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CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

BEN DUBIN, M.D. – OUR PRESIDENT

Like deep dish pizza and Second City, you might say that I'm a Chicago product. I was born in the city itself and raised in Skokie. I attended Northwestern University where I was a pre-med majoring in biology. It was there that, as a freshman, I met my wife, Debbie. We dated for six years until one of us (Debbie) was earning an income and we could afford to marry. We have four children: Deena, a graduate student in occupational therapy; Michael, a senior and social work major at the University of Iowa; Elana, a sophomore majoring in kinesiology at Miami University of Ohio; and Joshua, a sophomore at Stevenson High School.

Upon graduating from Northwestern, I enrolled in medical school at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Had I been asked during my first three years what field of medicine I wanted to go into, I would have answered without hesitation that I wanted to be either an internist or a psychiatrist. However, I was very disappointed with my psychiatry rotation and overwhelmed by my internal medicine clerkship, which left me in a quandary as to what area of medicine to pursue. It was around that time that my father-in-law, Dr. Roland Medansky, allowed me to come to his dermatology office to see patients with him. I began to realize that being a dermatologist would allow me to use the diagnostic skills of an internist on a wider range of patients, while also giving me the opportunity to do minor surgical procedures. And we all know how much psychiatry is an integral part of dermatology!

So with my decision made, I started my dermatology residency at what was then called Cook County Hospital. I was a first year resident at the same time that Dr. Darryl Bronson took over as chairman from Dr. Sidney Barsky. Darryl transmitted to me as much of his vast knowledge of dermatology and dermatopathology as I was able to absorb. I was very fortunate that in the latter half of my residency, Dr. Barsky returned to County and instilled in me his enthusiasm for lifelong learning and teaching. I am grateful to have had the expertise of Drs. Bruce Bennin, Ana Eng and George Engel along with many others as my teachers, as well as the benefit of the diverse patient population at Cook County to learn from.

Upon completing my residency, I joined the practice of Dr. Samuel Solomon and Dr. Sidney Kaplan. Dr. Kaplan was a true Renaissance man, who was an art collector and an artist in his own right. He would regale



me with stories of his service in World War II, and his many subsequent travels. Dr. Solomon was the driving force behind my interest in the Chicago Dermatological Society, as he took time off from his busy practice to attend all the meetings and made sure that I did as well. Dr. Solomon is a very honest and caring physician, and I hope some of that persona has rubbed off on me.

When not practicing dermatology or running around to as many of my children's events as possible, I like to read, play tennis, and cook. I am looking forward to this coming year

with much enthusiasm (and a bit of dread). I have tried to make the meetings both educational and enjoyable for private practitioners, academicians, and residents alike. Let's see how it goes!

Benjamin A. Dubin, M.D.

IN PASSING – SAMUEL W. BECKER, JR., M.D.

Samuel W. Becker, Jr., was born in Rochester, Minnesota. He served in World War II. He attended medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago and completed his dermatology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in 1951. After serving 2 years as a senior assistant surgeon in the United State Public Health Service, he entered private practice of dermatology in Whiting, Indiana.



Dr. Becker, Jr. was an active faculty member and teacher at the University of Illinois Dermatology Department. He held all the academic rankings beginning as an instructor and going all the way up to professor. Dr. Becker was elected president of the Chicago Dermatological Society in 1966.

Dr. Becker, Jr. continued the interest of his father Samuel W. Becker, Sr. (Becker's nevus) in nevi and pigmentation disorders. He published many important papers on the embryology and anatomy of human melanocytes.

Mark D. Gendleman, M.D.

New Residents

COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL/STROGER

GUS NATALIE, M.D. graduated medical school from Indiana University. He completed an internal medicine residency at the University of Pittsburgh, with an interest in hematology/oncology, rheumatology, and public policy. Gus is a class III whitewater kayaker, previous National Ski Patroller, avid fly fisherman and golfer, and enjoys reading about world politics.

RACHEL NEEMS, M.D. grew up in Highland Park, Illinois. Then it was on to Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. She attended medical school at Rush University and completed an internship at Resurrection Hospital in Chicago. Rachel is getting married this year. Outside of dermatology (and wedding planning) she enjoys playing tennis, hiking, reading, traveling, road trips, and interior design. The summertime in Chicago is her absolute favorite time and place.

HAL WEITZBUCH, M.D. was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He has spent most of his adult life in the Windy City. After graduating from Northwestern University with a degree in biomedical engineering, he spent a year on the slopes of Mammoth Mountain, California, snowboarding and working as a photographer. Hal matriculated at the Chicago Medical School-Rosalind Franklin University. During medical school he spent a few months traveling to Ecuador and Nepal. He completed an internship in general surgery at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, California. Feeling the call of the city by the lake once again, Hal is excited to return to complete his dermatology residency training. When he's not reading about dermatology, you can find Hal playing soccer, planning a camping trip, or taking photos of the amazing Chicago skyline at sunset.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

JULIA LOEBAT-KAMALPOUR, M.D. studied microbiology at the University of Texas in Austin. She began her medical education at LSU in New Orleans, Louisiana, but after Hurricane Katrina, moved to Dallas and subsequently graduated from University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. She did a clinical trials fellowship at Emory University and served on Emory's IRB. Julia greatly enjoys traveling (when in possession of the time and means to do so), cooking and trying new dishes, and playing piano.

VANESSA LICHON, M.D. grew up in Naperville, Illinois before attending the University of Notre Dame. Vanessa is an avid sports fan and participated in over a dozen intramural activities while at Notre Dame. During medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago, she was a volunteer coach for her high school's varsity girls volleyball and basketball teams. She completed her internship in internal medicine at Loyola University. Vanessa loves to travel and recent adventures have included a bike trip along the west coast of

New Zealand, hiking the Grand Canyon, and climbing a volcano in Nicaragua. Vanessa enjoys reading and her favorite author is Bryce Courtenay.

ANITA SATYAPRAKASH, M.D. studied computer science at the Georgia Institute of Technology. She went to the Medical College of Georgia for her medical education and stayed there for her internship. She completed a clinical trials fellowship at the Center for Clinical Studies in Houston, Texas before moving to Chicago. Anita enjoys traveling, reading, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

SARAH BAKER, M.D. is a native southerner, born and raised in Louisiana. She spent her undergraduate years at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. She went to medical school at Louisiana State University where she served as chairperson of Camp Tiger, a summer camp for disabled children in the community. She completed a general surgery internship at Rush University in Chicago. Her interests within the field of dermatology include general medical dermatology, acne, and adolescent dermatology. She is thoroughly enjoying her time in Chicago! Sarah's hobbies include spending time with her husband, friends, and her two dogs. She also enjoys traveling, college football (Geaux Tigers!), museums, and movies.

BRYAN GAMMON, M.D. hails from Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. After graduation he joined a sonar development laboratory, doing hardware and firmware design for Department of Defense contracts. After two years in the workforce he decided to pursue a career in medicine. He attended medical school at the University of Texas (Southwestern) in Dallas. After medical school he spent a year under the tutelage of Sam Hwang, M.D., a principal investigator in the dermatology branch of the National Cancer Institute of the NIH. Under Dr. Hwang's guidance he investigated the potential role of chemokines, namely CCL27, in melanoma metastases. After a year at the NIH, Bryan moved to New Orleans, Louisiana, where he completed an internship at Tulane and discovered his affection for both jazz and the rum-based mixed cocktail.

SONAL SHAH, M.D. is a through-and-through Midwest girl. She was born in Indiana and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. She went to Washington University in St. Louis. During college, she studied abroad in Kenya, which was truly a unique experience and adventure that included getting malaria! After college she moved to New York City to pursue non-profit work, and then went on to Ohio State University where she completed medical school. She completed her internship at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. She plans to pursue a career in pediatric dermatology. Sonal's interests include exploring Chicago, travel, friends and family, and planning her wedding which will take place in May of 2010!

SAPNA PATEL-VAGHANI, M.D. was born in England and grew up in Glenview, Illinois. She received her B.A. in psychology at Northwestern University and then headed east for medical school. She earned her M.D. from Drexel University College of Medicine and then returned to Chicago for a pediatrics residency at Children's Memorial Hospital. She then completed a two year clinical research fellowship in pediatric dermatology at Northwestern and plans to practice pediatric dermatology. In her spare time, Sapna loves to travel, cook, and try the newest local restaurants – all of which have recently become secondary to spending time with her fun little three-month-old daughter.

RUSH/PRESBYTERIAN/ST. LUKES

HINA AHMAD, M.D. went to Loyola University and attended medical school at Rush University, both in Chicago. She completed her internship in internal medicine, also at Rush. Hina's hobbies include painting and photography.

ANDREA KASSIM, M.D. was born and grew up in Washington, D.C. She attended the University of Virginia for her undergraduate studies. After graduating from Howard University College of Medicine, Andrea completed an internship in pediatrics at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

TUNISIA FINCH, M.D. received her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia. She completed a transitional medicine internship at the University of Tennessee. As a psychology major, her interest in dermatology was sparked after observing how good dermatologic care improved the quality of life of many patients. Dr. Finch is interested in general dermatology and hopes to perform clinical research on hair disorders. After completing all of her undergraduate and medical training in the southeast, Dr. Finch is excited to be completing her residency in the wonderful city of Chicago. In her spare time, Tunisia enjoys dining, playing basketball, and spending time with her family.

CARLOS PAZ, M.D. PHD received his medical and doctoral degrees from Harvard Medical School. For eight months, he was an NIH post-doctoral fellow in Mali, West Africa, helping to establish a research laboratory while working to identify the vector, parasite, and reservoir responsible for cutaneous leishmaniasis. He completed an internship in general surgery at the University of California, San Francisco and looks forward to a fruitful career in academic dermatology. In his spare time Carlos enjoys running and traveling.

BRIAN PUCEVICH, M.D. received his medical degree from Georgetown University. Following his internship at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, he continued his training at the University of Pittsburgh as a research fellow, primarily focusing on a clinical trial and translational research in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma. He continues to have a major interest in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma while at the University of Chicago. In his spare time, Brian enjoys playing the piano, golf and photography.

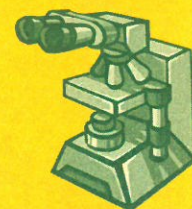
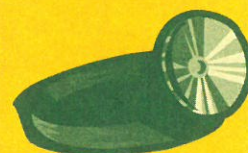
SHANI F. SMITH, M.D., MBA received her undergraduate, MBA, and medical degrees from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. As a native southside Chicagoan, she was excited to return home to the University of Chicago, where she completed an internship in internal medicine. Following a traumatic personal childhood experience, she developed a unique appreciation for the psychosocial impact of dermatologic disease. She has a particular interest in the surgical management of ethnic hair and skin disorders. In her spare time Shani enjoys family time with her two sons, participating in competitive sports, attending local cultural and music events, and playing the flute.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

CARMEN SCHWARTZ, M.D. grew up in a farming family in South Dakota. She was raised in the small community of Estelline in eastern South Dakota, where her parents still reside today. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from South Dakota State University and her M.D. degree from the Sanford School of Medicine of the University of South Dakota. She completed her internship at the University of South Dakota as well. Carmen's interests include reading, crocheting, traveling, theatre, piano, and spending time with her family and friends. She is very excited to be here in Chicago.

THOMAS MICHAEL BRENDAN, M.D. grew up in the western suburbs of Chicago. He attended Cedarville University in Ohio. He went to medical school at Loyola University Chicago-Stritch School of Medicine, followed by the completion of an internship at Saint Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois. Thomas's interests include PHP (a specific type of computer programming), Wikipedia, and any type of outdoor activity.

SHRUTHI REDDY, M.D. grew up in Oak Brook, Illinois. She attended the University of Michigan. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree and worked for Arthur Andersen before entering medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago. In her free time, Shruthi enjoys reading and traveling.



New Members

The Chicago Dermatological Society is very proud that since January 2009 there have been 25 new members accepted into our Society.

BETH ADAMS, M.D.

Dr. Beth Adams attended the University of Chicago for her undergraduate education and then Northwestern University for medical school. After an internship at Evanston Hospital she completed her dermatology residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. Beth is in private practice with Harry Goldin, M.D. in Skokie.

EMILY ARCH, M.D.

Dr. Emily Arch went to Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and medical school at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She took her dermatology residency at New York Presbyterian/Weill Medical College in New York City. Emily is in private practice at Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

BRIAN BONISH, M.D.

Dr. Brian Bonish is a graduate of the University of Michigan. He attended Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine where he received both an M.D. and a Ph.D. degree. He took his dermatology training at Loyola University. Brian is currently an assistant professor of dermatology at the Rush Presbyterian St. Lukes Department of Dermatology.

IRA FREILICH, M.D.

Dr. Ira Freilich graduated from Penn State University. He obtained an M.B.A. from the University of South Florida in Tampa. He attended medical school at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. After completing an internship in general surgery at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Ira took an otolaryngology residency at Ohio State University School of Medicine. His dermatology training was done at Wayne State University in Detroit. Ira has joined Soderstrom Dermatology Center in Peoria.

ANJELI ISAAC, M.D.

Dr. Anjeli Isaac attended the University of Chicago for both her undergraduate degree and medical school. She completed an internal medicine residency at the University of California in San Francisco and then her dermatology residency at Northwestern University. Anjeli is an attending dermatologist at John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County.

JESSICA KAPPELMAN, M.D.

Dr. Jessica Kappelman graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and then attended the University of Illinois in Chicago where she obtained a M.P.H. degree. After going to medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago, she completed her dermatology residency at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine. Jessica is in private practice with Dermatology Limited in Joliet.

SARAH KASPROWICZ, M.D.

Dr. Sarah Kasproicz went to Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. She attended medical school at Rush University and did her dermatology residency at both Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and Rush University in Chicago. Sarah is in private practice with Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

EMILY KEIMIG, M.D.

Dr. Emily Keimig graduated from the University of Michigan. She went to graduate school and medical school at Wayne State University in Detroit. She completed her residency in dermatology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. Emily is in private practice with Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

KUBINNE KIM, M.D.

Dr. Kubinne Kim attended Harvard University for college and Stanford University for medical school. She also completed her dermatology residency at Stanford. Kubinne is in private practice with Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

ELAINE KUNG, M.D.

Dr. Elaine Kung attended Yale University for both her undergraduate studies and medical school. After an internship at Yale New Haven Hospital, she completed her dermatology residency at the University of Chicago. Elaine is an assistant professor in the Department of Dermatology at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine.

ALICE LEE, M.D.

Dr. Alice Lee went to Yale College for her undergraduate education and medical school at Washington University in St. Louis. She completed her dermatology residency at the University of Chicago and then received an academic appointment in the Department of Medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Currently on maternity leave, Alice is living in Chicago.

ROSS LEVY, M.D.

Dr. Ross Levy graduated from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina and attended medical school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He took a dermatology residency at Northwestern University before completing a Mohs surgery fellowship at the Laser & Skin Surgery Center at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. Ross is practicing at Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie with Gregg Menaker, M.D.

PETER LIO, M.D.

Dr. Peter Lio went to college at Northwestern University and then attended Harvard Medical School. He completed his internship at Children's Hospital in Boston and his dermatology residency at Harvard Medical School. Peter is currently an assistant professor of dermatology and pediatrics at Northwestern University in Chicago.

WILLFRED LUMBANG, M.D.

Dr. Willfred Lumbang went to the University of Guam and then attended medical school at the University of Vermont. He completed his dermatology residency at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego, California. Willfred is currently one of the Navy dermatologists at the U.S. Naval Health Clinic at Great Lakes Naval Base in North Chicago.

GIACOMO MAGGLIOLINO, M.D.

Dr. Giacomo Maggolino graduated from Notre Dame University and then went to medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago. After an internship at Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago, he took his dermatology residency at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County. Giacomo is in private practice with Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin in Fond du Lac.

DEBRA MARBLE, M.D.

Dr. Debra Marble attended college at the University of New Hampshire. She then attended medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago. After an internship at St. Joseph Hospital in Chicago, she completed her dermatology residency at the University of Illinois. Debra has joined Aaron Dworin, M.D. in private practice in Highland Park.

SHEETAL MEHTA, M.D.

Dr. Sheetal Mehta graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. She attended the University of Illinois in Chicago for medical school. After an internship at the University of Illinois, she completed her dermatology residency at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. She completed a fellowship in Mohs surgery at the Center for Surgical Dermatology in Columbus, Ohio. Sheetal is an assistant professor of dermatology at Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine.

RESHMA NAIR-HAUGEN, M.D.

Dr. Reshma Nair-Haugen attended college and medical school at St. Louis University. She completed her dermatology residency at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Lukes Medical Center. Reshma is in private practice with Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

VICTORIA NGUYEN WANG, M.D.

Dr. Victoria Wang attended the University of California in San Diego and Northwestern University. She went to medical school at the University of California in San Diego and completed her dermatology residency at Northwestern University. Victoria is in private practice at Advanced Dermatology with Amy Taub, M.D. in Lincolnshire.

BERNARD ORTEL, M.D.

Dr. Bernard Ortel went to the University of Vienna Medical School in Vienna, Austria. He completed a dermatology residency at the University of Vienna and another dermatology residency at the University of Chicago. He took a photobiology fellowship at the Wellman Laboratories at the Massachusetts General Hospital of Harvard Medical School. He has held academic positions at the University of Vienna and at Harvard Medical School. Bernard currently is an attending dermatologist at the University of Chicago.

TORAL PATEL, M.D.

Dr. Toral Patel attended the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. She attended medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She completed her internship at the University of Illinois-Chicago. Toral was a clinical research fellow at Loyola University and stayed at Loyola for her dermatology residency. Toral is a clinical instructor in the dermatology department at Northwestern University.

VISHAKHA SHARMA, M.D.

Dr. Vishakha Sharma attended college and medical school at the University of Alabama. She completed her internship at Brown University Medical Center in Rhode Island and her residency in dermatology at the University of Chicago. Vishakha is a clinical instructor in the dermatology department at the University of Chicago.

A. KATHERINE STEALEY, M.D.

Dr. A. Katherine Stealey went to McKendree University in Lebanon, Illinois. She attended medical school and dermatology residency at Southern Illinois University Medical School. Katherine is in private practice with Steven Stone, M.D. at the Springfield Clinic.

OLGA ULITSKY, M.D.

Dr. Olga Ulitsky graduated from Loyola University in Chicago. After graduating from the University of Illinois Medical School, she completed her dermatology residency at the University of Chicago. Olga is in private practice at the Northshore Center for Medical Aesthetics in Northbrook.

SCOTT WICKLESS, M.D.

Dr. Scott Wickless went to the University of Michigan. He attended A.T. Still University-Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kirksville Missouri. After an internship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, he completed his dermatology residency at Michigan State University. He finished a dermatopathology fellowship at Northwestern University in Chicago. He holds two academic positions: clinical faculty at Northwestern University and assistant clinical professor at Loyola University.



Announcements

2009-2010 Meeting Schedule

Wed., Oct. 14, 2009

*Northwestern University
Samuel Bluefarb Lecture
Richard Gallo, M.D.*

Wed., Nov. 18, 2009

*University of Chicago
Alan Lorincz Lecture
Gil Yosipovitch, M.D.*

Wed., Dec. 9, 2009

*University of Illinois
David Fretzin Lecture
Russell Hall III, M.D.*

Wed., Feb. 17, 2010

*John H. Stroger, Jr.
Hospital of Cook County
Samuel Zakon Lecture
Mark Lebwohl, M.D.*

Wed., Apr. 21, 2010

*Stephens Convention
Center, Rosemont
Seminar
Thomas Cropley, M.D.
Vail Reese, M.D.
John Wolf, M.D.*

Wed., May 12, 2010

*Rush/Presbyterian/
St. Luke's Annual
Awards Luncheon
Frederick D. Malkinson
Lecture
Jouni Uitto, M.D.*

Wed., June 9, 2010

Loyola University

CDS LAUNCHES NEW CAREER CENTER

As a primary resource for professional development and services, the Chicago Dermatological Society is excited to announce a brand new addition to our website. We recently launched a full-service career center designed especially for employers and job seekers in the dermatological community.

Posting your positions and resumes on the CDS Career Center will give your great exposure to a wide array of candidates and exciting opportunities in our professional community.

Looking to fill a position?

- Gain access to CDS's most qualified dermatological professionals
- Post multiple positions at affordable prices
- Receive updates of recently uploaded resumes

Searching for a job?

- Create a free Job Seeker account
- Set up automated email job alerts
- Post resumes anonymously/public

You can access the CAREER CENTER with a link from the CDS website homepage at: www.ChicagoDerm.org, or go directly to the center at the following address: <http://derm.chi.associationcareernetwork.com/Common/HomePage.aspx>

CDS MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Chicago Dermatological Society's John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County's meeting will be held on **February 17, 2010**, not in March. The location of the meeting also has been changed to the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

CDS APRIL 21ST SEMINARS

The Chicago Dermatological Society's April 21st seminars are the following:

- 1) Thomas Cropley, M.D.
History of Dermatology in America
- 2) Vail Reese, M.D.
Dermatology in the Cinema
- 3) John Wolf, M.D.
Dermatology in the Visual Arts

There will not be any patients presented. The location of the meeting will also be the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

ANY PATIENTS WITH DARIER'S DISEASE?

While we now know that Darier's disease results from insufficiency of a calcium pump protein, few new treatment options have resulted. Oral retinoids have helped many, but not all patients, and have a number of serious side effects, including teratogenicity. More rational targeted therapies are needed.

The Green Laboratory at Northwestern University Medical School has found that activating a specific protein kinase in affected cells in culture restores intercellular adhesion, and may be a new way to treat Darier's disease. To determine if your Darier's disease patient may ultimately be eligible for future treatment that may develop, we invite them to provide biopsies for the purpose of having their keratinocytes cultured at our expense and/or for histological analysis.

If you have a patient with Darier's disease, please contact Betsy Cutchner at 312-695-4133. She will provide you with full instructions. Ideally to preserve cell viability, we prefer patients to come to our downtown Chicago clinic, but if necessary a consent form, sterile containers with culture transport medium, and a Fed Ex number can be shipped to you. There is nothing special about the procedure – just a 4 mm punch biopsy, put into the culture medium (NOT formalin) under sterile conditions.

We look forward to partnering with you to provide your patients with possible new information about his or her condition and possible new research for treatment for patients with Darier's disease.

HAVE YOU EVER TREATED A PATIENT WITH ECZEMA HERPETICUM?

Amy Paller, M.D. at Northwestern University and Children's Memorial Hospital is recruiting patients in the Chicago metropolitan area for a NIH-funded study entitled:

Atopic Dermatitis Vaccinia Network Biomarker Registry Study & Genetics of Atopic Dermatitis-Eczema Herpeticum Study

These studies are establishing a registry of patients and collecting data regarding biomarkers that may make those with AD more susceptible to cutaneous viral infections. In addition, the data will be used to identify candidate genes associated with eczema herpeticum and improve our scientific understanding on the pathways responsible for the development of eczema herpeticum.

Eligibility criteria include:

1. Any current or past history of eczema herpeticum
2. Ages 1-80 years of age

Participation involves one visit to Children's Memorial Hospital, completing a questionnaire, and possibly obtaining one blood sample. This study does not involve treatment. Patients will receive compensation for participation,

Please contact: Candrice Heath, MD, c-heath@northwestern.edu (773-327-3326)

CLINICAL TRIAL FOR CHRONIC HAND ECZEMA REFRACTORY TO TOPICAL THERAPY

Dundee Dermatology is recruiting patients in the Chicagoland area for an IRB approved Phase III study for the treatment of severe chronic hand eczema refractory to topical treatments. The study investigates the efficacy, study medication response time and duration, and safety of tested oral doses. Study participants will require patch testing and ophthalmologic, dual energy X-ray absorptiometry, and X-ray examinations. Participants will receive all study-related care and the study drug at no cost and will be paid for their time and travel.

Key Inclusion Criteria:

1. Men and women aged 18-75 years
2. Chronic hand eczema: all types including hyperkeratotic, vesicular (e.g. pompholyx), and fingertip eczema lasting for at least six months since initial diagnosis
3. Eczema refractory to topical therapy

Key Exclusion Criteria:

1. Pregnancy or lactation
2. Patients with known hypersensitivity to retinoids, vitamin A derivatives, soybean oil and/or partly hydrogenated soybean oil
3. Patients treated with systemic or phototherapy within four weeks prior to starting the trial
4. Patients with any other skin disease that may interfere with the assessment of hand eczema
5. Patients with an active major psychiatric disorder

Paul Getz, M.D., is the primary investigator and Sima Jain, M.D., is the sub-investigator for this trial. Study participation is approximately one year in length. For more information, please call 847-851-8888.

Graduates – Where Are They Now?

JOHN H. STROGER/COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL

ROB LIEBERMAN, M.D. is in private practice with Thomas Dermatology in Las Vegas, Nevada.

GIACOMO MAGGIOLINO, M.D. is in private practice with Dermatology Associates of Wisconsin.

CARLOS RODRIGUEZ, M.D. is doing a dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh.

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KATHRYN BARLOW, M.D. is in private practice in St. Paul Minnesota.

JESSICA KAPPELMAN, M.D. is in private practice with Matthew Kelleher, M.D. in Naperville.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

ANJELI ISAAC (KRISHNAN), M.D. has joined the dermatology department at Cook County Hospital.

BRANDI KENNER-BELL, M.D. is doing a pediatric dermatology fellowship at Children's Memorial Hospital.

DIANA LEU, M.D. has taken an academic position with the Menlo Group in California.

VICTORIA WANG (NGUYEN), M.D. is in private practice with Amy Taub, M.D. in Lincolnshire.

RUSH/PRESBYTERIAN/ST. LUKES

TRACY CAMPELL, M.D. is doing a fellowship in surgical and cosmetic dermatology at the University of California, Davis.

RESHNA NAIR-HAUGEN, M.D. has joined the division of dermatology at Northshore University HealthSystem in Skokie.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

JESSICA MADDOX, M.D. is doing a dermatological surgery fellowship and a Moh's surgery fellowship with Skin Care Physicians in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts.

IRENE VERGILIS-KALNER, M.D. is doing a dermatological surgery fellowship in Houston, Texas.

JUSTIN WASSERMAN, M.D. is doing a dermatopathology fellowship at the University of Chicago.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

PLATINA COY-GERSHTENSON, M.D. is in private practice in Wisconsin.

TARUN KUKREJA, M.D. is in private practice at the Hammond Clinic in Hammond, Indiana.

DEBRA MARBLE, M.D. is in private practice with Aaron Dworin, M.D. in Highland Park.



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