



Welcome

Spring is upon us and another successful annual meeting has passed. We are happy that you could join us in Sunny San Diego last month at the 29th Annual meeting of the American Contact Dermatitis Society. This edition of the ACDS newsletter will review the annual meeting and give updates on society task forces and committees.

We wish the membership a wonderful spring and summer and we hope to see you all in Denver at the Mid-year meeting.

**Bryan Anderson*
Education Committee Chair, ACDS

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Message from the President: Sharon Jacob

During a Symposium on Contact Dermatitis in San Diego, back in 1988, Robert M. Adams, brought forth the concept that a dedicated professional society was needed to meet the needs of the growing field of Contact Dermatitis. Later that year, the research-oriented North American Contact Dermatitis Group (NACDG) with support from the Committee on Contact Dermatitis of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), chaired by Bob Rietschel, worked with Jim Taylor, Art Daily and Bob Adams to develop the society's bylaws.

Next year marks the 30th anniversary of the society. On behalf of the board and the society we honor the inaugural board for their vision and tremendous energy: Bob Adams (President), Toby Mathias (Vice President), Bob Rietschel (Secretary-Treasurer), Don Belsito, Ron Brancaccio, Art Daily, Ron Goldner, Dan Hogan, Howard Maibach, Beth Sherertz, Ed Shmunes, Jim Taylor and Steve Tucker.

In February 2018, the ACDS 1100 member strong society returned to San Diego, where we reflected on what had the founders envisioned and where we are in the landscape, are we on target? Indeed we are, we are connecting International experts, growing the next generation of dermatologists and allergists skilled in the arts of patch testing and cutaneous immunology, and funding research in contact dermatitis. The Society now funds Outcome Research, Clinical Research Studies, and CAMP Research Studies. Furthermore, the the Society currently has

19 committees (3 dedicated to research), 2 workgroups and 4 Task Forces!!!

We have emerged as the largest professional society in the world addressing the complex issues of dermatitis evaluation. Bob Adams and the inaugural board would have expected no less of us...

Sharon j.



2018 ACDS Annual Meeting HIGHLIGHTS

February 15, 2018, San Diego, CA

The 29th annual meeting of the ACDS, held on February 15th in San Diego the "Plymouth of the West", was a wonderful success. We saw an incredible turnout with 206 attendees and 16 vendors. The meeting was kicked off by Brian Machler, MD, chair of the meeting planning committee which included Amber Atwater, MD, Nicole Burkemper, MD, Ponciano Cruz, MD, Anthony Gaspari, MD, Golar Honari, MD, Peggy Wu, MD, MPH., over breakfast during which the Allergen of the Year Hall of Famers were reviewed and the 2019 allergen of the year paraben was unveiled by Don Belsito.

Over the course of the day we covered various topics in the fields of contact, occupational and atopic dermatitis. The meeting was broken into 2 tracks again, a style that we will continue next year. Track 1 was the traditional meeting to which we are all accustomed. Track 2 was developed to discuss basic and advanced topics on alternate years. The goal of this track is to appeal to a wide variety of attendees comfort level and their experience with patch testing. This year's sessions were planned and moderated by Katherine Brown, MD. Lectures by Alison Ehrlich, MD, Apra Sood, MD, Rajani Katta, MD and Jenny Murase, MD were given to participants which covered the logistics of patch testing, patch test reading and determining relevance, education and billing/coding. Next year our second track will focus on advanced patch testing topics.

The Fisher presentations and occupational session, all-told included 18 talks, and gave participants the opportunity to learn about various topics from basic science and clinical studies to mass spectrometry and teledermatology, to cheilitis and isothiazolinones and formaldehyde release from textiles. Linn Holness, MD discussed strategies to get occupational contact dermatitis a place on the government priority list for workplace prevention. This year we were honored to have Kathryn Zug, MD, past-president (years) present the Alexander Fisher Lecture on "Applied Aphorisms and Contact Allergy Revelations".

This insightful and inspiring lecture was second to none in honoring Dr Fisher's memory and contributions to the field.



Kathryn Zug, MD
Fisher Lecturer

A wonderful sit down lunch provided time for the group to discuss updates to the Contact Allergen Management Program C.A.M.P. and receive the Dermatitis journal annual report in a less formal atmosphere.

The Hot Topics session was again outstanding. Magnus Bruze, MD set the tone with his lecture on active sensitization, presenting evidence basis for a topic with data limitations. Dr Bruze did a superb job at explaining the subject. Andrew Blauvelt, MD discussed the new biologics being used and developed for individuals with dermatitis, while Gil Yosipovitch, MD discussed the mechanisms of itch and how it is best treated. Lawrence Eichenfield's lecture on updates in pediatric atopic dermatitis was just as exciting and was filled with pearls about

new medications that are certain to transform our treatment of atopic dermatitis into the future. Sharon Jacob, MD was enlightening, and her talk entitled "Canaries and P.E.A.S." was exceptional discussing dermal absorption of chemicals in dermatitic skin and pre-emptive allergen-avoidance strategies. Nicole Burkemper's phenomenal talk on anogenital dermatitis completed the hot topics session and reminded us all of the importance of communication to help break down barriers to this common, yet often not talked about condition due to patients embarrassment and fear.

There was a record number of submissions for this year's poster session, with a wide range of topics and presenters from around the globe. Attendees were able to discuss the posters with the authors during the breaks. A few of the poster topics included, "Allergic contact dermatitis to Slime" presented by Anne Boyd and "Allergic contact dermatitis to brimonidine: clinical and epicutaneous testing for ocular sensitization, presented by Julien Ringuet. The latter of which was the recipient of the 2nd Annual Fran Storrs Poster Award. We congratulate Julien Ringuet for his spectacular poster presentation.

Post Meeting Review Comments:

"This was a very informative conference. Will be using many pearls in my patch Clinic."

"There was so many great clinical pearls at this meeting - best ever- will incorporate those directly in my practice."

"Everything I learned by trusted physicians in the field will help me to better educate my patients and collaborate with my providers."

"Outstanding meeting!"

[Link to photos from the Annual Meeting](#)

The 9th Annual Contact Allergen Bee!

The 9th Annual Contact Allergen Bee occurred in the late afternoon and was presided over by Ponciano Cruz, MD. There were 9 participants that started the competition which eventually ended with Audry Beirne, MD from the University of Miami as the winner of the competition.

Fisher Award and Poster Award Winners

The Fisher Resident Presentations were top notch!

Ten up and coming contact dermatitis stars competed. In the spirit of the Olympics, this year in

Gold: Molly Goodier - Chemical Analysis of Isothiazolinones in US residential wall paints;

Silver: Sara Hylwa - Mass Spectrometry of Topical Products Containing Toxicodendron;

Bronze: Anne Boyd - Formaldehyde Release from Textiles and Personal Care Products.

Congratulations, Residents!

AMA SEAT AT THE TABLE



Bruce Brod, MD

Kudos to the ACDS for being approved as one of the newest members of the American Medical Association (AMA)

Specialty and Service Society (SSS)! We now have representation and a voice at the AMA. ACDS Past-President Bruce Brod, M.D. was appointed as our inaugural representative. Because of our new position ACDS also has representation on the Dermatology Section Council which includes all of the dermatologist representatives and delegates at the AMA. We will now have the opportunity to develop and shape policy to serve the needs of our patients and our members including issues such as access to care, patient

safety and public health, and scope of practice. Thank you to all the ACDS members for their concurrent engagement with the AMA.

Announcing FREE e-membership for residents

We're very excited to announce a new category of membership: [E-resident membership](#). This category is open to dermatology residents. Upon acceptance, E-resident members will begin receiving FREE online access to the journal *Dermatitis*, as well as the CAMP database. E-resident members will not have voting rights.

Updates from the 2018-2019 ACDS Task Forces and Committees:

- New Online Question section for Board Review --

As you read these updates, please consider getting involved in your Society. Our committees and task forces are looking for new members in the spring to transition into these roles, bringing fresh ideas to the table and help the Society consider new ways to serve its members. Please contact Cindy Froehlich (Cindy.Froehlich@froehlichams.com) with your interests.

Task Force: Scope of Patch Test Capabilities

Your Team: Pat Engasser and Heather Lampel, Co-Chairs, Brian Machler, Dianne Silvestri, Michael Sheehan

The Task Force Academic Positioning

Your Team: Susan Nedorost, Chair; Lisa Garner, Alison Ehrlich, Amber Atwater, David Cohen, and Kari Martin.

Update: Within the last year, there have been challenges with respect to insurance payments for the procedure of patch testing. In addition, we learned that our allergy colleagues require their fellows to complete 5 patch tests during their fellowship training.

The Task Force on Academic Positioning Committee focused on the goal of developing dermatologists who have confirmed basic training in the procedure of patch testing. To meet this goal, the TF proposed to add the observation or practice of a minimum of five patch tests in dermatology residency training and requiring the recording of the patch testing experience in the procedure log for dermatology residents.

Kari Martin and Amber Atwater represented the TF at the October 2017 Association of Professors of Dermatology meeting.

In addition, the committee submitted a written request to the Dermatology RRC. The RRC reviewed our request in January 2018 and declined adding patch testing as a required procedure. The RRC felt that the need for residents to experience patch testing was adequately addressed within the body of the ACGME Program Requirements for Graduate Medical Education in Dermatology, which states: "Residents: must demonstrate competence in performing and interpreting the results of diagnostic techniques, including dermatology-relevant serologic testing, patch testing...".

Task Force on Business Policy

Your Team: Jenny Murase, Chair; Amber Atwater, Steve Helms, Brian Machler, Kalman Watsky, Henry Zhu, Matt Zirwas; Advisors: Don Belsito, Michael Sheehan, Margo Reeder, Bruce Brod

Update: The task force on Business Policy from March 2017-February 2018 had a productive year. They created three pieces to address business policy needs of the ACDS membership. The first two are accessible in the ACDS website under Education > Practice of Patch Testing > Sample Insurance Letter and ACDS Statement on Patch Testing. These can be submitted to insurance companies to justify extended series testing (above and beyond North American Series or True test). The latter will be published in *Dermatitis* later in the year (Zhu TH, Suresh R, Warshaw E, Scheinman P, Mowad C, Botto N, Brod B, Taylor JS, Atwater AR, Watsky K, Schalock PC, Machler BC, Helms S, Jacob SE, Murase JE. A Review of the Medical Necessity of Comprehensive Patch Testing). The third article that can be utilized by physicians in academic or group practices where the physicians are paid by RVUs (relative value units) on productivity, providing alternative business models to compensate physicians and allow them to develop a subspecialty practice. This paper was published this year in *Dermatitis*: Zhu TH, Suresh R, Farahnik B, Jeon C, Warshaw E, Scheinman P, Mowad C, Botto N, Brod B, Taylor JS, Atwater AR, Watsky K, Schalock PC, Machler BC, Helms S, Jacob SE, Murase JE. Survey of Patch Test Business Models in the United States by the American Contact Dermatitis Society. *Dermatitis*. 2018; 29(2): 85-88.

CAMP Committee:

Your Team: Jonathan Zippin, Jonathan Silverberg, Denis Sasseville, Marshall Welsh

Education Committee:

Your Team: Bryan Anderson, Chair, Rajani Katta, Esperanza Welsh, Kathryn Zug, Alison Ehrlich, Catalina Matiz, Jennifer Chen, Apra Sood.

Update: The education committee has been working to expand the educational resources on

the ACDS website. If there is a resource that is valuable to the membership that is not present please let us know for inclusion. The committee will also be planning the breakout session at the annual meeting. The breakout session alternates every year between basic and advanced topics. This coming year we will focus the lectures on advanced patch testing concepts.

Membership Committee:

Your Team: Rajani Katta, Chair, John Elliott, Linda Benedict, Pat Engasser, Tracy Novosel, Apra Sood

Update: With the advent of the new E-resident membership category, the committee looks forward to a ROBUST? welcoming of new ACDS members this year and continued societal growth. A new "Quick tips for the ACDS website" document was created and will be emailed to new members, and included on the website.

CAMP Global Assessment Task Force:

Your Team: Jenny Murase co-chair, Bryan Anderson co-chair, Salma de La Feld, Brian Machler, Margo Reeder, Andy Schemen, Jonathan Silverberg, Jonathan Zippin

Update: Over the course of the next year the task force will be reviewing everything related to CAMP with the focus on improving the patient and physician experience. The specific objectives of the task force are as follows:

1. Evaluate best practice measures for CAMP functionality and search features
2. Implement a staffing structure to support updating the database by creating a contract, outlining parameters, and defining scope of practice for CAMP maintenance and research
3. Evaluate the database structure and platform for CAMP and make recommendations for optimization
4. Work with the long range development committee to optimize CAMP utilization, visibility, and innovation

Calling all Mentees and Mentors!!!

The ACDS offers mentorship awards that young dermatologists can apply for biannually to spend time with a societal contact dermatitis expert.

To highlight this professional development opportunity, we'd like to share some experiences from former mentees or mentors on the website. Please contact the Society with your story about how this experience impacted your career.

CALL FOR DEPUTY EDITOR

Call for Applications: Deputy Editors-in-Chief for Dermatitis

The American Contact Dermatitis Society (ACDS) invites applications for 2 new positions of Deputy Editor-in-Chief (Deputy EiC) for its flagship journal, Dermatitis.

Details on how to apply, please click [here](#)

Outcomes Research Awards

ACDS has awarded its second cycle of Outcomes Research Awards with research to begin in 2018. The awards will study the outcomes of dermatitis evaluation and management. The purpose is to establish the value of expert specialist evaluation and management of chronic dermatitis. Results of the studies will be published in Dermatitis.

The 2018 studies awarded are:

- Golar Honari, Stanford University,
- Cost benefits of patch testing in patients with dermatitis in a large commercially insured population in the United States: A retrospective cohort study
- David Cohen, New York University School of Medicine
- Limited versus Extended Series Patch Testing: Characterizing the Impact on Healthcare Utilization and Spending

The first outcomes research grant was awarded to Nina Botto at the University of California, San Francisco, is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2018. The research is focused on the the unique impact of allergic contact dermatitis on the quality of life of patients by establishing a

reliable and valid measurement and thereby measuring change in ACD related QoL in patients with ACD - after patch testing and patient counseling about avoidance.

Clinical Research Award Announcement -2018 Deadline is April 15

The ACDS offers fellowships for the purpose of relevant clinical studies directed toward the subject of contact dermatitis. Studies which focus on clinical problems or have applications to clinical problems will receive preferential consideration. These fellowships will not exceed \$5,000 each and will favor those in the \$3,000 to \$5,000 range.

One of the fellowships, the James R. Nethercott Clinical Research Award Fund, honors the memory and achievements of Dr. James R. Nethercott and will provide a clinical research award in the amount of \$5,000 for young investigators studying occupational dermatology and/or epidemiology of contact dermatitis. Application is at <https://www.contactderm.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3303>

Current and Past award recipients include:

2018

Ari Goldminz "Allergen specific T cells and effector cytokines in ACD after allergen avoidance"

2017 Awards

- Anne Boyd "Analysis of Formaldehyde Content in Textiles and Personal Care Products"
- Kelly Aschenbeck "Mass Spectrometry of Topical Products Containing Toxicodendron Extracts"
- Molly Goodier "Analysis of Residential Interior Paint and Adhesive-Based Products

for the Presence of Isothiazolinone Compounds"

2016 Awards

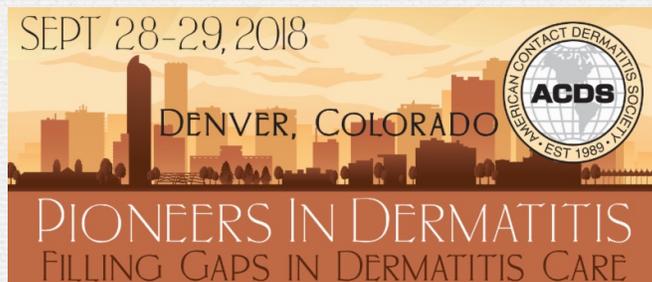
Nethercott Award ?

Sanna Ronkainen "An Investigation of Accelerator-Free Gloves"

Anna Kersh "Identifying Excipient Dye-Related Contact Allergy Using a Novel Patch Test"

Jeffrey Scott "Cutaneous Delayed-Type Hypersensitivity in Extrinsic and Intrinsic Atopic Dermatitis"

Mark your calendars for upcoming ACDS events!



September 28-29, 2018. ACDS Mid-year Meeting

"Pioneers In Dermatitis - Filling Gaps in Dermatitis Care"

In the "Mile-High City" of Denver, this meeting will feature an interactive program for attendees to explore opportunities to contribute in areas of research & patient engagement. This two-day seminar will be held at the Grand Hyatt Denver Hotel in Denver, CO. A distinguished national faculty will provide insights, information and guidance on topics related to Contact Dermatitis, and state-of-the art approaches to diagnosis and management.

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Save the date!

30th Annual Meeting of the ACDS
in Washington DC on February 28, 2019.

Highlights of the meeting include the Allergen Bee, resident presentations, the Fisher Lecture, and a great Hot Topics session, Gala to celebrate the 30th Anniversary.

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Save the date!

Meridians in Dermatitis - Scottsdale, AZ Fall 2019

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