

Dermatologists are also touting other forms of UV protection. "I'm a huge fan of rash guards. They offer excellent protection and don't impact coral reefs," says dermatologist Elizabeth K. Hale, M.D. She also takes (below) **Sundaily** The Base Layer supplements (\$39 for 30 gummies, getsundaily.com) when she's going to be outdoors a lot. "A Harvard researcher came up with these; they have DNA-repair enzymes, which neutralize and prevent sun-induced mutations." They also help support your collagen layer, so skin stays smooth and firm.





Retinol isn't new. "We have

30 years of data demonstrating that it works for acne, sun damage, and aging skin," Dr. Hale says. But retinol formulations have undergone an astounding transformation, turning what was intolerable for some into

skin types. "The biggest downside to retinol is that it can be very irritating," says dermatologist Melissa Kanchanapoomi Levin, M.D.

an ingredient suited for all

So brands have developed alloys packed with hydrators like hyaluronic acid and glycerin to counteract the drying effects. Dr. Hale's favorite: Skinbetter Science AlphaRet Overnight Cream (\$125, skinbetter.com), which causes little to no irritation to the skin and contains alpha hydroxy acids to bolster results. "It's the best over-the-counter retinol product," she says. There are exciting prescription-level options too. "The FDA recently approved Aklief, which contains a new retinoid molecule, called trifarotene, that's more gentle on the skin with fewer side effects." Dr. Kanchanapoomi Levin says. Dr. Hale also likes Altreno, a prescription tretinoin that fights adult acne while hydrating.

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