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CHICAGO DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The Chicago Dermatological Society has chosen

Marshall L. Blankenship, M.D. as its Gold Medal awardee. This award is given for outstanding service and academic excellence for one's career.

Only three previous times has the Society honored other physicians: Allan L.

Lorincz, M.D. (1990), Frederick Malkinson, M.D.

(1992) and Lawrence Solomon, M.D. (1997).

The award will be presented at this year's Centennial celebration.



MARSHALL L. BLANKENSHIP, M.D.
RENAISSANCE MAN
GOLD MEDAL AWARD WINNER

MARSHALL L. BLANKENSHIP received his undergraduate and M.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. After a rotating internship at the Illinois Central Hospital in Chicago and service in the U.S. Army as a general medical officer, he completed his residency in dermatology at Northwestern University Medical School. His mentors there included Samuel Bluefarb, M.D., Junji Hasegawa, M.D., Fred Levit, M.D., Frank Dunlap, M.D., and Paul Lazar, M.D. During his residency, Marshall read pathology slides with Royal Ihrke, M.D. weekly. Toward the completion of his residency, Dr. Ihrke invited him to share offices in private practice in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Over the next 35 years, Marshall was associated in practice (in addition to Dr. Ihrke) with the late Leon Lando, M.D., John Keane, M.D., Kenneth Bielinski M.D., and Mark Hoffman, M.D.

In addition to his private practice, Marshall spent eight enjoyable years as a faculty member at Northwestern University. Twenty-nine years ago, Marshall joined the faculty of the Department of Dermatology of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center. Over the years, he has had the privilege of being associated with Fred Malkinson, M.D., Roger Pearson, M.D., Marianne O'Donoghue, M.D., James Ertle, M.D. and Michael Tharp, M.D.

Marshall has been active at all levels of organized dermatology both nationally and internationally. He was president of the Chicago Dermatological Society in 1976 when the Society celebrated its 75th anniversary. He was on the organizing committee for the Illinois Dermatological Society and served as its president in 1978. From 1986 to 1990, Dr. Blankenship was a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Dermatology and from 1991 to 1994, served on the Academy's Nominating Committee. He was also a board member of the International Society of Dermatology, Secretary-Treasurer of the Foundation for International

Dermatologic Education, and a past Director of the Noah Worcester Dermatologic Society. A former trustee of the Dermatology Foundation, Dr. Blankenship served on the Leader's Society Committee and led the Leader's Society campaign in Illinois in 1990 and 1991.

In 1997, at the annual American Academy of Dermatology meeting in San Francisco, California, Marshall was awarded the National Practitioner of the Year Award. The Award is given each year by the Dermatology Foundation. It was established by the Foundation's Trustees in 1976 to honor those members of our specialty who epitomize the best clinical service to the individual patient. Criteria for the Award include a dermatologist's record of teaching, research, publications, participation in professional societies, and his/her clinical career. "Marshall Blankenship's rich career spans more than 30 years and whether you define accomplishments by research, the number of publications and citations, or visiting professorships, he has made (and continues to make) major contributions to all facets of dermatology," said Dermatology Foundation President Howard V. Dubin, M.D.

One of Marshall's many interests is travel. His CDS Presidential Address was "Travels of a Dermatologist." Literally spanning the globe, his numerous presentations have been made to assemblies in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Japan, Australia, Egypt, Singapore, Brazil, Germany, and Argentina, to name only some. From a discussion of "Mites Other Than Scabies" before the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Manaus, Brazil, to "Electrosurgery" presented to the Zimbabwe Medical Association, Marshall has shared his wide-ranging interests and expertise with many international audiences.

Influenced somewhat by Dr. Samuel Bluefarb's stamp collection, Marshall has an active collection of stamps of the United States. Through Dr. Ben Smith and other dermatologists, Dr. Blankenship has developed an extensive interest in "the Master" – Sherlock Holmes. He is a member of the Hounds of the Baskervilles (*sic*) which is the Chicago scion society of the Baker Street Irregulars. In addition he is an active member of four other local Sherlockian Societies and the Sir James Saunder's Society whose members are all dermatologists. Involvement with Sherlock Holmes has led to an interest in books, and a portion of his time is spent in book stores and fairs looking for treasures.

Dr. Blankenship's career would not have been possible without the support of his companion and wife of 43 years, Barbara, his daughter, Kathryn, his son, Marshall, Jr., and his daughter-in-law, Susan. His other passions are gourmet cooking (he loves to read all the foodie magazines), music (he has been a long term subscriber to the Chicago Symphony, Lyric Opera, and Music of the Baroque), theater, sports and history.

COOK COUNTY

NEW RESIDENTS

LALITHA MAMILLA, M.D. grew up in Jammalamadugu, India. She attended the University of Health Sciences, Kurnool, India. She completed an internal medicine residency at Cook County Hospital before starting dermatology. Lalitha and her husband, Sreenivas Guddeti, live in downtown Chicago.

SETH WILENTZ, M.D. was raised in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. After completing his undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania, he received his M.D. from Temple University. Seth continued his medical education as a medicine intern at the Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City before starting his dermatology residency.

MELANIE ZAHNER, M.D. grew up in St. Charles, Illinois. She attended college at Loyola University of Chicago, where she majored in biology/chemistry. Following college, she completed her medical education at the University of Texas at Houston. She interned at St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston before returning to the Chicago area. Melanie and her fiance, Jim Karner, are planning a December wedding.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MARY DAHL, M.D. is in private practice in Watsonville, California.

MATTHEW EVANS, M.D. is in private practice at Calumet Dermatology in Calumet City, Illinois.

MARK WILLOUGHBY, M.D. is completing a cosmetic fellowship in California.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

NEW RESIDENTS

PETER BACHMANN, M.D. grew up in a little village near Zurich, Switzerland. He decided to study at the university at that beautiful town, surrounded by a lake and with a view of the famous Bernese mountains: Eiger, Moench, and Jungfrau. After completing two residencies and getting board certified in internal medicine and dermatology at the University of Zurich, his American wife instilled a new challenge in him by suggesting they relocate to the States and continue his dermatological career in this country. This challenge included taking the USMLE and doing a transitional internship at St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, Illinois.

NAOMI STRACHAN DONNELLEY, M.D. was born and raised in New York City. She attended the Dalton School in New York City where she developed a passion for music. It was there where she began her singing career, which she continued at Yale, singing with the Yale Glee Club for four years. She stayed in New Haven for medical school, where she developed an interest in the history and anthropology

of medicine. Naomi matched in internal medicine at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in New York City for her internship. She has done some historical/anthropological research in dermatology, studied Spanish in Madrid, and pursued her love of music. She takes guitar and voice lessons at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

WILLIAM POSTEN, M.D. was born in Kiev, Ukraine. When he was three years old, he convinced his parents to move to the United States to better explore the opportunities in dermatology that are available here. He grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y. where he quickly developed a New York accent and lost it subsequently upon moving to New Jersey (when he was 12). Later, his linguistic (and driving) skills were refined when he learned to park his car in Hahvahd Yahd. Subsequently, he attended Yale Medical School. He is now currently learning to diagnose and treat dermatological conditions in Chicago and root for da Bears.

LISA ZANETTI-RHODES, M.D. grew up in the coastal town of Corpus Christi, Texas, experiencing many sunburns. She went on to Texas A&M University for her undergraduate education, the University of North Texas for a masters in journalism, the University of Texas at Arlington for post-baccalaureate education, and medical school at the University of Texas-San Antonio. After this tour of Texas, her hubby (another fellow Texan) and Lisa moved up north for training and snow. Lisa did her internship at the University of Chicago. When she is not trying to learn the difference between a macule and a papule, she likes to cook, eat, exercise, eat more, and, when vacation rolls around, snow ski.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SUMAIRA AASI, M.D. is a Mohs fellow at Yale University.

ELIZABETH LENER, M.D. is in private practice in Orange County, California.

ERIN SCHOOR, M.D. is in private practice on Long Island, New York.

DINA YAGHMAI, M.D. is in private practice with Jerome Garden, M.D. and Jay Herrmann, M.D.

RUSH PRESBYTERIAN-ST.LUKE'S MEDICAL CENTER

NEW RESIDENTS

ALIX JUDE CHARLES, M.D. is a Mayo graduate who completed his internship at the Mayo Clinic Hospital in Scottsdale, Arizona.

KELLE LIERMAN, M.D. a Rush Medical School graduate, completed her internship at Weiss Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

MIREILLE CHAE, M.D. has begun a fellowship in dermatopathology at Philadelphia Medical College.

DAN WALL, M.D. has entered private practice in Oakland, California.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

NEW RESIDENTS

LINDA CHUNG-CHIN WANG, M.D. attended Georgetown University (where she majored in American studies) and the Georgetown University Law Center. She worked in Washington, DC (on international trade law) before attending Goucher College's post-baccalaureate pre-medical program in Baltimore, Maryland. During her "glide year," she returned to Washington, DC to work on patent infringement law. She then attended the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and completed a preliminary year in internal medicine at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

JOELLEN VANZANDER, M.D. grew up in Carmel, California and attended Stanford University, where she majored in human biology. After a year off to travel to South America, she completed medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. She liked Chicago so much she stayed on for an internship year and now her dermatology residency. During medical school she met her husband, who has since defected to the business world. Together they enjoy a wide variety of sports and cooking.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

SAMIR GUPTA, M.D. is doing a laser/cosmetic fellowship in Boston, Massachusetts.

SONG KIM, M.D. is in private practice in New Jersey. The following year he will be doing a dermatopathology fellowship with Bernard Ackerman, M.D. in New York City.

MILENA LYON, M.D. is an academic attending at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

NEW RESIDENTS

TODD T. DAVIS, M.D. is a Chicago native. He graduated from Northwestern University with a B.A. in mathematics and attended medical school at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He and his wife, a manager at Accenture, reside in Oak Park and are expecting their first child next spring. Todd enjoys golf, softball, and hockey, and will run the Chicago Marathon this fall, raising funds for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

AMIT GARG, M.D. was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. He has spent most of his life on the East Coast. After high school at Worcester Academy, Amit majored in biology and Spanish at Tufts University and spent a semester in Spain. While in medical school at the University of Massachusetts, Amit was an active participant both in his community and in a number of professional organizations. His most passionate interests, outside of his professional endeavors, are traveling and playing soccer.

HUI-KYUNG TINA KIM, M.D. is originally from Long Beach, California. Tina graduated from Harvard University with a B.A. in biochemistry. She received her M.D. from Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York City. Despite the cold, she remained at Columbia-NY Presbyterian Hospital for a preliminary year in internal medicine. Though aware of our often bitter winters, this California girl remains excited about moving to Chicago and training here. Her hobbies include photography, golf, and running.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

JONATHAN DALTON, M.D. is in private practice in Deerfield, Illinois with Burton Silver, M.D.

OMEED MEMAR, M.D. is in private practice in Calumet City, Illinois with Loris Tisocco, M.D.

ROBIN SEPTON, M.D. joined her father Robert in private practice in Libertyville, Illinois.

SOCIETY SKIN CANCER SCREENING

The Chicago Dermatological Society sponsored a free skin cancer screening at Chicago's North Avenue Beach on Saturday, July 21, 2001. Thirty-five board-certified dermatologists, all A.A.D. and Chicago Dermatological Society members, provided free skin exams. Numerous resident physicians provided education to attendees and distributed sunscreen samples and skin cancer and sun safety information. Contributions from pharmaceutical companies made it possible for the Society to distribute thousands of free sunscreen samples to the 505 participants.

Of these participants seen on a walk-in basis, CDS physicians referred 162 (32%) for follow-up for suspicious lesions. "I feel this referral rate is extremely significant and that this location targets a high-risk population," said Lani Clark, M.D., Chairman of the Society's Skin Cancer Screening Committee.

Media coverage of the skin cancer screening helped achieve one of the main objectives: public awareness. This event was covered by local TV channels NBC, WGN, Polish News, Fox and CLTV, as well as WBBM Radio, WGN Radio, and the Chicago Sun-Times.

The Chicago Dermatological Society plans to organize a similar event next summer (2002) with the hope that through this type of public service and education it will be able to treat skin cancer patients at earlier stages in their disease, and increase public awareness.

Listed at the right are organizations which provided educational grants. In addition, Neutrogena Corporation provided the "photo damage camera", giving free skin photos to participants.

The event was organized by the Chicago Dermatological Society Skin Cancer Screening Committee: Lani Clark, M.D., Marjorie Rosenbaum, M.D., Clarence William Brown, M.D., and Jonith Breadon, M.D.

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