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Beauty Buzz

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Light Switch Intense Pulsed Light has new powers, thanks to an amino levulenic acid solution called Levula. New York dermatologist Arielle Kauvar has found that aiming the IPL at skin coated with Levula "converts the acid into an active compound that selectively destroys precancerous growths and inhibits oil glands," she says. (Usually four to six treatments are required.) Meanwhile, L.A. dermatologist Debra Luftman uses the Levula/IPL mix with Thermage, a radio frequency machine that activates collagen fibers deep within skin. "Sun damage is alleviated, precancerous spots are removed, and areas like the neck, jaw and nasal-labial folds are tightened," says Luftman. Talk about multitasking!

Intense Pulsed Light and Levula can do wonders for the complexion.

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