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## Volumetric facelift

**Anthony Youn, M.D.**, practicing/physician director of The Beverly Hills Plastic Surgery Centre, touts the 3-D Facelift, also known as the **Volumetric Facelift**, as latest "revolution" in rejuvenating facelift techniques. The technique is said to replace lost facial volume and remove excess skin—which results in a younger appearance and not a gaunt, tight result. "The 3-D Facelift works by producing a natural, more youthful appearance with minimal downtime," says Dr. Youn. For more information, visit [www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com](http://www.beverlyhillsbeauty.com).

## Esthetic medicine

**Astron Clinica** recently developed the Beau Visage, the "revolutionary" skin imaging and consultation product that allows esthetic medicine practitioners to help clients select appropriate treatments and track treatment progress over time, in an independent, objective way. The device is said to use SIAscopy, Astron Clinica's "unique" patented skin-imaging technology that give practitioners and clients an opportunity to "see" what is happening up to 2 mm beneath the surface of the skin. For more information, visit [www.astronclinica.com](http://www.astronclinica.com).

## Body contouring procedures rise

According to the **American Society of Plastic Surgeons**, the number of cosmetic procedures performed to remove excess skin has increased 22 percent, since 2005. The effectiveness of the new weight loss procedure has caused patients to seek out cosmetic surgeons to help them complete their transformation. For more information, visit [www.greenbergcosmeticsurgery.com](http://www.greenbergcosmeticsurgery.com).



## Dermatologists to oppose FDA ban

The **American Academy of Dermatology** says it is objecting the FDA proposal to ban the sale of products containing the bleaching agent hydroquinone without a prescription. The FDA says hydroquinone poses too many health risks and say it could be a possible carcinogen, and the agency says it wants to consider all such existing cosmetic products as new drugs. Hydroquinone is used in skin-lightening creams and lotions. The FDA will accept comments on the proposed regulation through December 26th. For more information, visit [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) or [www.aad.org](http://www.aad.org).