



CUTTING-EDGE CARE FOR ALL SKIN TYPES

“The facts are that different ethnicities possess different skin characteristics and each abides by different standards of beauty,” says Corey Hartman, MD. “As dermatologists, it’s important to acknowledge that what we do can’t be one size fits all.”

Dr. Corey Hartman, a board-certified dermatologist and owner of Skin Wellness Center (with locations in Homewood and Chelsea), was the first black dermatology resident at the University of Alabama School of Medicine. The department chair at the time recognized that Hartman’s interest in dermatology for a diverse population was unique, and Hartman was afforded the opportunity to travel for rotations, completing training in cities like Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., and apprenticing with experts in cosmetic procedures for all skin types.

“As a result, I built a practice that welcomes a diverse patient base and that offers dermatologic surgery and cosmetic procedures that are safe and effective for patients from many backgrounds,” he explains.

Patients will find that the rest of the Skin Wellness Center team—from Hartman’s colleagues, Drs. Rayna Dyck

and Deborah Youhn, to the office staff and aestheticians—also reflect a level of diversity not common elsewhere.

“We are diverse in gender, age, race, ethnicity, even in which sports teams we cheer for,” he jokes. “I’m proud that when our patients visit, they will see people who look like them.”

MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY

Some of the diseases and disorders Hartman is experienced in treating in diverse patients include acne, hyperpigmentation, melasma, and seborrheic dermatitis. Dyck is experienced in inflammatory hair disorders, photodynamic therapy, and pediatric dermatology, and has a special interest in ethnic hair diseases including scarring hair loss. Youhn, meanwhile, focuses on the diagnosis and prevention of skin cancer and the treatment of cancerous, precancerous, and benign lesions.

COSMETIC AND LASER DERMATOLOGY

In addition to medical dermatological procedures, Skin Wellness Center offers the full gamut of cosmetic procedures, including microdermabrasion, microneedling, dermal filler injections, and Botox®. His team, Hartman says, performs more chemical peels than any

other dermatology practice in Alabama.

Laser dermatology is an area of the practice that continues to grow, due, Hartman suggests, to the fact that results that were previously available only through invasive procedures can now be achieved via completely noninvasive technologies.

“We offer so many great options in both cosmetic and laser dermatology,” says Hartman. “With laser procedures in particular, our patients are experiencing great outcomes with less downtime, no cutting, and no general anesthesia.”

Available treatments include anti-aging treatments, CoolSculpting®, photodynamic therapy, and tattoo removal.

“I know we don’t save lives in the traditional sense,” Hartman concludes. “But we do more than people realize. And when we make people feel better about themselves—when we help them feel confident and beautiful—our impact is real.”



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