

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 University of Mississippi Medical Center Dermatology Residency Program. 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: The University of Mississippi Medical Center Dermatology Residency Program

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The University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) Department of Dermatology Training Program was established in July 2013 in Jackson, Mississippi. It is a three-year program preceded by broad-based training at an AGME-approved program for a minimum of one year. Currently, two residents matriculate into the program each year.

The program takes pride in its substantial growth during its inaugural year. Eight core academic faculty members provide expertise spanning clinical dermatology including general and complex medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, dermatopathology, skin oncology and dermatologic surgery, cutaneous lymphoma, occupational dermatology/patch testing, and inpatient consultative dermatology. A high faculty to resident ratio provides substantial learning opportunities from a faculty dedicated to the success of each trainee.

The only academic dermatology program in the state of Mississippi, UMMC residents see a large and diverse patient population. During all three years, residents provide care in one of four busy clinical facilities and provide inpatient consulting to the only academic medical center in Mississippi. Residents benefit from a weekly continuity clinic supervised by volunteer affiliate faculty who maintain private practices in Jackson, Mississippi area. Patients are scheduled for the residents who develop meaningful relationships as they monitor response to therapeutic interventions over long periods of time. As residents master the knowledge base of dermatology and develop increased technical skill they are



The University of Mississippi Medical Center Department of Dermatology Faculty and Residents from the Inaugural Academic Year (2013-14). Front Row (Left to Right): William Black; Julie P. Wyatt; Robert T. Brodell; Nancy McCowan; Jeremy D. Jackson. Back Row (Left to Right): Kimberley M. H. Ward; Kathleen Casamiquela (R '16); Kenneth Saul (R '16); Stephen E. Helms

afforded more responsibility. Third-year dermatology residents may design a four-week elective to meet their personal interests and professional goals.

Clinical experience is balanced with a strong foundation in dermatology through a variety of weekly interactive educational sessions including a Bologna textbook reading club, didactic lectures, "Kodachrome"-style conferences, dermatopathology conferences, and journal club. Grand Rounds and Professors Rounds occur monthly and permit an in depth discussion of patients with complex dermatologic problems. Aggressive mentoring, exposure to many clinical research

opportunities and involvement in quality assessment/quality improvement projects are hallmarks of the program.

TABLE 1.

Mission Statement of the UMMC Department of Dermatology

1. To enhance the patient-centered care provided by dermatologists in Mississippi
2. To focus on subspecialty care needs of patients and to support our dermatology colleagues throughout the state
3. To provide high quality educational programming for medical students and residents
4. To provide timely and focused continuing medical education for dermatologists and other physicians in the State of Mississippi and throughout the region
5. To develop basic science, translational and clinical research programs that extend the knowledge base of dermatology

The University of Mississippi Department of Dermatology is an exciting new program dedicated to delivering top quality education in an encouraging environment while providing care to a diverse patient population. The mission statement of the Department (See Table 1) demonstrates the broad impact faculty and residents intend to make on the State of Mississippi and the entire region. As William Faulkner once said, "To understand the world, you must first understand a place like Mississippi."

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