From the Chair

This is an exciting time for the Department of Dermatology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center. In one short year, our rising third-year dermatology residents, Kathleen Casamiquela and Kenneth Saul, will be the first graduates of a Mississippi dermatology residency program. With nine regular faculty, eight affiliate faculty and seven residents, we are now a midsized department with a bright future. Perhaps most importantly, we served 24,390 patients during the last 12 months with compassionate, high-quality care. Of course, it is critical that we always strive to do better.

Please do not hesitate to call day or night with any suggestions. My cell number is (330) 883-5302.

Bob Brodell, M.D.
Professor and Chair
UMMC Department of Dermatology
New Affiliate Clinical Faculty*

Vinayak K. Nahar, M.D., M.S., Ph.D.
Dr. Nahar is a doctoral candidate in health behavior and promotion at the University of Mississippi. After obtaining his medical degree from Vitebsk State Medical University, Belarus, he completed his master’s degree in health promotion at the University of Mississippi. Dr. Nahar’s primary research is in behavioral dermatology, identifying relationships between psychosocial factors and skin cancer prevention behaviors across various at-risk populations. To date, Dr. Nahar has published 14 peer-reviewed publications, presented seven abstracts at national or international conferences, and is currently a reviewer for numerous journals, including the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, the British Journal of Cancer, and Clinical and Experimental Dermatology. Dr. Nahar looks forward to collaborative work within the research group at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in the areas of dermatology and public health.

*Affiliate faculty are a critical part of our residency training program. They serve as supervisors of the dermatology resident continuity clinic, teach at Grand Rounds, resident and student conferences, and help us further the research mission of the University.

Welcome
Jasmine Hollinger, M.D.
A native of Jackson, Dr. Hollinger attended Washington University in St. Louis, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in African and African-American studies with a minor in biology. She attended medical school at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine and was elected to the Gold Humanism Honor Society. Following an internship in internal medicine at UMMC, she began her dermatology residency at Howard University in Washington, D.C., which will be completed in June of this year. Her interests include general dermatology, teledermatology, disorders of pigmentation, and issues related to skin of color. She is looking forward to returning home, noting that she is committed to enhancing medical education for medical students and residents as well as serving the people of Mississippi. Jasmine is married to Lowell Hollinger, a music instructor and band director at Jackson State University. She enjoys cooking, visiting zoos and aquariums, and spending time with family, including her miniature schnauzer, Kingsley.

Faculty Forward Survey
While Mississippi may not always rank at the top of every list, our medical center does rank highly in many educational endeavors. In the 2014 Faculty Forward Engagement Study, job satisfaction was ranked higher at UMMC than most other dermatology programs regionally and nationally.

The survey, which assesses levels of U.S. medical school faculty engagement, looked at items such as medical school governance, collegiality and collaboration, as well as compensation and benefits.

Of the 16 dimensions examined, UMMC dermatology department faculty overall felt more satisfied with their jobs than most of their peers and cohorts. In the areas of “relationship with the supervisor”, “my job”, “focus on the medical school mission”, “compensation and benefits”, and “faculty recruitment and retention”, the response score for each was above 85 percent. In fact, none of the response scores slipped below 60 percent in any area for the department.
We are pleased to introduce three new residents who will be joining us July 1, 2015. They are Allison Roberts Cruse, M.D., Maureen Offiah, M.D., and Anna Allred Wile, M.D.

Allison Roberts Cruse, M.D.
Allison grew up in Madison, Mississippi. She attended the University of Mississippi and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in biology. She spent two years performing research in the Division of Neuroradiology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center before earning her M.D. at the UMMC School of Medicine. She is currently completing her internship in internal medicine in her birth state at the University of Virginia. While she has enjoyed spending the past year sampling the local wineries, restaurants and hiking trails, she is excited to return to Mississippi for the remainder of her training. She is married to her husband of three years, Blake Cruse.

Maureen Offiah, M.D.
Maureen was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria. She attended the University of Ibadan, Nigeria’s Premier University, where she graduated with honors with a degree in physiotherapy (physical therapy). Due to her interest in leadership and management, she obtained an M.B.A. from Enugu State University. She practiced as a physiotherapist for some years before relocating to the U.S., where her new husband was working at the time. She decided to pursue her lifelong dream of becoming a physician, and took prerequisites at Holmes Community College and Tougaloo College. Maureen earned her M.D. at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. She is currently completing her medicine internship at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Having made her home in Clinton, Maureen enjoys spending time with her amazing husband, Jude, and their wonderful daughters and son: Kamsiyonna, Somto and Chukwudike. Her other hobbies include movies, music, dancing, leisure reading, exploring new forms of entertainment for her children and volunteering locally.

Anna Allred Wile, M.D.
A native of Meridian, Anna attended Millsaps College where she graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biochemistry. She spent a year as a genetic counselor assistant at UMMC before attending the UMMC School of Medicine. She graduated cum laude and was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha. She is currently completing her internship in internal medicine at UMMC. Outside of medicine, Anna is an avid runner and enjoys the outdoors in all forms, including camping, hiking, swimming and cycling. She and her husband, Daniel, enjoy traveling, running races and seeing the country together.

Additional Residency News
Starting July 1, residents will officially start seeing patients at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center.

Dr. Kenneth Saul and Dr. Kathleen Casamiquela also enter their final year of residency in July, reminding us how quickly time has flown since the beginning of the program!
**Relay For Life**
The Department of Dermatology helped raise awareness and money for the American Cancer Society during Relay for Life April 24. Department residents, faculty and staff, along with members of the Dermatology Interest Group, joined together to raise $4,000 for the cause. Thanks to all and we will shoot for $5,000 next year!

**Cancer Screening**
The department hosted its first free skin cancer screening May 19 in Suite K. The faculty, residents, nurse practitioners and nurses who volunteered also were aided by the American Cancer Society Mississippi office. Out of the 121 people who were screened, 43 people were recommended to have biopsies and 58 people were referred. There were three possible basal cell carcinomas, four squamous cell carcinomas and five dysplastic nevi/melanomas. Multiple possible actinic keratoses were also seen.

**Dermatology Symposium**
Nearly 30 dermatologists and dermatological nurse practitioners from around the state attended the 2015 UMMC Dermatology Symposium, “What’s New in Medical and Surgical Dermatology?” During the event, faculty members lectured on topics ranging from keloids and cosmetic and surgical tricks, to contact dermatitis, complex medical dermatology, transitioning to academic practice after residency, pediatric update and issues dealing with quality initiatives.

**Upcoming UMMC Faculty-Sponsored CME**
- **November 20, 2015**
  - Dermatology Basics for Pharmacists
- **April 22, 2016**
  - Dermatology Update for Dermatologists

**VISITING PROFESSORS 2014-2015 ACADEMIC YEAR**
- Marshall J. Shuler, M.D.
  - Carolina Dermatology of Greenville
- Boni Elewski, M.D.
  - University of Alabama, Birmingham
- Kathleen Schwarzenberger, M.D.
  - University of Tennessee, Memphis
- Stephen Feldman, M.D., Ph.D.
  - Wake Forest University
- Paul Schneiderman, M.D.
  - private practice Syosset, New York, and New York-Presbyterian/Columbia

**Laser Addition**
We are excited to announce the addition of a fractionated CO2 laser to our practice at the Face and Skin Center in Ridgeland. The Lutronic eCO2 laser is a versatile fractional ablative laser that allows us to provide exceptional treatment for rhytids, lentigines, dyschromia, textural irregularities and scars. The fractionated design provides less downtime and risk than with a standard CO2 laser. We have seen some great results in our patients. If you would like to refer a patient for a consultation, please contact the Face and Skin Center at 601-853-6333 or phone or text Kim Ward at 601-941-3378.
Departmental Publications
October 2014 – June 2015


Regional or National Presentations

1. Black WH. "Surgical Dermatology Update: From Keloids to High-Risk SCC." What’s New in Medical and Surgical Dermatology, 2015 Update. University Medical Mall, Jackson, MS. April 24, 2015.


Posters


12. Jackson JD. “Cases That Kept me Learning in the First Year as a University Faculty Member.” What's New in Medical and Surgical Dermatology, 2015 Update. University Medical Mall, Jackson, MS. April 24, 2015.


