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Fort Myers Dermatologist Hires New Physician Assistant

Florida Skin Center will welcome a new physician assistant (PA), Melanie Tarabay, to their dermatological team on Monday, Oct. 2. With a wide variety of duties, such as diagnosing and treating numerous skin conditions in adults and children alike, she is scheduled to train with Founder Anais Aurora Badia, M.D., D.O., as well as other providers, at the Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres locations.

Tarabay graduated from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale with a Master of Medical Science degree. While there, she worked as a student dermatology PA and student internal medicine PA for the Miami VA Healthcare System, as well as a student dermatology PA for Bay Pointe Dermatology & Cosmetic Center in Miami. Her experience also ranged from a student family medicine PA for Bardisa Medical Center in Miami, to a student pediatrics PA for Mayra Capote, M.D., in Miami Lakes, to a student general surgery PA for A. Enrique Whittwell, M.D., P.A., in Coral Gables.

A summa cum laude graduate of Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Neuroscience and Behavior, Tarabay served as a volunteer for the nonprofit Westside Regional Center. There she assisted nursing staff in daily operational procedures including patient care, attention, comfort, satisfaction and sanitary protocol.

Tarabay is a member of the American Academy of Physician Assistants, Florida Academy of Physician Assistants, Florida Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants and Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants. She is trilingual in English, Spanish and German, and her certifications include pediatric advanced life support, basic life support and advanced cardiovascular life support, all from the American Heart Association, as well as a nursing assistant certification from the Florida State Board of Nursing.

"Melanie's highly impressive resume and extensive patient care background, along with her ability to speak up to three languages to our incredibly diverse clientele, make her an ideal addition to our family of providers," said Dr. Badia. "We welcome her and know that she will continue Florida Skin Center's mission to make a significant impact on Southwest Florida dermatology."

About Florida Skin Center:

Florida Skin Center opened its doors in 2001. Now with three office locations in Fort Myers, Cape Coral and Lehigh Acres, as well as a fourth location coming to Punta Gorda in the first quarter of 2018, Dr. Badia and her staff maintain a focus on excellence in patient care, with same-day, early-morning and walk-in appointments readily available. Patients will always be greeted with spa-like treatment, including a hot towel, juice or coffee and informational videos as they wait for a provider to assist them. Insurance and billing are handled onsite, and scheduling is strategically constructed to move a patient's day along as he or she desires. Call (239) 561-3376. Online at FloridaSkinCenter.com.

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