Pride, Prose Educate Residents During Peds Derm Lectureship Visits

Two past SPD Presidents — Dr. Howard Pride (Geisinger Health Systems) and Dr. Neil Prose (Duke University) — served as the first Nancy Esterly Pediatric Dermatology Visiting lecturers and completed successful visits this Fall. The Visiting Lectureship Program was established to encourage those dermatology residency programs without access to an expert in pediatric dermatology to benefit from a two-day visit from a pediatric dermatologist.

Dr. Pride met with students and faculty at Drexel University in Philadelphia this past November. The first day featured patient viewing with opportunities for open discussion as well as time for more formal didactic teaching before proceeding to informal education during routine clinic hours. The evening was capped by a talk at the prestigious College of Physicians. Day two was spent with pediatricians at St. Christopher’s Children’s Hospital with grand rounds, clinic observation, and noon conference.

“The Nancy Esterly Lectureship sheds a very positive light on our Society and the specialty of pediatric dermatology, and the two days were very well-received by the audience and a great deal of fun for me.” Dr. Pride stated.

Dr. Kristen Hudacek, Drexel’s chief resident, indicated that the highlight of Dr. Pride’s visit was an evening lecture entitled “What’s New in Pediatric Dermatology” which was delivered to the Philadelphia dermatological community at the College of Physicians. She noted that the lectureship provided valuable lessons that will serve the residents throughout their careers.

“Dr. Pride’s visit taught me many clinical pearls that I will use when seeing pediatric patients. Most importantly, he reminded me that when you are treating children, you are not just taking care of them but also their parents and family,” said another Drexel resident.

Similarly, Neil Prose’s visit to Southern Illinois University in early October proved to be a great experience for “teacher and pupils.” He led a unique two-hour seminar on empathic doctor-patient communication where residents were asked to identify the conversations in dermatology that they find most difficult. Dr. Prose discussed essential communication skills, and, at the end of the seminar, the residents were given the opportunity to re-enact and improve the difficult conversations by interviewing a patient.

Later that evening, pediatric patients were presented and discussed at community grand rounds, and Dr. Prose concluded the day by offering lectures on “Clinical Pearls in Pediatric Dermatology” and “The Role of Curiosity in Medical Decision Making.” He concluded his visit the next morning by speaking at pediatric grand rounds and gave a final lecture on “Pediatric Dermatology: A Practical Approach to Diagnosis and Treatment.”

Dr. Lucinda Buescher, Division Chief and Residency Program Director at Southern Illinois University praised Dr. Prose’s visit. “We were grateful recipients of his vast knowledge in the sub-specialty and his passion for effective communication and professionalism. He is an extraordinary representative of this lectureship.”

The SPD thanks Drs. Pride and Prose for their efforts.

To learn more about the Nancy Esterly program or to request an application, please visit: www.pedsderm.net/sections/VisitingLectureship.php or contact the SPD directly.