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*Dermatology: the branch of medicine concerned with the diagnosis and treatment of skin disorders.*



### What drew you to your Specialty?

I was diagnosed with malignant melanoma as a 24-year-old, third-year medical student. Though very frightening at the time, my own diagnosis spurred me to take a keener interest in diseases of the skin.

### Do you have a favorite on-the-job story you can share with us?

I happen to have a peculiarly good memory for very rare conditions that I learned about during my residency. It's not unusual for a patient to come to clinic with a strange skin growth, and I end-up making a diagnosis of a rare condition that I haven't even thought about in 15 years.

### Off the clock, do you have any hobbies or causes you support?

For the past several years I have run bi-annual fundraisers through my office and made charitable donations to my son's special needs Autism school called Pathways Academy.

### What is the number one question you get from patients?

"Dr. Carey, what car are you driving today?" I love cars, and I tend to have interesting vehicles including my beloved Tesla, a super-cool and macho '79

Firebird, and a beat-up and sputtering 1940 Chevy coupe.

### If you could go back to when you were starting in medicine, what advice would you give your younger self?

Dude, do everything that you have been doing, because you are going to LOVE your life! And wear more sunscreen! And eat a vegetable every once in a while!

### What does your field look like in 5 years?

I feel that profit-driven, big corporate dermatology mills will become much more prominent, and I don't feel that it's good for patient care.

IN THEIR OWN HAND

In one sentence, what would be your advice for living a healthy, happy life?

*If while walking in the forest with a friend, you happen to find yourself being chased by a bear, make sure that you can outrun your friend!*



*And don't drop out of art class like I did!*

# DR. LANCE WILSON

*Emergency Medicine: the medical specialty dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of unforeseen illness or injury.*



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### What drew you to your Specialty?

I liked some things about almost every specialty during my rotations in medical school. I also have always been driven to learn and grow. Emergency medicine was the best fit for me because it allowed me to do a little bit of everything and to continually learn.

### What's the best part of practicing in Albuquerque? Why did you decide to practice here?

I came to New Mexico at the ripe old age of 17 to start attending UNM. I have never wanted to leave. I do best part of practicing in Albuquerque are the people that I get to work with and the people that we get to care for.

### What is the number one question you get from patients?

The number one question I get from patients is "Why is health-care so complicated?" My answer is "We have all made it that way",

and I believe that we can undo the complexities if each of us takes responsibility for our own health.

### What does your field look like in 5 years?

My hope is that emergency medicine is more about real emergencies in five years and that more people are being cared for in the right level of care such as non-face-to-face visits, primary care access and appropriate use of urgent care.

\*Dr. Wilson is no longer practicing Emergency Medicine. He is now Chief Medical Officer for Davita.

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