UM Dermatology News

TANNING SALONS MORE COMMON THAN OTHER BUSINESSES IN FLORIDA

Dr. Robert Kirsner’s important research on the dangers of tanning salons and their popularity in Florida was featured in many local and national news outlets in December 2013. The study was published online by JAMA Dermatology.

In Florida, there is one tanning salon for every 15,113 people and 1.16 tanning facilities for every 50 squares miles, according to a research letter by Sonia A. Lamel, M.D., voluntary assistant professor of dermatology and cutaneous surgery at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Robert Kirsner, M.D., Ph.D., professor, Vice Chair and Stiefel Laboratories Chair of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery at the Miller School, and colleagues.

Indoor tanning is linked to melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancer development, especially if people tan before the age of 35 years. Florida has the second highest incidence of melanoma in the country, with use of tanning facilities by teenage girls as high as 40 percent, according to the study background.

For more information, please visit http://archderm.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1790352&resultClick=3

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SunSmart is a completely student run organization that wants to improve the quality of life in our high-risk South Florida community. Again this year, the SunSmart has teamed up with the Department of Dermatology at the University of Miami for the 7th annual 5K to benefit melanoma research and awareness.

This year’s 5K Run/Walk for Melanoma awareness took place on February 22, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in Crandon Park.

Free skin cancer screenings were administered by many of our faculty, residents and community physicians after the race.

“Melanoma kills one American every hour. By increasing awareness in the community about early detection, we are fulfilling our mission to save lives.” Dean Pascal Goldschmidt

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

We had the good fortune of hiring the following amazing individuals:

- **Liang Liang (12/2013)**—Postdoctoral Associate in Dr. Marjana Tomic Canic’s Lab
- **Radel Dupeiron (12/2013)**—Practice Manager in our UMH clinic
- **Milos Vujanac (12/2013)**—Senior Research Associate in Dr. Dragana Ajdic’s Lab
- **Gabriela Hevia (1/2014)**—Administrative Assistant in the Administrative Office
- **Ana Rodriguez (1/2014)**—Medical Assistant in our UMH clinic
- **Claudia Gutierrez (3/2014)**—Medical Assistant in our UMH clinic

Welcome to our Dermatology family! We look forward to your many contributions.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**PROMOTION/TENURE**

Dr. Joaquin Jimenez was promoted to Research Professor, Dr. Tongyu Cao was promoted to Research Associate Professor and Dr. Evangelos Badiavas was awarded tenure.

**DERMPATH FELLOWSHIP ACGME ACCREDITED THROUGH 2022**

In late June, we were officially informed of the Re-Accreditation of our Dermatopathology Fellowship. Special recognition to Dr. Paolo Romanelli and Lourdes Herrero who worked exceedingly hard on this and we proudly confirm that the Fellowship is ACGME accredited through June 2022.

**DR TONGYU CAO RECIPIENT OF JEGASOTHY AWARD**

Dr. Tongyu Cao Wrikamanayake was awarded the highly-coveted Brian V. Jegasothy, M.D. Basic Science Research Award. Dr. Cao’s group has recently published their characterization of a novel mouse model of various skin conditions in the *JID*, and will continue to use this model to investigate the regulation of epidermal homeostasis.

**VITALS COMPASSIONATE DOCTOR AWARD**

Dr. James Grichnik was honored with the 2013 Vitals Compassionate Doctor award. Of the nation’s 870,000 active doctors, only 3 percent will be accorded this honor by their patients in 2013.

**SECOND YEAR RESIDENT WINS BIG IN HAWAII CONFERENCE**

Dr. Joshua Freedman’s presentation “Cutaneous Vascular Imaging—A Novel Method” won first prize in the resident competition at the prestigious Winter Clinical Symposium.

**VCA APPOINTED TO UMMG BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monica Calcines was appointed to a VCA seat on the UMMG Board of Directors; a prestigious accomplishment and shows rapid recognition of her excellence among the school’s leadership.

**BILLING MANAGER NEW CHAIR OF UM BILLING GROUP**

Lucy Baldelemar was recently appointed Chair of the Professional Billing Managers Group for the University. In her new role, she will review issues related to billing such as ICD 10, and provide solutions that will help departments run more efficiently.

**DRS. DRAGANA AJDIC AND SHASA HU SELECTED TO ATTEND THE SID JR FACULTY RETREAT**

Dr. Dragana Ajdic was invited to serve as Table Leader for the 2014 SID Resident & PhD Retreats at the 2014 SID Annual Meeting in Albuquerque.

**ASSOCIATED PRESS ARTICLE ON TELEHEALTH AND PENDING REGULATIONS**

Dr. Anne Burdick discussed the future of telehealth and its current impact on medicine. FL lawmakers are looking to expand and regulate telehealth.
8 SUPERB RESIDENTS GRADUATE JUNE 2014

On June 23rd, 2014 your Department of Dermatology & Cutaneous Surgery graduated 8 outstanding dermatologists at the beautiful Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. Drs. Sadegh Amini, John Kowalczyk, Brian Morrison, Bridgit Nolan, Jessica Simon, Andrew Styperek, Adriane Vega, and Martha Viera represent residents 306—314 in the storied history of the Department. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors.

July brings a new group of talented and enthusiastic first year dermatology residents. We welcome: Drs. Jennifer Baker, Lucy Chen, Andrea Maderal, Aron Nasbaum, Alyx Rosen, Ricka Stone, Timothy Wu, and Adam Wulkan as well as Alejandra Vivas transferring to our Department as a second year. Please join us in welcoming them and wishing them a great start to the most important three years of their lives.

OUTSTANDING PUBLICATIONS


The Importance of Wound Biopsy in the Accurate Diagnosis of Acral Malignant Melanoma Presenting as a Foot Ulcer. Natalie C. Yin, Mariya Miteva, Donald S. Covington, Paolo Romanelli and Olivia Stojadinovic. The International Journal of Lower Extremity. 2013 12: 289 originally published online 9 December 2013

ANNIVERSARIES

Herrero, Lourdes—4/16/1990 (24 years)
Martinez, Cari—1/8/93 (21 years)
Garcia, Mercedes—4/10/2000 (14 years)
Martinez, Orfa—2/27/2004 (10 years)
Palomino, Maria—2/11/2005 (9 years)
Davis, Stephanie—1/31/2007 (7 years)
Gil, Joel—2/26/2007 (7 years)
Espinosa, Alette—4/9/2007 (7 years)
Sanin, Gloria—1/5/2009 (5 years)
Rodriguez, Cynthia—5/29/2009 (5 years)
Quiñonez, Valeria—6/26/2009 (5 years)
Gonzalez, Jose—2/22/2010 (4 years)
Gonzalez Ana D—4/19/2010 (4 years)
Salgado, Marcela—5/3/2010 (4 years)
Washington, Stephina—3/7/2011 (3 years)
Solis, Michael—6/8/2012 (2 years)
Jozic , Ivan—4/1/2013 (1 year)
Hernandez, Carolin—4/1/2013 (1 year)

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

1ST QUARTER 2014—WINNERS

ISRAEL BORREGO, JR, SENIOR MEDICAL ASSISTANT—Israel is kind and compassionate with patients and faculty alike. He gives 110% of himself to his work; he often volunteers to take on additional duties and always volunteers to stays late and work most weekends. He is sought after by most faculty because of his knowledge and positive attitude. In the last few months, Israel has taken on a leadership role and has been instrumental in keeping business functional and flowing. Israel deserves this recognition not only for the last quarter but for his many years of consistent service and dedication to our Department.

ALIETTE ESPINOSA, C.C.T., C.C.R.P., RESEARCH SUPPORT SPECIALIST—Aliette has been with the University for 11 years. She transferred in 2007 from Radiology and immediately took over coordinating ongoing research studies in Dermatology. She has been active in all the wound healing studies, working with the faculty, fellows and residents on investigator-initiated and Industry sponsored clinical trials. Our research continues to expand and the Department benefits greatly from her constant hard work and dedication. We are proud and blessed to have her in our Department.
SKIN CANCER SCREENINGS

Skin cancer is prevalent in South Florida with more than 1 out of 5 individuals developing skin cancer in their lifetime. There are 3 major forms of skin cancer. Basal cell carcinoma is most common, often present on the face, particularly the nose, and may appear as a translucent area that may easily break down and bleed. Squamous cell carcinoma, which in general develops in heavily sun damaged areas on face and arms and appears as a firm scaly area, which may be somewhat tender when picked. The most deadly major form of skin cancer is melanoma. Melanoma can be tricky to identify early as it often appears similar to a mole; however, the key is that it tends not to match the other moles on the body and as it grows, it becomes progressively more non-uniform.

We offer free skin cancer screenings to all UM employees on an annual basis. These screenings are designed to be quick to allow you to return to work quickly. Most patients can be in and out of the office within 15 minutes. If biopsies or other advanced care, such as use of total body photos or confocal imaging, are required, then a formal normal appointment will be required. If a lesion of concern is noted, patients may choose to follow up with a physician of their choice and UM Dermatology will expedite these appointments.

Dr. Grichnik, an expert in early skin cancer detection, is currently conducting these screenings monthly at UMH (South building, Suite M) generally on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Please call (305) 243-6704 for more information.

SAWC MEETING IN ORLANDO, FL WAS A SUCCESS

This year’s Symposium on Advanced Wound Care was held at the beautiful Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center in Orlando, FL. Many of our faculty participated as well as lab members, fellows, residents and administrative staff. Our Department had a booth at the meeting where we promoted our research, our highly regarded dermatopathology service and wound healing center.

Professor Stephen Davis and his research team won first place for their work on “Effects of a Topical Nitric Oxide - Releasing Ointment to Reduce Microbial Infection using an in-vivo Porcine Wound Model”, the Highest Scoring Laboratory Research Abstract.

Lucas Cavallin and Dr. Paolo Romanelli won first place for their poster “Dermatopathological Evaluation of Osteopontin Expression: a New Biomarker and a Potential Therapeutic Target for Chronic Wounds”, the Highest Scoring Clinical Research Abstract.

CHAIRMAN VISITS COSTA RICA ON MEDICAL MISSION

The DEBRA foundation of Costa Rica serves EB and pediatric patients with severe genodermatoses and other high risk non inherited skin disorders.

Dr. Lawrence Schachner has had the pleasure to serve this Foundation for 15 years. They have sponsored many medical visits, some life saving, for children to UMMSOM/JMH through the years. Dr. Schachner has held clinics, worked with local health care providers and developed protocols on visits to CR over the past 15 years; these are several youngsters served by the Foundation that Dr. Schachner saw in Costa Rica with RDEB-EB and Netherton’s.

LONGTIME NURSE RETIRES AFTER 20+ YEARS OF SERVICE

After twenty plus years of service to the Department of Dermatology, Jane Kilbourn, LPN has decided it is time for a little rest and relaxation.

Her vast knowledge and countless hours of dedication to our department will be greatly missed. Jane began her retirement effective April 30, 2014. There was a “Happy Retirement” gathering in her honor. We thank all our faculty and staff members who participated.
AAD 2014 FACULTY PARTICIPATION

Dr. Theresa Cao—1 Forum (Invited Speaker)
Dr. George Elgart—2 Courses (Invited Speaker)
Dr. James Grichnik—1 Workshop and 2 Symposiums (Invited Speaker)
Dr. Shasa Hu—1 Focus Session (Director)
Dr. Jonette Keri—1 Forum (Invited Speaker)
Dr. Robert Kirsner—4 Forums (3 as Invited Speaker, 1 as Director)
Dr. Keyvan Nouri—2 Forums (1 as Director, 1 as Invited Speaker)
Dr. Lawrence Schachner—1 Forum (Director)
Dr. Antonella Tosti—6 Forums (5 as Invited Speaker, 1 as Director)

ALUMNI REUNION AT THE AAD

This year’s Alumni Reunion was held at the Hyatt Regency in Denver, CO and it was a big success. It was a pleasure seeing so many familiar faces and catching up with old friends. We hope to see you again next year.
DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY & CUTANEOUS SURGERY

EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

To develop leaders in dermatology, who as independent thinkers and lifelong learners will lead the field of dermatology through ethical evidence based practice, with innovative ideas and by the performance of novel high quality research.

CELIA AND SAMUEL RESNIK RESIDENTS/FELLOWS RESEARCH DAY

Our annual Celia and Samuel Resnik Residents/Fellows Research Day took place on May 15th, 2014 in the University of Miami’s Seminar Center. Many Miami Society for Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery members showed their support for our residents and fellows who presented.

Dr. Brian Morrison won 1st place for his project on “The effects of probenecid and/or brilliant blue G on human melanoma cell growth in a xenograft mouse model”

Dr. John Kowalczyk received second place and presented “Elfain Staining in Clinical Differential Diagnoses of GVHD”

Lastly, Dr. Andrew Styperek placed third and presented on “Enhancement of Laser Hair Removal with Minoxidil 5%”

Dr. Marjana Tomic-Canic’s research fellow, Dr. Shailee Patel, won 1st place among other fellows for her work on “Topical Mevastatin and Simvastatin induce angiogenesis and accelerate wound closure in vivo”

Thank you for your participation and support.

DR. ELIZABETH ALVAREZ CONNELLY MOVING TO NEW ZEALAND

After almost 10 years of service, Dr. Elizabeth Alvarez Connelly has left our Department to embark on an exciting journey with her family in New Zealand. Dr. Connelly’s last day was June 16th, 2014. We wish her all the best.