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Purpose: Identify skin type, condition, and needs to guide product selection, treatment plans, and monitoring of progress.

1. Preliminary Steps

Action	Details
	• Gather medical & dermatological history (allergies, medications, chronic conditions).
Client Interview	• Ask about lifestyle factors (diet, stress, sleep, sun exposure, smoking). • Determine client’s goals and concerns (acne, hyperpigmentation, aging, sensitivity).
Visual Inspection	• Conduct in a well-lit environment (natural daylight + 5500?K “daylight” lamp). • Observe skin at rest and after a short acclimation period (5?10?min). • Take high-resolution photos (front, left, right, chin, neck).
Documentation	• Record baseline data in a client chart or digital system (date, skin type, condition, product usage).

2. Determining Skin Type

Method	Procedure	What to Look For
Sebum Test (Blotting Paper)	• Press a blotting sheet on forehead, nose, chin, cheeks for 2?seconds. • Compare oil transfer.	• Oily: heavy oil on paper, especially T?zone. • Dry: little to no oil. • Combination: oil on T?zone, dry on cheeks.
Hydration Test (Corneometer or Moisture Meter)	• Place sensor on cheek for 3?seconds.	• >45?% = well-hydrated; 30?45?% = moderate; <30?% = dehydrated.
pH Measurement	• Use a calibrated skin pH meter; apply probe to cheek.	• Normal skin pH = 4.5?5.5. • Higher pH may indicate barrier disruption.

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Sensory Evaluation	• Ask client to describe texture (tight, greasy, smooth, rough).	• Correlates with objective data and helps refine type.

3. Assessing Skin Condition

3.1. Visual Grading Systems

Condition	Grading Scale	Key Indicators
Acne	0-4 (0=none, 4=severe)	Number of comedones, papules, pustules, nodules.
Erythema/Redness	0-3 (0=none, 3=pronounced)	Visible flushing, capillary visibility.
Hyperpigmentation	0-3 (0=none, 3=extensive)	Dark spots, melasma, post-inflammatory marks.
Fine Lines & Wrinkles	0-3 (0=none, 3=deep)	Location (periorbital, forehead, nasolabial).
Texture/Unevenness	0-3 (0=smooth, 3=rough)	Presence of keratin plugs, scaling.

Use a standardized chart or digital app to record scores for each facial zone.

3.2. Instrumental Analyses

Tool	Parameter Measured	Typical Use
Dermatoscope / Skin Scope	Surface morphology, vascular patterns	Detect early acne, rosacea,