Course Description
This conference is designed to provide dermatologists, dermatopathologists, and other physicians interested in dermatology with the most current information in the areas of practical psychodermatology, melanoma, and skin cancer, as well as pediatric dermatology, skin discoloration and ethnicity. Updates, case studies, and clinical strategies for patient evaluation/management in these areas will be presented in an informal atmosphere that facilitates audience participation and discussion.

Target Audience
Board-certified or board-eligible community dermatologists and dermatopathologists providing both adult and pediatric dermatologic care, and other physicians with an interest in dermatology.

Accreditation
The Montana Academy of Dermatology is affiliated with the University of Washington School of Medicine. The University of Washington School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Washington School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 13.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Course Objectives
Upon completion of this activity, attendees should be able to:

• Recommend cutaneous surgery techniques with tips and pearls.
• Apply modern medications and techniques to the treatment of advanced skin cancer.
• Categorize different psychodermatological disorders into various subgroups and determine what type of psychopharmacology would be appropriate as first-line treatment, identify psychodermatological agents that are useful in dermatological practice, and describe how to interact with delusional patients in a way that optimizes therapeutic rapport and acceptance of appropriate pharmacologic therapy.
• Discuss how to properly triage and/or treat melanoma in situ.
• Review the documented data demonstrating different aging timelines in various ethnic groups and possible explanations for those differences and discuss the efficacy of newer therapeutic agents that aim to enhance DNA repair.
• Explain the latest developments in biologic therapy of psoriasis and the optimal use of non-biologic systemic agents and describe how to optimize topical treatment of psoriasis utilizing combination, sequential, and other creative uses of various available topical medications.
• Identify prenatal risk factors for the development of infantile hemangiomas, characteristics that should prompt further work-up, and the ideal timeline for treatment.
• Identify the role of commensal organisms in the development of pediatric skin disease, the role of commensal organisms in exacerbation of pediatric skin disease, and the role of the skin microbiome in the development of the cutaneous immune system.
• Review current recommendations for management and treatment of linear morphea, discuss considerations in the management and treatment of vascular malformations and vascular malformations associated with other anomalies and discuss management and treatment of pediatric psoriasis.
• Discuss commonly seen forms of hair loss in children, treatment options, and special psychological consideration in children with alopecia.
• Review literature on hyperpigmentation, keloids and acne in skin of color and discuss the current treatment options for skin disease to underscore the pitfalls of treatment of skin disease inpatients of color.
• Discuss the appropriate clinical evaluation of alopecia patients, complementary studies, and the most common scarring and non-scarring forms of hair loss; explain the most effective current and future treatments; identify treatment options in patients with more than one form of alopecia, and consider methods to improve compliance with multiple treatments.
• Share knowledge and experiences with difficult cases and discuss novel therapies for treating classically difficult conditions.

Meeting coordination provided by:
John Koo, MD

John Koo, MD, is Professor of dermatology at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) School of Medicine. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at UCSF Medical Center and Director of the UCSF Psoriasis Day Treatment Center and Phototherapy Unit, the Dermatology Drug Research Unit, and the Psychodermatology Clinic. Dr. Koo received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in Boston, Massachusetts, where he was a Harvard National Scholar, a title awarded to only one student per graduating class. He completed an internship and residency in psychiatry at the University of California at Los Angeles and subsequently served as chief resident in psychiatry. He also completed a residency in dermatology at UCSF Medical Center. Board certified in both psychiatry and dermatology, he is a member of the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Dermatology. Active in clinical research, Dr. Koo is at the cutting edge of therapeutic developments for psoriasis and eczema. He serves as a medical advisory board member for the National Psoriasis Foundation and as the Psoriasis Expert Resource Group (PERG), a joint task force of the American Academy of Dermatology and the National Psoriasis Foundation. He is founding member of the Association for Psychosomatic Medicine of North America. With his extensive knowledge and expertise, Dr. Koo is frequently invited to lecture at national and international conferences. Dr. Koo has been listed in Best Doctors in America continuously for several decades. He is the recipient of 2014 American Skin Association (ASA) Annual Research Award which was presented to him at ASD Annual Meeting in New Mexico, Best Speaker Award at Fall Clinical Symposium presented at Las Vegas in 2013 and Best Mentor Award at his home institution of UCSF Medical Center which was presented to him in May 2014. Lastly, he is the 3rd recipient of Lifetime Achievement Award by National Psoriasis Foundation with Award Ceremony scheduled for July 2015.

Amy J. McMichael, MD

Amy J. McMichael is Professor and Chair of Dermatology at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. She received her MD at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, dermatology training at Wake Forest University Department of Public Health Sciences. Dr. McMichael is a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology. Her research focuses on hair and scalp disorders and skin disease of deeply pigmented skin. Her publications include peer-reviewed articles, chapters, and reviews on these topics. She is also the co-editor of the text Hair and Scalp Diseases, Medical, Surgical, and Cosmetic Treatments.

Dr. McMichael is on the Editorial Board of Cosmetic Dermatology and JAMA Dermatology and serves as a consultant to the pharmaceutical industry. She has served as a member of the Scientific Advisory Council to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation, the midwest say, the past of the Skin of Color Society, and Chair of the Dermatology Residents/Fellows Research Award by the Society for Pediatric Dermatology. Dr. Schoch is currently an assistant professor at the University of Florida in the Departments of Dermatology and Pediatrics, and is one of a few board-certified pediatric dermatologists in the state of Florida.

Jennifer J. Schoch, MD

Jennifer J. Schoch, MD, obtained her medical degree from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. While there, Dr. Schoch was inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, as well as the Gold Humanism Honor Society. She completed her internship, dermatology residency, and pediatric dermatology fellowship at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in Rochester, MN. In 2014, Dr. Schoch was awarded the Pediatric Dermatology Residents/Fellows Research Award by the Society for Pediatric Dermatology. Dr. Schoch is currently an assistant professor at the University of Florida in the Departments of Dermatology and Pediatrics, and is one of a few board-certified pediatric dermatologists in the state of Florida.

Social Events

Friday, February 1: Family Buffet

We encourage you to join your fellow attendees at the dinner on Friday night – enjoy a classic Big Sky buffet with your family. The attendees ticket is included in the conference registration fee, and you may purchase additional tickets for your family members.

Additional guests: $25 per person
Free for children 2 and under and $12 for children ages 3-10.

Saturday, February 2: Adults-Only Reception

Saturday evening’s Adults-only reception is an opportunity to mingle and visit with the speakers and other attendees, while enjoying heavy hors d’oeuvres and a no-host bar. Each $25 ticket includes one complimentary cocktail. This event is in addition to the registration fee. Evening childcare can be arranged through Big Sky Resort’s concierge. For more information, please call Summit Hotel (406) 995-8000. All other properties, please call (406) 995-8506. The resort requests 48 hours’ notice for evening childcare requests.

Adult participant: $25 per person