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Letter from the Chair

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP



To our colleagues, alumni, donors, and friends:

As we close another inspirational academic year, I want to express my profound gratitude to all of you as part of UNM Dermatology. We have accomplished so very much and it is thanks to you – our alumni, community partners, donors, friends, leadership, faculty and learners – we are truly transforming Dermatology in New Mexico, which we determined as our Departmental vision just five short years ago.

Milestones to acknowledge and celebrate:

- We successfully graduated our “triple threat” class of PGY4s – Drs. Cyrelle Fermin Finan, Kriti Mishra and Jiasen Wang – they are the first of our expanded class of three residents and we are SO incredibly proud that they are part of the UNM Dermatology family. Dr. Finan will start Pediatric Dermatology fellowship, Dr. Wang will be pursuing Mohs surgery, and we have hired Dr. Mishra as a Staff Physician in our own Department for the coming year! We are truly thrilled for all of them and we know they are well suited to shine in their next career steps.

- We are so happy to welcome new Departmental staff members: Kenda Pina will lead our research team, Gabriel Peters has transitioned from student employee to research staff, and Michael (Trey) Cottone joins us as our department Accountant. We also wish Tamanna Chauhan, who led research initiatives until May 2023, the best as she pursues her PhD at The Ohio State University starting Fall 2023.

- Our Grand Rounds and other educational initiatives are consistent opportunities for truly the highest quality speakers – and we thank our sponsoring partners for gifts to the Chair Fund which support this programming. We are hosting top-notch lecturers in the next academic year, so please make every effort to join us in person or on Zoom, and our next Burgdorf Memorial Lectureship will take place late September 2023. In addition, our recent Dermatology for Primary Care CME conference was a huge success!

- We continue to grow and cultivate DEI and Community Engagement efforts, through inclusive mentoring, pathway collaborations for young people interested in healthcare careers, and ongoing AAD SpotMe free skin cancer screenings (sponsored in large part through the Ryan Daniell Fund and led by Dr. John Durkin). And – we are thrilled to announce a formal partnership with our incredible professional soccer team, NM United! Look for free sunscreen stations at home matches and our advocacy at Somos Foundation/NM United Academy community events. Contact us if you would like to support our efforts and purchase our logo t-shirt, and follow us on our social media channels!

In closing, each year we are better than we ever have been. Thank you for being part of this remarkable community. Wishing you an exhilarating summer 2023.

Department Updates



Dr. Kriti Mishra, MD

Kriti Mishra, MD will be joining the UNM Department of Dermatology as a Staff Physician starting July 10, 2023. She completes her residency training at the end of June 2023. She will hold clinics at UNMH Dermatology as well as at the Sandoval Regional Medical Center (SRMC). We are thrilled to have Dr. Mishra here with us for one more year before she plans to depart to North Carolina, for her husband's as he will be completing his a his fellowship in Radiology.

Kenda Pina joined the Department as a Research Coordinator in May 2023. Kenda graduated from the University of New Mexico in December 2022 where she majored in Biology and Psychology with minors in both Chemistry and Anthropology. She plans to apply to medical school and would like to one day have her own research laboratory to better aid her community in medicine and in health. Welcome to the team, Kenda!



Kenda Pina



Gabriel Peters

Gabe was a previous student employee who returned to the UNM Department of Dermatology as a Research Coordinator in January 2023. Gabe is currently focusing on applying to UNM's School of Medicine for this upcoming cycle and enjoying learning everything about clinical trials and anything research related. His medical interests are Psychiatry and Dermatology. Outside of work and academics, he enjoys playing video games, hanging out with friends and family and also getting out for the occasional hike around New Mexico.

Michael "Trey" Cottone joined as the Department's accountant in February 2023. He has enjoyed getting to learn about the department and UNM accounting systems. Trey graduated from UNM in December of 2022 with a BBA concentrating in Finance. In his free time he enjoys exercising, reading, and watching sports.



Michael "Trey" Cottone



Tamanna Chauhan

Tamanna Chauhan departed the UNM Department of Dermatology in May 2023 to pursue her PhD in Information Security & Data Analytics at The Ohio State University. We will miss Tamanna but we wish her the very best on her new adventure!

Congratulations Class of 2023

Congratulations to our residents who will be completing their Dermatology residency with UNM June 30, 2023! We are very proud of you and look forward to seeing your future accomplishments!



PGY-2



PGY-3



PGY-4

Residents starting July 2023



Dr. Kimberly Artounian
University of Arizona College
of Medicine Phoenix



Dr. Le Wen Chiu
University of California San
Francisco School of Medicine



Dr. Kimberly White
University of North Texas
Health Science Center Texas
College of Osteopathic
Medicine

Department Publications & Presentations

Shi KY, **Matsumoto AJ**, Nijhawan RI. (2023) Repair of a combined nasal sidewall/cheek/medial canthus defect, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, ISSN 0190-9622, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaad.2023.04.064>.

Shi KY, **Matsumoto AJ**, Nijhawan, RI. (2023) Periosteal tacking sutures to facilitate primary repair of eyebrow-adjacent Mohs defects, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, 2023, ISSN 0190-9622, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jaad.2023.02.043>.

♦**Bolick N.*** Poster presentation, First International Societies for Investigative Dermatology Meeting, Tokyo, Japan "Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Disparities in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma" (May 2023)

♦**Finan CF*, Park K***, Ariza-Hutchinson, A, Santacruz, K, **Elwood, H**, Fields, R, and **Konstantinov, N**. "Nonspecific cutaneous eruption in a patient with statin-associated autoimmune myopathy". American Academy of Dermatology Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mar 2023. Podium presentation.

Midani L*, Finan CF***, and **Stulberg D**. "Photo Rounds – Palmar Rash" J Fam Pract. Feb 2023.

♦**Mishra K*, Wang J*, Altman E**. AAD Oral Presentation. "An Unusual Association: Acquired Immunobullous Disease in a Patient With Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa" (2023)

♦Hong E, **Posligua A**, Elwood H, Smidt AC**. (2023) Excimer laser treatment for morphea-lichen sclerosis et atrophicus overlap in a pediatric patient, JAAD Case Reports, Volume 32, 2023, Pages 96-98, ISSN 2352-5126, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jidcr.2022.12.005>.

Kang BY, **Mitchell D*, Stepenaskie S, Smidt AC**. (2022) Umbilical nodule present since birth Pediatric Dermatology 40(2):379-381, John Wiley and Sons, Ltd 2023, 0736-8046, <https://doi.org/10.1111/pde.15195>

Publication Key

____ Faculty

* Current Residents

** Alumni

*** Medical Students

♦ Nash Fund Supported

Thank You For Your Donation To The Joel D. Nash Fund!

Donations to the Joel D. Nash Fund have helped support residents and medical publish in medical journals and travel to conferences such as the American Academy of Dermatology Annual Conference and to Society of Pediatric Dermatology Annual Conference. Your contribution is very much appreciated! If you would like to make a donation, please visit our website at <https://hsc.unm.edu/medicine/departments/dermatology/support/>

Research Initiatives

Our Department is currently participating in Multiple clinical trials. If you have any patients to refer, please contact Gabe Peters at GMPeters@salud.unm.edu or Kenda Pina at Kpina@salud.unm.edu

1) Ixekizumab in Adult Patients With Lichen Planus and Lichen Planopilaris. PI: John Durkin. Research Coordinator: Kenda Pina. <https://beta.clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05030415>

2) An Open-Label, Multiple-Dose, PK, PD Study of Ritlecitinib in Children 6 to 12 Years of Age With Severe Alopecia Areata. PI: John Durkin. Research Coordinator: Gabriel Peters. <https://beta.clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05650333>

3) A Phase 3 Study Investigating the Efficacy, Safety, and Tolerability of Ritlecitinib in Participants with Non Segmental Vitiligo. PI: John Durkin. Research Coordinator: Gabriel Peters. <https://beta.clinicaltrials.gov/study/NCT05583526>

Grand Rounds: January-June 2023

Thank you to the excellent speakers who have joined us this academic year, including:



Joan Guitart, MD
Northwestern
University
Feinberg School of
Medicine



Nancy Sokkary, MD
Children's Health
Care of Atlanta
Emory University



Anna Bruckner, MD
Children's Hospital
Colorado



Rebecca Mount, MD
Dermatology for
Animals



Sara Shalin, MD
University of
Arkansas for Medical
Sciences

Continuing The Excellence! Join Us by Zoom or In Person

TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS

Michael Chang, MD, New Mexico Skin Cancer Center, NM

Emma Johnson, MD, (UNM MD Class of 2014) Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

Eric Holmboe, MD, Yale, School of Medicine

Heather Goff, MD, MPH, UT Southwestern

James Chodosh, MD, MPH, University of New Mexico

Marcus Boos, MD, PhD, University of Washington

And more!

Grand Rounds are Every Friday of the Month (Except
Major Holidays/AAD) 8-9 a.m. MST

1021 Medical Arts Avenue NE
Albuquerque, NM 87131
or via Zoom

Please check our **website** for the updated calendar.

Your Feedback Matters!

We want to hear your feedback and/or
suggestions for our Departmental Grand Rounds.

Contact **Kathy Freise**, Medical Education
Specialist at KFreise@salud.unm.edu or **Lalita
Lopez de Gauntt**, Operations Specialist at
LaLopez@salud.unm.edu *If you would like to be
added to our listserv.*

Can't make Grand Rounds at 8am?!

We Got You Covered!

Noon Zoom Grand Round Dates:

August 4, 2023

November 3, 2023

February 9, 2024

May 3, 2024

Your dollars help make our excellent Grand Rounds educational opportunities
a reality - and we need your support!

We welcome your donation at any level:

www.unmfund.org/fund/dermatology-chairs-fund

Upcoming Events

8th Annual Walter Burgdorf, MD Memorial Lecture and NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Fall Meeting

September 29-30 2023

September 29th: UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center

September 30th: Tricore Reference Laboratories

Albuquerque, NM



Sima Jain, MD, FAAD
Medical Director and Founder
ClearSkin Dermatology
Orlando, FL



Mark R. Pittelkow, MD, FAAD
Professor of Dermatology
Mayo Clinic
Phoenix, AZ

NM Dermatology & Dermatologic Surgery Society Spring Meeting (CME)

TBD

STAY TUNED!!!



AAD Alumni Reunion

March 2023

San Diego, CA

Details to come soon!



Community & Alumni Events

UNM DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY AND NM DERMATOLOGY & DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY SPRING MEETING



Our April 28th-29th conference was a weekend full of high-quality didactics including excellent presentations from **Klaus Busam, MD**, (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center) along with fascinating case presentations by our UNM medical students and residents and their faculty mentors.

It was also wonderful to be together again in person and virtually! Thank you to the UNM Dermatology staff who help make these meetings successful, to the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center and Tricore Reference Laboratories for hosting us, and to NMDDSS for our strong and continued partnership.

Thank you to all who joined this year!

AAD ALUMNI REUNION

After a hiatus due to Covid, we held our Annual Alumni Reunion at the AAD Meeting in March 2023. It was fantastic to be together again and hear what everyone has been up to these past few years! Please join us at the next AAD Alumni Reunion in San Diego. Details to come soon!



FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS 2022-2023

Taos NM: April 1, 2023

Albuquerque and Rio Rancho, NM: May 6, 2023

We have continued our free skin cancer screenings including most recently in Taos in April and in Rio Rancho and Albuquerque in May for Melanoma Awareness Month. All screenings had amazing turn-outs. 32 patients were seen in Taos, 67 were seen in Rio Rancho and 132 were seen in Albuquerque. 1/3 of patients seen needed a follow up, meaning they had a lesion or concerns for cancer or precancer.

THANK YOU to all who volunteered for these events, which is a great opportunity for our students, and also to the **Ryan F. Daniell Fund** and the **Shannon Shaw Memorial Fund** which support this important work.

The next screening will be in Northern NM in 2023. Please contact **Dr. John Durkin** if you would like to volunteer in any capacity and we welcome your donations to the **Daniell Fund** to help grow this program sustainably.



Community & Alumni Events (cont.)

3RD ANNUAL DERMATOLOGY FOR PRIMARY CARE CONFERENCE JUNE 3, 2023



Our 3rd Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Providers Conference was a huge success! Guest speaker Dr. Brandi Kenner-Bell (Northwestern University) joined us for this important educational day to help teach our primary care providers high-yield dermatological care. 4 plenary sessions were held in the morning; topics included dermatological procedures, skin cancer management, common skin eruptions in children, and dermatological emergencies. The afternoon consisted of breakout sessions on acne and associations, dermoscopy and a hands-on procedural workshop. Thank you to all who attended and to our sponsors for making this very successful. We look forward to the next session!

UNM DERMATOLOGY UNITES WITH NEW MEXICO UNITED TO PREVENT SKIN CANCERS

The UNM SOM Department of Dermatology has partnered with New Mexico United, New Mexico's professional soccer team with the goal of broadening our reach on information about skin cancer prevention and sun safety practices. We will offer free sunscreen to fans at matches (see sunscreen stations below!) which will not only help our NM United fans stay safe while enjoying the games, but will alert them to the importance of staying safe when spending any time in the sun.

Go United! ¡Somos unidos!



Academic Dermatology Positions



The Department of Dermatology at The University of New Mexico School of Medicine **seeks qualified individuals for three full-time faculty positions** to join an innovative group environment. **Please spread the word!**

- **Pediatric Dermatology**
- **General Dermatology**
- **Dermatologist/Dermatopathologist**

We serve a large, diverse, 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 both 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.

UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC) is New Mexico's only academic health complex and is located in beautiful Albuquerque, New Mexico. Resources are prioritized into four mission areas of education, research, patient care and community outreach - all targeted toward the objective of delivering the highest level of health care to the people of New Mexico. Opportunities abound for multidisciplinary scholarship and research through collaborations with scholars across the arts and sciences disciplines, law and population health as well as robust community organizations.

The UNM School of Medicine is celebrated for its innovations in medical education and is a national leader in diversity in both the physician workforce

and its student body. Candidates with attributes that support our mission include demonstrable experience promoting inclusion in the workforce, modeling 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. New Mexico is multicultural and multilingual with 22 American Indian tribes and nations as well as vibrant Latinx, Black 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 ever-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.

Please Contact Us With Questions!

Lalita Lopez de Gauntt: Lalopez@salud.unm.edu
Dr. Aimee Smidt, MD, Chair: Asmidt@salud.unm.edu

The Raymond G. Murphy VA Hospital is also hiring a Dermatology Physician.
Click [Here](#) to learn more!

A Tribute To A Pioneer of UNM Dermatology

Dr. William "Bill" Willis currently lives in beautiful Salt Lake City, UT. While he truly misses previous proximity to the Sandias and NM & "su gente" in general, he now appreciates breathtaking views of the Wasatch range, meditations and "soundbaths", and chatting history & sports over dinner and walks. He delights in spending time with his caring family who live just down the street. He has fun writing & chatting with folks whether they be in Albuquerque or California or Georgia or Germany. He has commendably tackled many challenges of aging first, by taking tender care of his lovely wife Alice (who recently passed in peace). He continues not only to provide counsel to his community directly but also to inspire via the example he sets navigating challenges & recognizing successes. And while his depth of compassion is apparent via his sincerity, he also continues to surprise by regularly weaving his glorious sense of humor into interactions.

"Dr. Bill Willis has been a loyal supporter of UNM dermatology. Prior to his retirement, Bill served several years as the attending for the residents at the student health clinic. Bill always tried to be involved in the UNM patient presentation clinics as well as the New Mexico dermatology meetings. He would bring interesting patients and always had excellent therapeutic and diagnostic recommendations and insights. Personally Bill is a wonderful friend and has remained a valuable source of cogent advice and encouragement. UNM Dermatology has been continually enriched by Dr. Willis's loyal and dedicated support."

Dr. Phillip Strange



"Bill Willis was a clinician's clinician. He practiced the right way, every day, every hour, every minute. He taught me that you can practice exactly how you want to- and if that involves walkie-talkies- then so be it. He taught me a lot of dermatology, but more importantly he taught me the right way to talk to and treat patients. He and his wife were an inspiration to me."

Dr. Barrett Zlotoff



CONNECTING OUR COMMUNITY

We are so proud to share our Department's accomplishments while we also try to highlight the incredible things our friends, partners, and alumni are doing in New Mexico and beyond.

Please share your feedback with us and feel free to send us updates, news, or other highlights you'd like to see included in this communication!

And again, we are truly so thankful for YOU

and your support of our Department of Dermatology mission and vision.

Together we are transforming Dermatology in New Mexico.



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