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The Women's Dermatologic Society aims to be an organization that provides its members with outstanding opportunities to grow in their careers and become the best they can be. Our award programs do just that by supporting experiences that may otherwise be impossible due to funding or distance. In 2017, our 4 award program connected 41 awardees with mentors, funded 3 unique research projects, and helped 5 awardees from all over the world attend our Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Thank you to our wonderful sponsors, mentors, and committee members for making these programs possible. You've helped our awardees move one step closer to reaching their full potential as physicians, leaders, and mentors.



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2016 AWARDS RECAP



4 AWARD PROGRAMS

38 MENTORS



41 AWARDEES

Awardees had projects funded in the following areas of dermatology:
Cosmetic and Procedural Dermatology
Dermatopathology
Medical Dermatology
Mohs and Dermatologic Surgery
Pediatric Dermatology



16 STATES



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ACADEMIC RESEARCH AWARD

The WDS Academic Research Award Program provides funding for residents, post-residency fellows, junior faculty and early-career dermatologists performing basic science or clinical research relevant to the field of dermatology. Awards in the amount of up to \$10,000 are awarded on a competitive basis, and awardees have 24 months to complete their project.

2017 RECIPIENTS



Teri Greiling, MD, PhD

Oregon Health & Science University

Mentor: Eric Simpson, MD

Title: *The Role of Secreted Immunoglobulin A in Shaping the Microbial and Immunogenic Landscape in Atopic Dermatitis*

Atopic dermatitis (AD), commonly known as eczema, is an inflammatory skin disease that affects 11% of children and 10% of all adults in the United States, resulting in an economic burden estimated at over five-billion dollars per year. The study proposed here will recruit patients with flares of AD within skin over the crease of the elbow and collect skin swabs of the surface bacteria, sweat with its secreted IgA, and skin biopsies to look at the number of immune cells making IgA within the skin. We expect to find lower levels of IgA in the sweat and fewer bacteria that are coated in IgA than in healthy individuals. We also expect to find fewer immune cells making IgA in the skin. Future studies will also allow identification of individual bacterial species that are targeted by the immune system in AD. Eventually we hope to develop new AD treatment options by stimulating the immune system to rebalance the healthy skin microbiota.



Jean McGee, MD, PhD

Boston University

Mentor: Rhoda Alani, MD

Title: *Developing Novel Epigenetic Topical Therapy for Psoriasis*

Psoriasis is a common inflammatory skin disease, which can be best treated topically. Currently, dermatologists rely heavily on topical corticosteroids. However, when corticosteroids fail, management quickly escalates to systemic therapies and biologic agents that carry significant risk of side effects. In this proposed project, we aim to develop a novel topical therapy for psoriasis.



Jenna Streicher, MD

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Mentor: David Margolis, MD, PhD

Title: *Inpatient Initiation of Propranolol for Infantile Hemangiomas: A Prospective Cohort Study Utilizing PEDSnet*

The goal of this study is to investigate how often we admit infants 8 weeks of age or younger (corrected for prematurity) to the hospital for propranolol initiation and evaluate how common side effects occur, specifically low heart rate, low blood pressure, and low blood glucose, as compared to older infants (>8 weeks) who under current consensus guidelines are initiated on propranolol in the outpatient setting. Utilizing a large pediatric database (PEDSnet), this study will gather more information on inpatient initiation in order to help determine the best initiation protocols (e.g. age recommendations for inpatient admissions, length of admission necessary, and how often side effects occur) in order to inform future consensus guidelines and appropriately care for these children. As much of the research in the study of IH (and pediatric dermatology in general) is based on case reports and case series, this study would be a significant advancement in the study of this pediatric disease and could be highly informative for the design of future studies.

PROCTER & GAMBLE MENTORSHIP AWARD

New this year, the Women's Dermatologic Society partnered with Procter & Gamble to offer a new Mentorship program which allowed two mentee & mentor pairs to attend the Procter & Gamble Science Behind Symposium. This gathering of top health professionals with leading industry scientists, researchers, and marketers served to inspire collaboration, innovation, and scientific exchange. Physicians in attendance were guided through the science behind P&G products as well as the latest in skin research coming out of state of the art labs - from anti-aging to sensitivity and everything in between.



EXPERIENCE

Over a period of two days, awardees had the opportunity to learn from the scientists at Procter and Gamble, visit their laboratories, and learn more about the innovation that goes into their products.

On the first day of the symposium, awardees met with other dermatologists and visited the Mason Business Center. At the business center, they met with company representatives from a variety of departments and divisions within Procter & Gamble and enjoyed several presentations on their research and products. Attendees then visited several labs and imaging centers.

Awardees continued to learn more about Procter & Gamble on the second day of the symposium, including the science and technology behind their hair products and fabric care products. There was an emphasis on the science behind formulating products for customers with sensitive skin and customers with diverse types of skin.

The Science Behind Symposia allowed for WDS members to make long lasting connections with their colleagues in dermatology and in industry, allowing for mentoring and scientific exchange.

2017 RECIPIENTS

Mentees:

Katherine Ayoade, MD, PhD

Jeannette Jakus, MD, MBA

Mentors:

Linda Susan Marcus, MD, FAAD

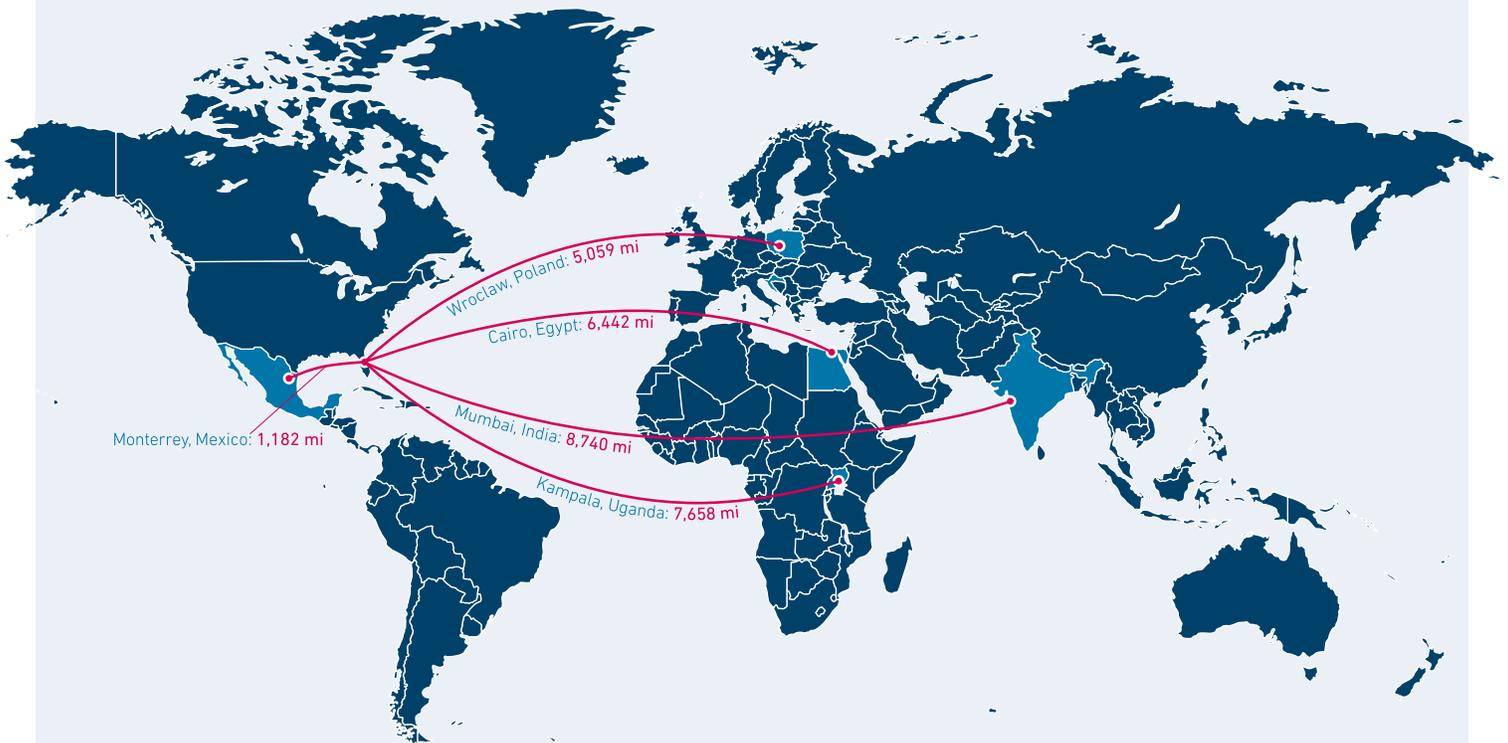
Arlene Ruiz de Luzuriaga, MD, MPH



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AWARD

The Women's Dermatologic Society and the American Academy of Dermatology provide travel awards of up to \$2,500 USD for Board Certified (or board Eligible) dermatologists from outside the United States to attend the WDS Annual Meeting & Luncheon and the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting.

This year, award recipients traveled from India, Poland, Uganda, Egypt, and Mexico. They traveled over 29,000 miles to get to Orlando, Florida to attend the Annual Meeting!



2017 RECIPIENTS

Rania Abdel Hay
Egypt

Ana Sofia Ayala-Cortes
Mexico

Smita Ghate
India

Edyta Lelonek
Poland

Fiona Namutebi
Uganda

MENTORSHIP AWARD

The WDS Mentorship Award Program was created to help promote the concept of mentorship within the WDS by establishing long-term relationships between mentors and mentees.



The purpose of the award is to develop mentoring relationships that might not otherwise be possible due to distance or funding availability. The program helps develop leadership potential in candidates who have shown early promise through exceptional activities, which will enhance their contributions to dermatology and medicine.

2017 RECIPIENTS



Mariam Abbas, MD
Edmonton, Alberta; Canada
Mentor: Melanie Pratt, MD
Focus: Contact Dermatitis

Contact Dermatitis is a fascinating area of practice in dermatology. It is one in which an exogenous insult leads to a unique clinical presentation. Fortunate to work with a leading expert in the field I quickly was able to familiarize myself with this disease process -which affects a variety of patients. From children to the elderly, we all can be susceptible to contact dermatitis. Learning about the allergens, their common uses and presentations is key to learning contact dermatitis. Moreover seeing how work-related exposures can impact the livelihood of patients and how to support them through that as dermatologists was very powerful. The entire experience was enlightening thanks to Dr. Pratt.

“Enabling one to pursue excellence and empowering the learner is highly motivating- This was made possible for myself and the many recipients of the WDS mentorship award -which helps learners learn from leaders in the various areas of dermatology!”



Jennifer Abrahams, MD
Miami, Florida
Mentor: Barbara Stryjewska, MD
Focus: Hansen's Disease (Leprosy)

The WDS Mentorship Award allowed me to travel to the National Hansen's Disease Program (NHDP) to work with clinical director Dr. Barbara Stryjewska. I have always had a passion for infectious & tropical disease dermatology, and in particular- Hansen's Disease (also known as Leprosy). During my time at the NHDP with Dr. Stryjewska, I gained experience in not only clinical aspects of the disease, but also the ongoing research efforts, public health barriers, and practical physical and occupational health needs of the patients at this comprehensive center. I am grateful for the experience this award afforded me so that I can provide the upmost care for my Hansen's Disease patients in the future.

“As a final year dermatology resident paying for the board examination, licensure, and moving expenses, the WDS award provided financial support so that I could train at the NHDP with leaders in Hansen's Disease- a once in a lifetime experience. The award covered all expenses so that I could focus on learning and working with patients in the field I love. I am incredibly grateful for this award and the training I have gained from it.”

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Crystal Aguh, MD
Beltsville, Maryland

Mentor: Amit Pandya, MD

Focus: Developing Patient Registry for CCCA

The goal of my mentorship experience was to spend time with Dr. Amit Pandya to learn how to develop a cicatricial alopecia registry, similar to the vitiligo registry he developed. I was able to shadow him in his clinic to learn how he treats and recruits patients for research. Dr. Pandya took me through the step by step process through which he was able to develop his robust vitiligo registry and provided me with all of the assistance and tools necessary to develop a similar registry at my own institution. I concluded my week by giving a Grand Rounds lecture at UT Southwestern to faculty & residents, a valuable opportunity organized by Dr. Pandya.

“*The WDS mentorship experience was the most memorable experience I have had as a dermatologist since completing my training. I have formed a long lasting mentoring relationship and feel more empowered now that I have the knowledge of what it takes to be a leader in dermatology.*”



Elizabeth Bailey, MD, MPH
Redwood City, California

Mentor: Karolyn Wanat, MD

Focus: Development of Global Health Dermatology and Dermatopathology Program

My week at the University of Iowa with Dr. Karolyn Wanat was incredibly helpful for my career development. My academic interests are residency education and global health site development, and this experience helped me to find ways to evaluate and further direct my work in both areas. With Dr. Wanat's mentorship, I am now investigating a case-based pharmacology curriculum, an initiative to enhance cultural competency in residency education, and a method to teach communication skills through a museum-based art experience. I was also able to develop an initial strategy for site development for two new potential global health dermatology sites in Nepal and Zimbabwe. I am so thankful to WDS and its supporters for this opportunity!

“*I am so thankful to WDS and its supporters for this opportunity! After finishing my first year on faculty, this experience has provided invaluable mentorship to help me to focus my academic interests and become more effective in my future initiatives in residency education and global health. It was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and develop new ones, and I am so appreciative of the opportunity for continued collaboration with Dr. Wanat through this experience.*”

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Lisa Hisaw, MD
Los Angeles, California

Mentor: Bernice Kwong, MD

Focus: Supportive Dermato-Oncology

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Bernice Kwong at the Stanford Supportive Dermato-Oncology Clinic for my WDS Mentorship Award. During my time with Dr. Kwong, I was able to work with her in clinic and the inpatient setting to help treat patients with side effects from different chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, and radiation regimens. Dr. Kwong reviewed high yield Supportive Dermato-Oncology teaching points with me during informal teaching sessions as well as primary literature to provide an evidence-based approach to patient care for rare conditions. I look forward to continuing to collaborate with Dr. Kwong in the future and learn from such a leader in the field of Supportive Dermato-Oncology.



Sonia Kamath, MD
Los Angeles, California

Mentor: Erin Mathes, MD

Focus: General Pediatric Dermatology

Through the WDS Mentorship program, I had the wonderful opportunity of working with Dr. Erin Mathes and her colleagues at UCSF. The experience allowed me to broaden my exposure to pediatric dermatology. I learned varied approaches to the treatment of common and complex pediatric skin diseases and gained new exposure to performing pediatric dermatologic procedures in the ambulatory surgical center setting. I was particularly inspired by Dr. Mathes's commitment to both patient education and medical education. In her clinic, I learned valuable new perspectives on educating children and families on their skin conditions, which I hope to carry into my future practice.

“ The WDS Mentorship program was an extremely valuable experience, allowing me to learn from leaders in my chosen field of pediatric dermatology. It was great to see how Dr. Mathes successfully juggles clinical work, research, teaching, leadership, and family life, and she has become a role model for how I hope to shape my career. I look forward to Dr. Mathes's continued mentorship throughout my career in pediatric dermatology, and I am so grateful to the WDS for helping me establish this new mentorship relationship. ”



Zhe Jessie Hou, MD, PhD
San Diego, California

Mentor: Desiree Ratner, MD

Focus: Dermatologic Surgery

I spent a valuable week in Dr. Ratner's Mohs surgery clinic, observing her taking care of patients from different ethnicity groups and with complicated medical and skin cancer history. I observed her fascinating techniques in Mohs surgery in treating large skin tumors and complex reconstruction procedures, including flaps and grafts.

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Lucinda Kohn, MD, MHS
San Francisco, California

Mentor: Jim Treat, MD

Focus: Complex Cases in Pediatric Dermatology

I had the privilege of spending the month of October 2017 at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Division of Pediatric Dermatology under the mentorship of Dr. Jim Treat. This elective focused on inpatient and complex pediatric dermatology was incredibly valuable and complementary to my residency training at UCSF.

Mornings were spent in the general pediatric dermatology clinics or specialized clinics, including PCOS, genetics, hair, and surgery clinics. Afternoons were spent rounding on the consult service. Once weekly, I participated in a conference, where we reviewed journal articles and discussed interesting patients.

My elective at CHOP was rich in pearls of practical dermatology. I am deeply grateful to the WDS for providing me with this opportunity.



Dorota Korta, MD, PhD
Costa Mesa, California

Mentor: Siegrid Yu, MD

Focus: Mohs/Procedural Dermatology

I had the honor of receiving the 2017 WDS Mentorship award to work with Dr. Siegrid Yu at UCSF. Dr. Yu is an incredible surgeon, clinician, educator and researcher. During my mentorship rotation, I was able to observe and participate in Mohs surgery and procedural dermatologic surgery. I also had the privilege of attending the monthly tumor board, the "Visible Tumor Conference". I learned a lot about Mohs surgery, reconstruction, cosmetic dermatology, and research opportunities at UCSF. Perhaps most importantly, I gained valuable insight into Dr. Yu's and the other attending's career tracks towards becoming excellent academic procedural dermatologists. The experience as a whole helped solidify my decision to pursue a fellowship in Mohs surgery.



Nayoung Lee, MD
Miami, Florida

Mentor: Misha Rosenbach, MD

Focus: Autoimmune Diseases, Vasculitis, Bullous Disease

I spent time with my mentor in his subspecialty clinic for patients with granulomatous diseases, focusing on the management of cutaneous sarcoidosis, and rounded with him daily in the hospital, seeing a range of diseases from neutrophilic dermatoses to graft-versus-host disease.

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Geoffrey Lim, MD
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Mentor: Allison Vidimos, MD

Focus: Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Immunosuppressed/Transplant Population

This entry cannot come close to illustrating just how rich my experience was at the Cleveland Clinic with Dr. Vidimos and her colleagues! Dr. Vidimos and her colleagues enabled me to participate first-hand on each procedure, and I was exposed to a wide variety of tumors and reconstructions. The most rewarding aspect of the rotation was the daily extracurricular academic sessions. These included a plastic surgery lectureship, a surgical boards review, a multidisciplinary cutaneous tumor board, and a 3-hour fresh-frozen cadaver surgical workshop. I learned a tremendous amount in the span of a week, and I will be forever grateful to Dr. Vidimos, the Cleveland Clinic, and the WDS for an incredible educational experience.



Megan MacGillivray, MD
Edmonton, Alberta; Canada

Mentor: Antonella Tosti, MD

Focus: Hair and Nail Disorders

I spent two weeks working with Dr. Tosti at the university clinic in Miami. This was an enlightening elective focused on hair and nail dermatology. I found it valuable to participate in a focused clinic of this nature. Dr. Tosti aided me in becoming more competent in differentiating between various types of alopecia and exposed me to the regular use of trichoscopy in hair assessment. I am grateful to the Women's Dermatologic Society for facilitating this unique learning experience.



Anne Marano, MD
Raleigh, North Carolina

Mentor: Edward Cowen, MD, MHSc

Focus: Rotation in Medical Dermatology and Observing Clinical Trials Protocols at the NIH

I would enthusiastically recommend my elective experience at the National Institute of Health (NIH) under the mentorship of Dr. Edward Cowen with the funding of the Women's Dermatologic Society to any dermatology resident interested in a career in complex medical dermatology. While on this elective, I presented a grand rounds and journal club in a rigorous environment and this experience was invaluable for my early academic career. At the NIH, I was privileged to see some of the most interesting dermatology cases in my career thus far. Furthermore, I observed physicians who are skilled in both patient care and the ability to execute effective research. Overall, this was an excellent elective experience.



Osamu Osemwota, MD
St. Louis, Missouri

Mentor: Roopal Kundu, MD

Focus: Ethnic Skin

I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Roopal Kundu, director of the Center for Ethnic Skin at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. I benefited from Dr. Kundu's expertise in treating a variety of conditions that predominantly affect patients with darker skin types. Dr. Kundu also focused on the importance of understanding patients from different cultural backgrounds. She also touched upon the growing epidemiologic need for ethnic skin care centers to increase access for patients and provide training for residents. As I plan to pursue a career in academic dermatology, focusing specifically on treating and researching diseases in skin of color, her mentorship has been invaluable.

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Veronica Rotemberg, MD, PhD

New York, New York

Mentor: Seemantini Nadkarni, MD

Focus: Cutaneous Imaging Research

The WDS mentorship award was an invaluable part to the third year of my dermatology residency. I was fortunate to work with an incredible scientist, Dr. Seemantini Nadkarni, and benefit from both her research and professional mentorship while spending 3 months in her laboratory investigating high resolution optical imaging of the skin. The unique ability to take that kind of time and travel away from residency to develop new research projects and new mentorship experiences had an enormous positive impact on my dermatology training and I am incredibly grateful to the WDS for honoring me!



Lindsay Strowd, MD, FAAD

Winston Salem, North Carolina

Mentor: Daniela Kroshinsky, MD, MPH

Focus: Inpatient Dermatology

Working with Dr. Daniela Kroshinsky was an incredible experience. Being able to see how another dermatologist practices pediatric dermatology, complex medical dermatology, and especially inpatient consultative dermatology is extremely helpful. Dr. Kroshinsky uses different medications than I do in my own practice to treat some of these conditions, so I was able to add additional medications to my own treatment algorithm based on this experience. I was also able to have one-on-one discussions regarding my career planning, areas of interest within dermatology, and work-life balance which was very valuable to me.



Rebecca Shanesmith, MD

Greenville, North Carolina

Mentor: Jean Bologna, MD

Focus: Medical Dermatology

I spent two weeks at Yale University with Dr. Bologna and learned many different ways to identify atypical looking melanocytic lesions using dermoscopy. I also learned a different perspective of treating skin cancers and how to educate patients concerning treatment. Dr. Bologna gave me advice on how to connect with some of my patient population such as young male patients by reading Sports Illustrated or People magazine so that I could build a repertoire with these patients, which I definitely believe will be beneficial in my future career. I also attended the New England Dermatological Society meeting and saw many unusual and rare dermatology cases.

“ I would recommend the mentorship program to all dermatology residents to further their knowledge under a leader in dermatology such as Dr. Bologna as this is a once in a lifetime experience that you don't want to miss. ”

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Allison Truong, MD
Los Angeles, California

Mentor: Kristina Callis-Duffin, MD, MS

Focus: Psoriasis; Clinical Trials; Surveys

I had the pleasure to learn from Dr. Kristina Callis-Duffin at the University of Utah over 2.5 weeks in-person with plans to work on projects remotely throughout the rest of the year. We first met at the National Psoriasis Foundation - Residents Meeting in 2015 where I learned that Dr. Callis is a leader in psoriasis in the realm of survey studies, clinical trials, and clinical research. During my elective, I learned from Dr. Callis how to manage a psoriasis clinic and run a clinical trial center. I also had a chance to work with Dr. Gerald Krueger and Dr. Jessica Walsh, experts in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. It was truly an honor to learn from these experts.

One of the things I took away from the mentorship experience is the commitment that is required to be able to be successful in so many different avenues including clinical care, clinical research, and administrative duties. Dr. Callis was a wonderful mentor as she portrayed in my mind the ideal female physician today. She has successfully raised two beautiful smart women and achieved a great deal in her career in academia. It inspired me and made me feel as though I can also do the same. I am so incredibly grateful for her guidance and support and greatly appreciate the WDS for giving me a chance to gain a lifelong mentor.

“ The mentorship award program has been phenomenal and it gave me an opportunity to go to the University of Utah to learn from experts in the field of psoriasis. I am entirely grateful for this experience. Thank you to the sponsors and selection committee and staff for providing me this award. ”



Anna Wile, MD
Meridian, Mississippi

Mentor: Lindy Fox, MD

Focus: Inpatient Dermatology

My plan after residency is to practice in a small town without access to inpatient dermatology. I spent time with Dr. Lindy Fox, director of UCSF's hospital consultation service, through the WDS mentorship program. The rotation provided an invaluable experience at an inpatient referral center. I encountered complex inpatient dermatologic cases through which I expanded my differential diagnosis for the hospitalized patient and learned new treatment approaches. The experience helped prepare me to care for hospitalized patients and fill the void of inpatient dermatologists.

MENTORSHIP AWARD



Molly Youssef, MD
Rochester, Minnesota

Mentor: Annette Wagner, MD

Focus: Pediatric Dermatology - Surgery and Procedures

My mentorship experience with Dr. Annette Wagner was outstanding! I was able to assist with surgical excisions of many different types of cutaneous lesions, and receive incredibly valuable instruction on surgical techniques. The variation in location of the skin lesions allowed for tremendous learning on scar orientation, taking into account cosmetic and functional considerations. I also discovered the value of staged excisions, techniques for optimizing scar appearance, planning for procedural pain control, and use of pulsed dye laser for several indications. It was a tremendous opportunity to work with Dr. Wagner, and I hope to maintain this mentorship relationship throughout my career.

❖❖ *I strongly recommend a mentorship experience with Dr. Wagner for anyone interested in gaining expertise in pediatric dermatologic surgery and/or laser procedures.*

You will benefit from hands-on procedural training, including the opportunity to practice new techniques in a supportive environment. You will be involved in the planning of upcoming procedures, including decisions on use of general versus local anesthesia, as well as other distraction and pain control methods. You will also learn techniques for optimizing scar appearance. ❖❖



Connie Zhang, MD
Calgary, Alberta; Canada

Mentor: Ellen Kim, MD

Focus: Cutaneous Lymphoma

With the generous support of the Women's Dermatologic Society, I spent a month rotating with Dr. Ellen Kim at the Penn Cutaneous Lymphoma Program. This was an incredible opportunity for me to immerse myself in seeing and learning about these rare diseases. Particularly, I am very grateful for the chance to work with Dr. Kim for a month – who is not only an expert in the field with many clinical pearls to impart, but also a natural mentor and an exceedingly kind clinician. She has been an inspiration and role model. Thank you for supporting this wonderful experience.

ROTATIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2018



Cheryl Bayart, MD, MPH

Seattle, Washington

Mentor: Annette Wagner, MD

Focus: Pediatric Dermatology Surgery Skills and Services

September 2018

I recently began my career as an academic pediatric dermatologist at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation with a goal of developing a niche in the underexplored realm of procedural pediatric dermatology. Many could consider Dr. Annette Wagner the best known and most respected name in this domain, and I am thrilled and honored to have the opportunity to work with her. I hope that optimizing my procedural proficiency will not only allow me to expand the spectrum of treatment options for my patients, but further development of innovative uses of lasers and surgical techniques. My immediate goal is to optimize my procedural knowledge and technique to further my secondary goals of expanding the field of procedural pediatric dermatology and disseminating this knowledge to my peers and trainees. I look forward to accomplishing the following during my mentorship experience:

- 1) Learn and perfect surgical technique for excision of pediatric cutaneous neoplasms with particular attention to the unique nature of pediatric skin, subcutaneous tissue and wound healing.
- 2) Gain exposure to extensive, multi-step procedures such as staged excision and use of tissue expanders.
- 3) Develop awareness of perioperative considerations in the pediatric population and strategies for addressing them.
- 4) Expand my repertoire of techniques to decrease patient pain and anxiety during outpatient procedures



Lu Chen, MD

St. Louis, Missouri

Mentor: Laura Pincus, MD

Focus: Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

March 18 – 31, 2018

I will be focusing on the clinicopathologic correlation of cutaneous lymphomas during my mentorship with Dr. Laura Pincus, who is both a dermatopathologist at the UCSF Dermatopathology Service and co-director of the UCSF Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic where she is the primary dermatologist. The opportunity to study slides, see patients, and work on a manuscript with Dr. Pincus will be an invaluable experience for my career development. I look forward to learning how to approach the histologic interpretation of lymphoproliferative disorders from an expert in the field as well as having a unique opportunity to appreciate clinicopathologic correlation at the UCSF Multidisciplinary Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic.

ROTATIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2018



Sarah Coates, MD
San Francisco, California
Mentor: Toby Maurer, MD
Focus: HIV Dermatology
March 1 – 31, 2018

In March 2018, I will be traveling to Eldoret, Kenya, to work with my mentor Dr. Toby Maurer at a local HIV dermatology clinic. We are involved in multiple research projects at that site, including one that examines the relationship between inflammatory skin conditions and specific antiretroviral agents. One of the challenges in treating HIV infection is that the virus exists in various bodily reservoirs, where it protects itself from antiretroviral therapy and escapes immune surveillance. We suspect that flares of inflammatory skin conditions in patients with HIV infection, and especially those with a history of AIDS, may be related to periodic escape of virally infected T cells from these reservoirs. As such, we suspect that specific antiretrovirals, namely the integrase inhibitors such as raltegravir, will be associated with fewer flares of inflammatory skin conditions in HIV-infected patients based on their differential ability to target the HIV viral reservoir. We plan to study this in a longitudinal fashion. The WDS Mentorship award will support my trip to Kenya, and in turn, my career in global health and HIV dermatology.



Lauren Dickson, MD
Dallas, Texas
Mentor: Mary Lupo, MD
Focus: Cosmetic and Laser Dermatology



Lia Gracey Maniar, MD, PhD
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Focus: Pregnancy and Parental Leave in Dermatology Residency Training Programs



Heather Holahan, MD
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Focus: Bullous Diseases



Sara Hylwa, MD
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Focus: Contact Dermatitis and Patch Testing to Medications for Drug Reactions

ROTATIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2018



Namita Jain, MD, MPH

Chicago, Illinois

Mentor: Caroline Kim, MD

Focus: Melanoma/Pigmented Lesions

January 3 – 26, 2018

During her upcoming mentorship rotation with Dr. Caroline Kim at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Namita is looking forward to strengthening her clinical skills in dermoscopic evaluation of pigmented lesions and in complex management strategies of dysplastic nevi and melanoma, specifically in a high-risk patient population. She hopes to integrate these clinical skills with her research interests in prevention and early detection of melanoma.



Erin Luxenberg Hammer, MD

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mentor: Youn Kim, MD

Focus: Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma

October 29 – November 9, 2018

In my practice at our local county hospital I see patients from all types of backgrounds with dermatologic conditions in a wide variety of previously treated and untreated states. Due to my interests, I have been the staff provider seeing our patients with cutaneous T cell lymphoma. The more I learn about this condition the more I realize there is to discover. I am therefore very much looking forward to my experience with Dr. Youn Kim and hoping to better understand strategies to categorize, work-up, treat, and follow these patients.



Argentina Leon, MD

Miami, Florida

Mentor: Steve Feldman, MD, PhD

Focus: Psoriasis

August 2018

I'm most grateful to receive the Women's Dermatological Society Mentorship Award (2017-2018) and work with one of the world's leading psoriasis expert, Dr. Steve Feldman. With this award, I hope to accomplish a survey assessing whether psoriasis patients are more confident in a biologic's therapeutic effect if presented with clinical trial evidence, anecdotal evidence, or both. What I am most looking forward to learn is Dr. Feldman's 'thinking out of the box' approach in designing clinical studies as well as recruiting, conducting, and interpreting survey results. This survey study will help us understand and appreciate the psychosocial factors in the management and treatment of patients with psoriasis.



Kate Oberlin, MD

Miami, Florida

Mentor: Ilona Frieden, MD

Focus: Pediatric Vascular Lesions

April 2018

As a third year dermatology resident soon to embark on my pediatric dermatology fellowship, I plan to utilize my Women's Dermatology Society Mentorship Award to work with Dr. Ilona Frieden at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). By working alongside an expert in the field of pediatric dermatology, I hope to strengthen my pediatric knowledge base and gain everyday clinical pearls in the management of this unique patient population. Additionally, I aim to learn strategies to maximize my potential for clinical research. This mentorship program will provide me with a firsthand learning experience from one of the esteemed leaders in pediatric dermatology.

ROTATIONS TO BE COMPLETED IN 2018



Sophia Sandhu, MD
New Orleans, Louisiana

Mentors: Kanade Shinkai, MD, PhD & Kelly Cordoro, MD

Focus: Complex Medical Dermatology

April 2 – 20, 2018

I believe this fellowship will play a critical role in helping me achieve my goals. With the support of Dr. Kanade Shinkai and Dr. Kelly Cordoro, two leading dermatologists in the field of complex medical dermatology for both adults and pediatrics, I will be able to broaden my experiences, learn clinical pearls, and develop a stronger foundation in medical dermatology. I enjoy seeing the variety of clinical presentations of skin diseases among patients of different ages and skin types. Thus, I plan on rotating through various general and specialty adult/pediatric clinics. I also will participate in inpatient consultations of systemically ill patients. Through the expertise of my mentors, I hope to learn new methods and techniques of approaching these complex dermatology patients. Ultimately, this mentorship will provide me with the skills to confidently manage complex medical dermatology patients in both an outpatient and inpatient setting. I hope to not only use this experience to provide the best dermatologic care possible but to share my passion for dermatology with future trainees.



Mackenzie Wehner, MD
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mentor: Sinead Langan, FRCP, MSc, PhD

Focus: Research Projects and Clinical Experience

MENTORSHIP SNAPSHOTS

One of the pillars of WDS is its focus on Mentorship. Award recipients form lasting relationships with their mentors while gaining experiences that may otherwise be unavailable to them. Take a look at the photos below to see WDS mentorship in action.

Dr. Allison Truong with her mentor, Dr. Kristina Callis-Duffin.



Dr. Katherine Ayoade and Dr. Jeannette Jakus in the Procter & Gamble Hair R&D labs, with hair samples hanging in the background.



Dr. Allison Truong with the University of Utah Department of Dermatology team.



Dr. Megan MacGillivray viewing a trichoscopic image during her Hair and Nails elective with Dr. Antonella Tosti. Also pictured is Dr. Tosti's fellow from Brazil.



Dr. Lucinda Kohn with her mentor, Dr. Jim Treat.



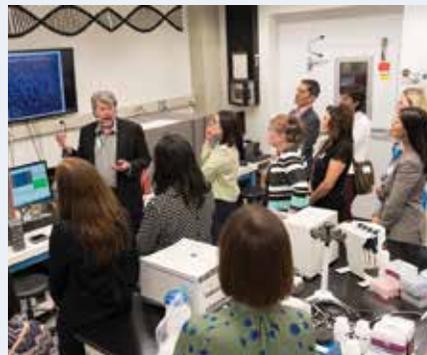
Dr. Jennifer Abrahams with her mentor, Dr. Barbara Stryjewska.



Dr. Geoffrey Lim in a fresh frozen cadaver session with Dr. Poblete-Lopez & other fellows during his mentorship rotation.



Drs. Katherine Ayoade, Jeannette Jakus, Linda Susan Marcus, and Arlene Ruiz de Luzuriaga visiting a lab during the P&G Science Behind Symposium.





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