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THAT REALLY WORK



Downie turns back time with these good-for-your-skin picks.

- Vivité Exfoliating Facial Cleanser (\$39: viviteskincare.com for physicians) "I still get pimples, so wash with a cleanser that contains glycolic acid to help keep my skin clear. And then I slather on SPF, because glycolics make your skin sun-sensitive."
- SkinMedica TNS Essential Serum (\$250: skinmedica.com) "I smooth this on at night after cleansing. It has natural growth factors, which help repair environmental damage while you sleep."
- * Alyria Corrective Protection Sunscreen SPF 30 Oil Free Lotion (\$40; alvria-med.com for physicians) "A lot of people forget the skin under their eyes, but I have dark circles that look worse when I don't apply SPE I spread this all the way up to my lower lids-with no irritation."
- RevaléSkin Intense Recovery Treatment (\$130: revaleskin.com for physicians) "This serum contains the highest concentration of coffeeberry on the market. Coffeeberry is a new, highly potent antioxidant researchers discovered when they realized workers

- who were harvesting the fruit had amazing, young-looking hands,"
- * Theraplex Clearlotion (\$19; theraplex.com) "My skin tends to get flaky in the winter, so I put this oil on when I get out of the shower, while I'm still wet, to lock in moisture,"
- * Aveeno Positively Ageless Sunblock Spray SPF 50 (\$11: at drugstores) "In addition to UVA and UVB protection, this formula has free radical-fighting antioxidants, which help boost its effectiveness."
- * Latisse (\$120; latisse.com for physicians) "I've never liked my evelashes because they're short and stubby. But three months of applying this prescription treatment to my evelids once a day made my lashes long and fluttery!"
- * Aveda Dry Remedy Moisturizing Shampoo and Conditioner (\$24 each; aveda.com) "In the fall and winter, I can't hydrate my hair and scalp enough. This combination helps draw moisture into the cuticle and fend off dryness that can lead to itch."



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packaging, sky-high price tags, or youthin-a-bottle promises. In fact, all the products on her bathroom counter have one thing in common: "They have scientific evidence to back up their claims," she says. "If something isn't legit, I'm not going to put it on my skin-let alone recommend it to my patients." While the 44-yearold mom, who has a practice in Montclair, New Jersey does admit to injections the lines on her forehead and the occasional in-office peel to even out her complexion, she credits her carefully chosen regime and generous amounts of sunscreen for keeping her skin healthy. "It's a huge myth that African-Americans don't need to wear SPF." she says. "UV rays cause wrinkles and skin cancer no matter what skin tone you haveand I don't want anything to do with either of those!"

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