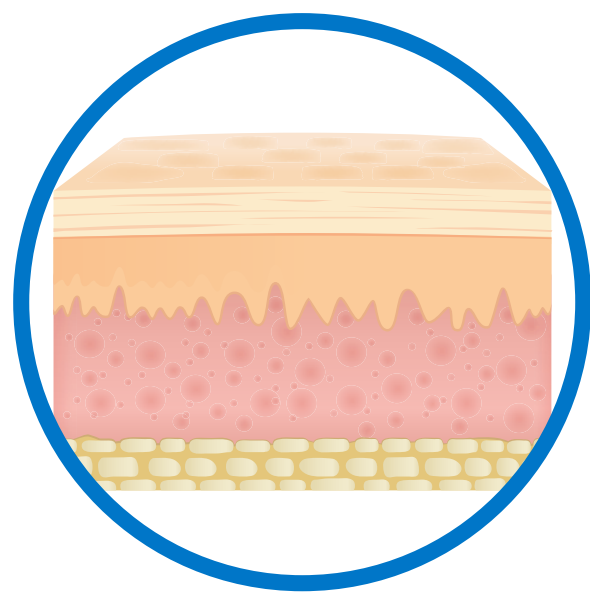
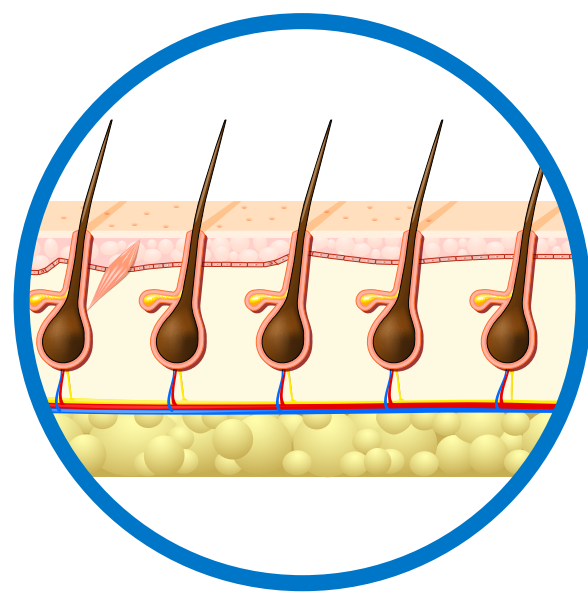


# Why see a board-certified dermatologist?

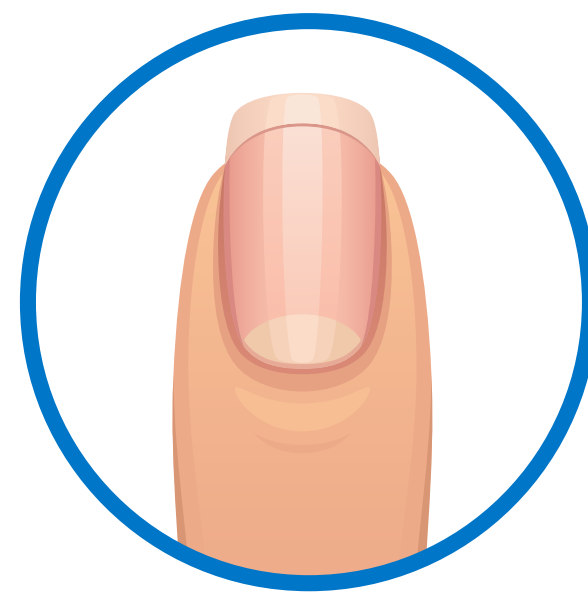
A dermatologist is a doctor who specializes in treating the:



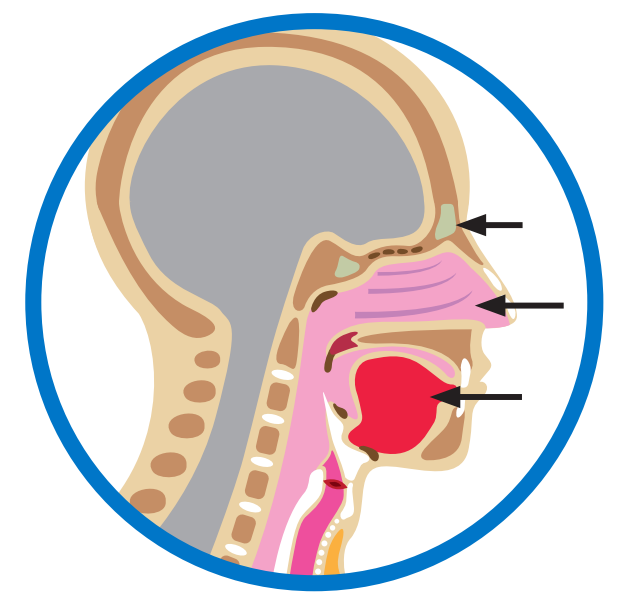
Skin



Hair



Nails



Mucous Membranes

(e.g., lining inside the mouth, nose, and eyelids.)

Dermatologists diagnose and treat more than 3,000 different diseases and conditions.

Some of the most common are:

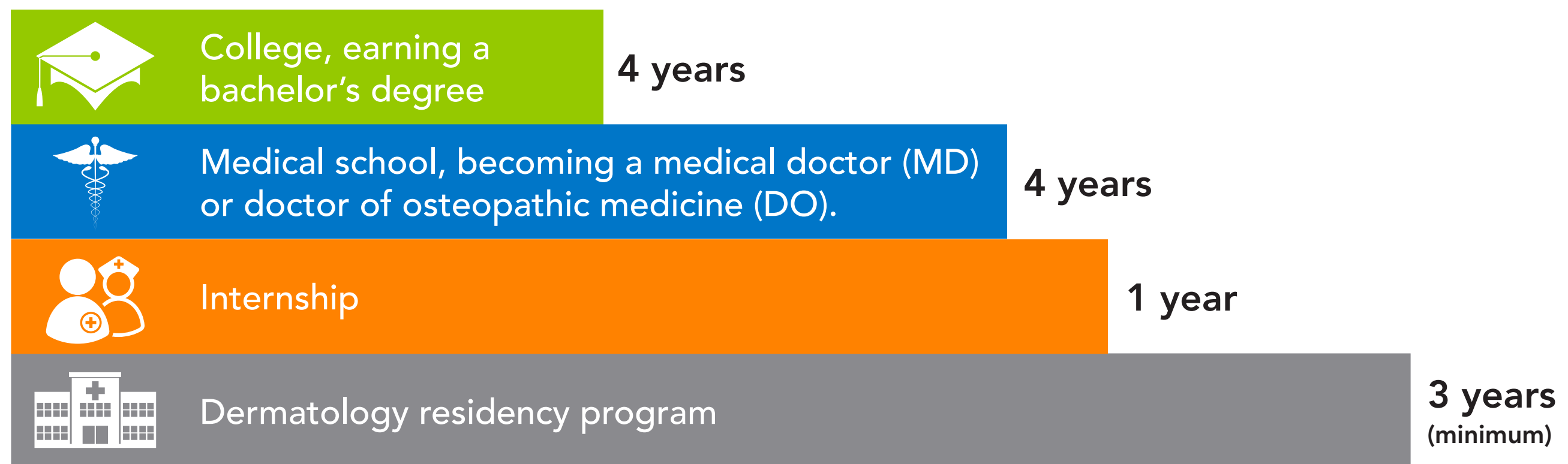
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| Acne      | Psoriasis   |
| Age spots | Rashes      |
| Eczema    | Rosacea     |
| Hair loss | Skin cancer |
| Melanoma  | Vitiligo    |
| Melasma   | Wrinkles    |

Dermatologists see patients of all ages — from newborns to people older than 100 years of age.



Becoming a dermatologist requires many years of education.

A person must successfully complete:



## How do I know if my dermatologist is board-certified?



Look for **FAAD** after your dermatologist's name.

\* **FAAD** stands for Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.



**Check your dermatologist's website** to verify that he or she has been certified by the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



**Be wary of certifications** from other organizations

### A board-certified dermatologist:

- Has completed medical school, an internship and an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education-accredited dermatology residency program.
- Has a license to practice medicine.
- Has passed the exams given by the American Board of Dermatology, the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology, or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Find a board-certified dermatologist near you at [aad.org/findaderm](http://aad.org/findaderm).