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## Incubator client gets \$1.3 million to research infections

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Keraderm LLC, a client of the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator, announced it has received \$1.3 million in funding for research and development of its phototherapy treatment for skin and nail infections.

William Cumbie, president and CEO of Keraderm, has used ultraviolet light to cure his own nail fungus and is building a business around the idea. This first round of so-called "angel" funding, an initial round of outside investment made by individuals, is moving the idea along.

The money will not allow Keraderm to leave the incubator, but it will give Cumbie and his staff the chance to commission clinical trials of the nail therapy and collect data necessary for FDA approval.

In addition to research on the actual therapy, the funding will permit Keraderm to further develop and refine the instruments that will be used to deliver the treatment, he said.

Keraderm has offices in Hampton at the Hampton Roads Technology Incubator, and at the Virginia Tech KnowledgeWorks Business Incubator in Blacksburg.