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WHAT A non-surgical rejuvenating facial treatment that instantly hydrates, plumps, smoothes and calms, leaving skin radiant without any harsh processes or recovery time. Apparently, Madonna has an Intraceuticals machine in each of her houses, but don't let that put you off - Jessica Stam, Bar Refaeli and Miranda Kerr, right, are fans too. **HOW** A topical system delivers therapeutic grade oxygen under hyperbaric pressure to infuse water-based serums into the deeper layers of the skin. This application method initialises osmotic hydration deep within the skin (making it extra absorbent) and delivers the Intraceuticals Infusions - a skin-specific mixture of hydrators, essential vitamins, botanicals, antioxidants and amino peptides. **THE**



TREATMENT Once the skin has been thoroughly cleansed and exfoliated, a pen-like wand is run over every inch of the face, focussing on lines and blemishes, the eye, lip and forehead. It's a gentle blowing sensation, which tingles in parts but is never uncomfortable (I fell asleep, so go figure), and takes up to 45 minutes. This blowing is the oxygen creating a pressure bubble, which pushes itself and the Intraceuticals Infusions deep into the skin. After treating the first half of my face, my therapist showed me the results. The treated side was noticeably brighter and firmer, my cheek was fuller and my brow was higher (slightly worrying - I hadn't realised they were deflating), pores were less visible, as were dry patches, and the fine lines around my eyes were certainly less pronounced. **RESULTS** As a semi-regular sufferer of perioral dermatitis (which I had just gotten over a bout of), I have dry, sensitive skin, much in need of such deep hydration. As a result, directly after the treatment, I felt more comfortable about my skin's appearance than I have in a long time - it was fresh and healthy, and just a touch of make-up had it looking pretty flawless. The instant gratification factor here is key, making it perfect for just before a big event (wedding morning!) and though my glow had faded somewhat by the following morning, my problem areas remained less noticeable, and a course of treatments (they recommend six, in so many weeks) promises longer-term results. Basically, it's an investment in the health of your skin, rather than the masking of imperfections. **BONUS** If you're having a more invasive treatment, like microdermabrasion or IPL (which usually leave at least a day's redness), an Intraceuticals Infusion treatment can cut this recovery time significantly. **BOTTOM LINE** €150 per treatment, €800 for a course of six (including €300 worth of aftercare products, like the Rejuvenate Daily Serum, left). **CONTACT** Revive, 6 Milltown Centre, Dublin 6, 01 260 4781; www.medico.ie. **KO'D**



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