

## Chairman's Update



Welcome to the inaugural edition of the bi-annual Henry Ford Department of Dermatology newsletter! Many of you have contributed enormously to the success of the department and we would like to share the accomplishments of residents, senior staff, support staff and research teams.

On June 22nd 2018, six outstanding residents took part in the 62nd Department of Dermatology graduation ceremony. In addition, two research fellows both matched in dermatology residency programs after an extraordinary year. Our program director, Dr. Holly Kerr, together with her associate director, Dr. Laurie Kohen, and assistant director, Dr. Pranita Rambhatla received the highest program evaluation scores in recent history. She will share details on their accomplishments elsewhere in this newsletter.

Based on their leadership as well as the department's significant research and publication prowess, our department was recently ranked 17th of over 100 academic dermatology programs in *Cutis* - and is the highest ranked U.S. non-University program. Additionally, we tied for 4th with Mayo clinic for number of lectures at the key national meetings in Dermatology (AAD), Pediatric Dermatology, Dermatology Research (SID), Dermatopathology, and Dermatological Surgery. This prestigious accomplishment is primarily due to the unparalleled leadership of Dr. Henry Lim who continues his teaching and leadership as Chair Emeritus. We are a truly fortunate department!

Basic science, investigative initiated and laboratory research are all at the highest and most significant points in our history. Together these groups published almost 70 peer-reviewed manuscripts in 2017, many in high impact journals. Our basic science lab, led by Dr. Qing-Sheng Mi, is now the #1 non-university lab for NIH funding with ground breaking work in immunology and micro RNAs. Dr. Linda Stein, who is also representing us on the AAD Board of Directors, is involved in over a dozen pivotal industry sponsored trials

in acne, rosacea, psoriasis, and others. Dr. Iltefat Hamzavi continues his prolific contributions in vitiligo and hidradenitis suppurativa despite spending only a single day each week in our department. His work, together with the research fellows, resulted in over 15 publications. In November our department hosted the Vitiligo International Symposium following a successful 2016 conference in Italy.

Throughout all of these changes and remarkable growth there has been once constant thread, our program coordinator, Monica Murphy. She continues to represent us as the voice to applicants/future residents and a connection to three generations of residents and faculty.

In future newsletters, we will be sharing information on the Center for Cutaneous Oncology, <https://www.henryford.com/services/cancer/new-henry-ford-cancer-pavilion>, part of the new cancer center under construction across from Henry Ford Hospital, as well as the new resident international elective in Colombia. With the addition of Dr. Molly Powers, who just returned to us after a fellowship at University of Pennsylvania in Mohs surgery, and Dr. Lisa Zhang, who completed her residency at Mount Sinai in New York, we will have 29 engaged faculty - an all time high!



We would love to hear from you and share any of your news or photos with the Henry Ford Dermatology family in future newsletters.

Thank you,



David Ozog, M.D.  
Chair, Department of Dermatology

## Reflection of my term as AAD President, 2017-2018



### Henry W. Lim, MD

It was an honor to be elected and to serve as the president of the American Academy of Dermatology, the world's largest national dermatologic organization. This election reflects well on our department as our department is the only one in the country whose three successive

incumbent chairs had served in the top leadership positions in the Academy (Clarence Livingood, MD, president; Ed Krull, MD, vice president; and Henry W. Lim, MD, vice president and then president).

An important role of the president is to set the strategic direction for the Academy, and to support our members in managing the ever-changing healthcare environment. The following activities were done during the year:

**- To enhance the standing of Dermatology in the House of Medicine.**

We had a retreat to focus on this issue, and to establish action plans. The three-part Burden of Skin Disease report, published in JAAD, was used to educate the decision makers and the public on the importance of skin disease. I also had the pleasure of attending AMA meeting, and was able to witness first-hand the extremely engaged and effective dermatology section members in action during that meeting.

**- To enhance the diversity in dermatology.** As the result of the Diversity retreat, for the first time, AAD, along with Society for Investigative Dermatology, Association of Professors of Dermatology, and Skin of Color Society, jointly sponsored a booth at the annual meeting of the Student

National Medical Association meeting (Nikki Pritchett, MD, from our department was an AAD representative at the meeting). Diversity champion events were held in many departments (including in our department). A Diversity Champion retreat has been scheduled in conjunction with the upcoming Association of Professors of Dermatology meeting in October, 2018.

**- To address concerns expressed by members.**

These include:

- Public education on the training, qualification and importance of dermatologists in caring for skin diseases, and on the need to incorporate non-physician clinicians into a dermatologist-led care team;
- Full membership poll on maintenance of certification (MOC), and on the subcertification of Mohs Micrographic surgery proposed by American Board of Dermatology.

Highlights of my tenure include the many visits to state society meetings, visits to DC to meet with our elected representatives, a most memorable visit to Camp Discovery in Texas, as well as continued interactions with colleagues from around the globe.

It was a very busy and most rewarding year. This would not have been possible without the support from all members of our great department: administrative and clinic support staff in keeping my schedule with many last minute changes, residents and other senior staff in covering for my patients when I was not available, and the most supportive chair in Dr. Ozog. Most importantly, the constant love and support of my wife Mamie and my family had made this past year a most worthwhile experience!

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## Dermatology Basic Science Research update

Center for Cutaneous Biology and Immunology recently received three research grants:

1) Dr. Li Zhou received a 5-year NIH ROI grant entitled "miRNAs regulate skin Langerhans cell development", total \$1,655,500

2) Dr. Yi Yao received a 4-year Mentored grant from Henry Ford Health System, entitled "miRNAs regulate lung tissue resident macrophage development", total about \$500,000

3) Dr. Qing-Sheng Mi, as a co-Investigator with University of Toronto, received a grant from Canadian Institute Health

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## Director's Update



The Department of Dermatology has focused on several key operational issues that align with HFHS strategic priorities to improve access to appointments and to further the advancement of virtual care services. In 2018, across our seven sites we saw total clinic visits of 80,376, an increase of 3.6% over 2017. We also achieved an increase of over 7% in new patient appointments in 2018. Through a careful analysis of provider schedules and

the implementation of changes to provider templates in Epic, we succeeded in decreasing our average lead days for new patients from 18 days in 2017 to 16.7 days in 2018 for general dermatology. We continue to be a leader within HFHS in virtual care services for patients. We currently offer the following options for patients that leverage telemedicine functionality:

- **Virtual Inpatient Consults:** Allows senior staff providers located in Detroit to connect to suburban hospitals for real-time video consults.
- **MyChart Mobile Video Visits:** Real-time video visits between providers and patients for follow up on Isotretinoin.
- **E-visits:** Asynchronous visits that allow patients to receive routine follow up care without needing to come in for a face-to-face visit.

Looking ahead, our department remains in a strong position to lead through what appears to be yet another period of uncertainty and inevitable change in the healthcare landscape. We have a remarkable team of caring and committed clinicians and staff that work incredibly hard each day to deliver exceptional care to our patients.

### Todd Kropp

Group Practice Director

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research (CIHR), entitled "Susceptibility and Severity Factors for Psoriatic Arthritis: Transcriptomic Studies", total \$112,700. Dermatology Research currently has total 4 NIH ROI grants, focusing on the development and function of skin Langerhans cells, tissue resident macrophages and Natural killer T (NKT) cells in skin diseases, as well as the biomarker discovery for autoimmune diseases.

## Patient Stories

*Dr. Tisack and her assistant were both very professional, pleasant and efficient. They listened to my concerns and responded to all of my questions. I was very pleased with the treatment I received for my problem and the discharge instructions I received. I also appreciated the follow-up on the biopsy I received from Dr. Tisack.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

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*Dr. Kwon is a great dermatologist. Very thorough and knowledgeable. I would recommend Dr. Kwon to anyone needing a dermatologist.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

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*Dr. Rambhatla was AMAZING! I don't ever see a dermatologist but if I ever do, she's the one. Can't give enough kudos for the care I received.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

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*Dr. Huggins called me personally with my test results before they were sent by MyChart. I really appreciated his follow through and concern.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

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*Dr. Jahnke is amazing. We love her!*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*



## Residency Corner

### Class of 2021 Dermatology Residents:

Please welcome the following First Year Residents who started their journey with us on July 2018.

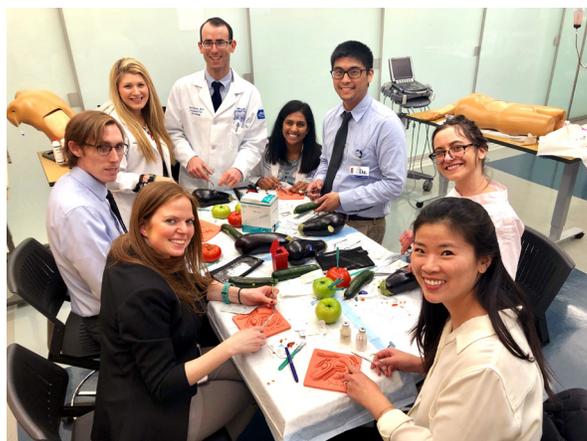


From left: Ethan Sagher, Gabrielle Robinson, Angela Jiang, Olabola Awosika, Rasnik Singh, Stephanie Chapman, Sasank Konda

We are looking forward to sharing with you a few of the exciting things we are doing in our residency program. By far, the recent highlight is that we have increased our resident complement from 6 per year to 7 per year which started in July 2018.

### What we have done...

Dr Alison Zarbo (PGY-2) and Dr Renee Sheinin (PGY-4) facilitated a hands on skin procedure course in the sim center for our transitional year residents.



Dr. Danielle Yeager, Dr. Chelsea Luther, and Dr. Chelsea Fidai under the guidance of Dr. Marla Jahnke organized a Cut-A-Thon and fundraising event to benefit a local non profit organization, Children With Hair Loss. Children With Hair Loss supplies over 500 children a year with wigs at no cost.



We hosted two events for medical and post-baccalaureate students from the surrounding medical schools. Invitations went out through the offices of inclusion and diversity and the student leadership of the local SNMA (Student National Medical Association) and MAPS (Minority Association of Premedical Students) chapters.

Dr. Diane Jackson hosted a pizza party at her home. There were approximately 35 students in attendance. The residents gave a



short presentation on what dermatologists do and how to become a competitive applicant. The rest of the evening was spent networking.

### Where we have been...

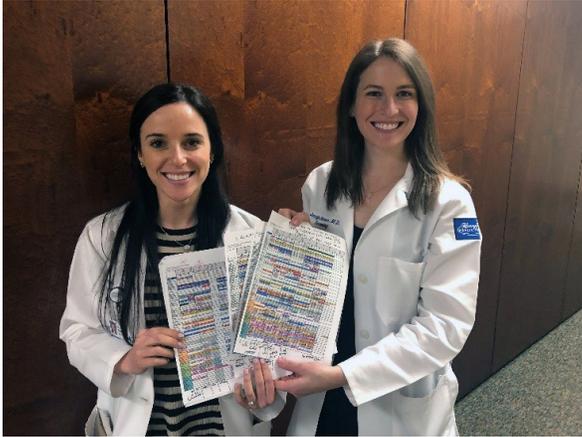
Resident wellness is important to us, so this year our wellness activity was an escape room adventure. Two rooms of very bright residents locked up and luckily (for our department) both escaped... one a few minutes before the other!



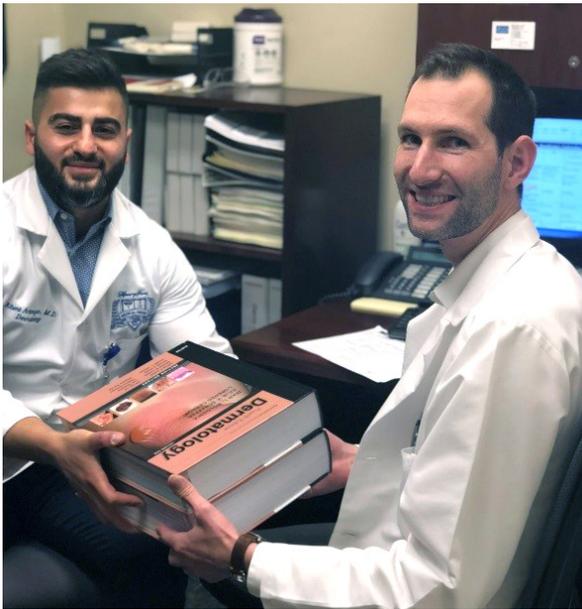
## Where we are going...

As the academic year came to an end, it was time to pass the torch.

We would like to thank Dr. Jennifer Mancuso for being a well-organized and positive scheduling chief resident.....and welcome Dr. Karlee Novice to this position. Both residents have embraced our new scheduling program QGenda with grace.



Thank you to Dr. Albert Antonyan for being committed to resident education as our academic chief resident.....and welcome Dr. Jesse Veenstra to this role.



We appreciate all the hard work and smiles that Dr. Jewel Gauling had given to our rotators and look forward to having Dr. Nita Bhatia welcome rotators into our department.



We wish our graduates best of luck on the next phase of their career. We know they are superbly trained and will take wonderful care of their patients.



Top row (L to R): Dr. Daniel Hertel joined Aurora Health Care (private practice) in Green Bay, WI; Dr. James Griffith started his Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Fellowship with Dr. Leonard Goldberg (DermSurgery Associates) in Houston, TX; Dr. Albert Antonyan joined Southern California Dermatology (private practice) in Santa Ana, CA.

Bottom row (L to R): Dr. Jennifer Mancuso joined the University of Michigan, Department of Dermatology in Ann Arbor, MI; Dr. Henry Lim; Dr. Renee Sheinin joined the American Skin Institute of Los Angeles (private practice) in Los Angeles, CA; Dr. Jewell Gauling joined Allegheny Dermatology (academic group practice) in Pittsburgh, PA.

## Team Member Spotlight - Monica Murphy



Ms. Monica Murphy is our Residency Coordinator and has been with our department since April 1979. She is the longest serving member in the history of the department, having worked with every department Chair (Drs. Clarence S. Livingood, Edward A. Krull and Henry W. Lim). As Residency Coordinator she is the first voice to most dermatology rotators, applicants,

and residents. She is a model of caring and is a wonderful historian of past residents and staff.

During her free time, she likes to relax with her family – hubby, 4 children, 9 grandchildren – all here in Detroit. Her husband is a pastor of a church on the eastside of Detroit, so there is always something to do.

We asked Monica;

### ***1. What is your fondest memory while working for Henry Ford Dermatology?***

I have fond memories of Dr. Livingood and especially Dr. Krull. I loved the way they cared for their patients without time constraints and with genuine interest in their care and outcomes. Dr. Krull often stayed in the clinic late and he would care for the afternoon cleaning staff and anyone else here that needed dermatology care. Dr. Livingood would take calls from anyone regarding American Board of Dermatology issues. He took time out of his busy schedule to speak to each person by phone about their concerns.

### ***2. What is your funniest memory while working for Henry Ford Dermatology?***

It's funny to me that I have seen several of the residents that we trained (alumni), who now have their children come through and applying for dermatology residency. Keep in mind that I started in the department in April 1979, the same year that I was married.

### ***3. What do you think about the overall changes within the department over the years you've worked here and what made you stay at Henry Ford Dermatology for so many years?***

Overall, the changes in the department have been good. Unfortunately, there are too many health insurance issues that do not allow physicians to care for patients in the manner that they should or would like to.

I absolutely love that our department gives back to the community through the Cabrini Clinic which everyone seems to genuinely love. Over 10 years ago, Dr. Earl Rudner made arrangements to start a Dermatology Clinic at Cabrini to provide care for the uninsured and underprivileged, every 2nd Tuesday of the month in the evening after working, from 5:30pm-8:00pm or until the last patient is taken care of. All of our staff & residents volunteer including our Chair, and Chair Emeritus. Additionally in past years, during the holiday season we have adopted a family at least 3 or 4 times, we have adopted a women's homeless shelter twice (providing gifts for each mother and child, sometimes for more than 20 children). We have adopted the Cabrini Clinic by providing monetary donations to buy gift cards to offset the cost of insulin for their patients and also collected warm clothing for those in need during the winter twice. This past winter, our project was COTS (Coalition on Temporary Shelter). They are opening an additional location where they would be providing housing for families and needed sheets, blankets, towels and other items for the apartments. As usual the Derm Family showed out and showed up. Everyone supported our efforts from our Chair to each person in the department and all of our satellite clinics and our research areas.

Dermatology is a great place to work and the people here are exceptional and so why leave?

## ALUMNI CONNECTION

Staying connected with our Alumni is very important to the Department of Dermatology. With this in mind, please help us stay connected with you by keeping us informed of any contact information changes or updates in your journeys. We also welcome pictures and stories to share with current staff and fellow alumni. Please submit to Monica Murphy, Program Coordinator, (313) 916-2171, [mmurphy1@hfhs.org](mailto:mmurphy1@hfhs.org).

## Paying It Forward: Don & Gail Rodzik Ensure Future Patients Have Access to Leading-Edge Treatments

A decade ago, Don Rodzik returned from a vacation abroad with a very unwanted souvenir: a major skin irritation that covered his body. It made him miserable, and not only was the condition unpleasant, but it began to alter his lifestyle—even affecting his work as the co-founder and CEO of an international auto parts supplier in Canada. He was desperate for a solution, seeking out doctor after doctor at several different facilities, but no one was sure how to alleviate his symptoms.

Finally, a physician in Toronto asked if he had been to Henry Ford Health System in Detroit, which, as he explained, “had one of the best dermatological departments in North America.”

That proved to be crucial advice for Don, who immediately booked an appointment with Henry Lim, M.D., the Chair of the Department of Dermatology at that time. Thanks in part to funding from past philanthropic gifts, Dr. Lim had been working on a new treatment for certain skin conditions using light therapy. With the treatment, Don’s condition improved significantly. Today, he credits his complete recovery to Dr. Lim and his leading-edge treatments.

“If it was not for this new procedure, I do not know how long my recovery might have taken,” says Don, who still regularly sees Dr. Lim and has had no additional issues in the past ten years.

Don’s gratitude to Dr. Lim and Henry Ford have also inspired him and his wife Gail to give back. Their generosity has enabled the Department of Dermatology to purchase state-of-the-art equipment to help patients with difficult skin disorders receive the care they need to live happier, healthier lives. This has included an important phototherapy machine that enables light treatment for dermatological conditions, and most recently, FotoFinder Body Studio equipment that detects and diagnoses skin cancer in patients with the greatest risk.

“Recognizing the type of skin cancer, a person has at its earliest stages and getting swift treatment hopefully yields the best results by combining these tools with the historical collection of data physicians already have,” says Don.

The Rodzik Family believes that this innovative technology will help future patients the way that Dr. Lim and other Henry Ford physicians helped Don.

“Gail and I hope that the gifts of new equipment and continued research can assist patients with a cure for their skin conditions,” Don says. “We hope that the impact of our gifts will make a positive difference in someone’s life.”

Meanwhile, Don continues to be grateful for his family and his health. “I know how important it is to have good health, which is critical to enjoying life,” he says. “What more can one ask for?”

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Farm – M, T, W; Research NCO – Th (AM)  
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Ford – T, Th; Farm – W, F  
Ford – M; W-F

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