

**RHEUMATOLOGIC DERMATOLOGY SOCIETY
ANNUAL MEETING**

Convene Willis Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

OCTOBER 25, 2025

7:30 – 8:30 AM

Breakfast & Registration

SESSION I:

ADVANCED THERAPEUTICS IN CHILD-BEARING WOMEN AND PREGNANCY

Chair: Avery LaChance, MD, MPH

Director, Connective Tissue Diseases Clinic

Director, Health Policy and Advocacy

Associate Professor of Dermatology, Harvard Medical School

Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

8:30 – 8:40 AM

Kathryn Rentfro, MD

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

**Anifrolumab Use in Pregnancy: Maternal and Neonatal
Outcomes in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Patients**

8:40 – 8:55 AM

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Nicole Smith, MD, MPH

Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, Brigham and Women's
Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

**Risks of treatment against risks of flare: caring for the pregnant
and postpartum patient with autoimmune skin disease**

8:55 – 9:10 AM

Q&A

SESSION II: SCLEROSING AND OTHER CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISEASES

Chair: Andrea Dale Maderal, MD

Associate Professor of Clinical Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery
Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

9:10 – 9:15 AM

Bianca Ituarte, MD

Department of Dermatology, University of Nebraska Medical
Center; Omaha, NE

**Laser-Assisted Drug Delivery of Hyaluronidase for the
Treatment of Scleroderma-Induced Microstomia**

9:15 – 9:25 AM

William Crisler, Ph.D.

Instructor, Department of Dermatology, Brigham & Women's
Hospital, Harvard Medical School

**Single-Cell and Spatial Profiling Analysis Implicates Resident
Memory T Cells and TREM2+ Macrophages as Drivers of Skin
Fibrosis**

9:25 – 9:35 AM

Abhinav Vempati, BS

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

**The Role of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in the Evaluation of
Disease Progression in Eosinophilic Fasciitis: A Retrospective
Cohort Study**

9:35 – 9:40 AM

Seyed Mohammad Vahabi, MD

Department of Dermatology, Razi Hospital, Tehran University of
Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran

**Use of the Oral JAK Inhibitor Tofacitinib in the Treatment of
Morphea: A Retrospective Study**

9:40 – 9:45 AM

Nikki Zangenah, BA

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

**Efficacy of Janus Kinase Inhibitors in Morphea and
Eosinophilic Fasciitis: A Retrospective Cohort Study**

9:45 – 9:55 AM

Maria Vazquez-Machado, BS

Ponce Health Sciences University, School of Medicine, Ponce, PR
MRI Patterns and Neurologic Manifestations in Adult En Coup de Sabre: Insights from the Largest Reported Cohort

9:55 – 10:00 AM

Maureen Whittelsey, BS

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

Digital Intradermal Hyaluronidase Injections for Sclerodactyly in Systemic Sclerosis: Investigating a Novel Approach to Restoring Digital Mobility

10:00 – 10:30 AM

Refreshment Break

Poster Presentations & Industry Meetings

SESSION III: LUPUS ERYTHEMATOSUS

Chair: Christopher Richardson, MD, PhD

Associate Professor

Department of Dermatology and Division of AIR

UR Medicine, Rochester, NY

10:30 – 10:40 AM

Victoria Werth, MD

Department of Dermatology-School of Medicine, University of
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Corporal Michael J. Crescenzi Veterans Affairs Medical Center,
Philadelphia, PA

Efficacy and Safety of First-in-Class Oral Small Molecule Toll-Like Receptor 7/8 Inhibitor Enpatoran in Patients with Lupus Erythematosus and Active Cutaneous Manifestations: Results of the Phase II WILLOW Study

10:40 – 10:50 AM

François Lagacé, MD

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Modulation of Type I Interferon Signaling by Anifrolumab

Alters the Spatial Immune Landscape in Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus and Dermatomyositis

10:50 – 10:55 AM

Dr. Lopes Almeida Gomes, MD

Department of Dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Prevalence of Antiphospholipid Antibodies in Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus With and Without Systemic Disease

10:55 – 11:05 AM

Emily Baker, BS

Department of Dermatology, Yale School of Medicine, New
Haven, CT

Unbiased Identification and Validation of RNA Markers for Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus

11:05 – 11:15 AM

Leila Shayegan, MD

Division of Dermatology, Lahey Clinic, Boston, MA

Division of Immunology, Boston Children's Hospital

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

Concomitant Intravenous Immunoglobulin and Anifrolumab in Lupus and Dermatomyositis Patients: Real-World Data from a Retrospective Cohort Study

11:15 – 11:20 AM

Curtis Liu, BA

Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern
Medical Center, Dallas, TX

Outcomes in Disease Activity Improve Up to Two Years of Standard-of-Care Treatment in Patients with Active Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus

11:20 – 11:25 AM

Elizabeth Rainone, BA

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

Department of Dermatology, The Medical University of South
Carolina, Charleston, SC

Zoster Risk and Vaccination Status in Lupus and

**Dermatomyositis Patients on Anifrolumab: Real-World Data
from a Retrospective Cohort Study**

11:25 – 11:30 AM

Peyton V. Warp, BS

Dr. Phillip Frost Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous
Surgery, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami,
FL

**Aryl Hydrocarbon Receptor Expression in Cutaneous Lupus: A
Clinicopathologic Correlation**

11:30 – 11:40 AM

Joseph F. Merola, MD, MMSc

Department of Dermatology, UT Southwestern Medical Center,
Dallas, TX

Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, UT
Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, TX

**Effect of Litifilimab on Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus
Disease Area and Severity Index–Activity (CLASI-A)
Subcomponents and Physician Global Assessment–Skin (PGA–
Skin) in a Phase 2 Study**

11:40 – 11:45 AM

Grace Lu, BA

Department of Dermatology, University of Texas Southwestern
Medical Center, Dallas, TX

**Baseline CLE Disease Activity Influences the Patient
Perspective of Clinically Meaningful Improvement**

11:45 – 12:00 PM

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Eric Morand, PhD

Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor, Dean of the Sub Faculty
of Clinical & Molecular Med, Centre for Inflammatory Disease
Monash Health

**TRM-SLE: Development of a new primary outcome measure for
SLE trials**

Keynote Moderator: Benjamin Chong, MD, Professor in
Dermatology, Anita C. Gilliam MD, PhD Professorship in
Dermatology, UT Southwestern Medical Center

12:00 – 12:10 PM

Q&A

12:10 – 1:10 PM

Lunch & Networking
Visit Industry Tables and Posters

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SESSION IV: DERMATOMYOSITIS

Chair: Matthew Helm, MD

Assistant Professor

Penn State Health

1:10 – 1:25 PM

KEYNOTE LECTURE

Ruth Ann Vleugels, MD, MPH, MBA

Heidi and Scott C. Schuster Distinguished Chair in Dermatology
Program Director, Dermatology-Rheumatology Fellowship
Program

Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

**Efficacy and Safety of Brepocitinib in Patients with Active
Dermatomyositis: Results from a Randomized, Double-Blind,
Multicenter, Placebo-Controlled, Phase III (VALOR) Trial**

Keynote Moderator: Galen Foulke, MD, Associate Professor,
Penn State Health, Hershey, PA

1:25 – 1:35 PM

Q&A

1:35 – 1:45 PM

Aaron Mangold, MD

Department of Dermatology, Mayo Clinic, Phoenix, AZ

**Rapid Improvement in Skin-Predominant Dermatomyositis
with Brepocitinib: Clinical and Molecular Results from a Phase
2 Clinical Trial**

1:45 – 1:55 PM

Janis Chang, MD

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

**Transcriptional Profiling Reveals JAK/STAT-Dependent
Inflammation in Dermatomyositis and Adaptive Immune Bias
in Lupus**

1:55 – 2:00 PM

Sach Thakker, BS

Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC

Longitudinal Cardiovascular Outcomes in Dermatomyositis: A Propensity-Matched TriNetX Cohort Study

2:00 – 2:10 PM

Mohammad Zain Ul-Abideen, BS

Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

Assessing Cancer Risk Beyond the High-Risk Window in Dermatomyositis Patients

2:10 – 2:20 PM

Josh Prenner, MD

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Venous Thromboembolic Risk of Combination Therapy with IVIG and JAK Inhibitors in Dermatomyositis: A Retrospective Study

2:20 – 2:30 PM

Rachael Edwards, BS

Penn State Hershey College of Medicine, Department of Dermatology, Hershey, PA

Comparisons Between Adult and Juvenile DM Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cell Gene Expression May Identify Cancer-Associated Gene Signatures

2:30 – 2:35 PM

Nadean Alnajjar, BS

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Division of Rheumatology, Inflammation, and Immunity, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Evaluation of GLP1-Receptor Agonist Use in Patients with Idiopathic Inflammatory Myopathies: A Retrospective Analysis

2:35 – 2:45 PM

Cassie Parks, BA

Department of Dermatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Division of Rheumatology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, USA

Spatial Transcriptomic Analysis of Calcinosis Cutis in

**Dermatomyositis Uncovers Disease-Associated Pathways
Involving IL-6, Tissue Remodeling, and Osteopontin**

2:45 – 2:50 PM

Lujia Song, MSc

Bioinformatics and Genomics PhD Program; Pennsylvania State
University College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

**An Initial Genome-Wide Association Analysis of
Dermatomyositis in ~2.1 Million Individuals from the
Dermatomyositis Genetics Consortium (DMGC)**

2:50 – 2:55 PM

Ahmed Eldaboush, MD

Department of Dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine at the
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**The Effects of Hydroxychloroquine and Quinacrine on cGAS–
STING, RIG-I/MDA5, TLR4, and NLRP3 Inflammasome
Activation in Dermatomyositis Cell Types**

2:55 – 3:00 PM

Michael Martinez, MD

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Boston, MA

**Obinutuzumab as an Emerging Therapy in Connective Tissue
Disease: A Retrospective Cohort Study**

3:00 – 3:30 PM

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SESSION V: MISCELLANEOUS & CLINICAL CASES OF THE YEAR

Chair: Jeff R Gehlhausen, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor in Dermatology

Yale School of Medicine, New Haven, CT

3:30 – 3:35 PM

Zasca-Aisha Ristianto, BS

New York University Grossman School of Medicine, New York,
NY

Characterizing Pernio: Clinical Features, Workup, and Outcomes in a Large U.S. Cohort

3:35 – 3:40 PM

Patrick Fazeli, Sc.M.

Division of Biology and Medicine at Brown University,
Providence, RI

JAK Inhibitors for Treatment of SAPHO Syndrome: A Systematic Review of 72 Cases

3:40 – 3:45 PM

Arjun Mahajan, MS

Department of Dermatology, Brigham and Women's Hospital,
Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Point-of-Care Risk Factors for Systemic Disease in Patients Presenting with Small Vessel Vasculitis of the Skin

3:45 – 3:50 PM

Mackenzie Martin, BA

New York University Grossman School of Medicine, New York,
NY

Anti-MDA5-Like Ulcerated Gottron's Papules in Anti-NXP2 Dermatomyositis

3:50 – 3:55 PM

Christina Tolete, BS

The George Washington University School of Medicine and
Health Sciences, Washington, DC

Successful Treatment of Recalcitrant Amyopathic Dermatomyositis with Deucravacitinib in Addition to Intravenous Immunoglobulin

3:55 – 4:00 PM

Michelle Huynh, BS

The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Zilucoplan-Induced Morphea Successfully Treated with Methotrexate and UVA1 Phototherapy

4:00 – 4:05 PM

Adarsh Shidhaye, BS

University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville,
Greenville, South Carolina USA

Recurrent Pulmonary Cavitory Infiltrates and New Painful

**Ulcerative Lesion: Pyoderma Gangrenosum Presenting with
Pulmonary Manifestations**

4:05 – 4:10 PM

Alexa Kassels, BS

University of California, Irvine, Department of Dermatology,
Irvine, CA

**Non-Uremic Calciphylaxis of the Lower Legs Associated with
Futibatinib, a Novel FGFR Inhibitor**

4:10 – 4:15 PM

Sweta Subhadarshani, MD, MBBS, FAAD, MRCP (SCE)

Director, Autoimmune Disease

Assistant Professor, Dermatology and Cutaneous Biology

Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA

**Don't Get Vexed: Critical Role of Dermatologists in Diagnosis
of VEXAS Syndrome**

4:15 – 4:30 PM

Q&A and Case Discussion

4:30 – 4:40 PM

RDS Business Meeting

Michelle Min, MD, MSci

RDS Secretary/Treasurer

Associate Professor of Dermatology

University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine

4:40 – 5:45 PM

RDS Reception & Networking Event

All attendees welcome!