



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2019



From Our Chair



Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP

To Our Alumni, Donors, and Friends:

The time between July and December always flies by, and this year was no different - in fact, more incredible. We now have four residents on board and anticipate two if not three more joining next summer. Our faculty have been beyond amazing in their dedication to the clinical, educational and research missions of the School of Medicine and we are making great strides in every category, from community service/public outreach to presentations at regional and national conferences, and establishing a clinical trials platform. And we genuinely have so much joy in what we do, which is a true privilege.

At this time of year especially, I feel so very grateful to work in this profession and to help guide the future and transformation of Dermatology in New Mexico. A huge thank you to all of you for your incredible work, commitment, financial support and for being a part of this unique and special UNM Dermatology community. Cheers to a happy, healthy and meaningful New Year!

Department Updates

Here's what's been going on since our Summer Edition:



- We have received a record amount of applications for our 2021 residency positions and will hold 2 days of interviews in January to select 2 more residents. We have also applied for a 3rd resident spot per year, and pending approval from the Residency Review Committee. If approved, we will interview more applicants in March!
- We are interviewing for additional UNM, VA and Pediatric Dermatology faculty as well as a new Medical Director and General Dermatologist. Please let us know of any interested candidates, and help spread the word! See our ad later in the newsletter for more info.
- Dr. Loren Zech will be departing the Department of Dermatology and his last day is December 15th. We thank Dr. Zech for his contributions to the department and wish him the very best as he returns to Tucson. He will retain Volunteer Faculty status and will assist with resident interviews and provide resident education so we hope he will not go too far!
- Riley Pisa joined our Dermatology Administration Team in September as a student employee. Riley is a freshman at UNM and is planning to apply to medical school.
- For the 2018-219 academic year, the faculty and residents have had 11 publications, 57 conference presentations, wrote or co-wrote 4 textbook chapters, and 3 clinical trials that are now enrolling patients.
- Lalita Lopez de Gauntt, Unit Administrator, was a recipient of the highly selective 2019 School of Medicine Dean's Staff Award. We appreciate you, Lalita!
- Many thanks to our Volunteer Faculty roster which now includes: Dr. Debra Atkins, Dr. Alan Blaugrund, Dr. Alicia Bucko, Dr. Michael Chang, Dr. Michael Contreras, Dr. Daniel Davis, Dr. David Davis, Dr. Amanda Harper, Dr. Kenneth Harper, Dr. Donald Harville, Dr. Michaela Jacobs, Dr. Allison Legler, Dr. Janice Moranz, Dr. Vincent Muscarella, Dr. Andrew Ondo, Dr. Charles Palmer, Dr. Diane Reisinger, Dr. Samuel Scheen, Dr. Deeptej Singh, Dr. Phillip Strange, Dr. Eduardo Tschén, Dr. William Van Horn Mason, and Dr. William Willis.
- In October 2019, Rebecca Smith-Sealy, DNP, FNP-BC, DCNP, was selected by the Dermatology Nurses Association (DNA) to assist in rewriting the national standard certification exam for NP's in Dermatology. Rebecca will also be joining the DNA as a board member director, collaborating to ensure that high quality education, clinical practice standards, professional support, and new practice innovations are sustained.
- Weekly Grand Rounds continues, and we have booked remarkable speakers this year! Again, special thanks for donations helping to sponsor Grand Rounds this year. We use dedicated money from the Chairs Fund to promote this program, and contributions are always welcome to continue this effort. Please plan to come to a session if you haven't yet! Breakfast and 1 or 2-hour CME credit are provided. If you cannot attend in person, we now broadcast our Grand Rounds through Zoom. If you would like to be sent the Zoom web link, please contact:
HSC Dermatology@salud.unm.edu
- Thank you to Michael Contreras, MD (05') who led a hands-on cosmetic workshop to our residents with Dr. John Durkin. Along with a Spring session led by Dr. Deb Atkins (SOM 01"), we plan to make this a twice yearly part of our curriculum.

GRAND ROUNDS JULY 2019-NOVEMBER 2019

For our 2018-2019 Academic year, we have welcomed many wonderful guest speakers to present at our Grand Rounds.



Left to Right: Aimee Smidt, MD,
Sarah Chamlin, MD



Left to Right: Elaine Siegfried, M..D/
Mary E. Logue, M.D



Left to Right: Heather Goff, MD,
Aimee Smidt, MD



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Greene, MD, Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo,
Dr. Mary E. Logue, Dr. Kory Lee, Dr. Alba
Posligua-Alban



Continuing The Excellence

FUTURE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS FOR THE 2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR:

Dr. Naiara Barbosa & Dr. Phillip Strange
Dr. Rajendra Singh
Dr. Vincent DeLeo
Dr. Henry Lim
Dr. Jeffrey Sugarman

Dr. Sam Hwang
Dr. Sergei Grando
Dr. Vivian Shi
Dr. Andy Ondo
Dr. Sally Fortner



Thank you!

WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE FOLLOWING PHARMACEUTICAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION AND CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR OUR GRAND ROUNDS:

Danny Burke: Celgene
Isaida Ferrari: Abbvie

Don Goulet: Genentech
Jeff Melvin: Pfizer

CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27

Upcoming Events

GRAND ROUNDS (CME)

INVITED LECTURES ALTERNATING WITH
PATIENT PRESENTATIONS

**EVERY FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
(EXCEPT MAJOR
HOLIDAYS/MEETINGS)**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.-Journal Club/Additional
Lecture

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE

Albuquerque, NM 87131

Please check our website for the updated calendar

FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENING

DECEMBER 7, 2019

CARLSBAD, NM

Co--sponsored by the Shannon Shaw Memorial
Fund, UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center, and
the AAD Spot Skin Cancer Campaign

SPRING NMDS MEETING (CME)

FEBRUARY 21-22 2020

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Guest Speaker **Dr. Clay Cockerell**
(Cockerell Dermatopathology)

AAD ANNUAL MEETING ALUMNI GATHERING 2020

MARCH 20, 2020

5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Tamayo, Denver, CO

1400 Larimer St. Denver, CO 80202

DERMATOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE (CME)

JUNE 20, 2020

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

The Department in coordination with the UNM
CME Office is planning to host a day-long
conference for primary care providers
throughout the state.

If you are interested in assisting or have
suggestions please contact us at **HSC-
Dermatology@salud.unm.edu**

5TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGENDORF LECTURESHIP & NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING (CME)

SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2020

ALBUQUERQUE, NM

Guest Speakers:

Burgdorf Speaker **Ilona Frieden (UCSF)**

NMDS- TBD

Community & Alumni Events

4TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGENDORF LECTURE AND NMDS FALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2019

Thank you to all who came to the 4th Annual Walter Burgdorf Lecture and NMDS meeting held in September. On Friday, we hosted a day of wonderful didactics including presentations by our faculty, medical students, residents and alums Brenda Dintiman, Paul Dunn, and Doug Johnson. We celebrated Wally's legacy during dinner at Season's Bar and Grill. was a wonderful turn out and a great opportunity to spend time together! Saturday morning, guest speakers Drs. Bruce Thiers and Jeffrey Callen provided excellent lectures. It was a great weekend of learning!



Top from left to right: Jeffrey Callen, MD, Brenda Dintiman, MD, Mary Beth Logue, MD, Kory Lee, MD, Medical Students Shannen Remey, MPH, Alexander Rose, Jaimie Lin, Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo, MD, Bruce Thiers, MD

Bottom: from left to right: Andy Ondo, MD, Brenda Dintiman, MD, Aimee Smidt, MD, Emily Altman, MD



SCHOOL OF MEDICINE COMMUNITY LECTURE SERIES

NOVEMBER 5, 2019
ALBUQUERQUE ACADEMY

With an introduction by our friend and sponsor Ellen King, Drs. Naiara Barbosa, John Durkin, and Marianne Berwick presented TED Talk-style on "Your Skin in the High Desert" followed by a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Aimee Smidt. 420 people registered to attend and it received very positive feedback from participants. We are committed to educating our community!



Top from left to right: Naiara Barbosa, MD, Top right photo: John Durkin, MD
Center: Marianne Berwick, MD
Bottom from left to right: Naiara Barbosa, MD, Ellen King, Aimee Smidt, MD, Marianne Berwick, MD, John Durkin, MD



CELEBRATE
THE
SEASON!

Please Join Us for a Special Holiday Gathering

Friday • December 13 • 6-9 PM

at the home of Dr. Aimee Smidt
6405 Avenida La Cuchilla NW
Los Ranchos de Albuquerque, NM 87107

Families are welcome!

The evening's menu will be New Mexican cuisine.

RVSP not required but we'd love to know if you plan to attend!
Please email hsc-dermatology@salud.unm.edu

Donors & Friends

This year we specifically extend our gratitude to those who have sponsored our Friday morning Grand Rounds lecture series: Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center of New Mexico; Rio Grande Dermatology; Western Dermatology Consultants; Dr. Debra Atkins (SOM alumna 01') Dr. Heidi Fleischmann, Dr. Amanda Harper (07'), and Dr. Shilpa Reddy (10'). We really could not provide this level of education without you and we hope you will consider giving to this effort again.

In addition, your philanthropic support enhances our mission each and every day. In the past year, 30 donors from 8 states gave approximately **\$117,000** to support residents, community outreach, the multidisciplinary Vascular Anomalies Clinic team (led by Dermatology), and to purchase much needed equipment. **THANK YOU!**

We ask for your continuing support, and would like to highlight a few ways you can help:

- Dr. Brenda Dintiman (91') challenges each of you to help bring the Walter Burgdorf Endowed Lectureship in Dermatology to its target of \$100,000. She will match dollar for dollar any gifts up to a total \$15,000. A few people have already taken advantage of her match - Let's complete this mission this year!
<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/dr-walter-burgdorf/>
- You can provide direct support to our current and future residents by giving to the Dr. Ben Smith Fund for Residents: **<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/dr-ben-smith/>**
- A donation to the Dermatology Chair's Fund, allows us to grow and respond to the Department's most pressing needs; please let us know if any questions: **<https://www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund/>**
- Our physical space has reached clinical/academic capacity and we are currently in conversation with UNM HSC Leadership about options for the future, especially with a growing residency training program and our important work in developing the future dermatology workforce for the state of New Mexico. If you would consider a gift for a new facility that could include a naming opportunity, or if you have questions about planning your estate for a more complex gift, please reach out to Ken Thompson, 505.362.3310, or **Kenneth.thompson@unmfund.org**.

Academic Dermatology Positions

The UNM Department of Dermatology seeks qualified individuals for three full-time faculty positions (Pediatric Dermatology, General Dermatology, Medical Director) in an innovative group environment. We serve a large, diverse and medically complex population and are a consultative resource for the state of New Mexico and the Four Corners region of the Southwest. The Department provides many services including: general and pediatric dermatology, phototherapy, laser, dermatologic/Mohs surgery and aesthetic services. We have a strong partnership with Dermatopathology and community physicians. Responsibilities include primarily outpatient Dermatology and evening/weekend call coverage for inpatient hospital consultations; Teledermatology is an evolving development as well. Opportunities for clinical research are available.

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (HSC) is the only academic health complex in the state and is located on the UNM campus in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico. The UNM HSC prioritizes resources to its four mission areas - Education, Research, Patient Care and Community Outreach - to provide New Mexicans with the highest level of health care. This also provides opportunity for transdisciplinary scholarship and research with collaborations from Main Campus Scholars, Law School, School of Population Health, and robust community organizations.

The School of Medicine at HSC is celebrated for its innovations in medical education and has earned a reputation for making diversity in the physician workforce a priority. Candidates with attributes that support our mission include demonstrable experience promoting inclusion in the workforce, modelling cultural humility, commitment to guiding underrepresented/minority learners into professional success, and striving to use social determinants of health to address health disparities for individuals and communities. We as an institution value community engagement, as evidenced by our national recognition in rural and family medicine training programs and our groundbreaking BA/MD Programs that provide pathways for students from urban, rural, and tribal New Mexico to pursue a medical career. The Department of Dermatology is committed to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and uses these standards as measures of excellence.



New Mexico is a recreation and art destination; Albuquerque is a beautiful city with mountains to the east and a mesa to the west with breathtaking sunsets, lakes, rivers, deserts and mountain ranges. It is ideal for outdoor activities and sports all year-round including running, hiking, biking and skiing. The State of New Mexico is multicultural and multilingual with 22 American Indian tribes and nations as well as vibrant Latinx, African American, and Asian American communities with excellent local cuisine, unique architecture, and multiple cultural and historic sites. NM is dense with internationally famous artists, craft breweries and wineries, and an expanding film industry.

A Comprehensive Benefit Package including paid professional liability insurance, medical/dental/vision plan, retirement, annual and professional leave, continuing education tuition and dependent tuition program, and a competitive salary with incentive is offered.

Apply at <https://unmjobs.unm.edu> and search for the following posting numbers:

Pediatric Dermatologist:: Req7268
Medical Director: Req10611
General Dermatologist:: Req10610

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Connecting our Community

Please let us know what you think about this newsletter – we are so proud to share our Department’s accomplishments while we also try to highlight the amazing things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond.

On a final note, it has been recently recognized that Dermatology as a specialty is more lacking in diversity than many other medical fields. Our fabulous Dr. Naiara Barbosa serves as the Department Diversity Liaison and attended the inaugural AAD Diversity Conference in Chicago this fall; (see photo above) she also led a great workshop for our group. We are striving to improve the “pipeline” of young people of all backgrounds who may be interested in Dermatology, and we know that many of you also sponsor these wonderful students at various levels and give them exposure to your work. We are hoping to extend these initiatives and will keep you apprised of our ideas. Dr. Emma Johnson has volunteered to help develop a general mentoring network for our students/residents along with the Department; if you would be willing to serve in this capacity, let us know what contact information you prefer to share, or if you have other ideas that help build connections for our community. Thank you so very much and a Happy 2020 ahead!

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