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IFFANI HAMILTON has nine sets of initials after her name, starting with "MD." She runs a thriving Dermatology practice in Alpharetta, yet for senior staff meetings, the destination is always the Buckhead Diner on Piedmont Road. It's not like there aren't enough good eateries in Alpharetta, where construction has just been completed on her new office building, but when it comes to a favorite place to mix business with pleasure, it's a routine drive to Buckhead.

There's much about Dr. Hamilton that doesn't fit the typical mold. She started out intending to teach science in a high school somewhere, but a mentor turned her toward a career in medicine.

When it was time to select a specialty, she choose Dermatology, a field that encompasses all the things that appeal to her — patient contact, histology, disease processes, surgery and research. Through her practice and scores of medicalsociety memberships, the former Phi Beta Kappa and Chief Resident at Dartmouth Hitchcock — Medical Center, today pursues her interests in phlebology, angiology, cosmetic laser surgery and psoriasis — all of that atop the cosmetic staples of today's dermatologic practice.



Tiffani Hamilton, MD (fourth from left) with senior staff

She is what they call in her trade "a national thought leader" in the treatment of psoriasis. Regarding this condition, she's a national presenter and on the advisory board for the latest medications, and she's participated in the Food & Drug Administration's clinical trials. She's also a national presenter of vein procedures such as phlebectomy and closure.

In the cosmetic arena, Dr. Hamilton — a pioneer in several injection techniques — also lectures nationally and internationally and trains other physicians. Recently, she has been appointed to the board of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, working specifically with education issues.