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Dermatology Residency Program



Our mission:

To Serve. To Heal.
To Educate.

 **Cooper**
University Health Care

 **Cooper Medical School**
of Rowan University

Welcome



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The Dermatology Residency Program at Cooper University Hospital and Cooper Medical School of Rowan University is committed to a thorough, well-rounded education in dermatology. Exposure to every facet of the specialty is ensured through the variety of clinical settings provided in Southern New Jersey. Our residents are constantly exposed to complex medical dermatology, pediatric dermatology, and surgical oncology in an urban, underserved setting in Camden, NJ. The general dermatology clinic in Marlton, NJ, provides foundational dermatologic training in a suburban setting, with heavy exposure to cutaneous oncology. In addition, the dermatologic surgery clinic in Marlton allows for exceptional training in surgical and cosmetic dermatology. Residents are exposed to a large volume of cases, complex reconstructions, and a wide array of cosmetic procedures.

The faculty and staff are dedicated to training well-rounded individuals, and are available to interact with and personally advise the residents on a daily basis. Unlike larger programs, our residents enjoy a unique faculty to resident ratio of > 2:1, enhancing the overall educational process. We take pride in the fact that our residents and fellows work closely with the faculty, both in the outpatient clinical setting as well as during in-hospital consultations. Each resident maintains a full complement of active academic pursuits, immersing themselves in clinical research endeavors and peer-reviewed journal writing. Since the inception of the program over 25 years ago, we are proud that our graduates continue a first-time 100 percent pass rate on the board certification exam.

Our nationally regarded team offers comprehensive evaluation and treatment of disorders of the hair, skin, nails, and mucous membranes. The providers are board-certified in general dermatology, pediatric dermatology, and dermatopathology. All faculty are actively engaged in teaching medical students, residents, and fellows, and are prolific contributors to the dermatologic literature. Our doctors are regularly invited to speak at national and international meetings and are fellows of the American Academy of Dermatology, American Society for Dermatologic Surgery, International Society of Dermatology, and Society of Pediatric Dermatology.

In addition to excellent training and mentorship in general dermatology, our practice includes a world-renowned Mohs surgeon on staff who regularly lectures in the fields of dermatologic surgery and cosmetic dermatology. The Chief of our Procedural Dermatology and Mohs Surgery team has also been the president of the American Society of Dermatology Surgery. In addition, we have recently expanded our Mohs program to include a second board-certified and nationally-recognized attending, further adding to our extensive

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faculty and training mentors. Our residents receive extensive training using the latest cosmetic procedures, and we are the only residency training centers in South Jersey to offer hands-on training in the use of narrow band UVB, PUVA, and Excimer laser phototherapy.

We work closely with the MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper coordinating care for our patients with metastatic melanoma, cutaneous lymphomas, and other complex cancers. In addition, we strive to be advocates for the underserved population of Camden and address their health care needs in a compassionate and thoughtful way. We believe that teaching how to address not only the disease, but also the person, with respect to all aspects of care, is the best way to shape our future physicians.

Clinical Settings

General Dermatology Clinic - Camden

Located on the main Health Sciences Campus, this is a resident continuity clinic delivering care to an underserved population. Residents can expect exposure to complex medical dermatology and advanced therapeutics.

General Dermatology Clinic - Marlton

Located in an outpatient, suburban setting, residents can expect significant exposure to cutaneous oncology and medical dermatology.

Dermatologic Surgery Clinic - Marlton

Located in an outpatient, suburban setting, this is both a resident surgery clinic and a resident cosmetic clinic. This is also the location for Mohs Micrographic Surgery.

MD Anderson Cancer Center Clinic - Camden

Located on the main Health Sciences Campus, surgical oncology is performed here in a multidisciplinary setting.

Pediatric Dermatology Clinic - Camden

Located on the Health Sciences Campus, residents can expect exposure to both common and rare pediatric conditions.

Dermatopathology

Faculty is comprised of multiple instructors who trained at prestigious institutions with world-renowned dermatopathologists.

Inpatient Consultation Service

Residents can expect exposure to complex medical dermatology. This is also where you will become comfortable with evaluating and managing drug eruptions, vasculitis, and other acute dermatologic conditions in inpatient pediatric, adult and oncologic patients.

Clinical and Didactic Schedule



Monday

7:30 a.m.

Board Review Session (bimonthly)

8 a.m.

General Dermatology Clinic with Dr. Halpern and Dr. Sommer

Tuesday

7:30 a.m.

Pharmacology Session

8 a.m.

General Dermatology Clinic with Dr. Green; MD Anderson

Cancer Center Clinic with Dr. Decker

4-6 p.m.

Dermatopathology

Wednesday

8 a.m.

Mohs Surgery with Dr. Lawrence

12 p.m.

Dermatologic Surgery Clinic; Cosmetic clinic once monthly

4 p.m.

Dermatologic Surgery Conference

Thursday

8 a.m.

First Week of the Month: Grand Rounds

Second and Fourth Week: Resident-led Didactics
(Bologna, *Review of Dermatology*)

Third Week: Duhring Conference at the University
of Pennsylvania

11 a.m.

General Dermatology Clinic with Dr. Heymann

1 p.m.

Cosmetics Clinic with Dr. Lawrence or Dr. Halpern

5 p.m.

First Week: Journal Club

Friday

7:30 a.m.

Clinical Images Conference

8 a.m.

Pediatric Dermatology Clinic

3 p.m.

Philadelphia Dermatologic Society Meeting (monthly)

Residents receive two half-days a week dedicated to administrative, educational, and research time.

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How to Apply



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The Dermatology Residency Program at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University and Cooper University Hospital participates in the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), and all information is processed through this system without exception.

Information regarding the ERAS application process and timeline is available on the websites listed below.

Association of American Medical Colleges — ERAS for Applicants

www.aamc.org/eras

ERAS applications must contain the following information in order for your application to be considered:

- Common application form
- Curriculum vitae
- Medical school transcript
- Three original letters of recommendation, one of which must be from your current or most recent training director
- Personal statement describing your training goals and future career plans
- ECFMG certification (IMG only)
- USLME reports (1, 2 and 3)

Program Eligibility

Eligibility for the Dermatology Residency Program requires one year of ACGME-accredited training. Individuals accepted for a position in the dermatology program must be a U.S. citizen, classified as a resident alien, or hold a J-1 visa.

The application deadline is October 1.

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The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area



**The expansion project
at Cooper is a direct
reflection of the growth
in services that Cooper
has experienced over
the past several years.**



Cooper University Health Care is the leading academic health system in South Jersey. Since 1887, Cooper has been providing quality health care to the people of Camden County and South Jersey. When it comes to care, Cooper's experts treat minor problems, critical illnesses, and major traumas with the same level of excellence. These experts will train you – the medical professionals of the future – while together as colleagues providing our patients with comprehensive, compassionate care today. It's more than just medicine, it's our mission.

Located across the Delaware River from Philadelphia, Cooper University Health Care has more than 7,500 employees, including more than 1,250 nurses and 630 physicians in more than 75 specialties. As one of the most trusted health systems in the region, Cooper offers patients quality health care from primary care to specialty care in one or more of its premier Institutes and Centers of Excellence. In 2018, Cooper received 28,716 hospital admissions, 80,802 Emergency Department visits, 46,511 visits to our Urgent Care Centers, and more than 1.6 million outpatient visits. Our teams saw 23,110 surgical cases, 3,766 trauma cases, and more than 123,000 combined inpatient and outpatient cancer visits.

Cooper University Hospital is the center of a growing Camden Health Sciences Campus that includes MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper, Sheridan Pavilion at Three Cooper Plaza medical offices, Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU), internationally acclaimed Coriell Institute for Medical Research, and the Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey. Cooper is proud to be a catalyst working to transform our community for the better.

The hospital's 312,000-square-foot, 10-story Roberts Pavilion features technologically advanced operating room suites with hybrid imaging capabilities, an advanced laboratory automation facility, and the 25,000-square-foot Dr. Edward D. Viner Intensive Care Unit—featuring 30 private patient rooms equipped with the latest in advanced technology, and allowing 360-degree patient access. Five patient rooms are capable of negative pressure isolation, and five rooms have chambered isolation alcoves. In addition, an enlarged room with operating room-caliber lighting is outfitted to perform bedside exploratory laparotomy in patients considered too medically unstable for transport to the operating room. We are proud to be the first in the nation to provide advanced surgical trauma training to the United States Army Elite Forward Resuscitation Surgical Team.

As South Jersey's only Level 1 Trauma Center and Level II Pediatric Trauma Center, Cooper provides critically ill patients with life-saving care. Cooper's two medical transport helicopters have 24/7 access to a helipad with the latest lighting, snow-melting capabilities, and automatic drainage to prevent icing. Our recently-expanded Emergency Department includes state-of-the-art exam rooms and an iTrack system to improve the flow of patients through the ED, reducing patient wait times. Additionally, designated floors within the hospital serve specific patient populations, including those needing advanced surgical and heart care, along with South Jersey's only dedicated 30-bed inpatient cancer unit.

The Cooper Campus and Surrounding Area, *continued*



Cooper University Health Care and MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, partnered in 2013 to create MD Anderson Cancer Center at Cooper. Our partnership is a full clinical integration between the two programs. MD Anderson at Cooper physicians adhere to the same philosophy, protocols, and guidelines set by MD Anderson in Houston, and patients receive the same proven practice standards and treatment plans provided at MD Anderson. Today at MD Anderson at Cooper, patients have access to more clinical trials for more types of cancer than ever before, as well as a full range of supportive care services. Additionally, Cooper's Center for Special Diagnostics, located in our Education and Research Building, includes molecular pathology, flow cytometry, and cytogenetics, enhancing Cooper's ability to provide genomic testing for cancer patients at Cooper.

CMSRU's Medical Education Building is located on the Cooper Health Sciences Campus on South Broadway, between Benson and Washington Streets. The medical school, which opened in July 2012, was designed to support an innovative curriculum that integrates knowledge of basic science concepts, early clinical experience and patient care, self-directed learning, teamwork, and medical and non-medical activities for the greater community's benefit. It was featured in U.S. News and World Report's ranking of the 10 U.S. medical schools with the lowest acceptance rates in fall 2018. It received 6,708 applications and admitted only 203 students, for an acceptance rate of 3%. In 2019, 100% of medical students matched with a residency program.

The Cooper Health Sciences Campus is located in the heart of Camden's business district. The academic medical center campus is easily accessible by car or public transportation via the PATCO and bus terminal adjacent to the hospital. Public transportation options offer convenient access to Philadelphia's cultural, culinary, and historic venues, as well as a range of living and entertainment options in South Jersey, including walkable communities such as Haddonfield and Collingswood.

Cooper is a short walk or drive from the exciting Camden waterfront, which includes a magnificent waterfront park and marina; the Adventure Aquarium; and the BB&T Pavilion, which hosts nationally renowned entertainment throughout the year. Nearby are the 76ers Training Complex, L3 Communications complex, Rutgers University Camden Campus, Rowan University, and Camden County College. There are expected to be \$350M in transportation and infrastructure improvements within the next four to five years to handle the influx of thousands of new employees to the area and students at nearby growing academic campuses.

Cooper is proud to be part of the transformation of our community. Employment in the city of Camden has increased 24.7% in the past few years, with 55.4% of those jobs in the health care and education sectors. And our neighborhoods are safer: the crime rate is at a 50-year low, thanks to an aggressive community policing program.

Cooper University Health Care is growing and changing lives. We invite you to be part of our mission: To serve. To heal. To educate.

Cooper Camden Campus Map



The most up-to-date directions to Cooper University Hospital are available at:
CooperHealth.org/Locations

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