



THE SOCIETY FOR  
**pediatric  
dermatology** SINCE 1975



YOUR **CAREER  
STARTS  
HERE**



**PEDSDERM.NET**

# WHAT DOES A PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST DO?

**A pediatric dermatologist cares for children – newborns through adolescents – with skin, hair, and nail disorders.**

Pediatric dermatologists treat children in the outpatient clinic setting as well as care for hospitalized patients. They practice in a variety of medical settings, including children's hospitals, university medical centers, community hospitals, and private practices. Many practitioners perform surgical procedures such as laser therapy and cutaneous surgery.



## WHY SHOULD I BECOME A PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST?

If you enjoy caring for children of all age groups, are interested in specializing in a pediatric field, enjoy the visual aspect of medicine, prefer mainly outpatient clinic work, enjoy teaching, are facile at performing procedures, are intrigued by the variety of cutaneous findings that may signify underlying medical disorders, and wish to enjoy a healthy work-life balance, then pediatric dermatology may be the career for you!



**DID YOU KNOW ALMOST  
1 OUT OF 3 PEDIATRIC VISITS  
TYPICALLY INVOLVE A SKIN ISSUE?**

The important need for pediatric dermatology is evident in extended wait times for an appointment and the growing demand for practitioners.

More physicians are also needed to accelerate research into the conditions affecting many infants and children into adulthood, from eczema to psoriasis and acne to a multitude of rare diseases.

# HOW TO BECOME A PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGIST

There are many childhood skin disorders that are not seen in adults or present differently in children. A pediatric dermatologist's expertise is in their knowledge of normal growth and development of a child and when to worry. Through specialized fellowship training and subsequent pediatric dermatology board certification, pediatric dermatologists gain experience in the correct diagnosis and management of pediatric skin diseases, including proper medication management.

## PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGISTS ARE MEDICAL DOCTORS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING STEPS

### ● 3-YEAR DERMATOLOGY RESIDENCY

Residents train at ACGME-accredited dermatology residency programs. At least 1 year of post-graduate training is required before starting the dermatology residency (i.e., at least 1 year in medicine, pediatrics, transitional, etc.).

### ● PASS A CERTIFICATION EXAM IN GENERAL DERMATOLOGY

The American Board of Dermatology (ABD) offers a certification exam for dermatology residents in July of the year their residency concludes.

### ● 1-YEAR FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship must be completed within an ACGME-accredited pediatric dermatology fellowship program in the U.S.

### ★ PASS A CERTIFYING EXAM IN PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY

Certification in general dermatology is required prior to sitting for this exam. Successful completion of a fellowship and the exam provides full board certification in pediatric dermatology. Candidates remain eligible for certification in pediatric dermatology for 5 years after completion of their fellowship.

A dermatology residency track with pediatric dermatology focus is available for board certified/eligible pediatricians. This track prepares trainees for board certification in general dermatology. Successful completion of a fellowship and the exam provides full certification in pediatric dermatology.

“

Pediatric dermatology offers many opportunities to engage in meaningful patient care, teach, advance knowledge through cutting-edge research, volunteer for service projects, and assume leadership roles to help our field progress. Taking care of the most vulnerable patient population, children, is a pleasure and a privilege. What a joy it is to embark on a journey with a patient and their family and make personal connections over the years. Children have such resilience; I grow personally and professionally from their strength and unyielding capacity for positivity, especially among those whose skin condition is visible but they never let that stop them!

Pediatric dermatology attracts the best and brightest physicians. Their compassion for circumstances of children with skin disease is endless, and their mentorship has made peds derm a globally recognized and critical subspecialty of dermatology. Each day I am inspired by the brilliance and humility of my colleagues and collaborators, and am motivated by our patients who put their faith in us and our communities who rely on us.

”

## KELLY CORDORO, MD

### **PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY & PEDIATRICS**

Chief & Fellowship Director, Pediatric Dermatology

McCalmont Family Endowed Professor in  
Pediatric Dermatology

University of California, San Francisco





## WHAT SKIN CONDITIONS ARE DIAGNOSED & TREATED BY PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGISTS?

ACNE

ALOPECIA AREATA

ATOPIC DERMATITIS (ECZEMA)

COMPLEX VASCULAR ANOMALIES

CONTACT DERMATITIS

DIAPER CARE

ECTODERMAL DYSPLASIA

EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA

GENODERMATOSES

HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA

HIVES (URTICARIA)

HYPERHIDROSIS

ICHTHYOSES

INFANTILE HEMANGIOMAS

JUVENILE PITYRIASIS RUBRA PILARIS

MASTOCYTOSIS

MOLES & MELANOMA

MOLLUSCUM

MORPHEA

NEVUS SEBACEUS

PAPULAR URTICARIA

PEDIATRIC SKIN CANCER

PERIORAL DERMATITIS

PILOMATRICOMA (CYSTS)

PITYRIASIS LICHENOIDES

PORT-WINE STAINS

PSORIASIS

PYOGENIC GRANULOMA

RARE GENODERMATOSES

SCABIES

SKIN INFECTIONS

SPITZ NEVUS

TINEA INFECTIONS

VITILIGO

WARTS



# COMPENSATION & LIFESTYLE

Pediatric dermatology delivers on many of the key values postgrads search for as a challenging field with significant room for growth and research. Compensation depends on the level of experience of the individual practitioner and their productivity, such as the number of patients seen and procedures performed. Salaries vary depending on geographic location but are similar to ranges of other pediatric subspecialists.

**\$432,323**  
AVERAGE TOTAL COMPENSATION (N=171)

**\$400,599**  
MEDIAN TOTAL COMPENSATION IN THE FIELD (N=171)

**\$63.53**  
AVERAGE CLINICAL COMPENSATION PER WRVU (N=98)

### MEDIAN BY ACADEMIC RANK

PROFESSOR (N=37)	\$441,386	INCREASE FROM 2020 +12%
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (N=43)	\$400,000	INCREASE FROM 2020 +14%
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (N=38)	\$364,780	INCREASE FROM 2020 +24%

**\$318,572** AVERAGE NEW HIRE STARTING SALARY (N=22)

### MEDIAN BY OWNERSHIP ENTITY

ALL PHYSICIANS (N=171)	\$400,599
PRIVATE PRACTICE (N=8)	\$420,412
FOUNDATION (N=8)	\$409,500
HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM (N=11)	\$400,599
INDEPENDENT MEDICAL GROUP (N=17)	\$450,000
ACADEMIC HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM/UNIVERSITY/FPP (N=123)	\$400,000

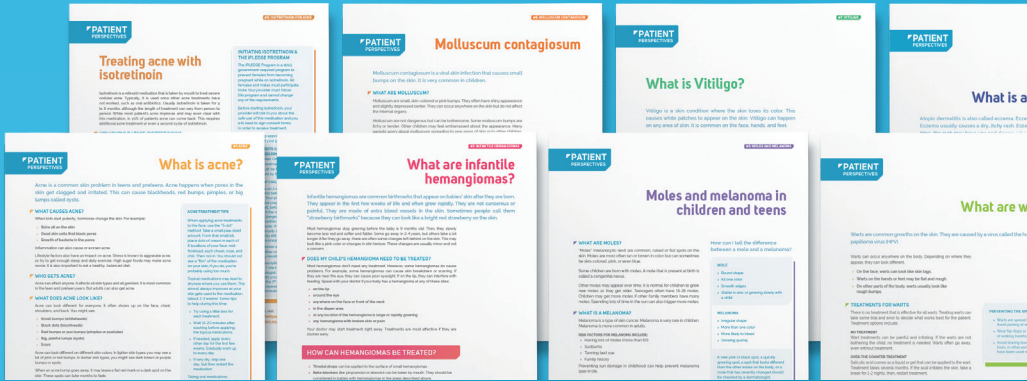
Source: 2025 Pediatric Dermatology Physician Compensation Report

A very small and specialized field, pediatric dermatology has cultivated a tight-knit group of professionals with a constant stream of circulating information. Not to mention the rewarding feeling of helping children and establishing relationships with patients is unlike many other specialties.

Lifestyles vary on whether you work part time or full time, in a group or solo, or if you are in academics or private practice. Pediatric dermatologists usually don't have to spend the night in the hospital; however, they may be called emergently to evaluate a rash in an ill patient in the emergency room or inpatient hospital setting. Peds derms usually see a high volume of patients in the outpatient setting. If practicing in a university/academic setting, they may also be involved in clinical research and teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows.

# PATIENT PERSPECTIVES

The SPD has created a series of more than 60 informative handouts on common skin conditions seen in children and teens called Patient Perspectives.



# FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

The Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship Match is open to U.S. and Canada-based residents who are board-certified or board-eligible in dermatology. The match opens April 1, 2026 for positions that will begin in July 2027. Applicants are encouraged to visit individual program websites for more details and deadlines. A list of ACGME-accredited pediatric dermatology fellowship programs can be accessed on the ACGME website and via the SPD website.

SPD will offer a networking reception the day prior to the 2026 American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting where residents can talk directly with fellowship directors and division heads about their programs.

# THERE ARE **36** APPROVED PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS IN THE U.S.

Baylor College of Medicine

Boston Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Emory University School of Medicine

George Washington University  
School of Medicine

Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Indiana University School of Medicine

Mass General Brigham/  
Massachusetts General Hospital

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine  
and Science (Rochester)

Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science/  
Phoenix Children's Hospital (Phoenix)

McGaw Medical Center of  
Northwestern University

Medical College of Wisconsin  
Affiliated Hospitals

Medical University of South Carolina

New York Presbyterian Hospital  
(Columbia Campus)

NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Ohio State University Hospital

Oregon Health & Science  
University (OHSU Health)

Stanford Health Care-Sponsored  
Stanford University

SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University

UCLA David Geffen School of  
Medicine/UCLA Medical Center

UMass Chan Medical School

University of California (San  
Diego) Medical Center

University of California (San Francisco)

University of Cincinnati Medical  
Center/College of Medicine

University of Colorado

University of Kansas School of Medicine

University of Michigan

University of Minnesota

University of Nebraska Medical  
Center College of Medicine

University of North Carolina Hospitals

University of Utah Health

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

Washington University/B-JH/  
SLCH Consortium

Yale-New Haven Medical Center

## LEARN MORE AT

<https://pedderm.net/training/fellowships/acgme-approved-pediatric-dermatology-fellowship-programs/>

## MENTORSHIP, MEDICAL STUDENT, and UNDERREPRESENTED IN MEDICINE (URiM) MENTORSHIP AWARDS

Award recipients visit with a pediatric dermatology “mentor” for a short period of specialized training (2-4 weeks) that focuses on developing a particular expertise that isn’t offered at the trainee’s home institution. This experience also helps cultivate relationships between established peds derms and residents/fellows/junior faculty who choose to pursue a career in this field.

### RECENTLY SELECTED MENTORSHIP PROJECTS FOCUSED ON:

- Epidermolysis Bullosa and Genetics
- Hidradenitis Suppurativa
- Medically Complex Pediatric Dermatology
- Multilingual Care in Pediatric Dermatology
- Oncodermatology
- Rowell’s Syndrome in Pediatrics
- Vascular Anomalies

## NANCY ESTERLY PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY VISITING LECTURESHIP

Three lectureships are offered annually to support a 1-to-2-day visit from a selected pediatric dermatologist to enhance residency/faculty education in the pediatric dermatology specialty. Eligible programs include ACGME-approved dermatology residency programs in the U.S. or programs accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

**MENTORSHIP AWARDS AND LECTURESHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MAY 1.**

Learn more at <https://pedsderm.net/grants-awards/>

“

Training future pediatric dermatologists is vital to our specialty. In addition, providing our patients with outstanding educational materials, and our providers with continuing education and mentorship, will help all of us improve the pediatric dermatologic care of children.

”

**JAMES TREAT, MD**

**SPD VP OF EDUCATION & CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

## MEETING TRAVEL AWARDS

\$1,000 awards are available on a competitive basis to trainees who present Cases of the Year or posters at SPD meetings. This is open to SPD member residents, fellows, or medical students to encourage participation among trainees interested in pediatric dermatology. Apply at the time of poster/case submission.



# ABOUT THE SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY

SPD was established in 1975 and currently has over 2,000 members worldwide. It is the only organization in the U.S. specifically dedicated to the field of pediatric dermatology. Our mission is to advance the specialty through education and research, to develop new means of treatment, and to advocate in support of pediatric patients with skin, hair, and nail disorders.



**spd**  
SINCE 1975



# SPD MEMBERSHIP

## BECOME A MEMBER

Residents, fellows, and medical students can join the SPD at no cost!  
Learn more at <https://pedsderm.net/about/membership-types/>

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Having a professional affiliation with SPD ensures you stay current on the latest developments in pediatric dermatology.

- **Online subscription (6 issues per year) to *Pediatric Dermatology***, SPD's official journal, which features the latest cutting-edge research in the field.
- **Subscription (4 issues per year) to the *PediDerm Pulse Newsletter***, which provides short synopses of current pediatric literature from a number of high-impact journals plus important news about the association and field.
- **Access to Forum & Member Directory**, which is an important resource where members discuss cases with their peers to help determine diagnosis and treatment options for patients. Members get a daily digest of cases being discussed via email.
- **Access to Research Funding Opportunities, Grants, Awards, and Other Valuable Resources**

# UPCOMING MEETINGS

**38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL PRE-AAD MEETING** 📍 Denver, CO | March 26, 2026

**51<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL MEETING** 📍 Minneapolis, MN | July 22-25, 2026