

New light technology

According to Dr. Roger Bassin, a facial and occuplastic surgeon, the **StarLux System** from **Palomar** is designed to address leg veins, acne, pigmented and vascular lesions, wrinkle reduction, scars, tattoos and laser hair removal without causing any harm or damage to the skin. The system works when it delivers pulsed light over one smooth pulse duration, says the company. For more information, call **(212) 651-0137**.



Before



After



Before



After

Micro Lipo

Dr. Boris M. Ackerman recently introduced the **Micro Lipo** procedure, which he says uses "tiny cannulas" to extricate fat and "sculpt" a desired area. Dr. Ackerman says the procedure has a smaller complication rate because it deals with an area that is smaller, and results in less downtime and bruising. The procedure can be performed on the outer and inner thighs, underarms, buttocks and chin. For more information, call **(212) 213-6444**.

Treatment for acne

A study recently published in *The Lancet* details how over the counter (OTC) **benzoyl peroxide lotion** is as good as prescription antibiotics in the treatment of mild to moderate facial acne. The study compared various oral and topical antibiotics, and the results revealed that the cheapest treatment, benzoyl peroxide, was 12 times more cost-effective than the oral antibiotic, minocycline.

No correlation between meat and cancer



According to the **Institute of Food Technologies**, a recent food study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, is "inconclusive," because it did not completely review all the food-risk factors that are considered to influence the risk of contracting cancer. IFT says the study failed to include data from its participants' family history of colon, rectal, breast or other cancers. The recent study also dismisses the meat/cancer link, and references other reputable studies that show no correlation between the consumption of meats and an increased risk of getting cancer. For more information, visit www.ift.org.

Malignant melanoma compound

The **Food and Drug Administration** recently granted **Investigational New Drug (IND)** status to **Advanced Life Sciences** for the compound, **ALS-357**. The IND status allows the company to initiate clinical testing on the drug that may treat melanoma. The company will evaluate the compound's safety and tolerability when applied topically. For more, visit www.advancedlifesciences.com.

Psoriasis and eczema treatment

Charles E. Crutchfield, III, M.D., director of **CutiCeuticals, Inc.**, recently received a patent for the **CutiCort Spray**. The spray is a 0.05 percent clobetasol-containing aerosol spray designed for the treatment of psoriasis and other inflammatory skin conditions. For more information, visit www.crutchfielddermatology.com.