



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.

MEDIAN BY OWNERSHIP ENTITY

INDEPENDENT MEDICAL GROUP	\$495,833
HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM	\$440,000
FOUNDATION	\$391,250
ALL PHYSICIANS	\$335,395
ACADEMIC HOSPITAL/ HEALTH SYSTEM/ UNIVERSITY/FPP	\$303,117
PRIVATE PRACTICE	\$300,000

MEDIAN BY ACADEMIC RANK

PROFESSOR	\$388,525	INCREASE FROM 2014 +17%
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	\$345,000	INCREASE FROM 2014 +21%
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	\$278,493	INCREASE FROM 2014 +7%

\$285,610
AVERAGE SALARY FOR FULL-TIME NEW HIRES

\$335,395
MEDIAN TOTAL COMPENSATION IN THE FIELD

\$66.24
AVERAGE CLINICAL COMPENSATION PER WRVU

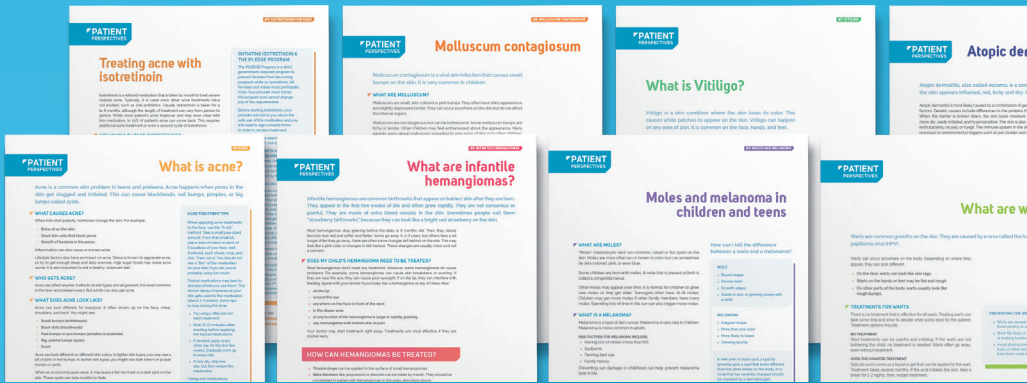
Source: 2020 Pediatric Dermatology Physician Compensation Report

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 SPD has established a formal match program to coordinate the processing, distribution, and review of applicants for post-graduate pediatric dermatology training programs. The Pediatric Dermatology Fellowship Match is open to U.S. and Canadian-based residents who are board-certified or board-eligible in dermatology. Applicants are encouraged to visit individual program websites for application 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 offers a networking reception at each American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting where residents can talk directly with fellowship directors and division heads about their programs.

THERE ARE **35** 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

Duke University Hospital

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 Program

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 North Carolina Hospitals

University of Utah Health

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics

Yale-New Haven Medical Center

LEARN MORE AT

<https://pedsderm.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:

- Hyperhidrosis and Common Warts
- Pediatric Patch Testing/Dermatitis
- Inpatient Pediatric Dermatology
- PHACE Syndrome

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. ACGME-approved dermatology residency programs in the U.S. or programs accredited by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada are eligible to submit applications for this program.

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

37TH ANNUAL PRE-AAD MEETING 📍 Orlando, FL | March 6, 2025

50TH ANNUAL MEETING 📍 Seattle, WA | July 23-26, 2025