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Re: MDS Mentorship Program

Dear Medical Dermatology society members and representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to spend time at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Dermatology. This was an excellent experience from beginning to end. I was able to see a broad range of medical dermatology as well as make some great collegiate connections.

I spent time with Dr. Victoria Werth seeing patients with a variety of connective tissues diseases and other autoimmune disorders. This was an excellent learning experience. Since Dr. Werth sees so many patients with these disorders, I was able to see many different aspects of management as well as different presentations of the same disease.

I also spent time with Dr. Alain Rook and Dr. Ellen Kim in their cutaneous lymphoma clinics. I saw a variety of patients with B and T cell lymphomas with a wide range of disease severity from mild to erythrodermic. In addition to the outpatient clinic I also spent time in the photopheresis unit where Sezary patients receive multimodality therapy.

My time was also spent with Dr. Abby Van Voorhees in her psoriasis clinic. This was a very high yield clinic. I enjoyed learning about her approach to difficult psoriasis patients and the finer points of patient management. I enjoyed seeing patients receive the goeckerman protocol treatment in their daycare unit as well since we don't do this at my institution..

Overall, the medical dermatology rotation at the University of Pennsylvania hosted by Dr. Werth was an extremely excellent experience. I would strongly recommend it to any dermatology student interested in medical dermatology. The mentorship offers a great variety of clinics from autoimmune disease to lymphoma to psoriasis. The rotation encouraged me to continue to pursue my interests in medical dermatology. I highly value the connections I made with the faculty at the University of Pennsylvania as well.

Again thank you for supporting this resident opportunity. It is invaluable.

Sincerely

Katie Headley