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#### Antara Blog Ideas

- Muscle Recovery Rituals
  - Restore balm, relief balm, and bath truffles
  - Kord's Nightly Routine
    - Steam & Soak to calm the body and open the pores, creating space for this ritual to begin
    - Balance Oil to hydrate the skin and support nervous system
    - "Slugging" Restore Balm for face and neck and hands
    - Relief Balm for tension points in neck shoulders, jaw, lower back.
    - Vitality Elixir Add a few drops to warm tea or water to ease the mind and ease you into the sleep
  - Esthetecian Topics
    - <u>CBD Skin Care Line for Esthetecian</u> (custom landing page design needed)
      - Focus on ingredients and how they help the person in the chair
      - Inflammation (elude too, no promises), redness in face, restore balm has paracress to help heal acne, balance oil helps with organic coconut oil, passion flower (anti-inflammatory for sure), vitamin-e for post sun exposure, promise skin cell regeneration, removes wrinkles, and helps prevent skin cancer. Relief Balm heps with bug bites, relieves pain, has cayenne, cinnamon, and clove oil.
    - What Makes Restore Balm a Standout for Esthetecians

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■ Why we love balance oil for Massage Therapy

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- Sports Balm
  - Warming relief for tension and aches
  - Not just topical, but also can go deep to help joint and muscle pain
  - 800mg of full spectrum cbd
  - Cayenne, cinnamon, clove for warming to help soothe muscles and aid with absorption into skin and penetration into muscles
  - All blended with organic coconut oil (hydrator
  - Candelilla (hydrator)
- What is Arnica?
  - Great for pain relief, swelling, bruising, helps with muscle soreness and joint pain
  - You don't ingest or directly use Arnica, it's mixed with a safe element
- What is Candelilla wax?
- Cancer Care
  - Biggest thing to avoid when talking about cancer care is fragrance.
     Fragrance can cause sensitivities, or enhance sensitivities, of those going through cancer treatments. This helps prevent break

outs, rashes, irritation,etc. Fragrance free products are the best bet! Even as gentle as we make our scented products.

### **Antara Full Content**

## Muscle Recovery Rituals: A Holistic Wind-Down for Body and Mind

After a long day—whether it's spent at a desk, in the gym, or on your feet—your body deserves more than rest. It deserves restoration. At <u>Antara</u>, we believe muscle recovery isn't just about easing soreness. It's about creating intentional moments of calm, comfort, and reconnection with your body.

This ritual is inspired by founder Cord's nightly wind-down—a gentle yet powerful blend of self-massage, deep breathing, and CBD-infused skincare that works in harmony with the body's natural healing cycles. Whether you've had a strenuous workout or a stress-filled day, these rituals can help you unwind, release tension, and wake up feeling renewed.

#### Steam & Soak: Open the Door to Restoration

The ritual begins with warmth. A warm shower or <u>bath</u> is more than a luxury—it's an essential first step in priming the body for healing. Steam softens the skin and opens the pores, allowing topical ingredients to better absorb. It also relaxes the muscles and calms the nervous system, which sets the tone for a deeper, more effective recovery.

Drop one of our <u>Bath Truffles</u> into the tub to elevate this moment into a true sensory experience. Each truffle fizzes with nourishing botanicals, creamy butters, and a gentle dose of full-spectrum CBD. As the truffle dissolves, tension begins to melt away, inviting your body into a state of peace.

Read more: CBD vs. Melatonin for sleep

#### Restore Skin and Nervous System with Balance Oil

After patting the skin dry, apply <u>Balance Oil</u> while your skin is still warm and damp. This body oil does more than hydrate—it supports your skin barrier and calms the nervous system with an aromatic blend of organic coconut oil, passionflower, and vitamin E.

<u>Passionflower</u> is known for its soothing, anti-inflammatory properties, while vitamin E works to repair and regenerate skin exposed to daily stressors. Coconut oil seals in moisture without clogging pores, making it ideal for full-body hydration. As you massage the oil into your limbs, breathe deeply and intentionally—letting the scent and sensation help you shift into parasympathetic rest.

## Slugging with Restore Balm: Your Face's Nighttime Savior

Now that your skin is nourished and your pores are open, it's time to seal it all in. "<u>Slugging</u>" is a K-beauty term for applying a thick balm to lock in hydration overnight—and our <u>Restore Balm</u> takes this to another level.

Apply a generous layer to your face, neck, and hands as the final step of your evening routine. Restore Balm is infused with paracress, a botanical known to reduce fine lines and improve skin elasticity, along with calendula and CBD to calm inflammation and promote skin regeneration. This rich balm creates a breathable seal that traps in all the goodness from your prior steps, ensuring your skin wakes up plump, dewy, and deeply repaired.

#### Tension-Targeted Relief: A Ritual of Release

Even with a full-body routine, certain tension points need a little extra love. This is where our <u>Relief Balm</u> becomes your nightly MVP.

Warm a small amount between your fingertips and gently massage into the jaw, temples, neck, shoulders, and lower back—anywhere that feels tight or tender. Relief Balm is crafted with warming botanicals like cayenne, cinnamon, and clove, along with calming CBD to ease tension and support circulation. The blend works quickly, sinking deep into sore muscles while leaving a soothing, grounding scent behind. Be sure to wash your hands after use—the powerful blend feels great on skin, not so great if you rub your eyes!

This simple step adds a powerful somatic element to your routine: it's not just what you apply, but how you touch your body with care and intention.

#### **Internal Support: Vitality Elixir for Inner Ease**

Rounding out the ritual is a moment of inner nourishment. Just before bed, stir a few drops of *Vitality Elixir* into warm water or herbal tea. This ingestible CBD blend is designed to calm the mind and help ease the body into sleep.

Unlike sedatives or sleep aids, Vitality Elixir works with your body's own rhythms to promote relaxation. Its adaptogenic herbs and cannabinoids help regulate stress, reduce anxiety, and encourage deep, uninterrupted rest. Think of it as the final grounding note in your nightly symphony of healing.

Read more: Can CBD support better sleep?

#### **Antara's Complete Muscle Recovery Ritual**

Ready to put it all together? Here's the full routine, step-by-step:

- 1. Begin with a warm shower or bath; drop in a Bath Truffle to relax your body.
- 2. After drying, apply Balance Oil to damp skin, breathing deeply as you massage it in.
- 3. "Slug" your face, neck, and hands with Restore Balm to lock in hydration overnight.
- 4. Use Relief Balm on tension points—shoulders, neck, lower back, knees, feet—for targeted comfort.
- 5. End your evening with a warm tea or water spiked with Vitality Elixir to ease you into sleep.

This isn't just skincare—it's soul care.

#### The Takeaway: Recovery is a Ritual, Not a Reaction

At <u>Antara</u>, we believe recovery is most powerful when it's intentional. It's not just about "fixing" soreness or fatigue after the fact—it's about creating rituals that honor your body's needs on a daily basis.

This tried and true nightly routine is proof that you don't need hours to deeply care for yourself. Just a few mindful steps, guided by nature's most healing botanicals, can transform how your body feels and how your mind rests. Whether you're an athlete, a parent, a night owl, or somewhere in between, this ritual invites you to reconnect—body, breath, and being.

# CBD Skincare for Estheticians: A Botanical Boost for Every Face in Your Chair

For estheticians who prioritize both visible results and holistic care, the right skincare ingredients are everything. At Antara, we've crafted our CBD-infused skin care line with practitioners in mind—those who need every product to work hard, feel luxurious, and support skin healing from multiple angles.

Our line blends <u>full-spectrum CBD</u> with nourishing, inflammation-calming botanicals—making it an ideal complement to facial massage, acne healing, post-exfoliation recovery, and sensitive skin protocols. No gimmicks. No greenwashing. Just potent, plant-based support for every client who walks through your door.

#### Why CBD Belongs in the Treatment Room

CBD (cannabidiol) isn't just a trend—it's a botanical powerhouse for the skin. Naturally calming and antioxidant-rich, CBD can help soothe visible redness, reduce sensitivity, and support barrier repair. While we'll never make medical claims, many estheticians find CBD to be a supportive tool when working with inflamed, reactive, or breakout-prone skin.

CBD's anti-inflammatory benefits pair beautifully with massage, too. It helps ease tension in the face and jaw (hello, TMJ relief!), supports lymphatic drainage, and works synergistically with other botanicals to restore glow to tired or stressed-out skin.

Read more: CBD for Women's Health

#### **Restore Balm: The Facial Multitasker**

Our <u>Restore Balm</u> is a hero product for estheticians who want to deliver visible results with minimal ingredients. Infused with full-spectrum CBD and paracress—a botanical sometimes called "nature's Botox"—this balm helps relax facial tension while softening fine lines and plumping the skin.

It also includes healing calendula, soothing shea butter, and antibacterial frankincense, making it a powerful tool for acne-prone skin. Use it post-extraction to reduce redness and irritation, or massage it into the jawline and temples to melt tension and stress. Clients will leave your table glowing, and not just from hydration.

#### **Balance Oil: Skin Barrier Support in a Bottle**

<u>Balance Oil</u> is your go-to when skin needs nourishment without the weight. This silky face body oil is made with organic coconut oil, passionflower extract, and full-spectrum CBD—creating a trifecta of hydration, anti-inflammatory support, and skin-soothing calm.

Passionflower has long been used for its <u>calming properties</u>, both internally and topically. On the skin, it helps reduce irritation and reactivity. <u>Vitamin E</u> adds antioxidant protection and supports post-sun or post-peel recovery. This oil is perfect as a final massage step or as a light layer under moisturizer to seal in hydration and glow.

#### Relief Balm: For Bites, Breakouts, and Beyond

It's called *Relief Balm*, but it might as well be called magic. Designed originally for aches and muscle tension, this warming balm has found a second life in the treatment room as an all-purpose skin soother.

Bug bites, deep muscle pain, and inflammation-prone areas can all benefit from this spicy-sweet balm, thanks to its blend of cayenne, clove, cinnamon, and CBD. Just a tiny amount delivers noticeable results, making it a smart addition to your backbar.

#### What Sets Antara Apart for Estheticians?

At Antara, we formulate without synthetic fragrances, fillers, or ingredients that compromise sensitive skin. Our products are fragrance-free and only have fragrance from natural ingredients (like cinnamon, cayenne pepper, and clove oil). Our Balance Oil and Restore Balm are naturally fragrance-free.

This makes our line especially supportive for clients who are immunocompromised, going through cancer treatment, or managing skin conditions like eczema, psoriasis, or rosacea. For these clients, even the gentlest fragrance can trigger reactions. That's why we always keep safety, purity, and integrity top of mind.

#### **How Our Ingredients Work Together**

Here's a look at some of our most beloved ingredients and why they matter in your esthetics practice:

- CBD (Full-Spectrum): Calms irritation, helps reduce redness, supports barrier repair
- Paracress: Helps relax facial muscles and smooth fine lines
- Coconut Oil: Lightweight moisturizer with antimicrobial properties

- Passionflower: Anti-inflammatory and calming for reactive skin
- Vitamin E: Antioxidant protection and repair support for stressed skin
- Calendula: Heals minor cuts, soothes redness, supports skin regeneration
- Cinnamon, Clove, Cayenne: Warms the skin and support circulation

This blend of botanicals allows you to offer targeted, intentional skincare—whether your client's concern is aging, acne, dehydration, sensitivity, or simply stress.

## Clean, Calm, and Conscious: Formulated for Professionals

We know how personal your craft is. When you bring a product into your treatment room, it's not just about the label—it's about how it makes your client feel, the results it delivers, and the values it represents.

Every Antara product is crafted with integrity. That means:

- 100% cruelty-free and vegan
- Full-spectrum CBD sourced from organic hemp
- Always free from synthetic fragrance, parabens, phthalates, and sulfates
- Small-batch crafted in Colorado
- Eco-friendly, recyclable packaging

Our line is designed for professionals who care deeply about the products they use and the people they serve.

#### Offer Elevated Care—With a Botanical Edge

Adding Antara to your backbar doesn't just elevate your treatments—it reinforces your commitment to clean, results-driven skincare rooted in nature. From calming redness to restoring radiance, our products help you support skin from the outside in and the inside out.

Want help integrating <u>Antara</u> into your treatment protocols? We offer professional discounts, wholesale pricing, and educational support tailored to estheticians.

#### Click here to get in contact with our Wholesale team.

Because your clients deserve more than a facial. They deserve a full-body, full-spectrum moment of care.

### What Makes Restore Balm a Standout for Estheticians

In the world of skincare, few products earn a permanent place on the esthetician's backbar. Restore Balm is one of those rare formulas. Designed with both the skin and the nervous system in mind, this multi-use balm goes beyond hydration—it calms, heals, and helps visibly transform skin, all while inviting your client into a deeper state of rest.

Whether you specialize in acne treatments, aging concerns, barrier repair, or facial massage, Restore Balm offers a botanical edge that estheticians love and clients feel instantly. Let's take a closer look at what makes this balm a true standout in holistic skincare.

#### **Botanical-Forward, Results-Driven**

Restore Balm is a rich, velvety balm infused with full-spectrum CBD, paracress, calendula, and frankincense. Each ingredient was selected not just for its soothing properties, but for the way it supports skin recovery, circulation, and relaxation on a cellular level.

CBD works to calm inflammation, reduce redness, and support skin barrier repair—making it ideal for post-extraction care or as a final step in your facial protocol. Paracress (spilanthes acmella) is especially beloved by estheticians for its subtle muscle-relaxing effects. Often dubbed "nature's Botox," paracress helps soften fine lines and tension in the face, especially around the mouth, brows, and eyes.

But it doesn't stop there. Calendula gently heals minor abrasions, while frankincense offers antibacterial benefits and supports skin tone balance. Together, these ingredients turn Restore Balm into more than a moisturizer—it becomes a treatment tool.

#### Safe for Sensitive, Acne-Prone, and Post-Procedure Skin

One of the most frequent concerns estheticians face is inflammation. From barrier damage to hormonal breakouts to over-exfoliated skin, so many clients are walking through your door with skin that's red, reactive, or compromised.

Restore Balm is formulated without any harsh fragrances or irritating ingredients. It's safe for even the most sensitive skin types and gentle enough to be used after microdermabrasion, extractions, or exfoliating treatments. The anti-inflammatory properties of CBD and <u>calendula</u> help reduce redness on contact, while shea butter and coconut oil restore hydration without clogging pores.

Because it's fragrance-free, it's also ideal for clients undergoing cancer treatment, pregnancy, or any health condition that heightens sensitivity. For these clients, even essential oils can be too much. Restore Balm is a rare product that performs without compromising on comfort.

#### Facial Massage's Best Friend

If you're incorporating facial massage into your practice, you'll want Restore Balm on hand. It provides the perfect glide for techniques like lymphatic drainage, <u>gua sha</u>, or sculpting massage—without leaving the skin greasy or coated in heavy residue.

Its texture melts beautifully into the skin with the warmth of your hands, allowing you to work slowly and intentionally. And because of the paracress, clients often notice a soft, relaxed look to their facial muscles even before the treatment ends.

You can also combine Restore Balm with a small amount of Balance Oil for a lighter glide or mix it with your favorite water-based serum to create a custom emulsion—perfect for those moments when a little extra slip is needed without losing the balm's healing power.

#### A Small Amount Goes a Long Way

One of the most practical reasons estheticians love Restore Balm? It's highly concentrated. A little goes a long way—just a pea-sized amount can cover the entire face, neck, and décolleté, especially when warmed between your fingers first.

This makes it not only a high-performing product, but a cost-effective one. You won't find yourself running through a jar in just a few weeks. Instead, each jar delivers weeks or even months of use, depending on your treatment volume.

## Professional-Grade Ingredients in a Client-Friendly Formula

Some products feel too clinical for client retail—others too delicate to use professionally. Restore Balm is the rare middle ground. It delivers the kind of performance you need in the treatment room, but is safe and nourishing enough to send home with clients.

For those dealing with chronic inflammation, stress-induced breakouts, or compromised skin barriers, Restore Balm becomes a grounding part of their nightly routine. It teaches them that healing isn't just a protocol they receive from you—it's something they can carry forward into their own self-care practice.

#### Estheticians Use Restore Balm For...

Here are just a few ways practitioners are using Restore Balm every day:

- Post-extraction care: To reduce redness and encourage healing
- Facial massage: For slip, relaxation, and tension release
- **Slugging at night**: To seal in hydration for dry or mature skin
- Acne recovery: To calm inflammation and support skin regeneration
- Sensitive client protocols: Fragrance-free and gentle enough for all skin types
- On-the-go spot treatment: For blemishes, chapped lips, or irritated patches

It's more than a balm—it's a multitasking tool that supports your work on every level.

#### Why We Created Restore Balm

At <u>Antara</u>, we don't believe in one-size-fits-all skincare. We believe in plant wisdom, thoughtful formulation, and products that meet people where they are. Restore Balm was born out of a desire to create something that felt both deeply nourishing and deeply effective—a formula estheticians could trust and clients would fall in love with.

It's part of our larger mission: to bring the healing power of CBD and botanicals to professional and personal care in a way that's clean, intentional, and rooted in ritual.

#### The Takeaway: A Standout Staple in Any Treatment Room

In a saturated skincare market, it's rare to find a product that truly overdelivers. Restore Balm is one of those products. It adapts to your practice, enhances your results, and leaves your clients asking, "What was that magic you used on me?"

Whether you're performing a luxury facial, calming irritated skin, or supporting clients through challenging health journeys, Restore Balm meets the moment with grace, potency, and purpose.

## Why We Love Balance Oil for Massage Therapy

Massage therapy is more than physical touch—it's a form of healing that reaches deep into the body's nervous system, emotions, and energy. The oils we choose matter. They become part of the ritual, part of the release. That's why our <u>Balance Oil</u> has become a favorite among massage therapists who want to nourish the skin while supporting the body's natural ability to regulate and restore itself.

Crafted with full-spectrum CBD, organic coconut oil, passionflower, and vitamin E, Balance Oil brings a rich, botanical calm to every session. Whether you're working with clients experiencing stress, chronic pain, skin sensitivities, or post-workout tension, this oil meets the moment with intention and care.

#### A Sensory Experience That Grounds and Rebalances

From the moment Balance Oil touches the skin, it begins its work—not just as a carrier for massage, but as a therapeutic experience. The lightweight texture glides easily over the skin, providing ideal slip without being greasy or sticky. It absorbs slowly enough to facilitate long strokes and deep work, yet won't leave your client feeling coated or oily after the session.

The soft, earthy scent is subtle and grounding, never overwhelming. It allows clients to drop into a deeper parasympathetic state—the "rest and digest" mode that promotes true healing and recovery. For massage therapists who value calm, presence, and intuitive connection, Balance Oil creates the perfect sensory backdrop for their work.

Read more: What to expect from a CBD Massage

#### The Skin-Loving Ingredient Stack

Balance Oil isn't just a massage medium—it's skincare in its own right. Each ingredient plays a role in promoting hydration, healing, and harmony.

- **Full-Spectrum CBD**: Helps soothe inflammation, reduce muscle soreness, and calm the nervous system
- Organic Coconut Oil: Provides deep moisture while supporting the skin barrier
- Passionflower Extract: An herbal adaptogen known for calming effects on both skin and mood

• Vitamin E: Rich in antioxidants, supports skin repair and cellular regeneration

Together, this blend works to support the skin while also addressing deeper muscular and emotional tension. It's particularly helpful for clients with sensitive skin, post-sun exposure, or autoimmune-related skin conditions, thanks to its anti-inflammatory and barrier-supportive properties.

#### **Designed for All Modalities and Skin Types**

Whether your practice leans into Swedish massage, deep tissue, lymphatic drainage, or energy work, Balance Oil adapts beautifully. Its smooth glide and fast-absorbing finish make it suitable for both fast-paced and slow, meditative sessions.

It's also a dream for clients with delicate or reactive skin. Free from synthetic fragrances, parabens, sulfates, and phthalates, Balance Oil respects the integrity of the skin and the therapeutic environment. It's especially appropriate for prenatal massage or clients undergoing cancer treatment, who may be more sensitive to traditional oils or strong scents.

#### Therapist-Tested, Client-Approved

We hear from bodyworkers all the time who say Balance Oil has transformed their practice. Not only does it elevate the client experience, but therapists also report fewer cases of skin irritation on their own hands—thanks to the clean, nourishing formulation.

Clients leave feeling deeply restored, not just from the massage, but from the interaction between touch, scent, and plant medicine. Some therapists even send clients home with a bottle of Balance Oil to extend the benefits of their massage between sessions.

#### **Incorporating Balance Oil Into Your Ritual**

Using Balance Oil is simple, but the effects are profound. Start with clean, dry skin and warm a few pumps between your palms before beginning the session. As you work, notice how the oil begins to soften the tissue and quiet the body's stress response.

Here's a sample ritual flow for massage therapists using Balance Oil:

- Begin with grounding breaths and warm oil applied to the shoulders and spine
- 2. Use long, even strokes to activate circulation and lymphatic flow
- Focus on tension points—neck, jaw, low back—where stress often accumulates

4. Conclude with gentle facial massage or craniosacral holds, allowing CBD to calm the nervous system

This isn't just a massage—it's an invitation for the body to come back into balance.

## The Takeaway: Nourish Skin, Soothe Stress, Deepen Connection

At <u>Antara</u>, we believe that every product used in massage therapy should support the whole person—not just their sore muscles. Balance Oil does exactly that. It creates a calm, nurturing space for healing touch, while also deeply caring for the skin and underlying tissues.

Whether you're an experienced massage therapist or someone exploring the magic of bodywork at home, Balance Oil is a beautiful way to bring intention, restoration, and connection into your practice.

Because healing happens best when we bring the whole body—and the whole self—into balance.

## Sports Balm: Warm Relief That Goes More Than Skin Deep

Whether you're an athlete pushing your limits or someone with an active lifestyle who just needs a little post-workout TLC, your recovery routine matters. And when sore muscles or joint tension strike, you want something that works—naturally and effectively.

Antara's <u>Relief Balm</u> was created with this very need in mind. Blending full-spectrum CBD with warming botanicals like cayenne, cinnamon, and clove, this balm does more than soothe the surface. It reaches deep into the body's tissues to support circulation, reduce inflammation, and ease tension—all without synthetic ingredients or overpowering scents.

#### The Science of Soothing: Why It Works

Our bodies are complex, and so is pain. Soreness doesn't just live in the muscles—it weaves through fascia, nerves, joints, and even the nervous system. The Sports Balm formula is built to meet that complexity head-on.

Each jar contains 800mg of full-spectrum CBD, known for its ability to calm inflammation and ease pain at a cellular level. CBD interacts with the body's endocannabinoid system, which plays a role in regulating pain, immune function, and even mood. Unlike synthetic pain relievers, CBD works with your body—not against it—making it ideal for consistent use post-workout, after a long hike, or during recovery from injury.

Paired with botanical stimulants like cayenne, cinnamon, and clove oil, the balm creates a gentle warming sensation that boosts circulation and helps carry CBD deeper into the skin and muscle tissue. The warmth isn't harsh or burning—it's cozy, grounding, and effective.

#### **Deep Recovery Meets Daily Ritual**

Unlike icy or numbing topicals that simply mask discomfort, Antara's Sports Balm is designed to support true healing. The warmth encourages blood flow, bringing fresh oxygen and nutrients to the muscles. Meanwhile, the CBD and herbal oils work to calm inflammation and restore balance in overworked tissue.

You can apply it before a workout to loosen tight joints, after exercise to reduce post-activity soreness, or even as a daily ritual for chronic areas of tension like the neck, shoulders, or knees. It's a go-to balm for massage therapists, trainers, and movement professionals who want results without resorting to chemicals or petroleum-based products.

#### Ingredients That Care for More Than Just Muscles

We don't believe you should have to choose between effectiveness and safety. That's why every element in Sports Balm is chosen for both performance and skin integrity.

- Full-Spectrum CBD (800mg): Soothes inflammation and supports muscle and joint recovery
- Cayenne, Cinnamon & Clove Oils: Provide natural warming and help deliver active ingredients deeper
- Organic Coconut Oil: Nourishes and hydrates skin while acting as a carrier for deeper absorption
- <u>Candelilla</u> Wax: Plant-based wax that locks in moisture and gives the balm its rich, velvety texture

This plant-powered formula works beautifully for all skin types, and because it contains no synthetic fragrance or harsh ingredients, it's safe for daily use—even on sensitive areas.

#### More Than Muscle: Sports Balm's Versatility

One of the reasons our Sports Balm is so loved by Antara's community is its adaptability. It's not just for athletes—it's for anyone who experiences body tension, fatigue, or stress in their muscles and joints. Use it as a soothing balm after long days on your feet, before yoga or stretching to help the body open, or during deep tissue massage to amplify results.

And thanks to its warm yet gentle action, many users find that Sports Balm also helps ease menstrual cramps, tension headaches (when applied to the neck and shoulders), and stiffness caused by stress or poor posture. It's a multi-use miracle in a jar.

#### **How to Use Sports Balm for Maximum Benefit**

You don't need much—just a small amount warmed between your fingers and massaged directly into the area of tension. For best results:

- 1. Apply to clean, dry skin after a warm shower or bath (pores open = better absorption)
- 2. Focus on sore muscles, joints, or trigger points
- 3. Massage in small circles to promote circulation and work the balm deeper into tissue
- 4. Take a few deep breaths to ground yourself—because recovery isn't just physical

Consistency is key. Regular use helps the body respond more quickly over time, especially when paired with hydration, stretching, and mindful movement.

Read more: Spring Sports, Elevate your Game with Targeted Recovery

#### Your Recovery, Upgraded

Recovery isn't just about bouncing back—it's about tuning in. Listening to your body's signals. Creating space for rest and repair. With this Sports Balm, you're not just addressing discomfort—you're nurturing healing. And you're doing it with ingredients that care for the whole body, inside and out.

Whether you're treating yourself at the end of a long day or offering relief to clients in your bodywork practice, Sports Balm brings warmth, circulation, and plant-powered comfort into the heart of your recovery ritual.

## What Is Arnica? A Natural Ally for Pain, Swelling, and Soreness

Nature has always held answers for our aches—and <u>arnica</u> is one of its most powerful remedies. Used for centuries in European herbal medicine, arnica is best known for its ability to ease bruising, reduce swelling, and calm muscle and joint pain. Today, it's a trusted go-to in natural wellness circles and integrative therapy practices alike.

At Antara, we harness the benefits of arnica in safe, effective ways—blending it with other plant-based ingredients and full-spectrum CBD to create synergistic formulas that support the body without the harsh effects of synthetic alternatives.

#### Where Does Arnica Come From?

Arnica montana is a bright yellow flower native to the mountainous regions of Europe and parts of North America. It thrives in rocky soil and alpine climates, blooming in late spring through early summer. Traditionally, the flower heads were collected and steeped in oils or alcohol to create healing salves and tinctures for bumps, bruises, and sore muscles.

The plant contains active compounds called *sesquiterpene lactones*, which are believed to play a key role in reducing inflammation and pain. These compounds help to stimulate circulation and disperse fluids that can accumulate in bruised or injured tissue, making arnica especially helpful for trauma recovery and physical therapy.

#### What Does Arnica Help With?

While <u>arnica</u> isn't a cure-all, it's incredibly effective when used topically for specific concerns. These include:

- Bruises
- Sprains and strains
- Joint swelling
- Post-surgical swelling (when approved by a physician)
- Muscle soreness and stiffness
- Minor burns or insect bites (when blended with soothing herbs)

Because of its anti-inflammatory properties, arnica is also often used by athletes, massage therapists, and people recovering from injury to support the body's natural healing process. It's not meant to replace medical treatment—but it can be a powerful addition to your self-care or recovery routine.

#### Is Arnica Safe?

Arnica is safe when used correctly and in the right form. It should never be ingested unless it's in a homeopathic preparation designed specifically for internal use (those are diluted to the point where only trace elements of the plant remain). In its raw or concentrated form, arnica can be toxic if taken internally or applied to broken skin.

That's why at Antara, we blend arnica into expertly crafted topical formulations that pair it with other skin-supportive ingredients. This ensures you get the benefits without the risk. We use it in combination with hydrating and anti-inflammatory elements, so your skin feels nourished—not irritated.

#### The Power of Blending: Arnica and CBD

One of the reasons we love arnica so much is how beautifully it works with full-spectrum CBD. Both are anti-inflammatory, circulation-supportive, and deeply healing in nature. When used together in a balm or salve, they offer layered benefits:

- **Arnica** targets inflammation and fluid retention in soft tissue.
- **CBD** interacts with the body's endocannabinoid system to reduce pain signals and promote balance.

Add in ingredients like clove, cinnamon, or cayenne to boost blood flow, and you've got a powerful natural solution for everything from delayed-onset muscle soreness (DOMS) to everyday aches from stress or overuse.

#### **How to Use Arnica-Infused Products Safely**

When using a balm or salve with arnica, follow these best practices:

- 1. Apply to clean, dry skin—preferably after a warm shower or compress.
- Massage gently into the area of soreness or swelling until absorbed.
- 3. Avoid open wounds or irritated skin, as arnica is best used on intact skin.

4. **Use 1–2 times daily** as needed, or after physical activity.

Consistency matters. Many people notice the best results when using arnica over several days—especially for lingering soreness or bruising.

#### A Natural First-Aid Staple

Because it works so well and pairs beautifully with other botanicals, arnica has earned its place in our apothecary. It's a staple ingredient in many of our topical formulas, where it's combined with other healing herbs and oils to offer well-rounded support.

Whether you're recovering from an intense workout, supporting your body post-injury, or simply looking to reduce tension and swelling, arnica is a gentle, powerful plant ally that belongs in your ritual.

#### The Takeaway: Plant Wisdom That Works

In a world filled with quick fixes and synthetic solutions, arnica reminds us that healing can be simple—and rooted in the earth. When used mindfully and blended with intention, this humble mountain flower delivers big results.

At <u>Antara</u>, we believe that pain relief should be more than temporary. It should be clean, conscious, and connected to the body's own healing intelligence. That's why we bring together arnica, CBD, and nourishing botanicals to help you restore balance—naturally.

## What Is Candelilla Wax? The Plant-Based Wonder Behind Our Balms

When you think about what makes a balm feel so rich and glide so effortlessly over the skin, you're likely thinking about one special ingredient—even if you don't realize it. That ingredient? <u>Candelilla wax</u>. At <u>Antara</u>, we use candelilla wax as a core structural component in many of our topical products, and for good reason.

This humble wax is more than a vegan alternative to beeswax. It's a botanical powerhouse that locks in moisture, gives our balms their luxurious texture, and provides long-lasting wear—without clogging pores or feeling greasy. If you've ever wondered what gives our Restore Balm or Sports Balm their lush consistency, look no further.

#### Where Does Candelilla Wax Come From?

Candelilla wax is derived from the leaves of the *Euphorbia cerifera* plant, a succulent native to the arid regions of Northern Mexico and the Southwestern U.S. The word *candelilla* means "little candle" in Spanish—a nod to the plant's historical use in candle-making.

Harvested sustainably, the wax is extracted by boiling the plant material and separating the wax from its fibrous parts. It's then filtered and refined into the smooth, golden substance we use in our skincare formulations. The result is a lightweight, stable wax that blends beautifully with oils, butters, and botanicals.

#### Why We Love It (And You Will Too)

Candelilla wax plays a quiet but essential role in Antara's formulas. Here's why it stands out:

- It's 100% plant-based and vegan, making it a perfect alternative to beeswax for those seeking animal-free ingredients
- It locks in moisture, creating a breathable barrier that protects and hydrates the skin without suffocating it
- It provides structure and stability, giving our balms their signature creamy, non-melting finish
- It absorbs quickly, leaving the skin soft, not sticky

• It's non-comedogenic, meaning it won't clog pores—ideal for use on both face and body

In short, candelilla wax allows us to create high-performance balms that support the skin barrier and deliver consistent, reliable results.

#### A Supportive Partner for CBD and Botanicals

While candelilla wax doesn't have active healing properties like CBD or arnica, its role is just as important. It's the vehicle that carries those botanical actives into the skin and holds them in place long enough to work their magic.

Think of it like the scaffolding of your skincare—quiet, dependable, and totally necessary. It helps our full-spectrum CBD stay suspended in a balm without separating. It ensures that warming ingredients like cayenne or clove don't absorb too quickly, allowing their soothing effects to last longer. And it gives your skin that silky, smooth finish you crave from a truly well-made product.

#### How It Feels on the Skin

One of the best things about candelilla wax is how invisible it feels. It forms a protective seal, but unlike heavier waxes or petroleum-based ingredients, it doesn't sit heavily on the skin or leave behind a greasy film.

Instead, it helps create a soft matte finish while still delivering hydration. This makes it ideal for products you want to layer under makeup, wear throughout the day, or use on areas that tend to get oily. Plus, it's incredibly gentle—safe even for sensitive, reactive, or acne-prone skin.

#### Sustainability and Sourcing

At Antara, <u>we care deeply about ingredient sourcing</u>. The candelilla wax we use is harvested in alignment with ethical and sustainable practices. That means fair labor conditions, respect for native ecosystems, and no over-harvesting of wild-growing plants.

Choosing plant-based waxes over synthetic or animal-derived ones is part of our broader mission: to create products that are both effective and aligned with the values of conscious consumers and professionals.

#### The Takeaway: A Quiet Hero in Our Skincare Philosophy

Candelilla wax might not be the headline ingredient, but it's an unsung hero that makes our balms and salves what they are—luxurious, effective, and effortless to use. It's the reason your balm doesn't melt in your bag. The reason it spreads so smoothly. The reason your skin feels hydrated hours later.

So the next time you smooth on your <u>Restore Balm</u> or reach for <u>Relief Balm</u> after a long day, take a moment to thank this desert plant. It's doing a lot more than you might think.

## Cancer Care and Skincare: Why Fragrance-Free Is Essential

When someone is undergoing cancer treatment, everything changes—including how their skin responds to even the most well-intentioned products. Chemotherapy, radiation, and other treatments can make the skin incredibly sensitive, reactive, and prone to rashes, breakouts, and irritation. In these moments, choosing gentle, nourishing, and *fragrance-free* skincare becomes more than a preference—it becomes a necessity.

At <u>Antara</u>, we believe that skincare should support healing, not complicate it. That's why we've formulated several of our products with zero added fragrance—so they can be safely used by individuals facing heightened sensitivity during cancer treatment and beyond.

#### Why Fragrance-Free Matters During Cancer Treatment

Let's be clear: "fragrance" isn't just a scent—it's a complex cocktail of chemicals. Even natural essential oils can be problematic when the skin is compromised or when the immune system is in overdrive. For people going through cancer treatment, the skin can become thin, dry, or fragile, and reactions to common ingredients are amplified, even if you don't have a history of allergic reactions.

Fragrance—whether synthetic or natural—can trigger irritation, allergic reactions, and even nausea, which is already a common side effect of chemotherapy. For some, even the faintest scent can feel overwhelming or contribute to headaches, dizziness, or fatigue.

Choosing fragrance-free products eliminates this risk. It gives the skin space to breathe and heal without unnecessary stressors. And more importantly, it offers peace of mind in an already challenging time.

#### Supporting the Skin with Gentle Botanicals

Fragrance-free doesn't mean boring or ineffective. In fact, some of the most healing skincare ingredients are naturally unscented or have very mild, plant-based aromas that fade quickly. These include:

- Full-Spectrum CBD: Known for its anti-inflammatory and calming properties
- Calendula: Soothes dryness and helps heal irritated or damaged skin
- Coconut Oil: Deeply hydrating and safe for most sensitive skin types

- Candelilla Wax: Forms a breathable barrier to lock in moisture
- **Vitamin E**: Antioxidant-rich support for skin repair and protection

These ingredients help keep the skin moisturized, supported, and resilient without introducing harsh additives or hidden irritants.

#### **Creating a Safe Ritual of Care**

Many people going through cancer treatment crave routines that help them feel normal—grounded, connected, and cared for. A skincare ritual, no matter how simple, can become a powerful act of self-love and restoration.

Using a balm or oil that feels good on the skin and doesn't trigger a reaction is a small but meaningful step in reclaiming comfort. And for caregivers and estheticians offering support during this time, using fragrance-free products demonstrates attentiveness and compassion for the client's changing needs.

At Antara, we offer guidance for professionals who want to integrate our fragrance-free products into gentle facials, massage, or oncology-safe treatments. It's about creating space for touch, healing, and rest—without risk.

#### **How to Identify Truly Fragrance-Free Products**

Just because something is labeled "unscented" doesn't mean it's safe. Some companies use masking agents to cover up a base scent, which can be just as irritating as synthetic fragrance. Here's what to look for instead:

- Products labeled **fragrance-free**, not just "unscented"
- Transparent ingredient lists with no hidden perfumes or essential oils
- Formulations with minimal, skin-loving ingredients that support hydration and repair

At Antara, we list every ingredient clearly—and we never use mystery "fragrance" blends or masking agents. What you see is what you get, and your skin (or your client's skin) can feel the difference.

#### The Takeaway: Gentle Is Powerful

During cancer treatment, skin often becomes a reflection of everything the body is going through. It can feel foreign, delicate, or uncomfortable. In these moments, skincare should offer comfort—not complication.

Fragrance-free products aren't just about what's left out. They're about creating space for healing. At Antara, we're proud to support individuals and practitioners who believe in the power of gentle, intentional care. Whether you're shopping for yourself, a loved one, or a client navigating treatment, our fragrance-free offerings are here to meet the moment with calm, clarity, and compassion.

### Zents

#### Zents Blog Ideas

- Difference Between Body Lotion, Body Oil, and Balm What Does Your Skin Need?
  - Lotion: Used for every day, 30 day skin supplements, probiotics improve skin health
  - o Body Oil: Used for hydration, beautiful glowing skin, skin evening
  - Concreta Balm: Nature's botox, paracress plant extract is natures botox, it's visibly firming, smoothing, deep hydration, still requires continual use to see results
  - Differentiators: vegan, gluten free, nut free, never any scary chemicals, 98% organic formulas

#### • What is Paracress?

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#### Zents Approach to Probiotics for Skin Health

- This isn't the standard probiotics, it does fabulous things, but it operates without live cultures.
- o Recommended to keep using consistently, it's not a one and done probiotic
- We use water plantains to
- Incorporate mentions of not using scented items on face, as it can cause reactions. Face is more sensitive overall, so try to avoid use on the face. You can even create sensitivities by exposing your skin to fragrances in the long terms.

#### Body wash vs. bar soap

- Why you should use one or the other. Bar soaps tend to cause drying and make things harsh on your skin.
- Neem Oil is incorporated to ease up this harshness, so our bar soap is safer and healthier to use.
- Bar soap is easy to travel with
- Using body wash is in general healthier, except for Zent's bar soap which is specifically made to be hydrating, which negates the issues of dry skin.

#### • What is Neem Oil?

- Neem is a huge part of Zents, as Neem has collagen promoting qualities, it's anti-bacterial which helps fight acne, reduces inflammation, moisturizing
- It's actually great for plants too! It can help treat rust disease, for example.

#### Post-Sun Routine - How to take care of your skin and your body

- Even if you don't have sunburns, your skin still needs love.
- Use gentle products, such as our bath truffles with organic truffles in it, to ensure you don't damage your skin when it's in a sensitive state.
- We recommend mixing body oil and lotion together, it helps the consistency easier to spread while also improving your health benefits.

#### Cancer Care

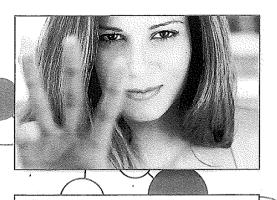
o Go with the safest possible option always: unscented.

### Mina's Info Dump Zone:



#### INDUFENCE®

### FOR A REINFORCED GLOBAL BARRIER FUNCTION



Rich in allsma peptides (Allsma plantago aquatica)

Mechanical barrier Biological barrier

Inflammation 

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- Stimulates the tight junctions network (ZO-1). - Stimulates the innate immunity receptors: TLR2. - Stimulates antimicrobial peptides: hBD2.

- Reduces the production of IL-8

Improves skin quality:

- limits TEWL
- smoothes the microrelief

GLOBAL BARRIER FUNCTION

The skin's primary function is to form an effective barrier against physical, chemical and microbiological stress. Two barriers act simultaneously and in coordination and condition the skin's first line of defense: the permeable mechanical barrier and the immune biological barrier.

SILAB proposes INDUFENCE®, an active ingredient rich in purified alisma peptides that activates and optimizes the skin's natural immune functions by a mechanism similar to that of a probiotic, without causing inflammation.

#### INDUFENCE®:

- ➤ Restructures the mechanical barrier by increasing the cohesion of the upper layers of the epidermis through the membrane network of tight junctions (ZO-1),
- Improves the biological barrier by stimulating the innate immunity receptors (TLR2) thereby contributing to the production of anti-microbial molecules (hBD2).

INDUFENCE® improves global skin quality. It thus can be incorporated in all moisturizing and anti-aging skin care.

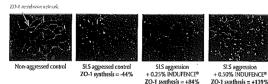
#### Effect of INDUFENCE® on the skin's mechanical barrier

#### Study of the synthesis of tight junctions after SLS-induced stress or microbial stress

An immunocytological study conducted on normal human keratinocytes after chemical SLS-induced stress or microbial stress with Staphylococcus aureus peptidoglycan

Chemical (SLS) or microbial (S. aureus) stress leads to an alteration in the membrane network shown by ZO-1, one of the major components of the tight junctions.

Tested at 0.5%, INDUFENCE® stimulates the synthesis of ZO-1 and restores the formation of tight junctions that were previously altered by SLS-induced or microbial stress.



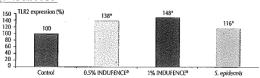
#### Effect of INDUFENCE® on the skin's biological barrier

#### Study of TLR2 expression

A quantitative PCR study conducted on normal human keratinocytes

The signalling triggered by Toil-Like Receptors is an essential element in the skin's anti-microbial barrier.

Tested at 1%, INDUFENCE® significantly stimulates the expression of TLR2 which is central to innate immunity, by 48%.



\*: Significant results according to Student's t lest (P < 0.05)

#### Effect of INDUFENCE® on microbial stress-induced inflammation

#### Study of the production of interleukin-8

Study conducted by ELISA test after inflammation induced by Staphylococcus Tested at 1%, INDUFENCE® significantly minimizes the production of IL-8 induced by microbial stress, by 33%.

In-vivo studies

#### Effect of INDUFENCE® on the skin's barrier function

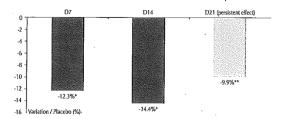
#### Study of the transepidermal water loss and persistent-effect of INDUFENCE®

A study on 21 healthy female volunieers with an average age of 34±3 years, with application to the arms after repeated stress with SLS.

Persistent-effect: on 15 female volunieers from the previous study, with an average age of 33±3 years.

After 14 days of twice-daily applications and in comparison to the placebo, 3% INDUFENCE® significantly decreased TransEpidermal Water Loss by 14.4% (P=0.0003). The distribution of the results showed that this effect was observed in 75% of the volunteers.

Measured as of 7 days of application, this effect continued 7 days after treatment was discontinued with a significant decrease of TEWL in comparison to the placebo zone (-9.9%, P=0.0695). INDUFENCE® therefore minimizes the alteration in the barrier function and presents a long-term effect.



t; significant results according to Student's t test (P < 0.05). this significant result according to Student's t test (P < 0.10).

#### Effect of INDUFENCE® on skin quality

#### Subjective evaluation

Study conducted on 18 healthy female volunteers with an average age of 38±5 years using a self-assessment questionnaire.

After 28 days of twice-daily applications and in comparison with the placebo, a 3% INDUFENCE® emulsion was generally considered to be more effective than the placebo. In fact, the majority of the volunteers observed a general improvement in their skin quality, noting that their complexion was more even (P=0.0821), their skin texture more refined (P=0.0451) and their skin smoother (P=0.0652).

#### Technical Sheet:



- ➤ Latin name: Alisma plantago-aquatica
- ➤ I.N.C.I. name: Alisma plantago-aquatica Extract
- ➤ Cas N°: 90320-32-4
- ➤ Proven safety

#### ➤ Form:

- Aqueous solution
- · Aspect: limpid liquid
- · Odor: weak
- · Color: light yellow
- ➤ Use:
- · Recommended amount: 1 to 3%

#### ➤ Analytical features:

- Dry matter: 28 44 g/l
- Total proteins (Lowry method): 4 7 g/l
- pH: 3.0 4.0
- Stabilizer: Ethylhexylglycerin 0.20%
- Preservative: Phenoxyethanol 0.50%
- > Studies on cosmetic compatibility available

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Essentially, while we are allowed to make the claim that our lotion is probiotic, it is not the standard consumer understanding of probiotics. It still does all the fabulous things that we're claiming but without probiotic live cultures. We also want to call out the water plantain, which is really the driver of all the wonderful things that the lotion can do.

### Zent's Full Content

## Body Lotion vs. Body Oil vs. Balm: What Does Your Skin Really Need?

Skincare is not one-size-fits-all—especially when it comes to body care. Your skin's needs change with the seasons, your environment, and even your stress levels. Some days you need deep hydration and repair. Other days, you're looking for a light glow. And then there are the days when your skin just needs comfort.

So how do you choose between body lotion, body oil, and balm? At <u>ZENTS</u>, we craft each of these with a purpose: to meet your skin where it is and bring out its best. Let's explore the differences, the benefits, and how to know which is right for you.

## Age Defying, Probiotic Body Lotion: Your Daily Ritual for Skin Wellness

Think of body lotion as your skin's daily multivitamin. Lightweight, fast-absorbing, and deeply nourishing, ZENTS Age Defying Probiotic Lotions are designed to be used every day as part of your self-care ritual. But these aren't just any lotions—they're 30-day skin supplements, formulated with probiotics and nutrient-rich botanicals to support the skin barrier from the outside in.

Our unique probiotic complex doesn't rely on live cultures. Instead, it uses the power of <u>water plantains</u> to support the skin's microbiome, calm sensitivity, and promote a balanced, healthy glow. This helps fortify your skin's defenses against dryness, environmental stress, and even signs of aging.

Your skin is your largest organ — and just like your gut, it has a microbiome that needs daily support. If your skin is always dry, unbalanced, or showing signs of aging before it should, your skin is calling out for a supplement. Every time you take a shower, swim in a pool, or even wash your hands, the chlorine in water can disrupt the good bacteria that keep your skin healthy and resilient. The good news is that you can rebuild!

We invite you to commit to 30 days of daily application each morning — one minute a day to restore hydration, rebalance your microbiome, and boost your skin's immunity.

#### Benefits of the ritual:

- Strengthen your skin barrier + microbiome
- Lock in long-lasting hydration

- Soothe irritation and prevent premature aging
- Support skin immunity from the inside out

ZENTS Body Lotions are also mindfully crafted without harsh chemicals, synthetic preservatives, or allergens. They're vegan, gluten-free, nut-free, and made with 98% organic ingredients—so you can feel as good about what you put on your skin as you do about how it feels.

#### Cashmere Body Oil: Hydration That Glows from Within

Body Oil is your go-to for hydration that doesn't just moisturize—it transforms. Our <u>luxurious</u> <u>body oils</u> melt into the skin, leaving behind a luminous sheen and a soft, supple texture that lasts all day. If you're seeking radiant skin and a smoother, more even tone, this is your answer.

Unlike heavier oils that sit on top of the skin, ZENTS Body Oils are formulated to absorb beautifully. The blend of organic plant oils like rich <u>organic coconut</u> and <u>passionflower</u> delivers essential fatty acids and antioxidants that help strengthen your skin barrier, reduce moisture loss, and boost elasticity over time.

Usage is ideal after a bath or shower when your pores are open and your skin is ready to drink in every drop. Massage a few pumps onto damp skin to seal in hydration, soften rough patches, and reveal that signature ZENTS glow.

#### Concreta Balm: Deep Repair Meets Nature's Botox

If your skin feels parched, tight, or just plain tired, there's nothing quite like our <u>Concreta Balm</u>. Rich, dense, and deeply restorative, this balm delivers concentrated nourishment and visible skin benefits—especially when used consistently over time.

At the heart of the formula is <u>paracress extract</u>, often called "<u>nature's Botox</u>." This botanical gently relaxes facial tension and visibly smooths fine lines and skin texture. While results are cumulative (you'll see more with daily use), many of our clients notice a lifted, firmer look even after the first application.

Concreta Balm is your rescue remedy for dry elbows, knees, hands, and any area that needs a little extra love. You can also use it for overnight recovery masks or as a targeted treatment for mature skin. We love it for <a href="slugging">slugging</a> to wake up soft and refreshed! And because it's made without nut oils, synthetic fragrances, or common allergens, it's safe and effective for even the most sensitive skin types.

#### **How to Choose What Your Skin Needs Today**

So how do you know which product is right for your skin at any given moment? It starts with tuning in. Are you feeling dry or dehydrated? Dull or uneven? Do you need something that absorbs quickly in the morning or something rich to repair overnight?

Here's how to think about each product in your routine:

- Reach for <u>Body Lotion</u> when you want daily moisture, skin health support, and an easy, no-fuss texture. Think of it as your skin's daily nourishment.
- Use <u>Body Oil</u> when your goal is hydration with glow. It's perfect for post-shower self-massage, a radiant finish before an event, or even layering under lotion.
- Turn to <u>Concreta balm</u> when your skin needs firming, repair, protection, and deep restoration. It's your healing hero in colder months or whenever skin is stressed.

And don't be afraid to layer! Mixing a few drops of body oil into your lotion can create a richer, more emollient texture that melts into the skin like silk. Many of our clients use this method after sun exposure or during seasonal transitions when the skin feels more vulnerable.

Read more about Body Oil vs. Lotion

#### Clean Formulas for Conscious Skin Care

Our approach to body care is simple: If it doesn't nourish, support, and uplift, it doesn't belong in the formula. That's why we never use <u>synthetic fragrances</u>, <u>phthalates</u>, or preservatives linked to irritation or health concerns.

Our entire body care collection is:

- Vegan
- Gluten-free
- Nut oil–free
- Non-toxic and free of synthetic "scary" chemicals
- Crafted with 98% organic ingredients

We believe skincare should feel like a gift—one that brings you closer to nature, closer to balance, and closer to yourself.

# The Takeaway: It's Not About Choosing Just One

There's no need to pick favorites. Each format—lotion, oil, and balm—offers unique benefits that your skin can enjoy depending on what it needs that day. With ZENTS, you don't have to choose between elegance and efficacy, or between performance and purity. You get it all.

Whether you're gliding on lotion in the morning to wake up your senses, using oil after a shower to lock in moisture, or massaging balm into your décolleté for a firming nighttime ritual, you're nourishing more than your skin. You're nourishing a deeper sense of self-care.

Because at the end of the day, your body deserves the same attention, love, and thoughtful ingredients as your face. And with ZENTS, every drop delivers.

# What Is Paracress? Nature's Firming Secret, Explained

When it comes to visibly firmer, smoother skin, we're often told the only options are high-powered retinols, injectables, or clinical treatments. But nature has its own secret weapon—one that's gentle, plant-based, and surprisingly effective. Meet <u>paracress</u>, often lovingly referred to as "<u>nature's Botox</u>."

At ZENTS, we're <u>deeply intentional</u> about the ingredients we choose. Paracress isn't just trendy—it's a powerhouse botanical we trust for its ability to smooth, hydrate, and visibly tone the skin without harsh effects or synthetic intervention. Whether you're new to paracress or already a fan of our *Concreta Balm*, here's everything you need to know about this firming wonder plant.

#### Where Does Paracress Come From?

Paracress (*Acmella oleracea*) is a flowering plant native to South America, sometimes called the "toothache plant" because of its traditional use as a natural numbing agent. It's been used for centuries in folk medicine to soothe pain and inflammation, thanks to a key compound called *spilanthol*.

In skincare, <u>spilanthol</u> is what gives paracress its firming and smoothing abilities. It works on the surface of the skin to relax micro-muscle contractions—those subtle, repetitive movements that over time contribute to fine lines and loss of elasticity. By gently calming these contractions, paracress creates a smoother, more lifted appearance that's especially noticeable around the eyes, mouth, and jawline.

#### **How Paracress Works in Skincare**

Unlike synthetic firming agents or injectables, paracress doesn't freeze your facial muscles. Instead, it softens tension and improves the skin's structural integrity over time. Think of it as a botanical "chill pill" for the skin—supporting natural expression while minimizing the appearance of stress and fatigue.

What makes it unique is its ability to produce both instant and long-term effects. After a single use, many people notice a soft-focus smoothing effect on fine lines and a subtle plumpness. With regular application, paracress helps to:

- Improve skin firmness and elasticity
- Visibly reduce the depth and appearance of fine lines

- Encourage skin's natural collagen production
- Hydrate and support the skin barrier

In other words, it helps your skin do what it already knows how to do—just a little more efficiently.

#### Where You'll Find It at ZENTS

We incorporate paracress into our <u>Concreta Balm</u>, one of our most beloved products for its ability to deeply hydrate while visibly firming and smoothing. This isn't a balm that sits on the surface of your skin. It penetrates deeply, delivering a blend of paracress, nourishing plant oils, and moisture-sealing candelilla wax to support healthy, resilient skin.

Concreta Balm is especially powerful when used consistently. It works beautifully as a targeted treatment on the décolleté, hands, neck, or anywhere skin tends to show signs of aging or dryness. With daily use, you'll begin to see softer texture, greater suppleness, and a more radiant appearance.

#### The Difference Between Paracress and Botox

It's natural to wonder: is paracress really like Botox? The answer is—yes and no. Both target muscle movement, but the similarities end there.

<u>Botox</u> is a neurotoxin that blocks nerve signals to muscles, freezing them to prevent wrinkles. While effective, it can also restrict expression and requires medical administration. Paracress, on the other hand, works gently on the skin's surface to relax small muscle contractions while enhancing hydration and elasticity.

You'll still be able to smile, laugh, and express yourself naturally. There's no downtime, no needles, and no stiffness. Instead, you get a graceful smoothing effect that honors your natural beauty. Best of all? It's all natural, unlike the medical procedures you can turn to.

### Why We Love Paracress

We're passionate about ingredients that offer results without compromising your health or comfort. Paracress fits beautifully into our formulation philosophy: clean, conscious, and effective. It allows us to create products that visibly perform, while still honoring the skin's integrity.

<u>Paracress</u> is also well-tolerated by most skin types—even sensitive ones. Because it works on a muscular level rather than exfoliating or increasing cell turnover, it doesn't lead to redness, peeling, or irritation the way some firming treatments can.

And because we pair it with ultra-hydrating, antioxidant-rich ingredients like organic coconut oil and shea butter, you'll get the firming benefits with a healthy, luminous finish—not a matte or dry one.

# **How to Use Paracress in Your Daily Routine**

To get the most out of this incredible plant, we recommend using paracress-infused products like our *Concreta Balm* once or twice daily. Warm a small amount between your fingers and press gently into clean skin, focusing on areas where you'd like to see firming and smoothing—such as the jawline, neck, chest, or even hands.

While some users love it as a nighttime repair treatment, others apply it during the day for a silky, primed finish under makeup. Over time, you'll notice not just the surface-level smoothing, but a deeper sense of skin resilience and bounce.

And remember—consistency is everything. Just like going to the gym or drinking enough water, visible results with paracress build over time. The more you use it, the more your skin begins to reflect its firming, hydrating magic.

# The Takeaway: A Botanical Alternative with Beautiful Results

Paracress is a reminder that nature can be both gentle and powerful. It's not about masking or freezing your features—it's about supporting your skin to age with grace, strength, and radiance.

At ZENTS, we're committed to giving you the tools to care for your body the way it deserves. That means elevating your skincare ritual with ingredients that work in harmony with your skin—not against it. Paracress is one of those rare treasures that delivers visible results and timeless benefits, all while staying true to our clean beauty standards.

So if you're looking for firmer, smoother, more radiant skin—without needles, harsh chemicals, or complicated routines—paracress might just be your new favorite ritual.

# ZENTS' Approach to Probiotics for Skin Health

In recent years, probiotics have become a buzzword in both wellness and skincare circles. And while the hype is justified, not all probiotic skincare is created equal. We take a refined, thoughtful approach to probiotics—one that doesn't rely on live cultures or fleeting trends, but instead delivers real, long-term support for your skin barrier and microbiome.

Our probiotic skincare doesn't come with the usual yogurt-like textures or refrigeration requirements. Instead, it harnesses the benefits of plant-based prebiotic ingredients like *water plantain*—chosen for their ability to nourish the skin's natural ecosystem while calming inflammation and strengthening resilience. It's skin health, simplified.

Read more about our Probiotic Lotion here—

# Why the Skin Microbiome Matters

Just like your gut, your skin is home to a diverse community of microorganisms that help regulate everything from hydration to immune response. When this ecosystem is thriving, your skin feels balanced, glowy, and calm. But when the microbiome is disrupted—whether by harsh products, stress, weather, or even fragrance—your skin can quickly shift into a state of sensitivity or imbalance.

This is why supporting the skin microbiome has become a cornerstone of modern skincare. We saw an opportunity to offer that support in a way that aligns with our clean, minimal, and plant-forward philosophy. That meant choosing probiotics that are stable, non-sensitizing, and highly effective—without the need for live cultures or refrigeration.

# **Our Signature Probiotic System**

Instead of using traditional probiotics that contain live bacteria (which can degrade or become unstable), we use plant-based actives that support the skin's natural flora without risk of irritation. One of our hero ingredients in this process is *water plantain*, a botanical that nourishes the skin while helping balance its microbiome.

Water plantain is rich in <u>polysaccharides</u> and minerals, which help calm irritation, reduce redness, and reinforce the skin's natural barrier function. Unlike harsh treatments that strip the skin, our probiotic formulas work with it—offering hydration, resilience, and softness from the very first use.

The result is a line of body care that promotes healthier-looking skin without causing sensitivity or disruption to its delicate ecosystem. It's especially helpful for those with dry, stressed, or easily irritated skin—and even better when used daily as a preventative ritual.

# Not a Quick Fix—A Gentle, Ongoing Ritual

One of the most common misconceptions about probiotics—both in skincare and supplements—is that they're a "one and done" fix. But the truth is, your skin's microbiome thrives with consistency. Just as your gut needs daily nourishment, your skin benefits most from probiotic support over time.

That's why we recommend incorporating our <u>probiotic-rich body lotions</u> and treatments into your daily routine. With regular use, you'll begin to notice skin that's softer, more balanced, and less prone to dryness or irritation. It's subtle at first, but over time, the difference is unmistakable.

And while the focus is on body care, it's worth noting that we *don't* recommend using these products on your face if they're <u>scented</u>. Facial skin is thinner, more reactive, and more prone to long-term sensitization when exposed to fragrances, even natural ones. For that reason, we always suggest keeping scented body care away from the delicate skin on your face and choosing gentle, unscented options for facial routines.

### Clean, Safe, and Designed for Real Skin

What sets our probiotic approach apart is what we *don't* include. Our body lotions and treatments are free from live cultures, preservatives linked to microbiome disruption, and common allergens like nuts, gluten, or synthetic fragrance.

Instead, our formulas are:

- Safe for sensitive and reactive skin
- Vegan and cruelty-free
- Made with 98% organic ingredients
- Powered by water plantain and botanical extracts that soothe and replenish
- Designed to be used daily without causing buildup or breakouts

It's probiotic skincare that works with your body's own intelligence—not against it.

# The Takeaway: Skin Health Starts With Balance

At <u>ZENTS</u>, we believe skincare is less about correcting flaws and more about restoring harmony. Probiotics, when used thoughtfully, can help your skin find its natural rhythm again—softening, strengthening, and glowing from within.

Our plant-based, fragrance-conscious approach to probiotic skincare puts the power of nature back in your hands. And when used consistently as part of your daily body care ritual, it offers a gentle, steady transformation—one that doesn't rely on extreme ingredients or overnight promises, but instead honors your skin's quiet strength.

Because the most beautiful skin is not just treated. It's supported, respected, and nourished.

# Body Wash vs. Bar Soap: What's Better for Your Skin?

The simple act of cleansing your skin can set the tone for your entire day—or night. But not all cleansers are created equal. If your skin feels tight, dry, or uncomfortable after a shower, your body wash or bar soap could be the culprit.

So how do you choose the right one? The truth is, both body wash and bar soap have their place. The key lies in the ingredients and how they interact with your skin. At <u>ZENTS</u>, we formulate both options with intention, so you can find your perfect match—without compromising on hydration, comfort, or sustainability.

# The Drying Myth: Why Traditional Bar Soaps Fall Short

Bar soap gets a bad rap—and not without reason. Traditional soaps, especially those made with harsh detergents or high-alkaline formulas, can strip the skin of its natural oils. This leaves the skin feeling tight, flaky, or irritated, especially if you're already prone to dryness or sensitivity.

These formulas may effectively cleanse, but they often do so at a cost to the skin's moisture barrier. And once that barrier is compromised, your skin becomes more vulnerable to irritation, redness, and environmental stress.

That said, not all bar soaps are created equal—and ZENTS' version is anything but traditional.

# Enter ZENTS Bar Soap: A New Approach to the Classic Cleanser

ZENTS Bar Soap is different by design. We've taken everything you love about a solid, travel-friendly cleanser and reimagined it with skin health in mind. One of the key ingredients? *Neem oil*—a plant-based powerhouse known for its moisturizing, anti-inflammatory, and collagen-supportive properties.

Unlike harsh soaps that strip, our bar is crafted to gently cleanse while replenishing hydration. Neem oil helps protect the skin barrier and reduce the chance of post-wash tightness or irritation. It also supports blemish-prone skin with its natural antibacterial properties.

The result is a bar that cleanses, soothes, and nourishes all at once. Our bar soap leaves your skin feeling clean while hydrated and healthy. Whether you're packing light for travel or simply love the feel of a good lather in your hands, this is bar soap you can actually feel good about using.

# Why Body Wash Might Still Be Your Daily Go-To

That said, for everyday use—especially on delicate or dry skin—body wash is an understandable go-to. <u>ZENTS Body Wash</u> is formulated with a lower pH and a richer concentration of hydrating botanicals that maintain your skin's moisture balance. The texture glides across the skin, rinses clean, and leaves behind softness—not residue.

Our body washes are particularly helpful for those with sensitive or reactive skin, as they're designed to soothe while they cleanse. Think of them as a spa-worthy treatment you can indulge in daily. Paired with a soft washcloth or sponge, they also create the perfect canvas for layering lotion or oil post-shower.

We also love to recommend this at your sink for hand washing and shave. Powered by organic lotus, which is an antioxidant that helps to soften and aid in the appearance of smoother, more youthful looking skin. Did you know that one of the first places that we show signs of <a href="mailto:aging">aging</a> is our hands? Ditch the cheap, commercial hand soaps and treat your hands the way they deserve to be treated.

Because we avoid synthetic lathering agents and drying alcohols, you'll notice your skin feels cleaner—but never stripped.

Click here to read our blog about clean ingredients in your soaps

# Which One Is Right for You?

Choosing between body wash and bar soap doesn't have to be a hard decision—it simply depends on your skin's needs, your routine, and even your travel plans.

You might prefer body wash if:

- Your skin is extra dry, sensitive, or prone to irritation
- You like the experience of a creamy, foaming lather
- You want a daily cleanser that doubles as a calming ritual

You might lean toward bar soap if:

- You travel often and want a compact, TSA-friendly option
- You want an antibacterial option that won't dry you out
- You're looking for a plastic-free or lower-waste routine

Or better yet—keep both in your self-care toolkit. Body wash for daily indulgence, bar soap for weekends away or a refreshing midday rinse.

Something else to consider—do you have hard or soft water? Read our blog about the different care you should take to protect your skin.

# **Thoughtful Ingredients for Conscious Care**

No matter which format you choose, ZENTS keeps your skin's well-being at the center. That means no synthetic fragrances, sulfates, phthalates, or harsh surfactants. Just clean, conscious formulas that deliver results without compromise.

Our cleansers are crafted with:

- Neem oil, for its antibacterial and anti-inflammatory benefits
- Aloe vera, for soothing hydration
- *Plant-based moisturizers*, to support a healthy barrier function
- 98% organic ingredients, because purity matters

We're committed to elevating your daily ritual with formulas that nourish both the skin and the senses.

# The Takeaway: Choose What Feels Best—for You and Your Skin

There's no one-size-fits-all answer when it comes to cleansing. But there is a right answer for you—and it might change from day to day. Whether you prefer the silky glide of body wash or the satisfying simplicity of a bar, your skin deserves gentle, effective care that leaves it better with every use.

At ZENTS, we believe cleansing is more than a step in your routine—it's a moment of reconnection. A chance to rinse away the day, nourish your body, and step into the next part of your journey with softness and intention.

Because when your skin feels good, *you* feel good. And we're here for every drop of that transformation.

# What Is Neem Oil? Your Skin's Plant-Based Powerhouse

Some ingredients are quiet multitaskers—so rich in benefits, yet so gentle, they rarely get the spotlight they deserve. Neem oil is one of those ingredients. At ZENTS, we use it not only for its centuries-long history in traditional medicine but because it delivers visible results in a deeply nourishing, skin-loving way.

If you've ever wondered why your skin feels extra calm and hydrated after using our bar soap or why breakouts seem to soften faster after a few days of consistent use, neem oil might be the reason. Let's explore where this powerhouse ingredient comes from, how it works, and why it's a signature part of our clean skincare philosophy.

#### Where Does Neem Oil Come From?

Neem oil is derived from the seeds of the neem tree (*Azadirachta indica*), which is native to India and other parts of South Asia. For thousands of years, neem has been a cornerstone of Ayurvedic medicine, celebrated for its antibacterial, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, and even insect-repellent properties.

The oil itself is thick, earthy, and rich in fatty acids and vitamin E—making it ideal for both protective and reparative skincare. At ZENTS, we carefully source our neem oil to ensure purity, sustainability, and a gentle profile that plays well with even the most sensitive skin types.

### What Makes Neem So Powerful?

Neem oil is a botanical overachiever. It addresses a wide range of skin concerns at once: from dryness and irritation to acne and visible signs of aging. Unlike synthetic treatments that often isolate one issue at a time, neem brings the body back into balance by supporting the skin's natural healing mechanisms.

Its high antioxidant content helps protect against free radicals, while vitamin E and essential fatty acids restore elasticity and reinforce the skin barrier. These properties make neem particularly helpful in calming inflammation, reducing redness, and smoothing the skin's texture.

Plus, its antibacterial and antifungal actions make it ideal for blemish-prone or easily irritated skin. Neem oil helps prevent clogged pores and soothe existing breakouts without drying out or over-stripping the skin.

Read about how ingredients can help boost your immune system

#### **How We Use Neem at ZENTS**

Neem oil plays a starring role in our <u>bar soaps</u>, where it transforms a simple cleansing routine into a healing, hydrating experience. Traditional bar soaps are often harsh—stripping the skin of its natural oils and leaving it tight or uncomfortable. But with neem, we're able to craft a solid cleanser that's nourishing, not drying.

The oil helps the soap glide smoothly while replenishing the skin barrier during the cleansing process. This means that instead of the usual post-wash dryness, your skin feels soft, calm, and ready to receive hydration from your lotion, oil, or balm.

While neem oil has a naturally earthy scent, we balance it within our formulas so that what you experience is a subtly refreshing aroma—never overpowering or medicinal.

# More Than Just Skin Deep

What's beautiful about neem oil is that it benefits more than just the surface of your skin. It's a holistic ingredient with antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and regenerative effects that help the skin heal over time—not just look better for the day.

Neem is also known to stimulate collagen production, which supports elasticity and helps prevent fine lines and sagging. While it's not a quick fix (and we don't believe in shortcuts), consistent use of neem-infused products can result in firmer, smoother, more resilient skin over time.

Its versatility doesn't stop at skincare either. Neem oil is often used in hair care, oral health routines, and even natural gardening for its ability to deter pests without harming beneficial plants and pollinators. It's one of the rare ingredients that genuinely supports both people and the planet.

# Is Neem Oil Safe for All Skin Types?

Because neem is such a potent ingredient, it should always be diluted or formulated thoughtfully—especially for sensitive skin. On its own, raw neem oil can feel intense or cause mild reactions in certain skin types. That's why, at ZENTS, we use it as part of a larger blend of soothing, organic ingredients to balance its strength with softness.

Our neem formulations are gentle, effective, and non-comedogenic—meaning they won't clog pores. They're safe for everyday use, even if your skin tends to be reactive, acne-prone, or in need of extra nourishment.

As always, we never pair neem oil with synthetic fragrance, sulfates, or known irritants. Just clean, hydrating botanicals that do more with less.

# The Takeaway: Neem Is Nature's Answer to Modern Skin Stress

In our fast-paced world, where skin is constantly exposed to pollution, stress, and synthetic overload, neem oil offers a grounded, time-honored alternative. It's not flashy. It's not trendy. It simply works.

At <u>ZENTS</u>, we choose neem oil because it aligns with everything we stand for: gentle strength, natural beauty, and results rooted in balance. Whether you're using our bar soap to cleanse away the day or building a full body ritual that starts with neem and ends in deep hydration, you're treating your skin to care that's thoughtful, powerful, and profoundly clean.

Because skincare should never be complicated—it should be a return to what your body already knows: that nature has always had the answers.

# Post-Sun Routine: How to Care for Your Skin and Body

Whether you've spent the day lounging poolside, hiking through sun-drenched trails, or simply running errands under a cloudless sky, your skin feels it. Even when you don't burn, sun exposure leaves the skin more vulnerable—dry, tight, and in need of nourishment. That's where a gentle, intentional *post-sun routine* makes all the difference.

At <u>ZENTS</u>, we believe sun care doesn't end with SPF. What you do *after* sun exposure is just as important. Rehydrating, soothing, and restoring the skin helps prevent long-term damage and ensures your glow comes from balance, not inflammation.

# Why Your Skin Needs Post-Sun Love—Even Without a Burn

It's easy to think of after-sun care only in the context of <u>sunburns</u>, but even minimal UV exposure can lead to dehydration, free radical stress, and sensitivity. You might not feel the effects right away, but the skin's barrier function becomes compromised—making it more prone to irritation, premature aging, and moisture loss.

Your skin craves recovery time, just like your muscles after a workout. A thoughtful post-sun ritual helps calm inflammation, replenish hydration, and support cell regeneration—especially when paired with ingredients that strengthen and soothe rather than strip or mask.

That's why we reach for nourishing, botanical-rich products that care for the skin *now* and support its resilience in the long term.

#### Start with a Gentle, Skin-Safe Cleanse

After sun exposure, your skin is more sensitive than usual, so it's essential to begin with a cleanser that's kind and non-stripping. Hot showers may feel satisfying, but lukewarm water is far gentler and more effective in protecting your skin's natural oils.

Our <u>bar soap</u>, made with neem oil and aloe, is a perfect fit for post-sun cleansing. Unlike conventional bars that can leave skin tight or dry, ZENTS bar soap is specifically formulated to hydrate and soothe. Neem oil offers calming, antibacterial benefits, while the rich, creamy lather gently removes sunscreen, sweat, and environmental buildup without disrupting your moisture barrier.

For those who prefer a liquid format, our <u>body wash</u> is another deeply restorative option—crafted with skin-balancing botanicals that leave you feeling clean, not depleted.

# Soothe and Replenish with Bath Truffles

After cleansing, indulge your skin in a soak that feels more like a ceremony than a routine. Our <u>bath truffles</u> are a luxurious way to deliver hydration and healing to sun-touched skin. Each one is packed with organic botanicals and rich oils that melt into warm water and coat the skin in a soft, invisible layer of nourishment.

Even if you don't have a visible burn, your skin is still recovering from <u>oxidative stress</u>. The gentle ingredients in our bath truffles—think shea butter, coconut oil, and antioxidant-rich plant extracts—help neutralize that stress while leaving your skin soft and supported.

This is also an ideal moment to slow down, breathe deeply, and let the day's heat melt away from both your body and your nervous system.

# Mix Lotion and Oil for the Ultimate Recovery Blend

One of our favorite post-sun secrets? Blending body lotion and body oil. While both are powerful alone, mixing them together creates a lightweight emulsion that's easy to spread, deeply hydrating, and incredibly effective at replenishing the skin's lipid layer.

<u>ZENTS body lotion</u> is infused with plant-based probiotics and water plantain to support the microbiome and calm sensitivity, while our *body oil* delivers long-lasting hydration and a dewy glow. Together, they act like a hydration boost and skin supplement all in one.

To use, pump a small amount of lotion into your palm and add a few drops of body oil. Rub your hands together and apply to slightly damp skin, massaging slowly to encourage circulation and absorption. Your skin will drink it in, and the softness will last for hours.

Read more on our blog about our favorite combo, lotion and oil

# Don't Skip the Ritual—Even on Cloudy Days

Sun care is often treated as an occasional fix, but true skin health comes from daily support. Even on days when the sun hides behind clouds, UV rays still reach your skin. And that means your post-sun routine should remain consistent—lightened, perhaps, but never skipped.

The more you care for your skin gently and regularly, the more resilient it becomes. That resilience shows up in fewer dry patches, less sensitivity, a more even tone, and a healthy, supple texture that radiates confidence.

Our formulas are designed for this kind of rhythm—nourishing not just in crisis, but in everyday moments. Whether you're applying balm before bed or soaking in a truffle-filled bath on a Sunday evening, you're giving your body exactly what it needs to reset and repair.

# The Takeaway: Honor What Your Skin's Been Through

After a day in the sun, your skin has worked hard—protecting you, regulating temperature, absorbing light. It deserves gratitude, not punishment. A nourishing post-sun routine is more than skincare—it's self-care. It's your way of saying, *thank you, body. I've got you.* 

At ZENTS, we formulate for these moments. With every truffle, every balm, every gentle cleanse, we offer products that not only repair but elevate. So your skin doesn't just recover—it thrives.

Because care isn't just about the fix. It's about the ritual.

# Cancer Care and Skincare: Why Fragrance-Free Is the Safest Choice

During cancer treatment, the body goes through immense changes—physically, emotionally, and energetically. Skin, in particular, becomes more sensitive and reactive, and what once felt fine on the skin can suddenly cause discomfort or irritation. For this reason, skincare for individuals undergoing chemotherapy, radiation, or immunotherapy should be as gentle, clean, and *fragrance-free* as possible.

At ZENTS, we've spent years formulating body care that supports sensitive skin. We believe that everyone deserves to feel comforted and cared for in their skin—especially during the most vulnerable moments. That's why we have *fragrance-free products*, crafted to nourish, calm, and hydrate without overwhelming the senses or compromising the skin barrier.

We also recommend fragrance free for pregnant mamas

# Why Fragrance-Free Matters During Treatment

Fragrance—whether synthetic or naturally derived—can be incredibly irritating to compromised skin. During treatment, the body's immune response is altered, making it more likely to react to common skincare ingredients, including essential oils, botanical extracts, and perfumes. Even soft, natural aromas can cause rashes, redness, or discomfort.

Beyond the skin, fragrance can also trigger nausea, dizziness, or headaches—common side effects of chemotherapy and radiation. For some, just being near a strongly scented product can be overwhelming or emotionally distressing. That's why oncologists, dermatologists, and estheticians specializing in oncology care all recommend fragrance-free skincare as the safest, most considerate option.

# What "Fragrance-Free" Really Means

At ZENTS, when we say fragrance-free, we mean it. Our fragrance-free Unzented products contain no synthetic perfumes, no essential oils, and no masking agents. Many products marketed as "unscented" still include ingredients that neutralize scent or add subtle aroma—which can be just as reactive as traditional fragrance.

Instead, we let the ingredients speak for themselves. Our fragrance-free formulas feature hydrating oils, calming plant butters, and microbiome-supporting botanicals that nourish deeply without adding stress to the skin. They're formulated to feel like a second skin—gentle, breathable, and utterly safe.

This makes our fragrance-free line ideal not just for those undergoing treatment, but also for caregivers, nurses, or anyone working in scent-free environments where sensitivity is a concern.

# Skincare as a Soothing Ritual

Cancer treatment often comes with side effects like dryness, flaking, irritation, or a feeling of rawness. The skin may become thin or fragile, especially in areas exposed to radiation. In these moments, skincare can become a grounding ritual—a way to reclaim comfort and reconnect with the body.

Our <u>fragrance-free lotion</u>, made with 98% organic ingredients, includes water plantain to support skin health and probiotics to gently restore balance. Paired with our <u>fragrance-free oil</u> or <u>Concreta Balm</u>, this combination helps replenish moisture, strengthen the skin barrier, and provide lasting softness throughout the day.

Even small acts—like applying balm to dry hands, or massaging oil into the legs before bed—can offer moments of peace, calm, and control during an otherwise overwhelming time.

#### For Practitioners and Care Teams

If you're an esthetician, massage therapist, or caregiver working with oncology clients, it's essential to choose products that prioritize safety and trust. Fragrance-free skincare isn't just a precaution—it's a sign of respect for what someone's body is going through.

Using fragrance-free products ensures that every person in your care can relax without fear of skin reactions or sensory overwhelm. It allows you to offer touch-based healing with complete confidence, and it builds a foundation of comfort that your clients can carry home with them.

We offer wholesale and professional guidance to support your practice with oncology-safe skincare rituals. Because healing starts with connection—and safe, thoughtful touch.

# **Beyond Treatment: A Gentle Path Forward**

Many people continue using fragrance-free products even after treatment ends. That's because sensitivity often lingers, and for many, the experience of gentle, effective care becomes something they want to keep in their routine long-term.

Fragrance-free doesn't mean bland or boring—it means thoughtful. It means placing comfort above luxury and choosing ingredients that honor the body's need to rest and repair. Our formulas are rich in nourishment and incredibly calming, proving that elegance and simplicity can absolutely coexist.

Whether you're in the middle of treatment, in recovery, or simply supporting someone you love, fragrance-free care offers a safe place to land.

# The Takeaway: Gentle Is the Gold Standard

Skincare during cancer treatment isn't about trends or indulgence—it's about *safety*. It's about offering comfort without risk, care without complexity, and nourishment without compromise.

<u>At ZENTS</u>, we believe healing is sacred. Our fragrance-free collection is our offering to those navigating a difficult path—a way to bring softness back to the skin and calm back to the spirit.

You deserve skincare that works with your body. That honors where you are. And that offers beauty not through scent, but through the kindness of clean, effective care.