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An app for every occasion: apparently you can sense blisters, or acne, with an iPhone application.

Hold on, I'm just zapping a zit

IT SEEMS only the imagination can limit the applications for the next generation of smartphones. Not everyone is convinced the coloured light therapy was any more effective than a sham treatment, but dermatologist Dr Greatbars said an application could prevent skin conditions ranging from acne to skin cancer.

Application is simple. Load the app, aim the light at the problematic area, and hold the device in place for two minutes. The light will heat the skin, killing the bacteria and causing the skin to produce collagen.