

CAREERS IN HEALTH

DERMATOLOGY

The Science of Healthy Skin



What is Dermatology?

Dermatology is the study of the skin, hair, nails, and mucous membranes. Dermatologists diagnose and treat conditions affecting these areas. They examine patients, order and interpret tests, and prescribe medications or perform procedures.

Dermatologists interact with patients to address their skin concerns and provide treatment.

Diseases and Conditions

Dermatologists examine skin, hair, and nails to diagnose problems. They understand a wide range of conditions, including skin cancers, rashes, infections (bacterial, viral, fungal), autoimmune disorders (like psoriasis or lupus), and other skin abnormalities.

They also address cosmetic concerns and perform procedures to treat these conditions.

Years of Training in the U.S.

- 4 years of college,
- 4 years of medical school,
- 3 years of internal medicine residency,
- and 3 years of cardiology fellowship

Necessary skills:

- **Focus**
- **Steady hands**
- **Inquisitive:** dermatologists investigate skin problems

Daily Work Life

Dermatologists work in clinics, hospitals, or private practices. They typically see patients throughout the day, examining their skin, diagnosing conditions, and performing procedures. They may also spend time reviewing patient records, ordering tests, and discussing treatment plans. Dermatologists interact directly with patients and often collaborate with other healthcare professionals.