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## MIDWESTERN RESIDENCY'S CUTANEOUS BIOLOGY COURSE HITS LUCKY 13 YEAR MARK

Over 230 dermatology residents traveled to Indianapolis on Friday - Saturday October 31 - November 1st to attend the annual cutaneous biology course. This year's course featured lectures from faculty around the Midwest, as well as from seven IU faculty.

These lecturers included: Anita Haggstrom (Dermatology and Pediatrics; *Vascular Basic Science*); Raymond Konger (Pathology and Dermatology; *Carcinogenesis: General Overview*); Ravi Krishnan (Dermatology; *Head and Neck Anatomy*); Lawrence Mark (Dermatology; *Mechanisms of Melanoma Induction*); Dan Spandau (Dermatology; *Keratinocytes and Keratinization*); Jeffrey Travers (Dermatology; *Cytokines the Language of Inflammation*); and Stephen Wolverton (Dermatology; *Mechanisms for Drugs Both Old and New*). Readers are urged to go to the departmental web site (<http://medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=8493&oTopID=6204>) to view all the lectures.

Kudos to course director Dr. Wolverton and co-directors Drs. Spandau and Travers and assistants Lolita Goens and Kelli Cassidy (who really did the work...) for another successful course.

## FALL INDIANA ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY MEETING SUCCESSFUL

The Fall Indiana Academy of Dermatology Meeting was held at the I. U. Medical Center on Friday, October 10th, 2008. Again, for the Friday afternoon clinical meeting there were a wide variety of patients with interesting diagnoses the Residents presented. After the patient viewing, IAD president Dr. Christopher O'Beime led the business meeting. Dr. Michael Heffernan, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Wright State University, was the guest lecturer. Dr. Heffernan presented a talk on off-label uses of biological agents which was very well-received.



Dr. Heffernan

Congratulations to Chief Residents Drs. Rania Agha, Terry Brogan, Nicholas Countryman and Melanie Kingsley for organizing the patient viewing, and dermatopathology faculties Drs. Simon Warren and Moores along with their trusty dermatopathology fellow Dr. Gary Dillon for helping with the histology slides for the patients.

**Mark your calendar!** The date for the Spring IAD Clinical Meeting will be Friday May 7, 2008, and will be held again at the Dermatology Clinic at the Adult Outpatient Center. This will be a very special meeting as we are planning to have the new IU Department of Dermatology Chair as the guest lecturer.

Looking forward to seeing you then!

## AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY MEETING

The IUSM/Hackney-Norins Society Reception is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in Sierra A at the San Francisco Marriott. Please try to join us to see everyone!

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY ATOPIC DERMATOLOGY CLINIC BEGINS



Drs. Leickly & Travers  
& Laura Dean & Patient

As part of the new IUPUI Signature Center grant to fund a new center of excellence in atopic dermatitis recently awarded to the Department, a new monthly multidisciplinary clinic for severe atopic dermatitis patients has been started. This clinic consists of an allergist (Drs. Fred Leickly or Mark Holbreich), dermatologist (Dr. Jeffrey Travers), dietician (Laura Dean R.D.) and gastroenterologist (Dr. Sandeep Gupta). The power of such a multidisciplinary group to assist in the management of children and adults with severe and recalcitrant atopic dermatitis should be obvious. If you have a patient you would like to refer, please contact our Signature Center for Atopic Dermatitis program coordinator Treana Porter LPN (tel 317-274-3096; e-mail: treaport@iupui.edu) or Dr. Travers (tel 317-274-7705; e-mail jtravers@iupui.edu).

### WANTED: VOLUNTEERS TO HELP STAFF RESIDENT CLINICS

We are putting the call out to all interested dermatologists to join our expanding pool of volunteers who are willing to come to help staff resident dermatology clinics either at Wishard or Veteran's Administration. There are two separate models used; in one, you will be the only staff, and in the other, you will be in clinic with one of our faculty. If interested in passing on your wisdom to this next generation of dermatologists, or if you just like seeing interesting patients in a group session, please contact Dr. Travers (jtravers@iupui.edu). Remember, Dermatology is best practiced as a Team Sport!



Dr. Thomas Cortese along with faculty Dr. Lauren Doughty and resident Dr. Melanie Kingsley discussing an interesting case in clinic!



## KUDOS TO:

IU Cutaneous Biologists for Obtaining NIH Grants. Kudos to Dr. Spandau, whose NIH R21 grant proposal *Role of senescent fibroblasts during UVB-induced carcinogenesis* was funded. Drs. Raymond Konger (Pathology and Dermatology) and Jeffrey Travers were notified that their co-PI NIH R01 proposal entitled *Platelet-activating factor and epidermal cytotoxicity* was funded. Both of the above awards obtained outstanding scores below the 10th percentile. *That our group can continue to obtain NIH grants in these very difficult funding times speaks volumes to the science going on in the Department.*

- Dr. Raymond Konger, whose application for promotion to Associate Professor with tenure was approved by the IU School of Medicine. Looks like we are "stuck" with him for many happy years in the future!!



Dr. Konger

- Jay Wolverton, son of Stephen and Cheryl Wolverton, whose Indiana University Club Soccer team won the national title, beating the Colorado State University's club soccer team 1-0 in the tournament held in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



Photo of Jay and one of his teammates who collided trying to save a goal, after the game and before the ER trip for suturing.

- Senior Dermatology resident Nicholas Countryman who matched to the Mohs Surgery program of Drs. Barry Leshin and Sharon Thornton in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

- Dermatology research postdoctoral fellow Yongxue Yao, M.D., Ph.D., whose manuscript entitled "Ultraviolet B radiation generated platelet-activating factor receptor agonist formation involves EGF-R-mediated reactive oxygen species." Was accepted for publication in the very prestigious Journal of Immunology. The other authors of this work were former summer student (and soccer star..) Jay Wolverton, along with Drs. Mohammed Al-Hassani, Qiwei Zhang, Gopal Marathe, Raymond Konger and Jeffrey Travers.

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# Spotlight

**Beth L. Brogan, M.D.**

*Written by Dr. Jeffrey Travers*

*Every issue of the Hackney-Norins Newsletter highlights an individual faculty member – this issue highlights Dr. Beth Brogan, Assistant Professor of Clinical Dermatology and Director of the Medical Student Clinical Rotation..*

Dr. Brogan was born Beth Miller, and grew up in Rockford, Illinois. Her father, Gerry Miller was a high school science teacher who then became an FBI agent and who now is a farmer. Her mother, Carol Miller, is a retired school teacher. Following graduation from high school, Dr. Brogan went to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. Dr. Brogan went to IU in part because both her older sister and mother were IU alumni. After graduating with a BS in Biology (with distinction), she decided to pursue a career in medicine. Being a physician appealed to Dr. Brogan, and she credits her father with instilling in her an interest in science. Dr. Brogan went to IU for medical school, spending the first two years in the West Lafayette campus. It was not until her last two years of medical school, when she had the opportunity to spend time with Dr. Antoinette Hood, that she decided upon a career in dermatology. Her third year of medical school was also an important one as she met her future husband, Dr. Terry Brogan. The Drs. Brogan did residencies (Beth in Dermatology, Terry in Neurology) at Vanderbilt University. Following her residency, Dr. Beth Brogan spent a year in private practice in Nashville. The Brogans returned to Indianapolis, and Dr. Beth Brogan joined the Department in 2004. After a year of neurology fellowship, and a year in neurology practice, Dr. Terry Brogan “saw the light” and was recruited to our dermatology residency where he will be graduating in June, 2009. He plans a career combining neurology and dermatology. In this author’s opinion, given the excitement and

enthusiasm (i.e., brightness) that Dr. Beth Brogan brings to dermatology and the Department, it was no surprise that spouse Terry changed fields...

Dr. Brogan supervises both resident clinics at Wishard as well as her own consultative clinic, which has attracted very challenging referrals. Though a “star” dermatologist who certainly enjoys the patients, Dr. Brogan feels that teaching is her first love. She relates that there is probably a genetic component to this given her parents’ influences. Since July 2008, Dr. Beth Brogan has been in charge of the medical student dermatology elective, and she has certainly thrived in this role. Her plans are to try to expand the numbers of medical students that can do senior dermatology electives, in part by encouraging dermatologists in private practice to allow students to rotate in their offices. If any colleagues have this interest, please contact Dr. Brogan by e-mail: [bbrogan@iupui.edu](mailto:bbrogan@iupui.edu).



Dr. Beth Brogan

When Dr. Beth Brogan is not seeing challenging patients, teaching residents and medical students, or illuminating her spouse, she is a very active mother to three very active boys- Ben (5), Will (3) and Quinn (1.5). Dr. Brogan’s home activities are quite extensive and range from carpooling to Sunday school teaching...and who says one cannot do it all!

We are all glad to have with us this exceptional colleague who is a tremendous role model to all!

## DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS

A reminder to all that the I.U. Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month. The patient viewing will take place from 7:30-8:30 AM in the Adult Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinics (UH 3240), with the patient discussions from 8:30-10:00 AM, and lecture to follow. These are held at the third floor AOC conference room. Please try to join us – in addition to interesting cases, good fellowship, hot coffee and bagels, each conference is approved for 2 hours of category I CME credit.



Dr. John Zic (Vanderbilt University)



Dr. Sandeep Gupta (IU Department of Pediatrics)



Dr. Murad Alam (Northwestern University)



Dr. Robert Lavker (Northwestern University)



Dr. Joaquim Brieua (Northwestern University)



Dr. Cynthia Hingtgen (IU Department of Neurology)

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