Cleveland Clinic Florida’s medical staff are dedicated physicians who have joined the clinic as salaried doctors to practice a different kind of medicine: Where commitment to patients, providing expert innovative care, and involvement in medical education are the goals.

We work as a team, access the same electronic medical records, and cooperate to give our patients the best care.

Providing excellent care to our patients is why we are here.
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Cleveland Clinic Florida’s Department of Dermatology is pleased to present the second edition of our Outcomes book for 2008. Our team of general dermatologists and dermatologic surgeons is dedicated to providing the best quality of skin care.

Our skilled team of staff dermatologists utilize the latest techniques in the prevention and treatment of skin cancer, offer complete treatment of skin disorders for adult and pediatric patients, and provide cosmetic services. All patients are seen solely by board certified dermatologists as opposed to nurse practitioners or physician assistants.

In addition to caring for our patients, we enjoy participating in community lectures and events to educate the public about the prevention of skin cancers. With the incidence of skin cancer on the rise, we find it fulfilling to give back to our community by providing free skin cancer screenings to the public during May which is after Skin Cancer Awareness Month.

We are pleased to provide the following information to familiarize you with the services we offer and we assure you that we will provide the best quality of dermatologic care.

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GENERAL AND MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY SERVICES

The range of services offered by the department includes all aspects of general and surgical dermatology for both the adult and pediatric patient. This includes the evaluation of growths, rashes, itching of the skin, and full skin exams to screen for abnormalities. Common conditions evaluated and treated include acne, eczema, warts, hair loss, skin infections, and blistering disorders. For patients with allergic contact dermatitis, patch testing is offered to find the cause of the dermatitis. In addition, the department is diversified with emphasis on treating skin of color.

PSORIASIS

The department also has expertise in the treatment of psoriasis. The latest advances are offered at the clinic including the use of biologic agents. An infusion center to administer intravenous medication for treatment is available allowing the patient to have all aspects of care provided at one facility.

SKIN CANCER SCREENING AND TREATMENT

With the inherent ultraviolet light exposure in Florida and resulting sundamage, the Cleveland Clinic Department of Dermatology offers expertise in the screening, diagnosis, and treatment of skin cancers. Full body examinations are routinely performed to screen for abnormalities. Sun-associated abnormalities such as actinic keratosis, basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and malignant melanoma are routinely diagnosed and treated. The department features a Mohs College fellowship trained board certified Mohs surgeon who can surgically remove select skin cancers, which offers the highest cure rate while preserving normal tissue. Radiation therapy is also available. For melanoma, the clinic uses a multi-disciplinary team approach offering sentinel lymph node biopsy and oncologic consultation.

LASER SURGERY AND COSMETIC SERVICES

The latest in cosmetic procedures are offered at Cleveland Clinic. This includes using lasers to treat unwanted hair in all skin types, blood vessels, vascular birthmarks, varicose veins, brown age spots, and treatments to reverse the signs of sundamage. Thermage has also been added to noninvasively induce facial rejuvenation and skin tightening. Chemical peels are performed to improve skin tone and appearance. Soft tissue augmentation to smooth facial lines, creases, and folds is available using such agents as Restylane® and Perlane®. Botox® is offered to smooth fine lines and wrinkles of the face. We provide a wide range of cosmeceutical products including our very own custom formulated skin care line.

PHOTODYNAMIC THERAPY

Photodynamic therapy (PDT) refers to a technique used to treat sun-induced precancerous cells called actinic keratoses. This well-tolerated procedure involves application of a topical agent to the skin that is activated via a light to eradicate these growths. This treatment is gaining increased popularity in the Department of Dermatology due to its effectiveness, minimal downtime, and lack of significant discomfort in comparison to other modalities of treatment traditionally used.
THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY OFFERS EVALUATION AND TREATMENT OF THE FULL-SPECTRUM OF SKIN DISORDERS.

THIS INCLUDES:

• Acne
• Actinic keratosis
• Alopecia areata
• Basal cell carcinoma
• Blistering disorders
• Cysts
• Dermatitis/eczema
• Dermatomyositis
• Dyschromia/hyperpigmentation of skin
• Hair loss
• Hidradenitis suppurativa
• Hives/urticaria
• Hyperhidrosis
• Infections of the skin
• Keloids/scar
• Lichen planus
• Lupus
• Malignant melanoma
• Moles/nevi
• Morphea/scleroderma
• Nail fungus
• Psoriasis
• Pyoderma gangrenosum
• Rosacea
• Sarcoid
• Skin caner screening and treatment
• Squamous cell carcinoma
• Warts
• Vitiligo

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES OFFERED:

• Mohs micrographic surgery and reconstruction
• Patch testing
• Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
• Surgery to remove skin cancer, cysts, abnormal moles
• Infusion center

COSMETIC SERVICES:

• Botox®, Restylane®, and Perlane® injections for facial lines and wrinkles
• Chemical peels
• Lasers for treatment of:
  • Unwanted hair
  • Blood vessels
  • Varicose veins
  • Sun spots
• Microdermabrasion
• Thermage for facial rejuvenation
The CCF Department of Dermatology is committed to the best in dermatologic care, and features three general dermatologists and one Mohs surgeon. With the expansion and diversification of the clinical staff, the department is able to care for and accommodate more patients, offering expanded services while maintaining the finest quality of care our patients have come to expect.

Mohs micrographic surgery for skin cancer is performed solely by our Mohs College fellowship trained board certified Mohs surgeon. Our surgery department has great expertise and experience in treating skin cancer, offering the highest cure rates with excellent cosmetic outcomes.

Our dermatology team evaluates and treats all skin disorders. The department continues to grow and provides services for both the pediatric and adult patient, and offers expertise in multiple areas including general dermatology and cosmetics.

While our patients are indicating we are providing excellent care, we are dedicated to continued improvement.