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SO, I HAD a close brush with celebrity a couple of weeks back. I shook hands with someone who knows Madonna.

It counts, no?

Michelle Peck (right), the Los Angeles-based personal facial therapist of the queen of pop, was in Singapore to launch Intra²ceuticals Infusion, a hyperbaric oxygen treatment of which Madge is said to be a huge fan.

The facial is reportedly able to deliver instant hydration, instant lift and instant results to the skin.

Besides Madonna - who apparently loves the treatment so much, she has one facial machine in each of her homes in Los Angeles, New York and England - fans of the treatment include celebs such as Eva Longoria and Justin Timberlake.

Intra²ceuticals Infusion is now available in Singapore, and exclusively at the Grand Hyatt's Damai spa. The procedure involves using a machine that shoots jets of pressurised oxygen and serum into the skin to help hydrate it.

I was lucky enough to have a taste of how Hollywood's elite pamper their faces. My therapist at Damai assured me that the procedure would not hurt or leave my skin looking as crimson as a baboon's behind, which might be the case with some facial treatments.

A metal device was used to shoot cold streams of oxygen onto half of my face, so I could see the difference between the treated and non-treated parts.

After the therapist was done, that part of my face did look slightly lifted and more radiant.

The hour-long treatment was painless, though the cold jets of oxygen and serum tickled my face at times.

As I walked out of the room, Michelle commented that my skin was "glowing and looked plumped up".

Faced with the Material Girl's facial therapist of four years, I couldn't resist asking: "How does the 51 year-old look like without make up?"

She gushed: "Madonna has the most luminous, beautiful skin and she takes extremely good care of it, keeping it hydrated and out of the sun. She looks absolutely gorgeous without make up - her skin glows!"

So, there you go - with Intra²ceuticals Infusion now in Singapore, the secret behind Madge's youthful-looking skin has been revealed.

Prices for the Intra²ceuticals Infusion facial treatment start from \$240. Call 6416 7156 for more information.

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