ENSURING Continuity & Progress
DF Mission

The Dermatology Foundation is the leading private funding source for skin disease research and the career development of physicians and scientists.

The DF’s mission is to provide research support that helps develop and retain tomorrow’s teachers and researchers in dermatology, enabling advancements in patient care.

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Dear Colleague,

This past year has shown that the Dermatology Foundation’s many physician members, corporate supporters, and society partners remain committed to furthering our specialty. Ongoing support from these groups has allowed the Foundation to maintain its strength and stability even during a difficult fundraising era.

A highlight of 2012 is the dedication of the Foundation’s dermatologist members, which remained consistent despite the recent recession. In each year following the economic downturn in 2008, the DF has realized moderate gains in member contributions due to the tremendous commitment physicians have made to ensure the health and growth of our specialty. We are particularly proud to share that the Annenberg Circle continued to grow and now has a membership roster of 600. Over 20% of these members (124) have continued on to become Annenberg Circle Sustaining members, giving $5,000 annually.

Strong, continuous giving enabled the Dermatology Foundation to achieve another key goal this year: over $3 million in research funding was awarded to 66 talented young investigators. These deserving recipients now have the opportunity to move forward and pursue new knowledge in all areas of the specialty. The Trustees are also pleased to report that the annual DF Clinical Symposia maintained its reputation as a high-quality CME program; it received exceptional marks for quality, relevancy, and depth of educational content from its nearly 400 attendees.

The Trustees extend their gratitude to all DF members for their ongoing commitment to the specialty, and also to the volunteers who dedicated time and effort to make our annual campaigns successful. In addition, the Trustees are also extremely thankful to the many corporate and society partners who have maintained their exceptional support of the Foundation during an economically challenging time.

As we begin a new year, we recognize that the months ahead hold tremendous challenges for our newest teachers and investigators. Declining federal funding and continued economic uncertainty will have a tremendous effect on their ability to launch productive careers in dermatology—but we can all help. Imagine how many more investigators and how much more research the DF could fund if all dermatologists were members of the Foundation. When you give to the Foundation, you help assure their future and further our ability to provide the best possible care for our patients.

Join us and become a member today. Each and every contribution makes a difference.

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Since 2008—the start of what many have called the “great recession”—many nonprofits have experienced fundraising challenges as a result of the sluggish economy. In contrast, support for the Dermatology Foundation has remained consistent thanks to the ongoing dedication of DF members, corporate supporters, and society partners. In 2012, these groups clearly demonstrated their belief that it is critically important to invest in the future of the specialty. This allowed the DF to provide over $3.2 million in research award funding to 66 promising individuals. By investing in these young teachers and researchers, the DF will help strengthen dermatology’s knowledge base for years to come.

Individual Contributions
The Foundation’s greatest supporters continue to be its individual members. While concerns about a “fiscal cliff” emerged in 2012 and colored the economic outlook, the DF received individual member contributions totaling $2.9 million. This substantial support from the dermatologic community, equivalent to 2011 individual giving levels, shows that DF members remain dedicated to the DF’s mission to develop and retain future teachers and leaders in the specialty.

As in previous years, support from physicians participating at a leadership level—Annenberg Circle Sustaining, Annenberg Circle, and Leaders Society members—accounted for the majority of the DF’s individual giving in 2012. Leaders Society members remained the largest of the DF’s supporter groups and accounted for over $1.5 million of individual giving revenue. Annenberg Circle and Annenberg Circle Sustaining participation grew tremendously. The Foundation was pleased to welcome 40 new Annenberg Circle members and 31 new Sustaining members.

“Without science, I think dermatology would become irrelevant. Science helps us deliver better treatments to our patients. It allows us to be better doctors.”

— Michael D. Tharp, M.D.
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“Dermatology is about people. It’s about patients and doctors. It’s very important that the field is populated by serious, talented people who will keep it advancing and benefitting our patients.”

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Corporate and Society Supporters
Industry support is essential to the Foundation’s capacity to support the development of tomorrow’s leaders. In 2012, corporate giving was tempered by tightened budgets and several large mergers and acquisitions. Despite these challenges, the DF received $2.7 million from corporations and society partners.

The Foundation is grateful to its corporate and society supporters who remain dedicated to the work of the DF.

Industry support was also crucial to the DF’s ability to provide its outstanding CME program, the 2013 Clinical Symposia—Advances in Dermatology. Attendance reached full capacity and attendees gave rave reviews of the expert faculty and relevant educational content.

In 2012, the Foundation was honored to have Galderma Laboratories as its sole Cornerstone Benefactor. Galderma contributed more than $500,000 to support the DF’s Research Awards Program, DF Clinical Symposia, and several other key programs. The Trustees are exceptionally grateful for Galderma’s unmatched commitment to the advancement of the field and the company’s ongoing confidence in the Foundation.

2013 Research Funding
Contributions in 2012 enabled the Dermatology Foundation to award $3.2 million in research support to 66 promising individuals through career development awards, fellowships, and grants.

52 Career Development Awards
- 15 Physician Scientist
- 3 Dermatologic Surgery
- 3 Health Care Policy
- 5 Science of Human Appearance
- 10 Medical Dermatology
- 3 Women’s Health
- 3 Dermatopathology Research
- 12 Basic Science Research

6 Fellowships
- 4 Dermatologist Investigator
- 2 Pediatric Dermatology

8 Grants
- 1 Patient-Directed Investigation
- 6 Basic Science Research
- 1 Epidermolysis Bullosa

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Corporate Honor Society

Each member of the Corporate Honor Society supported the Dermatology Foundation’s mission by contributing $50,000 or more in 2012. This allowed the Foundation to help launch a new generation of outstanding teachers, researchers, and master clinicians. The Trustees are deeply grateful to these corporate supporters for their confidence in the DF and their commitment to the specialty.

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“We have historically recognized the importance of research and leadership in advancing care—and the DF’s mission embodied this from the start. We knew that supporting the DF was a vital opportunity to support the specialty.”

— CORPORATE HONOR SOCIETY MEMBER
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A Gift of $100,000

The Thomas B. Fitzpatrick Legacy Fund offers individuals an extraordinary opportunity to support and expand the Dermatology Foundation’s mission. Each member of the Legacy Fund has provided a one-time gift of $100,000 or more to secure the future of dermatology. The Trustees are extremely grateful for this extraordinary commitment.

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Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy/Public Health

Joslyn S. Kirby, M.D.
Pennsylvania State University
Pharmacoeconomic Analysis of Current and Alternative Reimbursement Models for Actinic Keratoses

The treatment of actinic keratosis (AK), a premalignant skin lesion due to cumulative sun damage, is the most common procedure performed by dermatologists. Because they become more and more prevalent with age and the number of people over age 65 is increasing, the number of people with AK and thus the healthcare costs for treating AK are expected to rise. This proposal will investigate an alternative reimbursement method for AK management in anticipation of changes in healthcare delivery.

Junko Takeshita, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania
The Risk of Serious Infection in Patients with Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a chronic inflammatory disease of the skin that is being increasingly recognized as having health effects that are more than skin deep. Infection risk is of particular concern especially because medications that suppress the immune system are often used to treat this disease. We propose to study the risk of infection in psoriasis patients due to the disease itself, as well as due to its treatments.

Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

Sean R. Christensen, M.D., Ph.D.
Yale University
Identifying Novel Regulators of Ultraviolet-Induced Apoptosis in Human Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC) of the skin is caused primarily by ultraviolet radiation and is increasing in incidence worldwide. A defining feature of SCC is loss of the normal cell death response (apoptosis) after ultraviolet exposure. We will use a novel approach to investigate both the normal response to ultraviolet radiation and how this response is altered in SCC. The aim is to improve SCC prevention and treatment.

Marcus L. Frohm, M.D.
University of Michigan
Pharmacological Treatment of BCC: How Much Do We Really Know?

Basal cell carcinoma (BCC) is caused by abnormal activation of the Hedgehog signaling pathway. Hedgehog pathway inhibiting drugs, such as vismodegib, can lead to tumor regression or disappearance, but tumor regrowth has been reported after drug treatment is stopped. These studies will investigate how tumors regress in vismodegib-treated patients, and will characterize any remaining tumor cells that may be responsible for relapse upon drug discontinuation.
**Physician Scientist Career Development Award**

**Christopher G. Bunick, M.D., Ph.D.**
*Yale University*

**Determining Structure and Function of the N-terminus of Human Keratins Using X-ray Crystallography**

My research uses X-ray crystallography to determine the atomic structure of proteins important to human skin disease. Keratins are proteins with numerous functions in the skin, but very little is known about their atomic structure. Crystallization of different keratins to provide this information can generate unique insights into the biochemistry of how keratins function in normal and diseased skin. These crystal structures of keratins may also facilitate structure-based drug design.

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**Donna A. Culton, M.D., Ph.D.**
*University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

**The Role of Circulating Antigen-Experienced B Cells in Pemphigus: Lessons From Rituximab**

Pemphigus is a blistering disease of the skin caused by antibodies that mistakenly form against self proteins called desmogleins, which are important in skin cell adhesion. These disease-causing antibodies are produced by plasma cells, the final maturation stage of B lymphocytes. We are investigating B lymphocyte abnormalities in pemphigus patients to better understand how these cells develop, mature, and eventually contribute to disease.

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**Donald A. Glass, II, M.D., Ph.D.**
*University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*

**Determining the Genetic Causes of Keloid Formation**

To gain insight into why keloid scars form in some individuals but not in others, we continue to increase our registry of patients and families with keloids. Studies will be performed to find genetic variations that contribute to keloid formation. These proposed studies hold the promise of finding new targets for the prevention and treatment of keloid scars.

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**Michael D. Gober, M.D., Ph.D.**
*University of Pennsylvania*

**The Effect of Voriconazole in Promoting UV-induced cSCC**

Voriconazole is a widely used life-saving antifungal medication with few alternatives, but it has recently been associated with an increased incidence of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (cSCC) that leads to significant morbidity. This study will use primary human skin cell cultures and mouse models for cSCC to investigate the role of voriconazole in promoting UV-associated mutagenesis and carcinogenesis.

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**Tiffany C. Scharschmidt, M.D.**
*University of California, San Francisco*

**Identifying Key Genetic Determinants of Staphylococcus Aureus Skin Colonization**

Staphylococcus aureus is a dangerous bacteria that lives on and colonizes the skin of many otherwise healthy individuals, putting them at potential risk for invasive infection. Despite the importance and prevalence of S. aureus skin colonization, relatively little is understood about the genes, molecules, and pathways involved in this process. Our research will use new genomic tools and a skin model to study these mechanisms.

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**Lisa C. Zaba, M.D., Ph.D.**
*Stanford University*

**Long Noncoding RNAs in Skin Fibrosis and Scleroderma Pathogenesis**

Until recently, the study of heritable human disease had been limited by the concept of the coding portions of disease-associated genes. It is now recognized that 93% of disease-associated DNA actually lies within noncoding gene sequences. To further elucidate the pathogenesis of the challenging disease of scleroderma, we plan to identify and characterize differentially expressed long noncoding intergenic RNAs, which are transcribed from long noncoding DNA in scleroderma skin biopsies. Understanding the genetic basis for these dysregulated skin fibrosis pathways is important for developing targeted disease treatments.
Science of Human Appearance

Career Development Award

Sivan Harel, Ph.D.
Columbia University

The Role of the Hair Follicle Immune System in Age-Dependent Hair Loss

The hair follicle cycles throughout the lifetime of the organism. During aging, the duration of the growth phase becomes increasingly shorter, leading to progressive decline in hair production. This grant application focuses on the role that inflammation plays in regulating hair cycling. We postulate that inflammation controls the transition between the growth and the regression phases, and that defects in such regulation lead to hair loss.

Phillip D. Holler, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania

Molecular Characterization of Hair Follicle Neogenesis

The aim of this proposal is to identify the molecular signals that lead to the formation of new hair follicles in adult skin after wounding, with the long-term goal of understanding skin regeneration after injury. We anticipate that our results will have major implications for better understanding of skin biology, and thus for developing future treatments for wounds, alopecias, scars, and other disfiguring skin disorders.

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Ron J. Feldman, M.D., Ph.D.
Emory University

Phenotypic and Functional Analysis of B Cells in Patients with Autoimmune Blistering Diseases

Autoimmune blistering diseases are a group of devastating conditions resulting from B-cell production of autoreactive antibodies. Treatment with therapies that target B cells has resulted in increased rates of clinical remission. This proposal aims to understand the role of the B-cell compartment in disease development as well as functional changes that occur following both B-cell depletion therapy and vaccination.

Stefan M. Schieke, M.D.
Medical College of Wisconsin

mTOR Inhibitors in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma: Therapeutic Efficacy and Molecular Mechanisms

My research focuses on identification of a novel treatment for cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, a cancer of these immune cells in the skin. Two clinical trials will look at the therapeutic efficacy of topical and systemic application of mTOR inhibitors, a novel class of molecularly targeted drugs. Characterization of the underlying molecular response mechanisms will aid the understanding of the disease and then development of a targeted treatment strategy.

Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award

Paul W. Harms, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Michigan

Mutational Landscape of Merkel Cell Carcinoma by Next Generation Sequencing

Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) is a skin cancer more deadly than melanoma. Currently, no effective treatment options exist for advanced disease. Using a technique called next-generation sequencing, we plan to identify the genetic/molecular aberrations driving MCC. This information will help to identify existing drugs, or develop new ones, that can be used to treat this lethal cancer.

Janis Marie Taube, M.D.
Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

PD-1/PD-L1 Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Melanoma

PD-L1 is a protein expressed by melanoma cells that enables them to turn off the immune response that would otherwise target them. Clinical trials suggest that blocking PD-L1 or its receptor, PD-1, reverses this phenomenon and leads to tumor regression. Not all patients respond to this therapy, however. We propose to define the immune system and signaling mechanisms associated, respectively, with response or resistance to this therapy. This knowledge will facilitate the rational combination of treatments for patients with advanced melanoma.
Women’s Health Career Development Award
Beth N. McLellan, M.D.
New York University
Characteristics of Alopecia in Breast Cancer Patients Treated with Hormonal Therapy

Hormonal treatments used to treat breast cancer can lead to hair loss, a side effect that can have a tremendous impact on patients’ quality of life and can result in treatment discontinuation. We seek to determine the clinical and histopathologic features of this type of hair loss and whether it responds to treatment, and identify factors that may place some patients more at risk for developing it.

Research Career Development Award
Yeon Sook Choi, Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania
Wnt Signals in Merkel Cell Development and Regeneration

Merkel cells, which are required for our sense of touch, are the cell of origin for Merkel cell carcinoma, a currently untreatable human skin cancer. Wnt protein messengers are active in Merkel cells and may control their development and maintenance. The goals of this proposal are to delineate the functions of Wnt signals in embryonic and adult Merkel cells, and in human Merkel cell carcinoma.

Anna De Benedetto, M.D.
University of Rochester
Tight Junction Defects in Atopic Dermatitis: Crossroads Between Barrier and Immune Response

Atopic dermatitis is the most common inflammatory skin disease. It is thought to arise because of a skin barrier defect and an overactive immune response to allergens. This study will determine whether skin barrier defects specific for atopic dermatitis affect the immune system or vice versa. The results of this study will lead to novel new treatments for this disease.

Andrew Johnston, Ph.D.
University of Michigan
Biologic Activities of IL-36 Cytokine in Psoriasis

Psoriasis is a common and chronic skin disease in which white blood cells infiltrate the skin and cause severe inflammation. Several newly discovered cell signaling molecules, known as the IL-36 family, are abundantly expressed in psoriatic skin. We will investigate the role of these new molecules in the activation of white blood cells and the profound skin inflammation seen in psoriasis.

Masaoki Kawasumi, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Washington
Chemical Genetic Dissection of the UV DNA Damage Response and Carcinogenesis

Ultraviolet light (UV) from the sun generates DNA damage that promotes skin cancer development. Understanding how skin cells respond to UV-induced DNA damage could be helpful in developing a way to selectively kill these DNA-damaged cells and thus prevent UV-associated skin cancers from getting started. We will address critical questions relating to mechanisms that respond to UV-induced damage, and investigate how we can modulate this cellular response to UV for skin cancer prevention.
Career Development Award Renewals

To receive a second and third year of support, CDA recipients must provide evidence of substantial progress on their research project and ongoing commitment to an academic and research career.

Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy

Eleni Linos, M.D. – Year 2
University of California, San Francisco
Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer Care in Elderly Patients with Limited Life Expectancy

Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

Fiona O. Zwald, M.D. – Year 3
Emory University
Analysis of Risk and Mechanism of Voriconazole Associated Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Lung Transplant Patients

Physician Scientist Career Development Award

Jaehyuk Choi, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3
Yale University
Transposon Insertional Mutagenesis Screen for Genes that Confer Resistance to BRAF Inhibitors

Sarina B. Elmariah, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2
Harvard University
The Role of Proteases and Neurogenic Inflammation in the Pathogenesis of Atopic Dermatitis

Emma Guttman, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3
Mount Sinai Medical Center
A Study Evaluating the Immunomodulatory Effects of Narrow Band Ultraviolet (NB-UVB) in Patients with Atopic Dermatitis

Ali Jabbari, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2
Columbia University
Biomarker Development in Discoid Lupus

Thomas H. Leung, M.D. – Year 2
Stanford University
Understanding Tissue Regeneration in Mouse and Human Epithelial Cells

Laura Y. McGirt, M.D. – Year 3
Vanderbilt University
MicroRNA Expression: Identifying Markers of Diagnosis and Progression in Mycosis Fungoides

Matthew J. Turner, M.D. – Year 2
Indiana University
Inductive Keratinocyte-Derived Cytokines in a Murine Model of Atopic Dermatitis

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award

Yong Li, Ph.D. – Year 3
University of Michigan
Improving Appearance of Aged Skin by Limiting Intracellular Collagen Degradation

Frank Wang, M.D. – Year 2
University of Michigan
Reversal of Aged Skin Appearance by Enhancing Structural Support with Cross-Linked Hyaluronic Acid

Mingang Xu, Ph.D. – Year 2
University of Pennsylvania
The Roles of Wnt10a and Pkp1 in Skin and Hair Follicle Development and Renewal

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Adela Rambi G. Cardones, M.D. – Year 2
Duke University
Quantitative Assessment of Disease Severity in Chronic Cutaneous Graft-Versus-Host Disease

Kelly M. Cordero, M.D. – Year 3
University of California, San Francisco
Pediatric Psoriasis: Clinical, Genetic and Metabolic Characteristics and Co-morbidities

Jonathan A. Cotlier, M.D. – Year 3
Northwestern University
Improving the Diagnosis of Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease

Meg R. Gerstenblith, M.D. – Year 2
Case Western Reserve University
Identifying Clinically Relevant Subtypes of Melanoma Using Genomic Profiling

Anna K. Haemel, M.D. – Year 2
University of California, San Francisco
A Comprehensive Approach to Study Systemic Sclerosis at the Molecular and Cellular Level

Robert A. Lee, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3
University of California, San Diego
The Role of Innate Immunity in Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Misha A. Rosenbach, M.D. – Year 3
University of Pennsylvania
Cutaneous Sarcoidosis: Developing Clinical Assessment Tools and Exploring Disease Associations

Ruth Ann Vleugels, M.D. – Year 2
Harvard University
Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus: Developing a Novel Assessment Tool and Investigating Disease Associations
**Research Awards (continued)**

**Dermatopathology Research Career Development Award**

**Basil A. Horst, M.D. – Year 2**  
*Columbia University*  
Analysis of Inositol Polyphosphate 4-Phosphatase Type II in Melanocytic Lesions

**Women’s Health Career Development Award**

**Xuming Mao, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3**  
*University of Pennsylvania*  
The Role of p38 Signaling in Skin Diseases

**Bethanee J. Schlosser, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2**  
*Northwestern University*  
Clinical and Molecular Characterization of Lichen Sclerosis as a Model of Vulvar Epithelial Fibrosis

**Research Career Development Award**

**Jodi L. Johnson, Ph.D. – Year 2**  
*Northwestern University*  
Role of Cell Anchoring Desmosomal Proteins in the Epidermal Responses to UV Exposure

**Nityanand D. Maddodi, Ph.D. – Year 3**  
*University of Wisconsin*  
Role of Oncogenic BRAF Signaling in Melanocytes and Melanoma

**Tobias F. I. Schatton, Pharm.D., Ph.D. – Year 3**  
*Harvard University*  
Immunology of Dermal Mesenchymal Stem Cells

**Enrique C. Torchia, Ph.D. – Year 2**  
*University of Colorado, Denver*  
Molecular Mechanisms of Aurora Kinase A Mediated Carcinogenesis

**Jeffrey B. Cheng, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3**  
*University of California, San Francisco*  
Role of DNA Methylation in Skin Cells and Melanoma

**Annemieke de Jong, Ph.D. – Year 2**  
*Columbia University*  
Functional and Phenotypic Analysis of Pathogenic T Cells in Alopecia Areata

**Adam J. Friedman, M.D. – Year 3**  
*Albert Einstein College of Medicine*  
Nitric Oxide Nanoparticles as a Broad Spectrum Antimicrobial Agent for Soft Tissue Infections

**Botond Z. Igyarto, Ph.D. – Year 3**  
*University of Minnesota*  
Langerhans Cell Control of T-Helper Phenotype Development
Fellowships

DF fellowships provide a one-year $30,000 to $45,000 salary stipend to individuals who have recently completed their residency, and are about to start their academic and research endeavors.

Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship

Brian C. Capell, M.D., Ph.D.
University of Pennsylvania
The Role of the Nuclear Lamina and Large-Scale Changes in the Chromatin Landscape in Skin Aging

Altered chromatin, including histone modifications and histone loss, determines the rate of aging in model organisms. Similarly, in humans there are profound changes in the epigenetic landscape during senescence due to functional disruptions between heterochromatin and the nuclear lamina. Our studies aim to investigate these changes in aging skin, with the goal of further understanding how they contribute to tissue degeneration and neoplasia with age.

Anubhav N. Mathur, M.D., Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco
Defining the Role of Regulatory T-Cells in Barrier Disrupted Skin Inflammation

Atopic dermatitis is a prevalent chronic inflammatory skin disease that often precedes the development of other allergic conditions like asthma. Our research aims to define the role of regulatory T cells in suppressing inflammation and restoring normal skin function in atopic dermatitis. From this work, we hope to elucidate new insights into this disease process, which may lead to novel therapeutic approaches for severe allergic conditions.

Stephen M. Ostrowski, M.D., Ph.D.
Case Western Reserve University
Mechanisms Underlying the Development and Function of Merkel Cells

Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) is a relatively rare but deadly form of skin cancer that develops from skin cells called Merkel cells. The process of how these cells develop into MCC is not well understood. We will study the effects of increasing the levels of Atoh 1, a protein that is required for normal Merkel cell development, for insight into this process.

Francisco Ramirez-Valle, M.D., Ph.D.
University of California, San Francisco
Characterization of IL-17 Precommitted Dermal Gamma Delta Cells

A key molecule produced during an immune response is IL-17. The source of IL-17 in an early immune response in the skin is poorly understood. Newly described cells in the skin of mice, dermal γδ T cells, are precommitted to IL-17 production. We will define the contributions of dermal γδ T cells to resolution of skin infections as well as their role in chronic inflammatory diseases such as psoriasis.

Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology

Brittany G. Craiglow, M.D.
Yale University
Investigating the Pathophysiology of Disorders of Keratinization Through Clinical Observation

Disorders of keratinization encompass a heterogeneous group of diseases linked by the common clinical feature of scaly skin. Mutations in many different genes can cause these disorders, but there is limited understanding of the ways in which mutations in different genes influence clinical presentation. This project will examine the impact of specific mutations on clinical characteristics of these patients, particularly exploring vision, itch, and growth.
Elena B. Hawryluk, M.D., Ph.D.
Harvard University
Investigation of Pediatric Pigmented Lesions with Risk for Malignant Transformation

This award will allow the exploration of challenging pediatric pigmented tumors that are most concerning for melanoma. I propose to review over 200 cases of these tumors to characterize the clinical characteristics and outcomes of these patients. I will also utilize a comprehensive genomic assay to study pigmented tumors with poor clinical outcomes to identify potentially significant genomic alterations.

Grants

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Grants

DF-funded research grants provide $20,000 to support non-salary elements of a research project. Each year, a variety of grants are funded to assist basic science research and medical and surgical studies that benefit the dermatology community.

Patient Directed Investigation Grant

Bichchau M. Nguyen, M.D.
Harvard University
Utilization and Cost-Effectiveness of Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy in Thin Melanoma

Grants

Han Peng, Ph.D.
Northwestern University
Growth Factor Signaling in Keratinocytes is Regulated by FIH-1: Implication for Wound Healing

Maksim V. Plikus, Ph.D.
University of California, Irvine
Regeneration of Cutaneous Fat in Wound Scars from Myofibroblasts

Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Grant

Lizhi He, Ph.D.
Harvard University
Mechanisms of Alternative Activation of Macrophage in Wound Healing

Research Grant

Jana Jandova, Ph.D.
University of Arizona
Evaluating the Role of Mitochondrial ROS in Chronic Wound Healing Using a Cybrid Model System

Grants

Liang Liu, Ph.D.
Columbia University
Genetic and Epigenetic Crosstalk in Skin Tumorigenesis

Laure J. Marinelli, Ph.D.
University of California, Los Angeles
Investigating the Therapeutic Potential of Propionibacterium Acnes Bacteriophages

Javed A. Mohammed, Ph.D.
University of Minnesota
Keratinocytes Control Homeostatic and Inflammation-Induced Langerhans Cell Migration
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Research Awards Application Procedure

The Foundation offers three types of research awards: career development awards, fellowships, and grants. All applicants must provide a proposal for research that will be sponsored by a division or department of dermatology at an academic institution in the U.S. Submissions must meet all DF eligibility and application requirements to be considered for funding.

All applications are reviewed and ranked by the Foundation’s Medical & Scientific Committee on a highly competitive basis. Committee members recuse themselves from evaluating applications from institutions with which they are associated, or where there may be a real or perceived conflict of interest.

For detailed award criteria, instructions, and applications, please visit the DF website (dermatologyfoundation.org). Applications must be received on or before October 15th of each year.
DF Clinical Symposia—Advances in Dermatology

Considered to be one of the most highly-regarded educational events in the specialty, the DF Clinical Symposia is unique in that all net proceeds are allocated to the DF’s Research Awards Program. This annual CME conference offers practicing dermatologists the opportunity to learn from expert faculty members about diverse topics relevant to daily practice. The 2013 DF Clinical Symposia took place on February 6-10, 2013 in Naples, Florida, and attracted nearly 400 physicians. The Trustees are grateful to the Program Chairs and Clinical Symposia faculty members who helped to make this year’s event so successful. The Foundation is also profoundly grateful for the support of all corporate partners who made it possible for the DF to offer such a high-caliber program. In addition, the Trustees extend their thanks to Unilever for its unwavering support of the Clinical Symposia Resident Program, which sponsored 50 residents to attend the 2013 meeting.

Society Partners

The Dermatology Foundation values its partnerships with the following national dermatologic societies, all of which provided support for the DF’s Research Awards Program.

- American Academy of Dermatology ($55,000)
- Women’s Dermatologic Society ($55,000)
- Society for Investigative Dermatology ($20,000)
- The American Society of Dermatopathology ($10,000)
- Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association of America ($10,000)

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Each year, the Dermatology Foundation honors outstanding teachers, practitioners, and mentors who have paved the way for new dermatologists. Honorees are nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions, expertise, and commitment to the specialty. The Trustees offer their congratulations to the 2012 honorary awardees and thank them for their dedication.

2012 Lifetime Career Educator Award

Vera H. Price, M.D.

This award honors an academic dermatologist who has been an inspirational teacher and mentor to generations of medical students and residents.

Dr. Vera Price, a widely-recognized hair expert and Professor Emeritus of Dermatology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), has devoted her career to an area of dermatology in which there are few educators. Over the past four decades, she has become a leader in hair research, educating students and colleagues about the sub-specialty, and establishing research programs that have broadened dermatology’s understanding of hair diseases.

Dr. Price’s work began accidentally. Following her residency, she traveled from Canada to San Francisco for what she believed would only be one year. Lacking a California license, she secured a one-year research position with the UCSF Dermatology Department, studying the physical and chemical properties of human hair in collaboration with the wool chemists at the USDA’s Wool and Mohair Laboratory in Berkeley.

After three years of research, Dr. Price recognized that her move was permanent and began working as a clinical dermatologist at Kaiser-Permanente in San Francisco. She also continued pursuing hair research, which ultimately resulted in her establishing the UCSF Hair and Nail Clinic in 1970. During this time, Dr. Price developed a reputation for being an expert in hair research and began to teach medical students and residents.

Dr. Price joined UCSF’s full-time faculty in 1991 and established the UCSF Hair Research Center, devoted to furthering the specialty’s knowledge of hair. She also developed a one-year Clinical Hair Research Fellowship that allowed her to mentor a young dermatologist annually. With one of her early fellows, Dr. Price co-authored the first textbook on scarring alopecia, *Cicatricial Alopecia: An Approach to Diagnosis and Management*. This important work focused on a subject rarely covered in residency programs, so Dr. Price devised a plan to fund and donate 600 CDs of the book to residents across the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Price’s long list of accomplishments includes the establishment of two nonprofit patient organizations, the National Alopecia Areata Foundation (1981) and the Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation (2002). Her contributions to hair research have been significant. Dr. Price has described several new hair disorders, was a founding member of the North American Hair Research Society (1991), and has published well over 130 papers. She received the AAD’s Gold Triangle Award (1999, 2010) in honor of her public outreach, and the Women’s Dermatologic Society’s Mentor of the Year Award in 2004. Dr. Price also became an Honorary Member of the AAD in 2010.

Dr. Price’s passion for hair research and the education of residents and physicians has been the driving force behind her many contributions to the specialty. Of the awards she has received, Dr. Price says that the “DF Lifetime Career Educator Award is the one that makes me most humble. My students inspire me and keep me on my toes. I never stop learning from them.”
2012 Clark W. Finnerud Award

Robert A. Silverman, M.D.

This annual award recognizes the exceptional dermatologist who is both an exemplary clinician and a dedicated volunteer or part-time teacher.

Dr. Silverman has been described by colleagues as a physician who has made extraordinary contributions to pediatric dermatology in a variety of roles: as a clinician, role model, and part-time teacher. His impact on the specialty is amplified by the scope of his expertise, which includes atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis, nail and hair diseases, acne, hemangiomas, inherited skin diseases, skin conditions of newborns, and precursors to skin cancer.

Dr. Silverman’s life-changing connection with dermatology began with an elective at the University of Virginia School of Medicine where he discovered a passion for the specialty. He found dermatology to be fascinating, inspirational, and an excellent match for his visual and diagnostic abilities. The only problem was timing. “It was my very last elective of my fourth year, and I had already committed to pediatrics. The dermatologists and residents I worked with were so energetic, and knowledgeable—and so happy with their work.”

After Dr. Silverman began his pediatric residency at the University of Buffalo, he formed a close relationship with the dermatology department and continued to expand his knowledge of the specialty. He went on to complete a two-year pediatric dermatology fellowship at Harvard’s Children’s Hospital in Boston, studying congenital nevi “just as pediatric dermatology was congealing into a sub-specialty.”

With the alignment of his two primary areas of expertise, Dr. Silverman embarked on a path that he would follow with passion for the rest of his career. He completed his dermatology residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland, became the first Director of Pediatric Dermatology at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, and started teaching pediatric dermatology at Case Western Reserve University. In 1989, he entered private practice in Washington, D.C., and began to teach dermatology to pediatric residents at Georgetown University and the University of Virginia’s INOVA Fairfax Hospital. In addition, he spent substantial time training and mentoring residents in his office.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Silverman has shared his immense knowledge of pediatric dermatology with colleagues and students in various ways: by giving countless grand rounds, publishing 25 book chapters, and by organizing and leading seminars and CME courses at AAD meetings. Dr. Silverman has also held leadership positions in a variety of organizations, including the presidencies of the Washington, D.C. Dermatological Society and the Society for Pediatric Dermatology. He is currently a Director of the American Board of Dermatology.

A renaissance man of pediatric dermatology, Dr. Silverman admits that his clinical interests have always been wide and varied. He loves sharing his knowledge with colleagues, mentoring residents, and still finds inspiration in learning about the subtleties of pediatric skin disease “from my youngest patients and their parents.”

“Dr. Silverman is a leader in the field of pediatric dermatology and has worked tirelessly as an advocate for children with skin disease, as an educator, and as a practitioner.”

— MARIA C. GARZON, M.D.
2012 Practitioner of the Year Award

C. William Hanke, M.D.

This annual award recognizes a dermatologist for exemplary service as a private practitioner combined with significant contributions to the specialty through leadership and teaching.

Dr. Hanke has been described by colleagues as a dermatologist who has dedicated his professional career to his patients and to bettering the world of dermatology. “He provides stellar patient care in his state-of-the-art private medical/surgical practice in Indianapolis, has been president of 11 major medical organizations, holds several part-time academic positions, and teaches fellows in a private setting,” a colleague notes. Dr. Hanke has a wide range of expertise and training, and is board-certified in dermatology, dermatopathology, laser surgery, Mohs microscopic surgery, and cosmetic surgery. He has also found the time, energy, and dedication to author 400 publications, including 91 book chapters and more than 20 books.

Dermatology is especially fortunate, because Dr. Hanke’s interest in the field began purely by chance. Although he had decided to pursue cardiology by the time he graduated from the University of Iowa College of Medicine, his military service assigned him to dermatology responsibilities at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii. As his knowledge and skills grew, so did his interest in dermatology. He was further encouraged by two inspirational dermatologists, Drs. Harry Arnold and Allan Azumi, who ultimately helped to launch his career in the specialty.

Dr. Hanke completed his dermatology residency and fellowship training at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and then joined the full-time dermatology faculty at Indiana University School of Medicine. His affinity and passion for the specialty helped him quickly rise to Professor of Dermatology, Pathology, and Otolaryngology.

After years of scholarly contributions to the specialty, Dr. Hanke left academia in 1998 to pursue clinical work. He founded the Laser & Skin Surgery Center of Indiana, which includes a state-of-the-art dermatopathology lab and clinical trials center. He also founded a one-year ACGME-accredited Procedural Dermatology Training Program at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

“Training procedural dermatology fellows has been a highlight of my career,” he shares. Dr. Hanke has always believed that service to the profession is important, and has spent a significant portion of his career giving back to the specialty. He established a Dermatology Professorship at the University of Iowa and has served on more than 20 organizational boards. His presidencies include the American Academy of Dermatology, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, American College of Mohs Surgery, and International Society for Dermatologic Surgery. His many awards include these organizations’ highest honors, including the AAD’s Gold Medal.

Of Dr. Hanke’s accomplishments, he finds his work on patient safety—which began in the 1990s and was a prominent area of focus during his AAD presidency—most meaningful. “Safety is critically important. When I became president of the AAD, I knew this was my opportunity to heighten the specialty’s focus on this area.”

“Bill Hanke provides the very best of care to his patients. I also greatly admire the fact that he is able to maintain an active practice and yet serve dermatology as a dedicated teacher and spokesperson for all of us.”

— REX A. AMONETTE, M.D.
Scientific Society and Gifts in Kind

Scientific Society

Annual Contribution of $750

Physician participation is at the core of the DF’s ability to fund talented investigators and physician scientists. The Trustees wish to thank all members of the Scientific Society for their support of the specialty’s future leaders.


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∞ Deceased

Gifts in Kind

The Foundation wishes to acknowledge and thank the American Journal of Dermatopathology, Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, Journal of Cutaneous Pathology, Journal of Investigative Dermatology, Pediatric Dermatology, and Skin & Allergy News. In 2012, each publication donated advertising space valued at $1,000 or more to support the Foundation’s mission.
## Financial Highlights

### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

*As of December 31, 2012*

The Dermatology Foundation continues to focus on complete and accurate financial reporting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Following are 2012 financial highlights of the Foundation as noted in the financial statements audited by the independent audit firm of McCullough, Rossi & Co., Ltd.

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**Liabilities and Net Assets**

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<td><strong>Total liabilities and net assets</strong></td>
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Note: The complete audited financial statements of the Dermatology Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2012 may be obtained by contacting the Dermatology Foundation, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 870, Evanston, IL 60201.

The Dermatology Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law.
### Financial Highlights (continued)

**Unrestricted revenues and gains**

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**Unrestricted expenses**

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**Increase in unrestricted net assets**

| Amount                               | $3,157,765 |

**Temporarily restricted revenues and gains**

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**Expenses and assets released from restrictions**

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<td><strong>Net assets at end of year</strong></td>
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