FAQ

What should I expect during my first visit?
After reviewing your records and the information supplied to us, our board certified dermatologist will conduct a thorough examination, followed by making a diagnosis and discussing your detailed treatment plan. We encourage you to ask questions and will address any concerns you may have.

How often should I receive a full body skin screening?
The American Academy of Dermatology recommends a full body examination once a year for all ages and skin types. However, if you have had a prior history of skin cancer, you may need to come in twice yearly. A full body skin exam is essential in the detection of early skin cancer. Special instruments such as a dermatoscope can aid such early detection. It is important to have all of your moles checked so that a baseline can be established and photographs taken to monitor changes if necessary. Education on signs and symptoms of skin cancer are also reviewed in full detail at this visit.

Do I need a referral to see a dermatologist?
No! If you would like to have a consultation, simply contact us and we will schedule a convenient appointment time for you. Please note, however, that insurance policies may vary and a referral may be necessary for insurance to cover some forms of treatment. If you have questions on what is covered, you should contact your insurance company directly.

How can I tell if a mole might be cancerous?
Know the "ABCD" warning signs for cancer:
• "A" is for Asymmetry. Check to see if your mole is asymmetrical, meaning one side is shaped or sized differently from another.
• "B" is for Borders. Irregular, jagged or rough mole borders may indicate cancer.
• "C" is for Color. If the mole has an unusual color or has multiple colors, it should be checked by a physician.
• "D" is for Diameter. Moles larger than a pencil eraser should be evaluated
Check the skin of your whole body every three to four months to look for these warning signs, and schedule your yearly skin exam.

Click on the link below to learn more about skin cancer:
http://www.aad.org/spot-skin-cancer

What does Board Certification mean?

Board certification means that the applicant doctor has taken and passed a proctored, rigorous written examination in their specialty. There are numerous boards certified by the American Board of Medical Specialties. The following criteria that must be met before an applicant can take their board examination:

- Attendance and successful completion of a university and/or medical school residency or fellowship program, usually three years.
- Letter of recommendation from the program chairman including attestation to the ethical, moral, and academic suitability to be a physician in that specialty, and suitability to be allowed to take the board examination.