

## 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 3 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 Western University of Health Sciences. The editor of Resident Rounds is Dr. Ali Alikhan. If you are interested in highlighting your training program in a future issue, please contact Dr. Alikhan at alialikhan1@yahoo.com.

### Program Spotlight: New York Medical College Dermatology Residency Program, New York, NY

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#### Introduction

Located in the upper east side of Manhattan, the New York Medical College dermatology residency program has grown over the last 3 decades to include 10 residents working with 10 clinical attending physicians. The program has been enthusiastically led by chairman and program director, Dr. Bijan Safai, for the last 22 years.

With 4 clinic sites distributed in Manhattan and Brooklyn, our residents are exposed to a large and diverse patient population that includes all different skin types and socioeconomic backgrounds. Residents see over 21,000 patients a year. Our faculty is composed of 6 general dermatologists, 2 fellowship-trained pediatric dermatologists, one fellowship-trained Mohs and cosmetic dermatologic surgeon, and one fellowship-trained dermatopathologist.

#### Department Highlights

A highlight of our program is that the residents receive extensive hands-on training in general and pediatric dermatology in their continuity clinics. As the primary dermatologist with attending oversight, the residents are very well prepared for the transition to attending physician at the end of their residency. As the primary surgeons, the residents are also very well trained in surgical and cosmetic dermatology, including exposure to various lasers, botulinum toxins, fillers, chemical peels, sclerotherapy, ear lobe repairs, and blepharoplasties.

Once-weekly dermatopathology sessions allow residents to review all of the biopsies of the previous week for excellent clinical-pathological correlation, and also to receive critical teaching sessions on various dermatopathology topics. Moreover, in-patient consultations allow for exposure to complex and critical dermatological conditions.

Once-weekly didactic sessions are composed of attending and resident lectures, a journal club, and kodachrome sessions. With this rigorous schedule and training, our residents



The residents in the photo from left to right are as follows: Michael Caglia MD, Maria Hannaway MD, Adam Carter MD, Olubukola Babalola MD, Danilo Del Campo MD, Katherine Rupley MD, Amilcar Rizzo MD, Nikoo Cheraghi MD, Nhan Nguyen MD.

graduate to being experienced, exceptional, and compassionate dermatologists and dermatologic surgeons.

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