Your Skinformation

Q *My mother just got some filler put in around her mouth, and I don't see much of an improvement. Does filler just not work well for some people?*

A There are several reasons why your mother may not be seeing a nice result. The most common one is not having enough filler. More of the product is needed to get the best improvement, especially on a mature face. Also, most of us need a combination of treatments to look our best, so if your mom isn't happy with her result, she should talk to her doctor about the benefits of other tightening or volumizing treatments in addition to fillers.

Q *My brother just had a melanoma skin cancer removed. Should I have my skin examined too?*

A Yes, having a family member with melanoma increases your chance of having one too. Melanoma is a serious cancer but is usually curable if it is caught early. 1 in 58 Americans will develop melanoma in their lifetime, and other skin cancers are even more common, so a skin cancer checkup is a good idea for everyone.

Q *My 18 year old daughter wants to get a large tattoo. I'm not crazy about the idea because I think she will change her mind when she's older, but she says if she doesn't like it, she can always have it removed. Is there a way to remove tattoos?*

A There are lasers that remove tattoos, such as the Spectra laser. The results can be excellent, but it's not a perfect science. Usually many treatments are needed to remove a tattoo, and some colors may be impossible to remove completely. Also, it's much more expensive to remove a tattoo than to get one. All things considered, it's probably still best to view a tattoo as a permanent decision.

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