



British Society for Medical Dermatology

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26.01.12 ANNUAL MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY MEETING 2012

This will be held on Thursday the 26th January at the Royal College of Physicians, London. This year's theme is dermatology and metabolic medicine, with many outstanding speakers from the world of dermatology, including Dr Ian Coulson, Dr George Millington and Professor Adele O'Toole, and from endocrinology, Professor Fredrik Karpe and Professor Steve Franks.

26.01.12 BSMD AGM

The AGM of the BSMD will be held at lunchtime on the day of the Medical Dermatology meeting. We invite nominations for President of the Society, taking over from Sue Burge. Nick Levell is the committee's nomination for President. A vacancy may also be available for an Ordinary Committee Member, who should be a consultant dermatologist with an interest in medical dermatology. The term of office for committee positions is 3 years, and the committee meets 3 - 4 times a year, usually in conjunction with another meeting. Nomination forms are available on the Society website (www.medderm.org.uk).

Medical Dermatology Events and Training

Specialist interests Lymphoedema Fellowship, St George's Hospital

The renowned lymphoedema service at St George's Hospital, Tooting is offering a unique opportunity to a post- or peri-CCT trainee to gain expertise in this important area of dermatological medicine. Applications for the post of Clinical Fellow in Lymphovascular Medicine are invited. Further job details are available on <http://www.jobs.nhs.uk/cgi-bin/vacdetails.cgi?selection=912783246>.

Medical Dermatology Fellowships

One aim of the Society is to further the education of trainees in medical dermatology. Some of our membership offer opportunities for trainees to gain experience of the special collaborative work that senior members of the Society partake in with consultant physician colleagues in other specialties. Katie Warburton has completed a fellowship in medical dermatology in Oxford, and she tells us about her experience and what she gained from it:

"My fellowship experience was of 10 half-day sessions over a four month period, which I fitted around my current job as a Core Medical Trainee. Members of the dermatology team were very accommodating and flexible, and always happy to for me to attend. My experience was both observational, seeing patients independently (with senior input), and through discussion of interesting cases.

"This fellowship was a fantastic learning experience, and has significantly enhanced my dermatological knowledge and clinical recognition skills.

Additionally, I have a better appreciation of the subtleties and unusual patterns of skin disease that can present in patients with other complex disease, who are often immunosuppressed. The fellowship has taught me to keep an open mind about possible diagnoses, and to sometimes expect the unexpected!

The fellowship has given me some insight into the provision of the med-derm service in Oxford. I was able to observe the overlap and co-operation of dermatologists with other specialties. In particular, I was impressed by the comprehensive management that these patients received under this multi-specialty set-up; the overlap clinics mean fewer clinic appointments for patients, and allow inter-specialty discussion face-to-face rather than through letters. In my dermatological career, this concept is something that I can learn from and actively promote"

Medical Dermatology Course March 2012

On March 1st/2nd 2012, the first Medical Dermatology course will be held in Manchester. This is aimed at trainees and others wishing to brush up on their knowledge of medical dermatology. The programme is a mixture of didactic lectures, case-based discussion and small group work, all delivered by a faculty of dermatologists with expertise in the field of medical dermatology. A course dinner will be held on the Thursday evening. Further details on the programme, as well as registration forms are available on the Society website: www.medderm.org.uk