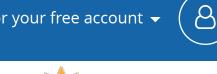
Homes | Connect | Autos







News | Features | Obits | Flyers | Shop | Classifieds | Jobs









20.5 °C | Q

HOME > LOCAL NEWS

Don't get burned by shoddy treatment, Orillia expert warns

performing laser treatments

Owner of Orillia's Anti-Aging Clinic urges people to check qualifications of those

industry regulated. Nathan Taylor/OrilliaMatters

operators often having received little training.

to use professional medical equipment."

medical esthetician, laser technician, phlebotomist and more.

laser treatment.

Nov 2, 2018 1:50 PM By: Nathan Taylor



A medical esthetician is urging local residents to do their homework before undergoing

Blade Tiessen, left, who owns the Anti-Aging Clinic and Dispensary in downtown Orillia, wants his

Blade Tiessen, who runs the Anti-Aging Clinic and Dispensary in downtown Orillia, is concerned about those who have a lack of training and are offering laser procedures.

lot of people." Now they are popping up in towns and cities all over the place, he said, with their

"It's very bad in Canada. There are no regulations on my industry," he said. "It's never been

a big problem until now because most of the medical lasers have been out of reach for a

The manufacturer usually provides brief training, and "they're not teaching you in this twoday course what you'd learn in college," said Tiessen.

He has been in the industry for more than 30 years and has multiple certifications, as a

Tiessen said he has been trying for years to encourage regulation of those who offer laser treatments. Pointing to photos of people who have been burned or otherwise harmed by

the devices, he said, "there are people out there who can do this type of damage." "You can physically scar people with a Class 3 medical device and there's no regulation," he said, noting even hairdressing is regulated. "They shouldn't allow non-health professionals

While there isn't a regulating body for those who use the devices, the equipment itself is regulated.

"Health Canada regulates laser devices under the Radiation Emitting Devices Act, the Medical Devices Regulations and the Food and Drugs Act. These acts and regulations ensure that laser systems sold in Canada are safe and effective when used for their licensed medical purposes by trained professionals according to the manufacturers' directions," Health Canada said in a statement.

different equipment or perform treatments he doesn't, like hair removal. Advertisement

Also, he had his own bad experience with laser treatment more than a decade ago, when

Tiessen is hoping for regulation of the industry, and he says it has nothing to do with

competition. Some of those in town who offer laser treatment out of their homes use

he was injured by a knock-off laser (disguised as being from a reputable company) that has since been taken out of commission.

Tiessen works with a doctor at his clinic, who could have to answer to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario if something were to go wrong. "So, there is some (oversight)," he said.

Until the industry is regulated, it's up to the customers to do their homework. Tiessen

suggests they first ask those doing the procedures about their training and qualifications.

If there's a certificate on the wall and it's from the manufacturer of the device, be wary, he

said. "You could have scarring for life," he warned. "Do your due diligence."

The message was similar from the Canadian Dermatology Association (CDA), which issued a statement following a CTV W5 investigation a few years ago, in which a producer was able to become a certified laser technician in less than an hour.

"Until such a time as there are federal regulations about the proper use of lasers, the CDA

credentials or to speak to their primary care physician for a referral to a dermatologist or

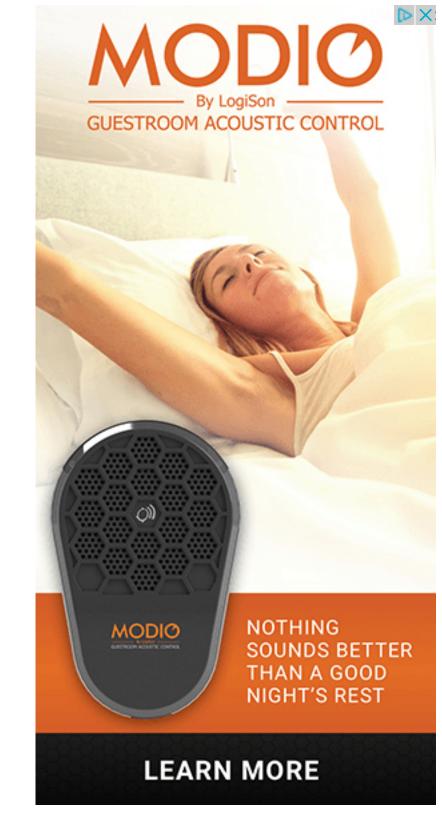
other physician with formal laser training," said Denise Wexler, then-president of the CDA.

urges Canadians to ask more questions of cosmetic service providers about their

Health Canada offers information and advice about laser procedures. It is available here. Advertisement

> **About the Author:** Nathan Taylor Nathan Taylor is an experienced multimedia journalist and editor who

covers Orillia and other parts of Simcoe County.





Bacon/sausage and eggs, please!

breakfast item?

Bagel/doughnut/pastries all the way Breakfast sandwich

What is your go-to Sunday

Coffee and toast. I like to keep it simple Eggs Benedict, florentine, or something

Cereal/oatmeal

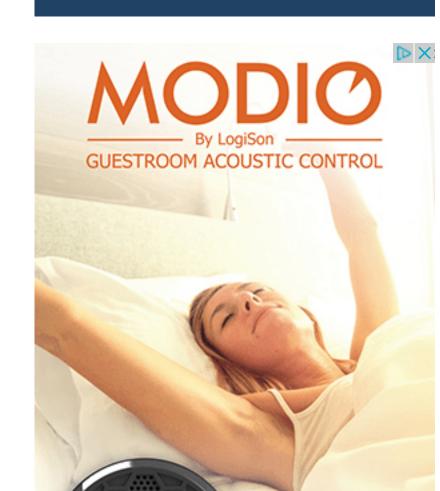
else fancy like that

French toast/waffles/pancakes . . . Sweetness! A nice savoury omelette

Yogurt. Call me plain I hate breakfast

Vote Results >

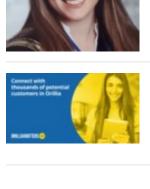
Archives >



LOCAL SALES AND SPECIAL OFFERS Mariposa Physio Welcomes

Tara to our Team!

LEARN MORE



VIEW ALL OFFERS >

POST YOUR OWN OFFER >

MODIO

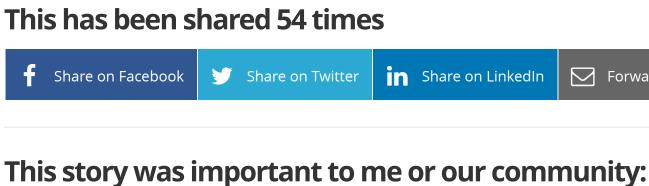
Get \$200 in free ad credits and a OrilliaMatters Community HUB Profile

NOTHING

SOUNDS BETTER

THAN A GOOD

NIGHT'S REST



This has been shared 54 times

Read more

Print Share on Twitter Share on LinkedIn Forward by Email

Not Very Slightly Extremely

Local correctional officers open up about life behind locked

Show

Sign Up

view results >



More Local News

doors

level

OPP In the fall, some people take hunting to a whole different

See a typo/mistake? Have a story/tip?

Body recovered Saturday from Lake Simcoe is Orillia man:

Police Beat

World News

Features

Horoscopes

Dear Abby

Comics

Events Calendar

Enter your email address

Comments (2)

News Classifieds **Local News** All Classifieds **Local Sports** Post a Free Ad Arts and Entertainment

Get your daily Orillia news briefing

Local News Map Videos Midland News **Beyond Local** Canada **National Business**

Weather Spotlight Adopt Me

Postcard Memories Orillia's Insurance Hotline Gas Prices Garage Sales

Obits Flyers

Games (like Crosswords)

Local Business Directory Flyers Autos

Recreation

Shop

Beauty and Fashion **Financial Services**

Funeral and Estate Planning Government and Education Health and Wellness Home Improvement **Professional Services** Real Estate

Shopping and Specialty Stores

Jobs Homes

Items for Sale

Garage Sales

My Account

Jobs

Events

All Listings and Resources Real Estate Brokerages Commercial Space **Apartments** Waterfront Property Houses For Sale Open Houses

Connect Join OrilliaMatters+

Support Local News Our Supporters My Account Daily Headlines by Email Follow Us on Facebook Follow Us on Twitter **Autos**

Journalistic Principles and Practices Community Leaders Program Reader Favourites

Privacy Policy

About

About Us

Media Kit

Contact Us

Terms of Service

Advertising

Community Guidelines

Contest Rules

ElliotLakeToday.com GuelphToday.com InnisfilToday.ca MidlandToday.ca NewmarketToday.ca Northern Ontario Business OntarioFlyers.ca OrilliaMatters.com SooToday.com Sudbury.com ThoroldNews.com TimminsToday.com AlimoshoToday.com Partner sites: AirdrieToday.com

Visit our network of sites:

BarrieToday.com

BradfordToday.ca

CanadaFlyers.ca

CollingwoodToday.ca

BayToday.ca

Alberta Prime Times CochraneToday.ca HalifaxToday.ca KitchenerToday.com LakelandToday.ca Manitoulin.ca MooseJawToday.com Mountain View Today **Okotoks Today** OttawaMatters.com PrinceGeorgeMatters.com RMO Today

StAlbertToday.ca

TBNewsWatch.com

Town and Country Today Vancouver is Awesome © 2020 OrilliaMatters.com