

# Familiar Faces



Doctors Elie And Jody Levine

Dr. Jody Levine understands the busy lives of Manhattan parents better than most. A mom to four children ranging in age from 12 to two-and-a-half, she specializes in medical and surgical dermatology for children and adults as part of the Upper East Side practice Plastic Surgery & Dermatology of NYC, PLLC, where she works with her husband, plastic surgeon Dr. Elie Levine.

After two years of working in separate practices, the doctors Levine found themselves referring patients back and forth on a regular basis. They realized that they could provide more efficient treatment by combining their respective expertise and offering complete skin care services for the whole family.

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Her interest in pediatric dermatology evolved from her initial training as a pediatrician. While working in the

emergency room during her pediatric training, she noticed that few were able to treat skin issues, and they often had to call a dermatologist for diagnosis. "I thought that understanding the skin was an amazing skill and I decided I wanted to specialize," she says.

As a mother and board certified pediatrician, Dr. Jody Levine has a special fondness for seeing families.

"I love when I can show things to parents in front of their children—when it comes to sun safety, for example, it's very helpful for children to see their parents do the same things they have to do, and to see that sun safety is in vogue," she says.

Her clientele is evenly split between children and adults. Parents seek her expertise in treating their children's hemangiomas, port wine stains and acne as well as to help manage their own skin care regimens.

Whether it's for birthmarks or breakouts, kids visiting Plastic Surgery & Dermatology of NYC, PLLC love having their own televisions in each room, and harried parents appreciate the convenience. Instead of multiple visits between different offices to diagnose and then treat an issue, the process is streamlined, with both doctors in one place.

"It's a hassle to go to three appointments," says Dr. Elie Levine. "I may be the best person to excise a skin lesion, but not the best person to make the diagnosis. Together we can give patients optimal care."

In fact, moms can even receive cosmetic services while their children are being treated for a skin issue. From basic skin checks to brow lifts, adult patients seeking any number of ways to maintain, improve or correct their appearance can find it all in one office. Plastic Surgery & Dermatology of NYC, PLLC even has their own accredited operating room on-site.

The practice's multi-faceted approach brings a clientele that spans the generations.

"We're treating a larger number of entire families—grandparents, parents and their children—for everything from skin cancer prevention to cosmetic treatments," says Dr. Elie Levine.

And, adds Dr. Jody Levine, having a dermatologist and an aesthetic surgeon available in the same office makes for satisfied families. "People love what we can do," she says.

Together, Husband-  
And-Wife **Doctors Elie  
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Families A Holistic  
Approach To Skin Care

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