



The Skin of Color Society (SOCS) hosted its 15th Annual Scientific Symposium on Thursday, February 28, 2019, at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington D.C. The day began with the general business meeting and the President’s report by Dr. Seemal R. Desai and was followed by a full program of speakers.

15th Annual Scientific Symposium Summary

The Scientific Symposium was co-chaired and moderated by Drs. Alexis and McMichael. They reported a record number of abstracts were submitted and accepted and record attendance. There were 225 people registered for the symposium.

A special thank you to the judges of the oral presentations:

- Gary Brauner, MD
- Nkanyezi N. Ferguson, MD
- Heather Woolery-Lloyd, MD



Andrew Alexis, MD, MPH



Amy McMichael, MD, FAAD

General Business Meeting

The business meeting kicked off at 11:30 a.m. lead by Seemal R. Desai, MD. Dr. Desai gave his President’s report which included a special thank you to our sponsors and donors. Secretary/Treasurer Lynn McKinley-Grant, MD gave her Officer’s report as well. Ending December 31, 2018, the total revenue for SOCS was \$280,559 while expenses totaled \$170,282. This resulted in a net gain of \$110,227. The SOCS Foundation and Society had \$276,186 in total net assets at the end of 2018. A gain of \$59,143 over the prior year.



Lynn McKinley-Grant, MD and Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD

Outgoing BOD members Drs. Desai, McKinley-Grant, McMichael, Glass and Rodrigues were thanked for their service and the new slate of officers was presented and accepted. Officers are - President: Lynn McKinley-Grant, MD (term expires in 2022); Secretary/Treasurer: Donald Glass II, MD, PhD (term expires in 2021). Ammar Ahmed, MD and Marcelyn Coley, MD were elected to the SOCS and SOCS Foundation Board of Directors with a term expiring in 2022.

Founding Members in Attendance: Valerie D. Callendar, MD; Vincent DeLeo, MD; Pearl Grimes, MD; Rebat M. Halder, MD; Henry W. Lim, MD; Amit G. Pandya, MD; Susan C. Taylor, MD

Past Presidents in Attendance: Susan C. Taylor, MD; Rebat M. Halder, MD; Amit G. Pandya, MD; Valerie D. Callender, MD; Amy McMichael, MD, FAAD; Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD;

Committee Reports

SOCS committees reported on their activity over the past year. Exciting new initiatives and changes were discussed, some of which included:

- The **Bylaws Committee** made recommendations to change the bylaws. The motion was made and passed for the following changes:

- Article IV – Members – addition of Student Members category
 - Article IV – Members – BOD being able to review membership applications quarterly (currently only yearly)
 - Article XIV – Miscellaneous Provisions – name updated to the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (formerly the Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure)
 - Syntax/spelling modifications (“Bylaws” instead of “By-Laws”; “...within and outside of Illinois...” instead of “...within and without Illinois...”)
- The **Diversity and Inclusion Committee** added *Timeline for Application to Dermatology* resource to the website. Other initiatives include a booth at SNMA and partnerships with DIGA, AAD, and SID.
 - The **Membership Committee** shared that the membership at the end of 2018 was 392 members and that 168 new members would be approved at the meeting. The membership also covers 31 countries.
 - The **National and International Committee** is working on a protocol for a multicenter survey-based study on quality of life and perception of skin of color.
 - The Research Committee announced the winner of the SOCS Research Grant
- Mentorship Committee** announced the SkinMedica® Observership Mentorship program and the 2019 mentor / mentee pairings and the following 2018 Mentee/Mentor relationships which conclude their yearlong program were recognized:

Mentee	Matched with Mentor
Tizita Kidane, MD	Maritza Perez, MD
Lauren Lam, BScH, MD	Sahar F. Ghannam, MD, PhD
Rajani Nalluri, MBBS	Amit G. Pandya, MD
Aleta Simmons, MD	Amit G. Pandya, MD
Cesar Antonia Virgen, MD, PhD	John E. Harris, MD, PhD
Ramone Williams, MD, MPhil	Vineet Mishra, MD
Wong, MD	Sharleen St. Surin-Lord, MD

Skin of Color Society Research Award Reception – Sponsored by Ortho Dermatologic



After the Scientific Symposium the Research Award Reception, sponsored by *Ortho Dermatologic*, was held to honor *the* SOCS Research Grant Award recipient. This year the award was presented to Crystal Aguh, MD (left), Johns Hopkins University Department of Dermatology. Her research grant is for “*Investigating the Role of Metabolic Dysregulation in the Pathogenesis of CCCA*”.

Winners of the Resident/Research Fellow presentations were also announced:

1st Place: Maggi Ahmed Refat, MD | University of Massachusetts School of Medical School

2nd Place: Amy Huang, BA | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

3rd Place: Abigail Cline, MD, PhD | Wake Forest Baptist Health

New Video Resources Added to Education Video Library

We are excited to announce the release of six new informational videos. Please feel free to use the videos in your waiting room or to share with patients. You can find the new videos here

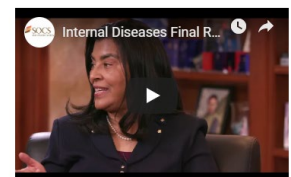
<http://tinyurl.com/SOCSVideo> or under the “Resources” tab on the SOCS website:

1. Skin of Color Society Identity Video
2. Hair Loss in Women of Color: Central Centrifugal Cicatricial Alopecia
3. External Signs of Internal Disease in Skin of Color
4. Hair and Scalp Disorders in Patients of Color
5. Psoriasis in Patients of Color
6. Sun Protection and Skin Cancer Prevention in Melanin-Rich Skin

Education Video Library



Sun Protection and Skin Cancer Prevention in Melanin-Rich Skin



External Signs of Internal Disease in Skin of Color

Invited Speakers

Six invited speakers gave excellent talks during the symposium. The invited speakers were:

1. **Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD** | Director, Ethnic Skin Program, Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine | *"Updates in Our Understanding of CCCA"*
2. **Eliot F. Battle, Jr., MD** | CEO & Co-Founder | Cultura Dermatology & Laser Center | *"How to Start and Sustain a Successful Cosmetic Dermatology Practice"*
3. **Vincent A. DeLeo, MD** | Clinical Professor of Dermatology, Keck School of Medicine at USC, Professor Emeritus Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai | *"Contact Dermatitis in Skin of Color"*
4. **Emma Guttman-Yassky, MD** | Professor, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai | *"Racial /Ethnic Variations in Atopic Dermatitis"*
5. **Ginette A. Okoye, MD Professor & Chair** | Department of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine | *"Management of Hidradenitis Suppurativa in Skin of Color"*
6. **Prof. Ncoza Dlova Head of Dermatology, Dean and Head of School** | Nelson R. Mandela School of Clinical Medicine, University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa | *"The State of Dermatology in Africa"*

Original Research

The official program of the SOCS Scientific Symposium included presentations by seven Medical Students / Residents / Research Fellows who presented information about their original research. They included:

1. **Michael Alberto Bell** | Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine | *"Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Access to Emerging and Frontline Therapies in Common Dermatological Conditions: A Cross-Sectional Study"*
2. **Leandra A. Barnes** | Stanford University School of Medicine | *"Dyspigmentation in Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Clinical and Pathologic Findings from a Xenograft Mouse Model"*
3. **Amy H. Huang, BA** | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine | *"Racial Disparities in Mycosis Fungoides: A Retrospective Cohort Study"*
4. **Abigail Cline, MD, PhD** | Wake Forest Baptist Health | *"Multi-Ethnic Training in Dermatology Residency"*
5. **Maggi Ahmed Refat, MD** | University of Massachusetts Medical School | *"The Success of Melanocyte Keratinocyte Transplantation in Vitiligo and Pigmentary Disorders is Influenced by Their Immunological Profiles"*
6. **Jessica Dawson** | University of Washington School of Medicine | *"Diagnosing Cellulitis in Skin of Color: A Comparison Between Dermatology Residents and Faculty at Howard University and the University of Washington"*
7. **Uzoamaka J. Okoro, BA** | Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University | *"Skin of Color in Preclinical Medical Education: A Cross-Institutional Comparison"*

Scientific Posters

1. **Abdullah Aleisa, MD** | Tufts Medical Center | *"Annular Acquired Epidermodysplasia Verruciformis in an African American Transplant Patient"*

2. Andrew Alexis, MD, MPH | Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai | *"Brightening Serum Against 4% Hydroquinone in Skin of Color Subjects with Moderate Melasma"*
3. Shona Burkes-Henderson, PhD | Mary Kay Inc. | *"Navy Bean Extract Inhibited Melanogenesis and Improved Facial Hyperpigmentation"*
4. Jennifer David, DO, MBA | Schweiger Dermatology | *"Significant Therapeutic Response to Cysteamine Cream in Two Melasma Patients Resistant to the Kligman's Formula"*
5. Brianna De Souza, MD | Department of Dermatology, Wake Forest School of Medicine | *"Dermatosis Papulosa Nigrans: A Quality of Life Survey Study"*
6. Amanda Onalaja | Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine | *"Hair Care Products Used by Women of African Descent: Review of Ingredients"*
7. Fiatsogbe Setutsi Dzuali, BS | Harvard Medical School | *"Positive Outcomes of a STEM Program Designed to Encourage Interest in Dermatology Amongst High School Students"*
8. Chloe N. Ekelem, MD, MPH | University of California, Irvine | *"The Utility of Non-invasive In Vivo Imaging in Monitoring Hair Loss Disorders: A Pilot Study"*
9. Brittany Feaster, MHS | Center for Dermatology Research, Department of Dermatology, Wake Forest School of Medicine | *"Patient Expectations Regarding Multi-Ethnic Training in Dermatology Residency"*
10. Catherine Hren, MD | Cary Dermatology Center | *"Efficacy and Safety of Hydrogen Peroxide Topical Solution 40% (w/w) in Patients with Skin of Color and Seborrheic Keratoses: Pooled Analysis of Two Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Vehicle Controlled, Parallel-Group Studies"*
11. Kimberly Ann Huerth, MD, Med | Howard University Hospital | *"A Hair's Breadth: Frontal Fibrosing Alopecia Presenting as Androgenetic Alopecia in an African American Woman"*
12. Efe Edirin Kakpovbia, BA | New York University School of Medicine | *"Recent Trends in Cutaneous Melanoma Incidence, Mortality, and Survival by Race/Ethnicity"*
13. Abraham Kazemi, MD | Callender Dermatology and Cosmetic Center | *"Efficacy and Safety of Azelaic Acid 15% Topical Gel Versus Hydroquinone 4% Topical Cream in the Treatment of Melasma"*
14. Raveena Khanna Creighton | University School of Medicine | *"Examining the Landscape of Skin of Color Dermatoses: A Cross-sectional Study at an Urban Tertiary Care Center"*
15. Loren D. Krueger, MD | The Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology, New York University | *"Dermoscopy of Pigmentary Disorders"*
16. Alexis B. Lyons, MD | Henry Ford Hospital | *"Efficacy Evaluation of a Product Against Visible Light Induced Biological Effects"*
17. Alexis B. Lyons, MD | Henry Ford Hospital | *"Carbon Dioxide Laser Excision in Hidradenitis Suppurativa: Demographics, Healing Time, and Complications"*
18. Dijon Millette, MD, MSc | Queen Elizabeth Hospital | *"Melasma and Post-inflammatory Hyperpigmentation: The Prevalence and Causes of Hyperpigmentation in a Dermatology Outpatient Clinic, United Kingdom"*
19. Rajani Nalluri, MBBS, MRCPCH, DiPD, MRCPderm | Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust | *"Is Melasma a Cosmetic Disease? Comparison of Quality of Life (QOL) with Other Facial Dermatoses: a Pilot Study"*
20. Roya Sara Nazarian | Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai | *"Pemphigus Vulgaris in Racial Minorities: An Observational Study"*
21. Crystal Nwannunu | McGovern Medical School at University of Texas Health Science Center | *"Skin Cancer in Skin of Color: Prevalence, Presentation and Prevention"*

22. Tayo Ogunleye, MD | University of Pennsylvania Department of Dermatology | *“Molecular Markers Associated with Central Centrifugal Cicatricial Alopecia”*
 23. Amanda Adenola Onalaja, BA | University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry | *“Social Media: A Potential Tool for Central Centrifugal Cicatricial Alopecia Information and Education”*
 24. Linda O. Oyesiku, MPH | Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Dermatology/University of Miami Miller School of Medicine | *“Implementation of a Portable Confocal Microscope to Diagnose Kaposi’s Sarcoma: The Challenge of Point-of-Care Diagnostics for Skin of Color in Low Resource Settings”*
 25. Jorge Roman, MD | The Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology, New York University | *“Papular Acne Scarring in Adolescents”*
 26. Jennifer N. Rorex | Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine | *“A Workhorse Surgical Flap for Medium to Large Keloids without Distortion of the Earlobe”*
 27. Mona Sadeghpour, MD, FAAD | University of Colorado Department of Dermatology | *“Treatment of Melasma Using a Combined Treatment Approach of a Low-Fluence Quality-Switched (QS) ND: Yag Laser; Mechanical Exfoliation, Topical Hydroquinone, and Photoprotection: A Prospective, Blind, Randomized, Split-Face, Placebo-Controlled Trial”*
 28. Radhika Srivastava | Department of Dermatology Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School | *“Mixing Tattoos and Moles: Reflectance Confocal Microscopy Evaluation of Pigmented Lesions on Tattooed Skin”*
 29. Andrea Tan, BS | University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center | *“Evaluating the Psychosocial Impact of a Social Interaction Skills Training (SIST) Workshop for Vitiligo Patients”*
 30. Melanie E. Tawfik, MD | Loma Linda University | *“Allergen Content of Best-Selling Ethnic Shampoos and Conditioners”*
 31. Jamael Alexander Lamb Thomas | Johns Hopkins Hospital | *“Increased Risk of Myocardial Infarction in Black Patients with Psoriasis: a Retrospective Cohort-Control Study”*
 32. María Vitale Villarejo, MD | Medical Affairs Department Cantabria Labs, Madrid (Spain) | *“Efficacy of a New Combination of Retinoids with Antimicrobial Peptide in the Treatment of Mild-Moderate Acne in Asian Population”*
 33. Olivia Rose Ware | Howard University College of Medicine | *“The Limitations of Fitzpatrick Skin Type: A student Perspective on the Constraints of the Dermatologic Tool”*
 34. Katherine A. Whang, BS | Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine | *“Racial Differences in Presentation of Itch in Ambulatory Care Visits in the US”*
 35. Raheel Zubair, MD | Henry Ford Hospital | *“Mitigating Visible Light-Induced Pigmentation with Topical Antioxidants”*
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Outgoing SOCS President, Dr. Seemal R. Desai ended the meeting with thanking all attendees and encouraged continual involvement in the specialty to increase the visibility of the Skin of Color Society and our cause.

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