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Dear SOCS Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

Welcome to the 22nd Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium!

We are delighted to bring together distinguished dermatology leaders, members, researchers, trainees, and industry supporters from around the globe for our signature scientific program.

This year's Symposium focuses on "Championing Evidence-Based Dermatology and Collaboration," an inspired theme that meaningfully aligns with our mission to advance health equity and excellence in patient care through the pillars of research, education, mentorship, and advocacy.

Following the annual tradition established in 2004 when SOCS was founded by Dr. Susan C. Taylor, our Scientific Symposium showcases groundbreaking research and the latest insights from emerging researchers and esteemed experts. Today's dynamic program was beautifully developed with special thanks to the SOCS Scientific Meetings Committee Co-Chairs, Drs. Janiene D. Luke and Temitayo Ogunleye and their devoted committee members.

We extend gratitude to our Sponsors for their generous support, which makes this Symposium and other important SOCS initiatives possible.

We greatly appreciate the unwavering dedication, support, and contributions of our many leaders, members, and collaborators who work with us throughout the year to fulfill our mission.

If you are not a SOCS member yet, I warmly invite you to join us in the vital work we do. The theme of our membership campaign this year is "Each one, reach one, grow as one." With each one of you, we can continue to grow and build upon our incredible work and global community.

To our current members, I truly appreciate your involvement and encourage you to become even more engaged with us as we continue to expand our reach and impact worldwide.

It has been a tremendous honor and joy to serve as your President for this past year, and I deeply value the SOCS family, of which all of you are an integral part.

Thank you for joining us today. We hope that you find today's program to be educational, engaging and inspiring.

Sincerely,



Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD
President, Skin of Color Society

Dear SOCS Members, Colleagues, Supporters, and Guests,

We warmly welcome you to the 22nd Annual Skin of Color Society Scientific Symposium, "Championing Evidence-Based Dermatology and Collaboration." Today's well-rounded scientific program explores how dermatologists can lead with evidence and integrity and showcases how collaboration across specialties can effectively combat complex patient issues.

With a focus on evidence-based care and leadership, our scientific program champions the essential role of the dermatologist as a scientific leader, trusted educator, and collaborative partner who stands at the forefront of advancing health equity and restoring public trust.

We are honored to have Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, the 18th U.S. Surgeon General, as our keynote speaker this year. Invited speakers will share their insights into artificial intelligence, gender-affirming care, cutaneous T-cell lymphomas, and cultivating leadership excellence. Thought-provoking panels will discuss holistic patient care and advocacy, and physician care and wellness.

In addition, we are delighted to share an exciting mix of oral and iPoster abstract presentations on topics of importance to the global skin of color dermatology community. We will also hear visionary ideas from two finalists for the SOCS Early Career Innovations Grant.

Immediately following the Symposium, we invite you to join us for SOCS grant and award announcements and a reception celebrating our 22 years of collective achievements and progress in skin of color dermatology.

We hope that you fully enjoy today's program and find it to be enriching. Thank you for joining us and participating in the Skin of Color Society!

Warm regards,



Janiene Luke, MD, FAAD
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GENERAL INFORMATION

22ND ANNUAL
SKIN OF COLOR SOCIETY SYMPOSIUM
THURSDAY | MARCH 26, 2026

VENUE

Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center
650 15th St
Denver, CO 80202

GENERAL SESSION Centennial Ballroom E-H, Level 3

IPOSTER SESSIONS, BREAKS AND DONOR WELLNESS LOUNGE Centennial Ballroom D, Level 3

EARLY CHECK-IN & REGISTRATION

(Wednesday, March 25 Only) Quartz Foyer, Level 3

MEETING HOST

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGE English

CONFERENCE PURPOSE

The Symposium provides a forum for exchanging knowledge on skin of color, bringing together professionals, including international colleagues, residents, and research fellows. The program highlights emerging research, shared experiences, and collaborative discussions shaping the future of dermatology in skin of color.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Who will benefit from attending?

- Practicing dermatologists
- Dermatology residency programs and faculty
- Physicians with an interest in skin of color
- Residents, fellows, and medical students
- Industry representatives and stakeholders

WEATHER The average maximum daytime temperature in late March in Denver, CO is 60°F (16°C), while the average minimum temperature is 35°F (2°C).

MEETING ATTIRE Business casual attire is recommended for all educational sessions and social events.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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

CME The meeting is not sanctioned for CME/PRA Category 1 Credits. However, the meeting will comply as much as possible with the policies and best practices of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. All individuals in a position to control the content of the activity, including speakers and authors, moderators, and planning committee members, will properly disclose relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests pertinent to their talk or the subject of the meeting.

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Dhaval Bhanusali, MD, FAAD



Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA

Founder and CEO, BayouClinic

18th U.S. Surgeon General

KETNOTE SPEAKER | *Making a Difference*

Dr. Benjamin is Founder and CEO of BayouClinic in Bayou La Batre, Alabama, and served as the 18th Surgeon General of the United States (2009–2013). Named by Time magazine as one of the “Nation’s 50 Future Leaders Age 40 and Under,” Dr. Benjamin is nationally recognized for her leadership in public health, health equity, and patient-centered care.

A board-certified family physician, Dr. Benjamin returned to her rural Gulf Coast hometown to establish a practice serving an underserved community. Since 1990, she has been the town’s sole physician, providing care to patients who often lack insurance or access to health services. Following Hurricane Georges, which destroyed her clinic in 1998, she continued treating patients from her vehicle for two years while rebuilding her practice. After earning an MBA from Tulane University, she transformed her office into a rural health clinic dedicated to serving the community with a patient-centered focus.

Dr. Benjamin has held numerous leadership roles in organized medicine and public health. She became the first physician under age 40 and the first African American woman elected to the American Medical Association (AMA) Board of Trustees and later served as President of the Medical Association State of Alabama, becoming the first African American female president of a state medical society in the United States. She also served as Associate Dean for Rural Health at the University of South Alabama College of Medicine and has participated in multiple federal advisory committees, including the National Institutes of Health National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities and the USMLE Step 3 Committee.

A Vice Admiral in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, Dr. Benjamin is a member of the National Academy of Medicine, a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, and a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine. She is co-author of *How’s Your Health? What You Can Do to Make Your Health and Health Care Better*.

Throughout her career, Dr. Benjamin has been guided by a strong commitment to social responsibility and health equity. She emphasizes the importance of individual leadership, community engagement, and systemic change to improve healthcare delivery. Her work demonstrates that high-quality care can and should be accessible to all patients, regardless of socioeconomic status, and serves as a model for patient-centered practice across the United States.



Naana A. Boakye, MD, MPH, FAAD

Owner of Bergen Dermatology

Co-owner of Karité Shea Butter

PANELIST | *Physician Care & Wellness: Practical Strategies for Sustainable Practice*

Dr. Boakye (pronounced Bo-wa-chie, owner of Bergen Dermatology in Hackensack, NJ) is a board-certified dermatologist. Boakye practices through the philosophy she has developed called Lifestyle Dermatology. It is rooted in the belief that daily habits shape the skin’s health, resilience and aging trajectory. Central to her approach is the idea that the skin is a longevity organ, a visible marker of metabolic health, inflammation and biological aging. Her clinical work aligns with the emerging science of skin longevity, integrating principles from nutrition, stress physiology, sleep health and wellness with advanced dermatologic care; to help patients build healthier skin for the long term.

Dr. Boakye’s passion for barrier optimization and skin maintenance inspired her work as a product developer. She has developed two skincare lines, Karité and her namesake brand Dr. Naana Boakye; both guided by her commitment to Biology, Beauty and Benevolence. Each line emphasizes barrier health, hydration and scientifically backed ingredients that support skins’ longevity. Many formulations incorporate cocoa and shea butter sourced from her native Ghana, merging science with purposeful sourcing to honor heritage and community. In addition to her own lines, Dr. Boakye has been instrumental in developing celebrity-led skincare brands for Naomi Osaka, Gabrielle Union, Dwyane Wade and John Legend. Her expertise in skin of color, barrier science and lifestyle driven skin health has been featured in Vogue, Vanity Fair, Elle, Essence, Allure, Marie Claire, Well + Good, Oprah Daily and O, The Oprah Magazine.

Dr. Boakye earned her Medical Degree from Temple University and a Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from George Washington University. She is an active member of the American Academy of Dermatology, the National Medical Association and the Skin of Color Society. Bergen Dermatology, her product lines and her educational works, Dr. Naana Boakye continues to expand the conversation around skin longevity. She encourages patients to view skin health as an essential part of whole body wellness and long term vitality.



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*

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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. This year 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.



Noreen Galaria, MD, FAAD

*Galaria Plastic Surgery & Dermatology
CEO and Founder, Inner Glow*

MODERATOR | *Physician Care & Wellness: Practical Strategies for Sustainable Practice*

Dr. Galaria is a board certified Dermatologist with a laser and cosmetic fellowship and has been practicing for over 20 years. After spending time as an academic dermatologist, training residents, doing research and publishing papers at the University of Rochester and University of Utah she moved into private practice 15 years ago. She has 3 offices outside of the DC area. She is also the CEO and Founder of Inner Glow vitamins. A dermatologist and plastic surgeon developed a brand of scientifically tested and research proven skin nutraceuticals.



Courtney M. Johnson, MD, PhD, FAAD

*Assistant Professor and Principal Investigator
City of Hope National Medical Center (NCI-CCC)/ Beckman Research Institute*

INVITED SPEAKER | *2021 Dermatology Research Award: Tumor Microenvironment Signatures in CTCL: Implications for Personalized Medicine*

Dr. Johnson is a board-certified dermatologist and NIH-funded physician-scientist whose research focuses on the tumor microenvironment in cutaneous lymphomas. She is a Principal Investigator at Johns Hopkins University, leading a translational research program that integrates single-cell RNA sequencing, spatial transcriptomics, and computational biology to uncover how cancer-associated fibroblasts drive immune evasion and disease progression. Dr. Johnson has received multiple career development awards from the NIH, the Dermatology Foundation, and the Skin of Color Society, and her work aims to translate laboratory discoveries into personalized therapies for patients with skin cancers. She is also a dedicated clinician, educator, and mentor, with a commitment to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in dermatology and biomedical research.



Janiene Luke, MD, FAAD

*Clinical Professor
Residency Program Director
Department of Dermatology
Loma Linda University Medical Center*

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS CO-CHAIR & MODERATOR

Dr. Luke is a Clinical Professor and serves as Residency Program Director at the Loma Linda University Department of Dermatology in California. She completed her residency in dermatology at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital in New York City, where she also obtained extensive training in Skin of Color.

Dr. Luke specializes in medical and cosmetic dermatology with expertise in pigmentary and hair/scalp disorders. She is the Director of the Cosmetic and Laser Center at LLU and created the Resident Cosmetic Clinic, a curriculum designed to give residents specialized training in performing cosmetic procedures. She lectures locally and nationally and has a special interest in resident education and mentorship.

Dr. Luke is active in numerous national societies such as AAD, SOCS, NMA, WDS and APD. She serves as the Vice Chair of the ACGME Dermatology Review Committee and Secretary-Treasurer of NMA. In addition, she is Co-Chair of the Scientific Meetings Committee and member of the Board of Directors for the Skin of Color Society. Dr. Luke's passion for educating patients as well as the public have resulted in numerous contributions to various media outlets. In her spare time, Dr. Luke enjoys singing, traveling and cooking.



Vinod E. Nambudiri, MD, MBA, FAAD

*Brigham and Women's Hospital, Department of Dermatology
Program Director, Harvard Dermatology Residency*

INVITED SPEAKER | *Leveraging AI to Build a More Sustainable Dermatology Practice*

PANELIST | *Physician Care & Wellness: Practical Strategies for Sustainable Practice*

Dr. Nambudiri is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital. He serves as the Program Director of the Harvard Dermatology Residency Program and the combined Internal Medicine-Dermatology training program. Dr. Nambudiri is board certified in Dermatology, Internal Medicine, and Clinical Informatics. He is an active clinician, researcher, educator, and leader who is passionate about training the next generation of physicians and the integration of technology into medicine. Dr. Nambudiri serves as Chair of the Program Director section of the Association of Professors of Dermatology and oversees the American Academy of Dermatology's Image Collection Workgroup.



Michelle Oboite, MD, FAAD

*Assistant Professor of Dermatology and Clinical Pediatrics
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia*

PANELIST | *Holistic Patient Care & Advocacy*

Dr. Oboite received her medical degree (MD) from Duke University School of Medicine. She completed her pre-residency fellowship in dermatology at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, her dermatology residency at Medstar Washington Hospital Center/Georgetown University Hospital, and her post-residency fellowship in pediatric dermatology at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is dual board-certified in adult and pediatric dermatology, and her clinical interests are scalp and hair disorders with a special focus on scarring alopecia in both children and adults. She sees pediatric hair loss patients as the Director of the Complex Pediatric Hair Loss clinic and Pediatric Multidisciplinary Alopecia program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She also sees adult hair loss patients as a member of the Hair and Scalp specialist group in the Penn Medicine Department of Dermatology.



Temitayo Ogunleye, MD, FAAD

*Professor of Clinical Dermatology
University of Pennsylvania
Associate Director, Community Engagement and Academic Excellence, Department of Dermatology
Associate Director, Pre-Residency Fellowship in Skin of Color Program*

SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS CO-CHAIR & MODERATOR

Dr. Ogunleye is a Professor of Clinical Dermatology at the University of Pennsylvania. She serves as Associate Director of Community Engagement and Academic Excellence in the Department of Dermatology and Associate Director of the Pre-Residency Fellowship in Skin of Color Program. A nationally recognized expert in skin of color and hair disorders, Dr. Ogunleye is devoted to mentorship, teaching, and advancing equity in dermatology through research, education, and community outreach.



Klint Peebles, MD, FAAD

*Kaiser Permanente
Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group*

INVITED SPEAKER | *Limitations for Gender Affirming Care in Challenging Times*
PANELIST | *Holistic Patient Care & Advocacy*

Dr. Peebles is a board-certified dermatologist with Kaiser Permanente, Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group in Washington, DC and suburban Maryland. Dr. Peebles primarily focuses on complex medical dermatology as well as anogenital dermatology and HPV with extensive clinical, leadership, and research expertise in gender and sexual diverse health and gender-affirming dermatology. Dr. Peebles is past chair of the American Academy of Dermatology Expert Resource Group on LGBTQ/SGM Health, a member of the governing council of the AMA LGBTQ+ Section, and member of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health.

Dr. Peebles is extensively published in major medical journals, serves on several editorial boards (including the JAAD and also serves as co-chair of the journal's DEI work group), and lectures nationally and internationally on topics of healthcare and dermatology, gender and sexual diversity, and broader issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion. With an advocacy-focused career, Dr. Peebles is President-Elect of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, also serving on the society's Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and Chair of the Advocacy committee and Federal Policy task force. Klint is also chair of the AAD Access to Dermatologic Care Committee and basic dermatology curriculum work group, member of the AAD Council on Government Affairs and Health Policy, and is Chair of the Dermatology Section Council of the American Medical Association.



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*

INVITED SPEAKER | *Leadership During Turbulent Times*

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.



Rebecca Vasquez, MD, FAAD

*Associate Professor of Dermatology
Director of Vitiligo and Pigmentation Clinic
Director of Community Engagement and Opportunity
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Chief of Service (Interim) of Dermatology at Parkland Health Hospital*

PANELIST | *Holistic Patient Care & Advocacy*

Dr. Vasquez is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at UT Southwestern Medical Center, specializing in pigmentary disorders. She currently serves as Chief of Service of Dermatology at Parkland Health.

Her clinical and scholarly interests focus on medical education, pigmentary conditions, and advancing health equity for underserved populations. She holds leadership roles in the American Academy of Dermatology, Skin of Color Society, and Women's Dermatologic Society, and has spoken nationally on topics related to health equity, inclusivity, and dermatologic care for patients with skin of color.

Dr. Vasquez has received numerous honors, including the Department of Dermatology's Outstanding Teacher Award (2016, 2017, 2020), Parkland's Physician of the Year (2024), and the American Academy of Dermatology's Presidential Citation (2021, 2025). She is also the recipient of the 2025 International League of Dermatological Societies Humanitarian Award.



Karolyn Wanat, MD, FAAD

Thomas J. Russel Family/Milwaukee Community Dermatologist Chair
Professor of Dermatology and Dermatopathology
Medical College of Wisconsin



PANELIST | Physician Care & Wellness: Practical Strategies for Sustainable Practice

Dr. Wanat is the Thomas J. Russel Family/Milwaukee Community Dermatologist Chair and Professor of Dermatology and Dermatopathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She completed medical school at Washington University in St. Louis, followed by dermatology and dermatopathology training at University of Pennsylvania. She also completed a complex medical dermatology fellowship at University of Pennsylvania, and the Gorgas Course in Tropical Medicine in Peru. She has a love of complex medical dermatology and granulomatous diseases and is a lead for a multicenter project evaluating the association of rubella virus with granulomatous skin diseases. She serves as the Director of Inpatient Consults for dermatology at Medical College of Wisconsin and enjoys taking care of patients with autoimmune diseases such as blistering disorders, rheumatologic disorders, and anything complex and providing multidisciplinary care. She loves teaching and served previously as the Residency Program Director.

Heather Woolery-Lloyd, MD, FAAD

Director, Skin of Color Division
Dr. Phillip Frost Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

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Dr. Woolery-Lloyd is an internationally recognized expert in skin of color. She lectures nationally and internationally on skin of color. Dr. Woolery-Lloyd participates extensively in clinical research, serving as an investigator for clinical trials with an emphasis on increasing the inclusion of skin of color patients. Dr. Woolery-Lloyd has authored over 70 peer-reviewed papers and is an active member of the Skin of Color Society and the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), where she was honored with the AAD's Presidential Citation for her commitment to education and research in dermatology.



CONGRATULATIONS to This Year's Oral Abstract Presenters

The Best Oral Abstract Presentation will be announced during the awards portion of the meeting.

Nicole J. Baker, BS

SKMC at Thomas Jefferson
University, University of
Pennsylvania
3rd Year Medical Student

**Risk of Psychiatric
Comorbidities in
Scarring vs
Non-Scarring
Alopecia:
A Retrospective
Cohort Study**



Kingsley Osei-Karikari, BA

Weill Cornell Medical College
4th Year Medical Student

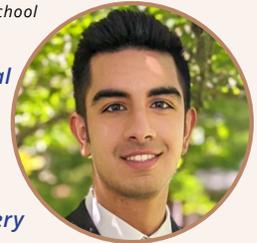
**Distinct Metabolic
Pathways of
Hidradenitis
Suppurativa and
Severity-Associated
Biomarkers**



Umayr R. Shaikh, MPH

Georgetown University School
of Medicine
4th Year Medical Student

**Perioperative Racial
Disparities in
Patients with
Acral Lentiginous
Melanoma
Undergoing Mohs
Micrographic Surgery**



AAD Clinical Image Collection



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

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

We encourage SOCS members to explore the collection and submit clinical images of their own 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!

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Quartz Foyer, Level 3

THURSDAY | MARCH 26, 2026

7:30AM-7:00PM Badge Pick-up & Onsite Registration
Centennial Ballroom D-H Foyer, Level 3

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Centennial Ballroom E-H, Level 3

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Victoria H. Barbosa, MD, MPH, MBA, FAAD

*Associate Professor of Medicine
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Welcome Remarks

Nada Elbuluk, MD, MSc, FAAD

From Student to Specialist: A Dermatologist's Journey

Caroline Robinson, MD, FAAD

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Behind the Match: What Residents and Program Directors Want You to Know

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Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA

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Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD

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Tumor Microenvironment Signatures in CTCL: Implications for Personalized Medicine
Courtney M. Johnson, MD, PhD, FAAD

2:20-2:28PM ORAL ABSTRACT PRESENTATION
Risk of Psychiatric Comorbidities in Scarring vs Non-Scarring Alopecia: A Retrospective Cohort Study
Nicole J. Baker, BS
*SKMC at Thomas Jefferson University, University of Pennsylvania
3rd Year Medical Student*

2:28-2:36PM EARLY CAREER INNOVATIONS AWARD FINALISTS
Short Wave Infrared (SWIR) Imaging to Detect Early Hair Regrowth in Alopecia
Angela Anaeme, BS
Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis

2:36-2:45PM LearnDx
Priyanka Kadam, BS
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Dhaval Bhanusali, MD, FAAD and EltaMD

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Klint Peebles, MD, FAAD

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Michelle Oboite, MD, FAAD
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Kingsley Osei-Karikari, BA
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4th Year Medical Student

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Umayr R. Shaikh, MPH
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Vinod E. Nambudiri, MD, MBA, FAAD

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