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A word from the PD

As we approach 2026, I find myself reflecting on the remarkable people and accomplishments that continue to define our program. Our residents have once again demonstrated the dedication, clinical excellence, and scholarly commitment that make me proud to serve as the program director. Within these pages, you'll find updates on their achievements in research, education, and patient care—milestones that speak to the caliber of physicians we are privileged to train and the strong foundation of mentorship provided by our faculty.



This newsletter also serves as a bridge connecting our past, present, and future. To our alumni, we hope these updates remind you of your own journey through our program and spark continued connection to our program. To our current residents, may you see reflected here the supportive community that celebrates your successes and stands with you through every challenge. And to our faculty and staff, thank you for your unwavering commitment to excellence in dermatologic education. I hope that this newsletter inspires continued engagement and support of our trainees and education!

I invite you to read on and share in the pride we feel for our program's continued evolution and the exceptional individuals who bring it to life each day.

Warmly,

- Julie Dhossche, M.D.



A word from the APD

From my very first day as a rotating medical student in 2010, I have been impressed with the clinical experience, accomplished yet approachable faculty, and collegial learning environment present at OHSU Dermatology. Residency represents a pivotal time in growth

and responsibility, and is one of the many common shared experiences that binds us as dermatologists. Our hope is that this newsletter will remind you of your journey and keep you updated about ours. You will always be our OHSU Derm family!

Sincerely,

Jesse Keller MD MCR



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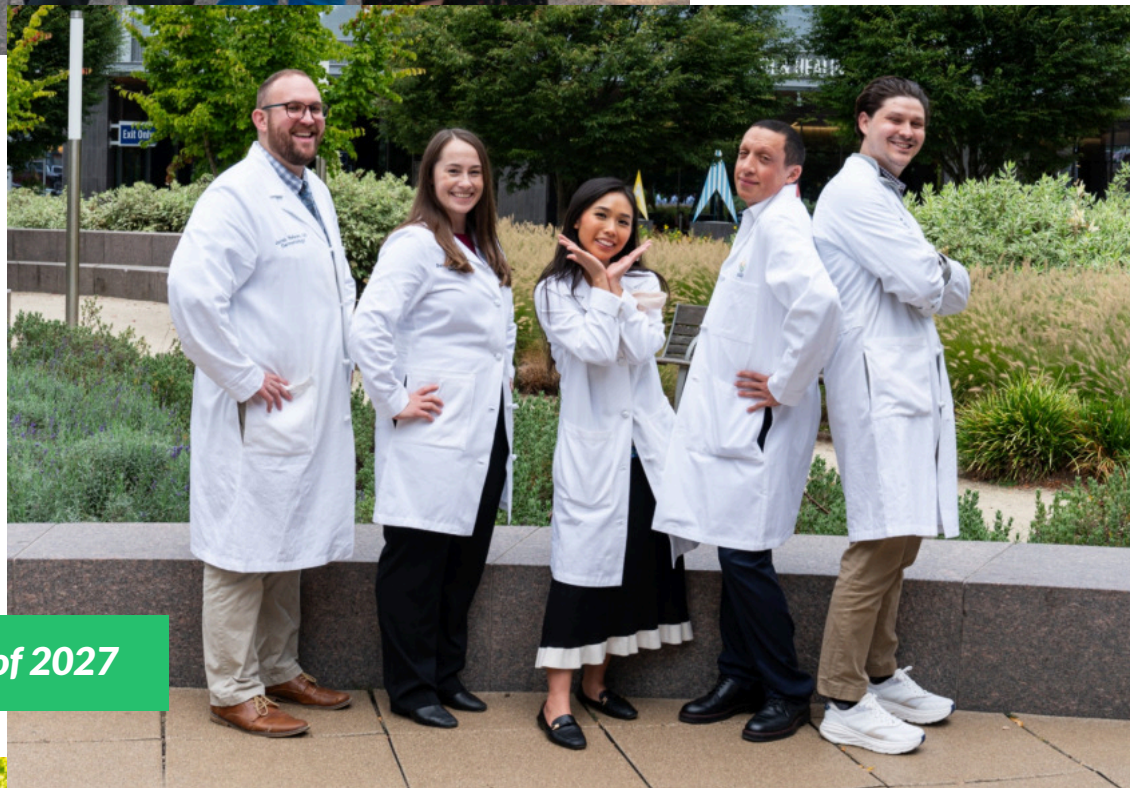


Upcoming Event

3rd Annual Residency Telethon 12/14/25

We will have our third annual residency fundraiser (tele-and text-a-thon) on December 14th! You may be contacted on this day by one of our current program residents. Along with connecting current residents with program alumni, this event aims to raise funds for the residency program -- primarily to cover gaps in conference travel and scholarly projects in the wake of recent budgetary reductions.







Announcements

Welcome to the class of 2028

We officially welcomed the Residency Class of 2028 in July! Learn a bit more about them below:



Gina Bash, M.D., Ph.D.

Undergraduate: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Medical School: OHSU, Portland, OR

Internship: OHSU Hillsboro Medical Center, Hillsboro, OR

Graduate School: OHSU, Portland, OR

Clinical Interests: Inflammatory skin disorders, general dermatology, clinical research

Other Interests: Traveling, listening to audiobooks, spending time with family, exploring PDX restaurants



Ghida EL Banna, M.D.

Undergraduate: Smith College, Northampton, MA

Medical School: Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto, CA

Internship: Mass General Hospital, Boston, MA

Clinical Interests: Complex medical and general dermatology, inpatient dermatology consults, chronic inflammatory skin conditions, global health, health disparities, public policy

Other Interests: Trying new parks and public libraries with my child, Pilates, cooking and baking, and being outdoors



Erin McClure, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Medical School: University of South Florida Morsani

College of Medicine, Tampa, FL

Internship: University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center, Chardon, OH

Clinical Interests: Rheumatology dermatology, cutaneous oncology

Other Interests: Quality time with friends and family, traveling, axe throwing, pickleball, weight lifting, discovering my next favorite restaurant



Sue Qin, M.D., Ph.D.

Undergraduate: California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

Medical School: University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, NY

Graduate School: University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry, Rochester, NY

Internship: University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Clinical Interests: Melanoma, oncodermatology, skin of color

Other Interests: Traveling, exploring new restaurants, spending time with family and friends, dancing, and singing



Sarah Mullen, M.D.

Undergraduate: University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Medical School: University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE

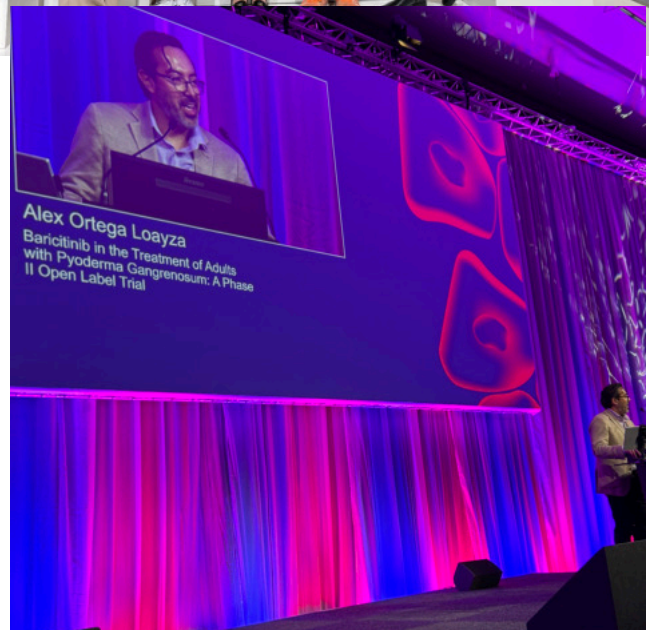
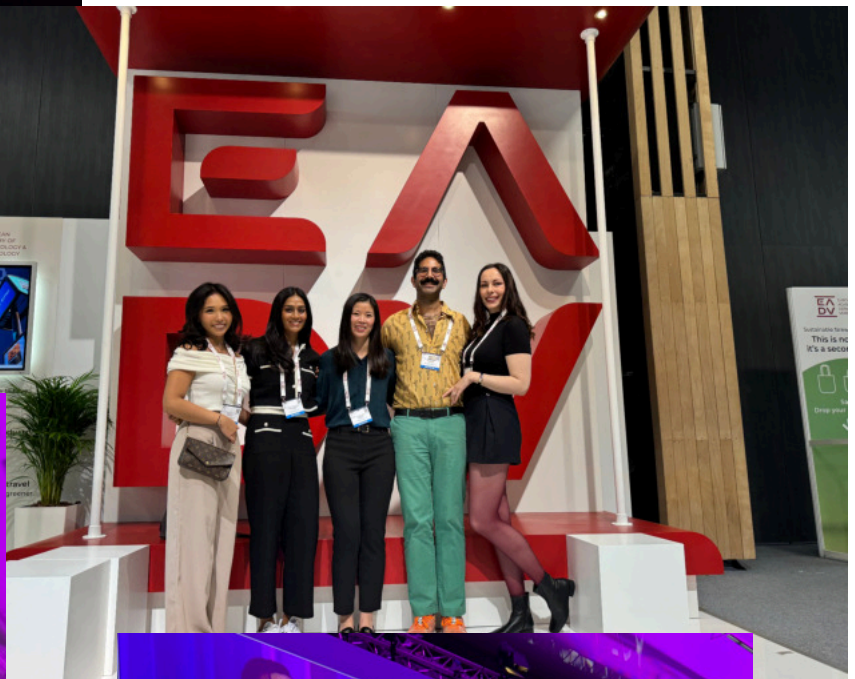
Internship: Providence Portland Medical Center - Preliminary year, Portland, OR

Clinical Interests: Supportive oncodermatology, surgical dermatology, shared decision making, public health

Other Interests: Yoga, hiking, puzzles, house plants, saying hi to peoples' dogs (my husband is allergic)

➤ Education Adventures

Drs. Riyad Seervai and Claudia Lee both presented cases at a special session at the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) 2025 Annual Congress in Paris, France in September.



Research Corner

Our residents are busy bees—here are some of their more recent publications.

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Research Corner (cont.)

Posters and presentations

Lee C, Funk T. (2025, Sept 17-20). Utilizing reflectance confocal microscopy as a minimally-invasive, early diagnostic tool of multiple skin cancers on 10-year-old child with xeroderma pigmentosum. [Poster presentation]. European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology Congress 2025, Paris, France

Lee C, Fett N. (2025, Sept 17-20). External physical triggers of systemic sclerosis. [Poster presentation]. European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology Congress 2025, Paris, France

Seervai RNH, Dermoscopy Pearls, Oregon Society of Dermatology Associates annual CME conference (Portland, OR), October 2025. (Invited lecture)

Seervai RNH, Wiggins CJ, Leachman S., A decade of cutaneous plasmacytosis in a Caucasian male, European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology annual congress (Paris, France), September 2025

Additional Research News

Dr. **Riyad Seervai** was selected as a Rising Derm Star® to present his research at the 2025 Fall Clinical conference in Las Vegas.

Drs. **Riyad Seervai** and **Claudia Lee** received travel scholarships from the Oregon Dermatology Society to attend the 2025 European Academy of Dermatology Annual Congress in Paris, France.

Drs. **Victoria Orfaly** and **Riyad Seervai** received first and third place prizes, respectively, for their case presentations at the 2025 Oregon Dermatology Society summer meeting in Sunriver, Oregon.



➤ Wellness

Our program aims to create a supportive environment for our residents with attention to preventing burn-out and promoting well-being, in the years of physician training, which can be some of the more stressful and challenging times.

Spring 2025 Resident Social:



Fall 2025 Resident Social:





Wellness (Cont.)

River Floating at
the 2025 Summer
Oregon
Dermatology
Society Meeting



Resident - Attending
"Twinning" AKA...

*Pretty in
Pink*

➤ Wellness (Cont.)

2025 Dermatology Halloween Costume Contest Champions: *"Louvre Heist"*



Residents Adeeb Haroon, Riyad Seervai, and Claudia Lee took home 1st place honors in our Department's 8th Annual Halloween Costume Contest

Note: Riyad and Claudia attest that the EADV Meeting being in Paris, FR was most likely a coincidence.

Anisha Patel, M.D. (Class of 2012)

Where are you now?

I came back to Texas for a dermpath fellowship at UTMB in Galveston and subsequently joined the faculty at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center/UT McGovern Medical School in Houston. I've been here for 12 years as a derm/dermpath who focuses on skin toxicities to cancer therapy. We had such great mentors at OHSU and they really taught me how to engage in and enjoy an academic career! I love to travel, ski, hike, and spend time with family and friends.

Favorite memories from OHSU?

The Portland and OHSU derm communities were so much fun to be a part of and were a wonderful place to train. I have so many great memories of my time at OHSU: making the roast video for our third years with Justin and Gretchen, skiing with my co-residents on the weekends, watching Dr. Hanifin swat patients hands out of the way, hanging out in the resident room doing call backs, and trying to keep up with Frank Parker in clinic!



(Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania last summer)



Alumni Focus

*"Where are you now?" and
"Favorite memories?"*

Olivia Lucero, M.D. (Class of 2019)

Where are you now?

Since residency, I've been fortunate enough to land my dream job in cutaneous oncology and lymphoma research. I currently care for high-risk skin cancer patients and perform Mohs surgery at both the Portland VA and OHSU. I also run a basic science lab at the Knight Cancer Institute, where my team is working to develop better treatments for patients with T-cell lymphoma. Truly, my favorite part of this work is the collaboration and teamwork — it feels like I get to go to work with my friends every day.



Favorite memories from OHSU?

Some of my fondest memories from residency come from the incredible people who shaped that experience. Our attendings created such a supportive and joyful environment. Dr. Fett hosted annual get-togethers; Drs. Bar and White treated us during AAD and threw unforgettable Halloween parties; and Dr. Hanifin filled our rental house with food, music, and dancing during the Montagna Skin Symposium. Dr. Leachman even organized a "pub crawl" through local breweries right in the clinic. I don't think I've ever eaten as well as I did during those years.

But my favorite former pastime will always be time spent in the resident room with the rest of the "ressies" - complaining, congratulating, validating, and navigating the schlep together. Honestly, my stomach still hurts from all the laughing.

"Things I Learned"

The residents were asked to submit a pearl from a recent conference, didactics session, morphology, or clinic. Here's what they report!

- **Shannon Throckmorton:** Morphology: Selenium sulfide can cause red-brown skin discoloration.
- **Nathan Egge:** TIFF fibroblasts help maintain a niche for th2 cells.
- **Claudia Lee:** Morphology -- Cutaneous lichen planus in older men frequently occur in lower back
- **Ghida EL Banna:** Morphology -- Disseminated pustules in the right setting could be VZV
- **Sarah Mullen:** 5-fluorouracil cream for actinic keratoses has low compliance rates, but there are other topical options that may be shorter/more tolerable.
- **Erin McClure:** Patient's with MMP should be started on rituximab early in disease course for best outcomes. Langerhans cell histiocytosis can mimic a candidal rash.
- **Jake Smith:** Why does facial skin regenerate quicker and with less fibrosis? May be ROBO2 that increases EID1
- **Riyad Seervai:** Montagna -- A large constellation of immune checkpoint-induced cutaneous toxicities share an immune signature common with, of all things, contact dermatitis!
- **Elijah Horesh:** CM-AVM syndrome can be characterized by heterozygous pathogenic mutations in EPHB4 or RASA1

"Clinical Pearl"

In this section we want to highlight one pearl from a faculty member! Thank you, **Dr. Noah Hornick** for these words of wisdom:

Clinical Pearl: Always think you might be wrong. Even if you had the right diagnosis at the last visit, things might have changed. If a rash isn't responding to therapy the way you expect, or a portion of the rash is behaving differently, consider the possibility that there's still diagnostic work to do.

In oncoderm, new patients often arrive with a rash that is presumed to be therapy-related, or presumed to be a flare of a pre-existing dermatosis, but cancer patients also get Grover's, scabies, tinea, and contact dermatitis. If things aren't going well, consider whether the diagnosis might have changed before switching to the patient's third IL-23 inhibitor. Especially with checkpoint inhibitors, phenotypic overlap and evolution happen, and it's often necessary to reassess.



Upcoming Talks

Mark your calendars! We have some excellent external speakers lined up in our didactics curriculum

If you're interested in attending (in-person or virtual) email Sarah Wilkinson at wilkisar@ohsu.edu.

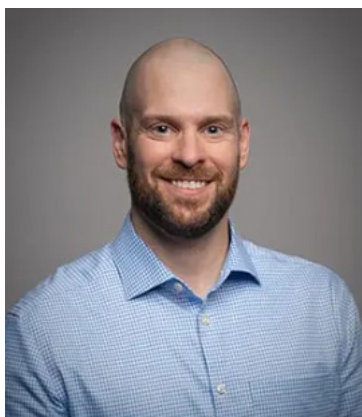


March 8, 2026

Vikash S. Oza, M.D.

Associate Professor; Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Director, Pediatric Dermatology
Director, Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship Program
Associate Director, Residency Program

Dr. Vikash S. Oza is double board-certified in pediatrics and dermatology, specializing in the care of children with complex skin disorders. His practice integrates pediatric expertise with dermatologic care, emphasizing how skin disease affects a child's overall health and wellbeing. His clinical and research interests include infantile hemangiomas, vascular anomalies, genetic skin disorders, and the care of medically complex pediatric patients.



March 15, 2026

Stephen R Humphrey, MD

Associate Professor of Dermatology
Medical College of Wisconsin

Dr. Stephen R Humphrey is a fellowship-trained pediatric dermatologist specializing in dermatologic care for infants, children, and adolescents. His clinical interests span the full spectrum of pediatric dermatology, including acne, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, pigmented lesions, HS, and skin conditions in immunosuppressed patients. He is also dedicated to medical education and has a strong commitment to improving access to dermatologic care both locally and globally. He prioritizes collaborative, patient-centered care that empowers families in shared decision-making.



The (SK)INTEREST is a biannual residency program newsletter for the OHSU Department of Dermatology. We hope to provide updates and a view into residency life for department friends, family, alumni and staff.

If you have any questions, topic ideas, or would be interested in being a featured alumni, please contact Julie Dhosshe at dhossche@ohsu.edu.

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