

# THE SKIN OF COLOR CENTER

*Personalized Skin Care for Patients of Color*

## THE SKIN OF COLOR CENTER PRACTICE LOCATIONS

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## THE SKIN OF COLOR CENTER

Founded in February 1999, the Skin of Color Center of St. Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals addresses the unique needs of patients with pigmented skin, hair and nails. The Center specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin conditions that are common or of particular concern to individuals of color, including, but not limited to, African-Americans, Asians, and Latinos. A full staff of board-certified dermatologists with expertise in skin of color provides individualized and culturally sensitive care.



## UNDERSTANDING SKIN OF COLOR

The Skin of Color Center serves as a rich base for scientific endeavors designed to further understand diseases which affect skin of color, and has developed new ethical drug and cosmetic treatments for skin of color.

## EXPERTISE IN DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT

There are numerous skin problems which either disproportionately affect people of color or require special evaluation techniques and treatments. Some of the problems commonly treated at the Center include:

- *Uneven Skin Tone (Hyper- or Hypo-pigmentation)* – discoloration from acne or other conditions (e.g. Melasma, Vitiligo)
- *Razor Bumps (Pseudofolliculitis Barbae)* – bumps and blemishes caused by ingrown hairs
- *Scars (especially Keloids)* – excessive scar formation resulting from injury or surgery
- *Ashy Skin (Xerosis)* – dry, sensitive skin requiring gentle skin care and strong moisturizers
- *Flesh Moles (Dermatosis Papulosa Nigra)* – brown moles, most often located on the cheeks, that are common in African-American men and women
- *Hair Loss (Alopecia)* – especially hair thinning and breakage resulting from chemical relaxers, braids, and weaves
- *Itchy Flaky Scalp (Seborrheic Dermatitis)* – “dry,” scaly scalp
- *Acne and Acne Scarring* – dark marks caused by acne are particularly common in skin of color
- *Eczema (Atopic Dermatitis)* – an itchy skin condition that can be associated with allergies
- *Ringworm (Tinea Capitis)* – a fungal infection that can cause flaking and hair breakage when it affects the scalp

## ENHANCING PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Skin of Color Center offers a variety of treatment options that take into consideration our patients' skin type and grooming practices. In addition to general dermatology services, we advise patients on the effective use of skin and hair care products and cosmetics. Since the myriad of choices available for personal care products can be confusing, the Center determines the best products for each patient's skin.

Some of our services and treatment procedures include:

- Chemical peels to even skin tone, smooth and soften rough skin, and to improve acne
- Laser treatments to reduce hair growth and remove visible veins on the legs and face
- Laser treatments to treat facial wrinkles, acne scarring, tattoos and warts
- Liposuction
- Sclerotherapy to remove spider veins from the legs
- Dermabrasion to remove scars
- Botox & Collagen injections
- Environmental dermatology (patch & photopatch testing)
- Hair transplants to restore patches of hair loss
- Phototherapy & photochemotherapy (ultraviolet light treatment for a number of skin conditions, including psoriasis, eczema, and vitiligo)
- Mohs micrographic surgery for skin cancer
- Psychocutaneous medicine (psychological support in dealing with difficult skin conditions)
- Surgical dermatology