2014 From the Chief -

UCSD Dermatology has had another tremendously successful year and continues to advance our mission as the only academic dermatology program in San Diego. I am proud of the faculty, residents, fellows, students and staff that make our program one of the best in the nation.

For the first time this year rankings of Dermatology Training Programs in the US were released. UCSD was ranked 17th, and was the only program from Southern California ranked in the top 20. While such rankings are subject to some bias, the productivity of our faculty support our reputation. For example, UCSD Dermatology faculty and students have published 478 articles in the last 4 years, have given 42 lectures in the last year and have raised well over $2,000,000 in NIH grant support.

Despite our tremendous success, we continue to work to do even better. I am excited to have successfully recruited Dr. Casey Carlos to take over my role as Residency Program Director. We are also happy to have Dr. Arisa Ortiz join our faculty to lead our new program in cosmetic and laser dermatology. The outpatient clinical space at the University Pacific Center will be expanding to accommodate the new services we will be offering.

I hope you will enjoy learning more about the current status of UCSD Dermatology in the pages of this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Gallo, MD, PhD
PGY-2 Shehla Admani, MD, presented a poster titled "Treatment of an Atrophic, Disfiguring Traumatic Facial Scar with a Combination of Fat Transfer and Laser Treatments" at the recent ASDS (American Society for Dermatologic Surgery) meeting in San Diego (December 3-6th).

PGY-4 Derm Co-Chief Anne Zhuang, MD, presented a poster for publication titled "Use of Intraoperative High-Definition Ultrasound to Accurately Gauge Scar Thickness and Identify Intra-Scar Anatomy During Multi-Modal Revision of a Hypertrophic Chest Wall Burn Scar" at ASDS in San Diego.

9 total residents received the ASDS Resident Scholarship to attend the annual meeting. Recipients: Shehla Admani, Maryam Afshar, Megan Brown, Alvin Coda, Corey Frucht, Jeremy Schneider, Jessica So, Wiggin Lee, and Anne Zhuang.

The Division of Dermatology welcomes Ashley Rubin, MD, our new Procedural Dermatology Fellow as of July 2014. Dr. Rubin recently completed her Residency in Dermatology at UCLA. She earned her medical degree from the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed her Internal Medicine Internship year at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles. Dr. Rubin specializes in Mohs and Reconstructive Surgery as well as Cosmetic Dermatology. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two dogs, hiking, horseback riding, biking, and painting.
The Dermatology Faculty & Residents teamed up for a photo scavenger hunt as part of the annual Faculty-Resident Retreat over the summer!

Teams could walk or drive to any location within Mission Bay in search of team photo opportunities from the list, including:

- Everyone jumping in mid-air
- Human alphabet in ‘UCSD”
- Pose with a red convertible car or a dog or RV
- Form a human pyramid
- And the always important - Educate the public on sun protection!
Arisa Ortiz, MD

Dr. Arisa Ortiz joined the Division of Dermatology in September. She is the Director of Laser and Cosmetic Surgery and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at UC San Diego. Dr. Ortiz is a board-certified dermatologist and double fellowship trained in Laser and Cosmetic Surgery and Mohs Micrographic Surgery. She received her training in Mohs Micrographic Surgery at UC San Diego and completed the prestigious Cosmetic and Laser Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and Wellman Center for Photomedicine. Arisa earned her medical degree at Albany Medical College and completed her dermatology residency training at UC Irvine and Beckman Laser Institute.

Special Interests

Her research interests are in laser treatment and noninvasive imaging of nonmelanoma skin cancer.

Catalina Matiz, MD

Dr. Catalina Matiz joined Rady Children’s Hospital & Health Center Division of Pediatric & Adolescent Dermatology in July 2014. Dr. Matiz is board-certified in Pediatrics, Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology. She is double residency trained in Pediatrics and Dermatology and she did her fellowship in Pediatric and Adolescent Dermatology at Rady Children's Hospital San Diego- university of California San Diego. Catalina earned her medical degree from Universidad Nacional de Colombia, School of Medicine in Bogotá, Colombia.

Special Interests

Her research interests are contact dermatitis in children and bacterial skin infections in children with Atopic Dermatitis.

2014 Dermatology Research Funding

Federal: $10,548,879 Industry: $3,322,598
Foundation: $2,108,615 Intramural: $60,000

Total: $16,040,092

An important mission of UC San Diego Dermatology is to advance human health through basic and translational research. The specialty of Dermatology has a long tradition of contributing major breakthroughs in science. Today is a particularly exciting time in this regard, and UCSD Dermatology is proud to have become one of the leading contributors to this effort.

Our excellence is confirmed and perpetuated by our remarkable success in securing research funding. 12 faculty successfully received extramural funding from multiple sources in 2014: Richard Gallo, Anna Di Nardo, George Sen, Eric Huang, Wynnis Tom, Tissa Hata, Lawrence Eichenfield, Sheila Friedlander, Brian Jiang, Andrew Krakowski, Robert Lee and Catalina Matiz. The hard work and success of our research has led to over 100 publications by our faculty in 2014.
Dr. Wynnis Tom received a UCSD Pediatric Genomics Pilot Project Grant to examine markers of response to systemic therapies for pediatric atopic dermatitis. She also co-chaired the 2014 Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance Annual Conference in November.

Dr. Tissa Hata was granted membership to the ADA (American Dermatological Association) and sworn in November 2014. The ADA is the oldest and most prestigious Dermatology organization in the US. Membership is by invitation only and based on a highly competitive election process. Total members at one time is limited to 250 and includes recognized leaders in the field. Hata is the 4th member of the current UCSD Dermatology faculty to be awarded membership. Other members include Dr. Richard Gallo, Dr. Lawrence Eichenfield and Dr. Sheila Friedlander.

Dr. Arisa Ortiz was recently selected as an FDA expert for the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery Association; she lectured on Lasers for Vascular Lesions at the American Academy of Dermatology Essentials of Cosmetic Dermatology Conference in October 2014; she gave 3 lectures at the American Society of Dermatologic Surgery Annual Meeting Nov 6-9, 2014: “The Article I Learned the Most From This Year”, “Noninvasive Autofluorescent Imaging of Non-melanoma Skin Cancer Tumor Margins During Mohs Micrographic Surgery”, and “Laser Treatment of BCC”. She also participated in the Resident Mini-symposium discussing the benefits of doing a fellowship. She co-chaired the Women's Dermatologic Society event in San Diego on Dec. 6, 2014 on pigmenitary issues. She will be the guest editor for the February 2015 issue of Lasers in Surgery and Medicine Journal. Dr. Ortiz was awarded the La Jolla Winner for Doctors’ Choice Awards in Dermatology 2014.

Dr. Philip Cohen - 2014 had several significant publications for Dr. Cohen-either as a single author or collaborator. He introduced not only the ‘sign of Zorro’ to describe the mask-like appearance of the periocular region in patient with generalized eruptive keratoacanthomas of Grzybowski (Int J Dermatol), but also the term ‘GASP’ (Gleevec-Associated Surgical Purpura) to describe periorbital purpura in a woman with imatinib-treated chronic myelogenous leukemia (Dermatol Online J). He also defined the characteristics and management of Erdheim-Chester disease (Mayo Clin Proc) and highlighted innovative treatments for generalized lichen planus: acitretin (Dermatol Online J) and anakinra (Dermatol Online J). In addition, he characterized the tumor and patient features of axillary basal cell carcinoma in patients with (Dermatol Online J) and without (Am J Clin Dermatol) basal cell nevus syndrome. He also reported on drug (vemurafeib)-induced Sweet’s syndrome (J Dermatol) and had at least another 12 PubMed indexed papers.

Dr. Taraneh Paravar was an invited speaker at the CalDerm Annual Meeting. Carlsbad, CA, September 14, 2014, “Great Cases from UC San Diego.” Dr. Paravar led the oral and poster presentation, “Survey on the format of and satisfaction with continuity clinic in dermatology residency training” with Tiffany Loh, Aria Vazirnia, Dr. Maryam Afshar and Dr. Robert Dorschner at Association of Professors of Dermatology Meeting, 2014. Chicago, IL. She was awarded the Robert W. Goltz Excellence in Teaching Award, University of California, San Diego, Division of Dermatology, 2014.

Tanya Greywal (medical student) was awarded the Outstanding Abstract Award at the Ed Quigley Clinical Research Symposium in October 2014. Her project was titled: “Oral propranolol in infantile hemangioma: a prospective, placebo-controlled, multinational trial”. This symposium highlights the excellent and innovative clinical research conducted at Rady Children’s Hospital.
The 22nd annual Stoughton Lecture, in memory of Dr. Richard Stoughton, took place Thursday, April 24, 2014. The special guest speaker was Richard Granstein, MD, from the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Dr. Granstein gave the talk “Stress, the Nervous System and Cutaneous Immunity” in the Hillcrest Medical Center Auditorium.

Dr. Granstein met with and presented a lecture to the UCSD & Navy Dermatology residents titled: “UVR-induced Immunosuppression and Skin Cancer”.

Dr. Granstein is the George W. Hambrick, Jr. Professor and Chairman of the Department of Dermatology. His research interests center on the regulation of immunity within the skin and the relationship of the skin's immune system to the development of skin cancers. He also has a special research interest in the regulation of the immune system by stress and the nervous system.

Dr. Richard Stoughton was a scientist, teacher and clinical dermatologist of great distinction who made many contributions to the practice of dermatology. In a long and productive research-oriented career, Dr. Stoughton developed a system for the assay of the potency of topical corticosteroids that has become the world standard. He produced over 150 publications and was frequently called upon to contribute chapters for books on various aspects of dermatology. Dr. Stoughton became the first full-time Director of the Division of Dermatology at UCSD in 1974 where he held the rank of Professor of Medicine. He passed away in May 1992.

Since 2009, the Dr. Terry O'Grady Lectureship in Dermatopathology highlights trends in the field of Dermatopathology. This year’s event took place Thursday, September 18th. The special guest lecturer, Beth Ruben, MD, from the University of California, San Francisco gave the talk “Nail Pathology: Pearls for Practitioners” in the Medical Center Auditorium on the Hillcrest UCSD campus.

Dr. Ruben also met with and presented a lecture to the UCSD & Navy Dermatology residents titled: “Drug Reactions Due to New Classes of Medications”

Dr. Ruben is a Professor of Dermatology and Pathology and Director of the Dermatopathology Fellowship at UCSF. Her clinical interests include: nail pathology, inpatient (hospital) dermatopathology, drug eruptions, and pathology of melanocytic neoplasms, including those in the nail unit.

Dr. O’Grady was a faculty member with the UCSD School of Medicine, Division of Dermatology, for 14 years, and served as Residency Program Director since 2004. Dr. O’Grady’s skills as a Dermatopathologist and Dermatologist improved the lives of countless patients and his inspired teaching launched many careers. He was a retired Navy captain, an avid surfer and a long-time San Diego Padres season ticket holder. He passed away September 17, 2008, after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 60 years old.
Robert W. Goltz, M.D.

Dermatology suffered a great loss on March 23, 2014, with the passing of Dr. Robert W. Goltz. Bob was a wonderful mentor to many at the University of California, San Diego where he served as acting chief of Dermatology from 1993 to 1999 and was an active emeritus professor for many years.

Dr. Goltz studied medicine at the University of Minnesota and in 1965 became the first professor of dermatology at the University of Colorado, Denver. In 1970 he became head of dermatology at the University of Minnesota until his first retirement in 1985. A former president of the Society of Investigative Dermatology, he is recognized as a pioneer in dermatopathology. Despite his modest protests, his ground-breaking work led his name to become associated with genodermatoses such as Focal Dermal Hypoplasia (Goltz syndrome) and Nevoid Basal Cell Carcinoma syndrome (Gorlin-Goltz syndrome).

Dr. Goltz was an exceptional physician and gentleman that served as an inspiration and role-model for many. His life made the specialty of Dermatology better and his memory will continue to inspire us.

Upcoming Events

Annual Dermatology Research Day
Thursday, February 26, 2015
“TBD”
Kevin Wang, MD, PhD
Assistant Professor of Dermatology,
Stanford University

22nd Annual Stoughton Lecture
Thursday, April 30, 2015
“Recent clinical and translational research directions in cutaneous lupus”

Victoria P. Werth, MD
Professor of Dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Veterans Administration Medical Center

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