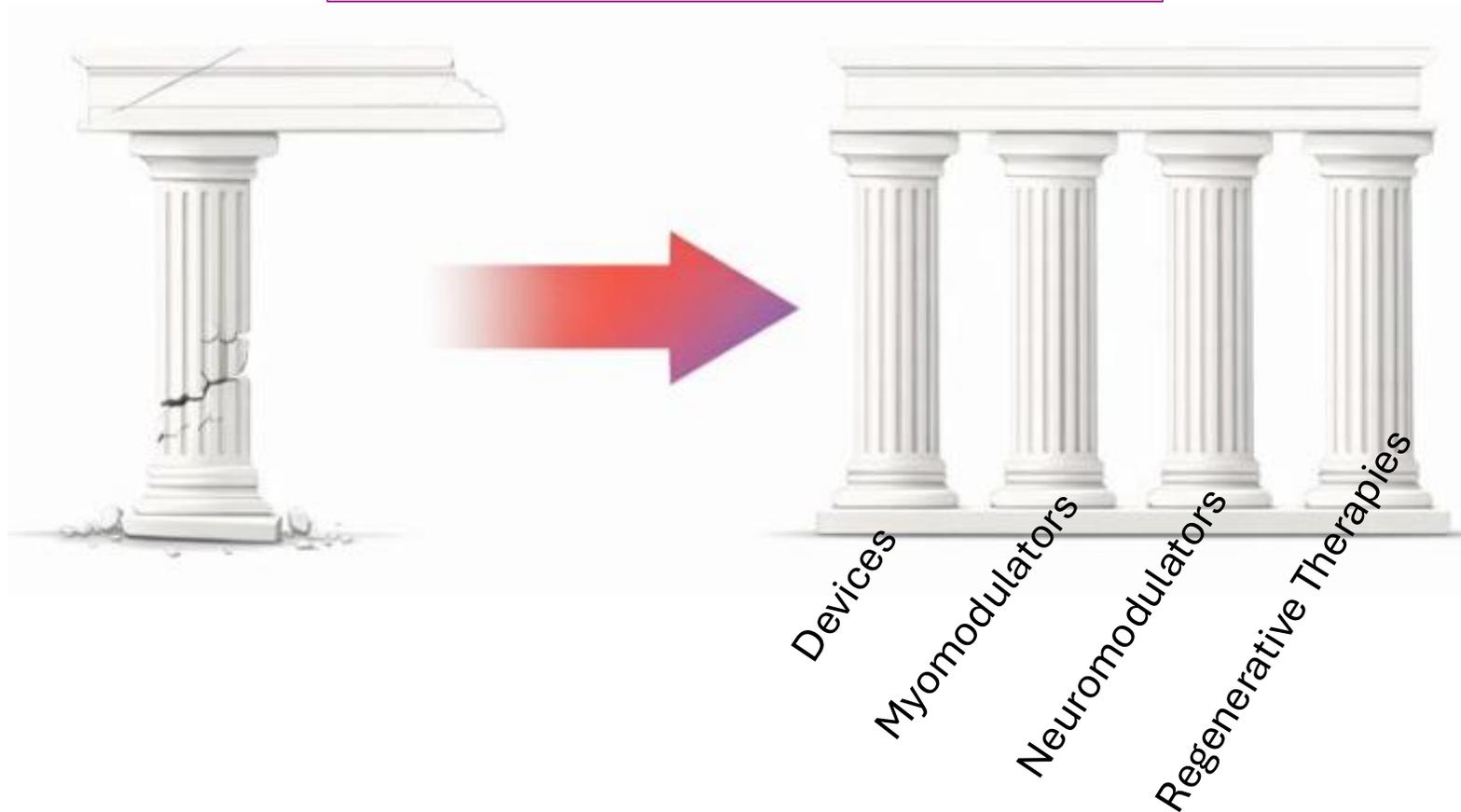
Restoring Function and Confidence

Targeted neuromodulator placement was used to address a neuromuscular imbalance affecting smile symmetry in this 18-year-old patient

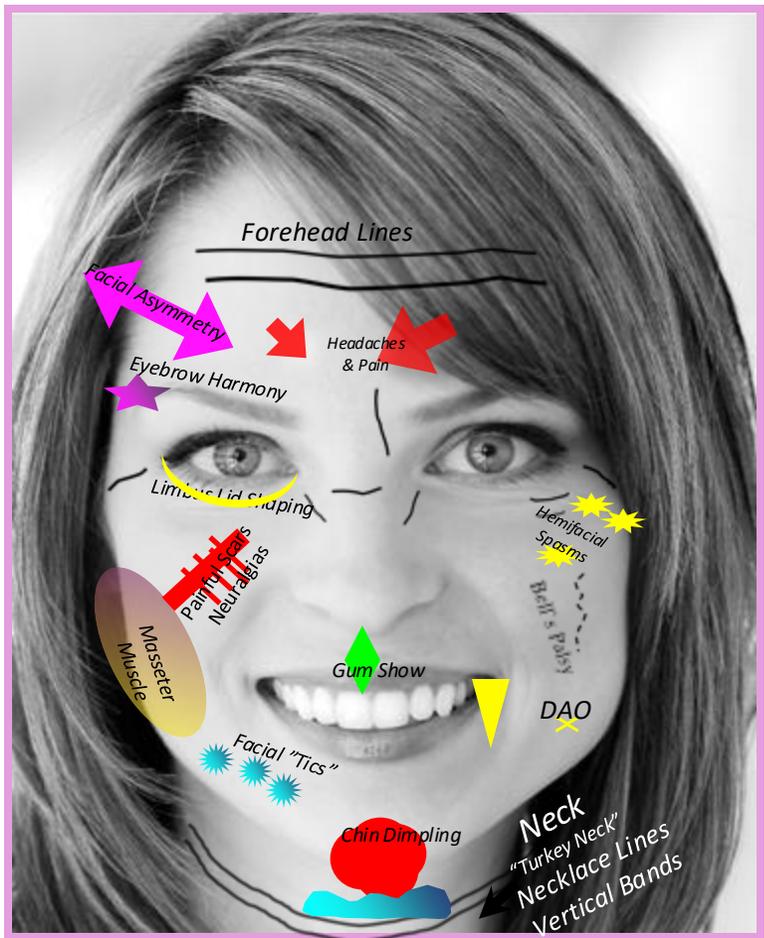


Combination Therapy as a Longevity Strategy

Aging is multi-factorial

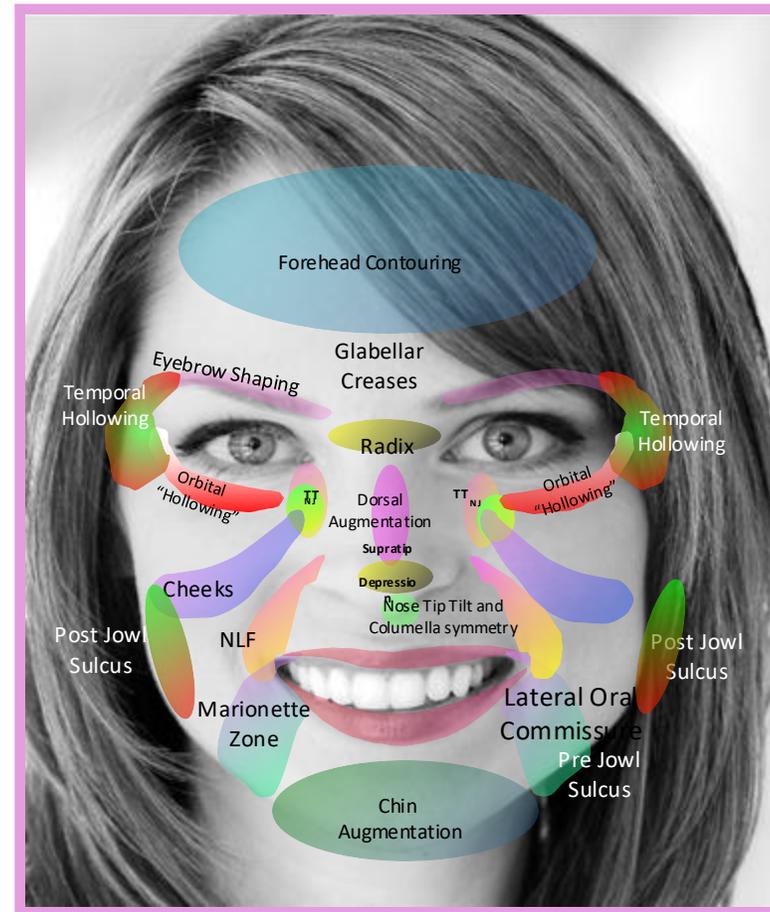
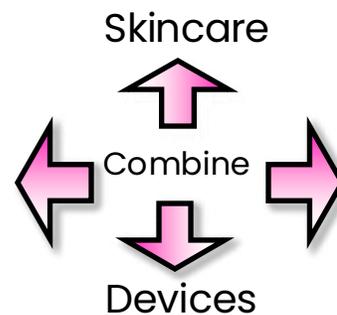


Facial Beautification



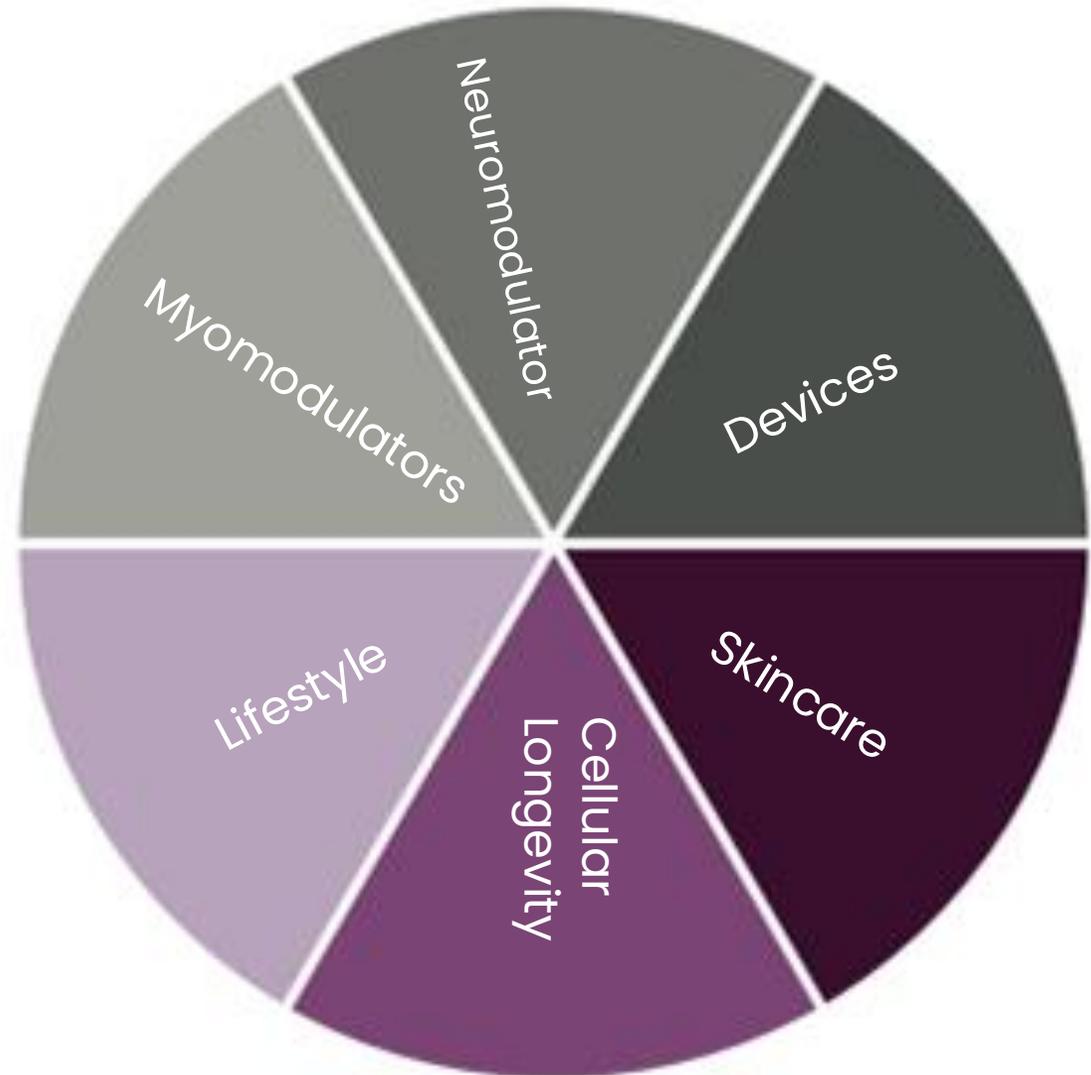
Neuromodulator Injection Sites

Global Approach

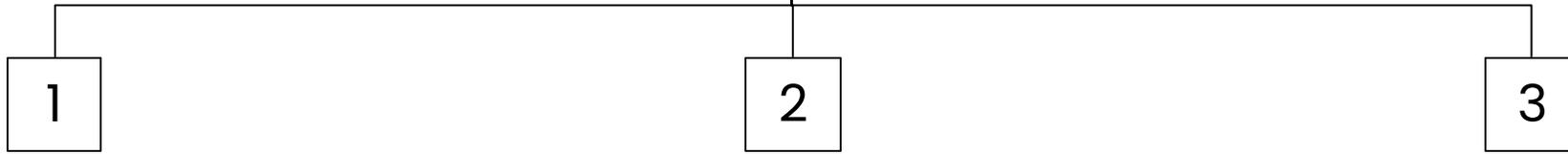


Advanced Injectable Sites

Combination
Approach is
Best!



My Approach



Discussion

Understand
your patient's
goals and
expectations

Assessment

Analyze
anatomy and
skin quality

Expectations

Set expectations of
treatment outcomes
and approximate
number of
treatments required

Approach:

- Teoxane RHA-1
- Juvederm Voluma
- Neuromodulator
- Sofwave



Approach:

- Teoxane RHA-1
- Restylane Refyne
- Restylane Kysse
- Restylane
- Juvederm Ultra
- Restylane Lyft
- Neuromodulator



Approach:

- Restylane Kysse
- Sculptra
- Teoxane RHA-1
- Teoxane RHA-2
- Neuromodulator



Combining Devices with Neuromodulators + Filler



Approach:

- Moxi/BBL
- Sofwave
- Teoxane RHA-1
- Restylane Contour
- Neuromodulator



Approach:

- BBL
- Daxxify
- Restylane Lyft
- Teoxane RHA-1
- Juvederm
Voluma



Approach:

- BBL
- Neuromodulator
- Teoxane RHA-1
- CO2 TotalFx



Approach:

- Neuromodulator
- Teoxane RHA-1
- Teoxane RHA-3
- CO2 TotalFx



Treatment:

- Moxi/BBL Combo
 - After 2 sessions



Treatment:

- CO2 TotalFx
- CO2 ActiveFx



Fotona Hairlase



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Fotona Hairlase



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Lifestyle levers that show up in skin

- **Strength**
→ 2–3x/week
- **Sleep/Stress**
→ hot flashes
+ cortisol control
- **Protein**
→ 1.2–1.6
g/kg/day
+ omega-3s
- **Sun/Lifestyle**
→ no smoking +
moderate alcohol +
SPF daily



Diet adaptations

PRE-MENOPAUSE

- Emphasize whole-food anti-inflammatory eating: leafy greens, berries, lean protein, omega-3 fats
- Limit sugar and seed oils
- Support gut health: fermented foods, fiber

PERI-MENOPAUSE

- Increase phytoestrogens (flaxseeds, soy in moderation) to gently support hormone balance
- Prioritize magnesium-rich foods for mood, sleep, and PMS-like symptoms
- Reduce processed carbs: helps with bloating, brain fog, and mood swings

POST-MENOPAUSE

- Increase calcium and vitamin D through diet and/or supplements
- Add protein to maintain lean mass (1.2–1.5g/kg/day)
- Focus on heart: healthy fats (avocados, nuts, olive oil) as cholesterol may rise
- Hydration becomes more important: estrogen drop can lead to drier skin and mucosa



The Future of Aesthetics

Longevity- first planning replaced age-based connection

Regenerative and biologic therapies become foundational, not adjunctive

Precision over volume defines successful outcomes

Earlier, ethical intervention focused on skin health, not alternation

Aesthetic physicians evolve from proceduralists to long-term skin health strategists

Key Takeaways

1

Aging is **multi-factorial** and requires combination strategies

2

Traditional “anti-aging” approaches are limited and short-term.

3

The future of aesthetics is preventative, precise, and regenerative.

4

Longevity-focused care prioritizes **cellular repair and resilience.**

5

Long-term results come from holistic, decades-based planning

6

Aesthetic treatments show **high patient satisfaction**, with both preventative & corrective benefits

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