



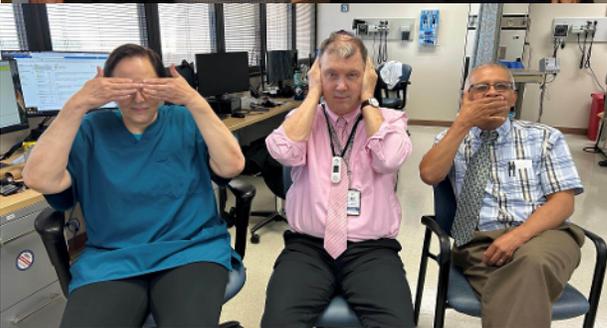
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# Dermatology Newsletter

Winter 2024 edition



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# Letter from the Chair

Aimee Smidt, MD, FAAD, FAAP

Dear colleagues, alumni, donors, and friends:

On behalf of UNM Dermatology, I continue to be so incredibly thankful for **YOU**. As we embark on another special holiday season, I always appreciate the time to pause and reflect on the many accomplishments we have to celebrate - most importantly our people, community, and impact for those we serve.

The Department continues to live our mission and vision to transform Dermatology in New Mexico.

◆ We were thrilled to welcome our first class of four dermatology residents, marking an exciting milestone in our program's growth: from two residents per year in 2018 and now four residents annually. As we celebrate this progress, we also acknowledge transitions within our program. Dr. Kim White has made the decision to step away from the residency program to focus on her family. In other news, we are excited to announce that Dr. Luis Sardiña will be joining the University of New Mexico Dermatology Residency Program as a transfer resident starting March 1, 2025.

◆ Dr. John Durkin and Dr. Therese Holguin were promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and we welcomed Dr. Rayan Saade in Dermatopathology.

◆ We held another truly fantastic Walter Burgdorf MD Memorial Lectureship and Alumni Conference - nine years and I think we have the process down! If you haven't yet attended, please mark your calendars for a tenth celebration next September 2025.

◆ We continue our successful free skin cancer screening events around the state, supported by the Ryan F. Daniell Memorial Fund and we have partnered with the UNM

Foundation to initiate a Grateful Patient campaign for contributions, in addition to working with New Mexico United and UNM HSC Wellness for broader awareness.

◆ Our ongoing work with the AAD/Nth Dimensions/UNM HSC Communities to Careers and the UNM HSC Center for Native American Health has provided mentorship and inclusive pathway programs for young learners in our communities, and our support of our own UNM School of Medicine students through the Dermatology Interest Group remains strong!

◆ I am so specifically proud of our highly productive scholarly work, publications, regional/national presentations and growing clinical trials. Grand Rounds occurs weekly with fantastic speakers, with much appreciation of your financial support. The demand for our clinical services at the UNM Health System sites has reached extraordinary levels.

◆ We have open faculty and staff physician postings (in general dermatology, pediatric dermatology, Mohs surgery-dermatology), so please spread the word if you or someone you know might be interested in joining our very busy team! We are excited to have at least three candidates interviewing with us in the upcoming months.

In a spirit of gratitude, we wish you and yours the best of the winter holidays, and a healthy, joyful and productive 2025. If I or anyone in our group can be of service to you, we are always here to connect.

Salud!

# Resident Welcome 2024!

To kick off our 2024-2025 academic year we held our Annual Resident Welcome Dinner in July. Thank you to Dr. John Durkin for hosting and we are so glad to have our new PGY-2s Drs. Naga Grandhe, Sheshanna Phan, Larimar Rodriguez and Surya Veerabagu. We are excited for what the 2nd half of this academic year will bring!



# Department Updates

## Welcome New Administrative Staff!



Patricia "Pat" Nunez is our new Administrative Assistant. She joined the department in July 2024. Pat moved to Albuquerque in 1998 from Los Angeles after a 15-year career with the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Since moving here she has had various jobs including at the Menaul School, which she loved, and with Haverland Carter Lifestyle Group managing senior living communities.

Pat is excited that she is working for the Department of Dermatology. Her energy is a delightful addition to our Administrative team!



Alex Galindo also joined UNM Dermatology in July 2024 as our IT Support Technician. Alex is originally from Texas and graduated from UNM in 2022 with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Arts. They are passionate about the intersection of technology and design and have a lifelong interest in digital media. In their personal life, Alex enjoys painting and sharing their love of cooking with friends and family. We are thrilled to have Alex on our team!



Cassandra "Cassie" Rojas is our new student employee who is assisting our administrative team with various administrative and educational responsibilities. She is a first year student at UNM anticipating a Bachelor's Degree in Biology. She also studies Flamenco and plans to Minor in Dance. She is very interested in pursuing Dermatology Research in the future. Welcome Cassie!

## Welcome Dr. Rayan Saade!



We are excited to introduce our newest Dermatopathology colleague, Rayan Saade MD. Dr. Saade is a highly trained dermatopathologist with fellowships in dermatopathology from Duke University, molecular genetic pathology from Emory University, and surgical pathology from The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Saade brings a deep understanding of both the histopathologic and molecular aspects of dermatopathology diagnoses and is particularly interested in melanocytic proliferations. In his free time, he enjoys learning the art of pizza making, spending time with his fiancée, and playing and writing songs on his ukulele.



Congratulations to Dr. John Durkin and Dr. Therese Holguin on their School of Medicine promotion from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor. Their dedication to our academic community is valued and so appreciated.



Dr. Nikifor Konstantinov presented at the 23rd Annual Rheumatic Disease Conference held in Santa Fe, NM in October. His presentation "Dermatology for the Rheumatologist: A Novel of Classic Clues and Important Mimickers" can be found by clicking [here!](#)

# Department Updates



Dr. Kimberly White has stepped away from the Dermatology Residency Program to focus on her family. She has been a valued member of our team and her dedication, kindness, and contributions to our program will be greatly missed. We wish Dr. White the very best in her future endeavors and thank her for her time with us.



Dr. Luis Sardiña will be joining the University of New Mexico Dermatology Residency Program as a transfer resident starting March 1, 2025. Dr. Sardiña

completed a pathology residency and a dermatopathology fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. He is currently practicing as a Pathologist and Dermatopathologist in Las Cruces. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Sardiña to the UNM Dermatology family!



UNM Dermatology faculty and staff gathered for our Annual Department Retreat at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Our awesome moderator, Dr. Martha Cole McGrew, former Chair of UNM SOM Department of Family & Community Medicine and former Executive Vice Dean of the UNM School of Medicine, led us through meaningful and effective discussions on our own sustainability, professional nourishment, work-life integration, followed by action planning for the remaining academic year, anticipating continued challenges. Thank you to Dr. McGrew for actively engaging our group. We look forward to what the next year will bring!

## Alumni Updates!



Congratulations to Dr. Catherine Tchanque-Fossuo (21') on opening up her own Dermatology Practice in Albuquerque! Calyx Dermatology is located at 612 Encino Pl. NE, ABQ, NM 87102. Her mission is to provide comprehensive, personalized, high-quality dermatologic care to each patient.

## Thank you Dr. Emily Altman!

Dr. Emily Altman has moved to Georgia to provide her expertise to the community of Emory School of Medicine. We will miss Dr. Altman but she promises she will be back to visit !



Congratulations to Dr. Mary E. Logue (21') on becoming the President and co-Founder of the Rural Access to Dermatology Society (RADS)! RADS' mission is to understand the barriers that limit rural patients from visiting a dermatologist and devise systems to positively impact skin health of this population through education and research. We encourage you to join the society too! Click [here](#) to learn more!



# Research Initiatives

**Our Research Team is currently looking to recruit interested participants for the following conditions:**

- Atopic Dermatitis
- Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Prurigo Nodularis
- Psoriasis
- Psoriatic Arthritis
- Pyoderma Gangrenosum
- Vitiligo

**To learn more, please scan the QR code and contact our Research Coordinators**



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**Save the Date!**

**2nd Annual Research Symposium**

**March 14, 2025**

**8am-10am**



# Department Publications & Presentations

## Publications:

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**\*Veerabagu SA**, Liao KP, Jambusaria-Pahlajani A, Wheless L, Wehner MR. Dermatology Encounters After Solid Organ Transplant. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2024 Nov 1;160(11):1246-1248. doi: 10.1001/jamadermatol.2024.3173. PMID: 39320874; PMCID: PMC11425182.

## Presentations:

**Durkin, JR.** Introduction to Dermoscopy, 4th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Providers Conference, June 2024

**Holquin, TA, Phillips, C.** Hidradenitis Suppurativa, 4th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Providers Conference, June 2024

**Matsumoto, AM.** Intro to Dermatologic Procedures, 4th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Providers Conference, June 2024

**Smidt, AC.** Hemangiomas- When to worry? What to do?, 4th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Providers Conference, June 2024

**\*Veerabagu, S**, (speaker), Aizman L, Briggs S, Michalksi-McNeely B. "International Immunosuppression and Transplant Skin Cancer Collaborative Social Media Presence: Current Impact and Future Directions." ITSCC Biennial Symposium. Live oral presentation. Essex, MA. Sept 2024.

**\*Veerabagu, S**, (speaker) Liao KP, Etkorn JR, Wehner MR. "Procedural Skin Cancer Treatment Trends in Skin of Color from 2011-2022: a retrospective cohort study." Oral, Video Abstract. American Society of Dermatologic Surgeons Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. October 2024

**\*Veerabagu, S**, (speaker) Li Y, Grinsfelder M, Little AJ, Srivastava D, Wehner MR, "Vulvar cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma trends in Female Lichen Sclerosus Medicare Patients." Oral, Video Abstract. American Society of Dermatologic Surgeons Annual Conference. Orlando, FL. October 2024

## Posters:

**\*Chiu LW, Durkin, JR, Smidt, AC.** A Retrospective Review of Pediatric Dermatology Encounters in a Clinic Serving Primarily Native American Patients, 48th Society of Pediatric Dermatology Annual Meeting, July 2024

**\*Chiu LW, \*\*Mitchell DC, Smidt AC, Busam KJ, Stepenaskie SA, Elwood HR.** Rhabdomyosarcomatous transdifferentiated melanoma arising within a large congenital nevus in an infant. 61st Annual Meeting of The American Society of Dermatopathology. November 7-10, 2024. Chicago, IL.

**\*Chiu LW, \*Cortez JL, Konstantinov NK, Stepenaskie SA.** Iododerma in a hospitalized patient. 61st Annual Meeting of The American Society of Dermatopathology. November 7-10, 2024. Chicago, IL.

**Smidt, AC.** Social media use among adolescents with acne: A cross-sectional survey study, 48th Society of Pediatric Dermatology Annual Meeting, July 2024

**Durkin, JR, Smidt, AC, \*White, K.** A retrospective Study on the Effectiveness of Hydrophilic Polymer and Potassium Ferrae for Punch Biopsies in the Pediatric Population, 48th Society of Pediatric Dermatology Annual Meeting, July 2024

# Grand Rounds: July-December 2024

Thank you to the excellent speakers who have joined us this year!



Steve Daveluy, MD  
Wayne State  
University



Noah Goldfarb, MD  
University of  
Minnesota



Matthew Fero, MD  
UNM  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Center



Pamela Allen, MD  
University of  
Oklahoma



Valerie  
Romero-Leggott, MD  
University of New  
Mexico



Jane Bellet, MD  
Duke University



Robert J. Segal, MD  
University of Arizona



Anne F. Segal, JD, PhD  
University of Arizona



David Savage, MD, PhD  
UNM  
Comprehensive  
Cancer Center



Jessica Williams, MD  
Radiology Associates  
of Albuquerque

**Continuing The Excellence!** Join Us by Zoom or In Person  
TENTATIVE GRAND ROUND SPEAKERS in 2025

**Ala Ebaid, MD**, University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Matilda Nicholas, MD**, Duke University

**Robert Brodell, MD**, University of Mississippi Medical Center

**Naiara Barbosa, MD**, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

**Debra Atkins, MD**, Physicians Aesthetics

And more!

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

1001 Medical Arts Avenue NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
or via Zoom

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

**We would love to have you join us!**

**Breakfast and CME provided!**

## Your Feedback Matters!

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

Contact **Kathy Freise** at [KFreise@salud.unm.edu](mailto:KFreise@salud.unm.edu)  
or **Patricia Nunez** at [PANunez@salud.unm.edu](mailto:PANunez@salud.unm.edu) to  
*be added to our listserv.*

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

We welcome your donation at any level:

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# Upcoming Events

## NM Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society Spring Meeting 2025



**April 4-5, 2025**

Albuquerque, NM

**Speaker:**

**Ashfaq A. Marghoob, MD**  
Memorial Sloan  
Kettering-Hauppauge



Vist the NMDDSS [Website](#)  
for more information!

### AAD Alumni Reunion

**Date: Saturday March 8, 2025**

**Location: TBD**

Orlando, FL

**Stay Tuned!**



### 5th Annual Dermatology for Primary Care Conference

**Date: Saturday May 31, 2025**

Albuquerque, NM

**Details Coming Soon!**



## 10th Annual Walter Burgdorf, MD Memorial Lectureship and NM Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society Fall Meeting

**September 12-13, 2025**

Albuquerque, NM



**Speaker:**

**Jean Bolognia, MD**  
Yale Medical School



**Speaker:**

**Michelle Tarbox, MD**  
Texas Tech University  
Health Sciences  
Center-Lubbock

# Community & Alumni Events

## 9TH ANNUAL WALTER BURGDORF, MD MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP & NEW MEXICO DERMATOLOGY AND DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY SOCIETY FALL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27-28 2024



Our 9th Annual Walter Burgdorf, MD Memorial Lectureship was a great success. It was a weekend full of high-quality didactics including excellent presentations from **Bill James, MD**, (Univ. of Pennsylvania) , **Klint Peebles, MD** (Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic Permanente) and UNM Dermatology Alumna, **Sarah Marian Lucking, MD** ('16). Our residents and medical students presented fantastic complex case presentations and the weekend included our traditional reception welcoming all faculty, residents, medical students, alumni, and community providers. Thank you to the UNM Dermatology staff who help make these meetings happen, UNM HSC facilities for hosting us, our industry sponsors, and to NMDDSS for a strong and continued partnership.

## FREE SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS 2024-2025

Gallup NM: August 24, 2024

Carlsbad, NM: November 23, 2024

We have kicked off our free skin cancer screening for 2024-2025. We held the first screening in Gallup, NM on August 24, 2024 and one in Carlsbad, NM on November 23, 2024. Roughly 1/3 of the individuals seen were counseled on concerning cancerous or pre-cancerous lesions and many would not have not been able to access Derm services otherwise. THANK YOU to the UNMH Specialty Clinic staff, the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center Shannon Shaw Fund, AAD Spot Me Cancer campaign, our very own Ryan F. Daniell Memorial Fund for making these important community initiatives possible, as well as our excellent learner volunteers.

If you'd like to volunteer, in any capacity please contact **Dr. John Durkin** to volunteer in any capacity. Make sure to visit our website for future screenings!

Albuquerque/Rio Rancho screenings will occur in May 2025 as part of Melanoma Awareness Month.



We welcome your donations to the Daniell Fund to keep this program going! Scan our QR Code to give!



# DEI Updates

## NTH DIMENSIONS

OCTOBER 16, 2024



It was a privilege to help lead the 2nd Annual Nth Dimensions Bioskills Workshop on the UNM Gallup Campus. After a blessing by Navajo Traditional Medicine Man, Mr. Thomas Edison Yazzie, Chair Dr. Aimee Smidt, PGY-3 Resident Dr. Kim Artounian, UNM School of Medicine student Sami Rahane, and UNMH Gallup Medical Assistant Valerie Miles led high school and college age learners through an interactive day on dermatology and medicine. It was a great day showing learners shave and punch biopsies, suturing and dermoscopy and discussing with them our individual paths to a career in healthcare with Executive Director Dr. Letitia Bradford. Thank you to our collaborators, The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), Nth Dimensions, UNM Gallup, UNM HSC Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Community to Careers Program, and UNM Center for Native American Health (CNAH). We look forward to continuing this annually to reach traditionally under-served populations in our communities.

## 2024 DERMATOLOGY INTEREST GROUP (DIG) FRIENDSGIVING DINNER

November 7, 2024



Our faculty, residents, staff and Dermatology Interest Group (DIG) medical student members gathered for a 2nd annual Friendsgiving themed meal! Cheers to colleagues, friends, and mentors and everyone who supports us - in building meaningful connections and new traditions! A very special gratitude to faculty and student match advisor, Dr. Nikifor (Niki) Konstantinov and his father, VA Rheumatology faculty, Dr. Konstantin Konstantinov for hosting this beautiful gathering!

# Thank You To Our Donors!

***We cannot transform Dermatology in New Mexico without the support of our donors, volunteers, and community partners. We would like to recognize and extend our appreciation to our 2024 donors to date.***

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Dr. Debra Atkins  
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## Invest in New Mexico's Dermatologic Future!

By making a gift to support the UNM Department of Dermatology, **YOU** make a difference by helping us train and retain physicians to deliver advanced dermatologic care to adult and pediatric patients, and grow our education and research efforts. UNM Dermatology has one of the highest rates of alumni participation at the UNM School of Medicine. Your donations help us **transform Dermatology in New Mexico!**

## YOU CAN GIVE STILL THIS YEAR!



### **Ben Smith Fund for Residents**

The Dr. "Ben" Smith Fund for Residents supports the annual budget of the Dermatology Residency Program, especially to cultivate academic endeavors and scholarly presentations at the national level, in addition to basic operational needs such as books, white coats, travel expenses to required conferences. Your gift will help keep our training program stable and growing. We **COUNT** on these dollars to help - please consider a gift this year!



### **Joel Nash Fund**

Gifts to the Joel Nash Fund, established by the Nash Family to promote Departmental scholarly activity, have helped support our learners publish in medical journals and travel to academic conferences. Costs continue to increase (it is currently \$563 to publish one case report in JAAD)! We very much appreciate your contribution in any amount to help keep our learners transform dermatology in New Mexico!



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# Academic Dermatology Positions

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

■ **Pediatric Dermatology** ■ **General Dermatology** ■ **Mohs/ General Dermatology**



**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!**

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## 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 our newsletter!

We are truly so thankful for **YOU** and your support of our Department of Dermatology mission and vision to transform Dermatology!

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