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## A word from the Program Director Dr. Lacy Sommer

As the hustle and bustle of the holidays, settle, we reflect on the year behind us and look forward to the year ahead.

With the additions of **Alexandra Bardales, PA-C** and **Kathleen Coggshall, MD** (page 3), we have been able to expand the care we provide to patients across south Jersey from our three offices in Camden, Marlton, and Hammonton.

Residency interview season is underway and we are pleased that our Division continues to receive many requests for elective rotations and > 200 applications for our single spot in this year's Match. Our outstanding faculty, extensive exposure to skin of color, high volume and complex oncodermatology cases, and our dedication to providing exceptional dermatologic care for the residents of Camden are continually cited as the top reasons for applying to our program. We are looking forward to **Match Day 2026!**

Our residents are putting the final touches on their presentations as we prepare to host the **February 6, 2026** meeting for the [Philadelphia Dermatologic Society](#). In addition to highlighting some of the complex cases we care for in Camden, we look forward to hosting our inaugural guest speaker, [Dr Sheilagh Maguiness](#), for the **Robert F. Duffy Memorial Lecture in Pediatric Dermatology**. *Please join us!* The Zoom link is provided on pages 2 and 9 and you do not have to be a Philly Derm member to attend.

If you are planning on attending the **2026 AAD Annual Meeting** in Denver, CO, please join us for the Alumni Dinner on **Saturday, March 28, 2026**. Additional details including time and location are forthcoming.

Wishing you all a peaceful start for a  
New Year!



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## Highlights from the ASDS Annual Meeting

Our Co-chief Resident, **Erika Tvedten**, was recognized at the meeting with the **2025 Patient Safety Hero Award Honorable Mention** for her work testifying in support to aid the passage of the [ASDSA's SUNucate model legislation in New Jersey](#), which ensures students can access sunscreen and sun-protective clothing in schools and at school-sponsored events without requiring a physician's note.

**Dr Naomi Lawrence** was invited faculty for sessions on "Reconstructive Surgery Secrets Revealed: Live Demonstrations on Cadaveric Specimens" and "Navigating Procedural Compliance in Hospitals and Surgical Centers." Dr Lawrence also directed a new course this year on "Advanced Reconstruction."

If you missed this year's ASDS, check out Dr Lawrence's "[Live at the ASDS](#)" recaps, recorded at this year's meeting, with Co-Host **Dr Mike Renzi** (Chief Resident 2020-2021 and Mohs Fellow 2021-2022) and **Dr Tara Jennings** (Chief Resident 2022-2023, Mohs Fellow 2023-2024, and current faculty)



## Robert F. Duffy Memorial Lecture in Pediatric Dermatology



We have now established the **Robert F. Duffy Memorial Lecture in Pediatric Dermatology** to honor our late colleague, **Dr Duffy**. We will host [Dr Sheilagh Maguiness](#) from the University of Minnesota as our inaugural speaker at our **February 6, 2026 Philly Derm Society Meeting**. Please join us for the meeting and consider donating in Dr Duffy's memory via the QR code below.

Topic: Philadelphia Dermatological Society Meeting Hosted by Cooper Medical School of Rowan University

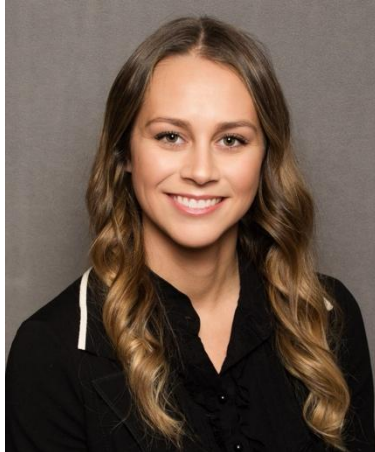
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## Congratulations in the Mohs Fellowship Match!



Congratulations

ACMS American College  
of Mohs Surgery  
Fellowship trained skin cancer  
and reconstructive surgeons

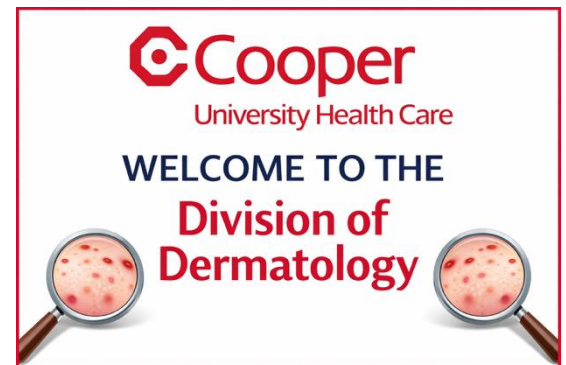


We are proud of our Co-Chief Resident, **Dr Erika Tvedten** (left), on her successful match at Lehigh Valley Health Network, Allentown, PA for a Mohs Fellowship 2026-2027 position.

Dr Lawrence is pleased to welcome **Dr Pooja H. Rambhia** (right) as her 2026-2027 Mohs Fellow. Dr Rambhia completed her dermatology residency at Zucker School of Medicine/Northwell Health and a Cosmetic and Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship in New York where she is currently practicing.

Congrats and good luck to you both!

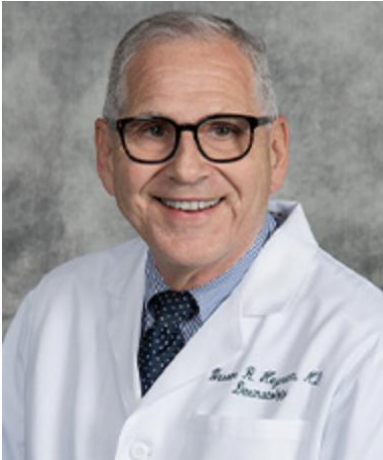
## Welcome to the Division of Dermatology



Our Division welcomed **Alexandra Bardales, PA-C** (left) in July 2025. Alex was born in Peru and moved to the United States at the age of five where she grew up at the Jersey Shore. Alex received her MS in Physician Assistant Studies at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Alex is fluent in Spanish and English and sees patients in Marlton and Hammonton.

Beginning in January 2026, we welcome **Dr Kathleen Coggshall** (right) to the Division. Dr Coggshall is a Philadelphia-area native who completed medical school and residency at UCSF. She is excited to be back in the region she calls home and will be seeing patients in Marlton and Hammonton.

## Dr. Heymann is the new *DermWorld* physician editor



**Dr Warren Heymann** was selected as the next physician editor of *DermWorld*, the official publication for AAD members.

Don't worry, Dr Heymann's *DermWorld Insights and Inquires* column will continue, transitioning to a monthly column in both print and online.

Don't miss his final Holiday Greeting at DWI&I here.

Join Dr Heymann at the *DermWorld* reception Thursday, March 26 at the AAD in Denver, CO.



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# DermWorld

## Faces and Places



**Dr. McMahon** hosts the residents for his annual Resident Holiday Party. Thank you to the McMahon Family for the fun!



## Faculty Spotlight

## Donald Baker, MD



**Hometown:** Cranford, NJ

**Medical School:** University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Camden, NJ

**Internal Medicine Residency:** Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

**Dermatology Residency:** Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

### When did you join Cooper Dermatology?

I first joined Cooper Dermatology in 1995 immediately after finishing my dermatology residency. I started my own office in 1999 and ran that practice for 22 years until I joined Cooper Dermatology again in 2021. I have come full circle.

### What is your favorite thing about Cooper Dermatology?

The people. I really enjoy working with genuinely nice and incredibly talented physicians and staff who have the patients' best interests in mind. Every day, I learn something new from my colleagues and patients.

### Words of advice to current dermatology residents?

Learn as much as you can from as many different people as you can during your residency, and for the rest of your lives. Keep choosing the approaches to patient care that feel right to you and develop your own signature style.

### Words of advice to recent dermatology graduates?

I think the future of medicine will continue to be in ever more collaborative groups of physicians, so I recommend that you always keep searching for your "people" throughout your career. However, it is equally important that you carve out some space for your individual clinical passions within that organization.

### Favorite clinical pearl:

Be kind. True healing begins with kindness. It is sometimes hard in all the chaos and demands placed on us as physicians to remember that the person in front of us needs to leave the office feeling better than when they walked in the door. This is especially true when we are not sure of the diagnosis, prognosis, or best treatment for that patient. At the very least, take a moment to empathize with the patient and let them know you are going to be there for them throughout their journey.

### Hobbies/Interests:

Surfing, wing foiling and all ocean-based activities, as well as hiking, biking, music, concerts, travel, and anything that involves my family and friends.

## Resident Spotlight

## Matthew Taylor, MD



Matt is our current PGY-3 resident.

**Hometown:** Haddon Heights, NJ

**Undergraduate:** The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

**Medical School:** Sidney Kimmel Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

**Internship:** Lankenau Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA



**Why did you choose dermatology?** Outpatient-based, ability to see many patients in a single day, lots of medications/therapies that really help patients get better

**Clinical interests or desired scope of practice:** general medical dermatology

**What is your favorite thing about Cooper Dermatology?** The people! Everyone is so caring, kind, and down to earth. Also, the patients are very appreciative of the care we provide

**Favorite clinical pearl:** Koebnerization to support diagnoses (e.g., psoriasis, lichen planus, lichen nitidus, etc.)

**If you weren't a doctor, what would you be:** On Impractical Jokers or a statistician

**If not in the hospital, where are you/what are you doing:** Watching the Eagles, Phillies, or Sixers with family or friends or at the beach

**Favorite Movie or Show to stream:** The Town

**Favorite Podcast:** Pardon My Take

**Favorite food or restaurant:** I love all types of food, especially sushi



## Departmental Scholarly Activity

### Selected Recent Publications:

Acute Generalized Exanthematous Pustulosis Secondary to Application of Tapinarof Cream. **Vieira C, Jennings T, Hookim K, Manders SM, Introcaso CE.** *Cutis.* 2025 Sep;116(3):E18-E21. doi: 10.12788/cutis.1284. PMID: 41183474.

Artificial intelligence in dermatology: A matter of trust. **Heymann WR.** *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2025 Dec 20:S0190-9622(25)03435-8. doi: 10.1016/j.jaad.2025.12.059. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41429208.

Dermatologic Oncology: The Past 50 Years. **Tvedten E, Jennings T, Alam M, Carr D, Carucci J, Council L, Eisen D, Lawrence N.** *Dermatol Surg.* 2025 Oct 1;51(10):919-929. doi: 10.1097/DSS.0000000000004871. Epub 2025 Sep 11. PMID: 40932133.

Seeking a treatment for recalcitrant plantar warts worth its weight in salt. **Heymann WR.** *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2025 Nov 20:S0190-9622(25)03251-7. doi: 10.1016/j.jaad.2025.11.048. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41274566.

Longitudinal risk of cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma development following PD-1 inhibitor therapy for melanoma: A retrospective TriNetX cohort study. **Nusrat F, Lauck K, Jennings T, Lawrence N.** *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2025 Dec 11:S0190-9622(25)03378-X. doi: 10.1016/j.jaad.2025.12.032. Epub ahead of print. PMID: 41390131.

Welcome to  
**Dermatology World Insights and Inquiries**  
for perspectives on current dermatologic literature



Stay current with  
**Dr Warren Heymann's**  
commentary on new and  
relevant articles and  
topics in the  
dermatologic literature.



Don't miss *The DermSurgery Digest*, a monthly podcast hosted by **Dr Naomi Lawrence** and co-host **Dr Mike Renzi** (Chief Resident 2020-2021 and Mohs Fellow 2021-2022) where you can hear a concise monthly review of journal articles from "*Dermatologic Surgery.*"



## From the Archives



Cooper Derm Alumni at the AAD Annual Meeting, March 2015 (left to right): **Analisa Halpern, Naomi Lawrence, Donald Baker, Warren Heymann, Christian Millet, Pascal Ferzli, Janie Leonhardt, Lindsay Eminger, Steven Manders, Lacy Sommer, Elizabeth Ghazi,** and **Andrew Jaffe.**



*Please send photos you'd like to highlight. We love seeing these blasts from the past!*

## Shared Alumni Database



Since the Program's inception by **Dr. Warren Heymann** in 1995, our Program has aimed to promote and foster competent and compassionate care for patients and instill in our residents a commitment to excellence and life-long learning.

We are proud of you, **our alumni**, for carrying on our mission and the many successes you have achieved along the way.

The goal of the shared database is to help our alumni, faculty, and current trainees to connect to one another for professional opportunities. Please add or edit your information as appropriate.

[Cooper Alumni Shared Database Google Doc](#)

## Important Dates for 2025-2026

Please join us for **Virtual Grand Rounds** for the upcoming academic year. You may use the Zoom Link below. The usual format is 7:45-8:00am Lightning Rounds, 8:00-9:00am in-depth case discussions, and 9:00-10:00am Guest Speaker Lecture. Dr Heymann and the residents present Journal Club 10:00-11:00am.

### Join Zoom Meeting

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Passcode: 769928



### Grand Rounds Dates:

- Jan 8, 2026 - **Dr Stephen Trzeciak**, MD, MPH (Cooper) on Compassionomics
- Feb 5, 2026 - **Dr Robert Kirsner** (U of Miami) on Chronic wounds and wound healing (8am lecture)
- March 5, 2026 - **Dr Anthony Olszanski** (Fox Chase Cancer Center) on Advanced Melanoma (8am lecture)
- April 9, 2026 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture
- May 7, 2026 - **Dr Kyle Lauck** (Cooper) Mohs Micrographic Fellow
- June 4, 2026 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture

### Philadelphia Dermatologic Society Meetings: (Virtual)

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- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - March 20, 2026
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia - April 17, 2026
- The Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University - May 22, 2026

### Other Conferences:

- Derm Foundation Clinical Symposia - Naples, FL - January 28-31, 2026
- **AAD Annual Meeting** - Denver, CO - March 27-31, 2026
  - **SAVE THE DATE:** Please join us for the Annual Alumni Dinner on **Saturday, March 28, 2026** in Denver, CO. Additional details including time and location are forthcoming.



## From the Division Head

Dear friends and colleagues,



Dr. Camille Introcaso

As we turn the calendar to a new year, I want to again thank you for all of your engagement during 2025. Our medical students, residents, and fellow continue to benefit from the strong alumni mentorship and support you have shown.

Specifically, this spring your contributions are helping our senior resident attend a conference and with publication costs for our trainees. As more journals charge publication fees, funds are needed to ensure that we can help our students and residents create scholarly activities that will allow them to grow academically and contribute to excellent patient care.

We wish you a happy new year and look forward to hearing more about you in 2026!

***The Dermatology Education, Research, and Training Fund of the Cooper Foundation now has its own direct link. Click below or scan the QR code:***

***<https://foundation.cooperhealth.org/online-giving-form/dermatology-education-research-training/>***



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