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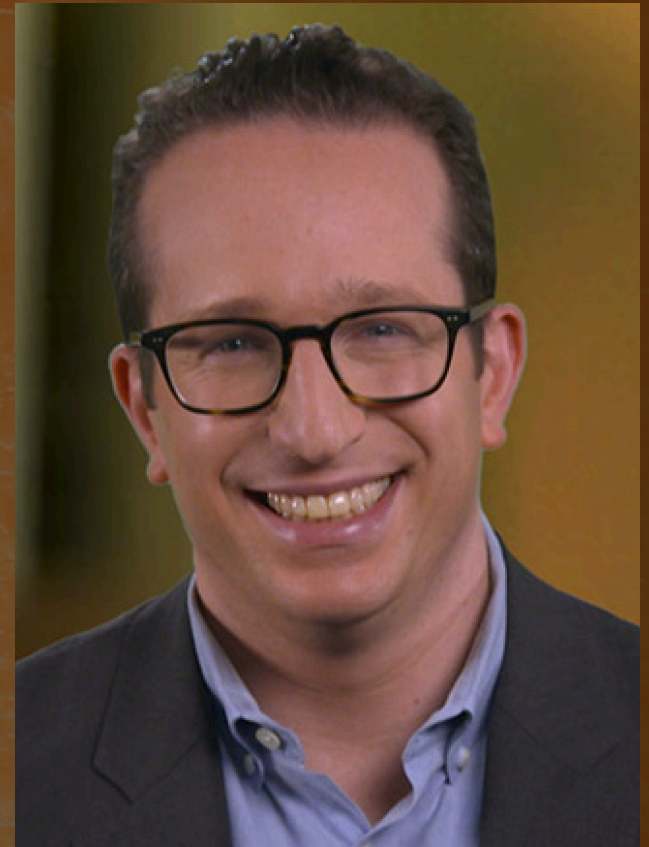


Adam Friedman, MD, FAAD is Professor and Interim Chair of Dermatology and serves as Residency Program Director, Director of Translational Research, and Director of the Supportive Oncodermatology Program in the Department of Dermatology at The George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences. Dr. Friedman completed his undergraduate training at the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with Distinction in Dermatologic Research at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York.

Dr. Friedman is currently investigating novel nanotechnologies that allow for controlled and sustained delivery of a wide spectrum of physiologically and medicinally relevant molecules, with an emphasis on treating infectious diseases, accelerating wound healing, immune modulation, and correcting vascular dysfunction. He holds multiple patents derived from these investigations and has published over 170 papers/chapters and 2 textbooks on both his research as well as a variety of clinical areas in dermatology with an emphasis on emerging medical therapies. He has received multiple awards such as the American Dermatologic Association Young Leader Award, the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Cutting Edge Research Award, the 2017 Elle Beauty Genius Award, the 2018 Journal of Drugs Innovations in Residency Teaching Award, the La Roche Posay North American Foundation Research award, and has been on the Washingtonian Top Doctors list since 2017.

Dr. Friedman's clinical interests span the gamut of medical and pediatric dermatology. Dr. Friedman is also committed to resident and medical education. He hosts an online series titled "Ask an Expert" and the JDD Podcast "Ask the Investigator". He currently serves as President of the Derma Care Access Network, a subgroup of the Alliance for Patient Access, the deputy chair of the AAD Poster Task Force, is the medical director of ODAC conference, senior editor of the Dermatology In-Review, Krazy Kodachromes, and director of the Oakstone Institute's Dermatology Board Review and Dermatology for Primary Care series.

## Adam Friedman, MD, FAAD



Dr. James Q. Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended pharmacy school at St. John's University in Jamaica, New York. He completed a hospital pharmacy residency at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Del Rosso graduated from medical school at Ohio University with honors and then completed his approved dermatology residency at the Atlantic Skin Disease Association in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He additionally completed a fellowship approved by the American College of Mohs Surgery in Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology at Ohio State University. Dr. Del Rosso is board certified in Dermatology and Mohs Micrographic Surgery and is fully licensed in the State of Nevada.

Dr. Del Rosso is an internationally renowned educator and speaker with several publications in recognized dermatology journals. He is a frequently invited presenter at major dermatology meetings in both the United States and globally, often talking about what is new in therapeutics and drug development. Additionally, he has written and published several articles on a variety of skin diseases including proper care of the skin barrier, acne, rosacea, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and eczemas, actinic keratosis, and skin cancers. He is also the co-editor of the textbook, *Acne Vulgaris*, has served as an editor and author for several issues of *Dermatologic Clinics*, and was editor of the *Year Book of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery* for five years.

He is a past president of the American Acne & Rosacea Society, the American Society for Mohs Surgery, the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (AOCD), and the Council for Nail Disorders. Dr. Del Rosso also served for several years with the AOCD as an advisor to the directorship on educational programs and directed the committee on corporate support for the AOCD for over a decade. In addition, he served on the American Osteopathic Board of Dermatology for several years and was involved in test question development in clinical dermatology for board certification. He is Clinical Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Clinical Aesthetic Dermatology* since its inception in 2005. He has also authored several recognized publications on recommendations for management of acne, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, skin cancer, and antibiotic use in dermatology.

He founded the Scientific Panel for Antibiotic Use in Dermatology in 2005, with three meetings and scientific publications authored by the group under his direction to guide clinicians on optimal antibiotic use.

Dr. Del Rosso is research director and principal investigator of JDR Dermatology Research, in addition to having his dermatology clinic that is fully dedicated to the care of people with skin disorders or have concerns about their skin. The research center conducts studies for a wide variety of skin conditions, such as acne, rosacea, psoriasis, eczemas, urticaria, actinic keratosis, and skin cancer. Dr. Del Rosso has over 25 years of experience in dermatology research and related publications, and he employs a high experienced and skilled staff. Dr. Del Rosso is in dermatology practice at Thomas Dermatology in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has been practicing dermatology in the Las Vegas area for 20 years.

Dr. Del Rosso was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in March 2016 for his lifelong commitment to dermatology and his contributions to the field. He now has the distinguished title of Honorary Member with the Academy.

## James Q. Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD, FAAD



Dr. Julie Harper is a board-certified dermatologist in private practice at the Dermatology and Skin Care Center of Birmingham in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Harper graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1991 with a BS in Interdisciplinary Studies. She received her medical training at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where she was inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She remained at the University of Missouri-Columbia for her internship and dermatology residency, which she completed in 2000.

Dr. Harper transitioned from residency training into an academic dermatology career at the University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB). While at UAB, she was promoted to Associate Professor and served as Residency Program Director and on the Dean's Council of Graduate Medical Education. During that time she developed a special interest in acne and rosacea, participating in acne clinical trials and writing and speaking on the subject locally and nationally. Dr. Harper is a Founding Director of the American Acne and Rosacea Society, which was organized in 2005, and is the organization's immediate past-President.

In 2007, Dr. Harper began her own private dermatology practice. She practices general medical, surgical and cosmetic dermatology and enjoys the variety of patients and patient needs that she attends to on a daily basis. Dr. Harper has conducted an annual community skin cancer screening for 13 years and participated in a medical mission to Urubamba, Peru in 2012. She has appeared in a CeraVe national advertising campaign and also on the Red Carpet at the 2011 Grammy Awards. She is a Fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and recently served on the AAD's Acne Work Group, tasked with writing acne treatment guidelines. Dr. Harper is also a member of the Women's Dermatologic Society and a former President of the Alabama Dermatological Society.

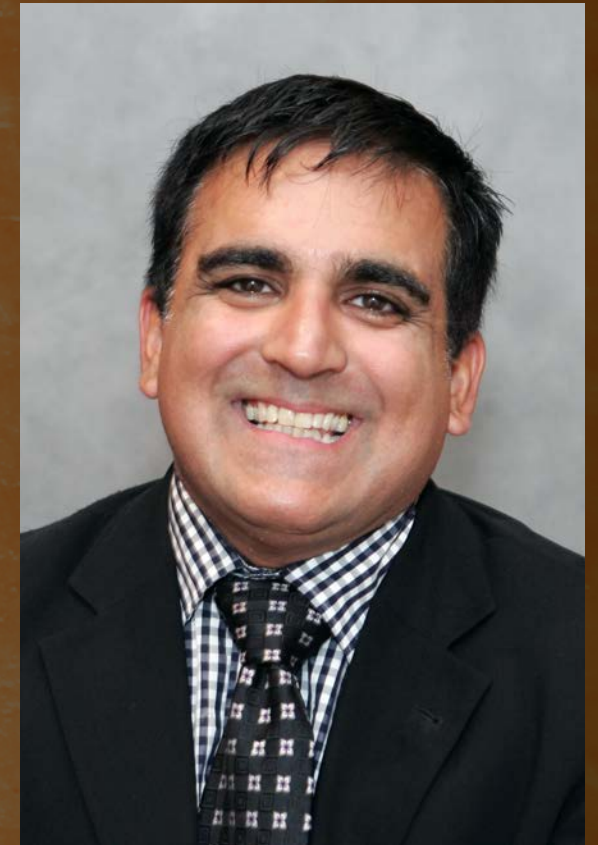
Dr. Harper is married to Vinnie Pappalardo and has two children, Luke and Claire. She enjoys family time at the lake, entertaining family and friends and teaching Sunday School.

## Julie Harper, MD



## Neal Bhatia, MD

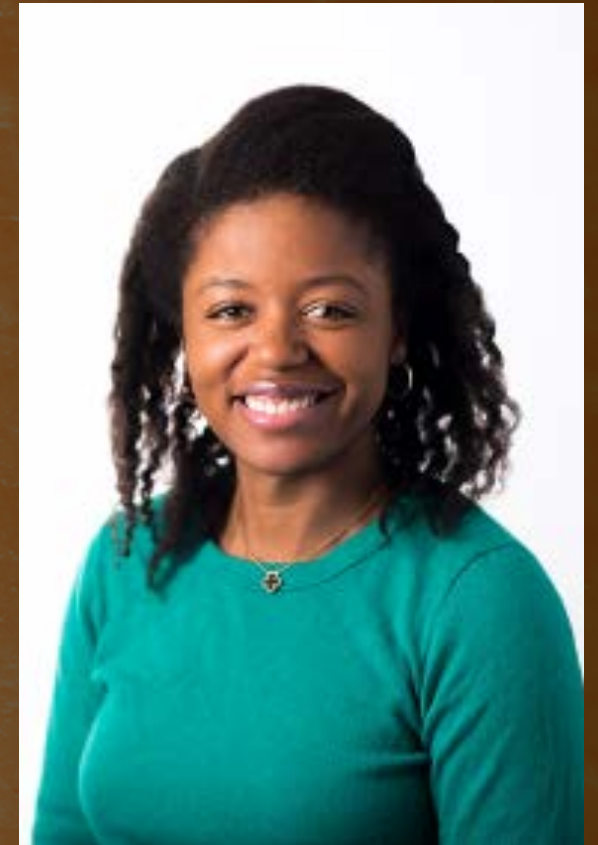
Dr. Neal Bhatia is a board-certified dermatologist in San Diego, California. He serves as Director of Clinical Dermatology at Therapeutics Clinical Research. He is as chief medical editor for *Practical Dermatology*. He has a background in immunology and has interests in mechanisms of therapy, skin cancer, and medical dermatology. Aside from teaching at medical conferences, he sits on several editorial boards and is an active teacher for dermatologists, industry, and patients.



## Jenna C. Lester, MD

Dr. Lester is a graduate of Harvard University and The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, where she was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha and Gold Humanism Honor Societies. She completed residency training in dermatology at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), and is board certified in dermatology.

Dr. Lester is an Assistant Professor of Dermatology at UCSF where she practices and teaches general dermatology and is the Founding Director of the Skin of Color Program. She was named a Watson Faculty Scholar, a prestigious award dedicated to the support of new faculty at UCSF. Dr. Lester is a sought-after lecturer, has written book chapters and published articles in peer-reviewed journals, and is currently building an academic research program in dermatology.



## Vivian Shi, MD

Dr. Vivian Shi is a board-certified dermatologist and associate professor of dermatology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Her clinical and research interests include inflammatory skin disease such as atopic dermatitis, hidradenitis suppurativa, skin barrier repair and integrative dermatology. She directs the Eczema as well as Hidradenitis Suppurativa Specialty Clinics at her institutions and has served as the principal investigators for numerous clinical and translational studies.





## Angelo Landriscina, MD

Angelo Landriscina, MD is a dermatologist, medical writer and blogger. Dr. Landriscina completed his MD at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, graduating with distinctions in dermatology and basic science research and his residency at George Washington University where he served as Chief Resident. He has won awards for his research focusing on therapeutics for burns and wound healing and the use of nanotechnology in the treatment of dermatologic conditions and has contributed over 40 entries into the medical literature. His research interests include the growing role of social media in personal health and LGBTQ+-focused dermatology including the unique risks and health disparities faced by sexual and gender minority patients. He is also the founder and principal author of the website DermAngelo.com where he writes about skincare and common skin problems for the public. He can be found @dermangelo on all social media.



Andrew F. Alexis, MD, MPH is the Chair of the Department of Dermatology at Mount Sinai Morningside and Mount Sinai West. He is also Professor of Dermatology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. As Director of the Skin of Color Center, he is actively involved in advancing patient care, research, and education pertaining to dermatologic disorders that are prevalent in skin of color.

Dr. Alexis received his medical degree from Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons and his Master of Public Health at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. He completed his dermatology residency at Weill Cornell Medical Center, followed by a fellowship in dermatopharmacology at New York University School of Medicine.

Dr. Alexis has published more than 90 articles in peer-reviewed journals including the British Journal of Dermatology, Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, and Archives of Dermatology among others. He has co-edited two text books on dermatology for skin of color - Skin of Color A Practical Guide to Dermatologic Diagnosis and Treatment (Springer Publishing 2013) and Ethnic Dermatology: Principles and Practice (Wiley-Blackwell 2013) - and authored over 10 book chapters.

Dr. Alexis has held numerous leadership positions in professional organizations including Past President of the New York Dermatological Society, Past President of the New York Academy of Medicine Dermatology Section, Secretary/Treasurer of the Skin of Color Society and Chair of the Diversity Task Force Committee for the American Academy of Dermatology. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Skin of Color Society, and is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Dermatological Association and the Cicatricial Alopecia Research Foundation.

Dr. Alexis has appeared on ABC, CBS, NBC, and FOX television news programs and has been quoted in numerous leading publications, including the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Forbes, Allure, and Essence. He is listed in Castle Connolly's Top Doctors™ and Super Doctors®.

## Andrew Alexis, MD, MPH



Dr. Kircik is a Board-Certified Dermatologist who graduated with AOA Honors from State University of New York at the Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn after completing his undergraduate work with Phi Beta Kappa at New York University. He completed a Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Fellowship under the auspices of Dr. Frederick Mohs at the University of Wisconsin after completing his dermatology residency at State University of New York in Buffalo.

He currently teaches as Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, IN, as well as at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Kircik is also the Medical Director of DermResearch, PLLC and Physicians Skin Care, PLLC in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been the principal investigator of numerous clinical trials for psoriasis, acne, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, skin cancers, and actinic keratosis, just to name a few.

Dr. Kircik is an author of many scientific articles, abstracts and posters. He has lectured extensively nationally and internationally on all aspects of dermatologic conditions. In addition, he also serves on the advisory boards of several pharmaceutical companies as a consultant. He is on the editorial board of Journal of Drugs in Dermatology, Practical Dermatology, The Journal of Clinical & Aesthetic Dermatology, and Case Report in Clinical Pathology. He volunteers for multiple local and national medical society committees.

## Leon Kircik, MD

