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Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2025 Meeting the Challenge Summit, hosted by the Skin of Color Society.

We are honored to have you with us as we convene esteemed stakeholders across the research ecosystem who are committed to advancing equity and excellence in dermatologic research.

This year's theme, *Advancing Dermatology in Clinical Trials: Expanding Outcome Measures*, calls us to take bold steps toward ensuring that clinical trials are more inclusive, patient-centered, and reflective of the communities we serve.

This Summit provides a unique collaborative forum where investigators, clinicians, patients, industry partners, regulators, and the media come together to exchange ideas, share experiences, and explore new models for inclusive and effective research.

Over the next two days, we will explore best practices for designing trials that capture a wider range of meaningful patient outcomes, particularly through the use of patient-reported measures. We will examine how clinical trial design can be reimagined to address underrepresentation in dermatologic disease studies and prioritize the lived experiences of diverse populations.

By bringing together voices from across disciplines and communities, we hope to foster new partnerships, inspire action, and ultimately drive more equitable and impactful research practices.

Thank you for joining us in this vitally important work.

Sincerely,



Valerie D. Callender, MD, FAAD



Valerie M. Harvey, MD, MPH, FAAD

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GENERAL INFORMATION

2025 MEETING THE CHALLENGE SUMMIT

Advancing Dermatology in Clinical Trials: Expanding Outcome Measures

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
DECEMBER 5-6, 2025

VENUE

The Mayflower Hotel,
Autograph Collection
Washington, D.C. 20036
Meeting Room: District Ballroom
Reception: Mezzanine

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CONFERENCE PURPOSE Advance dermatologic research by broadening outcome measures and prioritizing patient-reported experiences, particularly from populations historically underrepresented in clinical trials. Strengthen clinical trial design to enhance inclusivity, relevance, and impact on patient care.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Clinical Trial Investigators and Study Coordinators
- Dermatologists
- Dermatology Patient Advocacy Groups
- Dermatology Residency Programs
- Journals and Journal Editors
- Industry and regulatory bodies
- Physicians with an interest in skin of color, clinical trials and research
- Residents, fellows, medical students with an interest in skin of color and clinical trials

WEATHER The average maximum daytime temperature in early December in Washington, DC is 64°F (18°C), while the average minimum temperature is 50°F (11°C) and it is overcast or mostly cloudy about 50% of the time.

MEETING ATTIRE The attire for both the educational sessions and social events is business casual.

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The Skin of Color Society fully complies with the legal requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the rules and regulations thereof.

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Friday, December 5, 2025 | 3:00PM - 8:00PM ET

12:00PM-6:00PM **Attendee Check-in & Badge Pick-up**
District Ballroom Foyer

3:00PM-3:05PM **Welcome Remarks**
Valerie Callender, MD, FAAD
Valerie Harvey, MD, MPH, FAAD

3:05PM-3:25PM **Meeting the Challenge: Celebrating Milestones, Achievements & Mentorship**
Valerie Harvey, MD, MPH, FAAD | *Meeting the Challenge: Work to Date and Summit Highlights*
Valerie Callender, MD, FAAD | *Beyond Fitzpatrick Skin Types: A Delphi Consensus on Key Considerations for a Universal Skin Typing Classification*
Tarannum Jaleel, MD, FAAD & Hope Mitchell, MD, FAAD | *Representation in Research: Clinical Investigator Training Update*

3:25PM-4:00PM **Expanding Outcome Measures: Where We Are, Where We Need to Go**
Amit Garg, MD, FAAD | *C3 Collaboration Update and Overview of Outcome Measures Development*
AUDIENCE Q&A: 5 MIN

4:00PM-4:30PM **Thoughts from a Regulatory Dermatologist**
Markham C. Luke, MD, PhD, FAAD
AUDIENCE Q&A: 10 MIN

4:30PM-5:15PM **Beyond Race and Ethnicity**
MODERATORS
Angel S. Byrd, MD, PhD
Candrice R. Heath, MD, FAAP, FAAD
Fireside Chat with Robert A. Winn, MD

AUDIENCE Q&A: 15 MIN

5:15PM-6:15PM **Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement**

MODERATORS
Prince Adotama, MD, FAAD
Elizabeth Kiracofe, MD, FAAD

PHYSICIAN PANEL

Angel S. Byrd, MD, PhD | *The Human Infrastructure: Strengthening Clinical Research Through Strategic Staffing*
Mya L. Roberson, MSPH, PhD | *From Participation to Partnership: Reimagining Patient Roles in Research*
Junko Takeshita, MD, PhD, MSCE, FAAD | *Leading with Welcome: Hospitality in Research Engagement*

AUDIENCE Q&A: 10 MIN

PATIENT ADVOCATE PANEL
Donna Atherton, EdD, CLC, MSW
Jarrett Brown

6:30PM-8:00PM **Welcome Reception**
Room: Mezzanine
Featuring the Howard University Jazz Ensemble

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See you Soon!

Mezzanine Room 6:30PM - 8:00PM

Howard University Jazz Ensemble
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Antonio Parker, Alto Saxophone
Gregory Colin Chambers, Piano
Cheyney Thomas, Bass

Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 7:00AM - 5:00PM ET

7:00AM-8:00AM Breakfast**8:00AM-8:05AM Welcome Remarks**

Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD

8:10AM-8:55AM Keynote Lecture: Getting Beyond Doing Something Different

Robert A. Winn, MD

INTRODUCTION

Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD

3:00PM-4:00PM A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

MODERATOR

Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD

Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD

Jared Jagedo, MD, FAAD

Hema Sundaram, MA, MD, FAAD

Victoria P. Werth, MD, FAAD

AUDIENCE Q&A: 20 MIN

4:00PM-4:30PM Understanding the Role of AI in the Future of Clinical Trials

Jenna C. Lester, MD, FAAD

Jane Yoo, MD, FAAD

AUDIENCE Q&A: 10 MIN

4:30PM-4:40PM Closing Remarks

Valerie Callender, MD, FAAD

Valerie Harvey, MD, MPH, FAAD

10:10AM-10:40AM Coffee Break**10:40AM-12:10PM Delving Deeper into Outcome Measures**

MODERATOR

Amy J. McMichael, MD, FAAD

Victoria P. Werth, MD, FAAD | *Evolution of Dermatology and Outcome Measures; Measuring Disease Activity in Autoimmune Skin Diseases*Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD | *Measuring Postinflammatory Pigment Change in Atopic Dermatitis*Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc, FAAD | *The Hidden Bias in HS: Diagnosis, Severity Assessment, and Patient Outcomes*Kanade Shinkai, MD, PhD, FAAD | *Best Practices for Core Outcomes Reporting: A Journal Editor's Perspective***12:15PM-1:15PM Networking Lunch****1:30PM-2:45PM Insights from Industry Partners: Challenges, Outcomes, and Future Directions**

MODERATOR

Jonathan S. Weiss, MD, FAAD

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2:45PM-3:00PM Coffee Break**AAD Clinical Image Collection**

Advancing Dermatology with Diverse Images

We are proud to collaborate with the Academy on the AAD Clinical Image Collection, which is a free member benefit for SOCS and AAD members.

With a lack of diversity in images of skin conditions identified in the professional education space, we are pleased to support the AAD's efforts to collect images ranging from light, to medium, to dark skin tones.

We encourage SOCS members to submit clinical images to help educate dermatologists across the globe in presentations and professional education material.

**Learn more about how to contribute your images and diversify the future of dermatology!**skinofcolorsociety.org/CIC

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INDUSTRY PANEL

Insights from Industry Members:
Challenges, Outcomes, and Future Directions
Saturday, December 6, 2025 | 1:30PM - 2:45PM, *District Ballroom*

Join us for a dynamic, moderator-led conversation exploring key issues in **recruitment and retention** as well as **trial design and outcome measures** in dermatology research. Guided by **Dr. Jonathan S. Weiss**, panelists will respond to pre-selected questions designed to surface practical insights, emerging challenges, and opportunities for advancing clinical research. Time permitting, the session will conclude with an open **audience Q&A**.

PANELISTS



Theodore J. Alkousakis, MD, FAAD
*Medical Director, Dermatology
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Maria José Rueda Cadena, MD
*Assoc. VP, Head of Dermatology and
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Prince Adotama, MD, FAAD

Assistant Professor of Dermatology; Director of Health Equity and Inclusion, Department of Dermatology; Assistant Program Director, Department of Dermatology; Co-Founder Skin of Color Section, Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology, New York University Grossman School Of Medicine

SESSION Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Dr. Adotama is a board-certified dermatologist. He is an Assistant Professor at the Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology at New York University Grossman School of Medicine. His clinical interests include skin disorders that disproportionately impact patients of color, particularly scarring alopecia, and autoimmune blistering disorders. He is a co-founder of the Skin of Color Section at NYU, which offers personalized, evidence-based treatment for conditions affecting people with black and brown skin. Dr. Adotama has written multiple peer-reviewed medical publications, engaged in clinical trials, contributed to dermatologic textbooks, and has given presentations around the world. He sits on various advisory boards and actively participates in service committees. Dr. Adotama always aims to deliver high quality, patient-centered, culturally competent care to all of his patients.



Crystal Aguh, MD, FAAD

Associate Professor; Director, Ethnic Skin Program; Director, Ethnic Skin Fellowship, Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine

SESSION A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

Dr. Aguh is an Associate Professor of Dermatology and Director of the Ethnic Skin Program at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Aguh's area of research focuses primarily on skin conditions that disproportionately impact minority populations, with particular emphasis on cicatricial alopecia. She has published four books and numerous peer-reviewed journal articles on hair loss and given multiple national and international talks on these topics. As a result of her work, Dr. Aguh is the recipient of several prestigious research awards & grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Skin of Color Society, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions and the Dermatology Foundation. In April 2019, Dr. Aguh, along with other prominent awardees including then-former Vice President Joe Biden, was honored by the National Minority Quality Forum with the 40 under 40 Leaders in Minority Health award for her academic work. Dr. Aguh completed her residency at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, serving as the chief resident in her final year training. She received her undergraduate degree from Duke University and earned her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, with honors, earning induction into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.



Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH, FAAD

Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion Department of Dermatology & Professor of Clinical Dermatology, Weill Cornell Medical Center

SESSION Delving Deeper into Outcome Measures

Dr. Alexis is the Vice-Chair for Diversity and Inclusion for the Department of Dermatology and Professor of Clinical Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medical College in New York City. He is the former Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West. Having served as Director of the first-of-its-kind Skin of Color Center for over 15 years, his work has helped to advance patient care, research, and education pertaining to dermatologic disorders that are prevalent in populations with skin of color.

Dr. Alexis has published more than 100 articles in peer-reviewed journals including the British Journal of Dermatology, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, and JAMA Dermatology among others. He has co-edited two textbooks and authored over 10 book chapters. Dr. Alexis is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences and has been invited as a Visiting Professor or Grand Rounds speaker at many prestigious academic institutions. He is Past President of the Skin of Color Society and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Scarring Alopecia Foundation.



Donna Atherton, EdD, CLC, MSW, DUSP Fellow

Founder, Chief Mission Officer, International Association of Hidradenitis Suppurativa Network, Inc.

SESSION Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Dr. Atherton is a retired psychotherapist, entrepreneur, and nationally recognized patient advocate dedicated to transforming the lives of individuals living with chronic conditions. She is the Founder and CEO of Bath Blocc, a wellness brand offering handmade, honey-infused bath and body products for sensitive skin, and the Founder of the International Association of Hidradenitis Suppurativa Network (IAHSN), a nonprofit organization focused on advocacy, education, and mental health support for people living with Hidradenitis Suppurativa (HS).

Drawing from her personal journey with HS, Dr. Atherton integrates holistic wellness, resilience coaching, and mental health strategies to help individuals take control of their well-being. With a warm and empowering presence, she provides coaching, creates self-care tools, and leads initiatives that amplify patient voices and promote healing from the inside out.

Dr. Atherton's work bridges science, compassion, and community. She continues to write, speak, and lead with the belief that everyone deserves dignity, effective care, and the power to live well—no matter their diagnosis.



Jarrett Brown

Jarrett Speaks; Advisory Board Member, Beautifully Unblemished Vitiligo Support Group; Member, Advocacy Committee, Global Vitiligo Foundation

SESSION Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Jarrett Brown is a vitiligo advocate, public speaker, and advisory board member for the Beautifully Unblemished Vitiligo Support Group. He serves on the Advocacy Committee of the Global Vitiligo Foundation and has hosted public forums focused on the intersection of skin health and mental health. Jarrett also participates in multiple research initiatives aimed at improving representation and outcomes in dermatology. Through his platform Jarrett Speaks, he shares stories that promote awareness, inclusion, and empowerment.



Angel S. Byrd, MD, PhD

Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine

SESSIONS Beyond Race and Ethnicity | Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Dr. Byrd was born and raised in Edwards and Jackson, Mississippi. She obtained her BS ('04) from Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Mississippi and MD, PhD ('16) from Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She completed an Ethnic Skin Postdoctoral Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine (JHUSOM) under the direction of Dr. Ginette Okoye. Currently, she is an Associate Professor at Howard University College of Medicine and Adjunct Assistant Professor at JHUSOM (Departments of Dermatology) where her work centers on the establishment of tissue biobanks to understand the immunopathological mechanisms contributing to skin of color diseases, particularly among African-American patients with Hidradenitis suppurativa. Her main research focus is elucidating the unreported roles of neutrophils and the innate immunity in the induction of local and systemic immune dysregulation. Dr. Byrd leads multidisciplinary collaborative projects with the overarching goal of establishing a scientifically-driven approach to treatment options for patients suffering from these debilitating diseases. Of much importance, she continues to pay-it-forward along her journey devoting time to training and investing in the next generations of scientists and physician scientists as well as engaging in community outreach. She has contributed to the scientific literature, given numerous lectures, national/international talks, and has been featured on the BET 33rd Annual UNCF An Evening of Stars® international program, recognizing her as one who is "changing the face of science, one mind at a time."



Valerie D. Callender, MD, FAAD

*Professor of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine
Medical Director, Callender Dermatology & Cosmetic Center
Founder & Principal Investigator, Callender Center for Clinical Research*



SESSION CO-CHAIR | Meeting the Challenge: Celebrating Milestones, Achievements & Mentorship

Dr. Callender is an internationally recognized Board-Certified Dermatologist who is known for her sensitive, caring, and cutting-edge approach to the management of hair loss in women and the treatment of pigmentation disorders across all skin types. Dr. Callender has held leadership positions across a wide spectrum of dermatological organizations, including serving as President of American Dermatological Association, the Women's Dermatologic Society (WDS), the Skin of Color Society and the National Medical Association's Dermatology Section. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), where she was a member of the Executive Committee and is the current President of the American Acne & Rosacea Society. Dr. Callender has a deep and enduring commitment to Dermatology and has made significant contributions to the science of Dermatology, where she has published over 100 peer-reviewed articles, 28 textbook chapters, edited 2 textbooks and participated in over 60 clinical trials. Dr. Callender is frequently invited by her colleagues, both nationally and internationally to share her expertise, and has made 354 presentations in the United States and around the world. She is the Founder and Medical Director of the Callender Dermatology & Cosmetic Center and Callender Center for Clinical Research, which are both located in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. Dr. Callender received her medical degree from Howard University, where she also did her residency and currently serves as Professor of Dermatology at the College of Medicine. She is the recipient of several Dermatology awards and AAD Presidential citations, including the Rose Hirschler Award and Mentor of the Year Award, given by the WDS, and the Clark Finnerud Award given by the Dermatology Foundation. Dr. Callender is passionate and committed to maintaining excellence in Dermatology and devotes her free time to mentoring aspiring medical students, residents and young dermatologists.

Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD

*Immediate Past President, American Academy of Dermatology; Founder & Medical Director, Innovative Dermatology
Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*



SESSION Examining Strategies and Solutions to Overcome Underrepresentation in Clinical Trials

Dr. Desai is a Diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and a Board-Certified Dermatologist, graduated with honors from Emory University. He received his medical training at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, and received his Doctor of Medicine degree, Magna Cum Laude with honors.

Following medical school, Dr. Desai completed his medical internship in Internal Medicine. He then went on to complete his residency at The University of Alabama at Birmingham and served as Chief Resident for the Department of Dermatology.

Dr. Desai has been active on a local, state, and national level with numerous medical organizations, and is also actively involved in teaching and mentoring medical students and residents. He is the Founder & Medical Director of Innovative Dermatology, a state-of-the-art private practice in the Dallas area, and also serves as Clinical Associate Professor of Dermatology at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Most importantly, he was the youngest President in the history of the American Academy of Dermatology, and has also served as President of the Skin of Color Society, President of the Texas Dermatological Society, and President of the DFW Dermatological Society.

Dr. Desai authored numerous publications and has been invited to present at countless national and international Dermatology events. His clinical expertise includes the treatment of vitiligo, and other disorders of pigmentation, psoriasis, acne, skin disease in skin of color, cosmeceuticals, and new drug therapies.

Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD

*Professor of Clinical Dermatology; Founding Director Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders Program
Founding Director Dermatology Culture and Engagement Program, University of Southern California,
Department of Dermatology; President, Skin of Color Society*

SESSIONS PRESIDENT | Welcome Remarks | Keynote Introduction

Dr. Elbuluk is a board-certified dermatologist and Professor at the USC Keck School of Medicine, Department of Dermatology. She currently serves as the founder and director of the USC Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders Program and Fellowship. She also serves as the Founding Director of the Dermatology Culture and Engagement Program, as well as holds a directorial curriculum leadership role for the Keck School of Medicine. Currently, she is the 2025-2026 Skin of Color Society President.

Dr. Elbuluk's clinical and research interests include general medical and cosmetic dermatology, skin of color conditions, and pigmentary disorders. She has lectured nationally and internationally on numerous topics including pigmentation, skin of color, and health equity. She has received several grants to support her research, which has been published in numerous academic peer-reviewed journals and has published nearly two dozen book chapters. She is the co-author of the *Taylor and Elbuluk Color Atlas and Synopsis for Skin of Color* as well as a section editor for the 3rd edition of the *Taylor and Kelly Skin of Color Textbook* and the *Review of Dermatology* textbook. Dr. Elbuluk is also a recognized and respected media expert interviewed by numerous media outlets including the *Washington Post*, *the New York Times*, *Health*, *Women's Health*, *Essence*, *Prevention*, *Allure*, *Reader's Digest*, *the Huffington Post*, *SELF*, and *NBC.com*.



Cheri Frey, MD, FAAD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, Howard University
Chair, National Medical Association, Dermatology Section*

SESSION Examining Strategies and Solutions to Overcome Underrepresentation in Clinical Trials

Dr. Frey is an assistant professor of dermatology at Howard University in Washington DC, where she also serves as the residency program director, director of cosmetic dermatology, and medical director of the clinical research unit. Dr. Frey is heavily involved in clinical and translational dermatologic research and her works have been published in peer-reviewed journals such as *JAMA Derm*, *JAAD*, and *JDD*. Her research interests include Alopecia, Acne, Fibrosis, and Dyspigmentation.

Dr. Frey is an expert in cosmeceuticals and is frequently invited to lecture both nationally and internationally. Dr. Frey is the immediate past Chair of the Dermatology section of the NMA. She currently serves on the board of directors for the American Acne and Rosacea Society and holds leadership roles in organizations such as the AAD and ASDS.



Amit Garg, MD, FAAD

*Professor, Institute of Health System Science, Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research;
Professor and Founding Chair, Dermatology, Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell
Senior Vice President, Dermatology Service Line, Northwell Health*

SESSION Expanding Outcome Measures: Where We Are, Where We Need to Go

Dr. Garg is Professor and Founding Chairman for the Department of Dermatology at Northwell Health and the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra Northwell. He is also Professor in the Center for Health Innovation and Outcomes Research at the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research.

Dr. Garg's subspecialty expertise is interdisciplinary based in caring for patients with inflammatory skin disease, and namely HS. His funded research interests include the application of 'Big Data' analytics to evaluate outcomes related to inflammatory skin diseases, as well as the development of outcome measurement instruments and their psychometric assessments for clinical trials and in practice.

Dr. Garg is Co-lead for the CHORD COUSIN Collaboration (C3) and for HISTORIC, research organizations whose objectives include development of core outcome sets for clinical trials in dermatologic diseases, and specifically for HS, respectively. Dr. Garg is Chair of the Council on Education for the American Academy of Dermatology and past Vice Chair for the Dermatology Residency Review Committee of the Accreditation Counsel of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME). He serves on the editorial board for the *JAAD* and he is the Outcomes section editor for the journal *Dermatology*. He has over 200 publications in the peer reviewed literature, the majority of which are original research articles. Dr. Garg was awarded the 2016 Thomas G. Pearson, EdD Memorial Education Award by the American Academy of Dermatology.



Valerie M. Harvey, MD, MPH, FAAD

Co-Director, Skin of Color Research Institute, Hampton University

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Dr. Harvey earned her undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Virginia. She completed her residency and Chief Residency at the University of Maryland Medical Center. She later received a Master of Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Harvey is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology.

Dr. Harvey specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of pigmentary disorders such as hyperpigmentation and melasma, as well as other skin conditions which disproportionately impact minority patients. Her past research efforts have focused on studying gaps in melanoma outcomes and the use of dermatology services among the underserved. Dr. Harvey has authored many scientific articles and book chapters, and has lectured at national medical meetings on these topics.

Dr. Harvey is an active leader in the dermatologic community. She is the Director for Hampton Roads Center for Dermatology. She is a Past President of the Skin of Color Society and serves on numerous boards and committees for the American Academy of Dermatology. She is also the Past President for the Virginia Dermatology Society.



Candrice R. Heath, MD, FAAP, FAAD

Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, Howard University College of Medicine

SESSION Beyond Race and Ethnicity

Dr. Heath is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at Howard University and a triple board-certified dermatologist who cares for both children and adults. She completed her education and training at Wake Forest University, the University of Virginia, Emory University, Mt. Sinai St. Luke's-Roosevelt, and Johns Hopkins. A nationally recognized speaker and clinical researcher, Dr. Heath has held leadership roles with the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance Skin of Color and Pigmentary Disorders Group, the American Academy of Dermatology Diversity Committee, and the board of the Heath Health Foundation for Education and Research. Her research endeavors have been supported by Career Development Awards from the Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials Award program and the Skin of Color Society. Her interests include atopic dermatitis, central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia, traction alopecia, dermatology health equity, and patient-centered culturally sensitive communication. She is widely published, frequently invited to speak, active in mentorship, and continues to build educational initiatives that impact both patients and learners.



Jared Jagdeo, MD, MS

*Associate Professor, Director of the Skin of Color Center; Director of the Laser, Aesthetics and Body Institute
Director of the Center for Photomedicine*

SESSION A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

Dr. Jagdeo is an Associate Professor of Dermatology and Director of the Center for Photomedicine at SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University. Dr. Jagdeo established the Laser, Aesthetics and Body Institute to bring state-of-the-art laser technology and comprehensive cosmetic services for dermatology patients at SUNY Downstate. As a leader in the field of lasers and light-based medicine, he is dedicated to providing world-class, compassionate care to his patients and to helping them achieve their skincare and aesthetic goals. As a physician-scientist, his research focuses include cutaneous photobiology, wound healing, fibrosis, skin cancer, immunology, and procedural dermatology. He has co-authored over 180 peer-reviewed journal articles, as well as edited several books and co-authored book chapters. Dr. Jagdeo has received awards and honors, including the NIH-UC Davis CTSC K12 Mentored Career Development Award, NIH-UC Davis Innovation Grant, designation as an American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Future Leader, the Laser Florence Young Dermatologist Abstract Competition 1st Place Winner and the Dr. Horace Furumoto Innovations Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Laser Medicine & Surgery. A native of Brooklyn, Dr. Jagdeo is happy to return to New York to establish the Center for Photomedicine and Laser, Aesthetics & Body Institute.



Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc, FAAD

*Assistant Professor, Duke Department of Dermatology
Director, Duke Dermatology Sponsored Clinical Trials Education*

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Dr. Jaleel, a dermatologist and researcher, earned her BS in Biophysics from UAB in 2007, followed by her MD and dermatology residency. After joining Duke University in 2016, she completed a master's in health sciences through the Duke Clinical Research Training Program. Her clinical and translational research focuses on sex hormones in skin inflammation, particularly hidradenitis suppurativa (HS). She's received funding from various organizations, including the Dermatology Foundation, Skin of Color Society, and NIH. Dr. Jaleel has been a principal investigator in multiple phase 1-3 dermatology clinical trials. She co-chairs the SOCS-NMA Diversity in Clinical Trials Task Force, directs the Duke Skin of Color Fellowship, and leads the IDEOM HS telehealth workgroup. These roles demonstrate her commitment to advancing diversity, accessibility, and innovation in dermatological research and practice. Her work aims to reduce health disparities and promote diversity in clinical trials, contributing significantly to the field of dermatology.



Elizabeth Kiracofe, MD, FAAD

Board-Certified Dermatologist; Founder, Airia Comprehensive Dermatology

SESSION Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Dr. Kiracofe is a board-certified dermatologist and Founder of Airia Comprehensive Dermatology, located in downtown Chicago's Fulton Market District, where she practices medical, surgical, and cosmetic dermatology. She is a national expert and speaker on inflammatory skin conditions, specifically atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, vitiligo and hidradenitis suppurativa. She completed her Medical Doctorate at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and her dermatology training at The Ohio State University, where she served her colleagues as Chief Resident. She has published her research in numerous peer-reviewed journals, as well as in Allure and Parent's Magazine. Before becoming a dermatologist, Dr. Kiracofe was a 3rd grade teacher, worked for the American Cancer Society, and then advocated improvement in health policy as a registered lobbyist for the State of Ohio.

In recognition for her efforts in public health, in 2014 Dr. Kiracofe was awarded as the Ohio Physician Advocate of the Year. She is the first Dermatologist and youngest physician to ever receive this award. She continues to engage in her community volunteering at free clinics and hosting free skin screenings throughout Chicago, actively fighting to combat the health disparities and access to care issues prevalent in dermatology.



Jenna Lester, MD, FAAD

*Associate Professor, Director, Skin of Color Program, Department of Dermatology, Watson Faculty Scholar
University of California San Francisco*

SESSION Understanding the Role of AI in the Future of Clinical Trials

Dr. Lester is a graduate of Harvard College and the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University. She completed her dermatology residency at UCSF where she is now on faculty as an Associate Professor and the founding Director of the Skin of Color Program. As part of this program, she has developed a clinical service, curriculum for residents and medical students, and is building a research program. Dr. Lester enjoys teaching and sees it as a valuable moment for building important dermatologic concepts but also imparting information about healthcare disparities and how advocacy can play a role in mitigating these effects. She was recently awarded the UCSF Medical Center's Academy of Medical Educators Teaching Award.

Dr. Lester's work in the Skin of Color Program has been discussed in the NY Times, NPR, CNN.com, and many other news outlets nationwide. In recognition of her work in developing the Skin of Color Program, she was named a 2021 TED Fellow, a competitive, international fellowship for "thinkers and doers who have shown unusual accomplishment, exceptional courage, strength of character, and potential to create positive change in their respective fields." She has used this platform to continue to push forward the message about equity in dermatology.

Dr. Lester has served on the AAD's Augmented Intelligence Committee and is a member of the Skin of Color Society's Board.



Markham C. Luke, MD, PhD, FAAD

Office of Generic Drugs, Food and Drug Administration, HHS

SESSION Thoughts from a Regulatory Dermatologist

Dr. Luke serves as FDA Supervisory Physician (Dermatology) and Director of the Division of Therapeutic Performance (DTP1) in the Office of Research and Standards, Office of Generic Drugs at FDA. DTP1 is responsible for facilitating pre-application development of complex generic drugs by conducting and promoting regulatory science research to establish standards to ensure therapeutic equivalence of new complex generic drug products. Markham has been at FDA since 1998 serving various roles, including as the Lead Medical Officer for dermatology drugs in the Office of New Drugs at CDER, Chief Medical Officer and Deputy Director for the Office of Device Evaluation in CDRH, and as Acting Director for Cosmetics in CFSAN. Markham is a graduate of Stuyvesant High School and New York University. Markham has an MD degree and a PhD in Pharmacology, both from Johns Hopkins University, internal medicine training at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, and dermatology residency and fellowship at Washington University, St. Louis, MO and at NCI/NIH, Bethesda, MD. Markham is an Associate Professor in Dermatology at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. Markham has research interests in dermato-pharmacology, clinical pharmacology, product innovation and design – especially for combination drug-device products, clinical study design and endpoints assessment (including patient reported outcomes) for medical, surgical, and aesthetic products and serves as consultant dermatologist to various parts of FDA.



Tiffany Mayo, MD, FAAD

Associate Professor, Dermatology, Director of Clinical Research Unit, University of Alabama at Birmingham

SESSION Examining Strategies and Solutions to Overcome Underrepresentation in Clinical Trials

Dr. Mayo is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Her clinical and research interests include hair and scalp disorders, hidradenitis suppurativa, and skin of color. She is Director of the Dermatology Clinical Research Unit. In addition to her clinical and research duties, she also mentors undergraduate and medical students. When she is not working, Dr. Mayo enjoys spending time with her three children and husband.



Amy J. McMichael, MD, FAAD

Professor of Dermatology, Wake Forest University School of Medicine

SESSIONS Examining Strategies and Solutions to Overcome Underrepresentation in Clinical Trials | Delving Deeper into Outcome Measures

Dr. McMichael is a Philadelphia native who received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed Dermatology residency training at the University of Michigan School of Medicine.

Dr. McMichael is a Professor in the Department of Dermatology at Wake Forest School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC. She has held leadership positions in the Department for over 20 years first as Residency Program Director for 12 years and Chair of the Department for 11 years. She has been a leader in her field, including her roles as past President of Skin of Color Society and past President of the National Medical Association Dermatology Section. She recently served as a Board member of the American Academy of Dermatology. Dr. McMichael's clinical and research interests include: hair and scalp disorders, psoriasis, and skin of color. She is co-editor of several dermatology textbooks and author of more than 160 journal articles and chapters.



Hope Mitchell, MD, FAAD

Board-Certified Dermatologist; Founder & CEO Mitchell Dermatology

SESSION Meeting the Challenge: Celebrating Milestones, Achievements & Mentorship

Dr. Mitchell is an Ohio board-certified medical and cosmetic dermatologist and the founder & CEO of Mitchell Dermatology. With over 25 years of dermatology experience, she is an accomplished, highly qualified dermatologist and entrepreneur. Dr. Mitchell is the Chair for The National Medical Association, Dermatology Section. She is also a co-founder of the SOCS/NMA Derm Clinical Investigator Training Mentorship Program.



Mya L. Roberson, MSPH, PhD

Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management, UNC Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health Member, Cancer Prevention and Control Program

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Dr. Roberson is an assistant professor of health policy and management at the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Public Health and a Member of the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center. Her research interests are in applying epidemiologic methods to health services research to promote health equity using big data, with specific interest in equity in cancer care delivery for Black people in the U.S. South. She is the inaugural Associate Editor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at JAMA Dermatology. Roberson is a trustee of Brown University, a member of the American Association for Cancer Research, and has served as Chair of the AcademyHealth Health Equity Interest Group. She was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar and a Truman Scholar. Roberson earned a bachelor's degree in public health from Brown and master's and doctoral degrees in epidemiology from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health.



Kanade Shinkai, MD, PhD, FAAD

Professor of Clinical Dermatology, University of California San Francisco Department of Dermatology, School of Medicine; Editor-in-Chief, JAMA Dermatology

SESSION Delving Deeper into Outcome Measures

Dr. Shinkai is a faculty member of the UCSF Department of Dermatology and is a full professor of dermatology. She specializes in medical dermatology and inpatient dermatology consults. She is passionate about medical education and has previously served as residency program director and Vice Chair of Education at UCSF; she now serves as the Vice Chair of Academic Affairs for the department. She has served as the editor-in-chief of JAMA Dermatology since July 2018.



Hema Sundaram, MA, MD, FAAD

Founder, Sundaram Dermatology, Cosmetic & Laser Surgery
Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, United Kingdom

SESSION A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

Dr. Sundaram is a board-certified, fellowship-trained dermatologist and founder of Sundaram Dermatology in Washington, D.C. She is a recognized expert in aesthetic and cosmetic dermatology, serving as a principal investigator in FDA trials and an educator and speaker worldwide. Dr. Sundaram is also an author and editorial advisor, combining rigorous science with a holistic approach to patient care.



Junko Takeshita, MD, PhD, MSCE, FAAD

Assistant Professor, Department of Dermatology, Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics, Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

SESSION Advancing Patient Advocacy and Community Engagement

Dr. Takeshita is a board-certified adult dermatologist and epidemiologist who leads an R01-funded research program that is dedicated to identifying, understanding and eliminating health and healthcare disparities related to dermatologic diseases, particularly chronic inflammatory diseases such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and acne. She uses quantitative, qualitative and mixed methods research techniques to study health disparities and has authored numerous scientific publications on the topics of racial and ethnic health and healthcare disparities in psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and acne; psoriasis comorbidities; and comparative effectiveness research in psoriasis. Dr. Takeshita is a recipient of an Outstanding New Investigator Award and Distinguished Leader in Health Equity Award from the National Psoriasis Foundation, a Young Investigator Award from the American Academy of Dermatology, and a Young Physician-Scientist Award from the American Society for Clinical Investigation. She receives/has received grant funding from the National Institutes of Health, the Dermatology Foundation, the National Psoriasis Foundation, the National Eczema Association, and the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance to support her independent research program.



Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD

Bernett Johnson Endowed Professor of Dermatology, Department of Dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; President, American Academy of Dermatology
Founder, Skin of Color Society

SESSION A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

Dr. Taylor is the Bernett Johnson Professor of Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her medical degree from Harvard and is a diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Dermatology.

Dr. Taylor's clinical and research focus includes pigmentary disorders, alopecia, and central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia. Dr. Taylor has over 100 original publications as well as five books, including *Taylor and Kelly's Dermatology for Skin of Color*. She lectures both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Taylor is the 2025 President of the American Academy of Dermatology. Dr. Taylor was the recipient of the AAD's 2022 Inaugural John Kenney Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award and Lectureship.

Dr. Taylor is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology, and a member of the American Dermatological Association, the Skin of Color Society and the Women's Dermatologic Society. She serves on the editorial boards of *Archives in Dermatologic Research*, *Cutis*, and *Practical Dermatology* and is a peer reviewer for several other journals, including *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, *British Journal of Dermatology*, *JAMA Dermatology*, and *Journal of Drugs in Dermatology*.



Jonathan S. Weiss, MD, FAAD

*Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor, Emory University School of Medicine, Department of Dermatology
President and Co-managing Partner, Georgia Dermatology Partners
Clinical Pharmacology Researcher, Gwinnett Clinical Research Center*

SESSION Insights from Industry Members: Challenges, Outcomes, and Future Directions

Dr. Weiss is an adjunct clinical professor of Dermatology at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. He is a co-managing partner and practices at Georgia Dermatology Partners, in Snellville and Braselton, Georgia, just outside of Atlanta. He performs clinical pharmacology research at Gwinnett Clinical Research Center in his Snellville office.

Dr. Weiss earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, where he also served as chief resident in the dermatology department.

Clinical dermatology remains the focus for Dr. Weiss, as he maintains a full-time medical, surgical, and cosmetic practice. In addition, he oversees an active clinical trial unit studying a wide range of dermatologic conditions and pharmaceutical compounds, having been an investigator in over 230 studies. He has authored or co-authored over 100 publications in medical and dermatology journals. Dr. Weiss is a reviewer and member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology. He has maintained an active clinical and research interest in psoriasis, topical and systemic retinoids, photodamage, actinic keratosis, skin cancer, acne, rosacea, disorders of pigmentation, infectious diseases, and cosmetic dermatology since the mid-1980s.

He is a past president of the Atlanta Association of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, the Georgia Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery, and fulfills positions on the Board of Directors and Advisory Board for the Dermatology Foundation. He is also an active member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the American Dermatological Association, the Skin of Color Society, the American Medical Association and the Medical Association of Georgia. He has been a Castle Connolly Top Doctor since 2001 and was honored as the Volunteer of the Year by the National Psoriasis Foundation in 2022.



Victoria P. Werth, MD, FAAD

Chief, Dermatology, Philadelphia V.A. Hospital; Professor of Dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; Professor of Dermatology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Division Of Dermatology, University of Pennsylvania Health System

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A Closer Look at Underrepresented Dermatologic Diseases

Dr. Werth is a Professor of Dermatology and Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and Chief of the Division of Dermatology at the Philadelphia Veterans Administration Hospital. Dr. Werth earned her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. She completed a residency in internal medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and dermatology residency and immunodermatology fellowship at New York University School of Medicine in New York, funded by the NIH and Dermatology Foundation. She joined the faculty at Penn in 1989 and has developed an internationally recognized program in autoimmune skin diseases.

She is a co-founder of the Rheumatologic Dermatology Society and previous president of the group. She is co-founder of the Medical Dermatology Society, and a recipient of their lifetime achievement award. She initiated the combined internal medicine/dermatology residency program in the U.S., which has successfully trained prominent leaders in complex medical dermatology. She has a longstanding interest in clinical and translational research pertaining to autoimmune skin diseases, including cutaneous lupus erythematosus, dermatomyositis, and autoimmune blistering diseases, with a focus on improving the outcomes of autoimmune dermatologic diseases. She has developed and validated disease severity tools now used in many international trials for these diseases, with a goal of advancing evidence for current and new therapeutics. Her laboratory studies include studies in cutaneous lupus and dermatomyositis that relate to pathogenesis and heterogeneity of response to treatment, and ultraviolet light effects on skin. Recent clinical studies have examined mechanistic effects of therapeutics in CLE, as well as subset-specific expression of cytokine signatures. She has received numerous honors for her work, including the lifetime achievement award from the Medical Dermatology Society, the Rose Hirschler Award from the Women's Dermatologic Society, and the American Skin Association's Research Achievement Award in Autoimmune & Inflammatory Skin Disorders, and the Lifetime Career Educator Award, Dermatology Foundation. Her work has been funded by the Dermatology Foundation, NIH, DOD, the Veterans Administration, the Lupus Research Alliance, the Lupus Foundation of America, the Myositis Association, the International Pemphigus and Pemphigoid Foundation, CARRA, and industry.



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Robert A. Winn, MD

*Director and Lipman Chair in Oncology, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center
Senior Associate Dean for Cancer Innovation and Professor of Pulmonary Disease and Critical Care Medicine,
VCU School of Medicine; President, American Association of Cancer Institutes*

SESSIONS Beyond Race and Ethnicity | Keynote Lecture: Getting Beyond Doing Something Different

As director of Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Robert A. Winn, M.D., leads the nation in optimizing cancer health care outcomes for all and spearheading interdisciplinary approaches to cancer disparities research. Just the fourth director of Massey since its 1975 National Cancer Institute designation, Winn oversees a center of nearly 150 scientists and clinical investigators.

Dr. Winn is nationally recognized for his community engagement efforts in promoting new approaches to building trust and increasing awareness for cancer research, screening, prevention, treatment, and survivorship, including the Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials Award Program, a \$114 million training and education program in partnership with the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation dedicated to increasing participation and representation in clinical trials, and the nationally heralded Facts & Faith Fridays conversation series.

In 2024, Winn served as the chair of the steering committee for the American Association for Cancer Research Cancer Disparities Progress Report, outlining the progress made against cancer in the U.S., and the large segments of the population which have not benefited from the scientific advances and who continue to shoulder a disproportionate cancer burden.

Winn holds a B.A. from the University of Notre Dame and an M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School in Ann Arbor. He completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago and a fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

**Jane Yoo, MD, MPP, FAAD**

*Founder, Clinical Research Center of New York; Clinical Assistant Professor of Dermatology
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai*

SESSION Understanding the Role of AI in the Future of Clinical Trials

Dr. Yoo is a Korean American, dual board-certified cosmetic dermatologist and Mohs surgeon and clinical assistant professor of Dermatology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in NYC. She graduated with a BS in Biology from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and obtained a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University. After completing her dermatology residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, she pursued her Mohs Micrographic Surgery fellowship at Yale School of Medicine. She is the founder of the Clinical Research Center of New York and conducts clinical trials for numerous cosmetic, pharmaceutical, and energy-based device companies.

As a spokesperson for the Skin Cancer Foundation, she is involved in advocating for skin cancer prevention and lobbying Congress to bring improved sunscreen filters to the US. As a Skin of Color Society board member, she is passionate about increasing diversity in clinical trials. She is an avid marathon runner and is an Abbott World Marathon Majors Six Star Finisher.



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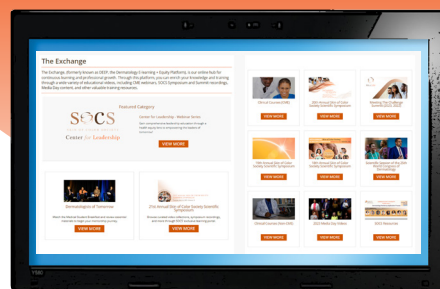
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