

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 University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital 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 Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital Dermatology Residency Program

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Founded in 1956, the University of Miami Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery has a storied past and prides itself on clinical excellence and innovative contributions to the field of dermatology. With 21 full-time faculty members (13 of whom practice clinical dermatology) and 11 additional dermatologists serving as part-time clinical faculty, our department is one of the busiest in the country. Our various clinical services care for approximately 60,000 patients annually. Additionally, with 10 laboratory-based researchers and active clinical research efforts, our department is consistently among the top 25 National Institutes of Health-supported dermatology departments.

Residency Program

The University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital dermatology residency program is among the largest in the country; currently training a total of 24 residents including 3 MD/PhD residents completing a 4-year track. Despite the large size our residents are a close-knit group, who spend a great deal of time together during the workday but also like to enjoy all that South Florida has to offer.

Our residents rotate through various clinical sites comprising of Jackson Memorial Hospital and Holtz Children's Hospital (Miami-Dade county hospitals), University of Miami Hospital and Clinics, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center (university hospitals), Miami VA Healthcare Systems (federal hospital), and Mount Sinai Medical Center (private hospital). Various subspecialty clinics at these sites (Table 1) offer our residents exposure to experts in their respective disciplines.



Residents also rotate through our unique inpatient dermatology service, which allows them the opportunity to care for patients with complex dermatologic conditions in an inpatient setting as the primary admitting team.

In addition to our supportive faculty, the residents also benefit from the contributions of over 140 voluntary faculty members affiliated with the department, many of whom attend in the county and VA Hospital clinics and provide didactic lectures. Our broad-spectrum exposure, along with Miami's proximity to South America and the Caribbean, provides a rich clinical experience with remarkable diversity in patient population and the opportunity to treat rare tropical diseases.

Resident education is further augmented through daily didactics, which include book chapter reviews, Kodachromes, and dermatopathology slide sessions. Every Wednesday morning

TABLE 1.

Sites of Subspecialty Clinics

Cosmetics (UMH, MSMC)

Contact Dermatitis (UMH)

Dermatologic Surgery (JMH, VA)

Dermatopathology (UMH)

Hair and Nails (UMH, JMH)

Hansen's Disease (JMH)

Immunobullous Diseases (JMH)

Inpatient Consults (UMH, JMH, HCH, VA, SCCC, MSMC)

Inpatient Dermatology – admitting service (UMH)

Lasers (UMH, SCCC, MSMC)

Mohs Micrographic Surgery (SCCC, MSMC)

Pediatric Dermatology (UMH, HCH)

Phototherapy (UMH, JMH, VA)

Pigmented Lesions (SCCC)

Psoriasis/Biologics (JMH)

Teledermatology (UMH, VA)

Ulcer/Wound Healing (UMH, JMH)

HCH, Holtz Children's Hospital; JMH, Jackson Memorial Hospital; MSMC, Mount Sinai Medical Center; SCCC, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center; UMH, University of Miami Hospital; VA, Miami VA Hospital

our department holds a management conference to present and discuss patients admitted to our inpatient service as well as challenging cases from the clinics and the community. Every 2 months our program also hosts the Miami Society of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery meeting, where the first year residents present their most interesting cases.

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A major goal of our program is to train outstanding clinicians; however, residents are also expected and encouraged to engage in academic activities. Each resident chooses a

pathway in clinical research, basic science research, or a specific clinical focus, and is required to complete a project or series of scholarly activities by the end of the third year. Our well-rounded experience is further enhanced through resident involvement in various philanthropic efforts. Some of these opportunities including a monthly dermatology clinic at the Camillus House center for the homeless, mission trips to the 'Skin Clinic' in Haiti (developed by 2 recent graduates), skin cancer screenings at approximately 10 community health fairs in South Florida, and the department-run Sun-Smart 5k race to raise melanoma awareness.

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