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DON'T WRINKLE, BE HAPPY, AND OTHER AAD HIGHLIGHTS

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Fashionistas have fashion week, which takes New York City by storm every February and September. Techies have Austin's SXSW festival. Comic book junkies have comic.con. And dermatologists and skin care professionals have the American Academy of Dermatology's (AAD) annual meeting.

Each year, the meeting brings together the best and brightest skincare specialists to discuss everything from anti-aging fads and possible cellulite cures to skin cancer and eczema.

This year's meeting, held in Denver from March 21st through the 25th, did not disappoint. Thousands of attendees had their pick of cocktail parties for new product launches from high-end cosmetic companies, sessions on the hottest new lasers and the coolest new energy-based body contouring treatments, as well as updates on treating skin cancer and other skin diseases.

The anti-aging category took the prize for most fanfare in terms of new treatments and energy-powered devices. Acne remedies and targeted solutions for eyes, scars and stretch marks, sensitive skin conditions, and thinning hair all vied for place and show standing.

WRINKLES, ACNE, AND TAT REGRET

Sciton®'s new Halo™ system, which works with the JOULE™ platform, is touted as world's first and only hybrid fractional laser, using tunable nonablative and ablative wavelengths at the same time to maximize results and reduce downtime. Another new handpiece designed for the JOULE offers an alternative to microdermabrasion and light chemical peels with the Er:YAG NanoLaser Peel.

Chromogenex™ unveiled a new option for acne laser treatment. The Regenlite™ system offers multiple treatment modes to target all grades of acne, in



addition to vascular lesions, like port wine stains, spider veins or rosacea, and skin rejuvenation. Chromogenex also displayed the i-lipo xcell Multi-Platform Body Contour System that combines four technologies for body fat analysis and measurement, laser diode fat reduction, and Infrared Vacuum massage.

Agnes Ultimate Solution for Acne caught the group's attention as a selective sebaceous electrothermolysis device. Hailing from Korea, it claims to destroy the sebaceous glands without thermal injury to the epidermis and can also be used for open comedones, pores, and scars.

When it comes to lasers, tattoo removal is the new darling. Until now, people with "tat regret" had limited options if they wanted to get rid of their ink, says M. Christine Lee, MD, MPH, a dermatologist in Walnut Creek, Calif, and an assistant clinical professor in the department of dermatologic surgery at the University of California, San Francisco.

"Older lasers could turn rocks into pebbles, but this one turns the pebbles into sawdust," Lee says of Cynosure's PicoSure, a federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-cleared tattoo-removing laser that can zap away greens, blues, and other hard-to-erase colors in fewer sessions than older lasers.

PicoSure may be the first of many in this growing category, Lee says. "Tattoo-removing lasers in the pipeline will cut the amount of sessions in half for all colors and cut sessions by two-thirds for resistant colors," she predicts.

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Syneron also featured new ELOS® Plus large applicators for faster skin rejuvenation and hair removal. Cutera® unveiled two new platforms at the

