

## Rio Grande Dermatology

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It was his own disease that dictated Dr. David Carey's career path in medicine. In 2002, while in medical school, he was diagnosed with and treated for skin cancer. Since then, he has committed his professional efforts to helping others with skin problems.

Dr. Karel Ortiz decided to become a dermatologist in 1996 during her first year of medical school. She has expert knowledge of the skin and is able to practice medicine, perform surgery and review pathology. This variety is what drew her to dermatology.

Together, the doctors are doing their best to help others feel better in their own skin, so to speak, as they provide comprehensive dermatology care. "Our mission is to help patients love their skin," says Dr. Carey. "Many people come to see us for cosmetic reasons, including removing age spots and wrinkle reduction. Others come for skin cancer screening, rashes or uncontrollable itching. Whatever the problem, we can help."

At Rio Grande Dermatology, Drs. Carey and Ortiz and their staff screen for skin cancer, perform surgery and offer a wide array of effective cosmetic procedures including the Fraxel laser for skin rejuvenation, V-beam laser for unwanted facial veins and redness, Botox, collagen, Juvederm, Restylane, Eleveess, and Artefill.

"Patients are bombarded with advertisements for all sorts of lasers, cosmetic treatments, lotions and potions," says Dr. Ortiz. "Some are effective. Many are not. Our treatments are founded on legitimate medical science and not just far-fetched theory that sounds great but may not have evidence to substantiate a grand claim. The cosmetic and laser treatments we provide, as well as the products available in our office, are based in medical science and have robust medical research to support their effectiveness. If the treatment has not been definitively proven to provide a clear and safe benefit, it will not be offered in our facility."



Dr. Karel Ortiz & Dr. J. David Carey

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