A visionary Pittsburgh physician is leading the way to an entirely new way of experiencing personal health care. Brian V. Heil, M.D., FACS, a board certified plastic surgeon, is the founder and conceptual architect of Premier Plastic Surgery, Dermatology and AcquaBlu Medical Spa, a unique medical facility that is giving people throughout the region a new option for care of themselves and their families. Premier is a combination of medical practice and medical spa and is the only facility of its kind in the region. This prototypical facility encompasses a comprehensive and seamless continuum of services that are available under one roof in a state-of-the-art setting where advanced care and clinical excellence meet world-class ambiance.

Premier Plastic Surgery is an “umbrella” over four distinct but related entities: a plastic surgery practice, a dermatology practice; Acqua Blu, offering a broad range of non-invasive aesthetic services; and Premier Surgery Center of Pittsburgh, a private, freestanding, state-licensed, Medicare-certified and AAAASF accredited surgical center.


Together, the various components represent a substantial departure from the conventional medical model – and one that meets the needs of patients with hand-in-glove perfection. “Our practice marries the specialties of plastic surgery and dermatology and blends it with a medical grade spa and a surgical center,” Heil explains. “The services mesh very well. We serve all ages and both genders; we do facelifts and ‘mommy makeovers,’ we treat teens with acne, grandmothers with wrinkles and fathers with hair loss. We treat conditions and diseases of the skin, including skin cancer. All of our services are delivered with the highest standards of care and customer service.”

Dr. Heil’s dynamic leadership, energy and passion have propelled every step of Premier’s evolution and are evident in the facility’s superlative quality of care and sparkling, immaculate environment. “Every member of our team is passionate about the work we do,” he says. “We’ve developed this practice comprehensively, with great care. We convey our philosophy in our care, our relationships with patients, and our environment. Our primary passion is excellent patient care.”

Premier’s main location in Wexford is an exquisitely designed and artfully decorated facility. From preventive skin care provided by expert licensed aestheticians to reconstructive plastic surgery, Premier provides medical and surgical care and aesthetic treatments that improve and enhance one’s appearance, significantly boosting self-esteem.

Premier is first a medical facility, staffed by healthcare professionals, with an emphasis on safety. In addition to Drs. Heil and Busquets and an anesthesiologist, the staff of 35 includes certified physician assistants, registered nurses, certified laser specialists, aestheticians and others, each of whom brings a wealth of education and experience.

Many so-called medical spas are not run by physicians and have no physicians on site. “Some medical... Continued on following page
spas grow out of non-medical entities such as nail salons, which try to integrate medical treatment into their services,” Heil says. “You don’t know what training the staff has. At Premier, we provide safe, proven, science-based medical care. We have state-of-the-art equipment and technology and use the finest, medical-grade equipment and products in our facility.”

Dr. Heil is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He completed a five-year integrated residency program in general surgery and in plastic and reconstructive surgery, as well as a fellowship in microsurgery and thrombosis research at UPMC, one of the top plastic surgery training programs in the U.S.

Heil, a member of the medical staff at St. Clair Hospital and UPMC Passavant, served as chair of the department of plastic surgery for UPMC Passavant and UPMC Passavant-Cranberry. Over the past five years, he has been named by his peers as one of “America’s Top Doctors” in Castle Connolly Medical’s annual guidebook for consumers. Heil specializes in aesthetic plastic surgery and performs a wide range of procedures, including body shaping, using the most advanced methods. He also performs reconstructive surgeries which restore function and appearance in cancer or trauma patients. Heil is also one of the region’s leading experts in surgical treatment of gynecomastia.

One of many unique aspects of care at Premier is the opportunity for patients to see multiple specialists in a single visit. “A patient may come for a tummy tuck, and have a suspicious skin lesion identified. She can be seen immediately by dermatology,” explains Dana Aulicino, MPH, practice administrator. “We value efficiency and work six days a week so that patients can be seen quickly, within two weeks. We believe that a patient should not have to wait months for a dermatology appointment.”

“People today are taking greater control of their health and appearance,” Dr. Heil states. “They want to look their best. Coming in for the initial consult is often the most difficult step; we understand this and take our time to explain your options. We know that this kind of care is deeply personal. Every procedure is customized because every patient is unique. We genuinely care about our patients; we take time with them and they are grateful.”

To make an appointment in Wexford, call (724) 933-1800; for Upper St. Clair, call (412) 835-5550. Premier Plastic Surgery and Dermatology is located at 14000 Perry Highway in Wexford and at 1614 Washington Road in Upper St. Clair. To learn more, visit www.premierplasticsurgeryPA.com.