

Essential Oils & The Skin

The Complete Skin Series

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A brief history

Rhodinon (rose oil)

"Being anointed on, it is good for ye eye-lids that are growne hard...and for the Capitis ulceræ manantia."

Dioscorides, 1st Century



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Lavender oil



Alopecia
Eczema
Burns
Ulcers
Wounds



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Skin-friendly oils



Essential oil	EO
Absolute	ABS
CO ₂ extract	CO ₂
Fixed oil	FO



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Essential oils 1

Bergamot	Citrus bergamia
Cedarwood Atlas	Cedrus atlantica
Chamomile (blue)	Matricaria recutita
Chamomile (Roman)	Chamaemelum nobile
Cinnamon	Cinnamomum zeylanicum
Clove	Syzygium aromaticum
Copaiba	Copaifera officinalis Copaifera langsdorffii
Coriander	Coriandrum sativum
Dill	Anethum graveolens
Eucalyptus	Eucalyptus globulus

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Essential oils 2

Geranium	<i>Pelargonium x asperum</i>
Ginger	<i>Zingiber officinale</i>
Grapefruit	<i>Citrus x paradisi</i>
Helichrysum	<i>Helichrysum italicum</i>
Holy basil	<i>Ocimum sanctum</i>
Lavender	<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>
Lemon	<i>Citrus limon</i>
Lemongrass	<i>Cymbopogon citratus</i> <i>Cymbopogon flexuosus</i>
Mandarin	<i>Citrus reticulata</i>
Myrrh	<i>Commiphora myrrha</i>
Orange (sweet)	<i>Citrus sinensis</i>

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Essential oils 3

Oregano	<i>Origanum onites</i> <i>Origanum vulgare</i>
Palmarosa	<i>Cymbopogon martinii</i>
Patchouli	<i>Pogostemon cablin</i>
Peppermint	<i>Mentha x piperita</i>
Rosemary	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i>
Sandalwood	<i>Santalum album</i> <i>Santalum spicatum</i>
Spearmint	<i>Mentha spicata</i>
Tea tree	<i>Melaleuca alternifolia</i>
Thyme	<i>Thymus vulgaris</i>
Vetiver	<i>Vetiveria zizanoides</i>

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Constituents

Essential oil	Percent	Major constituent
Clove	85%	Eugenol
Coriander	75%	Linalool
Eucalyptus	75%	Cineole
Lemon	70%	Limonene
Lemongrass	80%	Citral
Oregano	75%	Carvacrol
Palmarosa	80%	Geraniol
Peppermint	40%	Menthol
Rosemary cineole	50%	Cineole
Thyme thymol	55%	Thymol

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Chemotypes

Rosemary

Camphor
Cineole
Pinene



Thyme

Geraniol
Linalool
Thymol



Absolutes



Cocoa	<i>Theobroma cacao</i>
Jasmine	<i>Jasminum officinalis</i>
Rose	<i>Rosa centifolia</i>
Violet leaf	<i>Viola odorata</i>

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CO₂ extracts

Calendula	Total	<i>Calendula officinalis</i>
Chamomile (blue)	Total	<i>Matricaria recutita</i>
Hop	Select	<i>Humulus lupulus</i>
Hypericum	Total	<i>Hypericum perforatum</i>
Sea buckthorn	Total	<i>Hippophae rhamnoides</i>
Turmeric	Select	<i>Curcuma longa</i>

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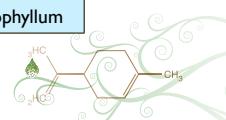
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Aromatic fixed oils

Argan	<i>Argania spinosa</i>
Black seed	<i>Nigella sativa</i>
Coconut	<i>Cocos nucifera</i>
Neem	<i>Azadirachta indica</i>
Olive	<i>Olea europaea</i>
Pomegranate	<i>Punica granatum</i>
Rose hip	<i>Rosa canina</i> <i>Rosa rubiginosa</i>
Tamanu	<i>Calophyllum inophyllum</i>

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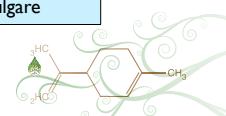


Non-aromatic fixed oils

Borage	<i>Borago officinalis</i>
Evening primrose	<i>Oenothera biennis</i>
Grapeseed	<i>Vitis vinifera</i>
Jojoba	<i>Simmondsia chinensis</i>
Macadamia	<i>Macadamia ternifolia</i>
Shea butter	<i>Butyrospermum parkii</i>
Sweet almond	<i>Prunus amygdalus dulcis</i>
Wheat germ	<i>Triticum vulgare</i>

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Aloe vera



Antiseptic
Dry skin
Burns
Wounds
Use as a gel base



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Green tea extract



Camellia sinensis

Oily skin
Acne vulgaris
Atopic dermatitis
Rosacea
Photoaging

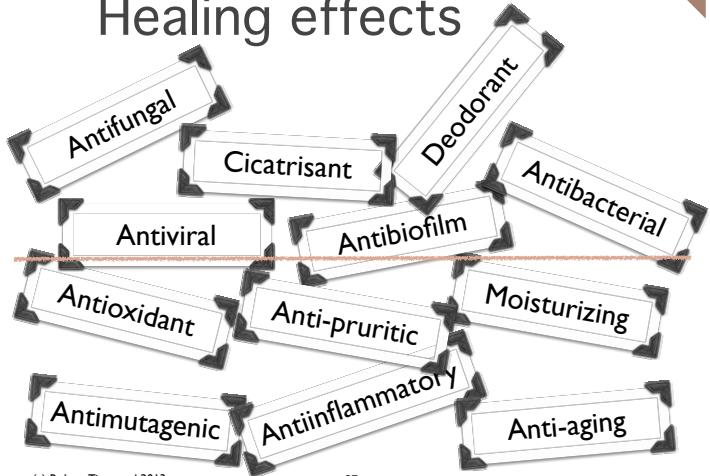
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Healing effects



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Adverse reactions



Phototoxicity



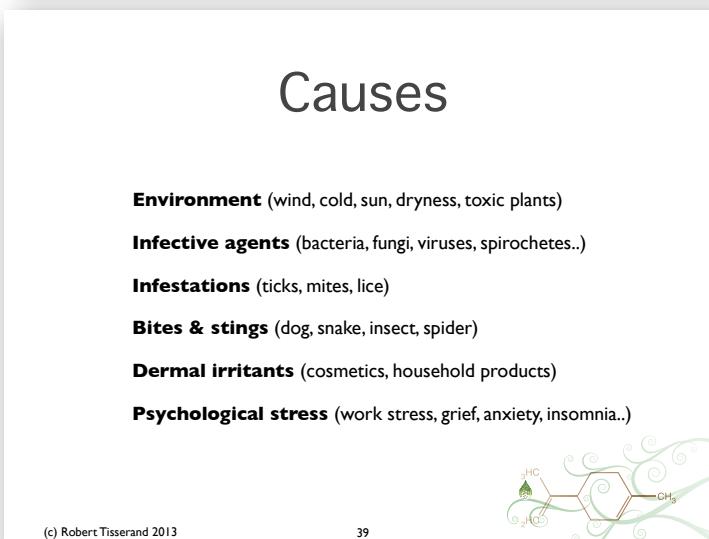
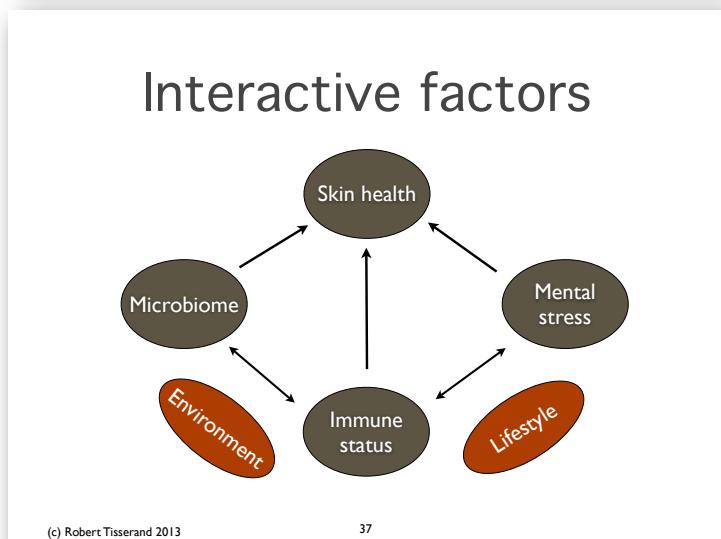
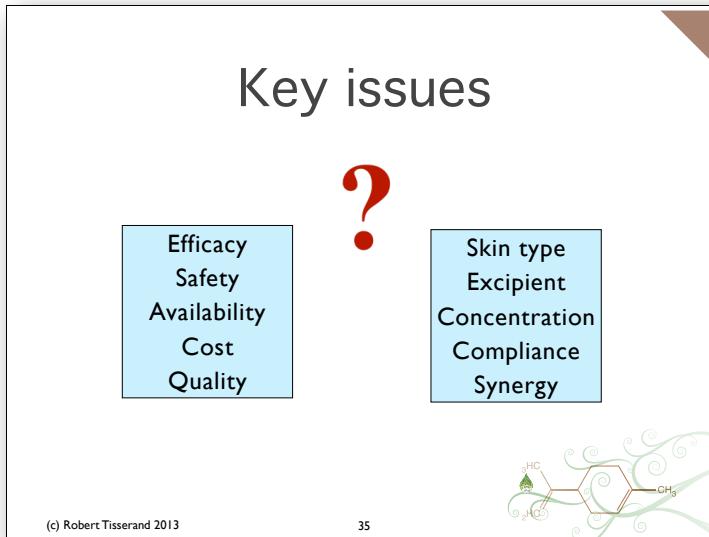
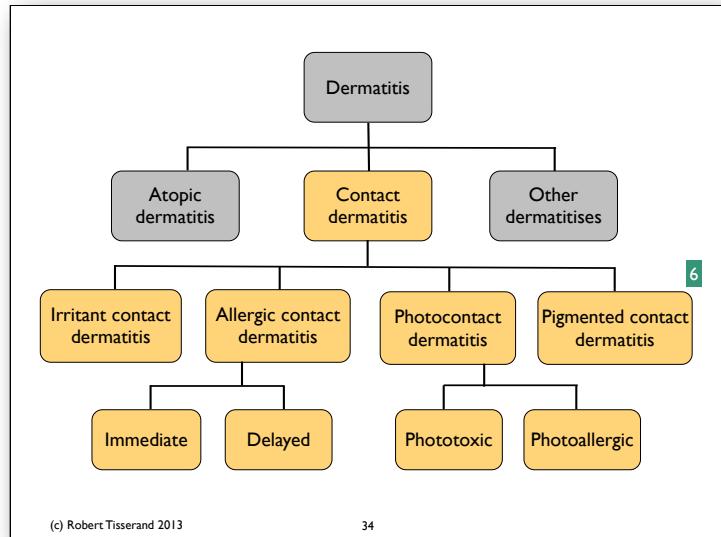
Irritation



Allergy

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Symptoms

Signs / symptoms
Stinging / burning
Itching / irritation
Inflammation
Dryness / scaling
Oilyness
Pigmentation



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Baumann skin types

	Oily Pigmented	Oily Nonpigmented	Dry Pigmented	Dry Nonpigmented	
Sensitive	OSPW	OSNW	DSPW	DSNW	Wrinkled
Sensitive	OSPT	OSNT	DSPT	DSNT	Tight
Resistant	ORPW	ORNW	DRPW	DRNW	Wrinkled
Resistant	ORPT	ORTN	DRPT	DRNT	Tight

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Bacterial associations

Problem	Associated bacterial growth
Acne vulgaris	Propionibacterium acnes
Atopic dermatitis	Staphylococcus aureus
Plaque psoriasis	Streptococcus species
Impetigo	Staphylococcus or streptococcus species
Burn wounds	Streptococcus pyogenes Pseudomonas aeruginosa

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Parasites

Common name	Global	Latin name
Eyelash mite	25%	Demodex folliculorum Demodex brevis
Scabies mite	4%	Sarcoptes scabiei var. hominis
Head louse	3%	Pediculus humanus capitis
Body louse	?	Pediculus humanus corporis
Bed bug	?	Cimex lectularius

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Dose & dilution



How much is enough?

How do I make 1% or 3%?



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mL - drops

mL	drops
0.1	3
0.2	6
0.3	9
0.4	12
0.5	15
1	30
1.5	45
2	60
5	150
10	300

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Dilution equivalents

Percent	Drops per oz	Drops per 10 ml
0.1%	1	0.3
0.2%	2	0.6
0.5%	5	1.5
1%	10	3
1.5%	15	4.5
2%	20	6
3%	30	9
4%	40	12
5%	50	15
10%	100	30

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Dermal concentrations

End use	Dilution range
Facial cosmetics	0.2-1.5%
Body massage	1.5-3%
Bath & body products	1-4%
Specific problems	3-10%
Pain, wounds	5-15%

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Summary points

- Aromatic oils have been used for skin complaints for at least 2,000 years.
- However, aromatherapy was not 'conceived' until 1937.
- Essential oils, CO₂ extracts and fixed oils may all be therapeutic.
- An essential oil's properties are largely determined by its major constituent(s).
- There are proven dermal benefits for aloe vera and green tea extracts.
- Many factors, internal and external, contribute to dermal health status.
- Essential oil percent dilution can be correlated to number of drops.
- There are regulations governing safe levels for essential oils.



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