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Letter from the Chair



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Department of Dermatology, I am pleased to convey this newsletter to you along with our best wishes for a healthy and happy new year. It was wonderful to have our community gather earlier last month at the Annual Departmental Holiday Party, which took place at Schwab Center at Stanford on [December 2nd](#). Over 300 faculty, staff, trainees, alumni, family and friends from the Department's many clinical and research sites came together for a wonderful dinner evening. Please see photos from the event on pages 6-7 of the newsletter. Just as this holiday gathering represents an important yearly "Reunion" of our community here at home, our Department Reunion at this year's American Academy of Dermatology Meeting in San Diego on the evening of March 18th at 6PM-8PM in the Coronado room at the San Diego Marriott MARQUIS & Marina represents a chance to connect with the more widely dispersed alumni and friends of our community. Please mark your calendars and join us!

Since our spring newsletter, there have been a number of new positive developments in Stanford Dermatology, including the addition of a number of new faculty (Please see pages 3-4). First, Dr. Michael Krathen, an accomplished young Dermatologist with a strong interest in Cutaneous Oncology, also joined the Department in August from Boston University. Dr. Krathen will work closely with Professors Youn Kim and Susan Swetter in the Stanford Programs in Cutaneous Lymphoma and Melanoma, respectively, at the Stanford Cancer Center. Additionally, Dr. Brittney DeClerck joined us last month from the University of Colorado. Dr. DeClerck, who has a joint appointment with the Department of Pathology, will see Dermatology patients as well as read Dermatopathology specimens as part of an expanding collaboration with our Pathology colleagues. Dr. Brooks Bahr, an outstanding young medical Dermatologist, joined the Department from USC in August. Dr. Bahr has a strong interest in complex medical Dermatology and he will also help lead advanced medical student education. Dr. Marlyanne Pol-Rodriguez joined us in December from Kaiser Permanente in Oakland to provide essential clinical care for adult Dermatology patients and mentorship of Dermatology residents. Her surgical and lab skills as a skin surgeon and contributions in the area of Teledermatology will be invaluable to the department. Please welcome all these wonderful new faculty members, who contribute to what has become the largest period of growth for the Department in its history.

In other progress, the Second Annual Faculty Retreat in our Department's new Multi-Task Force working format was held on September 9, 2011 at the Stanford Faculty Club. Faculty came together to work on issues important to the Department's continued success, with a special focus for this year's Retreat on 5 areas, including Education, Integration, Scholarship, Patient Care, and Translational Research. The Retreat itself was the culmination of months of advance work by Task Forces led by faculty members active in each of those areas, including Kristin Nord, Susan Swetter, Jean Tang, David Peng, and David Fiorentino. These Task Forces helped chart the path forward for this year's plan Department growth and improvement, with a number of additional initiatives now either underway or already completed and plans are in place for next year's Retreat on September 14, 2012. Among the most immediately visible changes resulting from prior Retreat area foci coming to fruition over the past year have been enhancements to Grand Rounds, including the addition of brief talks to patient viewing to enhance educational value, engagement of additional faculty moderators, and reconfiguration enhancements to the format at the Redwood City campus. As an additional wonderful piece of news related to our Educational mission,

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Stanford Dermatology Residency Program, under the Direction of Dr. David Peng, with the assistance of Dr. Kristin Nord, received full re-accreditation this past year.

The Department continues to benefit from the extraordinary dedication and contributions of our Adjunct Clinical Faculty, which I personally believe is the most talented and devoted of any Department of Dermatology in the country. These clinical faculty play an instrumental role in the education of resident and medical student trainees as well as offer great service to the Department and the School of Medicine. In this regard, it is my pleasure to share with you that two distinguished Dermatologists and long-time faculty contributors to the Department have taken on new service roles recently. Dr. Patricia Engasser has accepted a position and is now serving on the Association of Stanford Adjunct Clinical Faculty Council (AACF) as our Department Representative. After service in that role prior to Dr. Engasser, Dr. David Gorsulowski, is now serving on the Governing Council of the AACF. The Department benefits enormously from such leadership and service and I hope you will join me in thanking these distinguished colleagues.

Looking to the future, the mission of the Department will remain focused, as it has been for past decades, on leadership in discovery, in patient care and in training leaders of our specialty in an environment that fosters creativity, excellence and synergy. The support of our entire community of faculty, alumni, patients, and friends will be instrumental in providing the creativity and resources needed in this effort to support trainees, young faculty, patient care advances and innovative research. We invite you to continue your valued contributions to the Department and our entire Dermatology community.

I welcome your support and suggestions to enhance these endeavors and thank you for your efforts as part of the Stanford Dermatology community. With best wishes for a wonderful New Year,

Paul Khavari

Moving Forward: Ways of Giving

The Stanford Department of Dermatology is among the country's leading dermatology programs, as evidenced by our nationally recognized teaching and research programs. To reach a new level of expertise and service, however, will require the support of those who share our commitment to revealing the underlying causes of the most devastating skin diseases, and then translating that knowledge into better care for patients everywhere. At the heart of any great institution are the people whose vision and talent define it. In the Stanford Department of Dermatology, our ability to attract and retain leading clinicians and the most promising residents is limited only by resources. We seek support for:

- **Endowed Professorships - \$4 million**

Play a vital role in recruiting and retaining world-renowned scholars and educators. Endowed professorships are established as permanent funds that provide annual income for a faculty member to support their research.

- **Endowed Postdoctoral Fellowships - \$1 million**

Provide the necessary support for Postdoctoral fellows to continue training in a specialized area of basic science or clinical medicine. In return, they play an important role in teaching medical students and residents, and to making tremendous contributions to Stanford's research and clinical programs.

- **Endowed Faculty Scholar Funds - \$250,000 to \$1million**

Award, honor, encourage, and support outstanding young faculty members while they are in the early stages of their careers, allowing faculty to develop their research to the point that they can compete for funding from external agencies. Also assist more established faculty to rapidly explore exciting new areas for which other research grant funding is not yet available.

- **Endowed Research Funds - \$250,000 to \$1 million**

Allow us to encourage new areas of exploration through unrestricted start-up funds and ongoing program support of clinical investigations into the causes, treatment, and prevention of human disease, and basic science research of the molecular biology of disease, helping speed the transformation of new discoveries into improved treatments.

- **Endowed Lectureships - \$200,000**

Provides valuable new perspectives for both faculty and graduate students in skin disease research and encourages national and international collaboration.

- **The Translational Research Program in Cutaneous Medicine and Oncology - \$100,000 - \$2 million**

Designed to link basic laboratory advances to patients and thereby accelerate advances in understanding and treating skin disease through a coordinated infrastructure that encompasses Biocomputational, Regulatory, and Patient Care components.

- **The Residents Education and Research Fund - Donations at any funding level**

Enables our residents to travel not only to national conferences like the AAD, but also to conferences like the SID annual meeting. This fund also supports their research projects, as well as speakers at both teaching lectures and Grand Rounds.

Please contact Phil Yamahiro for information at yamahiro@stanford.edu

New Faculty Members



Michael Krathen, MD

Dr. Michael Krathen joined the Department of Dermatology at Stanford University as a new faculty member in August 2011. Originally from South Florida, Dr. Krathen completed his undergraduate and medical school education at the University of Pennsylvania. Subsequently he completed an internship in internal medicine at the Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts. During his dermatology residency at the combined Boston Medical Center-Tufts residency program, Dr. Krathen developed an interest in cutaneous oncology. He is now seeing patients with cutaneous lymphoma (both cutaneous T- and B-cell lymphomas) as well as cutaneous melanoma and atypical pigmented lesions. He has a strong interest in medical dermatology, but also sees general dermatology patients at the Redwood City Department of Dermatology outpatient campus for general, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology needs. In his spare time, Dr. Krathen enjoys skiing, road biking, traveling, and live music!

Dr. Brittney De Clerck began working as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pathology and Dermatology at Stanford on November 1st, 2011. She is board certified in Dermatology and Dermatopathology. She sees patients in the dermatology clinic at the Stanford Medicine Outpatient Center in Redwood City and also works at the Stanford Hospital in the Pathology department. Dr. De Clerck received her M.D. and completed her residency training in Dermatology at the University of Southern California. She then went on to complete her fellowship in dermatopathology at the University of Colorado. She is dedicated to teaching medical students, residents, and fellows about dermatology and dermatopathology and leads the dermatopathology educational curriculum.



Brittney De Clerck, MD



Brooks A. Bahr, MD, MB

Brooks A. Bahr, MD, MBA is a Clinical Instructor in Dermatology. He completed medical school at the University of Utah School of Medicine, and residency at the Keck School of Medicine at the University of Southern California. He co-directs the medical student elective and sub-internship rotations with Dr. Badger. His clinical interests include general dermatology, lasers for treatment of medical conditions such as psoriasis and vitiligo, acne, hidradenitis, bullous disorders, psoriasis, and pruritus. Outside of clinic he enjoys fitness, activities through his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and sports.

New Faculty Members



Marlyanne Pol-Rodriguez, MD

Marlyanne Pol-Rodriguez was born and raised in Puerto Rico, a beautiful island in the Caribbean, and left when she was 18 to go to college at Emory University in Atlanta. After college, she called Connecticut and New York City home while pursuing her medical degree at Yale University and Dermatology training at Columbia University. Dr. Pol-Rodriguez moved to the Bay Area in September of 2006 and worked as a general Dermatologist at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland until 2011. She joined the Stanford Dermatology faculty in December of 2011. At Stanford, she plans to continue working as a general Dermatologist, with an interest in minor skin and nail surgery and the treatment of hyperhidrosis. When she is not working, Dr. Pol-Rodriguez enjoys spending time with friends and loved ones, especially with her husband and son. She also enjoys baking, eating at new restaurants, watching a good movie and traveling.

Current/ Former Residents

2011 Graduates:

Richard Chen, M.D., M.S. – Stanford University, M.D., M.S.; Santa Clara Valley Medical Center – Internship; Currently: A Clinical Instructor in our Redwood City clinic & continues his research.

Rita Khodosh, M.D., Ph.D. – Harvard Medical School, M.D.; Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Ph.D.; Stanford University – Internship; Currently: Practicing in the Department of Dermatology at San Jose Medical Group

Jennifer Lai, M.D. – University of Southern California, M.D.; Kaiser Santa Clara – Internship; Currently: A Clinical Instructor at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System

Thomas Leung, M.D., Ph.D. – University of California, Los Angeles, M.D.; California Institute of Technology, Ph.D.; Stanford University – Internship; Currently: A Clinical Instructor seeing patients at LPCH and continuing his research.

Eleni Linos, M.D., DrPH – Oxford University, M.D.; Harvard School of Public Health, DrPH; Stanford University – Internship; Currently: A faculty member in the Department of Dermatology at UCSF

Anjali Morales, M.D., Ph.D. – Cornell University, M.D., Ph.D.; Stanford University – Internship; Currently: Practicing at the California Skin Institute.



Stanford Dermatology welcomed the following new residents in July 2011

Regina-Celeste Ahmad, M.D., Ph.D. – University of Chicago

Monika Chock, M.D. – Stanford University

Justin Gordon, M.D. – Emory University

Cameron Harrison, M.D. – University of Colorado, Denver

Michelle Longmire, M.D. – University of New Mexico

Matthew Malan, M.D. – Oregon Health & Science University

Eon Rios, M.D., Ph.D. – Stanford University

Clinical Trials

Please contact Andrea Tichy at (650) 721-7166 or atichy@stanford.edu for more information.



Pediatric Dermatology

We are currently enrolling subjects in a pilot study of Sildenafil for treatment of lymphatic malformations (LMs). Subjects must be 6 months to 25 years old and have a clinically diagnosed LM of at least 10 cm diameter which primarily involves the skin or the tissue just beneath the skin. Study drug is administered for 20 weeks and there is a follow up visit 8 weeks afterward. We will complete an eye exam, MRI, and laboratory tests at the initial screening if they have not been done recently.

The following clinical trials are currently enrolling patients with basal cell carcinomas, one for advanced disease and one for operable disease. Both study drugs belong to a new class of drugs called smoothened inhibitors.

Phase II, Randomized Double-Blind Study of Efficacy and Safety of Two Dose Levels of LDE225 in Patients with Locally Advanced or Metastatic Basal Cell Carcinoma (Sponsor: Novartis)

SHH4812g: A Phase II, Multicenter, Open-Label, Two-Cohort Trial Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of GDC-0449 in Operable Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)(Sponsor: Genentech)

Please contact Shruthi Rangaraj at (650) 721-7159 or Anne Chang MD/ Anthony Oro, MD, PhD at (650) 721-7151 for more information. Eligibility requirements can be found on www.clinicaltrials.gov or by contacting us directly

HCI Cancer



Grand Rounds Schedule

Every Thursday from 7:30-9:00am unless otherwise noted:

Feb 2, 2012... Grand Rounds....SCVMC, San Jose
Feb 9, 2012.... Grand Rounds.....SMOC, Redwood City
Feb 16, 2012.... Grand Rounds.....SMOC, Redwood City
Feb 23, 2012.... Grand Rounds..SMOC, Redwood City
Mar 1, 2012... Grand Rounds....SCVMC, San Jose
Mar 8, 2012... Grand Rounds.....SMOC, Redwood City
Mar 15, 2012... Grand Rounds....SMOC, Redwood City
Mar 22, 2012... Grand Rounds.....SMOC, Redwood City
Mar 29, 2012... Grand Rounds.....SMOC, Redwood City

To bring patients to Grand Rounds please email Vanessa Morado at vmorado@stanford.edu

Events (Previous)

Stanford Dermatology Holiday 2011 Party

On Friday, December 2nd, 2011 the Department of Dermatology held its Annual Holiday Party at the Schwab Residential Center's Vidalakis Ballroom. The event brought together many faculty, staff, and family members from our Stanford, Redwood City, VA, Lucile Packard, and Santa Clara Medical centers. Thanks to Mix Company for their amazing performance! A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to celebrating the holidays again next year!





Events (Previous)

Cancer Screening



The annual Stanford Dermatology free skin cancer screening was held on Saturday **May 19th** at the Stanford Medicine Outpatient Center in Redwood City and was a great success. According to screening directors Dr. Susan Swetter and Dr. David Peng, 176 individuals were screened, with 4 squamous cell carcinomas, and 2 pigmented lesions with biopsy recommended to exclude early melanoma. All individuals with presumptive skin cancer were referred for further dermatologic evaluation and biopsy confirmation of diagnosis.

Dr. Swetter and Dr. Peng would like to thank the Stanford Dermatology physicians, nurses, medical students, and staff for their assistance and contribution to the event. We look forward to another successful skin cancer screening at the Stanford Medicine Outpatient Center again next year.

Events (Upcoming)

2012 Stanford Dermatology AAD Reunion

The Department of Dermatology will be hosting a 2012 Stanford Dermatology Reunion, taking place during the 70th American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting (March 16th-20th) on **Sunday, March 18th, 2012 at 6:00pm – 8:00pm** at San Diego Marriott MARQUIS & Marina in the Coronado Room. All former and current faculty, residents, and alumni of the Stanford Dermatology Community are welcome to join us.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to **Newsha Firoozye** (newshaf@stanford.edu).

For more information regarding The 2012 American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) 70th Annual Meeting, please refer to the following link:

<http://www.aad.org/meetings-and-events/annual-meeting>

