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A Newsletter for Alumni, Colleagues and Friends of the Department



From the Chair

Greetings from the Hill! We have had a busy few years in which we have relocated both our clinical operations and our research and administrative units.

We have settled into our new clinical site in the Southern Village community. We are located now at 410 Market Street, Suite 400 in Chapel Hill – only about five minutes from the main medical campus (*photo 1*). We are providing our full scope of services in one site at the Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center. Dr. Brad Merritt is leading the Mohs unit and is providing outstanding care. Dr. Tomsick retired and left us for sunny Florida! In addition to adult and pediatric dermatology, we are engaged in providing care for autoimmune diseases, pigmented lesions, and contact dermatitis as well as laser treatment. We are seeing an estimated 29,000 visits per year in this facility. We have also been collaborating with Piedmont Health Services and are providing care to patients through their site in Carrboro, NC. The growth of the Department has been remarkable and we are delighted to welcome Dr. Pat Mauro as an Associate Professor in our Department. We are also pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Amy Fox as Assistant Professor in July 2011.

Dr. Donna Culton joined our physician scientists' team this year; as such, she directs the Dermatology Division at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville, NC and has an active research program in cutaneous autoimmunity in our research facilities.

Our residency program is now housed in the same suite as our clinical services, providing an optimal educational environment. The residency program continues to flourish under the leadership of Dr. Dean Morrell. As well, medical education, under the direction of Dr. Craig Burkhardt, is introducing our specialty in a

meaningful way to medical students both at UNC and from other institutions. The teaching areas have improved in this facility which features the Wheeler-Briggaman Conference Center that accommodates ~ 50 attendants. The Department continues to welcome medical students from Peru and residents from Brazil in the international exchange program we established.

The research laboratories which also house the Dermatopathology and Administrative Divisions of the Department since the spring are located on the 4th floor of the Mary Ellen Jones Building (*photo 2*). For the first time, since I arrived here in 2000, we are all on one floor in one building. Dr. Dan Zedek is the new director of the Dermatopathology laboratory after Dr. Pam Groben's retirement this past June. In the research arena, we are proud that we have achieved the ranking of 10th in NIH funding for Departments of Dermatology in the country in 2009. The research group of Drs. Culton, Li, Liu, Qian, Rubenstein, Thomas, and myself have been very productive as you can see in this newsletter. Dr. Lugo-Somolinos has advanced our clinical trials unit and is doing some exciting work in that arena. She welcomes complex cases from your practices for participating in clinical trials.

I hope you will enjoy the details about the events in the Department that you will find in this newsletter. We enjoyed seeing many of you at the AAD in New Orleans. We hope you will mark your calendars for October 2012 and plan to join us in Chapel Hill. We will be hosting the UNC Dermatology alumni and the Southeastern Consortium Meeting. More details will be forthcoming in the Fall Newsletter. Dermatology alumni can update their personal information on our website at <http://www.med.unc.edu/derm/alumni-page>.

I am honored to be a part of the Carolina tradition and thank all of you for your generous support of our endeavors.

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Residents' Corner

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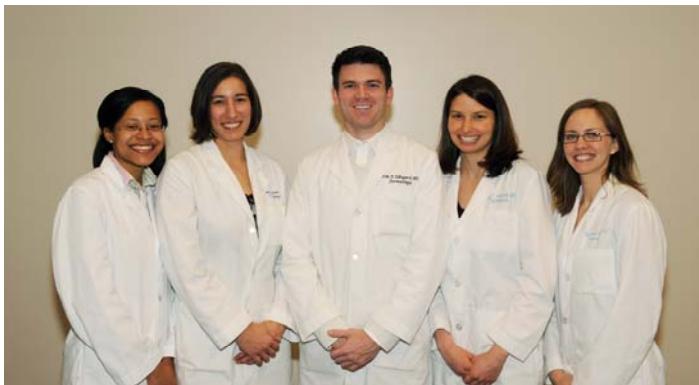
Class of 2009

Dr. Brian Green, Dr. Mike Fastenberg, Dr. Brie Poindexter, Dr. David Dasher, and Dr. Brad Merritt completed their residency training June 30, 2009. Dr. Green is with the U.S. Army, Dr. Fastenberg joined a practice in New York, Dr. Poindexter joined a practice in San Francisco, California, Dr. Dasher spent a year at UNC Dermatology and now is in a pediatric fellowship in San Diego, California, and Dr. Merritt did a Mohs fellowship in Pennsylvania and then joined the faculty at UNC Dermatology.



Class of 2010

Dr. Maren Shaw, Dr. Stephanie Diamantis, Dr. Kim Edhegard, Dr. Arin Isenstein, and Dr. Donna Culton completed their residency June 30, 2010. Dr. Shaw joined a practice in Maryland, Dr. Diamantis accepted a Mohs fellowship in Pennsylvania, Dr. Edhegard is doing a fellowship at Duke Dermatology, Dr. Isenstein joined Alamance Dermatology in Burlington, NC, and Dr. Culton joined the faculty at UNC Dermatology.



Class of 2011

On June 30, 2011, Drs. Amy Fox and Mat Davey will have completed their dermatology residency training. Dr. Fox will be joining UNC Dermatology as an Assistant Professor July 1 and Dr. Davey will be heading home to Nebraska.



Dr. Sunny Kim and Dr. Chris Adigun left the program early. Dr. Kim joined the dermatology faculty at Fort Bragg, NC, through the U.S. Army. Dr. Adigun transferred to New York University to complete her residency and will be joining the faculty at NYU after completion.



We wish them all much joy and success in their future endeavors.

Welcome

Class of 2014 (1st Year)

On July 1, 2011, we will welcome four new residents as they begin their dermatology training: Drs. Meaghan Daly, Brandon Mitchell, Katie Sikora, and Meghan Thomas.



Meaghan Daly, MD

Dr. Daly completed her undergraduate degree at Columbia University in New York, NY. She earned a medical degree from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, NY. She completed her preliminary medicine intern year at Brown University in Providence, RI.

Brandon Mitchell, MD

Dr. Mitchell completed his undergraduate degree, received his medical degree, and completed his preliminary medicine internship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC.



Katie Sikora, MD

Dr. Sikora earned her undergraduate degree from Miami University of Ohio in Oxford, OH. She received her medical degree and completed her transitional medicine internship at Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Meghan Thomas, MD

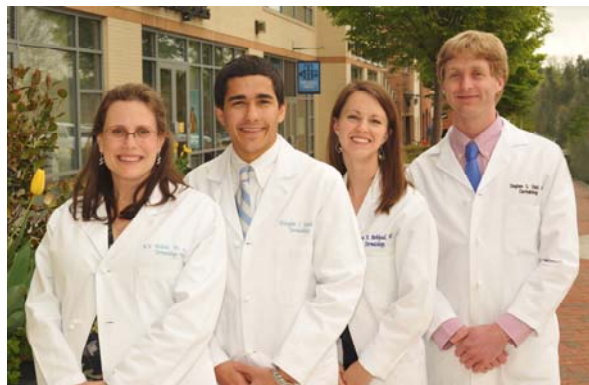
Dr. Thomas completed her undergraduate degree, received her medical degree, and completed her pediatrics preliminary internship from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC.



Class of 2013 (2nd Year)

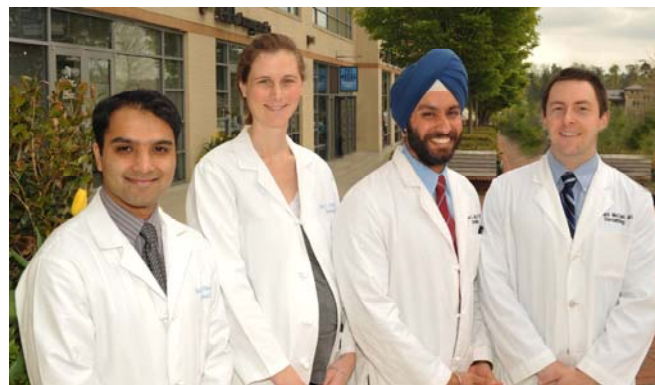
On July 1, 2010, we welcomed four new residents: Drs. Mattie Nicholas, Chris Sayed, Anna Burkhead, and Stephen Stahr. Dr. Burkhead completed her undergraduate degree at Duke University in Durham, NC and received her medical degree and completed her preliminary medicine internship at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC. Dr. Nicholas received her undergraduate degree from the University of California at Davis, CA and received her medical and PhD degrees as well as completed her preliminary medicine internship at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill,

NC. Dr. Sayed completed his undergraduate degree, received his medical degree, and completed his preliminary medicine internship at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC. Dr. Stahr received his undergraduate degree from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and completed his transitional medicine internship at the University of North Dakota in Fargo, ND.



Class of 2012 (3rd Year)

On July 1, 2009, we welcomed four new residents: Drs. Shatil Amin, Anne Fender, Puneet Jolly, and Rick McClain. Dr. Amin completed his undergraduate degree and received his medical degree at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC and completed his preliminary medicine internship at the Charleston Area Medical Centers in Charleston, WV. Dr. Fender received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, received her medical degree at the University of Rochester in Rochester, NY, and completed her preliminary medicine internship at Providence Medical center in Portland, OR. Dr. Jolly completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Miami in Coral Gables, FL, received his medical degree and PhD degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, completed his transitional medicine internship at Inova Fairfax Hospital/Georgetown University in Falls Church, VA, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC in the lab of Dr. David Rubenstein. Dr. McClain received his undergraduate degree from the University of Delaware in Newark, DE and received his medical degree and completed his preliminary medicine internship from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA.



Residents' Corner (Continued)

2011-2012 Chief Residents Named

Drs. Puneet Jolly and Rick McClain have been named Co-Chief Residents for the 2011-2012 academic year. Dr. Jolly earned his medical degree from Georgetown University in Washington, DC, where he completed his transitional internship, followed by a completion of a research fellowship at UNC. Dr. McClain earned his medical degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, VA, where he completed his preliminary internship. Drs. Jolly and McClain are scheduled to complete their residency training on June 30, 2012.

We would like to thank the following past chief residents for their hard work, dedication, and leadership:

2010-2011: Dr. Amy Fox
2009-2010: Dr. Donna Culton & Dr. Arin Isenstein

2011 Match Results

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2011 Match. The following individuals will be joining our residency program on July 1, 2012:

Edith Bowers	Duke University
Sarah Corley	Virginia Commonwealth University
Kirk James	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Katherine Madden	University of South Florida
Patrick Retterbush	Medical College of Georgia

Where Are They Now?

Dori Hunt ('01):

Almost ten years has passed since I finished my residency in June 2001. It feels just like yesterday I was randomly guessing "sarcoidosis" on one of Dr. Wheeler's kodachromes.

After my formal training, I started my career by joining a solo dermatologist in Durham. Like many young physicians, I discovered that my first choice was not the best fit for me. Thus, after one and one-half years, I left the Triangle area and joined my current practice,

Piedmont Plastic Surgery and Dermatology (www.ppsd.com). I was brought into the practice with my main objective being to expand the presence of PPSD from Gastonia into Hickory, NC. The humble Hickory location that I worked out of was an old OB/Gyn practice. I had two, tiny, poorly lit exam rooms. My personal office doubled as the drug sample room. When I started, there was only one other female dermatologist in Hickory and her new patient wait time was two years. Needless to say, I was welcomed into the community by all – even the other dermatology practices.

Since that time, May 2003, PPSD has grown bigger and better. We now have fourteen physicians and we own three offices in Gastonia, Hickory, and Charlotte. In Hickory, we just moved into our third office. This new office has 12,000 square feet tailored to meet our every need. My practice is ninety percent medical dermatology and ten percent cosmetic dermatology. Each day brings new diagnostic and therapeutic challenges, and I am forever grateful for the excellent training and teaching I received from my UNC dermatology professors.

Outside of my work, my passion remains triathlons. I have competed in all triathlon distances, but I enjoy half ironman and ironman races the most. On any given weekend, you are likely to find me swimming at the Hickory YMCA, cycling along the Blue Ridge Parkway, or running around the Lenoir Rhyne track. I am easy to spot – just look for the extremely white girl.



Dr. Gregory Swank, Dr. Charles Johnson, and Dr. Dori Hunt

Dermatology Boards

Amy Fox, Mat Davey, and Chris Adigun will be taking the American Board of Dermatology Certifying Exam the summer of 2011.

Donna Culton ('10), Stephanie Diamantis ('10), Brian Green ('09), Arin Isenstein ('10), and Maren Shaw ('10) passed the American Board of Dermatology's Certifying Examination in August 2010. **David Dasher ('09), Mike Fastenberg ('09), Brad Merritt ('09), and Brie Poindexter ('09)** passed the American Board of Dermatology's Certifying Examination in August 2009. Congratulations!

International Electives

Currently, residents have the opportunity for two international electives: Australia and Brazil.

Deirdre Murrell ('93) states that three residents [**Eric Hanson ('03), Mike Sullivan ('04)** and **Stephanie Diamantis ('10)**] have taken electives in Australia with her. She welcomes any interested residents.

Several residents have taken the elective in Brazil, as part of the Brazilian Exchange Program. Most recently, **Mike Fastenberg ('09), Craig Burkhart ('07) and Tara Byer-Parsons ('07)** completed electives in Brazil.

Kim Edhegard ('10) took an elective in Barcelona, Spain in 2010.

If any resident is interested in these or any other international electives, contact Dr. Diaz.

Medical Students

Our senior elective received visiting students from Virginia Commonwealth, University of Texas – Houston, Medical College of Georgia, Louisiana State University, University of Oklahoma, West Virginia University, and Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua.

Peru Elective

We are pleased to report that the Peru Elective for medical students has been very successful and we will continue our collaboration between the UNC School of Medicine and the University of Trujillo,

Peru School of Medicine. **Dr. Luis Diaz** and Dr. Marco Aleman will continue to serve as faculty for this fourth year elective. As attested by the students who have participated in the past, the Peru Elective provides a superb learning experience.

This year seven medical students from UNC have traveled to Peru and one student from UNT has traveled to Chapel Hill. They are:

UNC

Claudia Castillo
Virginia Moye
Kristoff Olson
Luke Schwankl
Kelly Smith
Daniel Whiteside
Aaron Wiener

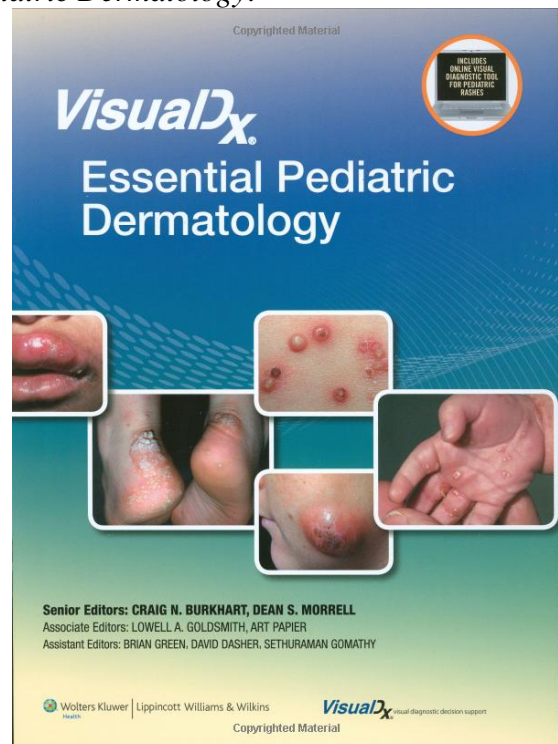
Peru

Paulo Castañeda Ruiz
Maria A. Garcia

Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship

The American Board of Dermatology approved UNC Dermatology's application to initiate a Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship with **Drs. Dean Morrell ('01) and Craig Burkhart ('07)**. Plans are to accept the first fellow July 2012.

Drs. Craig Burkhart ('07), Dean Morrell ('01), Lowell Goldsmith, Brian Green ('09), and David Dasher ('09) co-edited *Visual Dx Essential Pediatric Dermatology*.



Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News



UNC Faculty

Luis Diaz, Professor and Chair, **David Rubenstein ('97)**, Professor, and **Nancy Thomas**, Professor, UNC Dermatology, were recognized as Best Doctors of America for 2009-2010 and 2011-2012.

Luis Diaz and **Aida Lugo-Somolinos**, Associate Professor, UNC Dermatology, along with the UNC Center for Latino Health, received the prestigious Diamante Award, a statewide award that honors organizations that are making significant contributions to the Hispanic Community of North Carolina.

Lowell Goldsmith, Professor Emeritus, UNC Dermatology, received a presidential citation during a special luncheon of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in New Orleans, February 2011, for his efforts as the Society of Investigative Dermatology's representative to the AAD Skin Museum Project.

David Henke ('82), Associate Professor, UNC Medicine, was included in the Best Doctors of America for 2011-2012.

Aida Lugo-Somolinos and **Stephen Vance**, UNC medical student, were awarded the Michiko Kuno Research Award on their research project titled, "Health Care Accessibility Barriers for the North Carolina Hispanic Population." It was presented on UNC Medical Students Research Day 2011.

David Rubenstein was appointed the Louis C. Skinner Jr. Distinguished Professor of Dermatology; endowed professorship, UNC Dermatology in November 2008. In 2010, he received a joint appointment in UNC Pharmacology.

In 2010, **Nancy Thomas** became the first woman to achieve full professorship in the UNC Department of Dermatology.

Nancy Thomas was chosen for the year-long Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program. She will be a part of the 2011-2012 fellowship class and was nominated for this fellowship by Dean Roper. Established in 1995, the ELAM Program was developed for senior women faculty who demonstrate the potential to assume executive leadership positions at academic health centers. The goal of the fellowship is to develop the professional and personal skills required for these roles. Dr. Thomas will complete the fellowship through a combination of self-study, group learning and in-residence study. "I expect to receive invaluable experience in a diverse variety of areas, from mentoring to financial management," said Dr. Thomas.

"This experience will serve me well in future leadership roles." The ELAM Program, which is part of Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, is the only one of its kind in the nation.

A team of UNC researchers including **Dr. Nancy Thomas**, recently published a paper on how a biomarker test shows promise for melanoma diagnosis. To read about this exciting breakthrough, visit http://www.sph.unc.edu/schoolwide_news/biomarker_test_shows_promise_for_melanoma_diagnosis_17670_8289.html.

The Melanoma Research Foundation and the UNC School of Medicine presented a full day of melanoma education dedicated to melanoma patients and the people who support them. The free symposium, *Patient Day*, took place on February 23, 2011 and included **Dr. Nancy Thomas** as one of the scheduled speakers. Participants heard from melanoma experts on a number of topics, from indoor tanning to the latest clinical trials and treatments, and from experts in genetic testing and psychosocial support.

(L-R) Tim Turnham, Melanoma Research Foundation Executive Director; **Dr. Nancy Thomas**, Co-Director, UNC Melanoma Program; Dr. DeAnn Lazovich, an epidemiologist from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine Public Health; and Patricia Long, nurse practitioner with the UNC Melanoma Program.



The UNC School of Medicine sponsored *The Sixth Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma: A Multidisciplinary Perspective*. The February 24, 2011 conference featured special guest speaker Steven O'Day, MD, Chief of Clinical Research and Director of the Melanoma Program, The Los Angeles Clinic and Research Institute.

Alumni News

David Woodley ('78), Professor and Chair, University of Southern California Dermatology, and his lab received an NIH Obama Challenge grant for four years to do a clinical study using human, recombinant type VII collagen intradermally and topically in patients who have recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. Patient enrollment began in March 2011.

Boni Elewski ('82) received the Rose Hirschler Award from the Women's Dermatologic Society, which was presented at the Women's Dermatologic Society 2011 meeting.

Stephanie Diamantis ('10), currently a fellow at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA, received the Women's Dermatologic Society Membership award in 2010.

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Faculty, Alumni, and Staff News (Continued)

Welcome New Faculty



Dr. Donna Culton ('10) joined the Department July 1, 2010 as an Assistant Professor, specializing in autoimmune blistering skin diseases. Before beginning her residency with UNC Dermatology, Dr. Culton completed her preliminary internship at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, NC.



Dr. Brad Merritt ('09) joined the Department July 1, 2010 as an Assistant Professor, specializing in Mohs Surgery. After completing his residency at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, Dr. Merritt completed a Mohs fellowship at Zitelli & Brodland PC in Pittsburgh, PA.



Dr. Pat Mauro joined the Department as an Associate Professor March 1, 2011. Dr. Mauro, after completing her residency at Duke University in Durham, NC, was a Clinical Instructor at Washington University as well as Barnes, Jewish, and Children's Hospitals in St. Louis, MO; a Clinical Associate at Duke University and Consult Attending at Durham Regional Hospital in Durham, NC, and a Founding and Managing Partner of Durham Dermatology Associates in Durham, NC.



Dr. Dan Zedek joined the Department as an Assistant Professor of Dermatopathology, Director of Dermatopathology and Co-Director, Immunofluorescence Service May 1, 2010. After completing his pathology residency at UNC, Dr. Zedek went to the University of California, San Francisco for his Dermatopathology Fellowship and served on the faculty.

Farewell

Thanks for all of your contributions and dedication to UNC Dermatology residents, medical students, faculty, and staff. Best wishes to both of you!



Dr. David Dasher ('09) has relocated to San Diego, CA with his wife and family. He is working with the Children's Specialists of San Diego.



Dr. Pam Groben retired in June 2010. She is currently working with the Department of Pathology and Lab Medicine with UNC Hospitals, and engaged in research with the UNC Department of Dermatology.

New Emeritus Status

Congratulations to the following faculty of UNC Dermatology who have achieved emeritus status.



Dr. Lowell Goldsmith acquired Professor Emeritus status in 2010. He works with UNC Dermatology on academic endeavors. He spends his spare time traveling with his wife.

Dr. Richard Scher acquired Professor Emeritus status in 2010. Dr. Scher is busy in the academic world including the following: Board Review Course in Chicago; guest lecturer at the American Society of Podiatric Dermatology, and visiting professor at Northwestern. In his spare time, he enjoys entertaining his eight grandchildren.



Dr. Robert Tomsick ('80) retired from UNC Dermatology and acquired Associate Professor Emeritus status in 2010. He is currently working with the Physicians Regional Group in Naples, FL, and enjoying sailing.

Conferences and Clinical News

Mohs Surgery

Since **Dr. Brad Merritt ('09)** joined the Department in July 2010, the Mohs surgery team has renewed its dedication to providing the highest quality, most up-to-date treatment for patients, including utilizing MART1 immunostaining for margin control of melanoma. Same-day reconstruction is now performed on the vast majority of wounds, including complex flaps, large grafts, and combined closures, as needed. Dr. Merritt and his team have treated over eight hundred skin cancers in eight months, and continue to grow the program to meet the needs of UNC and the community at large. The Mohs team hopes to continue to expand its ability to provide state-of-the-art care in a comfortable and convenient setting for patients, growing into a leading cutaneous oncology center in the Southeast.

Clinical Trials Unit

The Dermatology Clinical Trials Unit (DCTU) was initiated in September 2007, under the direction of **Dr. Aida Lugo-Somolinos**. With the creation of the DCTU, the Dermatology Department now has a centralized location for the performance of clinical research, with almost all clinical trials being conducted at The UNC Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center at Southern Village. Over the past three and a half years, more than twelve industry-sponsored trials have been completed, including three investigator-initiated trials for a total of approximately \$1,000,000 in grants.

The main goals of the DCTU are to operate as the primary administrative and patient recruitment unit for clinical research within the Department, to assist dermatology investigators with the conduct of their clinical research, and to promote interdisciplinary research by working with other departments and research centers at UNC. **Dr. Lugo-Somolinos** has already collaborated with Hematology/Oncology, Nephrology, Radiology, Neurology and Gastroenterology as a consultant and sub-investigator.

Long-term goals of the unit are to not only expand the number of clinical trials conducted, but also the scope and type of research as well. The DCTU has the unique

opportunity to address the needs of the local Spanish-speaking population and looks to engage in clinical research projects that evaluate dermatological conditions prevalent in Hispanic patients.

At present, the unit staff includes **Erika Hanami**, Project Manager and **Kara Bryant**, Clinical Research Coordinator. There are three active clinical trials investigating treatments for psoriasis, toenail fungus, and brittle nails. Additionally, there are two psoriasis registries for patients on biologic treatments. For more information on these clinical trials, visit <http://www.med.unc.edu/derm>.



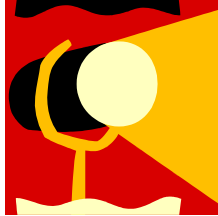
Kara Bryant, Dr. Aida Lugo-Somolinos, and Erika Hanami

Contact Dermatitis

The contact dermatitis clinic is providing service to patients referred with a presumptive diagnosis of allergic contact dermatitis. In about thirty percent of the chronic cases referred, significant and relevant allergens that had cleared and/or greatly improved our patient's conditions have been found.

The Contact Dermatitis Clinic is conducting screenings with the North American-65, but also have trays for evaluation of metals, dental, scalp, and hand/foot dermatitis. Most of the patients are adults, but patch testing on children is done as well. Referrals are welcomed from across the state. Referrals generally are for 1) chronic hand and/or foot dermatitis; 2) atopic eczema that is atypical or not responding to the usual treatments; 3) eyelid dermatitis; and 4) patients undergoing prosthesis surgery.

Spotlight



Always ready to help in any way to make sure that patients are cared for, **Natasha Watts** is a real star in the UNC Dermatology and Skin Cancer Center. Natasha's official title is Administrative Coordinator and she has worked with Dermatology since 2006. She currently oversees all aspects of clinical operations for the Medical Dermatology Clinics. Natasha is an incredible team player, jumping in wherever she is needed. Whether it is helping with clinic flow issues, drawing blood in the lab, or making sure that pediatric patients get their stickers, Natasha is ever present in all we do! Patients have commented on her outstanding service and staff continually speak of her commitment to giving her all. Natasha has worked in health care since 1996, bringing management experience as well as CNA experience.

Apart from her clinical obligations, Natasha is also involved with her church as a youth leader. She also enjoys spending time with her two wonderful children, Brittany and Luke, and her very supportive husband, Tracey.



New Additions



Aneil was welcomed by **Puneet Jolly ('12)** and wife **Meryem Bektas** on August 30, 2008.

Anne Fender ('12) and her husband Christopher, welcomed a son, **Cole**, into their family on November 9, 2008.

On March 22, 2009, a son, **John**, was born to the proud parents, **David Pascoe ('08)** and Miles Taylor.

Eleanor was welcomed by **Mattie Nicholas ('13)** and her husband Peter, on May 11, 2009, followed by a son, **Peter**, born on April 28, 2011.

Maren Shaw ('10) and her husband, Marcus, welcomed a son, **MJ**, into their family on July 13, 2009.

Ryan was welcomed by his proud parents, **Aaron Wever ('06)** and wife Andrea on October 8, 2009.

On October 18, 2009, a daughter, **Zoe**, was born to the proud parents, **Brie Poindexter ('09)** and husband Jack.

Chloe was welcomed on November 24, 2009 by **Karen Beasley ('00)** and husband John Holtzman.

Arin Eisenstein ('10) and her husband Tim Platt-Mills welcomed a daughter, **Leah**, on February 20, 2010.

Twin daughters **Cora** and **Cady** were welcomed by their proud parents, **Chris Sayed ('13)** and his wife, Kelly on March 1, 2010.

On May 29, 2010, a son, **Luke**, was born to proud parents **David McInnes** and wife Sarah.

Ye Qian and his wife Shin-Pei Yang, welcomed daughter **Summer**, on July 2, 2010.

Chris Adigun ('11) and her husband Yomi, welcomed a daughter, **Naomi**, into their family on December 30, 2010.



Engagements/Weddings

Craig Burkhart ('07) and Jena Ivey were married May 2, 2009.

Richard McClain ('12) married Patty Cordes on June 20, 2009.

Stephanie Diamantis ('10) and Mike Myracle are engaged to be married in September 2011.

Robert Briggaman ('67) and his wife Irene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September 2010.

Calendar of Events

UNC-Duke Conferences (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Location	9/8	9/22	10/20	11/10	12/8	1/26	3/8	4/12	4/26	5/24	6/14
UNC		X	X			X			X	X	
Duke	X			X	X		X	X			X

The Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma

The incidence of melanoma continues to rise rapidly in this country. Increasingly, the management of the melanoma patient requires multiple healthcare providers. This course is specifically designed for a multidisciplinary view of the care of the melanoma patient. The course faculty will examine common clinical issues which often confront the clinician and attempt to provide information that will help in their clinical decision-making regarding these difficult patient problems.

The Annual UNC Conference on Melanoma will be held on February 16, 2012 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. More information will be forthcoming.

Save These Dates:

- October 28- 30, 2011 SEC Meeting
Emory University - Atlanta, Georgia
- March 16-20, 2012: Annual AAD Meeting
San Diego, CA
- October 2012: SEC Meeting (*details forthcoming in Fall 2011 Newsletter*)
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, North Carolina

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