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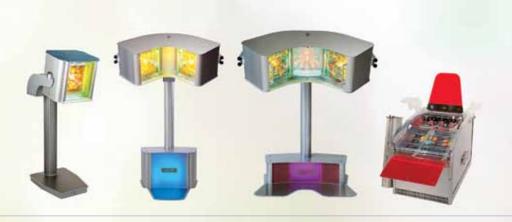
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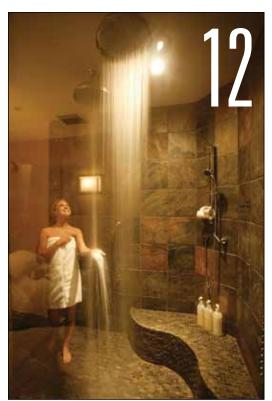
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## The glory years

celebrated my 40th birthday this past November, and I feel fabulous. Whereas once upon a time hitting that milestone meant 'good-bye youth, hello steep downward slope' today age is no longer something to hide. We have strong role models demonstrating the strength and beauty of women as we accumulate life's experiences and knowledge, and we are empowered to choose healthy lifestyles, smart approaches to our personal care, so we can look and feel as self-confident as our years of learning and doing enable us.

This issue focuses on anti-aging, and the smart ways to protect ourselves, our body and skin, to put our best face forward and stay poised through the years. It's not about fighting the passage of time, but about taking control and making decisions in our own best interests. Spa clients are looking for healthy, innovative options for their personal care, and our industry is best situated to provide those solutions.

The feature article on p. 14, Forever young, by Talbot Boggs, explores various approaches to keep our bodies prime, from massage, to new technologies, to a complete holistic approach to our well-being. Now, having stepped through the door into a new decade in my life, I'm satisfied that the need isn't to mask myself but rather to get the support, tools and products to keep the face in my mirror reflecting the soul inside.

Our spa community holds a place of pride for the role we can play to help clients feel and look their best. We constantly hear testimonies about the brilliant effects of treatments and methods—we should share them and celebrate what a great service we bring to Canadians as we, together, are aging beautifully.

Wishing you a wonderful 2013,

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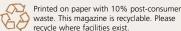
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### **Born to Style**

The Aveda Institute of Canada will be giving away more than \$40,000 in scholarships in 2013. The Born to Style hairstyling scholarships will be awarded to a winner at each of the four Aveda Institute campuses in Winnipeg, Calgary, Vancouver, and Toronto. Sixteen finalists will be chosen based on submitted videos showing why they were Born to Style, then the public will vote online to send candidates to the final round of competition: a live style-off and runway show in May.



Eminence Organic Skin Care has announced an exciting new commitment to Mother Earth-the Forests For The Future initiative. For every product sold in the active organic or Biodynamic product lines, they will plant a tree. Eminence relies on sustainable farming and green practices to create its products and this new tree planting project takes that commitment one step further.

## Match-making online

Spas challenged to hire the best people have a new resource to tap. Beauty Nine to Five is a career website providing qualified candidates to employers in the beauty industry. Employers can post their positions for candidates to apply. As well, a resume database will allow employers to view the best resumes from all fields, pre-screened for either beauty education or experience.

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## Canadian spas get noticed

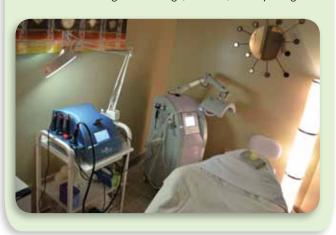
The SpaFinder®Wellness 2012 Readers' Choice Awards were announced with a number of Canadian spas among the winners. Ste. Anne's Spa won the Favourite Spa in Canada for the 7th year in a row, presented to the most-voted spa in Canada by spa-goers across the world. This year's awards tallied a record amount of votes globally, identifying favourite spas regionally and across 27 categories.

Other big Canadian winners included: KurSpa at Sparkling Hill Resort and Wellness Centre, Vernon, BC (Best for Accomodations, Best for Girlfriend Getaway & Bachelorettes, Best for Interior Design, Best for Weddings, Best Pet-Friendly); Spa Eastman Health and Wellness Retreat, Eastman, QC (Best for Affordability, Best Eco-Spa, Best for Going Solo); Sante Spa at Hotel Le Germain, Calgary, AB (Best New Spa of 2012); Fairmont Chateau Whistler, Whistler, BC (Best for Ski & Snow, Best for Outdoor Adventure).

The complete list of winner can be found at www.spafinder.com/rca

## New clinic puts Vancouver's best face forward

erma Bright Clinic opened a new location on Vancouver's west side in November, launching with a brand new line of skin care machines, manufactured by Raja Medical. With up to a year waiting list to see a dermatologist in BC, other options to help with skin issues are well-received. Derma Bright offers an acne program, anti-aging options, and a variety of treatments for specific skin issues including sun damage, rosacea, and eye bags.



## India to host global spa leaders

The 2013 Global Spa & Wellness Summit (GSWS) will be held in Jaipur, India, from October 4 to 7. Leaders from 40 countries are expected to participate. As the birthplace of yoga, meditation and Ayurveda, India has helped lead the development of the spa and wellness industry worldwide. The GSWS is recognized as a preeminent gathering dedicated to bringing together industry leaders in a collaborative setting and inspiring delegates to impact the future of the industry through innovation and open dialogue.

www.globalspaandwellnesssummit.org

## Rewarding innovation

Nordik Spa-Nature in Chelsea, QC, is a favoured oasis for local clientele and tourists to the region. A continued focus on improvement, on innovation and excellence, ensures Nordik remains a beautiful relaxation haven. In 2012, Nordik invested \$4.1 million in a new European-inspired addition, Panorama, making it the biggest spa in North America.

The Tourism Industry Association of Canada recognized that commitment this year with the Deloitte Innovator of the Year Award, part of the Canadian Tourism Awards. The annual awards, recongizing success, leadership and innovation in Canada's tourism industry, were presented at a gala dinner on November 20.

Nordik's innovative spirit rages on, with a exciting new venture: the new Nordik Spa-Nature is set to open its doors this spring in Winnipeg.





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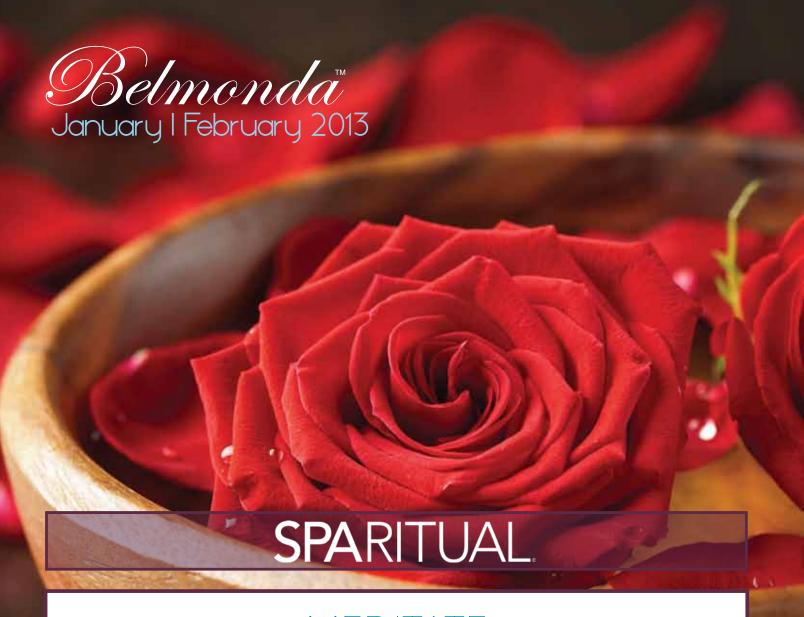
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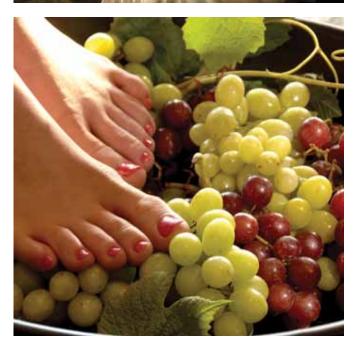
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## ambiance brentwood bay

by Amy Ge







# Relaxation,



ictoria's only five-star oceanfront resort, the Brentwood Bay Spa, strives to reflect the beauty and tranquility of the West Coast in all aspects of its spa. Drawing much of its inspiration from the island's natural surroundings, the spa channels the most therapeutic facets of nature into its unique spa rituals that soothe the mind, body, and soul.

The spa, which boasts a West Coast contemporary feel, also incorporates the natural elements of the island into its design. Made mostly from wood, stone, and glass, the Brentwood was built to mimic its beautiful setting. Clear, broad windows present guests with an unobstructed view of the vast ocean water and lush, green forests of the island, leaving them at total peace with themselves and their surroundings.

The Brentwood offers a menu of unique experiences, such as vinotherapy, using grapes and wine which are infused with rich antioxidants and minerals, making it the perfect treat for winelovers. The Vino Stomp Pedicure, the most distinctive treatment, offers all the benefits of a conventional pedicure but with a unique twist. Whole, locally grown wine grapes are added to the foot soak for clients to crush with their feet, releasing antioxidant benefits. This lavish treatment also includes a grape exfoliation,

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vinotherapy foot massage, paraffin dip, a glass of wine to enjoy and even an OPI polish to take home. The Brentwood is an avid fan of vinotherapy treatments, focusing on utilizing wine externally rather than internally. Inspired by the wineries on the Saanich Peninsula, the spa incorporates the luxurious liquid to spice up traditional spa mediums.

One of the most popular treatments, says spa manager Kelsey Rogers, is the Essence of Life Signature Wrap. "The treatment begins with a green tea and seaweed body scrub followed by a glacial clay wrap. While the client is bundled in the wrap we perform a mini facial and scalp massage. We then remove the wrap with our Vichy shower, followed by a full body hydration with a seaweed body butter leaving the skin mineralized and deeply hydrated." The treatment is meant to hydrate, detoxify, and infuse minerals into the skin and is extremely flexible to suit the needs of each client.

Brentwood's massages, such as the West Coast Hot Stone Massage, can be tailored to meet the needs of each customer as well. "Each treatment can be adjusted for the guests' preferences depending on the areas they would like to focus on." Heated basalt stones are placed on either side of the spine, underneath

the back, with large warm stones placed down the front of the body. The therapist will then use stones to actively massage the full body, front and back.

With a consistent clientele of honeymooners, it's no wonder that the Brentwood Spa maintains an extensive spa menu of couples' treatments for partners looking for a little TLC. Among the list is the Essence of Life Signature Massage Duet: a smooth flowing massage combined with hot basalt stones, local seaweed, and an exfoliation for feet and back, turning even the most rigid of couples into lithely lovebirds.

When it comes to attracting the attention of foreign visitors, even Victoria's endless tourist must-sees are no competition for this spa. Those who step foot into the spa are charmed to return and it seems the Brentwood has discovered the secret to building a band of loyal clientele. What keeps guests coming back for more, says Rogers, is the accommodating, attentive staff who strive to pamper their guests with treatments that target specific problems. "We want to make our customers feel amazing."

It also doesn't hurt that all guests have access to the heated front lounge and pool. "We have a licensed pool deck. We are open every day of the year. Guests are welcome to use our outdoor heated pool and hot tub during their visit." Guests are especially encouraged to take advantage of the inclusive pool service in the summertime.

There are many customer incentive programs in place to ensure clients keep coming back. "We offer a membership program that works on a yearly basis where we offer monthly specials and discounts toward our treatments."

In the coming years, the spa wishes to stay consistent with its superior customer service while still evolving and adapting to the needs and wants of its clientele. Whether a client is looking for maintenance, relaxation, or a getaway, the Brentwood will deliver. \*

Opened: 2004

Size: 3,500 square-feet

Number of treatment rooms: 8

Number of staff: 14

Retail: Pevonia, Jane Iredale, Beauty Through Balance

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## ambiance hammam spa

by Shayan Jaffer

Journey of the senses

ocated in the heart of downtown Toronto, Hammam Spa brings old-world rituals and ancient relaxation techniques to the fast-paced, corporate crowd and infuses it with contemporary technology and design to create a truly unique relaxation experience.

Hammam Spa has masterfully taken inspiration from the ancient philosophies of the ritualistic baths in Turkey, and has created their own urban, 500 square-foot co-ed Hammam.

"A deep, relaxing steam is emitted from the Hammam. This works in a multitude of ways to promote well-being and boosting one's immune system," says Paula Aveling, director of marketing at Hammam Spa. The heat in the Hammam, rising to 98 C, relaxes the muscles, relieving built up stress and alleviating pain. Eucalyptus oils are diffused in the Hammam, the benefits of which include promoting good respiratory health, and containing anti-inflammatory properties. This facility is the first of its kind in eastern Canada, with the style and feel of a natural grotto with black slate surfaces and lit onyx bowls that hold iced towels and cold water to cool down.

In addition to the Hammam, Hammam Spa offers two signature treatments inspired by those that were customary to the original Hammams found throughout Europe and the Middle East.

"Firstly, the Hammam Turkish Bath Treatment," describes Aveling. "This authentic bath is performed in our Turkish Suites lying on a white onyx table heated to 108 C in a candle lit and rosemary-scented environment. Its purpose is to cleanse, relax, and purify the body and skin using hot and cool water techniques in conjunction with exfoliation practices developed over centuries."

Secondly is the Rhassoul Wrap treatment. Performed in a rosemary-scented room, light by delicate candlelight, atop a white marble table heated to 104 C, combining massage and exfoliation, the wrap is designed to relieve tension and relax strained and tired muscles.

The ambience is second to none. "We are not a sterile or clinical looking spa, nor are we an ultra-feminine space," Aveling says. "Ours enraptures the senses with the use of different touches including candlelight, incense, music, and flowers. Every part of the sensorial journey is carefully developed to create just the right environment to have your stresses relieved and your passions revived." •









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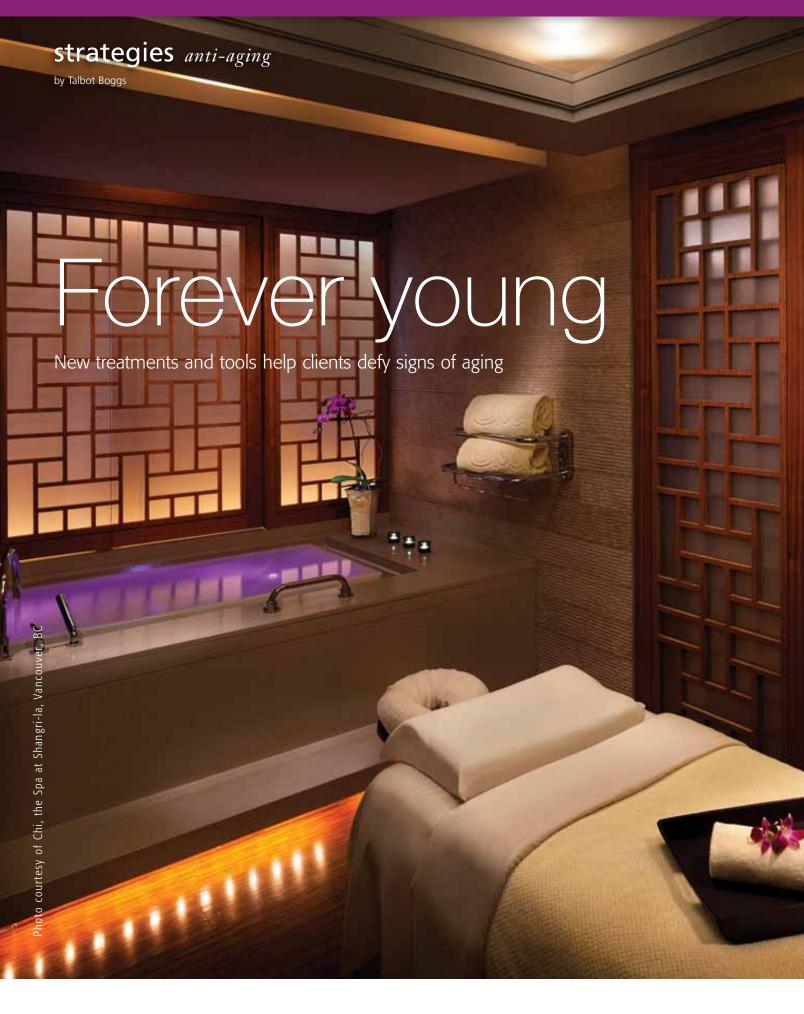
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If apples are more to your taste, you can receive a Phytocell facial at the Fountain Spa at the Pillar and Post hotel in Niagaraon-the Lake, ON. A new anti-aging cell formula from Biodroga uses stem cells from a rare type of apple known as the Uttweiler Spatlauber which significantly protect the longevity of the skin's own stem cells and stimulates their activity.

"The apple always has been synonymous with beauty and seduction, but scientists now have found evidence that apple stem cells (PhytoCell TM Malus Domestica) are an effective ingredient in anti-aging care, waking up sleeping cells, increasing metabolic activity, improving the skin's rhythm and counteracting chronological skin aging," says spa manager Karen Thomas. "Lines are visibly diminished, tissues are strengthened and the skin is more vital and fuller looking."

These are just two of many new anti-aging treatments, products, and technologies that spas across the country are offering their customers. "People are looking for treatments that produce real results with no skin damage," says Lydia Sarfati, founder and CEO of Repêchage. "The trend in cosmetic chemistry today is to ingredients such as peptides that deliver signals to the cells. And they want to see improvements to all parts of the body."

Peptides are amino acids (protein) that are linked together in a chain. Peptides have been found to improve cell growth and have a botox-like effect, firming and regenerating the skin, improving skin nutrition and generally preventing the skin aging process.

Anti-aging treatments increasingly are incorporating the use of seaweed. Repêchage has developed a four-layer facial treatment. The first layer applies a C-Serum to the face and neck and décolletage and massage for about five minutes. A hydrating cream is then applied followed by a seaweed mask and then a mineral mask which is applied over the seaweed one. The mask is removed after about 15 minutes.

"Seaweed benefits the skin in a myriad of ways including rebalancing, regeneration nourishing, detoxifying, mineralization, hydrating, purifying, and firming," says Sarfati. "Many skin

## strategies anti-aging

treatments are short-lived but seaweed is one of the most widely used around the world today."

### Stay young with massage

Massage therapy today is being heavily influenced by Eastern traditions. Chi in Vancouver recently introduced three Wushu massages. The treatments are inspired by the stretching and body care methods of Wushu martial arts.

Each treatment begins with stretching coupled with breathing exercises.

A toxin release massage uses a bamboo rod for stretching and rolling over the muscles to stimulate relaxation, followed by a medium- to firm-pressure massage using Chi oil.

A stress relief treatment uses Tai Chi massage to ease stressed nerves followed by a vigorous muscle-warming to release back and shoulder tension

Finally, a specialized problem areas massage uses effleurage to warm the muscles followed by massage techniques to locate energy blockages within the body. Trigger acupoint then is applied to release the energy in problem areas to create a better body balance.

### Age-defying technology

The Sante Spa and Cosmetic Laser and Vein Centre in Calgary offers a broad suite of services and technology designed to "bridge the gap" between anti-aging facial, body, and massage treatment and more medical botox, filler, and laser anti-aging procedures.

This past year, the spa began offering specialty facials using an M-6 collagen activator, a new mechanical device that stimulates tissue in the face and neck, and improves blood flow and collagen regeneration.

Early in 2013, the spa will introduce new equipment from Italy that provides customers with an assessment of their entire body based on weight, body mass index, and other factors. "Our Spa Slim Up station allows us to analyse your body on a technical level, including personal data and exercising activities, giving us the ability to recommend a program of personalized treatments which may require a combination of our latest technologies, that include the LPG Cellu M6, Slim Up Ultra, Big Steam and Hydro Spa," says spa manager Kim Hochstein.

Introduced from Italy, Slim Up Ultra combines infra-red heat, ultrasound, and electro stimulation to firm and tone the skin, treat cellulite and reduce fat. Slim Up Lymphatic Drainage is a computerized compression therapy system, the latest in mechanical lymphatic drainage technology. Therapeutic benefits include cellulite prevention, reduced swelling, and a boost to the immune system while eliminating toxins. Introduced from France, the LPG Cellu M6 Lip massage is a non-invasive procedure in which various areas of the body can be targeted for treatment

of cellulite, excess fat, and lax skin.

"This is a whole new field in Canada," says Hockstein. "It has required a very significant investment, not only in terms of money but also in training our staff. A lot of people are looking for help with their entire bodies, and that's what we now can provide."

Sante also offers more medically-based anti-aging procedures such as botox and fillers, laser treatments to remove spots and surface layers of dead skin, thermage (the use of radio frequency waves to heat and firm the skin on

the arms, legs, torso, and abdomen), laser hair removal, and treatment of varicose veins in the lower legs.

"For anti-aging, when you combine all these things together it has a huge effect," says Dr. Wendy Smeltzer. "Having a medical clinic attached to a spa is a trend that has been developing in the industry over the last few years. Although these essentially are cosmetic procedures they need to be performed in an environment with physicians."



The Fountain Spa has taken things one step further and developed a retreat program designed to help couples and parents and children improve their relationships. "You'll focus on all the good aspects that first brought you together, helping to build a stronger foundation for the days ahead—perfect for engaged or married couples, mothers and daughters or any two people who care about the well-being of their relationship," says Thomas.

Most spas are focused on their services and procedures and on getting customers in the door, but few do anything to help customers as they leave. "They need to focus more on the departure, giving people information about how they can improve their diet, exercise, and lifestyle in general to complement and maintain the improvements they have achieved while in the spa," says Sarfati. "If you capture people as they leave they're more likely to return again. I think spas are really missing the point here and need to do more. •







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## Tightening massage regulations

New rules by insurance companies target massage claims

ew rules instituted by insurance companies across Canada this year are setting higher requirements for massage therapists to provide insurance claims for their clients.

Massage therapy remains the primary treatment received by spa goers according to the International SPA Association 2011 U.S. Spa Industry Study. With the exception of Australia, Canadian training standards remain the highest in the world, with many therapists achieving 2,200 hours of training. British Columbia, Ontario, and Newfoundland and Labrador are provinces where massage therapy is regulated by a College of Massage Therapists and all members of the college achieve 2,200 hours of training and undergo rigorous examinations to be allowed to practice.

Until recently in all provinces, regulated or unregulated, as long as the registered massage therapist (RMT) belonged to any association, clients were able to claim their massages for reimbursement by insurance companies. In 2012 insurance companies such as Manulife, Sunlife, and Great West Life are asking all RMT's regardless of province to have a minimum of

2,200 hours of education and/or belong to a recognized association that sets certain requirements at a level comparable to those practitioners who are licensed in regulated provinces.

The Natural Health Practitioners of Canada (NHPC) is an association that has most of its members in Alberta but also a small amount of practitioners in other provinces. Their membership includes other modalities besides massage therapy so only some of their practitioners would be eligible for insurance claims outside of regulated provinces as long as they have 2,200 hours and/or have been approved on a case by case basis by the insurance companies.

How will this affect your spa? Whether you are a resort spa, day spa, or holistic clinic, a large part of your income comes from massage therapy services.

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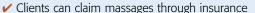




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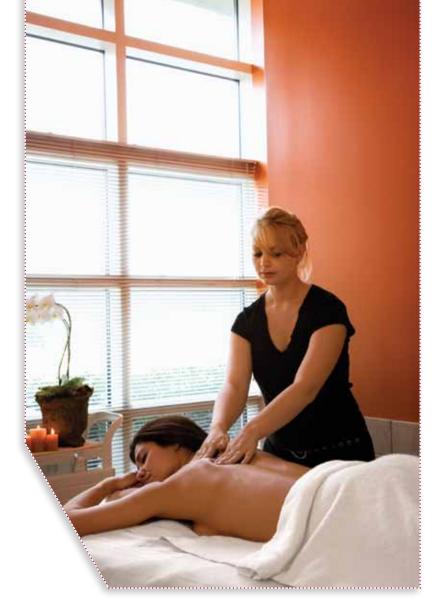


- ✓ High quality of education, ensuring accountably, professionalism, and protection for clients
- ✓ Consistency of training
- ✓ Higher professional standards, most take yearly upgrading and CPR certification and have professional liability insurance
- ✓ Higher pay scale
- ✓ Ability to compete with massage therapy clinics
- ✓ Must keep clinical records of treatment for insurance companies and issue receipts with RMT registration numbers
- ✓ Depending on which province, you may have trouble finding qualified people

### **Unregistered Massage Therapists**



- X Clients will not be able to claim their massages
- X Pay scale may be lower
- ✗ Training will not be consistent (1,000 hours of training should be your minimum)
- X Massage therapy treatments may decrease, due to competion with massage therapy
- X Do not have to keep records of treatment for insurance companies or issue proper receipts with RMT's registration numbers



be used by massage therapists that are registered with the colleges. No other person other than a registrant may use these titles or practice massage therapy, under threat of prosecution.

Depending on the focus of your spa you will want to carefully consider the massage services goals for your location. If you are a day spa located in a large centre, likely your clients will want to claim their massages. More remote resort spas may not have the need to have registered therapists on staff for insurance claims.

For example, The Ancient Cedars Spa at the Wickaninnish Spa in British Columbia employs both registered and unregistered therapists. They do not issue receipts for insurance reimbursement to their guests and make sure all guests know the massage is for relaxation purposes only. The minimum standard all therapists achieve for employment at their spa is 1,000 hours. In contrast, The Fairmont Hotel chain employs only 2,200 hour registered therapists and they do issue receipts for insurance claims. Correct information regarding massage therapy regulations in each province will help you make an educated decision. Contact your provincial massage therapy association in your province for more information. �

## Recognized RMT associations

The following is a breakdown by province of which RMT associations are accepted by insurance companies:

The College of Massage Therapists of Ontario (www.cmto.com) or

The Registered Massage Therapists' Association of Ontario (www.secure.rmtao.com)

College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia (www.cmtbc.bc.ca)

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Prince Edward Island Massage Therapists' Association (www.peimta.com)

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Massage Therapist Association of Saskatchewan (www.saskmassagetherapy.com)



Lisa Gossen is the owner of Emerge Spa Training, an on-site training institute for Massage Therapy, and Inner Balance Spa in Calgary. Lisa firmly believes capable and inspired staff is a key factor to a long term successful spa practice in the hospitality industry.

by Nicolas Heffernan

# Rejuvenation with oxy

xygen-based products have seen celebrities flocking to endorse the latest fad but these treatments might have some staying power. Oxygen has proven to be a powerful treatment in the effort to stave off the visual effects of aging.

"I think it started off with Madonna," says Giovanna Manchisi, senior manager, spa service at Elmwood Spa in Toronto. "But it's not so much a trend-it does actually give the results that it says it does and continuous use of it really does show results."

When oxygen enters the skin it enhances cell respiration which helps slow down the aging process, oxidizes toxins, and promotes cleaner, softer, and rejuvenated

skin. With such effective results, a number of oxygen-based treatments are now offered in spas across the country, and new technology is hitting the market promising even greater results.

### The O<sub>2</sub> facial

An oxygen facial delivers a mixture of high pressure, pure oxygen, and a serum to the face. Elmwood Spa offers the treatment, which takes 15 minutes. The facial can be geared to any skin type because of the different serums on offer.

"The serum is what's going to give you that benefit for that targeted area so when we do an oxygen facial the aesthetician will target the area you're needing," Manchisi says. "So if it's anti-aging we'll infuse a serum into the machine through the oxygen to target the anti-aging process."

Manchisi recommends the facial once every couple of months with a different type of facial in between. "(The oxygen) facial gives you an exfoliation but it's not as intense as other facials would be." However, the oxygen facial helps heal sun damaged skin and fight acne.



### The O<sub>2</sub> massage

While these massages are popular in the United States they haven't really caught on in Canada yet. The practitioner massages the client while she is inhaling oxygen administered through the nose.

"(The oxygen) is doing an inside healing while we're healing from outside," says Manchisi, adding customers enjoy how they feel during and after. "They love it. They were really on board with the concept of healing from the inside out," Manchisi says. "There's a different feeling that comes with the massage. When you have the massage you feel very invigorated and very light and airy."

Manchisi recommends the massage once a month mixed in with other massage styles.

### New O<sub>2</sub> technology

Gerry Merz might not have found the fountain of youth but he thinks he's got the next best thing with Oxygen Pur Spa Systems and Serums.



Oxygen Pur is a new technology that removes nitrogen from water and replaces it with oxygen and has been scientifically proven to have anti-aging benefits, among other beneficial properties.

"I certainly don't want to take anything away from Ponce de Leon and all the historic tales of finding the fountain of youth," says Merz, president and CEO. "I don't think we've so much stumbled on the fountain of youth as we've finally broken through to be able to harness oxygen and put it in a stable format that can be applied."

InVentures, the manufacturers, started the developing and testing process in 2008, with the brand being re-launched commercially in early November 2012. The two breakthroughs that allowed the creation of Oxygen Pur were researchers proving that skin can absorb oxygen and the creation of equipment that would highly oxygenate water and create a sustained effect for upwards of 40 minutes.

Once the increased oxygen enters the dermal layer, it creates an increase in blood flow up and into the capillaries. As people age their systems wear out. The vascular system is not as strong and circulation suffers. That is why there is a link between capillaries shutting down and visual signs of

aging. The body does not deliver enough oxygen and the result is less cellular respiration, resulting in wrinkles, fine lines, less collagen, and age spots.

The greater availability of oxygen results in greater cell respiration, which in turn produces greater levels of CO2. This causes vaso dilation allowing the body to be able to deliver more oxygen to the extremities for greater removal of toxins to the lymph system.

"Instead of masking that, what we're doing is from underneath, that blood flow is naturally coming up to the surface and it's having a positive effect on the skin from an inside-out versus outside-in process," says Merz.

Oxygen Pur offers spas a treatment system for any therapy that uses water, such as Vichy Showers, body wraps or facials. It also offers a serum that is applied in pea-sized amounts to the face and neck in the morning and evening.

"All we do is highly oxygenate the water flowing through the system," says Merz. "We don't pump the water, we just simply





oxygenate it is as it passes through. Theoretically our equipment could oxygenate an Olympic-size pool. That's the big stuff. The smaller stuff—Vichy showers, smaller bathing water treatment systems-we could easily power that to infinity."

A typical treatment system starts at about \$7,000 but systems can range up to \$30,000 "for some of the top end custom built stuff."

The spa systems have been in the development and testing stages for a few years now with customers including companies in Germany and England, the New York Knicks and Complexions Spa in Albany, New York.

Denise Dubois, owner of Complexions Spa was one of the first to employ the equipment when she installed it after hearing about it through various industry contacts.

Complexions uses the oxygen system to enhance treatments, such as the steamers when doing facials, in acne treatments, hydrotherapy tubs, and Vichy showers.

"I've never done a survey but do I think it helps people choose to come to our spa?" asks Dubois. "Absolutely. It's a unique selling point." �

by Dr. Peter W. Bray

# Reduce, Re-use, Recycle

Your own fat: the hottest trend in cosmetic surgery

s people want aesthetic treatments that are fast, effective, and with minimal downtime, injectable "fillers", such as Restylane and Juvederm, have become increasingly popular in recent years. Used correctly, these products enable cosmetic doctors to restore lost volume and correct the tell-tale consequences of aging.

Though popular and safe, most injectable filler products are temporary, becoming harmlessly broken down by the body over time. Although happy with the results of their fillers, many clients become weary of top-ups to their injections once or twice a year. They need access to a filler product that is safe, effective, but also long-lasting. Fortunately Mother Nature has provided the solution, conveniently packaged with the form of your own fat tissue.

### Fat—where it's at

Clients are delighted their muffin tops, belly bulges, and saddle bags can be "recycled" and put to good use. These areas of excess are reduced using gentle liposuction; the fat is purified in the operating room and then prepared for careful, strategic injection into the areas in need of a boost. The newly-transferred fat is re-integrated into the body and, after a few months, looks and behaves as if it has always been there. Unlike man-made filler products, the fat is completely natural, a part of your own body, so risks of allergies or "rejection" are eliminated. Although we anticipate some of the new fat to be absorbed by the body, the majority remaining after the first few months is essentially permanent. Conveniently available, effective, and low-risk, fat transfer has become one of the hottest topics in cosmetic surgery.

### Fat for faces

In the face, fat injection can apply to many areas. Some of the most popular spots include the hollows under the eyes, sagging or deflated cheeks, deep creases of the nasolabial and jowl region, hollow temples, and droopy corners of the mouth. Because the amount of fat available is relatively large, it is possible for your surgeon to treat a greater number of areas and to a greater degree than in a typical session with off-theshelf injectable fillers.

### **Butts and beyond**

Not limited to the facial region, fat transfer has become valuable for enhancement of other body areas as well. This technique is an essential component of the now-popular "Brazilian Butt Lift." The goal of this procedure is to enhance and augment the

buttock region such that flat, droopy bottoms have a more prominent, full, and appealing shape. With this procedure I use the new BodyTite energy-assisted liposuction technology to achieve better skin-tightening, enhancing the waistline and lower back for more curvaceous proportions.

Fat transfer to the breasts is becoming a popular option. The fat can be used to gain a modest enhancement in size, correct mild asymmetries, or improve shape.



### Less is more

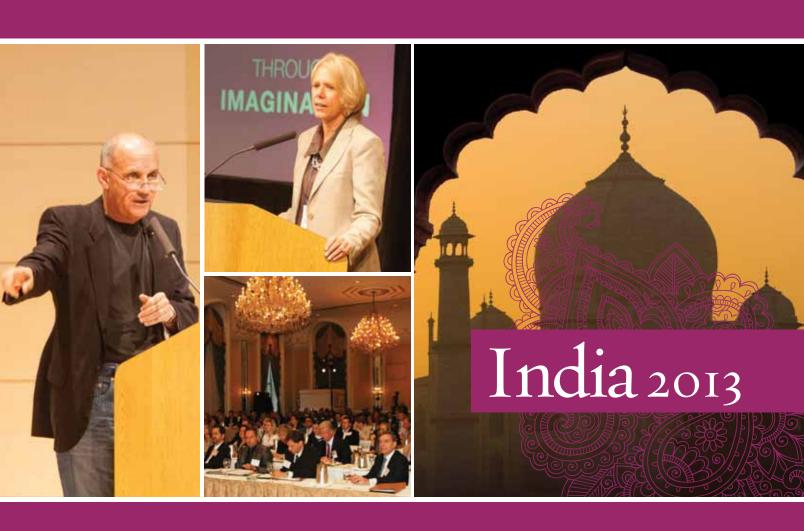
The ability of practitioners to rejuvenate and refresh their clients has never been better. But the biggest challenge has become, in my opinion, not what we should do for a client, but what we should not do. We have all seen the consequence of over-indulgence in injectable fillers and Botox. The resulting "chipmunk cheeks," "duck lips" and expressionless brows are unattractive. The need for restraint, meticulous technique, and a good aesthetic sense is particularly important with fat injection given that the results are long-lasting and harder to reverse. Thus, potential clients should seek consultation with a plastic surgeon having vast experience with fat transfer techniques.

By no means are injectable fillers and Botox obsolete. Fat transfer will never be the best solution for everyone because the one to two weeks of swelling requires social downtime that may be excessive for some people. But with use of fat transfer and other minimally-invasive techniques such as FaceTite and NeckTite surgeons have the ability to achieve attractive, natural and longlasting results with faster recovery and less risk than ever before. •



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## tips and products beauty marks

by Heather Ednie

# The confident

mpowered by the wealth of experience and knowledge gained along the way, the over-50 crowd have the self-confidence and smarts to focus on what is truly important to them. Meanwhile, with so much going on, it's worthwhile to take the extra time for personal care, live a healthy lifestyle, and invest in longevity through wise, healthy choices. People in their 50s want to look their fabulous best, and with a little extra care and a wealth of outstanding options, today's 50s are spectacular.

### TREAT SKIN LIKE A QUEEN

A skin care regimen is a must to keep skin young, supple and fresh. "Use a rich cleansing cream and get daily exfoliation from a toner with salicylic acid," says Repêchage CEO and founder Lydia Sarfati. "Trade in your usual serum for one with Deep Sea Thermophyllus to provide powerful enxymatic protection and DNA repair. Look for ingredients like Red Clover Extract, known to mimic a phytoestrogen hormone that helps stimulate skin thickness. Marine Biopeptide and Messenger Pentapeptide also help provide immediate effects and deeper, longer lasting structural benefit."

### BEST FACE FORWARD

Choose cosmetics that are easy to apply, look great, and most importantly, are healthy and clean. "More mature customers truly love and benefit from products that aid with hydration," says Jane Iredale national educator Elias Elgueta. Define each and every feature on the face. The complexion should be even and radiant. Opt for a foundation with a satiny/dewy finish. "My favourite combination for this would be Jane Iredale Liquid Minerals set with a little bit of Jane Iredale Amazing Base for sun protection and added coverage."

Define the lips in a shade that brightens the complexion. Use an eyeliner, one neutral shade on the eyelid, and a highlight colour underneath the arch of the brow and inner corner of the eye for an "awake" look. And don't forget the cheeks! "Choose a cheek colour that says, 'I just went for a stroll" Elqueta advises.



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Good health starts today, and for your clients in their 50s, encourage them to exercise, eat well and get proper sleep to be healthy as long as possible. Spas can offer yoga, pilates and other exercise classes tailored for their 50s-clientele; they are not only great ways to get in shape, but they provide that "me time" everybody wants. Encourage

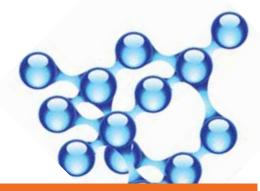
your clients to make small changes for big returns, such as taking up walking, adding smoothies to their diet, or consulting a naturopath many spas offer this service in-house. Be it specific treatments or full-scale retreats, spas are playing primary roles for people in their 50s aiming to kick-start their way to a healthy future. •

## beauty marks glycobiology

by Isabelle Villeneuve

## The power of sugars

Sugar science promises great news for cosmetology



here are four major classes of molecules in biology: DNA, proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates, also called glycans. Glycans are essential components of living organisms and are widely distributed in nature. The wide variety of structures and functions of glycans is the basis of a new scientific discipline, glycobiology, ie the science of sugars. This new field of scientific interest offers excellent prospects for cosmetology.

### In the beginning, sugars were "passive"

In different forms, sugars have always been used in cosmetic formulations for their large capacity for water retention, giving the product exceptional hydrating effects. Sorbitol, for example, has long served—and continues to serve—as a humectant replacing glycerin. But the undisputed star of formulators and the most known to the general public is undoubtedly hyaluronic acid.

Discovered in the 30s, it is known to absorb up to 1,000 times its weight in water. It is an essential molecule for the skin's youth. Extracted for several years from the cockscomb, it is now produced by biotechnological processes. The considerable growth of cosmetic surgery and injections has broadcasted its benefits. The shining star of rejuvenation, it replaces collagen as a wrinkle filler. It remains effective longer than collagen and is less easily degraded in the human body, therefore its effects last longer. Its interest to cosmetology is evident.

### **Smart sugars**

Through research in glycobiology, the role of glycans in skin biology is clear. Present on the surface of cells, they act as signals specifically recognized by other cells or by isolated molecules such as enzymes or antibodies, for example. These sugars act as modulators of skin biology as well as energy sources or moisturizers. Simple actives, they have earned their current status of smart molecules, that is to say active, able to interact to influence the cellular communication or modulate the inflammatory response, for example. Medical research also examines their potential as antiviral or anticancer treatments.

Today, we can conclude the sugars will remain part of the cosmetics landscape for years to come due to their immense potential. Well-torerated since they are naturally present in the body, they have properties that are very different than other biological molecules. In addition, biotechnology-derived or plant-based, they meet the criteria for green and sustainable chemistry, which further reinforces their potential. •

In the field of cosmetology, there are already several examples of applications of their many benefits. For example:

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- Use in a skin care product of a molecule derived from sugar, NAG6P—for N-acetylglucosamine-6-Phosphate naturally present in the skin but growing scarce with age. By providing this intermediate step, the skin once again becomes capable of fabricating its own hyaluronic acid.
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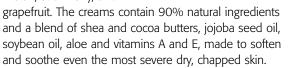
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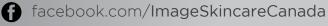
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## soul to sole

by Theresa Rogers

## Ben Kaminsky

en Kaminsky is a pharmaceutical chemist who has been developing medicines for physicians globally for almost 40 years, first through Montreal-based Odan Laboratories, which he founded in 1974, and now through B. Kamins, launched in 1997. B. Kamins, and its distinctive bio-maple compound, is now known as one of the leading skincare companies in the growing field of cosmeceuticals—skincare that bridges the gap between treatments found in a physician's office and those products sold at traditional cosmetic counters.

What I love about this business is... that it's constantly evolving. There are preparations that are coming out that have merit and there are many being touted that do not. It's up to the consumers to educate themselves and learn which ones are appropriate to them. A dermatologist will take a history of your health, your age, your background, and try to figure out what the right treatment for you is. Sadly, when you go to a cosmetic counter, many sales are based on television and advertising... that's no way of getting information.

The hardest thing I ever did was... convince my wife that proper skincare starts with looking after your whole body and that includes the way you nourish yourself, the way you exercise, the way you relax and the way you use skin preparations as you're aging.

### What's next for the business?

New ways of getting materials on top of the skin and in the skin... that's where the skill and the ability of the formulator and the way it's manufactured comes in.

### How long do you plan to keep doing this?

I'm an old guy but I'm still with it and I still love it! I'm still learning and there remains a lot to know and a lot to conquer as far as these preparations are concerned. We're working with nanoparticles and truly innovating in terms of delivery of these topical preparations, which is absolutely interesting to me. .





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