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WHAT IF YOU COULD LOOK YOUNGER WITHIN MONTHS?

Skin is not only the largest human organ, it is the only organ chronically exposed to the environment and on display.¹ During the last decade, substantial progress has been made towards understanding the underlying mechanisms of human skin aging.

The desire of a large proportion of the world's adult population to maintain youthful-looking skin has fueled a multibillion-dollar industry that includes cosmetics, oral or topical cosmeceuticals, invasive and non-invasive procedures, laser resurfacing, injection of fillers, neurotoxins, and surgery.¹

WHAT THE APPEARANCE OF SKIN TELLS US

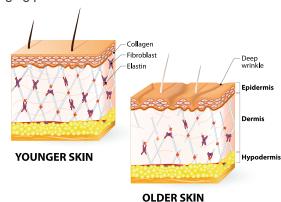
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WHAT HAPPENS TO AGING SKIN?

A major feature of aged skin is fragmentation of the collagen matrix. Collagen fragmentation is responsible for loss of structural integrity and impairment of fibroblast function in aged human skin.\(^1\) In aged skin, collapsed fibroblasts (skin cells) produce low levels of collagen and high levels of enzymes in the skin that degrade collagen, whereas when fibroblasts are functioning properly they make several types of collagen fibers and hold together a matrix made of several proteins.\(^1\)

- Type I collagen is the most abundant protein in human skin, comprising 90 percent of the dry weight of skin.
- Fibrous collagen types I, III, and V self assemble into larger collagen fibers that form a three dimensional structural network throughout the dermis.¹ When these mechanisms are disrupted, the aging process is advanced.





WHAT TYPE OF SKIN DO YOU HAVE?

One way to combat aging skin is with adequate nutrition. A recent study evaluates protein, vitamin C and plant bioflavonoids in the improvement of skin's appearance and collagen formation in four skin types.

The "Fitzpatrick skin type" system (or phototype) classifies skin by the amount of melanin pigment in the skin.² This is determined by constitutional color (white, brown or black skin) and the result of exposure to ultraviolet radiation (tanning). Pale or white skin burns easily and tans slowly and poorly: it needs more protection against sun exposure. Darker skin burns less and tans more easily, but is also more prone to develop post-inflammatory pigmentation after injury (brown marks).2

PHOTOTYPES I-IV SKIN TYPES

SKIN TYPE	TYPICAL FEATURES	TANNING ABILITY
1	Pale white skin, blue/hazel eyes, blond/red hair	Always burns, does not tan
П	Fair skin, blue eyes	Burns easily, tans poorly
III	Darker white skin	Tans after initial burn
IV	Light brown skin	Burns minimally, tans easily

A recent study in 47 men ages 30-45 years with phototypes I-IV skin types were evaluated after taking several dietary ingredients for 180 days.3 The supplements contained protein, vitamin C and fruit extracts high in bioflavonoids with a small amount of zinc. This supplement regimen was approximately equivalent to the protein in one Laminine capsule and the amount of vitamin C and fruit bioflavonoids in one half IMMUNE*** tablet (except for the zinc). After the period of supplementation even with small amounts of these valuable components, the skin of the men had improved in measurable and visible ways:

- The men's skin showed less redness, better hydration, more radiance and overall appearance as assessed by photographs.3
- Statistically significant results showed the appearance of UVexposed and brown spots were reduced, and skin texture and pore tightness were improved, with scientific measurements.³
- The study also allowed for a small piece of skin tissue to be evaluated, which showed that collagen and elastic fibers had increased. An ultrasound of the face showed improvement in collagen production.3

YOU CAN SLOW DOWN AGING OF THE SKIN WITH LAMININE AND IMMUNE***

Even though you cannot control environmental factors, such as smog, wind, sun and pollution, you certainly can monitor what you put in your body. Much of skin health, such as fighting wrinkles, sagging skin and brown spots, depends on how you nourish the skin from the inside.

Vitamin C is a potent stimulator of collagen and elastin production and in helping to deposit the collagen fibers into the skin matrix. It inhibits



the breakdown of collagen and elastin. Researchers encourage the supplementation of vitamin C to help prevent formation of dermal scars and thick scar tissue called kelloids. Scientists have recently endorsed the use of Vitamin C as it is a potent stimulator of collagen and elastin production in the treatment of wrinkled and stretchmarked skin.4

By including the "Skin Duo" of Laminine and IMMUNE*** into your daily regimen, you can help slow down the natural process of aging skin. The vitamin C used in IMMUNE*** is a highly effective form shown to have twice the absorption rate, and stays in the blood stream twice as long as traditional forms of vitamin C, while the Fibroblast Growth Factor in Laminine interacts with fibroblast skin cells, stimulating them to make collagen. Laminine and IMMUNE*** are such an easy, cost-effective approach to skin care, and you'll look and feel youthful, longer!



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