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Charme Skincare System Soothes Irritated Skin

The Charme Skincare System is a hand-held device that sprays the skin with a fine mist of low-pH acidic water that helps treat conditions such as psoriasis, eczema, rosacea, dry skin, and acne. Daily use of this system can cleanse skin, increase hydration, and prevent dry skin from turning into a more serious condition. The fine mist created by the Charme Skincare System can penetrate to the skin's deepest levels, where cleansing and hydration provide the greatest benefits.

FDA Approves Ziana™ Gel

Medicis and Dow Pharmaceutical Sciences announced in November that Ziana (clindamycin phosphate 1.2% and tretinoin 0.025%) Gel has received FDA approval for the treatment of acne vulgaris. The gel has an alcohol-free, aqueous base and is a topical treatment intended for once-daily use. Ziana Gel is unique in that it combines an antibiotic and a retinoid; it is the first and only product to do so. This treatment is approved for use in patients aged 12 years and older.

New Products Launched by Candela

Candela will be launching 4 new cosmetic laser products in February 2007: the GentleMAX, Alextrivantage, Smoothpeel, and LightStation. The GentleMAX provides dual-wavelength capabilities in a single stand-alone device. Optional FPL erbium, and diode units will be available with this machine, to be used either in tandem with the base unit or as stand-alone devices. The Alextrivantage will replace the AlexLZR and provide additional wavelengths that represent improved technology. This technology will allow all colors of tattoo ink to be removed, even difficult colors, and will be effective on a greater variety of pigmented lesions as well. An alternative to midlevel chemical face peels and microdermabrasion, the Smoothpeel reduces the risks of unwanted side effects by offering increased safety on thin-skinned areas such as the neck and chest. Finally, the LightStation offers advanced pulsed light technology. Among the conditions this device can treat are vascular and pigmented lesions and acne. These 4 products will be launched at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology in Washington, DC.

Polyphenon E® Ointment 15% Receives FDA Approval

Bradley Pharmaceuticals announced in October that Polyphenon E Ointment 15%, an ointment for the treatment of external genital and perianal warts, has been approved by the FDA. The active ingredients in the ointment are derived from a mixture of catechins extracted from green tea; this mixture has proven effective in treating external genital and perianal warts caused by certain strains of human papilloma virus. Produced by MediGene AG, Polyphenon E Ointment 15% is the first new treatment for this condition in almost 10 years and is expected to launch during the second half of 2007.

PREScribedSolutions® Offers Full-Spectrum Sunblock

Up the Antit™ sunblock with SPF 30 provides protection against UVA and UVB rays, thereby preventing sunburn, photodamage, freckling, and uneven skin coloration. The active ingredients titanium dioxide and zinc and iron oxides physically block the sun’s harmful rays. Microcapsules of these ingredients even protect the skin of individuals with visible-light sensitivity, such as those with porphyria and drug photoallergies and patients undergoing photodynamic therapy. This oil-free product does not clog pores, but hydrates the skin. In addition, Up the Antit deposits a subtle bronze tint upon application.

Professional-C Serums Provide Antioxidant Therapy

The products in Obagi’s line of serums containing vitamin C neutralize the free radicals that can cause skin to lose elasticity, become discolored, and age prematurely. Professional-C Serums prevent signs of premature aging of the skin, such as fine lines and wrinkles, and protect against future damage. In addition, the serums make skin firmer, more resilient, and smoother by contributing to collagen synthesis, and also lighten and brighten the skin, resulting in a more even tone.

Skin Authority Provides Support to Customers

Licensed aestheticians are available to respond to phone calls and e-mails from users of Skin Authority’s line of products. This service allows customers to receive personal counseling on how to use the products as well as on skin care issues. The skin experts help customers maintain their skin care regimens, monitor their progress, and make recommendations, all via phone or e-mail. Skin Authority’s aim is to provide individuals with only the products they need and use, along with the knowledge of how to use those products.