

## Chairman's Message:

Stony Brook Dermatology represents the gestalt of years of clinical and research faculty synthesizing their medical expertise, ethical and core values, and most importantly, their shared interest in improving the lives of patients afflicted with dermatologic conditions. Every organization evolves through iterations of best practices, milestones, and leadership goals; the department of dermatology has grown. Growth is a function and consequence of many circumstances both positive and negative, and it has been through these learning experiences that we have transformed what we look like, what we look at, and ultimately what we are about. The overarching goal of the department, has always been to provide excellence in patient care. This is what we have consistently delivered and today, we provide that in broader scope, practice, and setting. This is the amalgamation of bright minds, thoughtful approach, and breadth of exposure that together make us a practice of distinction.

May 1, 2017 we opened the doors of our new 17,000 sq. ft. medical practice, a monumental departure from the revered Technology Park where we began practicing dermatology so many years ago on a much smaller scale, with an even smaller complement of faculty and residents. In 2015 this was a collective vision, in 2016 we thought the prospect would never become a reality, and in 2017 we realized that our real journey was just beginning. Our footprint on eastern long island was further enhanced with the opening of a multidisciplinary Stony Brook Medicine facility known as Advanced Specialty Care where we opened our first satellite location to accommodate patients on the western Suffolk/Nassau border. It has been surreal.

As Chairman, I am proud to share this vision and our past, present, and future accomplishments with you, the distinguished alumni and friends of our department.

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## HIGHLIGHTS of the Dermatology Residency Program

Over the last five years, our residency program has continued to not only grow in size, but also, evolve organically in tune with continuous feedback looping and a desire to remain current; these are the drivers of our forward thinking and open-minded concepts:

• Residents rotating through the Mohs division have a dedicated reading room to preview slides on a side by side Olympus microscope.

• Fellowship graduate of Thomas Jefferson University Dr. Daniel Lozeau, joined faculty as a dermatopathologist with a joint appointment in Dermatology & Pathology; he is the Director of our new outpatient lab located on site at our facility.

• The complement of residents in the program has officially grown to nine (9) which has significantly improved assignments that now expand to our Commack satellite in addition to the VA.

• Our block schedule is infinitely more equitable which now includes a dermatologic surgery block.

• We have integrated a formal resident research curriculum overseen by our Director of Clinical Trials, Jennifer Intravaia, RN, BSN, CCRC.

• The funding of resident-related expenses such as equipment, conferences, & books has been increased and now includes the provision of a new 3Gen DL4 dermatoscope to every new resident.

• Resident driven changes are actively incorporated including the addition of a new review text

• The Kalish Lectureship Series has been endowed.

• The program has a 100% board pass rate & a very high fellowship match rate.

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Resident	Grad Year	Fellowship	Academia	Private Practice
Michele Khurana, MD	2019	Pediatrics CHOP		
Mihir Shah, MD	2019	Mohs Indianapolis, IN		New York
Michael Xiong, MD	2019	Mohs Santa Barbara, CA		
Lea Bellomo, MD	2018			New York
Cindy Wassef, MD	2018		Rutgers	
Ariel Abraham, MD	2017			New York
Luke Hyder, MD	2017	Mohs/Tallahassee		
Kyle Radack, MD	2017			Tennessee
toman Bronfenbrener, MD	2016			Pennsylvania
Yoojin Lee, MD	2016		SUNYSB	
Antonia Kofinas, MD	2015			NYC
Sara Moghaddam, MD	2015			Maryland
Daniel Lozeau, MD	2014	Path/Jefferson	SUNYSB	



Dr. Richard Clark, professor, physician, and researcher has dedicated the best years of his life to the study of wound healing and burn progression for which he has been awarded millions of dollars in grant money by both the NIH and DoD. The investigational work of Dr. Clark's company, NeoMatrix Therapeutics (a clinical stage company) has led to the discovery of a new approach to burn treatment of military personnel and civilian victims; NMT-cP12 a small peptide-drug candidate if successful will be "a first-inclass treatment that may offer not only clinical

benefits but also, pharmacoeconmic benefits given the intense burn care that is required for burn victims".

Dr. Clark's subsidiary company, Neomatrix Formularies is currently investigating the potentiality of a new OTC antimicrobial product, a collaborative effort and partnership with the department for minor wound care and this alliance could be the gateway for a prospective line of dermatologic offerings for skin rejuvenation and revival.

As founding Chair of the department, his legacy will continue with an endowed professorship, the <u>Richard Augsut Clark and Marcia Graff Tonnesen Cutaneous Biology Research</u> <u>Fellowship</u>. This will be funded to encourage and promote advances in cutaneous biology to



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help patients through improved understanding of skin diseases and disorders which translate into new therapies. This fellowship will be used to fund research that bridges studies in cutaneous biology with other fields of science and technology that might accelerate breakthroughs for better diagnosis and therapies for our patients.

J  We invest many resources in our Program as we fulfill our promise to nurture, develop, and train our physician residents to carry the baton and apply what they have learned through robust coaching and accountability. This year we achieved increasing the complement of residents from 8 to 9 which has been an arduous quest for the past few decades and is proof of the department's progressive momentum. After 19 years, the multi-head scope which has not only been central to academics and literally the centerpiece of every dermatology resident room was retired as the Faculty gifted a new \$50,000 scope with state-of-the art camera equipment to enhance dermpath didactics and overall learning experience of our residents. We also purchased a Canfield DermaGraphix IntelliStudio SLR Body Mapping Solution to integrate Total Body Photography.

This is tradition.

Dr. Paul Chu has been integral to the program for greater than 20 years during which timehe has been steadfast in his commitment to our residents and their future in Dermatology. **This is tradition**.

Every year since 2009's keynote lecture on *"Reducing Deaths from Melanoma"* by Dr. Martin Weinstock, our residents and faculty have worked together to present interesting clinical cases at our annual Clinical Symposium and Kalish Lectureship Series. The commemoration of Dr. Richard Kalish's devotion to dermatology and all the promise of his research mark this annual academic event which is now an *endowed* lectureship. **This is tradition**.

This year Dr. Paul Chu gave the keynote lecture: "*Molecular diagnostics of melanocytic tumors for the practicing dermatologist*". This "super" grand rounds is always a prelude to the momentous graduation dinner to not only celebrate our graduates but also, and as importantly, to highlight and to pay homage to faculty who have gone above and beyond to mentor and guide our residents through their final year of residency. **This is tradition**.

Dr. Chu also donated \$2,000 to our residency program fund, a gift representing his allegiance to the ongoing mentorship and tutelage of dermatology residents we are proud to have participated in our annual clinical symposium.

Kalish Lectureship Series 2019

Molecular diagnostics of melanocytic tumors for the practicing dermatologists

Paul Chu, MD Bridge Dermatopathology

## OUTREACH



In April 2019, four of our Faculty members (Drs. Tara Kaufmann, Yoojin Lee, Daniel Lozeau, and Jordan Slutsky) traveled to the Galapagos where they joined Dr. Alexander Dagum, Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and his esteemed colleagues to provide skin screenings and care in the local community. It was the first time the Department of Dermatology partnered with Blanca's House to bring our services overseas.

The takeaway of this incredible medical mission was identifying a maligant melanoma of 44-year old Galo Del Hierro's eyelid. His malignancy was very aggressive and could have resulted in the loss of his eye and his life. Mr. Del Hierro ultimately traveled 3,000+ miles to Stony Brook University Hospital to undergo reconstructive surgery to his eyelid after the cancer was removed that couldn't be performed on the mainland in Ecuador. "Galo was very fortunate. He was in the right place at the right time" Dr. Lozeau told David Luces, the author of this piece appearing in the *Village Times Herald* (http://tbrnewsmedia.com/tag/blancas-house/).

Our mission breathes deep into the lives of our physicians, residents, and staff creating a culture of collective conscience and cooperation...this is Stony Brook Dermatology yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Our trajectory is clear and will continue to be a function of our shared passion for growth and discovery.



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Please join and help us in starting a new **tradition** to continue our growth & discovery through Academic endeavors and integration of new technologies that bring our physicians and residents closer to advances in Dermatology so we can sustain our mission to deliver leading edge therapies to patients.

Your contribution is vital to our Residency Program as we develop leaders for the future. All donations are tax deductible and will be validated with a receipt for your accountant.



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