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**Obsolete shaving technology and problems it presents in the shaved patient**

Removing unwanted body hair has been a part of human hygiene since the dawn of history. Over the centuries this practice has served to denote everything from high-ranking social status to acts of contrition. As the tradition of shaving evolved in step with global culture, so too have the tools of the trade. It was in the 18th century that razors became more than sharp, exposed slabs of metal. As a dermatologist and pharmacist, the author has researched the evolving changes and challenges of the shaving process. The lubricated bar was added to the razor in 1976. The blade and bar design is defective because the blade is passed over the skin and hair first before the bar even touches the hair or skin. The first pass is the hardest part of the shave. Moreover, the blade material used to make the razor often becomes dull after the first shave due to moisture on the edge of the blade which leads to oxidation and compromised metal integrity. Further, there are patients with inherent skin and facial hair problems such as coarse and/or wiry hair that become ingrown as the hair grows. This is typically seen in African American men because their hair follicles are oval/elliptical and causes the hair to grow in the shape of a spiral nature. The size of the Caucasian hair shaft is less prone to become ingrown hairs but is more of a factor with men of Jewish descent. Coarse or wiry hair is more typical for men of Irish or Scottish descent; therefore, skin problems are more prevalent within this segment of the Caucasian community. There is also a common issue of the angle in which hair exits, the skin in men of all the aforementioned descents. Finally, razor burn, and razor rash are the most consistent and largest problem as a result of poor blade integrity for the general population. Given the aforementioned problems, the author has researched and patented razor and shaving products that address these deficiencies.

**Biography**

Milton D Moore—MD—has been working with patients to provide the best dermatological care throughout the Houston area. In 1985, he opened Moore Unique Dermatology and Spa with the goal of helping each patient maintain healthy and beautiful skin. He has invented and received six patents for various products such as The Moore Technique Shaving Tool for treatment of PFB, 1987; The Moore Technique Shaving system has received the only patent for treatment of PFB, 1990. He's also patented and developed The Moore Unique Hydroglide Shave Solution and Body Moisturizer for treatment of PFB and moisturizing skin, 1995. Finally, he has developed and marketed a full line of 12 skin care products under Moore Unique Skin Care, L.C. and developed and patented the world's first nine blade razor in April 2013. He is a Pharmacist and Dermatologist with Membership in the American Academy of Dermatology, American Medical Association, American Society of Dermatologic Surgery and National Medical Association. He has been in private practice in Houston since 1985. He is also a Member of the Who's Who in American Inventors since 1989. He received the prestigious National Top Doctor Award in December of 2017

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