Welcome to the initiation of another academic year at the Case Western Reserve University & University Hospitals Case Medical Center Department of Dermatology. Early July is always an extremely active time of year for our Department and this year is no exception. We are welcoming in new Residents, wishing our departing "Third Years" the best of luck and looking forward to what promises to be another outstanding year of academic and clinical excellence!

We have been very fortunate to recruit new faculty members this year. Our newest faculty member recruited from the NIH and University of Maryland, Dr. Meg Gerstenblith joined the faculty in April 2011. We have also been fortunate to retain Dr. Marie Tuttle who has joined the faculty upon completion of her 2+2 residency track program in our Department. Both Meg and Marie are physician scientists and translational researchers. Dr. Gerstenblith specializes in Melanoma and Epidemiology and Dr. Tuttle specializes in chronic wounds and wound healing. Both Meg and Marie have general and specialized dermatological clinics as well as dedicated research endeavors in their respective areas of expertise. We are

We have also recently welcomed Dr. Kristen Doud to the Department in December 2010. Dr. Doud has accepted a position as the Clinical Research Compliance Officer for the Department of Dermatology. Dr. Doud brings years of extensive training to this position and has previously worked for University Hospitals Case Medical Center Institutional Research Board. Dr. Doud’s position allows us to offer our faculty involved in clinical research an expert consultant to help us hone our translational studies for maximum clinical impact and patient benefit.

Our research endeavors in the Department have once again been highlighted with presentations at the Society for Investigative Dermatology Annual Meeting, held this year in Phoenix AZ. Our research program was well represented in both oral and poster presentations spanning the research in the Department from Clinical Trials to murine models of skin disease. Our collaborative interaction with several other outstanding Universities is an area of particular pride for our Department that highlights the interactive nature of research in today’s research world.

Another area of immense concentration for our Department is the emphasis on Resident Research exemplified in our list of research projects directed by our Residents and presented at the Annual Resident Research Retreat. The level of scientific sophistication, faculty mentorship and cutting edge research reflect the dedication of our Residents and Faculty to research as well as highlighting the translational aspect of research that is especially rich in cutaneous biology.

Finally, we are very pleased to announce that the NIH has awarded continuation of the Skin Diseases Research Center (SDRC) at Case Western Reserve University. This award officially positions our Department as the longest-funded SDRC in the Country and is a wonderful reflection of the entire Departments' dedication to research excellence, cutting edge translational clinical trials and patient-centered research. Kudos to all for this outstanding accomplishment! This award is truly reflective of our mission, To Heal, To Teach, To Discover.

Best Regards,

Kevin D. Cooper
Professor and Chair, Department of Dermatology
New Faculty & Staff

New Faculty

Dr. Gerstenblith joins us as Assistant Professor with a secondary appointment in the School of Medicine Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, Division of Genetic Epidemiology. She is a Board Certified Dermatologist and a member of the AAD.

Meg’s special interests include cancer research in both genetic epidemiology and dermatologic skin cancers, pigmentation lesions, general dermatology and resident and medical student education.

Meg comes to us from John Hopkins University Department of Dermatology, where she is a faculty member, and from the Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, National Cancer Institute at the National Institute of Health, where she is a Research Fellow.

Dr. Gerstenblith was awarded a Dr. Marie Tuttle joins us as Assistant Professor in Dermatology at UH/CWRU and the Cleveland VA Medical Center. Her research interests include translation of molecular technologies studied in the laboratory to improve care of patients with chronic wounds. Her clinical interests include wound care and general dermatology.

Marie earned her B.S. in Honors Biology and M.D. from the University of Utah, where she graduated Alpha Omega Alpha. She and completed an intern year with Intermountain Healthcare Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah, then joined the Department of Dermatology at UH/CWRU for dermatology residency/fellowship with the mentorship of Mahmoud Ghannoum, Ph.D. During her fellowship, Dr. Tuttle received awards from the Dermatology Foundation and National Psoriasis Foundation and formed fruitful multidisciplinary collaborations in pursuit of her interest in the effect of polymicrobial bacterial and fungal communities on delayed wound healing. Honors and awards have followed Marie throughout her college, medical school and residency.

Please welcome the new Skin Study Center Clinical Fellow & Coordinator

Heather Tribout
Patricia Oyeta

Please welcome the new Clinical Research Regulatory Specialist

We are happy to announce that Kristen Doud, PhD started with our Department in December 2010 as the Clinical Trials Supervisor and Compliance and Regulatory Lead. Kristen had been working with University Hospitals Case Medical Center since July of 2008 as a Grants and Contract Coordinator in the Grant and Contracts Pre-award Office and the Technology Management Office. In this role, Kristen gained a tremendous amount of relevant experience in IRB and Good Clinical Practice, Case Cancer IRB, Case IRB, UH IRB, IND/IDE advice and applications, and interpretation of FDA rules and regulations.

Kristen has a great deal of Dermatology specific knowledge as the Department of Dermatology had been one of Kristen’s assigned Departments in her previous role.

Please welcome the new research staff of the BRB

David Soler, Ph.D.
Sean Dawes

- Miki Au
- Sarah Lin

Jackie Golden
The regulation of adult hair neogenesis and regeneration by dermal Wnt signaling
Peggy Myung, MD, PhD & Radhika Atit, PhD

Using optical coherence tomography for the longitudinal noninvasive evaluation of epidermal thicknesses in a murine model of chronic skin inflammation
Amy Flischel, MD, Kevin Cooper, MD, Thomas McCormick, PhD, Nicole Ward, PhD

The diagnostic utility of biopsy in patients with hematologic malignancy and rash
Roberto Novoa, MD, Kurt Lu, MD

Melanoma cytotoxicity by hyper-inflammatory macrophages
Joseph Stuckert, MD, Kurt Lu, MD

Incidence and trends in melanoma in women less than 40 years of age at University Hospitals, in comparison to national trends
Blakely Richardson, DO, Meg Gerstenblith, MD

Characterization of microbial communities in non-healed versus healed wounds using conventional and deep sequencing methods
Marie Tuttle, MD

Effect of breadth of transection in diagnostic melanoma biopsy on survival
Tina Nandi, MD, Jeremy Bordeaux, MD

Change in performance of skin self-examination after educational intervention
Angela Brimhall, DO, Jeremy Bordeaux, MD, Kevin Cooper, MD

Randomized controlled trial of two topical antiseptic preparations on lesion severity in children with atopic dermatitis
Ligaya Park, DO, Joan Tamburro, DO

An evaluation of diagnostic tests in bullous pemphigoid
Laura Kwasniak, MD, Neil Korman, MD

Comparison of sensitivity and specificity of immunofluorescence microscopy, enzyme linked immunosorbant assay and confocal microscopy for laboratory diagnosis of bullous pemphigoid
Ashley Kittridge, DO, Neil Korman, MD

Sensitization patterns in dermatitis patients
Amy Gosnell, MD, Susan Nedorost, MD

Sensitization prevalence for benzalkonium chloride and benzethonium chloride
Harry Dao, Jr., MD, Susan Nedorost, MD
Introducing New Residents

University Hospitals Case Medical Center

DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY
RESIDENTS 2011-2012

Joshua Arbesman, M.D.
First Year

Nita Kohli, M.D.
First Year

Sital Patel, D.O.
First Year

Pezhman Shoureshi, D.O.
First Year

Luiz Fantalena, M.D., PhD
First Year

Natalie Sun, M.D.
First Year

Jennifer Bahner, M.D.
Second Year

Ashley Kittridge, D.O.
Second Year

Roberto Novoa, M.D.
Second Year

Stephen Ostrowski, M.D., Ph.D.
Second Year

Blakely Richardson,
D.O.
Second Year

Thuzar Shin,
M.D., Ph.D.
Second Year

Harry Dao,
M.D. *
Third Year

Amy Gosnell,
M.D.
Third Year

Alyn Hatter,
D.O. **
Third Year

Laura Kwasniak,
M.D.
Third Year

Ligaya Park,
D.O.
Third Year

Joseph Stuckert,
M.D.
Third Year

Peggy Myung,
M.D., Ph.D.
Fourth Year

*Administrative Chief Resident
**Academic Chief Resident
Dr. Mahmoud Ghannoum has been elected the 2011 President of the Medical Mycology Society of Americas! Congratulations Dr. Ghannoum!

Dr. Elma Baron receives 2011 Helen Evans mid-Career Faculty Development Award from the Women Faculty of the School of Medicine at Case. $2500 to enroll in the Advancing Manager course at Case Weatherhead. Good Luck with the Course Dr. Baron!

Margaret Bobonich, DNP was nominated for the 2011 Ohio Hospital Associations’ Worker of the Year Award. Margaret was one of many outstanding health care workers that are as dedicated and caring as our Doctor of Nursing Practice! Congratulations on your nomination!

Douglas Kast, DO has been granted the National Psoriasis Foundation Research Fellowship Award, one of only 12 recipients. Congratulations Doug!

Cleveland Magazine Best Doctors: Our Drs. Cooper, Korman, Nedorost and Tamburro (Pediatric Dermatologist) are on the Cleveland Best Doctors List for 2011.

Drs. Peggy Myung & Bryan Doreian received Dermatology Foundation research grants for 2011 that were awarded at the 2011 AAD Meeting. Dr. Peggy Myung received a Dermatology Foundation Award titled: The role of dermal Wnt activation and signaling in wound healing and hair follicle regeneration. Amount: $30,000 (2011-2012)

Dr. Marie Tuttle received the K Award.

Dr. Meg Gerstenblith received The Skin Cancer Foundation Award to do a pilot study testing whether dermatoscopic patterns of nevi are associated with particular genetic mutations in individuals with melanomas and their tumors. Dr. Gerstenblith was selected to participate in the 2011 AAD Leadership Forum in April of 2011.

Dr. Mukherjee Awarded R21 Grant from National Eye Institute & the NIH

Funding Agency: National Eye Institute./NIH
Title: Biomarkers of Fusarium Biofilms
Principal Investigator: Pranab Mukherjee
Summary: Fungal infections of ophthalmic (or ocular) tissue are an important cause of morbidity and can result in blindness. The most common manifestation of ocular infections affects the cornea (resulting in keratitis). Risk factors for mycotic keratitis include contact lens wear, trauma, ocular and systemic defects and prior application of corticosteroids. Fungal keratitis is predominantly caused by the filamentous fungus Fusarium. Fungal keratitis is not responsive to most antifungals, necessitating penetrating keratoplasty, with a high risk of failure and endophthalmitis. In preliminary studies, we showed that: (1) Fusarium forms biofilms on soft contact lenses, which were resistant to lens cleaning solutions, (2) Fusarium biofilms formed on silicone hydrogel contact lenses induce keratitis on injured corneas in our murine model of contact lens associated Fusarium keratitis, (3) outbreak isolates of Fusarium form robust biofilms that are resistant to antifungal agents, (4) a direct correlation was observed between the ability of outbreak isolates to form biofilms and disease severity in the murine keratitis model, and (5) proteomics analysis identified proteins (e.g. GAPDH) that were differentially expressed in Fusarium biofilms compared to planktonically grown cells. In this application, we will investigate the role of GAPDH and other differentially produced proteins in biofilm formation and the mechanism by which they modulate Fusarium biofilms.
Mycology welcomes, Cynthia Weisman, who is working with Dr. Pranab Mukherjee in the BRB.

Mycology is currently enrolling 2 onychomycosis clinical trials and will soon be enrolling 2 new tinea pedis trials. Case-sponsored OHARA clinical trial of gentian violet is scheduled to start soon in African sites. CMM is the repository for Candida isolates collected from several different international OHARA trials.

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Clinical Trials

If you are interested in participating in any of these clinical trials, please contact the Skin Study Center at (216) 844-7834.

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Psoriasis Multidisciplinary Care in the Emerging Health Care Environment

About the Symposium

The symposium focus is the current economic environment and the use of multidisciplinary models to create best clinical practices for patients with co-morbidities. Lectures and round-table discussions will be of interest to Dermatologists, Rheumatologists, Psychiatrists, Cardiologists and Medical Professionals who work with or are interested in Multidisciplinary Patient Care.

The Department of Dermatology at University Hospitals, affiliated with Case Western Reserve University, hosted our second annual Murdough Family Center for Psoriasis Clinical Symposium on September 15, 2010. Our topic of discussion was multidisciplinary care for psoriasis in the emerging health care environment, in the background of recently passed health care reform legislation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Our Keynote Speaker, Dr. Eric Bieber, the Chief Medical Officer of University Hospitals Case Medical Center, discussed current healthcare spending trends and significant changes in methodologies for reimbursement. These topics displayed the need for optimizing health care delivery by enhancing innovation of patient care, with an example being multidisciplinary care. We also had a lecture given about the economic feasibility of multidisciplinary care and the needed changes in billing and reimbursement to facilitate it. We then had two speakers, Dr. Richard Jackson and Dr. Elaine Husni, discuss the use and benefits of multidisciplinary care in other areas of medicine, for example, in the area of endocrinology, specifically in diabetes, at the Joslin Diabetes Center, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and rheumatology/orthopaedics in the Orthopaedic & Rheumatologic Institute at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

The next area of discussion was about comorbidities of psoriasis that necessitate the need for a multidisciplinary care approach. Dr. Joel Gelfand, from the University of Pennsylvania, discussed the medical comorbidities of cardiovascular risk, obesity, diabetes, cancer, infection. Dr. Alice Gottlieb, from Tufts University, discussed psoriatic arthritis, which affects approximately 30% of patients who have psoriasis. Dr. Joseph Locala, from University Hospitals, discussed common psychiatric diagnoses that can occur in patients with psoriasis, due to the effect of psoriasis on the patient’s quality of life.

In the latter half of our multidisciplinary care symposium, we had multiple dermatology and rheumatology experts from across the United States and Canada, many of whom perform translational and clinical trials research in psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis, discuss their own psoriasis multidisciplinary and/or interdisciplinary clinics. They discussed the history and background of how their psoriasis multidisciplinary care program first started, along with the mechanics of multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary patient care at their center, benefits, challenges encountered, and plans in the future for their clinics.

Interspersed throughout the symposium, we had the symposium audience breakout into small, focused break-out sessions with participating dermatology faculty, residents, fellows, and nurse practitioners to discuss specific symposium topics and answer specific multidisciplinary care questions in greater depth. Topics of discussion in these breakout groups were:

1) key goals and possible misalignments with multidisciplinary care, 2) costs associated with co-morbidities tied to psoriasis, 3) data and resources needed to accomplish the goals and meet needs of all stakeholders in multidisciplinary care, and 4) options for advocacy of multidisciplinary care combined clinics. At the conclusion of the symposium, the audience came together to share their answers and thoughts, with everyone coming away with a greater understanding of the need of a multidisciplinary care approach for psoriasis.
Cicatricial Alopecia Research Symposium

Thursday and Friday, October 27-28, 2011
Bethesda Marriott
Bethesda, Maryland

Cicatricial Alopecia Symposium: Lipids, Inflammation & Stem Cells will feature world class experts presenting the latest research in cicatricial alopecia. It will bring together hair biologists, immunologists, dermatologists, environmental toxicologists and hair transplant surgeons in their common pursuit of a deeper understanding of the etiology and pathogenesis of cicatricial alopecia. The symposium will facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between laboratory and clinical researchers to accelerate the translation of basic scientific discoveries into clinical applications.

GOALS/LEARNING OBJECTIVES
The goals of the symposium are to facilitate the exchange of ideas and information between laboratory and clinical researchers to accelerate the translation of basic scientific discoveries into clinical applications. After this symposium, participants will be able to:

• Describe the pathogenesis, early diagnosis, and novel treatment strategies in cicatricial alopecia
• Discuss the importance of environmental factors in autoimmunity
• Identify the link between microRNAs and the immune response
• Evaluate the role of nuclear receptors and lipids in inflammatory alopecia
• Manipulate the fate and kinetics of stem cells in cicatricial alopecia
• Apply the concepts of “Omics” and Systems Biology to skin and hair diseases

To register call (216) 983-1239 or (800) 274-8263 with your information and credit card number or visit:

http://cicatricialalopecia.org/
Posters:

**Baron & Lam**

1. Apoptosis induced by photodynamic therapy with the photosensitizer Pc 4 in *Candida albicans*  
M Lam, PC Jou, CL Malbasa, AA Lattif, Y Lee, P Mukherjee, NL Oleinick, MA Ghannoum, KD Cooper, ED Baron

2. Differential ku 70 expression patterns in t cells following photodynamic therapy with pc 4 and other apoptosis-inducing modalities  
PC Jou, M Lam, K Ferenczi, NL Oleinick, KD Cooper and ED BaronI

3. Spectral imaging detects differences in photoaging among twin pairs  
CL Malbasa, ED Baron, P Fu, MS Matsui, G Vanderover, C Fthenakis, P Cummins, KD Cooper

**Bordeaux**

1. Disparities in skin cancer screening exams conducted in the primary care setting.  
Martires KJ, Minwell GJ, Bordeaux JS

2. Increased dermatologist density associated with reduction in melanoma mortality.  
Aneja S, Bordeaux JS

**Cooper & McCormick**

Diana Carlson, Shere Agaiby, Ning Lu, Thomas S McCormick and Kevin D Cooper.

2. CD11c+ CD45RO+ cells colocalize with Extra Domain A fibronectin, not S100A8/A9 in human psoriasis.  
Myriam E Rodriguez, Thomas S McCormick, Andrew B Young and Kevin D Cooper.

**Ward**

1. Development of a modified splinted excisional mouse wound model.  
Tuttle, M.S., Long, L., Ward, N.L., Ghannoum, M.
# Upcoming Meetings & Events

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