

Facial Oil

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It may seem counterintuitive to recommend that a client rub oil on their face, but facial oil products can actually be very beneficial, especially for mature skin. Clients with mature skin have decreased sebaceous gland activity which can leave skin dry and flaky, says dermatologist Dr. Lisa Kellett. Certain seasons can produce the same effect, she says.

“The dermas on the body is often thicker than on the face, so the face tends to be a little bit more sensitive, and also the face is exposed,” Kellett says. “During the winter you’ll see more flakiness on the skin of the face because it’s exposed to wind and cold, whereas often the skin on the body is not.”

Beyond replenishing much-needed moisture in the skin, facial oil products can also be used to cleanse it. Babor Cosmetics’ HY-ÖL product provides a deep-pore cleansing says marketing representative Benjamin Simpson. “This is a hydrophilic oil, so it has a water soluble quality to it,” Simpson says. “It’s unique in that it protects the skin’s barriers, so the lipid layers and the acid mantle are protected.”

To read more about facial oils, see our article in **Spa Inc Magazine’s Fall 2015** issue.