Chair’s Corner

2012 was another year of strong growth and accomplishments for the Dermatology Department at the University of Minnesota. Many thanks to all who participated and contributed to our educational, research and clinical goals!

Events from 2012 are described throughout this newsletter: new faculty, faculty accomplishments, establishment of a new lectureship, and expansion of dermatologic surgery.

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Class of 2012 is Med/Derm program’s first

Congratulations to Sarah Nakib, M.D., M.P.H., and Monica Rani, M.D., first graduates of the University of Minnesota’s new Internal Medicine/Dermatology program. According to Associate Professor of Dermatology Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D., their feedback over the course of the five-year residency was instrumental in helping the University build this combined-degree program to be what is now the largest in the country.

“We are so proud of them. They are both strong leaders who chose to go into this new program. I know they will do great things with this experience,” expressed Bohjanen who together with internal medicine faculty member Paul Kleinschmidt, M.D., directs the program.

Both Nakib and Rani have gone into academic medicine. Coincidence? Bohjanen thinks not.

“The people we're looking for have specific goals, a vision and career path,” she explained. “They would be attracted to some of the opportunities offered in an academic setting.”

Nakib accepted an assistant professorship at The Johns Hopkins University, which she began in October. The University’s strong epidemiology program and interdisciplinary opportunities, she explained, offer a potential for collaboration across fields like infectious diseases, rheumatology and public health, areas of special interest to Nakib. She holds a master’s degree in public health and has background in epidemiology.

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Chair’s Corner, continued

Dr. Ingrid Polcari (page 6) joined Dr. Kristen Hook in the Fall and, like Dr. Hook, has her primary appointment in dermatology and a secondary appointment in pediatrics. This now enables dermatology residents assigned to the University site to rotate for a two-week block on pediatric dermatology, where they are joined by medical students and residents from pediatrics. This division is one of the fastest growing in the department and we are now looking forward to developing a fellowship in pediatric dermatology.

Dr. Sarah Schram (page 6) joined the faculty and the dermatologic surgery division upon completion of her fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Schram’s practice is divided equally between the Maple Grove and the University sites. At Maple Grove she is building the cosmetic dermatology practice. Residents assigned to a two-week block in dermatologic surgery from the University site now also join her and Dr. Bart Endrizzi in Mohs procedures and cosmetic dermatology in Maple Grove.

Both Drs. Polcari and Schram are committed to education and sharing their expertise with residents. It’s great to be able to offer additional experiences to our trainees and expanded services to our patients!

“T’m very pleased to report the Department is solid and demonstrating strong growth in... research, education and clinical care.”

Dean Aaron Friedman awarded The Groves Professorship (page 7) to Dr. Kristen Hook, director of the pediatric dermatology division, underscoring her passion and expertise in pediatric dermatology and her commitment to educating students and residents. Congratulations to Dr. Hook!

The Crutchfield Lectureship (page 4) was inaugurated at the August 2012 Evening Grand Rounds. The establishment of this special lectureship assures that, every year, an invited speaker will present at our August evening grand rounds on diseases of skin of color. My sincere thanks to the Crutchfield family and to the Minnesota Medical Foundation for establishing this special lectureship.

Teaching, cutting-edge research and clinical care are key to a successful academic department at any University, and especially so at the University of Minnesota. The University acknowledged the accomplishments of Dr. Dan Kaplan by granting tenure and promotion to this very talented physician scientist (page 5). Dan’s work in dendritic cells is acknowledged as outstanding both nationally and internationally.

Congratulations to Dr. Monica Rani and Dr. Sarah Nakib – our first graduates of the five-year MedDerm program (page 1) established by Dr. Kimberly Bohjanen, Dr. Ben Bornsztein and colleagues from Internal Medicine. Both are outstanding clinicians and Northwestern University (Dr. Rani) and John Hopkins University (Dr. Nakib) are lucky to have these superstars!

Dermatologic Surgery at the University continues to grow (page 9). We built an additional suite of rooms and expanded the histopathology lab to meet the needs of faculty and patients. The new clinic was officially inaugurated with an open house at the 2012 spring meeting of the Minnesota Dermatological Society.

However, it isn’t just the University site that is expanding. The Minneapolis VA Health Care System is also in the process of designing its own Mohs unit, and the future will bring new arrangements of care for our veterans between the University and VA sites.
HIGHLIGHTS

From the Dean

This is a legacy year for us at the University of Minnesota Medical School. Founded in 1888 and continuing on today, we have been in the business of developing top physicians, conducting groundbreaking research and innovating the practice of medicine for 125 years. In 2013, we're taking the time to look back and feel proud of our heritage and many historical achievements.

2013 is also a year for looking ahead. This spring, a faculty-led assembly will develop a strategic plan for our Medical School that will serve as our North Star for future progress. This document will record our hopes and goals for what we will work to achieve in the next phase of our existence.

While a specific strategic plan is developed, our overall mission endures. Particularly in the areas of education and clinical care, the mission of the University of Minnesota Medical School has been realized in this department. By expanding your offerings in pediatric dermatology — hiring additional faculty and creating a new Pediatric Dermatology division at Amplatz Children's Hospital — the Department of Dermatology is offering an essential specialty that will greatly benefit the patient community both at home and beyond the borders of Minnesota.

This department can also be proud of its legacy achievements. Founding the Resident-to-Resident program, establishing an interdisciplinary residency program with Internal Medicine/Dermatology and conducting important research on immune response to allergens and infections, the Department of Dermatology has been an innovative contributor to our community. Thank you for all that you do and the enthusiasm and ideas that you bring to this Medical School.

Five years from now, one major event we can all look forward to is the building of a new ambulatory care clinic. We are currently in the early stages of development with this project and anticipate having exterior concept sketches this spring. This will be a health-centric, patient-focused facility benefitting our clinical faculty in dermatology and other departments as they serve over one million patients per year. The clinic will sit on the corner of Delaware and Walnut streets, acting as both a landmark and a gateway into the University of Minnesota.

We have many proud moments ahead of us and 125 years of excellence already behind us. Let's make 2013 a year to celebrate our many years together.

Sincerely,

Aaron Friedman, M.D.
Dean, Medical School
Vice President for Health Sciences

I'm very pleased to report the Department is solid and demonstrating strong growth in all three major arms of an academic department within the medical school: research, education and clinical care. We have a bright but challenging future ahead. We also have talented faculty in our specialty, so there is no doubt we will continue to grow and be successful in our missions.

As we enter 2013, dermatology at the University of Minnesota will turn 100 years old! This will be a year to celebrate a century of discoveries and accomplishments, so be sure to check our web site – www.dermatology.umn.edu – for information and updates regarding upcoming events. Dermatology was first recognized in the Board of Regents’ minutes in 1913 and was part of the Department of Surgery for one year. After that, we became a division in the Department of Internal Medicine and, in 1971, a full Department. We are setting the stage for celebrating 100 years of dermatology in 2013 and 100 years of the Department of Dermatology in 2071!

Maria Hordinsky, M.D.
Chair and Professor
Department of Dermatology

Dr. Aaron Friedman
New lectureship aims for deeper understanding of skin of color

Last summer marked the inauguration of the Doctors Charles and Susan Crutchfield Dermatology Lectureship, featuring Rebat M. Halder, M.D., professor and chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Howard University College of Medicine. Physicians and residents from across the state were invited to attend Halder’s presentation, titled “Dermatological Aspects of Skin of Color.”

The Crutchfield Lectureship is made possible through the generosity of Charles E. Crutchfield III, M.D., in honor of the personal conviction and professional commitment of his parents. The vision of the lectureship is to provide an educational opportunity for Minnesota physicians to enhance their ability to address issues unique to treating skin of color.

“It is predicted,” Crutchfield noted, “that in the next 20 years, more than 50 percent of the population in the United States will be people of color. This is a great opportunity for world-class physicians to come in and share their diagnosis and treatment wisdom with respect to skin of color with their colleagues.”

The Crutchfield Lectureship features one keynote lecture per year. The speaker is selected by the University of Minnesota Department of Dermatology, with input from faculty, community dermatologists and dermatology residents. The target audience is practicing dermatologists and dermatology residents; however, it is open to all physicians and medical students affiliated with the University of Minnesota with an interest in dermatology.

Crutchfield III notes that at the age of 22, his mother, Susan Crutchfield was the first African-American woman to earn her degree from the University’s Medical School. She went on to care for countless patients through her family practice, provide leadership in children’s health organizations and host a local radio program dedicated to health care. Charles Crutchfield II established himself as the first African-American obstetrician to practice in Minnesota, delivering more than 10,000 new lives in the St. Paul community. Both have been recognized with numerous awards and honors for their professional contributions, as well as their dedication to education and the community.
First Med/Derm Grads, continued
In addition to med/derm and general dermatology clinics at Johns Hopkins, Nakib is involved in research with autoimmune conditions — with recent projects on skin conditions related to inflammatory bowel disease and pyoderma gangrenosum wounds. Similar interests brought her to the University of Minnesota’s Med/Derm program.

“I was particularly interested in infections as triggers for autoimmune disease,” said Nakib. “I thought the med/derm combination would be a good fit, and it has been.”

Similarly, Nakib’s classmate Monica Rani is focusing on infectious diseases, HIV and global health as a faculty member at Northwestern University in Chicago. There, she is starting a combined clinic in infectious disease and dermatology. To further her passion for global health, Rani will be attending a two-month Gorgas course in Clinical Tropical Medicine in Lima, Peru, and is sitting for the ASTMH (American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene) exam to earn a certification in tropical medicine.

The opportunity to blend a global health pathway with a combined med/derm program is what brought Rani to the University of Minnesota.

“Both the internal medicine and dermatology departments were very supportive of my goal of completing the pathway,” said Rani. “Dr. Ben Bornsztein, who was instrumental in creating this program, has been a champion in advocating for us to not only follow our passions during training, but to expand the goals that initially brought us to the program.”

Rani will use this training to build sustainable global sites for Northwestern, where she can teach University residents and fellows as well as local doctors. Initially, she will focus on Nigeria and Mexico City. This is similar to work she did in Uganda with David Boulware, M.D. (University of Minnesota Center for Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Translational Research), where she focused on dermatologic manifestations in patients with AIDS and cryptococcal meningitis. According to Rani, Uganda only has two dermatologists for the entire country. There is a huge need, but scarce resources.

“Our goal will be to build programs where there is an educational track for local doctors as well,” she added. “My training in Minnesota has given me the foundation to really delve into the overlap in infectious disease and dermatology and apply this knowledge both locally and globally.”

Tenure affirms work of Kaplan lab

Dan Kaplan, M.D., Ph.D., has been widely recognized for his research in how skin dendritic cells react to threats to the immune system. He received another honor this year with a promotion to associate professor with tenure, affirming the importance of his work and his skills as a mentor for the next generation of dermatology researchers.

“Dr. Kaplan is a valuable asset to our Department and to the specialty of dermatology,” said Maria Hordinsky, M.D., chair, Department of Dermatology. “Not only is he a meticulous researcher, he also has a strong rapport with dermatology residents and students. We are pleased he is sharing his talents at the University of Minnesota.”
Kaplan lab, continued

This year, the Kaplan lab continued to grow with the help of a few new scientists. Javed Mohammed, Ph.D., joined the lab with a background from the University of Connecticut and Penn State. He recently gained permanent residency in the United States, and will continue the work of Aleh Bobr, M.D., who finished his time in the lab and is pursuing a career in pathology. Javed is starting a new project to study the interaction between keratinocytes and Langerhans cells.

Also new this year are several graduate students. Chen Yao, a Ph.D. candidate from Wuhan University in Wuhan, China, and Sakeen Kashem, M.D., Ph.D., from New York University. Brian Chicoine, a new junior scientist from the University of Minnesota, joined as technician.

The Kaplan lab kicked off the year fresh from a trip in late 2011 to Innsbruck, Austria, for the 12th International Workshop on Langerhans Cells, which meets every other year. Kaplan and five others from the lab attended the three-day workshop, which included speakers from around the world. Felix Scholz, Ph.D., brought everlasting glory to the University of Minnesota by earning a prize in the event’s poster competition for which he was awarded a woolen cap.

New Faculty

Pediatric Dermatology: Dr. Ingrid Polcari

Ingrid Polcari, M.D., was halfway through her pediatric residency at Northwestern Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago when she fell in love with pediatric dermatology. She finished at Northwestern, completed a second residency in dermatology at the University of Chicago and returned to Northwestern for a fellowship that combined the two fields.

“Skin is something everyone sees,” she explained. “When kids have skin conditions, it can hurt their self-esteem. In pediatric dermatology, you can see changes right before your eyes — not just in how they look, but in the confidence they feel.”

Polcari also enjoys the diagnostic side of pediatric dermatology. “If you see it, you know it,” she said. “You don’t need a lot of tests — it’s very visual.”

Pediatric dermatology is very different from adult dermatology, where doctors tend to have more patients with skin cancer and other diseases. Because they see so much of it, pediatric dermatologists have expertise in conditions like eczema, psoriasis, birthmarks and genetic skin conditions.

Polcari is part of a relatively new, but growing, subspecialty in dermatology. She joins Kristen Hook, M.D., in the Division of Pediatric Dermatology at Amplatz Children’s Hospital. In addition to her clinical work, Polcari focuses on educating pediatric residents about the nuances of pediatric dermatology.

“It’s estimated that 10 percent of all pediatric visits are skin-related,” said Polcari. “Eczema is a good example. New pediatricians really need to be aware of all the skin issues that affect children because they will be seeing a lot of it.”

Dermatologic Surgery: Dr. Sarah Schram

After completing her procedural dermatology fellowship in June, Sarah Schram, M.D., joined the Department of Dermatology Dermatologic Surgery Division. Schram practices at both the University and Maple Grove sites and is part of the expansion of the Mohs surgical unit. Her professional interests include Mohs surgery, cosmetic and laser procedures, and general dermatology.

Schram is a native of Minnesota and completed medical school, residency and a fellowship at the University of Minnesota. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison as an undergraduate and received a degree in biomedical engineering. She has been active in research projects relating to skin cancer, Mohs micrographic surgery techniques, dermal fillers, laser treatment for photo rejuvenation and allergic contact dermatitis.
Professorship to boost rising tide of pediatric dermatology

In recognition and support of the growing specialty of pediatric dermatology, Aaron Friedman, M.D., dean and vice president for health sciences presented the Groves Professorship medallion and plaque to Kristen Hook, M.D. A pediatric dermatologist, Hook was instrumental in establishing the new Pediatric Dermatology Division at Amplatz Children's Hospital.

“It’s rare to have a Professorship in pediatric dermatology,” said Hook. “It’s one of the few in the country and a real honor for us.”

The Groves Foundation established this professorship in memory of Hazel O. Groves to enrich and expand research and education in diseases relating to pediatric dermatology and to further the University of Minnesota's reputation in dermatology and pediatric dermatology.

The Professorship provides extra funding for research and professional development for Hook. Although still in the planning process, part of this research, she said, is likely to focus on epidermolysis bullosa (EB).

According to Hook, she and her Pediatric Dermatology colleague at Amplatz, Dr. Ingrid Polcari, are two of only three pediatric dermatologists in the Twin Cities. “We’re definitely seeing more interest in the specialty,” she added.

Department chair takes on national leadership role

Maria Hordinsky, M.D., is the first University of Minnesota faculty member to be named president of the Association of Professors of Dermatology (APD). At its annual meeting in September, the nation's leading organization of dermatology educators elected Hordinsky to fill the two-year term.

The APD is the primary vehicle for networking and communication among dermatology programs throughout North America, with a mission “to advance dermatology though exceptional education, science and clinical care.”

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Demonstrating its commitment to the advancement of science, the government of Brazil created the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (formerly known as Science Without Borders). This program will ultimately award 100,000 scholarships to Brazilian undergraduates, graduates and researchers to collaborate with highly regarded research institutions across the globe.

Though the Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP) was launched in July of 2011, a relationship between the University of Minnesota Department of Dermatology and physician scientists from Brazil began years ago. This was formally reinforced when Kalpna Gupta, Ph.D., obtained a three-year BSMP grant in 2012 with Paulo EN Velho, M.D., Ph.D., at the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) in Campinas, Brazil.

Velho and Gupta saw a natural fit for BSMP with the University of Minnesota's International Medical Education and Research (IMER) program. With the help of Maria Hordinsky, M.D., and Marna Ericson, Ph.D., they initiated collaboration between the two universities.

Velho and Gupta, as well as principal investigators and other scientists, will spend one to three months per year visiting the other's laboratories. One area of focus will be finding better ways to detect Bartonella — a stealthy bacterium that lives inside red blood cells and is responsible for cat scratch disease and an unknown number of other health problems including skin lesions, liver infections and brain dysfunction.

Gupta was accepted as an Especial Visiting Researcher in this program because of her strong NIH funding for research. She was viewed as a highly collaborative individual with several existing partnerships across varying disciplines and well respected institutions.

The collaboration between the UNICAMP and the University of Minnesota will promote the exchange of medical students, researchers and faculty dedicated to improving global health with strong scientific research in both countries and institutions.
Expanded Derm Surgery meets patient demand

When the University of Minnesota Dermatologic Surgery Center was built in 1989, its small waiting room, four exam rooms and four procedure rooms provided plenty of space to handle its 300 yearly procedures. Twenty-two years later, the Center was performing close to 2,000 procedures annually and more than ready for a larger home.

Among other procedures, the Center specializes in Mohs surgery. According to Lee, increased community awareness of procedures such as Mohs has led to the Center’s growth. The new space and added surgeons will give the Center more capacity to meet patient demand and provide more educational resources for residents.

In addition to bringing the décor out of the 1980s, the remodel and expansion doubled the number of surgery rooms to eight and brought the number of exam rooms to five. Many now have natural light. Patients can relax in a much larger waiting area that features amenities such as a flat-screen television. The nursing staff doubled in size to six and can now work comfortably in a room with workstations for electronic records. The number of histotechnicians increased from one to three.

However, not to be overlooked in the remodel was the addition of the most up-to-date mapping technology and other equipment.

“Everything is state-of-the-art,” said Endrizzi. “You won’t find a better lab in the country.”

With Pediatric Dermatology moving to Amplatz Children’s Hospital in 2011 and the Department of Dermatology offering up some of its office space, the Center was able to expand and remodel in 2012. Today, the new and improved Center can accommodate the work of three faculty surgeons: Peter Lee, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Center, Bart Endrizzi, M.D., Ph.D., and its newest member, Sarah Schram, M.D. Karl Vance, M.D., son of Karen and James “Corky” Vance, M.D., HCMC faculty member and practicing dermatologist in Wayzata, Minn. will be joining the Derm Surgery division in July 2013 as the 2013-14 dermatologic surgery fellow.

“With the new facilities, residents will have more opportunity to assist, more opportunity to learn from a variety of surgeons,” described Lee.
2012 Faculty Honors and Awards

Bruce Bart, M.D.; Mitchell Bender, M.D.; M. Elizabeth Briden, M.D.; Charles Crutchfield, M.D.; John R. Fenyk Jr, M.D.; David Groth, M.D.; Spencer Holmes, M.D.; Maria Hordinsky, M.D.; Lynda Kauls, M.D.; Peter Lee, M.D., Ph.D.; Cynthia Olson, M.D.; Steven Prawer, M.D.; Whitney Tope, M.D., M.Phil.; Brian Zelickson, M.D.

- Named Top Dermatology Doctors, *Mpls St Paul Magazine, July 2012*

Caleb Creswell, M.D.

- Received Part Time Teacher of the Year Award from the dermatology residents, June 2012

Charles Crutchfield, M.D.

- Selected by MN Physician magazine as one of 100 Influential Health Care Leaders
- Presented with the 2012 Minority Affairs Meritorious Award from the Minnesota Medical Association; this award recognized Dr. Crutchfield’s extraordinary commitment to medicine and to the young men and women who aspire to its practice. The award also included an acknowledgement of his volunteer mentorship and preceptorship of the students who participate in Minnesota’s Future Doctors.

John Fenyk, M.D.

- Member of the American Medical Association House of Delegates for the SID
- Served on the Board of the Minnesota Dermatological Society as Immediate Past President

Neal Foman, M.D., M.S.

- Nominated for the 2012 Medical Staff Award for Clinical Excellence at the Minneapolis Veteran’s Affairs Medical Center; this award recognizes a member of the medical staff who provides outstanding clinical care.
- Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education; Presentation: “R2R: Resident to Resident Teaching of Dermatology Procedures: An Interdisciplinary Educational Innovation”. One of eight posters out of 250 selected for oral presentation during a special session, March 2012, Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fl.
- Sports Committee, American Academy of Dermatology, 2010-2013; Member of national committee which oversees skin cancer awareness programs in association with professional sports organizations

Cindy Firkins Smith, M.D.

- Member of the Procedural Dermatology Curriculum Committee of the American Board of Dermatology
- Member of the State Advocacy Network of the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery
- President Elect of the Minnesota Medical Association
- Selected to receive the 2012 Physician Patient Safety Hero Award by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association

Kristen Hook, M.D.

- Awarded the Groves Professorship, which was established by the Groves Foundation in memory of Hazel O. Groves to enrich and expand research and education in diseases relating to pediatric dermatology
- Received Full-Time Teacher of the Year Award from the dermatology residents, June 2012
RESEARCH

Maria Hordinsky, M.D.
- RICHARD S. KALISH Lecturer, SUNYSB/Department of Dermatology, June 2012
- Christian E. Radcliffe Memorial Lecturer, Iowa Dermatological Society, March 2012
- Section Editor, Up To Date, Hair Diseases Section
- Secretary Treasurer, North American Hair Research Society
- Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation
- Representative, Association of Professors of Dermatology to the Council of Academic Societies of the AAMC
- Member, Education Committee, Association of Professors of Dermatology
- Chair, National Alopecia Areata Foundation Scientific Advisory Board
- President, Association of Professors of Dermatology

Dan Kaplan, M.D., Ph.D.
- Dermatology Foundation, chair of Minnesota chapter
- Scientific review committee, Dermatology Foundation
- Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds Speaker: New York University, UC Davis, University of Rochester, University of Massachusetts, Keio University (Tokyo)
- SID mini-symposium moderator, Raleigh, NC
- Visiting professor, Baylor Institute of Immunology Research, Dallas, Texas
- Visiting professor, Starzl Transplantation Institute, Pittsburgh, Penn.
- Invited speaker: Real World Dermatology, Las Vegas, Nev.; 12th International Symposium on Dendritic Cells, Daegu, Korea; 17th Annual Introduction to Cutaneous Biology, Indianapolis, Ind.
- Member, Steering committee Alopecia Areata Initiative
- Member, Steering committee MSTP program, University of Minnesota

Sarah Schram, M.D.
- Accepted as a member of the American College of Mohs Surgery

Erin Warshaw, M.D., M.S.
- Invited to be the Alexander Fisher lecturer for the American Contact Dermatitis Society Meeting in February, 2013
- Member of the VA National Dermatology Field Advisory Committee
- Contact Dermatitis Expert member, NIOSH National Healthcare Safety Network Workgroup
- Editorial and Publications Committee Chair, American Contact Dermatitis Society
- Mentoring Committee, 2010-13 Women’s Dermatological Society
- Voted Reader’s Choice for Best Dermatologist in Minnetonka, MN by Sun Newspapers
- Speaker: European Contact Dermatitis Society Meeting June 15, 2012
- Guest plenary speaker: 87th Annual Canadian Dermatology Association Meeting, Ottawa, Canada, June 28, 2012
- Invited guest speaker: Oregon Dermatologic Society Meeting, Bend, Or., July 12-15, 2012
- Invited guest speaker: Medical College of Wisconsin Grand Rounds, Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 19, 2012
2012 Ongoing Grants and Research

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo Controlled, Multicenter Regimen Finding Study of Subcutaneously Administered AIN457, Assessing Psoriasis Area and Severity Index (PASI) Response in Patients with Moderate to Severe Chronic Plaque-type Psoriasis
  PI: Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D.
  Sponsor: Novartis

Phase IV Randomized Study of Two Dose Levels of Targretin Capsules in Patients with Refractory Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma
  PI: Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D.
  Sponsor: Eisai

A Phase 3, Multi-Site, Open-Label Study of the Long-Term Safety and Tolerability of Two Oral Doses of Cp-690,550 in Subjects with Moderate to Severe Chronic Plaque Psoriasis
  PI: Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D.
  Sponsor: Pfizer

A Phase 3, Multi-Site, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Parallel-Group Study of the Efficacy And Safety of Two Oral Doses Of Cp-690,550 in Subjects with Moderate to Severe Chronic Plaque Psoriasis
  PI: Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D.
  Sponsor: Pfizer

Undetected Bartonella spp. Infection Puts Liver Transplant Patients at Great Risk
  PI: Marna Ericson, Ph.D.
  Sponsor: University of Minnesota Clinical and Translational Institute

Characteristics and Mechanisms of Pain in Sickle Cell Disease
  Co-PI: Marna Ericson, Ph.D.  PI: Kalpna Gupta, Ph.D.
  Sponsor: NIH (NHLBI), R01

Evaluation of DNA Protection from UV-induced Damage of a Newly Synthesized Investigational Drug in a Murine Model
  PI: Marna Ericson, Ph.D.
  Sponsor: Center for Drug Design

Evidence-Based Synthesis on Advanced Wound Care Products for Wounds Due to Venous Insufficiency, Arterial Insufficiency and Diabetes
  PI: Neal Foman, M.D., M.S.
  Sponsor: Veteran's Health Administration

Safety and Efficacy of Combined Restylane and Intralesional Triamcinolone Acetonide 10 mg/mL in Patients with Alopecia Areata
  PI: Maria Hordinsky, M.D.
  Sponsor: Medicis

Safety and Efficacy of Botulimum Toxin Injections in the Treatment of Psoriasis Vulgaris
  PI: Maria Hordinsky, M.D.
  Sponsor: Allergan
**Alopecia Areata Registry and Immunogenetic Mechanisms/Continuation**  
PI: Maria Hordinsky, M.D., University of Minnesota site  
Sponsor: National Alopecia Areata Foundation

**Role of Neurogenic Inflammation and Topical 6 percent Gabapentin Therapy in Symptomatic Scarring Alopecia**  
PI: Maria Hordinsky, M.D.  
Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation

**A Research Study to Evaluate Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia — Clinical Portion**  
PI: Maria Hordinsky, M.D.  
Sponsor: Duke University

**Langerhans Cells as Master Modulators of Skin Related Immune Responses**  
PI: Botond Igyarto, Ph.D.  
Sponsor: American Skin Association

**Langerhans Cell Control of T-helper Phenotype Development**  
PI: Botond Igyarto, Ph.D.  
Sponsor: Dermatology Foundation

**Role of Langerhans Cells in the Cutaneous Immune System**  
PI: Daniel Kaplan, M.D., Ph.D.  
Sponsor: NIH (NIAMS), R01

**Regulated Activation of Latent-TGF Determines Langerhans Cell Migration**  
PI: Daniel Kaplan, M.D., Ph.D.  
Sponsor: NIH (NIAMS), R01

**Impact of Teledermatology on Health Services Outcomes in the VA**  
Co-PI: Erin Warshaw, M.D., M.S.  PI: John Whited, M.D., M.H.S.  
Sponsor: VA Health Services Research and Development

**Keratinocyte Carcinoma Chemoprevention (KCC) Trial**  
Co-PI: Erin Warshaw, M.D., M.S.  PI: Marty Weinstock, M.D., Ph.D.  
Co-Investigators: Neal Foman, M.D., M.S.; Andrea Bershow, M.D.  
Sponsor: VA Cooperative Studies Program

**Concomitant Reactions between Mercapto Mix and Mercaptobenzothiazole: A Retrospective Analysis of North American Contact Dermatitis Group Data 1994 – 2008**  
PI: Srihari Raju, Dermatology Research Fellow; Co-Investigator, Mentor: Erin Warshaw, M.D., M.S.  
Sponsor: American Contact Dermatitis Society

**Clinical Trial of an Investigational Medication for Actinic Keratoses**  
Site PI: Andrea Bershow, M.D.; Co-Investigator: Erin Warshaw M.D., M.S.  
Sponsor: TEVA
When the University of Minnesota Medical School Department of Dermatology introduced its Resident-to-Resident (R2R) program four years ago, it was the only training program in the country where residents were teaching dermatology procedures to peers in other disciplines. Today, this interdisciplinary R2R training is “taking the nation by storm,” said Neal Foman, M.D., M.S., clinical associate professor and resident program director for dermatology at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System and the University of Minnesota.

“As physicians, we all take care of patients together,” he added. “Teaching others about your specialty is a very important part of residency.”

One tool that will help R2R get to the next level is simulation technology. Models with simulated skin will provide an unlimited opportunity over actual patients for training in certain dermatology procedures.

Thanks to a newly expanded simulation center at the Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHCS), dermatology and family medicine residents will have even more opportunity to engage in R2R training in 2013. This 1,500 square-foot, state-of-the-art facility houses the latest simulation technology, including tools specifically created for dermatology training: wound models, skin models, TASK trainers, ulcer models, foot models and others. Residents can practice such procedures as skin biopsies, simple excisions, injecting local anesthetic into the skin, nail removal and more.

As Midwest VA Simulation Program Coordinator, David Adriansen, Ed.D., oversees simulation training at the Minneapolis VA site. “The VA is working on becoming a national leader in medical simulation education, and our region is a big part of that,” said Adriansen.

“A lot of people are surprised to learn we are the largest integrated healthcare system in the country, and that we’re leaders in research and education,” he added.

“Simulation technology is a pretty new and exciting arena for education,” said Foman. “Previously, our courses have been in the classroom at the University using pig’s feet. Residents’ first experience with simulation for dermatology will be at the VA.”

This expanded facility, he added, will offer an additional location and tools to further strengthen the University’s nationally recognized R2R program. In recognition of this program, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) selected the University of Minnesota’s Department of Dermatology to present at their Marvin R. Dunn session, “encouraging excellence in graduate education.” In March, Foman, Ben Bornsztein, Ph.D., and dermatology residents presented R2R at the ACGME annual conference in Orlando, Fl.

In fact, the MVAHCS has 57 college affiliations at its 152 centers and helps support training for 750 residents. The Minneapolis VA Medical Center is a 330-bed tertiary care teaching hospital. Along with the University of Minnesota Medical Center, the VA is the primary site for medical training in the state.
Teacher of the Year Awards

Chief residents presented Dr. Kristen Hook with the Full-Time Teacher of the Year Award for 2012; pictured left to right, Drs. Sarah Nakib, Kristen Hook, Monica Rani, Mahsa Abdollahi and Jeremy Cook

Chief residents present Dr. Caleb Creswell with the Part-Time Teacher of the Year Award for 2012; pictured left to right, Drs. Mahsa Abdollahi, Monica Rani, Sarah Nakib, Caleb Creswell and Jeremy Cook

2013 Evening Grand Rounds

February 13, 2013
Dermatology Research Day
Dan Kaplan, M.D., Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology
University of Minnesota
Dendritic Cells and Skin Immunology

April 10, 2013
Michael Bostwick, M.D.
Professor of Psychiatry
Mayo Clinic, Rochester
Delusions of Parasitosis / Psychocutaneous Disorders

June 12, 2013
Rox Anderson, M.D.
Professor of Dermatology
Harvard Medical School
Lasers: A Critical Update

July 10, 2013
Milton Orkin Lectureship
Martin C. Mihm Jr., M.D.
Clinical Professor of Pathology and Dermatology
Harvard Medical School
Topic: TBA

August 14, 2013
Doctors Charles and Susan Crutchfield Lectureship
Charles J. McDonald, M.D., M.S.
Professor of Dermatology
Alpert Medical School, Brown University
Topic: TBA

October 9, 2013
Sheldon Mandel Lectureship
Mark Pittlekow, M.D.
Professor of Dermatology
Mayo Clinic Rochester
Topic: TBA

November 13, 2013
Youn Kim, M.D.
Professor of Dermatology
Stanford School of Medicine
Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma
Chief Residents:  
Drs. Todd Seelhammer and Matt Beal

For Matt Beal, M.D., and Todd Seelhammer, M.D., helping fellow residents garner as much professional exposure as possible is their primary goal as chief residents. The first year of residency, they explained, is all about building a solid background of knowledge. In the second year, residents fill in any gaps in their experience, and by the third year, residents are really coalescing all they have learned and practiced.

“Repetition is really important,” added Seelhammer, “because the more you’re exposed to something, the easier it will be to bring that knowledge forth in your profession.”

The duo incorporates this philosophy as they carry out their chief resident duties: planning curriculum, developing lectures, coordinating schedules and supporting residents in navigating the program. They are giving added attention to optimizing the curriculum. For example, Beal created a series of 12 additional lectures focusing on procedural dermatology after he saw the need to better advance residents’ surgical knowledge. Previously the education representative, Seelhammer is continuing to work on securing grants for residents to attend national conferences.

Beal is originally from Arizona and graduated from the medical school at the University of Arizona in Tuscon. He plans to return to his home state and enter private practice. Seelhammer is from Fargo/Moorhead and is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is also leaning toward a career in private practice.

Chief Med/Derm Residents:  
Drs. Laura Furda and Andrea Morris

When PGY5 med/derm residents Laura Furda, M.D., and Andrea Morris, M.D., started their training, they relied on faculty and chief residents in each specialty for help with scheduling and navigating what was then a brand-new, combined-specialty program. Today, newer med/derm residents have the benefit of their own chief residents.

“Our job is to streamline the transition between their internal medicine and dermatology training,” said Morris. “The scheduling can get complicated, and we’re there to help make sure they get their requirements in.”

Scheduling in the five-year med/derm residency is particularly challenging because training alternates between two specialties, and each is accomplished in two and a half years, rather than three. Now in its sixth year, the program can benefit from the leadership of its senior residents.

Morris graduated from George Washington University and plans to stay in academic medicine, focusing on in-patient consultations and connective tissue diseases. Furda is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and has a professional interest in rheumatology and dermatology. She has accepted a position in medical dermatology at Park Nicollet, which she will begin when her residency is completed in August.
The University of Minnesota is unique, explained dermatopathology representative Margareth Pierre-Louis, M.D., because it incorporates the derm/path sub-specialty into its training program through multiple partnerships with community dermatopathologists. Residents learn dermatopathology while training at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Park Nicollet Medical Center, Hennepin County Medical Center and the VA Health Care System.

Pierre-Louis works with Valda Kaye, M.D., derm/path curriculum director, to make sure the various resources are coordinated to support residents in their dermatopathology education. A third-year resident who loves the challenge of reading biopsy slides, Pierre-Louis is ideal for the job.

“You're solving a mystery with the clinical history as clues,” she explained. “It's a tough skill to develop, and I want to make sure residents have all the tools they need to be able to recognize the histological nuances that differentiate cutaneous disorders.”

Pierre-Louis does this by scheduling lectures and scope sessions, being available to answer questions and providing residents with access to educational resources. She schedules weekly evening courses for first-year residents at Twin Cities Dermatopathology, where they preview slides and receive feedback from Mark Wilke, M.D. She also collaborates with the presenting dermatopathologist to gather cases and obtain slides for discussion at the two Minnesota Dermatological Society meetings hosted by the University of Minnesota each year.

Originally from L’Artibonite, Haiti, Pierre-Louis attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine and then acquired a Masters of Business Administration degree from Duke University. After graduation, Margareth plans to enter a practice in general dermatology with some specialty clinics.

“Staying on top of hot topics in dermatology” is PGY3 resident Holly Engasser’s favorite part about being the education representative. She shares current information with residents on a regular basis, assigning articles from the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology (JAAD) and the Archives of Dermatology to be read and discussed at monthly Journal Club meetings.

Because there are more journals than residents can formally review, Engasser chooses the most relevant articles from publications like Journal of Investigative Dermatology and others. While she emails a steady flow of articles to residents throughout the year, once every quarter, Engasser facilitates a Journal Club around one of these sub-specialty publications. As part of her role, she also attends Education Faculty Committee meetings, keeping residents informed of any changes and updates.

Originally from Chanhassen, Minnesota, Engasser attended Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science in Chicago, and plans to enter a practice in general dermatology after graduation.
Match 2012

We are pleased to announce that the following applicants will be starting their residencies with the University of Minnesota, Department of Dermatology on July 1, 2013:

**Categorical Program**

Kevin Gaddis, M.D.
University of Oklahoma, Tulsa College of Medicine
PGY1 — Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas, Texas

Sarah Gross, M.D.
University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine
PGY1 — University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Paul Jou, M.D.
Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine
PGY1 — Hennepin County Medical Center

Joseph Scherman, M.D.
Rush Medical College, Rush University Medical Center
PGY1 — Hennepin County Medical Center

Katherine Ward, M.D.
University of Minnesota Medical School
PGY1 — Hennepin County Medical Center

**Med-Derm Program**

Tiffany Shih, M.D.
Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Center School of Medicine

Melanie Clemenz, M.D.
University of South Carolina School of Medicine
2012 Resident Honors and Awards

Matthew Beal, M.D., Dermatology Chief Resident
• Presentation: Mohs Micrographic Surgery with MEL-5 Immunostains for Treatment of Lentigo Maligna: An Update from the University of Minnesota, ASDS Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2012

Bethany Cook, M.D., Dermatology Resident
• Awarded the AAD Resident International Grant to travel to Botswana to work with Carrie Kovarik, M.D. from UPenn, in conjunction with the Botswana-UPenn Partnership and the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative. Work will focus primarily on tropical and HIV-related dermatologic conditions in Gabarone and outreach sites in Francistown and Southern Botswana.

Noah Goldfarb, M.D., PGY4 Med/Derm Resident
• Presentation: “1 mm Lentigo Maligna on Cheek,” Faculty: Andrea Bershow, M.D., Gross and Microscopic Symposium, AAD Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., March 2012

Sara Hylwa, M.D., PGY-2 Dermatology Resident
• Winner of the first prize in the trainee category for her poster presentation: “Delusional Infestation is Typically Comorbid with Other Psychiatric Diagnoses: Review of 54 Patients Receiving Psychiatric Evaluation at Mayo Clinic,” Psychosomatic Conference in Atlanta, Geo., November 2012

Steven Lin, M.D., PGY-4 Dermatology Resident
• Winner of 2012 ASDS Young Investigators Writing Competition: “Horizontal Relaxing Incisions Limit False Positives in Thick Mohs Sections”
• Oral Presentation: Linear Chronic Graft Versus Host Disease Following Blaschko’s Lines, Gross and Microscopic Symposium, AAD Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., March 2012

Catherine Manabat, M.D., PGY4 Med/Derm Resident
• Presentation: Mycobacterium Haemophilum Infection, Faculty: Kimberly Bohjanen, M.D., Gross and Microscopic Symposium, AAD Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., March 2012

Andrea Morris, M.D., PG-5 Med/Derm Resident
Laura Furda, M.D., PG-5 Med/Derm Resident
• Presentation: Non-AIDS Related Hyperkeratotic Kaposi’s Sarcoma, Faculty: Maria Hordinsky, M.D., Gross and Microscopic Symposium, AAD Annual Meeting, San Diego, Calif., March 2012
Resident Honors and Awards, continued

Margareth Pierre-Louis, M.D., PGY3 Dermatology Resident
- Received a grant from the Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation to study the use of topical gabapentin in the management of lichen plano pilaris
- Received a Mentorship Award from the American Society of Dermatopathology to complete a two-week experience with Dr. Wilma Bergfeld at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation
- Nominated to attend the SID resident retreat in Raleigh, NC prior to the annual meeting of the SID

Hilary Reich, M.D., PGY3 Dermatology Resident
- Presentation: Asymmetric Sectioning of Mohs Surgery Specimens, Mohs College Annual Meeting, Chicago, Ill., May 2012

Future faculty member Dr. Sarah Schram (left) with Dr. Cindy Firkins Smith at the annual AAD meeting in San Diego, Calif., March 2012
The Rob Sias Award is presented annually at the Resident Graduation Celebration in June. The award recognizes the outstanding clinical skills of a graduating resident. The recipient is chosen by faculty and staff as the resident they would most want to care for family and friends. The 2012 Rob Sias Award recipient was Jeremy Cook, M.D.
Guest speaker for Dermatology Research Day held on April 11, 2012, was Abrar Qureshi, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor and vice chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School. Qureshi’s talk was titled “Psoriasis: From Clinic to Population Science and Back.”

First place award in the Basic Science Project category went to Felix Scholz, Ph.D., post doctoral associate. The first place award in the Clinical Research Category went to Steven Lin, M.D., PGY-3 dermatology resident.
**Milton Orkin Lectureship**

The 13th Annual Dr. Milton Orkin Lectureship took place July 11th, 2012, in conjunction with Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds. This lectureship was established by Mrs. Etta Fay Orkin to honor the memory of her husband, Milton Orkin, M.D., clinical professor of dermatology. The 2012 Orkin Lecturer was Dr. Claude Burton, professor of medicine and dermatology from Duke University School of Medicine, who spoke on Practical Leg Ulcer Management.

The 2013 Orkin Lectureship will take place July 10th. The lecturer will be Martin C. Mihm Jr., M.D., clinical professor of pathology and dermatology, Harvard Medical School. For more information, contact Jane Boyer at boyer009@umn.edu.

**Sheldon Mandel Lectureship**

The 6th Annual Sheldon L. Mandel M.D., and Patricia E. Mandel Lectureship was held on October 10, 2012, in conjunction with Dermatology Evening Grand Rounds. The purpose of the Mandel Lectureship is to enrich and enhance medical student, resident and dermatology practitioner education. The 2012 guest lecturer was Dr. Jeffrey P. Callen, professor of medicine and dermatology, University of Louisville. Callen’s lecture was titled “Psoriasis: Recognizing Co-morbidities and Managing Patients.”

The 2013 lecturer will be Dr. Mark Pittelkow, professor of dermatology, Mayo Clinic Rochester. The 2013 event will be held at the Campus Club, Coffman Union. For additional information, please contact Jane Boyer at boyer009@umn.edu.
Clinical Site Updates

Park Nicollet Medical Center

Due to the nature of its clientele and facilities, Park Nicollet Medical Center in St. Louis Park is able to provide dermatology residents with a full spectrum of experiences and learning opportunities. At Park Nicollet, residents see male and female patients of all ages, including seniors and children. In addition to the clinic, there is an on-site Mohs unit where residents can observe this surgical procedure. This year, a newly renovated and expanded dermatopathology unit offered residents access to four on-site dermatopathologists.

Residents at Park Nicollet are given an office and their own R.N. assistant. Those who qualify have the opportunity to moonlight on Monday nights and Saturday mornings with an attending physician. But, adds Spencer Holmes, M.D., site director at Park Nicollet, it's the close relationships they form with a wide variety of staff that are the real bonus.

“Everyone is excited when we get the new residents,” said Holmes. “They’re the new kids on the block. Everyone knows who they are, and they get a lot of attention.”

At any given time, says Holmes, residents have access to seven dermatologists, two dermatopathologists and two surgical physicians. In all, residents are exposed to about 15 physicians throughout their rotation.

“It simulates what it would be like to work in a multi-specialty group as a community dermatologist,” said Holly Engasser, PGY-3 resident who completed her Park Nicollet rotation. “The breadth of experience you get in dermatopathology, clinical patient care and surgery is phenomenal.”

Hennepin County Medical Center

In 2012, Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) continued a long tradition of strong partnerships with community dermatologists in its dermatology clinics, according to Chief of Dermatology and site director Bruce Bart, M.D.

Perhaps not noticeable to dermatology residents, but a huge money-saving change for the hospital: in 2012, Hennepin Faculty Associates completed a successful organizational merger with HCMC. After 30 years as separate entities, HCMC and its approximately 340 physicians now work under the same umbrella (Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.).

On the clinical front, said Bart, HCMC is beginning to plan for an outpatient facility in Wayzata, Minn. This new facility will include a dermatology clinic and will be completed in 2014.
Minneapolis VA Health Care System (MVAHC)

This year, MVAHC said farewell to retiring lead nurse Betty Darnell, R.N., and welcomed Mona Olson, R.N., to this position.

Olson and her dermatology nursing staff have been especially busy this year. They received formal training in photodynamic therapy (PDT), thanks to Julie Cronk, M.D., a Mohs surgeon with Dermatology Consultants and associate to the dermatology department. Staff joined Dr. Cronk at her Woodbury location, and trained with her experienced staff.

“We appreciate Dr. Cronk’s willingness to share her staff’s time and expertise,” said Erin Warshaw, M.D., M.S., site director of the MVAHC Dermatology Clinic. “We also appreciate how much our nurses welcomed this initiative.”

Physicians have been performing PDT at the Clinic for eight years. However, shared Warshaw, PDT is very time-consuming and having nurses trained in the therapy helps the Clinic run more efficiently. Although this initiative takes PDT out of the hands of residents, Warshaw emphasizes that they will still be exposed to the procedure and learn about it when rotating at the MVAHC.

Another change at the MVAHC was the addition of a dedicated Nail Clinic, under the direction of Andrea Bershow, M.D. Previously, nail procedures were performed less frequently at the VA, said Bershow, with more referrals to podiatry for evaluation and treatment.

“Prior to the establishment of the Nail Clinic, VA residents had the opportunity to rotate with podiatry, but that experience was limited to nails on the feet, and there were many Podiatry encounters unrelated to skin or nail issues. Now the residents get more experience with nail procedures on both the hands and feet,” explained Bershow.

The most common procedures performed at the Clinic are nail avulsion, biopsy of the nail unit, phenol matricectomy and excision of small tumors (mostly benign). It sends all cancerous tumors to Derm Surgery for wide excision or Mohs surgery.

Residents perform or assist with all procedures. Bershow keeps track of which resident performs each procedure with her, so she can try to make sure residents who haven’t performed procedures previously each get a chance to do one. In some cases the senior residents with prior experience have the opportunity to supervise and teach junior residents how to perform anesthesia of the nail unit and simpler procedures like nail avulsion.

“It is a unique clinic within the residency program,” said Bershow. “No other site offers a dedicated nail clinic.”
New Faces

Derm Clinic Employees

Adam Klym
Adam began working with dermatology in June 2012 as the Surgery Scheduling Coordinator in the Dermatologic Surgery and Laser Center. Before joining the dermatology team, Adam was an Intake Representative and Referral Coordinator for the University of Minnesota Physicians call center. Adam is excited about his plans to continue providing excellent patient care to Minnesotans.

Brenda Fager
Brenda works as a patient representative in Clinic 5A. She previously worked as an office manager at Avalon – Midway, an outpatient treatment program through Meridian Behavioral Health. She has a B.S. in social science, focused in criminal justice and psychology.

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Hung is a technician for the Mohs lab in the University of Minnesota Physicians Dermatology Surgery and Laser Center. He joined UMP in August 2012 after working at Essentia Health-St. Mary’s Medical Center as a histotechnologist. Hung is hoping to return to school for his bachelors degree.

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Amanda Sigler
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Brooke Preston
Brooke received her LPN degree from Hennepin Technical College in December 2011, and joined the 5A dermatology team in March 2012. She attended both North Hennepin Technical College and St. Cloud State, and earned her EMT through North Memorial. Brooke just finished a Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement project focused on patient allergy compliance. Her next project will be going for her RN degree.

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**Kaplan Lab Employees**

**Brian Chicoine**, B.S.
Brian is a junior scientist in the Kaplan lab. He graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor’s degree in biology in 2012. Since completing his undergraduate studies, Brian has decided to spend a few years gaining quality work experience before applying for medical school. He hopes to one day go into family medicine or pediatrics.

**Chen Yao, BS (Ph.D. student)**
Chen is a second year Ph.D. student in the Microbiology, Immunology and Cancer Biology program within the University of Minnesota Medical School. Chen joins the dermatology department and the Kaplan lab from China, where she graduated from Wuhan University in 2010 with a B.S. in biological science. Before coming to Minnesota, Chen worked as a technician at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. Chen is interested in researching the function of different subsets of dendritic cells in the skin.

**Javed Mohammed, Ph.D.**
Javed, formerly a postdoctoral fellow at The Pennsylvania State University, now works as a research associate in the dermatology department, Kaplan lab. Javed hopes to investigate cell interactions to find pathways for therapeutic interventions in pathological skin conditions.

**Sakeen Kashem (M.D./Ph.D. Student)**
Sakeen joined the Kaplan lab in 2012 as a graduate student. Sakeen graduated from New York University in 2008 with degrees in chemistry and mathematics. After NYU, he moved on to the University of Pennsylvania to work as a junior scientist between 2008 and 2010. While there, Sakeen studied the role of mast cells in allergies and asthma. He is currently studying the role of dendritic cell subsets in the skin and hopes to become a physician scientist focusing on immunolobiology.

**Melissa Gamble**
Melissa joined the dermatology department in Aug. 2012 as a student providing clerical and administrative support. She is currently a junior attending the University of Minnesota and is working toward a degree in biology. After graduation, she plans on continuing her education in pharmacy school.

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