A Message from the Chairman

Welcome to the Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin. I may be biased but I believe you have entered one of the most exciting, vibrant, and innovative departments in the country. MCW dermatology has been the mainstay of dermatological care, cutting edge cutaneous research, and education in Southeastern Wisconsin since 1946. Our department, along with our partners at the Froedtert Health System, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Hospital have a history that includes pioneering research in pediatric dermatology, skin cancer, bullous diseases, and inflammatory dermatoses. We have trained clinicians who have provided the highest level of care throughout the world and continue to serve our community as the primary referral center for dermatology in Wisconsin. We continue to strive to enhance this long legacy of care, research, and education.

I believe we have entered a particularly exciting period for the MCW Dermatology Department. Since I arrived at MCW in 2016, our faculty has nearly doubled in size and has introduced an astounding number of new programs in all of our missions. In clinical dermatology, we now have many areas of sub-specialty care in medical dermatology with special expertise in pigmented lesions, pediatric vascular anomalies, collagen vascular disease (adult and pediatric), inflammatory skin disease (adult and pediatric), contact dermatitis, and women’s health. Our surgical care for adults and our newly developed expertise in pediatric cutaneous surgery are setting the standard for our area with innovative offerings and programs.

But our clinical offerings are only the tip of the iceberg. In research, we have NIH funding to study the genetics and epigenetics of pediatric vascular syndromes. This has led to new areas of research interest in understanding the genetics of congenital pediatric keratinocyte anomalies. New research programs in applications of artificial intelligence are being developed by one of our recent residency graduates, and our clinical trials programs in both adult and pediatric dermatology continue to grow. Among our most exciting new projects is our global health initiative in both clinical care and education. Not only are MCW clinicians providing care in underserved locations, we now have visiting trainees from around the world learning from our areas of expertise. In the past two years our faculty have published in journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, Lancet, Journal of Investigative Dermatology, JAMA Dermatology, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, Pediatric Dermatology, and many others.

I invite you to learn more about the Department of Dermatology at MCW. I believe that the excitement surrounding our department is just beginning.
Residency Corner

A Letter from the Program Director

The MCW Dermatology Residency continues to thrive. We remain committed to training clinically competent and well-rounded dermatologists through a rigorous but fun three years. We recently expanded our residency program and are now ACGME-approved for 15 residency positions. Our residents continue to receive outstanding clinical training through their experiences at Froedtert Hospital, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, and the Zablocki VA Medical Center. We are very proud of our graduates and our dermatologists have become very successful clinicians, educators, researchers, and leaders nationwide.

We have had some changes in the leadership of the residency. As of July 1, Dr. Barbara Wilson resigned from her role as Associate Program Director. Dr. Wilson spent a combined 12-years at the helm of this residency program, 8 ½ years as Program Director and 3 ½ years as Associate Program Director, in addition to her many years as a teaching faculty member. Dr. Wilson capably led our program through many transitions without sacrificing the residents’ well-being or education. She has left an indelible touch on her trainees, including me. I am forever grateful to have learned from this master dermatologist with her immense medical dermatology knowledge, her warm bedside manner, and her tremendous caring for all around her. We surprised Dr. Wilson with a tribute at residency graduation this year and presented her with a memory book that many alumni contributed to. Though she will no longer attend to the administrative tasks of the residency program, Dr. Wilson remains a critical force in the department and will continue working with residents in her busy clinics.

Dr. Karolyn Wanat has assumed the role of Associate Program Director, a role she held previously at the University of Iowa residency program. As I enter my fifth year as Program Director, I will have a new partner at my side and look forward to more great things to come!
Meet Our Current Residents
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Shahab Babakoohi, MD
Hometown: Tehran, Iran
Medical School: Tehran University of Medical Sciences
Internal Medicine Residency: MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
Hematology Oncology Fellowship: Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I had a great experience with MCW prior to starting my dermatology training. The opportunity of working in an ever-growing academic environment with supportive faculty, encountering all variety of common and rare disorders as a major referral institution and having a comprehensive skin cancer center all led me to choose MCW.

Daren Diiorio, MD
Hometown: Royal Palm Beach, FL
Medical School: Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
Internship: Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: MCW offered all of the aspects that I was looking for in a residency program: a wide variety of training sites, a diverse patient population, and a great group of residents. The entire department is genuinely dedicated to resident education and fostering a close-knit environment. I had an amazing time during my interview day and left feeling that MCW was the perfect place to receive my residency training. Milwaukee is also a fantastic city to live in with a ton of great food, entertainment, and culture!

Travis Kuemmet, MD
Hometown: Manitowoc, WI
Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
Internship: Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW because I was looking for a training program that would give me a strong foundation in medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, and procedural dermatology. MCW has it all! Everyone I met had a joie de vivre that is hard to describe. The training environment is rigorous, and everyone I met loved being there. I knew this would be the place for me!

Jacquelyn Majerowski, MD
Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Internship: Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW because the program offers excellent training in all major fields of Dermatology and will allow me to treat a diverse patient population in the wonderful city of Milwaukee, a place that is very special to my heart. I knew it was the right fit when I met the kind and passionate people of the program including residents, staff, and faculty. MCW Dermatology has it all and will provide me with the education and clinical training I need to become a well-rounded Dermatologist.

Alison Seline, MD
Hometown: Appleton, WI
Medical School: University of Iowa Roy J. Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine
Internship: Wheaton Franciscan – St. Joseph Campus, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW because I loved the people I talked to during my interview day, the program size, and the collegial atmosphere of the department. I also appreciated the well-rounded education in adult, surgical, and pediatric dermatology. It was also important for me to serve a diverse patient population such as that of Milwaukee.
Sophia Akhiyat, MD
Hometown: East Palatka, FL
Medical School: George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences
Internship: Orange Park Medical Center, Orange Park, FL
Why I Chose MCW: I aspired to train in a dermatology residency program where I could be a part of a strong academic institution, see a variety of skin and hair types, learn from attendings with renowned expertise, feel a sense of diversity and cultural competency, and become part of a close-knit group. On my interview day, it was clear to me that MCW had all of these parts and so much more to offer!

Leah Cardwell, MD
Hometown: Detroit, MI
Medical School: Howard University College of Medicine
Internship: Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW Dermatology because of the diverse population of patients the department serves; this supports a well-rounded and thorough training experience. The nurturing and familial nature of the program foster an ideal learning environment. I look forward to working toward my career goals at such a phenomenal institution!

Justin Fazio, MD
Hometown: Sacramento, CA
Medical School: Creighton University School of Medicine
Internship: Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW because it is an outstanding program. On the interview day I felt a connection with the faculty, residents, and overall collegial atmosphere of the program. In addition, the program offers exceptional opportunities in all aspects of dermatology with faculty that are dedicated to resident education.

Garrett McCoy, MD
Hometown: Spokane, WA
Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
Internship: Wheaton Franciscan – St. Joseph Campus, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: I chose MCW Dermatology because it provides a well-rounded education while still giving me the freedom to focus on my areas of interest. More importantly, the people are the best part of this department. Not only are our faculty great educators, they also care deeply about me and my success.

Jamal Saleh, MD
Hometown: Torrance, CA
Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
Internship: Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center, Milwaukee, WI
Why I Chose MCW: MCW provides the depth and breadth of clinical experiences and patient diversity that I wanted in a residency program. Additionally, the camaraderie among the residents and faculty was something that stood out to me both as a medical student and throughout the interview process.
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Kathryn Konicke, MD
Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin
Internship: Mount Sinai Beth Israel, New York, NY
Why I chose MCW: I chose MCW because it is a very well-rounded program with excellent exposure to all of the subspecialties within dermatology. Additionally, the faculty and residents are friendly, welcoming, and wonderful to work with.

Ashaki Patel, MD
Hometown: Schaumburg, IL
Medical School: Saint Louis University School of Medicine
Internship: Presence St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago, IL
Why I chose MCW: From my interview day alone, it was clear that MCW’s Department of Dermatology has a very collegial work environment not just among the residents, but between the residents and faculty as well. Each faculty member I met with was invested in not just resident education, but overall resident well-being. In addition to that, the program prepares its residents in all aspects and subspecialties of dermatology. These two points combined made me feel confident that I would receive the best training here, all while still being close to my hometown!

Ryan Sacotte, MD
Hometown: Slinger, WI
Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Internship: Presence St. Joseph Hospital, Chicago, IL
Why I chose MCW: MCW is an impressive dermatology program with a diverse patient population, comprehensive exposure to dermatology subspecialties, and a variety of training sites. I left the interview day excited about the friendly and supportive relationships between the residents and faculty. Additionally, Milwaukee is a great city with close proximity to my family. This made MCW an easy choice for me.

Linda Serrano, MD
Hometown: Chicago, IL
Medical School: University of Illinois College of Medicine
Internship: Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Why I chose MCW: I chose MCW because the residents are exposed to every aspect of dermatology, a diverse patient population, and many research opportunities. The faculty are not only committed to resident education, but also friendly and welcoming. My family also fell in love with Milwaukee after a short while and we are excited to now call Milwaukee home!

Jack Steiner, MD
Hometown: Madison, WI
Medical School: University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
Internship: Aurora St. Luke’s Medical Center
Why I chose MCW: I was impressed by the dedicated faculty and fantastic group of residents I met at MCW’s interview day. The diverse patient population and great exposure to dermatologic subspecialties (pediatrics, surgery, dermpath, cosmetics, etc.) were additional factors in my choosing MCW. Outside of work, Milwaukee is a vibrant and affordable city which is a great place to call home!
Alumni Update

2019 Graduates

We graduated an outstanding group of residents in June. We were lucky to retain Dr. Olushola Akinshemoyin Vaughn and Dr. April Zhang on the MCW faculty. Dr. Liza Gill has accepted a position with the Division of Dermatology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Nicole Bender will be dermatology faculty at the University of Florida and start a dermatopathology fellowship there in 2020.

Past Graduates

I would like to take the opportunity to profile some graduates from the MCW program who represent the great dermatologists we train.

Jiade (Jeff) Yu, MD, class of 2016, completed a pediatric dermatology fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia after finishing his dermatology residency (including chief residency) at MCW. He is now a pediatric dermatologist at Massachusetts General Hospital and a faculty member at Harvard Medical School. We were proud to hear that he received a prestigious Dermatology Foundation Career Development Award this year to support his research in pediatric contact dermatitis. Congratulations, Jeff!

Amber Robbins, MD is a 2008 graduate of the MCW dermatology residency program. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Wyoming and her medical degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. After graduating from MCW, Dr. Robbins returned to her home state of Wyoming and established Robbins Dermatology in Sheridan. As the only dermatologist in her corner of the state, Dr. Robbins provides comprehensive dermatology care for all her patients and trains MD, DO, NP, and PA students, as well as internal medicine residents. She is the well-rounded clinician-educator that MCW loves to train.
Timothy L. Parker, MD came to MCW after graduating medical school at the University of Iowa. He completed his MCW dermatology residency in 1993, then trained with Dr. John Zitelli for a one-year Mohs fellowship. He has been in private practice in Kansas City since 1994. Even though many years have passed since his time at MCW, Dr. Parker remains one of the strongest supporters of the residency program, donating year-after-year to our fundraising drives.

Contributions from alumni like Dr. Parker and others are vitally important to the success of our program and residents. If you have not yet donated to the Dermatology Master Clinician Endowed Fund, please Donate today!

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Dermatology Faculty Retreat September 2019
Dermatology Research

Overview

The Department of Dermatology at the Medical College of Wisconsin has a deep commitment to expanding the understanding of the physiology of the skin and new and novel treatments through research. Our faculty provide comprehensive and specialty clinical care in skin cancer and inflammatory diseases, first class cutaneous surgery and dermatopathology, and one of the most vital and important sections of pediatric dermatology, both nationally and internationally. Some research projects which are highlighted here include clinical trials in psoriasis, genetic disorders, PHACE and vascular anomalies.

Our research portfolio includes projects with fellows, residents, medical students, and other collaborating researchers from numerous renowned institutions.

Psoriasis

Psoriasis continues to be a main research focus, both for adult and pediatric dermatologists here at MCW. As an internationally recognized expert in the field, Dr. Ken Gordon continues to focus many of his research endeavors on the disease. Dr. Gordon serves as a principle investigator for several pharmaceutical trials evaluating cutting edge treatments.

Dr. Kristen Holland leads departmental research for pediatric patients with psoriasis, and Dr. Holland also serves as principal investigator for several pharmaceutical trials. Dr. Holland and Dr. Gordon are both currently conducting studies that seek to evaluate outcomes as well as quality of life in pediatric and adult patients with psoriasis.

Genetic Abnormalities

Dr. Lalor was recently awarded a startup grant through the CTSI. The overall objective is to establish a genomic research methodology to characterize the genetic alterations associated with segmental hyperpigmentation. This work will better equip clinicians to counsel families regarding potential long-term sequelae, ongoing monitoring recommendations, and options for future targeted therapy. Dr. Lalor will be collaborating with the Genetics division to complete this project.

PHACE

The PHACE Syndrome International Clinical Registry and Genetic Repository is managed by Dr. Siegel and is one of the largest repositories for PHACE syndrome. This year’s focus is to investigate the long-term outcomes and natural history of PHACE syndrome as well as investigate potential anomalies associated with the syndrome.

Artificial Intelligence for Cutaneous Conditions

We are excited to announce the addition of April Zhang, MD to our faculty. She is passionate about machine learning algorithms and artificial intelligence in the field of dermatology. Dr. Zhang is currently PI on several clinical trials focusing on cutting edge uses of artificial intelligence for cutaneous conditions. By carrying out her research at MCW she aims to utilize her formal training in medicine and computational mathematics to help drive innovation aimed at improving health in the community.

Leah Cardwell, MD at ASDP

Olayemi Sokumbi, MD and Alison Seline, MD at ASDP
Immediate Past & Current Studies:

Psoriasis

- Risankizumab versus Secukinumab for Subjects with Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis (Kenneth Gordon, MD)
- A Multicenter, Single-Arm, Open-Label Study to Assess the Usability of the Risankizumab Autoinjector Combination Product in Adult Patients with Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis (Kenneth Gordon, MD)
- A 24-week Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind Parallel-Group Study Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Ixekizumab to Guselkumab in Patients with Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis (Kenneth Gordon, MD)
- A Pilot Study of a Single, Easily Measurable Outcome for Psoriasis in Pediatric and Adult Patients (Kenneth Gordon, MD)
- A Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo- and Active Comparator-Controlled Phase 3 Study with Randomized Withdrawal and Retreatment to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of BMS-986165 in Subjects with Moderate-to-Severe Plaque Psoriasis (Kenneth Gordon, MD)
- A Phase 3 Multi-Center, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Apremilast in Pediatric Subjects from 6 through 17 Years of Age (Kristen Holland, MD)

Pediatric Dermatology

- Efficacy, Safety and Pharmacokinetics of Topical Timolol in Infants with Infantile Hemangioma (Kristen Holland, MD)
- Multicenter Phenotype-Genotype analysis of Vascular Overgrowth Syndromes (Dawn Siegel, MD)
- Analysis of Whole Genome Sequencing Data from an Infantile Hemangioma Syndrome Cohort (Dawn Siegel, MD)
- Genomic Analysis of a Cohort with Infantile Hemangiomas Associated with Multi-Organ structural birth defects (Dawn Siegel, MD)
- A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Multi-Center Study Investigating the Efficacy and Safety of PF-04965842 Co-Administered with Background Medicated Topical Therapy in Adolescent Participants 12 to <18 Years of Age with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis (Kristen Holland, MD)
- A Phase 3 Multi-Center, Long-Term Extension Study Investigating the Efficacy and Safety of PF-04965842, with or without Topical Medications, Administered to Subjects Aged 12 Years and Older with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis. (Kristen Holland, MD)
- Longitudinal Characterization of Pediatric-Onset Morphea (Yvonne Chiu, MD)
- Development of a Morphea Activity Measure (Yvonne Chiu, MD)

General Dermatology

- Comparing Artificial Intelligence with Teledermatology in the Diagnosis of Pigmented Lesions in the Community (Kara Walton, MD and April Zhang, MD)
- Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, A Prospective Observational Study of Adult Patients Receiving Dupixent for Atopic Dermatology R668-AD-1762 (Keri Chaney, MD)
- A Prospective Observational Survey Study to Determine and Compare Patient Centered and Physician Assessed Outcomes in Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Development and Validation of a Gene Expression Assay to Predict the Risk of Recurrence Disease in Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Julia Kasprzak, MD)

For more information about dermatology research projects, please contact Ashley Schamerhorn aschamerhorn@mcw.edu.
MEET OUR RESEARCH STAFF TEAM

A big thank you to the research staff who allow all our dermatology studies to be possible. Our research staff is comprised of 2 research fellows, 2 coordinators, and a research nurse. Dr. Katz and Steve Lander are our current research fellows. Dr. Katz supports Drs. Gordon, Zhang and other faculty with their clinical trials and various projects. Steve is our PHACE fellow who supports Dr. Siegel. Kyersten Reimer is our clinical research coordinator who resides within the clinical trials office; supporting both Drs. Gordon and Holland. Nathan Duncan is our Research Program Coordinator. He is the jack of all trades who works on multiple projects, benchwork and supports faculty with grant submissions and other ad hoc projects. Sonya Carpenter is our research nurse and anchor of our research team and responsible for multiple clinical trials studies.

Welcome New Dermatology Staff

The department welcomed three new administrative staff this past year.

Jessica Rybold joined the dermatology team as an Administrative Associate for all adult dermatology faculty. She has been with the Medical College since 2015 and had opportunities for promotion and advancement in her 4 years, and we are delighted to have her on our team. Prior to joining MCW, Jessica was with Carenza Color Cutting Experience for 8 years in a broad role with varying responsibilities and support needs. Outside of MCW, she likes to spend time with her twin boys, two dogs, and loves to cook.

Paula Bowman joined the team to assist with administrative duties for dermatopathology. She has returned to MCW from Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin where she was an off-site clinic Office Supervisor. Previously, she was part of the MCW Endocrinology team. Prior to MCW, Paula worked at Thomson Reuters in customer service, training and efficiency improvement. In her free time, she volunteers for various organizations and loves to spend time with her son’s 3 kiddos!

Debra Warpechowski joined the dermatology team as the Administrative Associate for all pediatric faculty. She has been at MCW for 12 years working as administrative support in the Division of Endocrinology. Her most recent role within the division focused on the CME programs and the research section. She is excited to join the team in dermatology and looks forward to utilizing her skills to benefit the department. She enjoys traveling, watching sporting events, reading and spending time with her family.
Meet Our Faculty

Keri Chaney, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: Washington University School of Medicine  
Residency: University of Massachusetts  
Other Training: Fellowship in Cutaneous Oncology at Boston University Medical School  
Area of Specialization: Contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, and patch testing

Dr. Chaney specializes in patch testing, a form of allergy testing where chemicals are taped to the skin to identify causes of allergic contact dermatitis. Dr. Chaney is a member of the American Contact Dermatitis Society and uses resources like the Contact Allergen Management Database (CAMP) to help patients identify and avoid triggers of their contact dermatitis.

Kenneth Gordon, MD: Professor and Chair

Medical School: Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons  
Residency: Internal Medicine: Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, Dermatology: Northwestern University  
Other Training: Post-doctoral fellow in immunology: Northwestern University  
Area of Specialization: Psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis

Dr. Gordon has been one of the leaders in the development in new therapies for psoriasis. He has lectured nationally and internationally and has authored over 150 papers on psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis including being first author on articles in the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, and JAMA. Dr. Gordon has been a principle investigator on clinical trials in over 75 clinical trials that include all of the new therapeutic options for psoriasis. He started the first multidisciplinary center for psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis. Dr. Gordon has an active clinical trials program investigating new treatment options for psoriasis.

Melanie Clark, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine,  
Residency: Northwestern University McGaw Medical Center  
Other Training: Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic  
Area of Specialization: Complex skin cancer, and Dermatologic Surgery

Dr. Clark is an Assistant Professor and board-certified dermatologist at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She is a Mohs micrographic surgeon and adult dermatologist at the Skin Cancer Center of Froedtert Hospital. Dr. Clark has training and expertise in the comprehensive care of skin cancer patients with an emphasis on surgical treatment and reconstruction. She is trained to treat both common and rare cutaneous malignancies and has an interest in treating complex high-risk skin cancers in immunosuppressed patients. She treats patients with melanoma, non-melanoma skin cancer, benign neoplasms of the skin, and nail disease requiring nail surgery. She has authored numerous publications and is actively involved in several professional societies within the field of dermatology and dermatologic surgery.
Julia Kasprzak, MD: Assistant Professor & Director, Skin Cancer Center

**Medical School:** University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
**Residency:** John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County  
**Other Training:** Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Fellowship at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics  
**Area of Specialization:** Dermatologic Surgery

Dr. Kasprzak is the Director of the Skin Cancer Center, a regional referral center that provides multidisciplinary care to patients with skin cancer. Her practice is focused on the management of challenging cutaneous malignancies. She has a special interest in treating patients with melanoma as well as solid organ transplant recipients.

Linda Lee, MD, PhD: Assistant Professor

**Medical School:** Duke University  
**Residency:** Duke University  
**Other Training:** Post-doctoral fellowship in Dermatology from Duke University  
**Area of Specialization:** Urticaria and Pruritus

Dr. Lee has had a long-standing interest in urticaria and itch. Her prior research in cell biology and drug development has provided a unique foundation for understanding various mediators of urticaria and itch, but also for considering sometimes unexpected modalities of modulating itch.

Keely Marshall, MD, PhD: Assistant Professor

**Medical School:** Medical University Of South Carolina  
**Residency:** University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
**Area of Specialization:** Telemedicine, Nail disorders, Inflammatory dermatoses

Dr. Marshall has an interest in general dermatology and treats a wide range of skin, nail, and hair disorders. Her practice is varied and includes care of complex inflammatory disorders as well as procedural dermatology. Dr. Marshall is passionate about improving the access patients have to good dermatological care by utilizing services such as teledermatology.

Edit Olasz Harken, MD, PhD: Associate Professor

**Medical School:** University of Szeged Medical and Medical Sciences Center, Hungary  
**Residency:** Medical College of Wisconsin  
**Other Training:** Post-doctoral fellowship in Skin Immunology at the National Institutes of Health  
**Area of Specialization:** Cosmetic dermatology and lasers

Dr. Olasz Harken is an expert in treating high-risk skin cancers in immunosuppressed patients and part of a multidisciplinary Transplant Skin Cancer Group at Froedtert Hospital. She is highly skilled in cosmetic therapies using botulinum toxin, filler and laser treatment. She particularly enjoys providing comprehensive skin care advice to help her patients achieve their desired appearance and feel naturally young again. She is proud and honored to provide the highest level of dermatological care to the veterans at the Milwaukee VA Medical Center. Dr. Olasz Harken has numerous scientific publications and book chapters. She is a member of several national and international committees on transplant dermatology, on skin cancer education and prevention and cutting-edge research in cosmetic surgery.
Gretchen Roth, MD: Assistant Professor

**Medical School:** Vanderbilt University School of Medicine  
**Residency:** University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
**Area of Specialization:** Hidradenitis suppurativa

Dr. Roth has an interest in general dermatology, complex medical dermatology, and medical education. She enjoys teaching dermatology residents and medical students. She uses this same passion for education to help patients understand their diagnoses, so they can best participate in their decision making and care.

Olushola Akinshemoyin Vaughn, MD: Assistant Professor & Chief of Dermatology VA Medical Center

**Medical School:** University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
**Residency:** Medical College of Wisconsin  
**Other Training:** Transitional Year at Gundersen Health System  
**Area of Specialization:** Genital dermatology, transgender medicine, and global health

Dr. Vaughn grew up in Milwaukee and attended undergraduate studies at Harvard University before moving to Los Angeles to play in a rock band. After several years, she returned to medical school at University of Wisconsin - School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, completed her intern year at Gundersen Hospital in La Crosse, and finished dermatology residency at Medical College of Wisconsin.

Kara Walton, MD: Assistant Professor, Medical Director of Adult Dermatology Clinic & Director of Dermatopathology and Immunopathology

**Medical School:** Medical College of Wisconsin  
**Residency:** Henry Ford Hospital System  
**Other Training:** Dermatopathology Fellowship at Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine  
**Area of Specialization:** Pigmented lesions, melanoma, dermatopathology

Dr. Walton is both a dermatologist and dermatopathologist. Her fellowship training had a focus in melanoma and pigmented lesions from both a clinical and histologic perspective and she directs the Pigmented Lesions and Melanoma Clinic in the department of dermatology. This clinic employs techniques such as total body photography, mole mapping, dermoscopy and dermoscopic mole monitoring in order to detect melanoma at the earliest possible stage in patients at high risk for melanoma. She also works closely with colleagues in medical oncology, surgical oncology, Mohs surgery and radiation oncology to coordinate the best possible treatment for patients once a diagnosis of melanoma is rendered. Her training in both clinical dermatology and dermatopathology allows her to correlate clinical, dermoscopic and histologic findings when treating patients in order to enhance diagnostic accuracy.
Karolyn Wanat, MD: Associate Professor, Section Chief for Adult Dermatology & Associate Residency Program Director

Medical School: Washington University  
Residency: University of Pennsylvania  
Other Training: Dermatopathology Fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Gorgas Course in Tropical Medicine  
Area of Specialization: Complex medical dermatology and inpatient consults, global health dermatopathology

Dr. Wanat is interested in all things dermatology, specifically complex medical conditions, including but not limited to infections, vasculitis, connective tissue diseases, blistering and granulomatous disorders. She is passionate about medical education, global health, and community outreach both locally and internationally, utilizing teledermatology to help increase access to dermatologic care. She enjoys dermatopathology and the clinical-pathologic correlation between diseases in outpatient and inpatient dermatology, and global settings. She enjoys teaching at the bedside and in multidisciplinary settings.

Barbara Wilson, MD: Professor

Medical School: University of Minnesota  
Residency: University of Minnesota  
Area of Specialization: Collagen vascular disease and complex medical dermatology

Dr. Wilson is a dedicated clinician who is interested in providing quality care to adult ambulatory and inpatient dermatology patients, especially those with challenging or complex medical diseases. She enjoys collaborating with colleagues at MCW, referring physicians, and primary care doctors to coordinate the best care for her patients. In addition, she encourages the full participation of patients and their families in their care and strives to communicate clearly with them around their important decisions. In addition to her clinical work, Dr. Wilson is very involved in teaching residents and students at the “bedside” and participating in graduate medical educational activities on campus. She is active in planning regional CME meetings for dermatologists and teaching primary care doctors through clinic instruction, CME lectures, re-certification courses and publications for primary care doctors.

April Zhang, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine  
Residency: Medical College of Wisconsin  
Area of Specialization: General dermatology, technology and medicine

Dr. Zhang has an interest in general dermatology. She diagnoses and treats the full array of skin disease in adults and performs skin surgery. She is committed to educating and empowering patients to provide the best care for them. She also has a special interest in exploring the ability of technology, artificial intelligence, to transform medicine and the field of dermatology.
Valerie Carlberg, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: Oregon Health and Science University
Residency: Harvard Medical School
Other Training: Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at Seattle Children’s Hospital and University of Washington
Area of Specialization: Pediatric dermatology, supportive oncodermatology, cutaneous oncology, and procedural dermatology

Dr. Carlberg has unique insight in the diagnosis and management of skin, hair, and nail conditions that result from chemotherapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy, radiation, transplant, or immunosuppression. She is actively engaged in multi-institutional research through the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance and collaborates with oncologists at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin as well as a national network of supportive oncodermatology experts to bring the best interdisciplinary care to her patients. Dr. Carlberg also has advanced procedural training in pediatric dermatologic surgery with exposure to plastic surgery techniques and direct tutelage under Dr. Rox Anderson, innovator of laser surgery. She performs dermatologic surgery and laser surgery to treat congenital and acquired skin lesions and can offer procedures under local or general anesthesia to optimize patient experience and outcome.

Yvonne Chiu, MD: Associate Professor and Residency Program Director

Medical School: Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California
Residency: Medical College of Wisconsin
Other Training: Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin
Area of Specialization: Pediatric connective tissue disease, complex pediatric dermatology

Dr. Chiu is a leader in the field of pediatric connective tissue disease, specifically morphea but also cutaneous lupus erythematosus and juvenile dermatomyositis. She serves as the chair of the Connective Tissue Disease subgroup of the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) and has forged alliances with the Childhood Arthritis and Rheumatology Research Alliance (CARRA) to further research in these disorders. She maintains a pediatric morphea clinical registry and has several ongoing studies in pediatric morphea. In addition to her research and clinical interests in pediatric connective tissue disease, Dr. Chiu enjoys caring for pediatric patients with complex dermatologic diseases. Some of her recent patients include children with Degos’ disease, multicentric reticulohistiocytosis, and congenital erythropoietic porphyria.

Kristen Holland, MD: Associate Professor & Director of the Dermatology Clinic, Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin

Medical School: Medical College of Ohio
Residency: Medical College of Wisconsin
Other Training: Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin
Area of Specialization: Pediatric inflammatory disease and infantile hemangiomas

Dr. Holland has a special interest in managing children with difficult skin diseases, as well as those with skin problems commonly encountered in children and adolescence. With the goal of providing her patients with access to the latest treatment modalities, Dr. Holland has developed a clinical trials program focusing on inflammatory skin diseases like atopic dermatitis and psoriasis. She has been an active collaborator with both the Hemangioma Investigator Group and the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance focusing on infantile hemangiomas and inflammatory skin disease, specifically psoriasis. Dr. Holland enjoys working with residents and medical students to help them learn how to optimally care for the child and family. She is a strong advocate for patients & families and works with the child’s pediatrician and parents to provide the best and most informed care possible.
Stephen Humphrey, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: Medical College of Wisconsin  
Residency: Medical College of Wisconsin  
Other Training: Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin  
Area of Specialization: Pediatric melanocytic lesions

Dr. Humphrey has a strong interest in pediatric melanocytic lesions and has presented on Spitz nevi and neurocutaneous melanosis. He is committed to patient education and care for all pediatric dermatologic conditions. He has a passion for dermatology in the global health setting and is actively forging partnerships with other institutions. Dr. Humphrey is one of our leaders in medical student and resident education.

Leah Lalor, MD: Assistant Professor

Medical School: University of Florida College of Medicine  
Residency: University of Cincinnati  
Other Training: Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at University of California, San Francisco  
Area of Specialization: Genodermatoses

Dr. Lalor is a board-certified dermatologist and pediatric dermatologist who is devoted to the care of infants, children, adolescents, and young adults with skin disorders. She has a specific interest in caring for children with genetic skin diseases and birthmarks, though she remains committed to caring for any child with any disorder of, or concern about, their skin, hair, or nails.

Dawn Siegel, MD: Professor and Vice Chair of Research

Medical School: University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health  
Residency: University of California  
Other Training: Birthmarks, Vascular Anomalies and Genetic syndromes  
Area of Specialization: Genital dermatology, transgender medicine, and global health

Dr. Siegel is a pediatric dermatologist with a particular interest and expertise in hemangiomas, vascular anomalies, birthmarks and genetic skin conditions. She is the Medical Director of the Vascular Anomaly Center at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. She is co-director of the Neurofibromatosis and RASopathy clinic at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. She is the Director of the PHACE Syndrome Clinical Registry and Genetic Repository. She has published 70 articles on genetic syndromes, hemangiomas and other pediatric dermatology topics. She lectures nationally and internationally on PHACE syndrome and mosaic skin conditions. She has been funded through the National Institutes of Health for the past several years. She is currently the Co-President of the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) and Vice President of Research for the Society of Pediatric Dermatology.
Meet Our Advanced Practice Providers

Amanda Funk, PA-C

Education: Marquette University Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Other Training: Medical College of Wisconsin APP Dermatology Fellowship Program
Area of Specialization: General Dermatology

Amanda is originally from West Bend, WI and completed all of her training in Milwaukee, WI. She now practices at the Froedtert Main Campus Dermatology Clinic in the Cancer Center, along with in Menomonee Falls at the Town Hall Health Center. She has an interest in skin cancer prevention and atopic dermatitis and is passionate about educating patients on their diagnoses and working with them to ensure our treatment plan aligns with their wishes and goals of care.

Gabrielle Strike Karthauser, PA-C

Education: Marquette University Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Other Training: Geisinger Medical Center Department of Dermatology
Areas of Specialization: Pediatric Dermatology

Gabrielle’s work and volunteer experiences, along with her education background at Marquette University and the University of Pittsburgh have created a strong passion within her to pursue a career in the field of dermatology, with a strong emphasis in pediatrics. She has been designated as the Pediatric Dermatology expert in the department in utilizing the Excimer laser. In addition, Gabrielle is driven to routinely contribute to the pediatric dermatology community through her volunteer work, as demonstrated by her participation at a yearly summer camp sponsored by the American Academy of Dermatology, centered around helping children struggling with severe and sometimes debilitating skin conditions. Gabrielle has made it her lifelong goal to provide nothing but the absolute best medical care for her patients in order to dramatically improve the quality of their lives.

Victoria Maloney, PA-C

Education: Marquette University Master of Physician Assistant Studies
Other Training: APP Dermatology Fellowship Program
Area of Specialization: General Dermatology specializing in psoriasis

Victoria enjoys practicing general dermatology and has a special interest in psoriasis. She works with Dr. Gordon in psoriasis clinic weekly and assists as a blinded assessor of PASI scores on various clinical trials. She is an Epic Superuser for the Dermatology Department and is looking forward to becoming an Epic Builder to help make Epic more efficient. Finally, she is excited to be serving on the membership committee for the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants.
Joree Ruiz, PA-C

**Education:** Midwestern University Master of Physician Assistant Program  
**Areas of Specialization:** Pediatric Dermatology

Joree is originally from Oak Park, Illinois. She practices at Children's Wisconsin main campus, New Berlin and Delafield. She has been with the Medical College of Wisconsin since 2002. She has a clinic dedicated to treating pediatric and adult patients with hyperhidrosis. She also has a special interest in acne, warts and atopic dermatitis. She enjoys partnering with children and their parents in the management of their skin conditions.

Brenda Hasse-Rupp, PA-C

**Education:** University of Iowa Master of Physician Assistant Studies  
**Area of Specialization:** Pediatric Dermatology

Brenda practices at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin’s main campus and Kenosha clinics. She has been with the Medical College of Wisconsin since 2008 and has appeared on TMJ4’s “Live at noon” segment to discuss sun protection and sunscreen labeling. Brenda is the Children’s Epic champion and has helped to improve efficiencies in epic including developing patient education templates for use in our clinic’s electronic medical records system. She is also a member of the Physician Assistant Council which works to organize and optimize the role of physician assistance at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.
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