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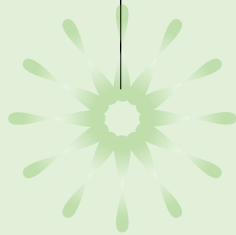


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Report from the Trustees



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Dear Colleague

The year 2010 was characterized by reaffirmation and unyielding support. The DF's pivotal role in dermatology's evolution continued to be widely recognized and valued by our many physician and industry supporters. We are pleased that during a period of economic instability, so many individual dermatologists, corporations, and societies stepped up to support the DF.

This past year, nearly half of the Foundation's total revenue came from individuals. These members gave \$3 million, an increase of nearly 2% in annual giving over the prior year. In fact, the DF maintained a healthy level of commitment at all membership contribution levels. Corporate and society support also enabled the Foundation to carry out its mission. Their contributions totaled \$3.1 million, representing a significant 7% increase over the previous year.

Our annual Clinical Symposia CME meeting was another high point of the year. This event has a well-earned reputation as a high quality continuing medical education program and, once again, reached full capacity. Its contribution to the work of the DF is especially noteworthy because all proceeds from the program are allocated to the Research Awards Program.

Together, the Foundation's achievements for 2010 are tremendous and the Trustees wish to express their deep appreciation to all our volunteers, members and industry supporters who demonstrated great confidence in the Foundation. Through their generosity, the DF gave the specialty's newest and most promising new minds the opportunity to develop into tomorrow's teachers, investigators and master clinicians.

As we begin another year, we invite every member of the dermatologic community to join us as a member of the Dermatology Foundation. The DF provides an effective way for each of us to further our field. With our collective support, we can continue the important work of the DF and be a foundation for the highest possible achievements in our specialty.

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Year In Review



Continued Financial Support During Challenging Times

While many philanthropic organizations faced decreases, the Dermatology Foundation's revenues in 2010 were steady and strong. Member and corporate commitment to the work of the Foundation remained high, enabling the DF to bestow \$3.1 million in research awards to the brightest new physician scientists and investigators in dermatology. The Foundation's Research Endowment Fund also increased to over \$18 million, despite a troubling economy.

Individual Contributions

Physician and other individual members demonstrated their commitment to the DF by contributing \$3 million in 2010, representing a 2% increase in annual giving. A snapshot of total contributions reveals that nearly half of the DF's total revenue was derived from individual dermatologists.

As in the past, the *Leaders Society* provided the majority of member contributions—nearly \$1.6 million—and accounted for more than half of the individual giving revenue. Annenberg Circle and *AC Sustaining* members each donated about 20% of total contributions for the year.

Ongoing Corporate and Society Supporters

In a period of tremendous economic uncertainty, corporate and specialty societies donated \$3.1 million—a considerable increase of 7% over last year. In 2010, the Foundation's most generous industry supporters, Galderma Laboratories and Unilever, each contributed \$500,000. The Board of Trustees is grateful to both organizations for their extraordinary support.

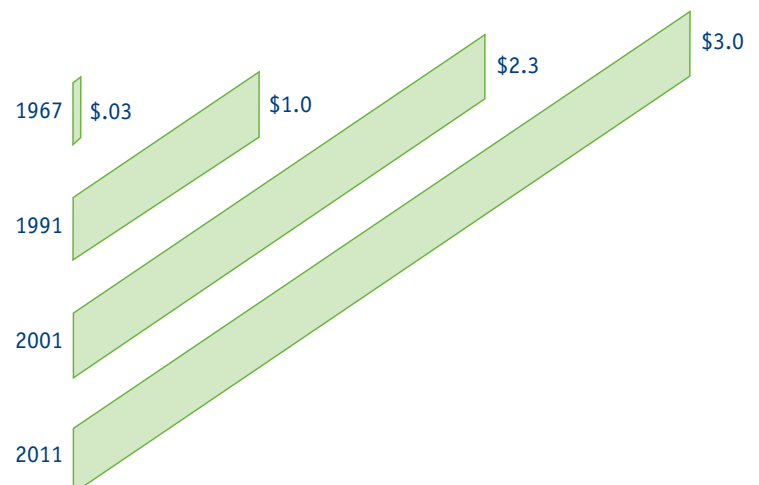
This past year, the DF also has been honored to receive significant support from a number of distinguished organizations within the dermatologic community, including the following national dermatologic organizations.

I give to the DF because I feel strongly about supporting brilliant young people entering our field. Despite substantial progress during my 35 years of practice, there is so much more to learn. I still have patients for whom there are no answers.

— DF MEMBER

IN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

DF Research Award Funding



“My Dermatology Foundation research award had a tremendous impact on my career... I will forever be grateful to the Foundation for giving me that first encouragement and support...(The DF) provides support during a time when young investigators are making critical decisions about their career paths.”

— DF RESEARCH AWARD RECIPIENT

Each contributed to the Foundation’s Research Awards Program in 2010:

- American Academy of Dermatology (\$55,000)
- Women’s Dermatologic Society (\$55,000)
- Society for Investigative Dermatology (\$30,000)
- Society for Pediatric Dermatology (\$22,500)
- American Society of Dermatopathology (\$10,000)

The annual DF Clinical Symposia—Advances in Dermatology is an outstanding CME program and continues to feature distinguished

faculty, garner glowing reviews, and present cutting-edge information for the practicing dermatologist. The annual conference also attracted a record number of attendees.

Career Development Award Survey

- 80% of recipients remained in academics
- 75% received federal funding

Survey Underscores Value of DF Funding

One especially notable effort in 2010 was a survey of past career development award recipients. The Trustees are proud to report that survey respondents were overwhelmingly positive in their comments about the value of the awards. More important, the results show that an impressive 80% of award recipients remained in academics.

Their awards also served as an essential springboard to future federal funding. Almost 75% of awardees stated they received federal research dollars after receiving DF funding—a remarkable achievement underscoring the effectiveness of DF funding.

2011 Research Awards

The Foundation provides research funding through career development awards (CDAs), fellowships, and grants. Contributions in 2010 translated to \$3.1 million in research awards for 67 deserving individuals.



47 Career Development Awards

- 13 Physician Scientist
- 5 Dermatologic Surgery
- 1 Health Care Policy
- 3 Science of Human Appearance
- 8 Medical Dermatology
- 2 Women’s Health
- 15 Research Career Development

10 Fellowships

- 9 Dermatologist Investigator
- 1 Pediatric Dermatology

10 Grants

- 6 Basic Science Research
- 3 Patient Directed Investigation
- 1 Dermatopathology Research

Corporate Honor Society

Members of the Corporate Honor Society supported the important work of the Dermatology Foundation by contributing \$50,000 or more in 2010. With their valued support, the DF was able to carry out its mission in 2011 and provide funding that will help develop a new generation of outstanding teachers, researchers, and master clinicians. The Trustees are honored to have their confidence and commitment.

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Through the Thomas B. Fitzpatrick Legacy Fund, a select group of individuals help transform the professional lives of our most promising and gifted researchers and teachers. Each Fitzpatrick Legacy Fund member has provided a gift of \$100,000 or more, helping to ensure future advancements in a vast array of dermatologic endeavors. The Trustees are immensely grateful to this distinguished group for their vision and extraordinary support.

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The Sustaining Members of the Annenberg Circle are a committed league of members who are the DF's most generous annual supporters. Demonstrating their commitment to the specialty, these members have each contributed an additional \$5,000 beyond their Annenberg Circle pledge of \$25,000. For their continued commitment and generosity, often provided in multi-year pledges, the Trustees are extremely thankful.

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Each Annenberg Circle member fulfills a pledge of \$25,000 to the Dermatology Foundation, providing a solid foundation for innovative patient care and treatment. These contributions help launch the careers of some of the specialty's most talented professionals. The Trustees wish to express their great appreciation to these members for their steadfast commitment.

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Research Awards

The Board of Trustees is pleased to present the recipients of the 2011 Dermatology Foundation Research Awards. In 2010, through the generous support of our physician members, and corporate and society supporters, the DF was able to fund \$3.1 million in research awards. These awards were bestowed to 67 deserving individuals in the form of career development awards, fellowships, and research grants.

Career Development Awards (CDAs)

The CDAs, the Foundation's most competitive awards, provide \$55,000 in annual salary support for up to three years. Through this funding, recipients focus on an array of research topics and studies that allow them to develop the necessary data and experience to compete successfully for federal funding.

Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

Fiona O. Zwald, M.D.

Emory University

Analysis of Risk and Mechanism of Voriconazole-associated Squamous Cell Carcinoma in Lung Transplant Patients



Skin cancer is the most common malignancy associated with solid organ transplantation, and it negatively impacts patients' quality of life. Voriconazole is used to prevent aspergillosis after

lung transplantation, but reports of skin cancer in voriconazole-treated patients suggest that this drug may be carcinogenic. Our study aims to analyze the association between voriconazole exposure and skin cancer in our lung transplant recipients.

Physician-Scientist Career Development Award

Jaehyuk Choi, M.D., Ph.D.

Yale University

Transposon Insertional Mutagenesis Screen for Genes that Confer Resistance to BRAF Inhibitors



Despite promising results with a novel BRAF inhibitor, many patients who initially respond eventually progress while still on therapy. To elucidate melanoma's escape mechanisms, we

propose a genome-wide screen using transposon insertional mutagenesis to identify melanoma genes that can confer drug resistance. Genes identified in our screen may represent important biomarkers for predicting treatment failure as well as potential targets for multimodality therapy.

David Enis, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Pennsylvania

Role of CCBE1 in Lymphangiogenesis



This work will study how *ccbe1*, a gene mutated in patients with a form of severe swelling of skin and extremities, regulates lymphatic growth. We will generate mice with either the targeted

deletion or increased expression of *ccbe1* in the skin. We will also test the effects of this protein in lymphatic endothelial cells in culture.

Emma Guttman, M.D., Ph.D.

Mount Sinai Medical Center

A Study Evaluating the Immunomodulatory Effects of NB-UVB in Patients with Atopic Dermatitis



Atopic dermatitis is the most common inflammatory skin disorder. At present, there are no good parameters for disease reversal, and the pathogenic relationships between immune and

barrier defects are not clear. We will use narrowband UVB therapy to characterize reversal of the epidermal pathology and underlying immune activation. This study will help to develop disease biomarkers for assessment of therapeutic responses in future studies.

Laura Y. McGirt, M.D.

Vanderbilt University

MicroRNA Expression: Identifying Markers of Diagnosis and Progression in Mycosis Fungoides



MicroRNAs are small, non-binding RNAs that are known to play a significant role in the development of cancer. Using tissue samples from patients with the cutaneous lymphoma

mycosis fungoides, the microRNA signature will be elucidated in both early disease (both progressive and non-progressive forms) and advanced disease in efforts to identify markers of diagnosis, markers of progression, and possible therapeutic targets.

Susana M. Ortiz-Urda, M.D., Ph.D.

University of California, San Francisco

The Role of KIT in Early Melanoma Development



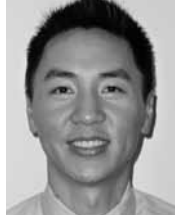
Melanoma is a malignant tumor arising from melanocytes. Melanomas have a high tendency to recur despite apparently clear surgical margins. We hypothesize that the origin of melanoma

recurrences are cells that carry a mutation on the KIT gene. Our results will provide an explanation for the tendency of certain melanoma types to recur after apparently complete excision, and will offer the possibility of using KIT inhibitors to treat early melanoma.

Richard C. Wang, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School

The Inhibition of Autophagy by Akt and Keratins Promotes Cell Proliferation



The activation of autophagy, an essential cellular “recycling” process, inhibits cell proliferation, but its regulation is not well understood. Our experiments suggest that

Akt, a pro-growth oncogene, inhibits autophagy in epithelial cells by forcing the essential autophagy protein Beclin 1 to bind to keratin intermediate filaments. We will test whether enforced autophagy prevents cancer, and whether inhibiting autophagy causes excess skin growth in certain diseases involving keratin mutations.

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award

Yong Li, Ph.D.

University of Michigan

Improving Appearance of Aged Skin by Limiting Intracellular Collagen Degradation



Collagen is the most abundant structural component in the skin. Loss of collagen in aged skin is a major cause of old-looking skin. Collagen is produced and secreted by specialized

cells in the skin. This collagen can either be taken back up by these cells and degraded, or deposited into the skin to provide structural support. We have found that during aging, collagen uptake and subsequent breakdown is enhanced. We propose to investigate the molecular mechanisms that mediate collagen uptake and breakdown, and conduct a high-throughput screen to identify inhibitors of this process. The results of our research will provide new ways to prevent age-dependent collagen loss and thereby improve the appearance and function of aged skin.

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Kelly M. Cordoro, M.D.

University of California, San Francisco

Pediatric Psoriasis: Clinical, Genetic, and Metabolic Characteristics and Comorbidities



The clinical, metabolic, and genetic characteristics of pediatric psoriasis are understudied.

Developing and maintaining clinical and research collaborations can enhance our

understanding of psoriasis in children and enrich our institution’s and our specialty’s ability to provide comprehensive, state-of-the-art care. My career development plan includes discovery of new knowledge through research as well as the clinical implementation of that knowledge in the form of a multidisciplinary pediatric psoriasis clinic.

Jonathan A. Cotliar, M.D.

Northwestern University

Improving the Diagnosis of Acute Graft-Versus-Host Disease



Many stem cell transplant patients develop acute graft-versus-host disease (GVHD), a life-threatening complication. Rashes caused by GVHD mimic drug reactions, making diagnosis difficult and

often leading to either unnecessary treatment with immunosuppressive agents for GVHD or false attribution of drug allergy. This proposal focuses on early features of skin GVHD for more accurate diagnosis and improved outcomes for stem cell transplant recipients.

Robert A. Lee, M.D., Ph.D.

University of California, San Diego

The Role of Innate Immunity in Hidradenitis Suppurativa



Hidradenitis suppurativa is a chronic, difficult to treat inflammatory skin disease that affects primarily the underarms, groin, and buttock regions and leads to skin breakdown and scarring.

The innate immune system, which is the first line of defense in the skin, has been implicated in hidradenitis suppurativa. Further study may identify therapeutic targets for a devastating disease with few effective treatment options.

Misha A. Rosenbach, M.D.

University of Pennsylvania

Cutaneous Sarcoidosis: Developing Clinical Assessment Tools and Exploring Disease Associations



Sarcoidosis is a chronic disease of unknown cause characterized by inflammatory infiltration of multiple organ systems and a myriad of clinical manifestations. Cutaneous disease occurs in

25% of patients. With the support of the Medical Dermatology Career Development Award, I will develop clinical assessment tools to improve studying the skin manifestations of this disease and will also determine the significance of different types of cutaneous lesions.

Women's Health Career Development Award

Xuming Mao, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Pennsylvania

The Role of p38 Signaling in Skin Diseases



My goal is to investigate the role of p38 signaling in skin diseases that include the potentially fatal autoimmune disease pemphigus (p38 is activated by MKK6).

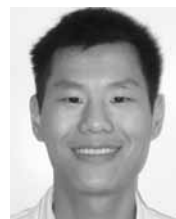
Specifically, we plan to generate a gain-of-function mouse model that expresses a constitutively active mutant MKK6 in the epidermis, to produce continuous p38 signaling, and a mouse model with inactive mutant MKK6. *In vitro* studies with human skin cells and *in vivo* studies with mouse skin will be carried out to elucidate the molecular mechanism of p38 in disease pathogenesis. We will test whether the mice with constitutively active p38 signaling are susceptible to pemphigus, wounding, and skin cancers.

Research Career Development Award

Jeffrey B. Cheng, M.D., Ph.D.

University of California, San Francisco

Role of DNA Methylation in Skin Cells and Melanoma



Epigenetics is the alteration of gene expression without a change in DNA sequence. There are many open questions regarding the role that aberrant epigenetic chemical

modifications to DNA play in different cell types and cancers, such as melanoma. Using novel sequencing technologies, this proposal seeks to delineate these modifications in different skin cell types and in melanoma, and advance the understanding of their role in the development of melanoma.

Adam J. Friedman, M.D.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Nitric Oxide Nanoparticles as a Broad Spectrum Antimicrobial Agent for Soft Tissue Infections



Drug resistant skin infections are of growing concern. Nitric oxide (NO) has the potential to effectively treat infected soft tissues but is difficult to administer topically.

We have developed particles that can slowly release therapeutic levels of NO when applied directly to wounds. The proposed project seeks to further test and develop this new technology for treating both simple and deep skin infections.

Kevin J. Hamill, Ph.D.

Northwestern University

Functional Analysis of a Member of a Novel Family of Laminin-related Proteins



The skin's outer layers are separated from the underlying connective tissue by a structure called the basement membrane. We recently identified a new family of proteins in the

basement membrane and demonstrated that they modulate skin cell movement and adhesion. In this project we will assess how a member of this protein family regulates skin cell behavior and basement membrane formation.

Botond Z. Igyarto, Ph.D.

University of Minnesota

Langerhans Cell Control of T-Helper Phenotype Development



Langerhans cells (LC) are the dendritic cell subtype located in the upper layer of skin. The precise function of LC is currently unclear. We propose to examine the participation of LC in

the generation of immune responses using a novel *in vivo* system. This work should increase our understanding of LC biology and provide a foundation for their potential therapeutic manipulation.

Nityanand D. Maddodi, Ph.D.

University of Wisconsin

Role of Oncogenic BRAF Signaling in Melanocytes and Melanoma



Melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer. A specific mutation in the BRAF gene is a critical event in turning normal melanocytes into melanoma, but this process is complex

and involves numerous factors. This complexity can cause a melanoma to grow when treated with an inhibitor, instead of shrinking. In addition, very large amounts of the mutant BRAF protein in the melanoma cells can transform them into slow growing neuron-like cells that die by autophagy (self-eating). We propose to understand how this happens in melanoma cells.

Tobias F. I. Schatton, Pharm.D., Ph.D.

Harvard University

Immunology of Dermal Mesenchymal Stem Cells



Stem cell (SC)-based immunosuppressive strategies represent a new therapeutic frontier in transplantation, graft-versus-host disease, and autoimmune disorders. We have characterized a

novel population of dermal SCs that potently inhibits exuberant immune responses in preclinical models. The proposed research will enhance our basic understanding of the mechanisms by which skin SCs regulate immunity, with the ultimate goal of developing innovative skin SC-based immunotherapies for human patients.

Career Development Awards Renewals

Recipients of the Foundation's *Career Development Awards* must report on the progress of their research project after the first year to maintain funding for a second and third year of research. By demonstrating significant progress and accomplishment during the first year of their research, the following CDA recipients received renewed support in 2011 to continue their work.

Clinical Career Development Award in Health Care Policy

Shasha Hu, M.D. – Year 2

University of Miami

Disparities in the Incidence of Late Stage Melanoma: The Impact of Race, Ethnicity, and Poverty

Clinical Career Development Award in Dermatologic Surgery

Sarah T. Arron, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3

University of California, San Francisco

Human Papillomavirus as an Etiologic Agent of Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Christopher K. Bichakjian, M.D. – Year 2

University of Michigan

Merkel Cell Carcinoma Pathogenesis: Clues from Keratins?

Jerry D. Brewer, M.D. – Year 3

Mayo Clinic, Rochester

Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma and Skin Cancer

Ally-Khan B. Somani, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

Indiana University, Indianapolis

Protective Effects of Dermal Rejuvenation on Photocarcinogenesis

Physician Scientist Career Development Award

Raymond J. Cho, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3

University of California, San Francisco

Defining Mutational Topography in the Ras and PI-3 Kinase Pathways in Human Squamous Cell Cancers

Benjamin F. Chong, M.D. – Year 3

University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School

Signaling Pathways of Cutaneous Lupus

Oscar R. Colegio, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3

Yale University

Defining the Role of the Innate Immune System in Tumor Progression and Metastasis

Johann E. Gudjonsson, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

University of Michigan

The Influence of the Cytokine Network in Psoriasis on Clinical Phenotype and Treatment Response

Michael D. Rosenblum, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

University of California, San Francisco

Mechanisms of Peripheral T-Cell Tolerance to Epidermal Self-Antigen

Jane Yoo, M.D. – Year 3

University of Washington

Investigating the Regulatory Function of Matrix Metalloproteinase 28 (Epilysin) in Atopic Dermatitis

Jonathan H. Zippin, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

Cornell University

Investigation of the Role of Soluble Adenylyl Cyclase in Psoriasis Pathogenesis

Science of Human Appearance Career Development Award

Anne Lynn S. Chang, M.D. – Year 3

Stanford University

Identification of Genes Promoting Exceptional Skin Youthfulness

Claire A. Higgins, Ph.D. – Year 2

Columbia University

Molecular Mechanisms of Hair Follicle Induction

Medical Dermatology Career Development Award

Pedram Gerami, M.D. – Year 3

Northwestern University

Fluorescent In Situ Hybridization and Novel Molecular Markers as a Prognostic Tool in Melanoma

Daniela Kroshinsky, M.D. – Year 2

Harvard University

The Use of Inpatient Dermatology Consultations to Reduce Antibiotic Use for “Pseudo-Cellulitis”

Arturo Saavedra-Lauzon, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3

Harvard University

Prognostic Value of Immunophenotyping Infiltrates in the Care of Drug Reactions

Kanade Shinkai, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

University of California, San Francisco

Cutaneous Manifestations of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome

Women’s Health Career Development Award

Claudia Hernandez, M.D. – Year 3

University of Illinois at Chicago

Designing Public Health Strategies to Reduce Skin Cancer Disparities

Research Career Development Award

Thomas Andl, Ph.D. – Year 3

Vanderbilt University

Contribution of MicroRNAs to Epigenomic Alterations During Skin Carcinogenesis

Jiang Chen, M.D. – Year 3

University of Colorado, Denver

Testing Therapeutic Strategies for Epidermolytic Hyperkeratosis Using a Preclinical Mouse Model

Lisa M. Godsel, Ph.D. – Year 2

Northwestern University

Plakophilins Organize Structural and Signaling Cues Regulating Tissue Development and Homeostasis

John E. Harris, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 2

University of Massachusetts

Defining the Autoimmune Response in Vitiligo

Qiaoli Li, Ph.D. – Year 2

Thomas Jefferson University

Pathomechanisms and Treatment of PXE

Yvonne M. Saenger, M.D. – Year 2

Mount Sinai Medical Center

Immunity to Melanoma Mediated by Anti-TRP1 Antibody + Cyclophosphamide

Monique E. Verhaegen, Ph.D. – Year 2

University of Michigan

Molecular Basis of Merkel Cell Carcinoma

Kevin C. Wang, M.D., Ph.D. – Year 3

Stanford University

Noncoding RNAs and Positional Identity in the Skin

Lei Zhang, Ph.D. – Year 2

University of Colorado, Denver

Developing New Therapeutic Approaches to Cure Harlequin Ichthyosis in an ABCA12 Mutant Mouse Model

Fellowships

DF fellowships, typically awarded to individuals who recently have completed their residency, provide a one-year stipend to begin their academic and research pursuits.

Dermatologist Investigator Research Fellowship

Niroshana Anandasabapathy, M.D., Ph.D.

Rockefeller University

Cutaneous Vaccination: The Preclinical Use of Flt3L as an HIV Vaccine Adjuvant to Investigate, Expand, and Target Dendritic Cell Subsets in the Skin



The first vaccine against smallpox was given in the skin. Current vaccination strategies aim to create immunity via the skin, including a vaccine for HIV, which has cost 25 million lives.

The skin contains a subset of immune cells called “dendritic cells,” which teach the immune system to recognize invaders. Flt3 ligand is a drug that increases the number of these dendritic cells. I will determine whether this drug improves the effectiveness of vaccines in the skin by enlarging particular immune cell subsets.

Sean Christensen, M.D., Ph.D.

Yale University

Post-transcriptional Regulation of Epidermal Stem Cell Homeostasis, Wound Repair, and Carcinogenesis



Constant renewal and repair of the skin is sustained by adult stem cells. Regulation of these cells is critical to maintain the skin barrier, regenerate after injury, and prevent skin cancer.

Post-transcriptional regulation is an emerging paradigm in stem cell biology that remains unexplored in the skin. We will investigate how a specific post-transcriptional regulator affects skin stem cell activity in these fundamental processes.

Donald A. Glass, II, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School

Determining the Genetic Causes of Keloid Formation



Therapeutic options for the treatment of keloids are limited. To glean insights into why keloids form in some individuals but not in others, a registry of patients and families with keloids will

be developed. Studies will be performed to find genetic variations that contribute to keloid formation. The proposed studies hold the promise of finding new targets for the prevention and treatment of keloids.

Ali Jabbari, M.D., Ph.D.

New York University

Immunologic Basis of Cutaneous Rheumatologic Disease



T cells are cells of the immune system necessary for coordinating complex defense responses to infections. They may play critical roles in autoimmune diseases, including lupus.

Our study will examine the types of T cells present in discoid lupus, a form of lupus that affects the skin. We will also examine whether certain immune cells, called dendritic cells, preferentially stimulate specific populations of T cells.

Jae Y. Jung, M.D.

University of Utah

Regulation of Oxidative Stress by p16 in Melanoma



Mutations in the tumor suppressor p16 are commonly associated with hereditary melanoma and a large percentage of sporadic melanomas. Increased susceptibility of melanocytes to oxidative stress may explain why

p16 mutations predispose to melanoma over other cancers. The goal of this proposal is to demonstrate that p16 is also a critical mediator of oxidative stress, independent of its known role as an inhibitor of the cell cycle.

Thomas H. Leung, M.D.

Stanford University

Understanding Tissue Regeneration in Mouse and Human Epithelial Cells



Tissue regeneration to achieve scarless wound healing has been repeatedly documented in classical studies, e.g., limb regeneration in adult salamanders.

Uncovering the basis of such astonishing examples of tissue healing remains a challenge. Recently, a strain of mice was discovered in which skin wounds heal without scar formation. I will study the molecular mechanisms governing this process in mouse and human skin cells.

Peggy S. Myung, M.D.

Case Western Reserve University

The Role of Dermal Wnt Activation and Signaling in Wound Healing and Hair Follicle Regeneration



Hair follicles form by interactions communicated between the epithelium and underlying dermis during both embryonic development and adult cutaneous wound healing. Wnt

signaling promotes the regeneration of many tissues and is active in the skin during wound-induced hair regeneration, but the requirement for dermal Wnt signaling during this process is unknown. We will approach this question by modulating dermal Wnt signaling during wound-induced hair regeneration.

Bhaskar Srivastava, M.D., Ph.D.

Yale University

CD8+ T-Cell Differentiation to Melanoma: Generating an Effective Cytotoxic Response



Advanced melanoma is the most deadly form of skin cancer, and there are few effective therapies. Activating the body's immune system against cancer is an emerging and promising therapeutic approach. By harnessing the power of the immune system, we hope to overcome advanced melanoma. Our work focuses specifically on understanding and improving the anti-melanoma response of T cells, which can attack and kill cancerous cells.

Thahn-Nga Tran, M.D., Ph.D.

Harvard University

Topical Delivery of siRNAs for Dermatologic Applications



Our project seeks to create a new generation of topical therapies for dermatologic diseases such as skin cancer, chronic wounds, and inflammatory diseases using small RNA

molecules that can inhibit the expression of disease-causing genes. These RNA molecules, called small interfering RNAs, are encapsulated in small nanoparticles that can be applied on the skin and hopefully lead to resolution of the disease of interest.

Fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology

Mercedes E. Gonzalez, M.D.

New York University

The Cutaneous Microbiota in Atopic Dermatitis and the Effects of Topical Corticosteroids and Bleach



Atopic dermatitis (AD) may be triggered by microbes on the skin. We will use new molecular techniques to examine the kind and amount of bacteria and fungi on the skin of children with AD

and see how these change with standard treatment. We will correlate the microbes detected with the presence or absence of a mutation in filaggrin, an important player in skin barrier integrity.

Grants

The DF provides \$20,000 for the non-salary components of a research project. A variety of grants of awarded to support basic science research, patient-directed investigation, and dermatopathology research.

Patient Directed Investigation Grant

Laura K. DeLong, M.D., M.P.H.

Emory University

Vitamin D Status, Disease Specific and Quality of Life Outcomes in Patients with Cutaneous Lupus

Ginette A. Hinds, M.D.

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

Genetic and Molecular Analysis of the Bacterial Flora of Hidradenitis Suppurativa

Frank Wang, M.D.

University of Michigan

Therapeutic Implications of Immunologic Alterations in Rash Caused by EGFR Inhibitors

Dermatopathology Research Grant

Janis Marie Taube, M.D.

Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

B7-H1/Pd-1 Axis as a Therapeutic Target in Melanoma: Transcriptional Profiling of B7-H1 Expression

Research Grant

Steven R. Barthel, Ph.D.

Harvard University

Developing Galectin-7 Chimeric Molecules to Study Galectin-7 Ligands in Squamous Cell Carcinoma

Allen T. Bruce, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Michigan

Effects of IL-13 Polymorphisms on IL-17-Producing T-Cells in Psoriasis

Soheil Dadras, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Connecticut

Investigating the Down-Stream Sequela of Deregulated Dicer in Melanoma Patients

Bryan W. Doreian, Ph.D.

Case Western Reserve University

IL-6 and PPAR γ Agonists Drive Macrophage Mediated Hyper-Inflammation Resulting in Chronic Wounds

Kelly J. Duffy, Ph.D.

Medical College of Wisconsin

Role of Platelets in Multifocal Lymphoendotheliomatosis with Thrombocytopenia (MLT)

Kathryn E. O'Reilly, M.D., Ph.D.

New York University

Association of Hedgehog Pathway Activation with Melanoma Subtype

Medical and Scientific Committee

The Foundation's Medical and Scientific Committee is the cornerstone of the Research Awards Program. Each year, this group of distinguished experts reviews and ranks applications for DF research awards. Their evaluations include an assessment of the scientific merit of each proposal and the applicant's potential to make significant contributions to the future of the specialty.

Committee members are selected for their expertise within the specialty and collectively address the entire specialty of dermatology. Each member brings their experience and insights to a rigorous evaluation process that is based on the NIH review procedure. As a result, each eligible application is assured a diligent and appropriate assessment.

The Foundation is extremely grateful for the time, talents, and service that the 2010 Medical and Scientific Committee brought to the Research Awards Program.

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Research Award Application Procedures

The DF offers three types of research awards: career development awards, fellowships, and grants. All applicants must provide a proposal for research that will be sponsored by a division or department of dermatology at a U.S. academic institution. Submissions must meet DF application eligibility and application requirements to be considered for funding.

The applications are reviewed and ranked by the DF Medical and Scientific Committee, on a highly competitive basis. Committee members recuse themselves from evaluating applications from institutions with which they are associated, or where there may be a real or perceived conflict of interest.

For detailed award criteria, instructions, and applications, visit the DF website (www.dermatologyfoundation.org). Applications must be received by the Foundation office on or before October 15th of each year.

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Honoring Excellence in Dermatology

Every year, the Dermatology Foundation honors outstanding teachers, practitioners, and mentors who have paved the way for new dermatologists. Honorees are nominated by their peers for their outstanding contributions, expertise, and commitment. The Trustees offer their congratulations to the 2010 honorary awardees.

2010 Clark W. Finnerud Award

Paul R. Gross, M.D.

This award recognizes the exceptional dermatologist who is both an exemplary clinician and dedicated part-time teacher.



A close colleague praised Dr. Paul Gross as “a master clinician...the leader, the innovator, the selfless educator, the expert care provider, and a volunteer’s volunteer.” This consummate clinician and mentor has been a role model in a variety of settings—in his private practice for the past 42 years, as a volunteer teacher of medical students and dermatology residents, and during his 35 years as head of the dermatology section at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Teaching has always been a calling for Dr. Gross “since Day 1.” From the start of his career, he volunteered

to teach dermatology residents in his office for up to four days each week. One colleague pointed out that Dr. Gross’s teaching has touched three generations of dermatology trainees, who “have been able to observe a role model who demonstrates excellence in patient care, efficient private practice, and service to the community.” Gross also has benefited from the experience, saying, “I regularly have to justify to the residents what I do and why. And many of them have subsequently taught me—which I find to be thrilling!” His remarkable teaching abilities have been recognized by residents at the University of Pennsylvania School

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of Medicine, who voted Dr. Gross an exceptional teacher.

Dr. Gross’s interest in dermatology was inspired by his father, a passionate dermatologist. After receiving his medical training at the University of Pennsylvania, Gross weighed various options, chose dermatology, and then completed his residency there in 1968. Soon, he joined the faculty, began his private practice, and assumed his position at Pennsylvania Hospital.

Dr. Gross’s influence and enduring legacy as a volunteer teacher can best be summarized by a former resident who said, “The opportunity to train with you and work in your office were highlights of my young career. The lessons learned are still with me.”

2010 Practitioner of the Year Award

Pearl E. Grimes, M.D.

This award recognizes dermatologists who are committed to the highest levels of clinical care.



Commitment to each patient is a hallmark of Dr. Pearl Grimes' practice. "I'm not going to leave the examining room until the patient is happy and feels that I have answered every question," Dr. Grimes has emphatically stated. She also has made a career commitment to study and treat pigmentary disorders and unique ethnic skin and hair conditions. During her 30-year career, Dr. Grimes has authored more than 100 publications and abstracts, received international recognition for her work, and has traveled the world as a respected speaker and educator.

Dr. Grimes has been a driving force in fundamental research-based progress in vitiligo, introducing her view of it as an immunologic T-cell-mediated disease in 1986, and in 2002 publishing her therapeutic success with tacrolimus. "I have seen and treated virtually every permutation of this disorder," she comments.

During her residency at Howard University, Dr. Grimes began her work with vitiligo research, and later intensified her efforts during her years as a full-time faculty member at UCLA, where she remains a clinical professor of dermatology. Early in her career, Grimes earned a DF research grant for "Immunologic Aberrations in Vitiligo," which led to NIH funding and the establishment of her research program. She founded her private practice in 1990 in southern California to provide cutting edge treatment to patients suffering from vitiligo and other pigmentary disorders, and continue her research.

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Beyond these activities, Dr. Grimes founded a nonprofit organization dedicated to changing the lives of youth suffering from debilitating skin disorders and physical illnesses. Guided by Grimes, the organization provides free dermatologic treatment to adolescent and young adults in foster care, group homes and shelters.

Dr. Grimes' commitment to her patients makes her a role model in the specialty. As one colleague said, "It is no surprise she has been chosen as Practitioner of the Year."

2010 Lifetime Career Educator Award

Roy S. Rogers III, M.D.

This award honors academic dermatologists who have been inspirational teachers and mentors to generations of medical students and residents.



Since completing his specialty training at Mayo Clinic in 1973, Dr. Roy “Nick” Rogers has held major teaching, clinical, and administrative positions at the Mayo Clinic and firmly established an international reputation as a master teacher. His career spans four decades and is a journey of non-stop achievements and accolades. His enthusiasm for teaching is boundless. “I love to teach,” Dr. Rogers says. “I love the light that turns on in a student’s eyes, and I love to learn from students’ questions.”

Dr. Rogers has taught thousands of students. He also has guided nearly 80 mentees at the Mayo Clinic, oversaw its residency program for 15 years, and was responsible for the countless fellows and dermatologists from around the world who visited the Mayo Clinic.

Known as the world’s leading expert in oral dermatology, Dr. Rogers is a sought after speaker at dental and dermatology departments here and abroad.

He has had a role in developing a wide range of courses for residents, and nurse practitioner, physician assistant, and physical therapy educational programs. For his many achievements, Rogers has received the Mayo Clinic’s Distinguished Educator award, a Certificate of Appreciation from the International League of Dermatologic Societies for his teaching efforts in 55 countries, and educator awards from the AAD.

Surprisingly, dermatology was not on Dr. Rogers’ agenda until he was drafted into the Air Force in 1967. Following his military service, he was a resident at Duke, and completed

One colleague notes that Dr. Rogers’ formative contributions to oral medicine “expanded the practice base of dermatology.”

Although formally retired from the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Rogers is constantly working there and around the world as a teacher. “Teaching is an art form,” he comments. “It’s a performance art – and I just love to perform.”

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his residency with research experience at the Mayo Clinic, followed by an NIH Fellowship Grant there. He then received a research grant from the Dermatology Foundation for “Lymphocytotoxicity in Recurrent Aphthous Stomatitis.” His work provided a foothold in his academic and research career, and became the wellspring for his exceptional expertise in oral medicine/dermatology.

Dr. Rogers’ initial interest in canker sores was shared by two dentists—his father and grandfather. “Having to learn the different diagnoses for oral ulcers taught me all of the diseases of the mouth and the oral mucosa,” he says. Rogers became the go-to person for both dermatologists and dentists.

2010 Discovery Award

**Eugene J. Van Scott, M.D. and
Ruey J. Yu, Ph.D., O.M.D.**

This award recognizes outstanding investigators whose research discoveries have had major impact on the treatment of skin disease.



The co-authors of an October 1974 article in the Archives of Dermatology were justifiably excited about their discovery of the use of α -hydroxy acids (AHAs) in skin disease. They planned to further explore the therapeutic value of the AHAs in other diseases of hyperkeratinization. Never could they have imagined the multiple ways in which these gentle acids would impact how the specialty cares for the skin.

The two responsible for this breakthrough, dermatologist and skin biologist Dr. Eugene J. Van Scott and dermatopharmacologist/skin chemist Dr. Ruey J. Yu have been collaborators for more than 40 years. Their professional lives intersected in 1969 in the Dermatology Department at Temple University's Skin and Cancer Hospital. Dr. Yu had arrived in Philadelphia two years earlier, after receiving his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Ottawa and post-doctorate at Canada's National Research Council.

Dr. Yu, who was born into extreme poverty in rural pre-war Taiwan,

viewed education as his escape route. He studied chemical engineering in a nearby vocational high school, and then taught himself the academic courses he needed to apply to National Taiwan University. He earned his MSc in chemistry there and then pursued his Ph.D. on a full scholarship at the University of Ottawa. Yu was fascinated with the effects of natural substances on the skin and proceeded to develop his expertise in dermatology.

Dr. Van Scott grew up on a farm in upstate New York, and had always been interested in science and discovery. His frequent bouts with poison ivy dermatitis prompted his early interest in

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dermatology since "there was simply no answer to it." After completing his residency in Chicago in 1972, plus an interim year at the University of Pennsylvania, Van Scott started the Dermatology Service at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and masterminded its growth to the Dermatology Branch that we know today. He also became the NCI's Director of Intramural Research and then Scientific Director for General Laboratories and Clinics before returning to academic medicine at Temple.

He arrived at Temple in 1968 after a celebrated 15-year career at the NIH. Recalling their first meeting, Van Scott said, "When Ruey and I first met, we clicked." They shared a number of interests: a passion for science and exploration, a thirst for new knowledge, a fascination with skin biology and therapeutic substances, and the desire

to help patients with difficult skin diseases.

They decided to search for compounds affecting keratinization because it was disordered in the majority of skin diseases. Looking for a nontoxic compound, Yu prepared organic acids from apples, oranges, and other natural sources. He incorporated each one into a cream base, and patients tested the compounds with astonishing results. They studied the AHAs in a variety of other skin disorders and found significant benefit in treating acne, photo-damage and aspects of aging skin.

Forty years after their original observations, AHAs are used daily by

dermatologists around the world, and their discovery created an entirely new industry based on α -hydroxy acids, including NeoStrata, a company co-founded by Van Scott and Hu.

After the publication of their landmark article, the course of their careers shifted. Van Scott entered private practice. Yu went on to study Oriental Medicine and became a licensed acupuncturist. Together, they have more than 110 patents, hundreds of published papers, and an incredible imprint on the specialty.

Both Drs. Van Scott and Yu continue to find "excitement in the search" for new discoveries in dermatology. One disorder continues to challenge and motivate them—finding a cure for psoriasis. "Dr. Yu and I had agreed that, in our lifetime, we are going to find that answer," declares Van Scott.

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Financial Highlights

Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets

As of December 31, 2010

The Dermatology Foundation continues to focus on complete and accurate financial reporting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Following are 2010 financial highlights of the Foundation as noted in the financial statements audited by the independent audit firm of McCullough, Rossi & Co., Ltd.

Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and equivalents	\$ 11,240,026
Accounts receivable	825,297
Unconditional promises to give	1,448,260
Investments	16,269,600
Prepaid expenses	173,759
Total current assets	\$ 29,956,942
Property and Equipment:	
Furniture and equipment	\$ 250,117
Accumulated depreciation	(241,655)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 8,462
Other Assets:	
Unconditional promises to give	\$ 579,333
Other	2,216
Total other assets	\$ 581,549
Total assets	\$ 30,546,953
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities:	
Research award commitment	\$ 1,449,857
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	568,271
Total liabilities	\$ 2,018,128
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ 26,505,737
Temporarily restricted	2,023,088
Total net assets	\$ 28,528,825
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 30,546,953

Note: The complete audited financial statements of the Dermatology Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2010 may be obtained by contacting the Dermatology Foundation, 1560 Sherman Avenue, Suite 870, Evanston, IL 60201.

The Dermatology Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization. Contributions are deductible to the extent provided by law.

Revenues and Expenses

As of December 31, 2010

Unrestricted revenues and gains	
Dues	\$ 2,991,205
Contributions	2,758,680
Investment Income	1,959,602
Other	190,620
Total unrestricted revenues and gains	\$ 7,900,107
Unrestricted expenses	
Research awards expended, net	\$ 2,438,113
Program services	822,089
Membership services	449,881
Clinical Symposia	537,975
Administrative expenses	369,621
Scientific publications	157,992
Other	500,810
Total unrestricted expenses	\$ 5,276,481
Increase in unrestricted net assets	\$ 2,623,626
Temporarily restricted revenues and gains	
Dues	\$ 518,501
Contributions	835,530
Investment Income	677
Total temporarily restricted revenues and gains	\$ 1,354,708
Expenses and assets released from restrictions	
Expenses	\$ (53)
Assets released from restrictions	(1,937,261)
Total expenses and assets released from restrictions	\$ (1,937,314)
Decrease in temporarily restricted net assets	\$ (582,606)
Increase in net assets	\$ 2,041,020
Net assets at beginning of year	26,487,805
Net assets at end of year	\$ 28,528,825

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