

There's a new wrinkle eraser in town, and it's longer lasting and less risky, and it can make you look younger in more ways than Botox!

Better Than BOTOX!



IT'S just not fair! Hollywood's beautiful people are about to get even more gorgeous, thanks to the new wrinkle filler, Perlane, which has just been approved by the FDA. It will surely take the A-list—and us D-listers, too—by storm! And Perlane doesn't just plump up saggy skin: It can do everything from reshaping the face to repairing unsightly acne scars—without the face-freezing effects of Botox and with little or no pain!

"I call it the volume of youth," says Arthur Swift, M.D., a Montreal-based plastic surgeon. "Perlane is all about adding volume to the face." And there are other benefits. "It's long-lasting—six to nine months—fills deeper lines, plumps the skin and treats wrinkles that won't go away," adds Andre Berger, M.D., of RejuvenaLife, a boutique-style plastic surgery center in Beverly Hills. "Meg Ryan and Melanie Griffith, who have seemingly undergone various procedures to reduce smile lines, could be helped by it," says Dr. Berger.

Even younger stars will likely flock to the wonder injection, Dr. Berger says, because "when women like Courteney Cox Arquette and Nicole Richie lose weight, they tend to look gaunt," and this can fill in faces that look drawn. And in some instances, patients can achieve the same results as plastic

surgery—but for much less money and with no recuperation time!

HOW IT WORKS

Although the FDA just approved it on May 2, Perlane has been a hit in Canada for seven years. "It was originally used to treat smile lines and lines from the outside of the nose to the outside of the mouth, even down to the chin," says Dr. Swift, who has worked with Perlane since 2000. To treat such lines, one syringe of Perlane (cost: \$600 to \$800) is divided and injected into each side of the mouth. Unlike Botox, which temporarily paralyzes the muscles, Perlane contains hyaluronic acid gel particles that actually fill in lines. This ingredient is also in Restylane (the filler/plumper favored by Jessica Simpson), but Perlane's gel particles are larger and plump skin more fully.

THE RESULTS

Because it's a long-lasting plumper, Perlane is a natural cure for the "three Ds" of aging: deflation, deterioration and descent. "You get 'saggers,' people whose skin starts to hang," says Dr. Swift, "and 'sinkers,' people who have sunken in cheeks. Look at [kids]—their faces are like beach balls!

Perlane restores the volume of youth."

But Perlane can also provide a beauty pick-me-up for more youthful babes, reports *Star*'s 31-year-old beauty director, Tara Kraft, who flew to Canada twice for treatments before Perlane was available in the U.S. "I got the injections as 'beauty enhancements,' if you will. My cheekbones are now just a touch more prominent. No one ever noticed, but I've been told that I look refreshed and better than ever!"

And since Perlane consists of an acid that occurs naturally in the body, "a bad injection by an inexperienced doctor can be reversed immediately," Kraft explains. "Just get an injection of [the natural counteracting agent] hyaluronidase, and the Perlane will be reversed." The bottom line: You don't have to worry about having a frozen face from a bad Botox job or funny lumps caused by too much filler. Everything can be undone!

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Wonky Eye

Beverly Hills plastic surgeon Andre Berger, M.D., says Perlane could be used to give Paris Hilton an eyebrow lift to erase the droop of her left eyelid.



Ferocious Furrows

Melanie Griffith could use this new wonder filler to ease the furrows around her eyes. One syringe costs between \$600 and \$800, and the results would probably last six to nine months!



Sinking Cheeks

Courteney Cox Arquette gets gaunt when she drops lots of weight. She could regain some volume by injecting each cheek with one syringe. The result: She'll look younger and less drawn!



Sagging Skin

Pam Anderson's face suffers from too much sun exposure—the skin gets dry and loses elasticity, and wrinkles look more pronounced. Perlane gives those problem areas a special plump.