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For local doctor, cosmetic

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enhancement is a family affair

A girl's best friend is always her mother, and if the girl is a dermatologist - her best friend might also be her mother. Allison Stocker, M.D., a local San Antonio dermatologist practicing at Skin by Design Dermatology & Laser Center since 1999, is a graduate of The University of Texas Health Science Center.

After medical school, Stocker moved on to Baylor where she received her dermatology training. When a new product for soft tissue fill came on the market last year, Dr. Stocker's mother was first in line to try it.

ArteFill®, a product for the correction of nasolabial folds (those smile lines that run from the edge of your nose to the corners of your mouth - and sometimes beyond), is manufactured by Artes Medical in San Diego, Calif. FDA approved in 2006, medical experts say this new breed of dermal filler has showed much promise in correcting these facial lines with its bene-

fit and durability still evident after five years or more.

Most patients require at least 2 injections of the product. A topical anesthetic is also applied to the skin before the injection so that the patient is comfortable during the procedure. The cost of a vial of ArteFill is about \$1,200 - \$1,500, but considering the durability, this procedure can be very cost-effective. The doctor's patients have been very satisfied with their results.

Dr. Stocker's mother, smiling proudly added, "and..... it didn't hurt a bit."



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Dr. Alison Stocker and her mother