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(CBS4) DENVER A new procedure gaining popularity called "lipodissolve" claims to melt fat away, despite the lack of the Food and Drug Administration's approval.

"What I've seen after one treatment is dramatic improvement and most people are going on to do that second or third treatment," Christin Helander with Aesthetic Injectables said.

Helander, a registered nurse, has been injecting clients with lipodissolve for months. She says it works for specific areas.

"It's not supposed to be a weight loss treatment," she said. "In fact most people don't notice any weight loss. They just notice shrinkage."

Dr. Tahl Humes, the owner of Aesthetic Injectables, said women are opting for the alternative because it's

safe and easy. She said the compound they use, phosphatidylcholine and deoxycholate is derived from soybeans.

"It's a soy-based supplement that you could walk into a store and buy and take orally," Humes said. "But what they have done is formulate it into an injectable form."

Proponents say since it's a supplement and lipodissolve is a treatment, there isn't a need for FDA approval. But, the FDA says since doctors can use different ingredients in their lipodissolve potion, and that some of them do include drugs, it needs to be regulated.

Plastic surgeons like Dr. Matthew Baker said there needs to be more testing, training and research.

"Wait and see what their studies show and have a little patience," he said.

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons does not support the use of lipodissolve.

It costs about \$500 per treatment and requires multiple-treatments.

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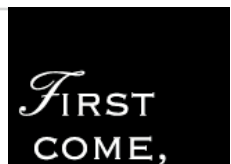
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