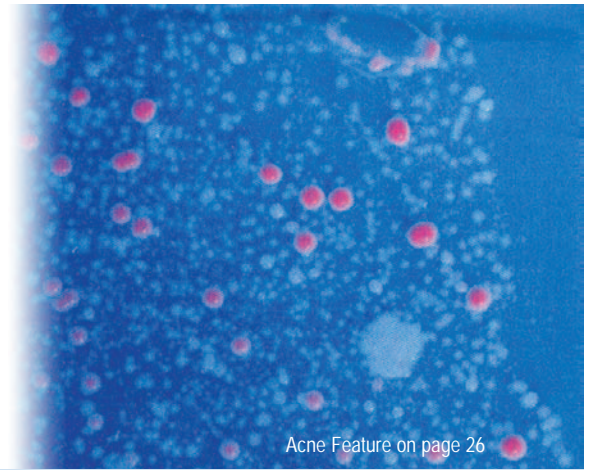


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Physicians Embrace New Acne Treatment Modality

Previously cleared by the FDA for the treatment of pigmented and vascular lesions, and hair removal, the SkinStation system from Radiancy, Inc. (Orangeburg, N.Y.) is gaining acceptance among physicians as a highly versatile device for acne phototherapy. Clearly, acne treatment (currently pending FDA clearance) is an exciting new application of this device, which combines proprietary light-and-heat energy (LHE) technology.

Photos courtesy of Dr. Matsakura



Before Tx



After SkinStation Tx

"I like the fact that the SkinStation can treat acne vulgaris, without the use of any medication," said William Brender, M.D., a plastic surgeon in private practice in Glens Falls, N.Y. "Previously, when patients came to me, I really couldn't do anything meaningful for them." Besides no downtime and minimal patient discomfort, the SkinStation "is so safe that I can have my nurses perform the procedure."

The recommended treatment protocol for acne is twice a week for four weeks. However, "if there is incomplete resolution of the acne, I may perform two more sessions or a second treatment cycle," Dr. Brender noted. In a study of ten patients, only two patients required these additional treatments said Dr. Brender, who charges \$500 for a set of eight treatments. "The majority of patients are very happy."

"We now have another modality to use while dealing with the growing antibiotic resistance of acne," said Barry Ginsburg, M.D., a dermatologist in private practice in Birmingham, Ala. "There is also a reluctance among many people to take Accutane." Some of Dr. Ginsburg's patients require only four treatment sessions with the SkinStation. Other patients simply need a monthly maintenance

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