

## A RICHARD AVERITTE, JR., MD

**CEO and managing partner** // Affiliated Dermatology // [affderm.com](http://affderm.com)

Dr. Averitte received his undergraduate degree from Ohio University and his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio. Dr. Averitte completed his dermatology residency at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals of Cleveland. Dr. Averitte is the founder of the Arizona Skin Cancer Foundation.

**Personal strengths:** "Tenacity and consistency have been the mainstays with regard to my success." **Prized possession:** "The home I share with my wife and kids is my most prized possession. It isn't just a house; it's the place I can be myself and enjoy time with the people I love. It reflects our personalities and is comforting and inviting for family, friends and myself."



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## B ROSEMARY GEARY, MD

**Owner and physician** // East Valley Dermatology Center // [evderm.com](http://evderm.com)

After being associated with a couple of different dermatology practices, Dr. Geary had a clear vision of the foundation needed to deliver excellent patient care. This is why she founded East Valley Dermatology Center in 2003 and has grown the practice to be one of the most well-respected dermatology practices in Arizona.

**Personal strengths:** "My passion and drive to provide the best dermatologic care is the foundation to my success. With my own personal struggles with my skin, it has helped me to see dermatology from the patient's point of view. I practice medicine with extreme empathy to each patient." **Professional advice:** "Surround yourself with a strong support team and stay true to the reason you became a doctor by helping patients with their dermatologic needs."



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## C BILL HALMI, MD

**Arizona Advanced Dermatology** // [arizonaadvanceddermatology.com](http://arizonaadvanceddermatology.com)

Dr. Halmi, a board-certified dermatologist and former assistant professor of Dermatology at Thomas Jefferson University, came to the Valley in 1994. Throughout his career he has been very active in teaching. He currently serves as an adjunct professor of dermatology at The Mayo Clinic. He has given numerous presentations at local, national and international dermatology conferences. Very active in the dermatology community he has served as president of the Southwest Dermatology Society, president of the Arizona Dermatology Society and president of the Phoenix Dermatology Society. For over 10 years he has been voted Top Doc in Phoenix Magazine. Dr. Halmi has worked for over 20 years with over 20 different types of lasers and has trained countless physicians in the safe use of lasers.



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## D LEE LARIS, DO

**Medical director and chief cosmetic surgeon**

Phoenix Skin Dermatology // [phxskin.com](http://phxskin.com)

Dr. Laris is highly trained in all areas of medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology and has built a national reputation as a facial rejuvenation specialist. Dr. Laris is recognized for his use of minimal incision surgery, with a focus on restoring youth via less invasive methods such as Y Lift, mini face lift, laser resurfacing, botox, fat transfer/dermal fillers and hair transplantation. Dr. Laris is one of the first certified hair transplant surgeons by the American Board of Hair Restoration Surgeons.

**Role model:** "My eighth grade science teacher recognized my love of science and took me on a Saturday to a hospital where his friend was a surgeon. I watched surgeries all day long from the viewing area and was immediately hooked on surgery as a career."



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## E THERESA MAGNE, MD

**U.S. Dermatology Partners** // [northvalleydermatology.com](http://northvalleydermatology.com)

Dr. Magne joined North Valley Dermatology in 1995 after completing her medical residency in dermatology at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. She attended medical school at the University of Illinois College of Medicine and served an internship in internal medicine at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Illinois.

**Passion for profession:** "I am a fair-skinned redhead, so I was acquainted with the dermatologist from a very young age. It was after a lecture in dermatology, however, that I discovered my passion for the field. As the largest and most visible organ of the body, it is gratifying to witness directly the positive changes of our medical and cosmetic treatments."



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