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**WHO HAS IT:** Medical-grade brand, **Skin Medica's TNS Recovery Complex** contains a serum engineered from human foreskin fibroblasts which boosts collagen production and cell repair. Even Oprah Winfrey has promoted it on her show as the next phenomenon in skin care. The pink-hued serum smells a lot like saliva, so we're advised to layer on a nice-smelling moisturiser after.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Aesthetic physician Dr Low Chai Ling says, "I think [this] has the most scientific basis. I am studying a product that is made from the reproductive nucleus DNA of a sturgeon fish (in a sense similar to baby's foreskin properties) as an anti-ageing product, and many trials have shown that it has superior anti-ageing properties as a topical product."

**ANIMAL SALIVA**

**CLAIM:** There's a good reason why animals lick their wounds. Apparently, there is a naturally occurring chemical in the body called IGF (insulin-like growth factor) that helps the skin to heal faster than it would otherwise. IGF appears to speed hair and bone what has been lost from age, and can help up the healing of burns and wounds. It's also been found to regenerate aging skin and produce even better results than health's supply of Biotin. IGF was discovered by scientists Shanti Gahan and Rita Lau-Horowitz, for which they were awarded a Nobel Prize in medicine in 1986.

**WHO HAS IT:** Based on this Nobel prize-winning theory, scientists at Lashelle (the mid-range Dr Gregory Bly's brand) developed a perfectly clear of chemical IGF and created the anti-ageing skincare brand Biotin. His hair base includes vitamins E and C and zinc. IGF was also found in the condition of even more potent growth impulses for the skin in IGF (insulin-like growth factor, which boosts collagen production and to place the skin) and IGF (insulin-like growth factor) which this covers, lifts the sag and tightens the skin of skin.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Use most cosmetic lines, you only see a dramatic difference a month after regular usage. However, after using **Revive Intensive Wrinkling Serum**, we noticed skin was baby soft after one application and crow feet were smoothed, while freckles lightened after two weeks. But if you're looking to fit better masks and contact eyes, you may need more than two bottles to see it work. It's probably more cost effective, then, to inject fillers into the face.

**STEM CELLS**

**CLAIM:** The theory behind stem cells is that these living cells harvested from humans (whether infants or adults) have the ability to repair local tissues significantly and rapidly, therefore reversing damaged cells and regenerating ageing tissues. In the medical arena, it's being researched as a cure to many things such as cancer and Parkinson's disease. In the field of aesthetics, doctors are realising that it can regenerate the ageing face from the inside out, including hair re-growth. This is one of the theories that has revolutionised the cosmetic industry and hopefully bring us closer to topical anti-ageing solutions that work.

**WHO HAS IT:** It's believed that some clinics in the US are injecting stem cells into the blood of their patients to speed up the facial rejuvenation process. Here, stem cells are extracted from discarded human fat and treated into an FDA-approved serum called **AAME**, available at clinics such as **Chloe's Beauty, The Skincare Clinic and The Medical Aesthetics**. The lipoplus serum is administered with a micro-needle roller that penetrates through and speed up wound healing. It's believed that AAME can replace loss of facial volume.

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