

RESIDENT ROUNDS: PART I

Resident Rounds is a section of the JDD dedicated to highlighting various dermatology departments with residency training programs. Resident Rounds includes three sections: (1) a program spotlight, highlighting pertinent information about the department and residency training program; (2) a section presenting study materials used by residents at the program; and (3) a section designed to highlight recent interesting cases seen at the institution. This issue of Resident Rounds features the Northwestern McGaw Medical Center Dermatology Residency. The editor of Resident Rounds is Omar A. Ibrahim MD PhD. He is currently the Founding and Medical Director of the Connecticut Skin Institute. Dr. Ibrahim is also a Visiting Assistant Professor of Dermatology Wellman Center for Photomedicine at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. If you are interested in highlighting your training program in a future issue, please contact Dr. Ibrahim at Olbrahimi@jddonline.com.

Program Spotlight: Northwestern McGaw Medical Center Dermatology Residency

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The goal of the Northwestern McGaw Medical Center Dermatology Residency is to provide trainees with a broad education and diverse practical exposure that will lead to outstanding dermatological care of patients with skin, hair, nail, or mucous membrane disease. Our department offers a three-year residency training program with the opportunity for a four-year (2+2) research track that combines residency and fellowship training. We also have a combined 5-year medicine-dermatology residency program. Residents train in general dermatology, pediatric dermatology, dermatologic surgery, dermatopathology, dermatopharmacology, immunodermatology, phototherapy, Mohs micrographic surgery, and laser and cosmetic procedures. Several specialty clinics allow exposure to challenging cases.

Our learning and teaching style emphasizes:

- Experiential and active learning
- Close mentorship in a challenging academic and fostering environment
- Progressive graded responsibility for the learner
- Camaraderie and teamwork

Our Facilities

Throughout clinical training, residents rotate through several sites. The Northwestern Medicine clinics are currently the home base for residents and the site of most of the didactic conferences. Most of the Dermatology department is housed in >27,000 sq ft of space in the Arkes Pavilion. This includes a dedicated residents' suite with individual workstations, computers, and phones for each resident, small and large conference rooms, general dermatology and procedural clinic rooms, and a comprehensive phototherapy unit. Administrative offices of the department and the dermatopathology lab and suite are also housed in Arkes Pavilion. Residents also rotate through the Lurie Children's Hospital (pediatric dermatology) and the VA Chicago Health Care System-Westside.

The department encourages residents to acquire additional experience in dermatological subspecialties or research after completing the residency program. A major focus of the department is to train future leaders in dermatology.

We believe fervently in mentorship and sponsorship for our resident trainees in the professional and personal areas. We hope to build strong interpersonal relationships that lead to a happy, cohesive, professional environment conducive to best learning and practice management.



Top row: Nilanthi Gunawardane, Luzheng Lui, Jennifer Sorrell, Tracy Donahue, Lisa Shen
Bottom row: Lauren Graham, Julia Minocha, Melanie Clark, Lara Rosenbaum
Missing from photo: Lauren Guggina, Katherine Mercy, Pedram Yazdan

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