



CONGRATULATIONS! **You have chosen a Certified Dermatologist**

Physicians in this practice are certified by the American Board of Dermatology, demonstrating the high standards of knowledge, experience, and lifelong learning they have achieved so they can provide you and all their patients with excellent care for your skin, hair, and nails.

There are more than 3,000 diseases of the skin. Most doctors who are not dermatologists receive only one or two months of dermatology education and clinical experience during medical school and residency. But dermatologists, including those in our office who are certified by the ABD, have years of specialized training to prepare them to effectively treat conditions that range from life-threatening skin cancers and drug reactions; to life-disrupting conditions such as eczema, psoriasis, and acne; as well as skin changes associated with aging.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

Dermatologists:

- Are medical school graduates.
- Complete at least one year of prerequisite medical training after medical school
- Have three or more years of intense study (residency) in dermatology.
- Treat diseases and conditions of the skin, hair, and nails.

Certified Dermatologists have:

- Completed three or more years of an accredited residency program in dermatology.
- Passed exams demonstrating their dermatology knowledge and their ability to apply that knowledge to treat patients.
- Made a commitment to stay current on the latest dermatology advances by participating in continuing certification activities and assessments throughout their careers.

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Some of the 3,000 skin conditions and diseases that Dermatologists diagnose and treat:

- Skin cancers
- Rashes and hives
- Itchy, flaky skin, including eczema and psoriasis
- Open sores and blisters of the skin and mouth
- Skin findings associated with internal diseases
- Moles
- Birthmarks
- Acne and rosacea
- Warts and molluscum
- Skin infections caused by bacteria, fungus, yeast, and other organisms
- Cysts and other abnormal bumps and bulges on the skin
- Hair loss
- Abnormal nails
- Discolorations of the skin
- Skin changes associated with aging
- Inherited skin conditions

PREVENTING FUTURE PROBLEMS

Do you know the difference between a freckle, a mole, and an age spot? Your dermatologist can tell you what those little marks are. If you have a baseline examination, then return annually, your dermatologist can keep an eye on any changes that might indicate cancer or another skin problem that requires treatment.



To check if your doctor is ABD certified, scan this code to reach the Dermatologist Search tool.