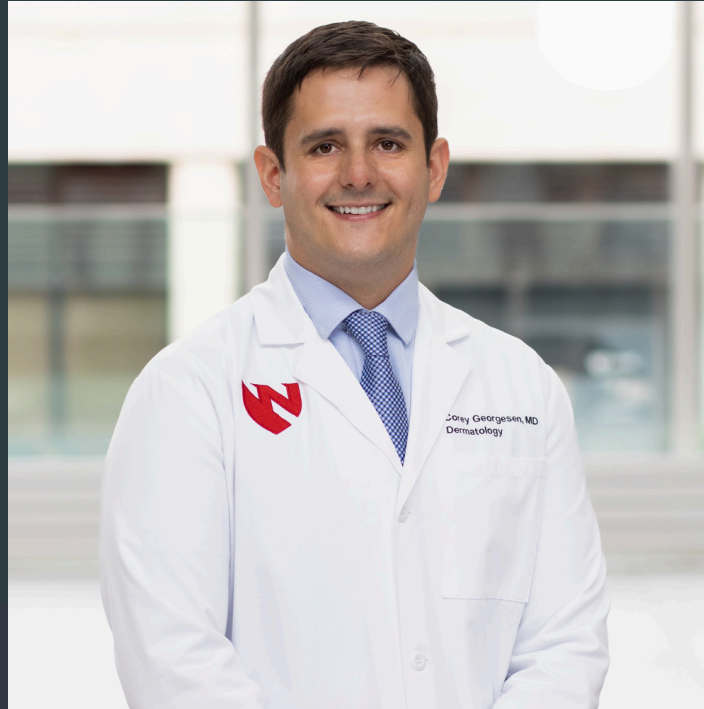


Dermatology News

Summer 2024



Change Comes To The VA

Corey Georgesen MD, Assistant Professor

Dermatology services at the Veteran Affairs Hospital have continued to grow for veterans in Nebraska and Western Iowa. From Jan 2024 to July 2024, our team has expanded to provide 5 half-day clinics with 1 half-day of administrative services. We have created and expanded the High Risk Skin Cancer clinic to allow for 1-hour, in depth skin cancer screenings. We have additionally established the clinicopathologic review conference twice monthly, to provide thorough review of pathology for patient care and resident education. Dermatology continues to actively participate in Tumor Boards for patient care pertaining to advanced skin cancers. Since its inception, the Dermatology team at the VA has created access for over 800 new patients and almost 2500 return patient visits.

The Dermatology section of the Omaha VA Medical Center will be led by Dr. Corey Georgesen as of July 1, 2024. Gratitude is given to Shalah Shannon, RN, for compiling and providing the statistics for this article.

Resident Graduation & Welcome BBQ

Jennifer Adams MD, Interim Chair

Within the span of a couple short weeks we oversaw the residency “changing of the guard!” June proved to be bittersweet as we celebrated another graduating class- Dr. Robert Borucki, Dr. Erica Lee, & Dr. Alfredo Siller. The faculty and residents joined together once more with the graduates and their loved ones at the Holland Center to share memories, gratitude and pride in this class. A beautiful dinner and ceremony was studded with tears and laughter from heartfelt speeches, underclassman parody sendoff videos, graduate legacy videos, and “thank-you socks” emblazoned with faculty superlatives. Dr. Borucki plans on joining private practice in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Lee (who also served as our phenomenal chief resident this past year) is starting her Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship at the University of California at San Francisco. Dr. Siller will be working alongside former AAD president Dr. Brett Coldiron in Cincinnati, Ohio for a Mohs micrographic surgery and cutaneous oncology fellowship. This class has demonstrated incredible work ethic and dedication to others. We are thrilled to see where their bright future careers lead..



Shortly after we said goodbye to the graduates, our new (and expanded) first year dermatology class arrived on campus! Due to the stellar caliber of our residency training program, UNMC Dermatology was approved by the ACGME to expand our resident complement from 3 residents per year to 4 (for a total of 12). We celebrated with a welcome BBQ hosted by Dr. Mollie Oudenhoven’s family at their home, complete with a food truck! The welcome event was a chance for the faculty and residents to meet our new residents and their families in a relaxed setting with plenty of delicious food. Our new class includes: Dr. Meera Kattapuram (University of Michigan Medical School), Dr. Delice Kayishunge (University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine), Dr. Divya Sharma (Northeast Ohio Medical University), and Dr. Morgan Zabel (University of Nebraska Medical Center). They are a bright and motivated class and we are looking forward to finally having them as part of the UNMC Dermatology Family!

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

— Eleanor Roosevelt



New Year-Long Students and MSSRP

Larry Robins, Research Project Coordinator

The Department of Dermatology is thrilled to announce the arrival of two new Yearlong Student Fellows and two new Medical Student Summer Research Program (MSSRP) participants!

Our yearlong fellowship offers a unique opportunity for students taking a gap year in medical school to dive deep into dermatological research. We're excited to welcome Joseph McGrath and Evelyn Fagan as our new research fellows. Joseph, from the University of Minnesota Medical School, has a keen interest in rheumatologic dermatology, particularly the skin manifestations of connective tissue diseases. Evelyn, from Mercer University School of Medicine, is passionate about pediatric dermatology, autoimmune conditions, skin cancer prevention, and expanding access to dermatological care in rural areas. Both fellows will collaborate with our department on ongoing studies, clinical trials, and receive mentorship from faculty who share their research interests.

Our MSSRP program provides rising second-year medical students with an invaluable 8-week research experience. We're delighted to introduce Calla Sullivan and Gunther Grinde as our new MSSRP students. Calla, who is fascinated by skin cancer, dermatopathology, cosmetics, and general dermatology, is partnering with Dr. Corey Georgesen on her project, "Standardization of Immunohistochemical Grading in Melanocytic Neoplasms." Gunther, who is intrigued by hidradenitis suppurativa, inflammatory skin diseases, and the environmental factors affecting them, is collaborating with Dr. Erin Barrett on his project, "Association Between Skin Disease and the Environment."

The Department of Dermatology can't wait to see the innovative and impactful results from these talented students. Welcome, and let's make groundbreaking strides together!



Welcoming A New Clinic Director

Danielle Lamer, Clinic Manager

The Department of Dermatology is welcoming a new Director of Ambulatory Clinics to our team. Jamie Rudd has worked at Nebraska Medicine for coming up on 20 years in a variety of roles. She started her journey at Nebraska Medicine in the Emergency Department as an RN prior to transitioning to a role on the EPIC team. She then served as the manager for the Immediate Care Clinics and Clarkson Family Medicine before becoming the Director/Administrator for the Department of Ophthalmology. With her transition into this role as Director of Ambulatory Clinics, Jamie will oversee Dermatology along with Plastics, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Bariatrics, the Truhlsen Eye Institute, Urology, and Wound. We are confident in Jamie's abilities to support the Department of Dermatology in this new role and look forward to working with her more closely as our department continues to grow. Outside of work, Jamie values spending time with her husband, three daughters, grandson, and pets. Welcome to the team, Jamie!



Dermatology Summer Outreach Event Review

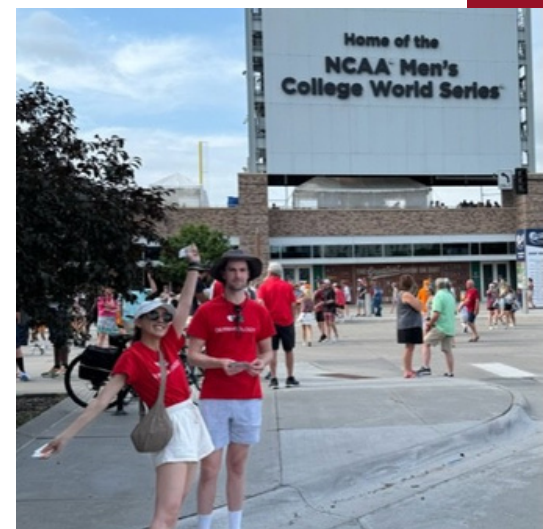
Roger Myers, Office Associate

This summer, UNMC Dermatology enjoyed some time in the sun by participating in several community events across Omaha. One of the highlights was the very famous College World Series! Our volunteers handed out thousands of sunscreen packets, UV bracelets, and sun safety informational brochures to baseball fans from all over the country. Patrons were very thankful to receive some protection from the summer heat as they walked to the stadium to enjoy the championship weekend.

We had two of our esteemed faculty members, Drs. Ashley Wysong and Vanessa Voss (shout out to our Mohs team!), along with four of our dedicated residents, Drs. Kayla Clark, Taylor Thieman, Erica Lee, and Robert Borucki, in attendance. They were joined by some of our enthusiastic medical students. This event is definitely a department favorite, and we are so thankful for the continued partnership with the Women's Dermatologic Society, who always makes these events a great hit among both volunteers and attendees alike.

Additional Summer Outreach Events Attended:

- April 20th- Kicks for a Cure
- May 26th- Omaha Storm Chaser's Game Day
- July 25th- Winnebago Powwow



6 Years Anniversary Celebration

Gabby Jensen, Administrative Associate



FY24 Department Stats

Karle Olnes, Department Administrator



31,286 visits across our NM clinics



17,034 of them at our new VP NM clinic



- Opened 5 clinical trials
- Awarded 4 research grants
- Awarded 1 educational grant



- 9 oral presentations by our year-long research students
 - 4 at national meetings
- 497 resident applicants
- 62 VSLO applications



**Over 200
faculty
lectures to
dermatology
residents**



**Social
Media reach
was
175,470**



**Participated
in 16 service
events**



From the Chair

Time certainly flies by, and it was incredible to reflect during our recent 6-year anniversary and see just how far the UNMC Department of Dermatology has come! We can now boast 15 Dermatology providers, 13 sub-specialty and multidisciplinary clinics, the addition of new clinical trials, approval of our first ACGME fellowship, and expansion of our dermatology residency training program (to name a few).

While we wrap our mind around the extraordinary growth and success of the UNMC Department of Dermatology, it is with recognition and deep gratitude for the vision and contributions of Founding Chair and Professor Emeritus, Dr. Ashley Wysong. When Dr. Wysong was charged with the creation of a brand-new academic department of dermatology 6 years ago she saw it as an opportunity to “do that which only you can do” (a favorite piece of life advice she also imparts to her mentees). Since that time, she has worked tirelessly to build an extraordinary department built on the foundation of excellence in patient care, innovative research, and paying dividends in educating the dermatologists of tomorrow. Not only did she accomplish all that she set out to do above and beyond the expectations of all, she also raised up leaders within the department to ensure continued success well into the future. As Dr. Wysong transitioned to Emeritus Professor (and our unofficial departmental mascot!) this summer, we look forward to seeing what mountain she will conquer next. As I take the baton in the interim chair role, I am grateful for all of her forethought in preparing the team and passing on her knowledge! When I first spoke with Dr. Wysong about joining the department (before the first clinics had even opened!), I was captivated by the opportunity to help build our “Dermatology Field of Dreams.” A place driven by authentic passion for dermatology and gratitude to patients for the honor of caring for them repaid through the delivery of the highest level of clinical care. A place where we could build from scratch our ideal dermatology residency training program- the first in the state in over 40 years, now with alumni that are closing the gap of dermatologic needs in Nebraska. A place where research questions could be answered to provide cutting edge care. The “Field of Dreams” is now a reality through and through, and it is called UNMC Dermatology. This place is special to each one of us and I hope that you can join me as we continue to dream big on what UNMC Dermatology can build next.

June was the perfect time to visualize the department’s impact when we recognized our recent class of incredible graduates- Dr. Borucki, Dr. Lee and Dr. Siller! They will be missed but we look forward to seeing their bright stars shine as dermatologists. This coming 2024-2025 academic year we are very proud to welcome 4 new resident physicians (an ACGME-approved increase from 3 residents per year), 2 new faculty, 2 year-long medical student research fellows, and so much more! We marked our 1-year anniversary in our new Village Pointe space which has quickly filled and has been essential to expanding access to care for Nebraskans.

This year we are looking forward to continuing to invest in our culture- a key in our department’s steep trajectory and the recruitment and retention of top talent. A priority echoed throughout the department’s faculty, residents, and staff is securing our permanent home on the UNMC campus to ensure our future success as a department for many years to come. Help us continue to build upon the UNMC Dermatology Field of Dreams!

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We have immediate needs in the following areas:

- Dermatology Excellence Fund
- Education Funding -- Resident Education Fund, Medical Student Research Scholarships, Endowed Research Fellowship
- Patient Care and Clinical Support
- Endowed Faculty Sponsorship

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