

A tremendous THANK YOU to the Medical Dermatology Society for awarding me the opportunity to spend four weeks working with residents and faculty at the University of Pennsylvania. My rotation goals were to be mentored by Dr. Kovarik and gain valuable leadership skills impacting my future career in academic dermatology. Additionally, I wanted to gain a deeper understanding of complex medical dermatology, teledermatology, teledermatopathology, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV.

My day-to-day rotation consisted of a brief dermatopathology sign-out each morning, which was followed by medical dermatology clinic with Dr. Robert Micheletti or Dr. Misha Rosenbach. During Dr. Micheletti's clinic, I encountered complex patients with vasculitis, connective tissue diseases, pyoderma gangrenosum, and severe hidradenitis suppurativa. Dr. Rosenbach's clinic exposed me to numerous presentations of sarcoidosis. Most of my afternoons were spent with Dr. Micheletti and Dr. Rosenbach on the inpatient dermatology service that receives several new consults each day. During my rotation, we encountered a wide range of diseases, including HSV complicating pemphigus vulgaris, VZV, erythroderma, GVHD, DRESS syndrome, linear IgA, Sweets syndrome, calciphylaxis, AGEP, toxic erythema of chemotherapy, angioimmunoblastic T cell lymphoma, metastatic renal cell carcinoma, cryoglobulinemic vasculitis, and SSSS in an adult. Monday evenings I volunteered alongside Dr. Kovarik or Dr. Micheletti at the sexually transmitted disease clinic in downtown Philadelphia. Friday afternoons I worked with Dr. Kovarik in her HIV clinic.

Teledermatology and teledermatopathology were discussed in detail with Dr. Kovarik. She demonstrated how cases are evaluated through AccessDerm, the AAD's voluntary teledermatology service. Dr. Kovarik also explained the teledermatopathology system that allows her to read dermatopathology cases from Botswana in her office in Philadelphia. The Africa Teledermatology Project provides a much needed service in Botswana while educating dermatology residents at UPenn.

In addition, I had the opportunity to connect with Dr. Rudolph Roth and Dr. Jules Lipoff regarding UPenn's Guatemala project. One of my career goals is to work abroad serving populations in greatest need. I have already spent time in Guatemala and hope to return for further work. Dr. Kovarik and I discussed the struggles and joys associated with international work, and I was able to experience first-hand the positive impact of the UPenn-Botswana and UPenn-Guatemala partnerships.

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