



## **WHAT TO EXPECT AT YOUR FIRST VISIT**

When you walk into Dr. Bauman's Dermatology clinic you will find a warm and inviting environment. Our goal is to provide excellent dermatologic care in a place that you will be comfortable returning to.

At the reception desk, you will be asked to fill out a Registration Form, Medical History Form, Consent to Leave Information Form, and also receive our Notice of Privacy Practices. We will also need to see a Photo ID and copy your Insurance Card (s) and will ask you for your co-payment if applicable.

A medical assistant will then escort you to an exam room. You will be asked for the reason for your visit. We will be able to address your 3 most urgent dermatologic issues. A thorough history of your skin concerns will be obtained by staff asking you:

- ❖ What your concern or chief complaint is
- ❖ Where is it located
- ❖ How long has it been present
- ❖ The type of symptoms you have
- ❖ Do you know the cause
- ❖ Do you know what makes it better or worse
- ❖ When does it occur
- ❖ Have you had previous treatment
- ❖ Have you treated it yourself with over the counter things
- ❖ Name of previous treatments by a physician

Next, a series of questions about your general health will be asked, along with some social behavior questions.

At this point, if you request or it is recommended, you will disrobe and place on a fashionable paper gown. In dermatology, the more skin we can see, the more complete the examination.

Dr. Bauman, Lynne Vigessaa ARNP or Amy Nelson PA-C will examine your skin and note to the Medical Assistant the lesions of concern to her. She will then diagnose and recommend treatment.



There are times when various things need to be ruled out for a more exact diagnosis. This may be done with skin scrapings onto a slide for microscopic exam in the office; and/or it may include a culture for bacterial infection or virus. This is done by a simple swab over the affected area. Sometimes a small portion of the skin needs to be removed and sent in for a pathological evaluation.

Treatments may include topical or oral medication; education is provided regarding diagnosis, treatment and treatment options and you will have an opportunity to ask questions.

You will dress and return to the reception area, where you will make a return appointment as Dr Bauman, Lynne Vigesaa ARNP or Amy Nelson PA-C has recommended.

We look forward to meeting you and assisting with your dermatological needs.

*Carla Bauman, MD*

*Lynne Vigesaa, ARNP*

*Amy Nelson, PA-C*