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New Skin Refiner

A gentler version of the skin-rejuvenating Fraxel laser has been cleared to treat dark spots, fine lines, and uneven pigmentation. The Fraxel re:fine has "more oomph than microdermabrasion" with the bonus of collagen stimulation, says Elizabeth Tanzi, a dermatologist in Washington, D.C.; the ideal patient "is in her 30s or 40s with early photodamage." Redness and swelling generally last 24 to 36 hours. In a study, 9 of 12 patients showed moderate to significant improvements in appearance one month after four treatments. The device is cleared for use on the face (including around the eyes), neck, and hands, and is considered effective for all skin colors.