Dr. Lustgarten was trained not only in dermatology, but also in general medicine, chemistry, and pathology. In 1888, he was offered positions in Constantinople and Switzerland. He decided instead to travel with his friend Carl Koller to New York, where together they joined the Mount Sinai staff. Both men became legends in their fields. As a testament to his leadership in dermatology, Dr. Lustgarten was elected to the American Dermatological Association, a national organization that did not formally exist until he was 53. Dr. Lustgarten served as Mount Sinai’s Dermatologist-in-Chief. Soft spoken and dignified, he was known as a man of great intellectual stature who commanded universal respect. He was a brilliant diagnostician, a man of culture, a lover of music, and a connoisseur of art. In his will, he left an endowment for the purposes of training dermatologists at the University of Vienna and at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Until his death at age 53, Dr. Lustgarten served as Mount Sinai’s First Dermatologist at the University of Vienna and at Mount Sinai Hospital.
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If all of these are true, you are at high risk of developing melanoma. The ABCDE rule may help you detect potentially dangerous skin cancers.

All of these factors can lead to the complication of melanoma. As a result, some of the most vulnerable skin sites are the areas that require special attention. Fingerprints may develop deep creases or fissures that are removed by friction and may be painful and require puncture and removal. The good news is that precancerous moles, called actinic keratoses, can be treated. These moles usually look like a flat red or brown patchy area. B

Dermatological care can be provided by a range of health care professionals. Dermatologists and M.D. dermatology specialist physicians are the experts in skin care. M.D. dermatology specialists are board-certified physicians who have completed training in dermatology. A

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