

# Chicago Dermatological Society Newsletter



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## The President's Message

Volume I, Issue I. This marks the first newsletter of the Chicago Dermatological Society. It will be an informal publication featuring news about our members, legislation, the AAD, scientific and clinical meetings, articles authored by members, honors received, and a special residents' corner.

I would like to invite any Society member to submit information he or she would like to disseminate to the entire Society membership. I hope this will allow colleagues to keep in touch with one another, as well as with the dermatology programs in Chicago.

## Academic Year 1991-1992

### 1991-92 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- October 19, 1991  
Combined Meeting  
Drake Hotel  
October 20, 1991  
University of Illinois
- November 20, 1991 — University of Chicago  
W. Mitchell Sams, Jr., M.D.
- January 15, 1992 — Swissôtel  
*Seminars-In-Depth*  
Joseph Golbus, M.D.  
Stuart Levin, M.D.  
Allan Luskin, M.D.  
John Ratz, M.D.
- February 26, 1992 — Cook County Hospital  
Sidney Hurwitz, M.D.
- March 18, 1992 — Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's  
*Works in Progress*
- April 8, 1992 — Northwestern University  
Eugene A. Bauer, M.D.
- May 20, 1992 — University of Illinois  
Jeff P. Callen, M.D.

## Lorincz Lecture

The Inaugural Lorincz Lecture was presented on May 15, 1991, at the meeting of the Chicago Dermatological Society at the University of Chicago. Dr. Marcus A. Conant from the University of California-San Francisco delivered a lecture entitled "The Etiology of Kaposi's Sarcoma".

The Lorincz Lecture is the third endowed lecture for the Society after the Bluefarb and Zakon lectures. Funds for this lecture were received from current and former residents, fellows, faculty, staff and colleagues who have been associated with Dr. Allan L. Lorincz in his many years at the University of Chicago, Section of Dermatology.

A total of \$24,000 was received from ninety-one of Dr. Lorincz's colleagues, which represents a rate of 70% and a rather extraordinary response. It is anticipated that this fund will cover honoraria and travel expenses for speakers at the regular monthly meeting of the Society at the University of Chicago for the next twenty years. The Plans and Policy Committee of the Society voted to continue the Lorincz Lecture even after the seed fund is depleted.

Comments and anecdotes were solicited from the contributors and were distributed to all who responded.

President John Weiss also presented Dr. Lorincz with the first Gold Medal Award of the Chicago Dermatological Society which was given for his outstanding contributions to the Society.

A list of contributors is on page 4.

James O. Ertle, M.D.

## Chicago Dermatological Society Summer Meeting

A seminar on "Maximizing Reimbursement in your Dermatologic Practice" was held on Wednesday, September 4, 1991 at the Chicago Medical Society building. Inga C. Ellzey, MPA, RRA, dermatologic consultant, led a fact-filled three hour session attended by 130 physicians and office managers. There was an extensive overview of both ICD-9 and CPT-4 coding and medical regulations. This special meeting was co-sponsored by the Chicago Dermatological Society and the Illinois Dermatological Society, and was underwritten by Glaxo, Inc., with special credit going to their local representative, Luann Ruggeri.

Ms. Ellzey's seminar was accompanied by several valuable handouts, which were extremely pertinent and timely. Her first visit to Chicago was one we will always remember.

## Chicago-Illinois Dermatological Societies Meeting—October 19-20, 1991

The 16th annual joint meeting of the Chicago and Illinois Dermatological Societies took place on October 19 and 20 in Chicago. Dynamic and interesting speakers highlighted one of the best attended meetings in recent history.

After opening remarks by Bruce McLelland, President for the Illinois Dermatological Society, Roy S. Rogers III MD, Professor of Dermatology at the Mayo Medical School, opened the afternoon of lectures. His presentation of "Ten Tongue Troubles & Other Dramatic Oral Conditions" preceded a talk by Larry E. Millikan MD, FACP, Professor and Chairman of Dermatology at Tulane University Medical School. His speech outlined "Environmental Dermatoses: Tropical and Otherwise."

After a break, C. William Hanke MD, FACP, Professor of Dermatology, Pathology, and Otolaryngology at Indiana University School of Medicine, discussed "Cutaneous Oncology." Concluding a stimulating day of lectures, Lynn Drake MD, Deputy Chairman, Department of Dermatology, Harvard University Medical School, presented "Creative Therapy for Psoriasis."

On Sunday, members and guests attended the second half of the meeting at the University of Illinois. Case presentation and lively commentary ensued. Chaired by Mark Gendleman MD, discussion ranged from such diverse topics as the relocation of the AAD office to the 1986 Academy presidency of Stan Huff. All agreed that joint meetings provide an excellent forum for exchange of ideas and serious discussion of common concerns for dermatologists in Illinois.



## Seminars-in-Depth

January 15, 1992 – Swissôtel

9 a.m.–11 a.m.

Joseph Golbus, M.D., "New Rheumatic Diseases"

Allan T. Luskin, M.D., "Urticarial Vasculitis or Vasculitic Urticaria: Does It Matter?"

12 noon–2 p.m.

Stuart Levin, M.D., "New Changes in Infectious Disease – Dermatology"

John L. Ratz, M.D., F.A.C.P., "Dermatologic Surgery in the 90's: A Laser Update"

## Midwest Clinical Conference

Sunday, March 1, 1992 – Fairmont Hotel

8 a.m.–9 a.m.

Harry M. Goldin, M.D., "Pressure Sores"

9 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Andrew Lazar, M.D., "Lumps and Bumps – Benign or Malignant"

10 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Kathleen Remlinger, M.D., "Cutaneous Manifestations of Malignancy"

10:45 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Mary C. Massa, M.D., "Geriatric Dermatology"

11:30 a.m.–12 noon

Michael Scott, D.O., "Sports Dermatology"

## CDS to Award Grants for Clinical/Basic Research

In 1990, the CDS Plans and Policy Committee approved the use of interest income from the CDS Research and Educational Fund to support investigative studies. A newly-appointed Research and Education Committee met in March, 1991, to develop appropriate procedures, announcements, and application forms for an annual award. It was decided initially to expend at least \$5,000 in support of clinical and/or basic research with the announcement of availability of funds to be sent out each year on September 1, starting in 1991. The yearly deadline date selected for applications was the following January 2, and the announcement of the winner(s) was set for the date of the April CDS meeting. Each year funding will commence on July 1 and will be made in divided payments, with a summary report of the work accomplished to date requested before the final payment is made. The committee recommended that a 5-person research committee be appointed to evaluate the various applications submitted and to select the one or more proposals considered most suitable for funding. Outside consultation will be sought by that committee where additional scientific input is needed before funding decisions are made.

Applicants eligible for the award include regular members of the CDS, and any resident, fellow, or Ph.D. degree-holder whose major appointment is in an academic Dermatology department. Applicants in the latter three categories who are not Society members must have a Departmental or Divisional sponsor who is a regular Society member. Every applicant is limited to one proposal annually.

To our knowledge this newly approved annual expenditure of funds by the CDS to support research is rare, or may actually be unique, among local dermatological societies. We hope that enthusiasm for this undertaking will stimulate increased numbers of, and larger, donations to the R&E Fund to make this annual project an outstanding success.

*Frederick D. Malkinson, MD*

## Legislative Update

### Tanning Parlor Regulations

Governor Edgar signed House Bill HB 1853 which will regulate tanning parlors. The Tanning Facility Permit Act requires tanning parlor operators to provide written warnings on the dangers of ultraviolet radiation. The law also established standards for safety and hygiene and requires the facility to provide safety goggles at no charge to customers. The Illinois Dermatological Society worked with Illinois State Medical Society in support of the bill.

Sponsored by Reps. Alfred G. Ronan (D-Chicago) and Frank Giglio (D-Calumet City), and Sen. John J. Cullerton (D-Chicago), the bill, which becomes effective July 1, 1992, requires posting of signs regarding the potential effects of radiation on people taking medication and the relationship to skin cancer. An amendment to the bill creates a Tanning Facility Permit Fund, which permits the Illinois Department of Public Health to charge fees to implement the Act.

The next phase for the legislation is the drafting of the actual regulations to implement the law. The Illinois Dermatological Society will be consulting with the Department of Health in the drafting of these regulations. Anyone interested in this aspect of the legislation should contact Dr. J. Ertle at (708) 325-6880.

*James O. Ertle, MD*

### Phototherapy – Where Is It Available?

Amy S. Paller M.D. (Children's Memorial Hospital) would like to compile a list of Society members who offer phototherapy in their offices. This would be used for referral patients for light therapy after they are seen at Children's Hospital. Please include the days and hours the therapy is available. You can direct your calls to her secretary Karen at (312) 880-3246.

Would other Society members be interested in such a list? If so, please contact Janet Bolonik at (312) 670-2582 (telephone) or (312) 670-3646 (FAX).

### On the Move

Virginia Fiedler has left Northwestern University to accept a position at the University of Illinois as Associate Head of the Dermatology Department and Chief of Clinical Research.

John Weiss has accepted a position with the Kaiser Group in San Francisco beginning February 1, 1992. He assures me that, despite the distance, he will return to Chicago frequently. We wish him all the best.

### Past President's Message

Everybody is familiar with Horace Greeley's dictum, "Go West, young man, go West," but what about the not-so-young man?

Young at heart, but at a chronological age when some dermatologists are beginning to fantasize about retirement, our immediate past president, John Weiss, is setting out on a new professional adventure.

John has accepted a position with the Kaiser-Permanente Medical Group in San Francisco and he and his wife will be moving after the first of the year.

But, contrary to what another sage has said, he leaves his heart in Chicago.

"I'll miss the Bears, Ravinia, the lakefront and the Chicago Dermatological Society – not necessarily in that order," says John.

"My more than 30 years of Chicago Derm meetings and, especially, my year as president, stand out as high points of my career. I'll miss you all but I plan to come back, from time to time, not only to Soldier Field, but to Chicago Derm."



## **Residents' Corner**

### **Where are they now?**

#### **Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center**

George R. Woodbury Jr., M.D., Private Practice, Rochester, New York.

#### **University of Illinois**

Katherine Dudley—Practicing in a multispecialty group in Carol Stream.

Gerta Janss—Private practice in Crystal Lake with Dr. David Van Dam.

Jody Konstadt—Private practice with Dr. Darrell Rigel in New York, and teaches one day a week at NYU.

Michael Lichter—Private practice with Dr. Robert Polisky in Elk Grove, and practicing Occupational Dermatology at the University of Illinois.

#### **Cook County Hospital**

Sonya Bellamy—Private practice, Peoria, Illinois.

Audrey Desky—Private practice, Oak Park and Berwyn, and also attending physician at Cook County Hospital.

Steven Goldberg—The Kaiser Goup, San Diego, California

#### **University of Chicago**

Shelly J. Halper, M.D.—Private practice in La Grange.

Pauline B. Reohr, M.D.—Assistant professor at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover, New Hampshire.

#### **Northwestern University Medical School**

Gwendolyn Crane, M.D.—Private practice in Durham, North Carolina.

Steven Garrett—Fellowship in Mohs Surgery at Northwestern University Medical School.

Kevin Pinski—Private practice in Chicago.

## **New Residents**

#### **Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center**

Lori Swan, M.D.—Graduated Rush Medical School, completed one year internship at Loyola.

Jeffrey Altman, M.D.—Graduated Rush Medical School, completed one year internship at Northwestern University Medical School.

#### **University of Illinois**

Heidi Baca—St. Louis University, B.A. Biology, University of Illinois Medical School. Internship—Internal Medicine, Northwestern McGaw Medical Center.

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#### **Northwestern University Medical School**

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Isabel Goldfaden, M.D.—7 year combined University of Michigan Premedical Program. Internal medicine, University of Pennsylvania.

## **Awards, Honors and Publications**

DeAnna Glaser (2nd year resident at Cook County Hospital) recipient of the 1991 Dermik Photoderm Contest with a photo of Juvenile Xanthogranuloma

Michael Henner (Chief resident at Cook County Hospital) will begin a dermatopathology fellowship in St. Louis, 1992.

#### **Publications:**

1. Kolbusz R, Bielinski K: Basal Cell Carcinoma: excision with immediate intraoperative tissue expansion. *Cutis* 6:19-20, 1990.
2. Valicenti JMK, Fleming MG, Pearson RW, Budz JT, Gendleman M: Popular mucinosis in L-tryptophan-induced eosinophilia-myalgia syndrome. *J Amer Acad Dermatol* 25:54-58, 1991.

## **Residents' Night Out**

Residents and their guests enjoyed a dinner with Society officers and others at a "Resident's Night Out" on Sunday, November 24, 1991 at the local restaurant Mangia Italiano. Underwritten by Schering Corporation and arranged by local representative Jon Hotter, the evening provided an opportunity for catching up on professional concerns and gossip. Following a delicious dinner, Kevin Pinski, M.D. presented an interesting and topical discussion on "Cosmetic Dermatology." Those present expressed the hope that this evening would lead to further city-wide resident get-togethers.

Mark D. Gendleman, M.D.



## Just Released

Evaluation and Management Codes Released by HCFA.

Below are listed the categories and subcategories for the new "visit codes" which have been introduced by Congress under the new RBRVS provisions. These will begin as of *January 1st 1992* for *Medicare Patients Only*.

General guidelines for utilization of these codes are found in the *RBRVS for Dermatologists Only* on pages 66-78. The final revision, which will be sent within weeks after the final vote by Congress in November, will include the exact definitions for each of the codes listed below.

### Office or Other Outpatient Services:

New Patient Level one	99201
New Patient Level two	99202
New Patient Level three	99203
New Patient Level four	99204
New Patient Level five	99205
Established Patient Level one	99211
Established Patient Level two	99212
Established Patient Level three	99213
Established Patient Level four	99214
Established Patient Level five	99215

### Consultations:

Office Consultations Level one	99241
Office Consultations Level two	99242
Office Consultations Level three	99243
Office Consultations Level four	99244
Office Consultations Level five	99245
Initial Inpatient Consult Level one	99251
Initial Inpatient Consult Level two	99252
Initial Inpatient Consult Level three	99253
Initial Inpatient Consult Level four	99254
Initial Inpatient Consult Level five	99255
Follow-up Inpatient Consult Level one	99261
Follow-up Inpatient Consult Level two	99262
Follow-up Inpatient Consult Level three	99263
Confirmatory Consultation Level one	99271
Confirmatory Consultation Level two	99272
Confirmatory Consultation Level three	99273
Confirmatory Consultation Level four	99274
Confirmatory Consultation Level five	99275

### Nursing Home Services (Skilled/Extended Care):

Comprehensive N.F. Assessments	
Level one	99301
Level two	99302
Level three	99303
Subsequent N.F. Care	
Level one	99311
Level two	99312
Level three	99313
Level four	99314
Level five	99315

### Hospital Inpatient Services:

Initial Hospital Care Level one	99221
Initial Hospital Care Level two	99222
Initial Hospital Care Level three	99223
Subsequent Hospital Care Level one	99231
Subsequent Hospital Care Level two	99232
Subsequent Hospital Care Level three	99233
Hospital Discharge	99238

**Other Evaluation/Management Services** ..... 99499

The American Academy of Dermatology is interested in the way in which various CPT codes are reimbursed. Please communicate any problems you may have or anything you have learned to our representative M. Barry Kirschenbaum MD.

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