

Advanced Laser & Skin Cancer Center

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THE DOCTORS AT ADVANCED LASER & SKIN CANCER CENTER TREAT THE FULL spectrum of dermatological conditions with an emphasis on the prevention, diagnosis and prevention of skin cancer.

Drs. Gangaram Ragi, Monika Srivastava and Santiago Centurion are board certified in Mohs micrographic surgery, the gold standard for treating skin cancer. They are also board certified dermatologists. Dr. Ragi learned the technique from Frederick Mohs, M.D., who pioneered the procedure. Dr. Ragi served as chief of Mohs Surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center and has conducted research and published medical journal articles about the effectiveness of Mohs.

Mohs surgery entails removing skin layer by layer to preserve healthy skin, while ridding the patient of cancerous tissue. Dr. Ragi says the procedure allows for 100% of the growth's margins to be examined under a microscope. Unlike gouging out a cancerous growth, Mohs allows the doctors to examine under its surface and to remove any lingering cancerous tissue.

Mohs provides the best chance of a cure, with a 99% success rate. Performed under local anesthesia at the Skin Cancer Center, it is the most effective skin cancer surgery for basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas and some melanoma. The doctors have successfully treated more than 25,000 patients using the Mohs procedure.

The doctors treat common dermatological conditions such as warts, acne, cysts, eczema and rosacea. Laser surgery, performed in office, is used to

treat port wine stains, acne, rosacea and birthmarks, and to remove tattoos. To address signs of aging, cosmetic dermatologic treatments – chemical peels and collagen and Botox injections – are done. Chemotherapy, when necessary, is also administered at the Skin Cancer Center.

In addition to dual board certification, each doctor has had unique training and clinical experiences. Dr. Ragi is a fellow of the American College of Mohs Micrographic Surgery & Cutaneous Oncology, American Academy of Dermatology, American Society of Dermatologic Surgery and American Society of Laser Surgery and Medicine. Dr. Srivastava is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, American Society of Dermatologic Surgery and American Society of Laser Surgery and Medicine. She is an assistant clinical professor at Columbia University Medical Center and a member of the New Jersey Dermatological Society. Dr. Centurion is a board certified dermatopathologist, an assistant clinical professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, a fellow of the American Society for Mohs Surgery and chief of Dermatologic Surgery at the East Orange Veterans Hospital.

Dr. Ragi notes that more than 80,000 patients have been treated in a professional and humanistic manner since he founded the practice. "I take pride in exceptional skin cancer care," he says. The doctors are complemented by a compassionate staff of physician assistants, nurses and administrative staff.