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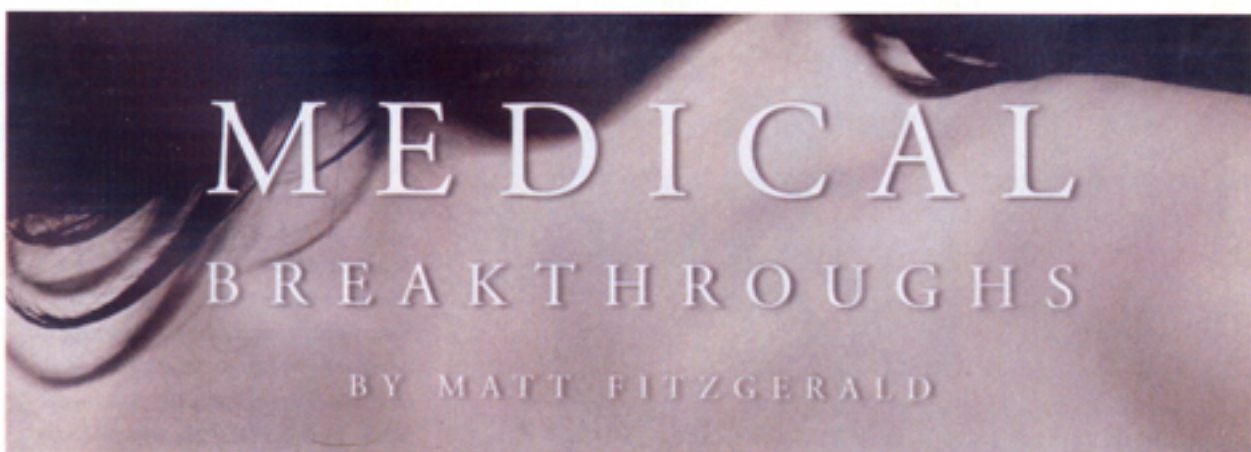
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MEDICAL BREAKTHROUGHS

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The most promising new filler, according to Michael Franco, a dermatologist practicing in Sherman Oaks, is called Radiance. The compound used in Radiance is calcium hydroxylapatite, a natural component of teeth and bones. Unlike some older fillers it remains soft and pliable, lasts as long as five years, and has no known side effects.

Perhaps the greatest recent advance in facial cosmetic medicine has been the replacement of blades with instruments that use energy instead of metal to cut, probe, and stitch. For example, "Thermage is a new device that applies heat into the skin and leads to muscle tightening," says Obagi. "So if a woman has loose neck muscles or jowling around the face, doing Thermage once or twice in six months can lead to a lot of tightening."

Lasers used to treat acne, scars, and blemishes continue to improve, as do those used for hair removal. At the Advanced Laser and Anti-Aging Medical Center in Pasadena, doctors Michael Miller and Robert Seltzer use

no fewer than 20 different laser instruments. Among the newest is Aurora, which uses a combination of pulsed light and radio frequency energy to perform "FotoFacial" procedures that erase sun damage, age spots, acne, light wrinkles, and rosacea.

Traditional, surgical face-lift procedures have been improved as well, thanks to instruments such as the endoscope, a sort of surgical video probe. In an endoscopic face-lift, surgeons can perform very precise work in hard-to-access areas—especially the middle third of the face. "Traditionally with face-lifts we would achieve good results with the lower face, but we didn't get very good results in the mid-face area," says Babak Azizzadeh, a Beverly Hills-based plastic surgeon. "But with the endoscopic face-lift we have really improved that area."

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