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would double ten or twelve times. The time between division cycles increases and cells slowly lose their capability for dividing, and there occur hundreds of characteristics of aging.”

Hayflick said, “The holy grail in this field has been to understand why normal cells have a clock that governs the number of times they can divide and how it works. We think this has now been discovered.”

- In reviewing the panoply of choices available for repairing damaged skin, including plastic surgery, fat injections, liposuction, chemical peels and dermabrasion, Dr. Loretta A. Pratt discussed a new and still uncommon facial sculpturing technique using the man-made fiber Goretex. Pratt is a consulting dermatologist at Riddle Memorial Hospital in Media, Pa.

Because of its unique combination of properties, she said, Goretex can be woven into the deep layers of the skin in thin strips. It may be used to augment lips, smooth out the folds between the nose and the skin, eliminate the tiny wrinkles that appear above the upper lip and fill out the marionette lines — deep lines that may appear at the nose, corners of the lips and the chin. ■

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