We rely on our skin not only for the protection it provides for our bodies, but also as one of our primary means of interacting with the world around us. Our skin, which plays such a vital role in the health, wellness and happiness of human life, deserves the utmost level of care and attention.

At Stone Oak Dermatology, Dr. Linda Banta and her staff believe in offering “experienced care with a personal touch” to all patients, helping to keep their skin looking and feeling the best that it possibly can. A comprehensive dermatology practice, Stone Oak Dermatology helps patients meet skin care needs ranging from cosmetic issues to general medical dermatology. Stone Oak Dermatology fosters a warm, welcoming environment where people feel known, respected and comfortable voicing their concerns.

“Dr. Banta's goal is to have our patients receive the best care and be treated with compassion,” said Dr. Banta. “With medicine changing so rapidly, maintaining a personal touch is so important.”

Dr. Banta is a board-certified dermatologist, bringing a wealth of knowledge to her practice with more than 20 years of dermatology experience. Dr. Banta began her medical career as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, serving as an emergency room doctor for five years before pursuing her dream of entering a private dermatology practice. She opened her Stone Oak office in 2010, after running a successful practice for 17 years in Houston.

A self-proclaimed Army brat who grew up in Germany, Dr. Banta is thrilled to run Stone Oak Dermatology in San Antonio, where she regularly interacts with retired and active-duty military. Still fluent in German, she is delighted by the opportunity to converse in the language of her childhood with German-speaking patients.

With more than two decades of experience in dermatology, Dr. Banta is able to quickly and accurately understand her patients’ needs and recommend the best course of action.

“Having been in the business for as long as I have, I’ve seen every skin care line and procedure come through, which has given me the opportunity to pick what I think are the best products and procedures on the market,” she explained. “We only recommend medical grade products that are the best products and procedures on the market,” she explained. “We only recommend medical grade products that have shown to be scientifically backed to really improve the skin, prevent aging and reverse skin damage.”

Stone Oak Dermatology is able to provide a wide range of services for its patients. As a comprehensive practice that accepts all insurance, Dr. Banta and her staff are able to focus their efforts on providing the best treatment for each person’s individual needs. All cosmetic consultations are free, allowing patients to learn more about their options.

“We do everything from general medical dermatology to surgery and cosmetics,” said Dr. Banta. “We focus on what is best for the patient, whether it is choosing the best treatment or providing consultations for skin care or cosmetic procedures.”

Stone Oak Dermatology offers services to address skin issues ranging from acne and wrinkles to psoriasis and poison ivy. The practice also offers multiple cosmetic procedures, including Botox, Juvederm and Photofacial treatments, as well as facials, microdermabrasion and chemical peels. Dr. Banta personally administers all injections herself. The practice recommends top of the line products from Elta MD, VIVITE, SkinMedica, Aveeno and Obagi Medical to help patients maintain healthy, beautiful skin.

One of the primary skin issues facing San Antonio residents is the danger of developing skin cancer. Living in the Sun Belt means that people live with high levels of exposure to harmful rays on a daily basis. Dr. Banta is passionate about educating people about the risks of skin cancer and helping them to protect themselves.

“One in five patients will be diagnosed with skin cancer – basal and squamous cell cancer,” explained Dr. Banta. “The lifetime risk of getting melanoma is 1 in 50, and is on the rise. An annual skin exam by a dermatologist is so important since it can detect early skin cancers and thereby lead to a high cure rate.”

At Stone Oak Dermatology, every new patient is given a full skin cancer screening. Dr. Banta stresses the importance of making an annual screening part of everyone’s routine, particularly in a city with high sun exposure.

“It’s so often that a patient comes in for a rash or skin lesion and I do a full body exam and incidentally find melanoma or other skin cancers on them,” Dr. Banta shared. “Skin cancers can lead to disfiguring scars and possible metastasis if not treated early.”

When caught quickly, the melanoma or other skin cancer can be taken care of right at Stone Oak Dermatology. If additional help is needed, Dr. Banta can refer her patients to an excellent oncologist or skin cancer surgeon (MOHS surgeon) to get them started on the road to recovery. Stone Oak Dermatology can also detect lesions or rashes that are indicators of internal disease or cancers. They will then refer patients to their PCP for further evaluation.

Dr. Banta is supported by excellent staff at Stone Oak Dermatology who set the tone for the practice. Every member of the team is an experienced professional, ensuring that patients receive the best care possible. Medical assistant Christine Lewis and nurse Susan Seidel bring more than 15 years of dermatology experience to the practice. Amy Ryan, Stone Oak Dermatology’s medical aesthetician, has over 10 years of experience in cosmetic procedures. Patients come to her for the majority of the cosmetic treatments, including chemical peels, microdermabrasion, facials, and Lumenis photofacial treatments.

“She loves to pamper everyone in the cosmetic room,” said Dr. Banta of Ryan.

Patients can rest assured that the phone is always answered, calls are returned promptly, and that they will be given individualized care. All lab and biopsy results are delivered through a personal phone call. The practice also streamlines the appointment experience for patients through their website. Making use of cutting-edge technology, Stone Oak Dermatology has adopted electronic medical records. Patients can fill out information online prior to their visit, as well have their medications electronically prescribed. A patient portal makes access easy, and the website allows messages to be sent and appointments requested. For established patients with urgent issues, appointments are available the same day.

“We make sure our patients leave understanding exactly what their diagnosis is,” said Dr. Banta. “We get to know our patients, and we want what is best for them.”

For Dr. Banta, the best part of her job is seeing results as patients begin to look and feel better. From saving a patient’s life through early skin cancer detection to seeing a teenager’s personality blossom as their skin is cleared of acne, the staff at Stone Oak Dermatology view their work as extremely gratifying.

“I love the fact that the practice of dermatology allows one to ‘see’ the results of treatments and procedures,” Dr. Banta said.

The Stone Oak Dermatology team believes in sharing their passion for skin care with the community. Highly active in the Stone Oak area, Dr. Banta and her staff regularly represent their practice at health fairs, hold open houses, give talks on skin cancer awareness, and are involved with the Stone Oak Business Association.

At Stone Oak Dermatology, the community knows that they will be treated like family. Everything from the bright and cheerful treatment rooms to the friendly staff ensure that a patient’s comfort and ease are the highest priority while they receive top-notch care for all of their dermatology needs. New patients are invited to make an appointment and take the first steps toward becoming more confident in their own skin.

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