

RESIDENT ROUNDS: PART I

Program Spotlight: The National Capital Consortium Dermatology Residency Training Program

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Resident Rounds is a section of the *JDD* dedicated to highlighting various dermatology departments with residency training programs. Resident Rounds includes three sections: (1) a program spotlight, highlighting pertinent information about the department and residency training program; (2) a section presenting study materials used by residents at the program; and (3) a section designed to highlight recent interesting cases seen at the institution. This issue of Resident Rounds features The National Capital Consortium Dermatology Residency Training Program. The editor of Resident Rounds is Omar A. Ibrahim MD PhD. He is currently the Director of Cutaneous Laser and Cosmetic Surgery and a Mohs surgeon at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Ibrahim is also a Visiting Scientist at the Wellman Center for Photomedicine at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. If you are interested in highlighting your training program in a future issue, please contact Dr. Ibrahim at Olbrahimi@jddonline.com.

The National Capital Consortium (NCC) Dermatology Residency is one of the military's three dermatology training programs and is located at the recently opened Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC) in Bethesda, MD. The training program consists of both Army and Navy residents, of which there are five to six residents selected every year. Trainees must be commissioned officers in the U.S. Armed Forces. The program also has an affiliated dermatopathology fellowship through the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS).

Some residents enter training directly from their internships (PGY-1), while others come following a two- to three-year general medical officer tour, which typically includes an overseas deployment. Some of our residents served previously as flight surgeons, undersea medical officers, surface warfare medical officers or Fleet Marine Force medical officers.

Our residents take care of active duty military personnel, their dependents, and retirees, as well as foreign military personnel and their dependents assigned to the National Capital Region. Affiliated institutions include the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Armed Forces Joint Pathology Center, Johns Hopkins University, the Washington Hospital Center, and Children's National Medical Center. All residents participate in monthly conferences and patient viewings held by the DC Dermatologic Society to include the annual Military DC Derm Day.

The program has all subspecialties represented to include dermatopathology, Mohs surgery, procedural dermatology, pediatric dermatology, and immunodermatology. Specialty

clinics offered include melanoma and pigmented lesions, hair diseases, contact dermatitis, Mohs surgery, laser and cosmetic dermatology, pediatric dermatology, immunodeficiency clinic, and a Wounded Warrior scar revision clinic. In addition, we have a worldwide teledermatology service utilized by medical personnel of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces, as well as an inpatient consultative service. Residents have even participated in one-month humanitarian missions with a focus on dermatology on the U.S. Navy Hospital Ship, the USNS Comfort, as well as overseas field missions as part of the Military Tropical Medicine Course conducted through USUHS.



2010-2011 Residents, fellows, and faculty at The National Capital Consortium (NCC) Dermatology Residency Program.

The residency is most fortunate to have close ties with the Dermatology Division at the NIH, which includes weekly grand rounds held at either WRNMMC or NIH. These rounds are led by our chief resident and bring together experts in the field of dermatology for complicated or unique dermatology patients.

The NCC Dermatology Residency Training Program offers its residents a robust academic curriculum as well as a broad clinical experience in order to prepare its graduates to serve as military dermatologists in any location worldwide. We pride ourselves on our residents' medical knowledge, patient care, professionalism and service to our nation.

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