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**dermatology**

**50th Anniversary: 1975 – 2025**

**A History of Community, Camaraderie, and Caring for Children**

# 50 Years of the Society for Pediatric Dermatology:

## A Narrative History of Community, Camaraderie and Caring for Children

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From its informal beginnings among a few passionate physicians to becoming a robust organization, the Society for Pediatric Dermatology has always focused on its primary mission: advancing the care of children with skin disease through education, research, and collaboration. Rooted in mentorship, driven by innovation, and buoyed by community, the SPD stands as a testament to what can be built when shared passion meets enduring purpose.

### The First 30 Years: 1975 - 2005

In October 1973, the global stage of pediatric dermatology was forever changed when Mexico City hosted the first International Congress of Pediatric Dermatology, under the leadership of Ramon Ruiz-Maldonado. This meeting not only brought together leading minds in the field but also formally launched the International Society of Pediatric Dermatology, creating a global framework to advance the care of children with skin diseases. While Japan and the United Kingdom already had national societies dedicated to pediatric dermatology, this event laid the groundwork for more structured collaboration and advocacy across borders.

Just a year later, the momentum from Mexico carried into the United States. At the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) Annual Meeting in Chicago, a group of dedicated physicians began planning a national society to support and expand the practice of pediatric dermatology.

The idea quickly took root. In early 1975, Alvin Jacobs and 27 physicians gathered in Dallas, Texas, in a meeting hosted by Coleman Jacobson, and committed themselves to founding what would soon become the Society for Pediatric Dermatology (SPD). Among these early pioneers were leaders whose contributions would shape the specialty for decades, including Sidney Hurwitz, Arthur Norins, James Rasmussen, Nancy Esterly, Lawrence Solomon, Samuel Weinberg, William Weston, Carroll Burgoon, Guinter Kahn, and Peter Koblenzer.

On January 5, 1976, the Society was officially born, with 41 charter members. That summer, in July 1976, SPD held its first scientific meeting at the Given Institute of Pathobiology in Aspen, Colorado. It featured standout sessions such as Loren Golitz's "Clinicopathologic Conference", Samuel Weinberg's "Case of the Year", and a dynamic "Therapeutic Hotline" moderated by Alvin Jacobs. At the helm of the Society were Jacobs as President, Sid Hurwitz and Sam Weinberg as Vice Presidents, William Weston as Secretary-Treasurer, and Nancy Esterly and Mike Jarratt as Members at Large.



Before the digital age, information-sharing was an analog endeavor. The SPD's main communications channel in its infancy was its Newsletter, edited by James Rasmussen, which included reviews of the latest literature—painstakingly compiled through hours of library research and journal scanning.

Throughout the 1980s, the Society's identity continued to evolve. Summer Annual Meetings benefited greatly from members bringing families and enjoy the unique locations and camaraderie. One of the most beloved educational traditions emerged during this time: "Cases in Search of a Diagnosis." Long before the era of email and digital imaging, clinicians would bring Kodachrome slides to share puzzling cases with peers, nurturing a spirit of collaboration and clinical curiosity.

A landmark moment came in 1983 with the launch of *Pediatric Dermatology*, the Society's peer-reviewed journal, co-edited by Nancy Esterly and Larry Solomon. That same year, the European Society of Pediatric Dermatology was founded, signaling the specialty's growth on a global scale.

The SPD quickly became a conduit for international exchange. In 1984, it established the Sidney Hurwitz Lectureship, honoring international authorities in the field. The inaugural lecture in 1985 was delivered by Tomisaku Kawasaki, famed for describing Kawasaki disease.

In 1986, pediatric dermatology achieved new institutional recognition. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) created a Section on Pediatric Dermatology, and that same year, Nancy Esterly mentored Adelaide Hebert in the first dedicated fellowship in pediatric dermatology.

In 1988, the SPD honored its founding spirit by establishing the Alvin Jacobs Award, celebrating individuals who made lifetime contributions to pediatric dermatology. Fittingly, Jacobs himself was the first recipient. He was followed by Sid Hurwitz (1989), Nancy Esterly (1991), and Sam Weinberg (1998), each recognized for shaping the discipline.

The new millennium brought long-sought formal recognition. In 2000, the American Board of Dermatology approved Subspecialty Board Certification in Pediatric Dermatology, and in 2004, the first certifying exam was administered. This marked a significant turning point, officially cementing pediatric dermatology as a subspecialty recognized by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME).

## The Last 20 Years: 2006 – 2025

The past 2 decades have been highlighted by important organizational evolution, spurring overall growth and advancement of pediatric dermatologists as recognized leaders in the treatment of all childhood skin disease.

In 2006, Larry Eichenfield and Ilona Frieden became co-Editors in Chief of *Pediatric Dermatology*, assuming the mantle from Founding Co-Editor Nancy Esterly who served nearly 25 years in this position. That same year, the SPD hired its first association management firm (HollandParlette) to run day to day operations and organize meetings. SPD Headquarters was moved to Indianapolis and Kent Lindeman became the organization's first Executive Director, replacing Pat Fraser who had served as society administrator for a number of years from her home base in Chicago.

Seeking a more standardized and equitable approach to placing trainees in fellowship programs, the SPD partnered with SF Match in 2009 to create a formalized fellowship matching program. Over the course of the last 15 years, nearly 300 trainees have started their career thru the match.

The Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA) was established in 2012 - born out of a growing recognition that the pace of research in the field was too slow to serve patients on a meaningful timeline. PeDRA's primary objective was to bring pediatric dermatologists together as part of a collaborative network which would accelerate research and multiply progress more than anyone could ever do alone. The name was coined by founding members Larry Eichenfield, Wynniss Tom, Jeff Sugarman, Amy Paller, and Kelly Cordoro and means "rock" in Portuguese, symbolizing the solid foundation they aimed to establish in pediatric dermatology research.



The SPD's leadership structure was overhauled significantly in 2013, which helped to increase organizational efficiency and spur membership recruitment efforts. Over 20 standing committees were organized into 6 departments: Education & Career Development, Finance & Administration, Marketing & Communications, Membership & Practice Management, Research and Workforce & Specialty Advocacy.

In 2014, our popular Patient Perspectives handout series was created with Acne as the first topic covered. There are now almost 70 topics on common skin conditions seen in children and teens that have been published in our journal and freely available on our website – and in several different languages – for use by providers and families.

There were several marketing advances during this time, including the launch of a new logo and branding approach in 2015 and hiring a professional PR and social media partner (The Rosen Group) in 2018. Looking to advance the earning power of pediatric dermatologists, the SPD published our first Compensation & Productivity report in 2016, with second and third editions in 2021 and 2025, respectively.

In 2018, Larry Eichenfield and Ilona Frieden completed their service as co-Editors in Chief of *Pediatric Dermatology* and Lionel Bercovitch and Andrea Zaenglein assumed the reigns of our flagship publication.

As we entered the current decade, the SPD remained active and vibrant even in the face of a global pandemic. In 2020, the SPD created a "Your Career Starts Here" brochure to circulate annually to medical students and residents wanting more information about being a pediatric dermatologist. In 2021, ACGME took over the process of accrediting Pediatric Dermatology fellowship programs from the American Board of Dermatology.

Amy Paller was named inaugural recipient of SPD's Hall of Fame Award (2022) recognizing lifetime achievement and service and we testified to the FDA on proposed changes to the iPLEDGE REMS program the following year. In 2024, SPD became an official member of the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates and we announced a 3-year dermatology residency track for applicants who have completed general pediatrics training and are board certified or board eligible in general pediatrics. Membership reached the 2,000 mark with 470 Board Certified Pediatric Dermatologists.

There have been many memorable SPD Annual Meetings during the last 20 years – a few that were extra special include 2006 in Montreal, where dancing was introduced with a live band, 2014 where attendees enjoyed a starlight cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene, 2017 when the SPD hosted 13th World Congress of Pediatric Dermatology in Chicago, and in 2024 when our meeting attendance passed the 700 mark for the very first time in Toronto.

1976-77 Aspen, CO



1978-Niagara Falls, NY



1979-Chicago, IL



# A Pictorial History of the SPD's First 50 Years

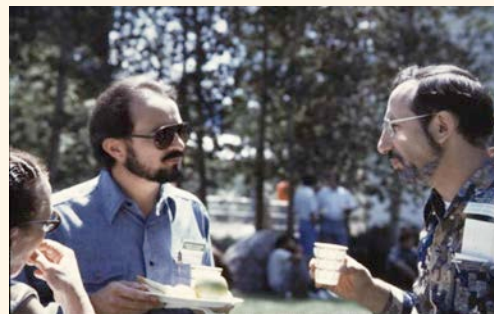
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1980-Monterey, CA



1982-Aspen, CO



1982



1981-Toronto



1983-Kiawah Island, SC



1984-Lake Tahoe, NV



1985-Hyannis, Cape Cod, MA



1986-Aspen, CO



1988-Salishan, OR



1987-Lake George, NY



1990-San Diego, CA



1989-Quebec City



1991-Williamsburg, VA



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1992-Toronto



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1993-Snowmass, CO



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1994-Hilton Head, SC



1995-Vancouver, BC



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1997-Sun Valley, ID



1998-Boston, MA



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1999-Traverse City, MI



2000-Santa Fe, NM



2001-Banff



2002-Annapolis, MD



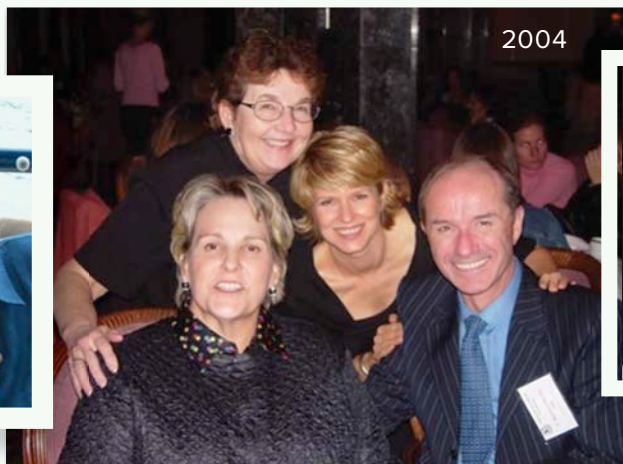
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2004-Charleston, SC



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2005-San Diego, CA



2006-Montreal



2007-Chicago, IL



2008-Snowbird, UT



2009-Philadelphia, PA



2010-Portland, OR



2011-Baltimore, MD



2012-Monterey, CA



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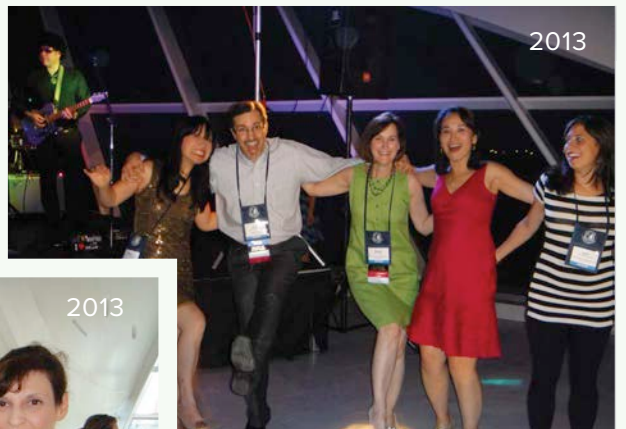
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2013-Milwaukee, WI



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2014-Coeur d'Alene, ID



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2015-Boston, MA



2016-Minneapolis, MN



2017-Chicago, IL



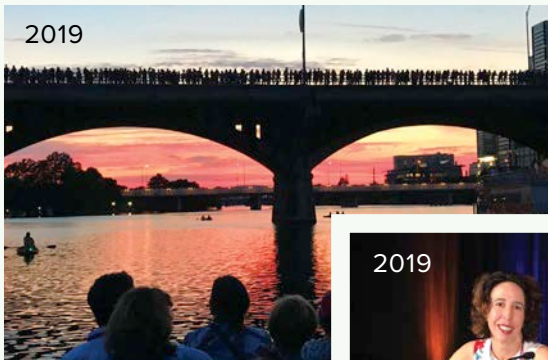
2018-Lake Tahoe, CA



2019-Austin, TX



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2020-Virtual



2021-Virtual



2022-Indianapolis, IN



2022



2022



2023-Asheville, NC



2024-Toronto, ON



Some of our SPD founding members:  
Alvin Jacobs, William Weston,  
Samuel Weinberg, Michael Jarratt,  
James Rasmussen, and Sidney Hurwitz

# What the SPD Means to Me

## 50 Years of Impact

### Helen Shin, Hackensack Meridian Health

The SPD has provided a loving supportive community with the joint mission to take care of pediatric patients with skin diseases. I cherish the brilliant and caring friends and colleagues that I get to see at meetings and collaborate with year after year.



### Adam Rubin, NYU Langone Health

The SPD was instrumental in my development as a pediatric dermatopathologist by providing me with a mentorship grant to learn with Lori Prok many years ago. Because of that experience, I was able to apply my accumulated knowledge in pediatric dermatopathology as an associate editor in our journal, *Pediatric Dermatology*. I credit the SPD and its support of my development of expertise in pediatric dermatopathology and medical editing as a key contributor to myself reaching the rank of Professor of Dermatology and becoming the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Cutaneous Pathology*.

### Alanna Flath Bree, *Made a Masterpiece / Sagis Dx*

The SPD community feels like a family in all the best ways- it is encouraging, collaborative, inspiring, supportive, and uplifting for both the mind and soul, and the meetings are like a homecoming every year. The personal relationships I've developed with mentors and colleagues are true friendships that mean so much to me and have grown stronger and sweeter with each passing year.

### Allison Swanson, University Health

SPD is a wonderful collegial organization which helps me provide the best care to my patients through meetings, mentoring, and willingness of members to collaborate.

### Amanda Moon, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

By providing me with the mentorship grant as a dermatology resident, I was granted the opportunity to work with Albert Yan and his mentorship was critical to my future career path!

### Ana Maria Saenz, Hospital Universitario de Caracas - Venezuela

SPD means excellence and friendship.

### Andrea Zaenglein, Penn State/Hershey Medical Center

I love the SPD because it offers an exceptional blend of education, collaboration, and fun. The educational opportunities are top-notch, providing valuable insights into the latest research, treatments, and advances in pediatric dermatology. Beyond the learning, the society brings together remarkable colleagues who are not only experts in their field but also genuinely passionate about helping children with skin conditions. The camaraderie and shared dedication make it a joy to be part of this community. Plus, the fun dances at the conferences add a lighthearted and memorable touch, creating a sense of unity and celebration among members. It's an environment that fosters both professional growth and personal connections.

### Anthony Mancini, Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago / Northwestern University

I attended my first SPD meeting in Snowmass in 1993 as a research fellow. The close-knit community of like-minded physicians who welcomed me with open arms helped me in confirming my professional calling. Thirty-two years later, I still look forward to every meeting, connecting with colleagues and meeting the future leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations, SPD!

### Antonio Torrelo, Hospital Niño Jesus - Spain

The SPD gave me a unique opportunity to meet leaders and top pediatric dermatologists, many of whom are now good friends. The SPD has guided my career and paved my pathway to become a pediatric dermatologist. I would like to emphasize the key role of the journal in my personal and scientific development.



### **Bailey Komishke, University of Alberta**

SPD has helped me to find a community and identity caring for children with dermatological conditions. We are such a small group that this network has been vital to build and make connections and share ideas with colleagues to optimize patient care.

### **Bernard A. Cohen, Johns Hopkins Children's Center**

It has allowed me to focus on children with skin issues and help me to organize my training, professional development, and lifetime professional commitments.

### **Carlos E Paguio, National Children's Hospital - Philippines**

Hi there! I am Carlos Paguio and I've been a member of the SPD since the late 1990's! The SPD has been an inspiration for me all these years. I practice pediatric dermatology in Manila, Philippines and the times I was able to attend our annual meetings, I experienced warm camaraderie and genuine openness to discussion. It was a privilege to have met, talked to, and learned from the likes of Lawrence Schachner, Bernice Krafchik, Nancy Esterly and other esteemed members of our society.

### **Carmela Dayrit Castro, Philippine General Hospital**

The SPD continues to ensure that pediatric dermatologists, not only in the US and Canada, but all around the world, are up to date and competent to handle pediatric dermatology cases from simple to more complex.

### **Catalina Matiz, SCPMG**

SPD has been a home; I love it as it was the way I fell in love with pediatric dermatology where we have the nicest mentors and caring fellow peds derms.

### **Catherine McCuaig, CHU Sainte-Justine, University of Montreal**

The SPD was fundamental to me in discovering pediatric dermatology as a subspecialty. It has been a source of inspiring collaboration, mentorship, and friendship, and learning from the meetings as well as just discussing with my colleagues.



### **Cheryl Bayart, Cincinnati Children's Hospital & Medical Center**

During my first SPD meeting, I decided to become a pediatric dermatologist. I felt as though I had found "my people" and place within the dermatology world. I cannot express how grateful I am for this organization and the people in it.

### **Colleen Cotton, Children's National Hospital**

The SPD was the first time I felt like I had found "my people". I attended my first Pre-AAD SPD meeting as a trainee, and I knew I was making the right decision going into peds derm. It is an amazing organization that supports pediatric dermatologists, provides amazing clinical education, creates a community of warm and inclusive individuals, and works to advocate for its members in the house of dermatology and medicine as a whole.

### **Craig Burkhart, Burkhart Pediatrics & Adolescent Dermatology**

Courage and relationships. With the support of SPD members, I launched my department's first laser and pediatric surgery services early in my career. Today, that same encouragement has empowered me to take the leap and create my community's first private pediatric dermatology clinic.

### **Daniela Kramer, The Vascular Birthmarks Foundation**

SPD is an access to new insights in the care of the skin of our pediatric patients ...is a place to meet with people alike, with same interests, make friends and create connections for the better care of our patients.

### **Danielle Arake Zanatta, Clinical Hospital of the Federal University of Parana - Brazil**

SPD is a very necessary group, we can update on very relevant topics in pediatric dermatology with renowned professionals from all over the world, in addition to expanding diagnostic and therapeutic possibilities with shared expertise. I know that there will be much more. I'm so grateful of being part of it!

### **Dawn Davis, Mayo Clinic Rochester**

I distinctly remember my first SPD meeting. It was so impactful. I felt like I had finally found my "tribe" of like-minded colleagues who had similar goals and cultural alignment. I was so excited to be surrounded by such wonderful and inspiring people!

### **Denise Metry, Driscoll Children's Hospital**

When I was accepted into medical school, my mom gave me a small sign with a quote by Hippocrates: "Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity."



I put it above my desk as a constant reminder of my "why". A few years later at my first SPD meeting, I knew I'd found a group of people that truly embodied this principle – combining a passion for their unique work with genuine care for children. Over the past 25 years, despite life's many changes, one thing has remained constant: the wonderment and inspiration I feel after every SPD meeting. Those feelings are just as strong now as they were that very first time.

### **Valentina Sosa, Kaiser Permanente, Los Angeles**

The SPD has been an incredible organization that allows representation, promoted research and ongoing education for the board certified PediDerm.

### **Elyse Mackenzie, Rutgers University**

Incredible mentorship opportunities that have positively impacted my career as a medical student.

### **Esteban Fernandez Faith, Nationwide Children's Hospital**

The SPD is community, mentorship, advocacy and professional development. Above all, SPD is life-long friendships.

### **Felipe Velasquez-Valderrama, National Institute of Health of Peru**

The SPD has improved my skills to the benefit of my patients.

### **Fred Ghali, Pediatric Dermatology of North Texas**

The SPD has placed a crucial role in my life. Thru the SPD, I have been able to connect with mentors and colleagues that helped me along the way, from patient care to serving in various positions, to simply catching up about life. Even as a Dermatology resident in the 90's, I was treated equally, and I have always felt a higher sense of duty and loyalty to this organization compared to any others. But most importantly, the SPD provides a avenue to make lifelong friends and colleagues!

### **Grace Sun, Dermatology Medical Group**

The SPD feels like going to a family reunion; so many mentors and friends and colleagues from over the years are all in one place. I love the way the meeting is smaller and more intimate than the AAD, providing opportunities for catching up with friends and networking. I also appreciate that families and children are not only welcome but a priority.

### **Heather Volkman, Cook Children's Medical Center**

As a general dermatologist who sees pediatric dermatology patients at a children's medical center, the SPD has provided me a lot more confidence.



From the patient handouts I give out daily, to the highly useful information at the SPD conferences, the Pediatric Dermatology journal and journal clubs, I am able to serve my community well.

### **Ilona Frieden, UCSF**

I was so LUCKY to "hit the jackpot" in picking the specialty of Pediatric Dermatology with people who are smart, nice, and fun to be around. In my more than 40 years as an SPD member the professional connections I've made have sustained me, in good times and bad, with many resulting in career-long friendships.

### **Ingrid Polcari, University of MN Children's Hospital**

The SPD has been a major influence in my career and personal development. Meetings feel like a family reunion- I cherish the time to catch up with faculty mentors, friends from training, and trainees who aspire to do this important work!

### **Irene Lara-Corrales, Hospital for Sick Children**

It has always felt like my work/academic family.

### **Jane Bellet, Duke University School of Medicine**

The SPD has supported my growth by giving me an opportunity to give my very first talk-- as a pediatrics resident, then a dermatology resident, as a pediatric dermatology fellow, junior faculty and now with a few more gray hairs. I truly treasure the wonderful community of like-minded people who care so much about children's skin-- people that I can ask for help and advice at any time.

### **Jen Schoch, University of Florida**

SPD is a family - the SPD meeting feels like an annual family reunion!

### **Jenna Dick, University of Minnesota**

As a medical student, the SPD has allowed me to have mentorship from multiple faculties and learn more about the field. Without the SPD, I would not have considered pediatric dermatology as a field as much as I am. Thank you!

### **Jennie Duffy, Houston Dermatology Associates**

I have regularly attended SPD meetings since 1980! I was a first year derm resident at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and pregnant with my twin daughters. I found my calling, and I have been to almost all the meetings since! And so has my family. I now have a daughter who is a pediatric dermatologist at UW/Seattle Children's. Guess she enjoyed the annual meetings, too!



### **Jim Treat, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

The SPD is a family of like-minded friends who strive to take outstanding care of children and each other. The wisdom, support and collegiality of the SPD members is unique, incredible, and inspiring.

### **Jinia El Feghaaly, University of Rochester Medical Center - Golisano Children's Hospital**

SPD is the people who share my passion for the care of children with skin disorders. SPD is the kind souls and friendly faces. SPD is the collaborations and the supportive environment.

### **John Browning, Baylor College of Medicine**

The SPD has created a wonderful environment for me to grow and develop as a pediatric dermatologist. In many ways the SPD is a family to me. I have benefited from many mentors and peers that have modeled excellence in the field.

### **Joseph Lam, University of British Columbia/BC Children's Hospital**

The SPD is quite special and feels like extended family.

### **Julianne Mann, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center**

Attending the SPD annual meeting as a 4th year medical student was a pivotal experience for me. I was so impressed with the high caliber meeting content and with how warm and welcoming everyone was. I remember walking out from the meeting and thinking, "I've found my people!" I am so grateful to be a part of this amazing and vibrant community.

### **Kate Puttgen, Intermountain Healthcare**

The SPD has introduced me to lifelong mentors and colleagues and provided fertile ground for them to become friends with whom I find and share joy - professional and personal, with whom I continue to develop my skills and focus my passion within pediatric dermatology.

### **Kevin Boyd, Mayo Clinic Health System**

In the SPD I have made lifetime connections that have helped me professionally and personally. As Peds Derms geographic isolation is common but knowing that a member is a phone call or email away creates a feeling of confidence and comfort. It's the one meeting I am sure to attend every year to continue fostering these relationships!

### **Khalid Al Aboud, King Faisal Hospital - Saudi Arabia**

My professional home.

### **Lais Lopes Almeida Gomes, University of Pennsylvania**

As an international pediatric dermatologist, and coming from an undeveloped country, I found in SPD a society for my specialty that cares about research, medical teaching, and patient education. I am glad to be part of it, and I can't wait to contribute more to society in the future.



### **Leslie Lawley, Emory University**

The SPD has provided collegial relationships with like-minded physicians that develop into close friendships over time. The annual meetings are like a big family reunion that grows every year while expanding knowledge.

### **Luke Johnson, University of Utah**

Pediatric dermatologists are the best! It's always a fun and intellectually stimulating time when they all get together in the same room.

### **Manju George, Pediatric Dermatology of the Palm Beaches**

This society has deeply enriched my professional and personal life through mentorship that has offered invaluable lessons and guidance. It has allowed me to build lasting friendships and a supportive network of colleagues across the country where we can share cases and grow together. Most of all, I'm constantly inspired and humbled by the knowledge and dedication of the pediatric dermatologists who have not only led but transformed the field globally.



### **Maria-Laura Cossio, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile**

It has allowed me to keep updated in the field, to get to know pediatric dermatologists from the US, Canada and Latin America, and to expand a collaborative network.

### **Marissa Perman, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

SPD is my work family - I have made so many meaningful relationships in the society starting when I attended as a med student which solidified my love of peds derm early.

### **Markus Boos, Seattle Children's Hospital**

The SPD feels like a "home" within my profession. I love that I share my professional passion with people who are like-minded, not just in career goals, but in how we care for each other and the world at large. The members of the SPD are definitely "my people".



### **Mauricio Torres-Pradilla, Hospital San Jose - F.U.C.S. - Colombia**

For me, SPD means fraternity, borderless knowledge, and professionalism. I joined SPD in 2010 during my fellowship and found a warm, friendly, and open-minded environment, always willing to answer my questions and share experiences. I've had the opportunity to learn from leaders in pediatric dermatology and build lasting academic and professional relationships with colleagues and friends.

### **Michele Khurana, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

The SPD is where I felt a sense of belonging. I am proud to be part of a close-knit community of pediatric dermatologists and APPs. I truly feel that we are making a meaningful impact in our patients lives, which has brought meaning to my own life. I am so thankful to have this wonderful, supportive community.

### **Milie Fang, Oregon Health & Science University**

I love that no matter where you are, you are always surrounded by amazing mentors in this community who want to support you. I am forever grateful to the SPD for supporting me as a trainee through the opportunity to present at the Sam Weinberg's Cases of the Year and through the mentorship grant. I continue to be so motivated to pay it forward and help other future budding pediatric dermatologists build their dream careers!

### **Minnelly Luu, USC/CHLA**

The SPD has inspired me to continue on, even when things get tough. I always find a colleague who can relate to me, and this has made all the difference in my career.

### **Moise Levy, Dell Medical School, University of Texas, Austin**

Collaboration, Mentoring, Academic pursuits, Lifetime friends... I was so lucky to experience time with an early member of the SPD and then shift in this direction! This group is so unique in its active interest to help all members... younger and "older"!

### **Nika Finelt, Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell**

The SPD is my professional family. The meeting are family reunions filled with session to inspire, educate, and nourish our further growth and development; we reflect on our practice; we catch up with dear friends; and we are inspired by colleagues, mentors, and mentees.

### **Nnenna Agim, North Dallas Dermatology**

The SPD offers inspiration, an approachable group of mentors and visible commitment to advocating for the pediatric patient in dermatology.

### **Paul Rehder A to Z Dermatology**

I have been in SPD before boards in Peds Derm existed. It has also been easy to approach members. The collegiality is most appreciated.

### **Rebecca Levy, The Hospital for Sick Children**

A place where Ped derms can come together in a collaborative and welcoming environment.

**Regina-Celeste Ahmad, University of California San Francisco**

The SPD is the only place when I truly feel like I am with my work family, people who understand me, where I don't have to explain my love of children and dermatology, where the unique challenges of our jobs are completely understood, and where we find strength in our togetherness.



**Robert Sidbury, Seattle Children's Hospital**

Lovely to have a professional home that truly feels like one.

**Robert Silverman, Georgetown University Dept. Pediatrics**

Expanding my knowledge so I can better the lives of my patients and families, collegiality and friendship.

**Rowena Romero-Francisco, Cardinal Santos Medical Center - Philippines**

It means being a member of a community dedicated to the care of children and their skin.

**Salva Nicas, Moshi, Tanzania**

The SPD has been instrumental in shaping my career as a pediatric dermatologist by providing invaluable opportunities for education, networking, and collaboration with leading experts in the field. Through the SPD's resources, I've gained the knowledge and support needed to enhance my clinical practice and contribute to advancing pediatric dermatology.

**Shane Swink, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia**

The SPD cultivated my personal network of mentors through their mentorship grants program and that ultimately exposed me to the wonderful field of pediatric dermatology. It is because of the domino effect of all that support that I am a pediatric dermatologist today!

**Sheilagh Maguiness, University of Minnesota**

The SPD is truly like a work family to me. Getting together with colleagues who feel like family twice yearly is how I way re-invigorate my commitment to practice. I think our meetings are so well done and achieve a great balance between the art and science of our specialty. In my opinion, the friendship/comradeship offered within our small but growing society is an essential way to prevent physician burnout.

**Sophia Hendrick, Baylor College of Medicine Temple**

The SPD highlights what is new and important in pediatric dermatology. Among the sea of information, the SPD demonstrates what is truly important.

**Stella Calobrisi, The Dermatology Clinic**

The SPD represents more than just a professional organization to me; it is a family of dedicated individuals who share a passion for advancing the care of children and teenagers with skin conditions. The SPD is a home of collaboration, education, innovation and friendship. It has provided me with invaluable opportunities, professional growth and inspiration and friendship. The SPD means being part of something greater-a group that unites us with a shared mission to make a lasting impact in our chosen subspecialty and at the same time inspire the next generation of pediatric dermatologists. Thank you to my mentors: Drs. Anne Lucky and Nancy Esterly and my colleagues for sharing your passion, knowledge and wisdom with me!!!

**Steve Humphrey, Medical College of Wisconsin**

The SPD is everything to me! I went to my first meeting in Milwaukee as a resident and I immediately felt at home. I was surrounded by the most brilliant, caring, humble, and inclusive group of people. I am so honored to be part of this organization that continues to inspire me, to challenge me, and empower me as we work together to improve dermatologic care for children worldwide.



**Susan Bayliss, Washington University**

We have the best job in the world! Comradery, caring colleagues, curiosity, dancing, family vacations, learning, listening, loving, kids, friendships, worldwide travel- all wrapped up in our wonderful SPD. What could be better?

**Teresa Wright, LeBonheur Children's Hospital**

When I first attended the SPD, I felt that I had found "my people". The meetings inspire me to be a better pediatric dermatologist. They remind me why I chose this profession.

## Tor Shwayder, Henry Ford Hospital

My first meeting was 1982 in Toronto. Jim Rasmussen took me under his wing as we walked from room to room in the old hotel that housed 30 some live patients. The feeling to this young resident was satisfying and electric in its welcoming embrace. As I explain to my residents now 40 years later, there is no one in the SPD membership whom I would not mind being stuck in an elevator for an hour. We are all thoughtful and kind professionals.

## Tracy Funk, Oregon Health & Science University

SPD meetings are one of the reasons pursued pediatric dermatology. I felt at home right away!

## Victoria Garcia-Albea, Lahey Clinic

SPD has been a wonderful place to meet pediatric dermatologists, to gather information, and to learn about pediatric dermatology. I think SPD should be proud of itself for allowing APPs to join the Society, when many other professional doctor-run organizations do not allow that.

## Virginia Sybert, University of Washington

The SPD provided a warm and safe harbor for my initial naivete' and inexperience, a rich substrate for my professional growth, an opportunity for collegiality and collaborative endeavors, a professional space that supported family and private life, and more than 30 years of laughs.

## Zakiya Pressley Rice, Dermatology Associates of Georgia/ Emory University School of Medicine

SPD is home to me. When I first decided to join the field of pediatric dermatology, my decision was cemented during my time spent at SPD meetings. While we come from diverse backgrounds in every way measurable, its our like mindedness that is luminary, guiding us to drive research and deliver top patient care in pediatric dermatology. Thank you, SPD.



## The first 50 Years of SPD Presidents

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1979-1980	Nancy Esterly
1978-1979	Sidney Hurwitz
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# The first 50 Years of SPD Annual Meeting Locations & Program Chairs

Year	Location	Host / Program Chairs
2025	Seattle, WA	Boos, Funk, Gupta, Small
2024	Toronto, ON	Kenner-Bell, Kruse, Weinstein, Sibbald
2023	Asheville, NC	Nieman, Burkhart, Rice, Theos
2022	Indianapolis, IN	Haggstrom, Treadwell, Fernandez Faith, Streicher
2021	Virtual	Pope, Lam, Lara-Corrales, Ramien
2020	Virtual	Bellet, Wine Lee, McShane
2019	Austin, TX	Levy, Hunt, Browning, Diaz
2018	Lake Tahoe, CA	Benjamin, Andrews, Awasthi, Kwong
2017	Chicago, IL / World Congress	Mancini, Yan, Zaenglein
2016	Minneapolis, MN	Davis, Hand, Hook, Polcari, Tollefson
2015	Boston, MA	Liang, Wiss, Dinulos, Huang, Maguiness
2014	Coeur d'Alene, ID	Brandling-Bennett, Hornung, Sidbury
2013	Milwaukee, WI	Drolet, Chiu, Galbraith, Holland, Lyon
2012	Monterey, CA	Bruckner, Cordoro, Metz
2011	Baltimore, MD	Cohen, Puttgen, Zaenglein
2010	Portland, OR	Krol, Siegel
2009	Philadelphia, PA	Yan, Garzon
2008	Snowbird, UT	Shwayder, Vanderhoof, Herron
2007	Chicago, IL	Mancini, Wagner, Chamlin, Paller
2006	Montreal, QC	Powell, McCuaig, Marcoux
2005	San Diego	Cunningham, Friedlander, Eichenfield
2004	Charleston, SC	Stafford, Prose, Lucky
2003	Seattle, WA	Sybert, Levy
2002	Annapolis, MD	Cohen, Pride
2001	Banff, AB	Krol, Krafchik, Smith
2000	Santa Fe, NM	Bayliss, Hansen
1999	Traverse City, MI	Shwayder, Kahn, Boiko
1998	Boston, MA	Rothman, Orlow
1997	Sun Valley, ID	Frieden, Eichenfield
1996	Manchester, VT	Rosenthal, Wiss
1995	Vancouver, BC	Prendiville
1994	Hilton Head, SC	Silverman
1993	Snowmass, CO	Weston
1992	Toronto, ON / World Congress	Krafchik, Rasmussen, Hurwitz
1991	Williamsburg, VA	Lane
1990	San Diego, CA	Hansen, Goldberg, Castellano
1989	Quebec City, QC	Krafchik, Boxall
1988	Gleneden Beach, OR	Rasmussen
1987	Lake George, NY	Honig
1986	Aspen, CO	Weston
1985	Hyannis, MA	Hurwitz
1984	Lake Tahoe, NC	Jacobs
1983	Kiawah Island, SC	Caputo, Spraker
1982	Aspen, CO	Weston
1981	Toronto, ON	Krafchik
1980	Monterey, CA	Jacobs, Givens, Schmidt
1979	Chicago, IL / World Congress	Solomon
1978	Niagara Falls, NY	Rasmussen
1977	Aspen, CO	Weston
1976	Aspen, CO	Weston



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