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NEWSLETTER

British Society for Medical Dermatology



An introduction by our new BSMD President...

DR RUTH LAMB, BSMD PRESIDENT

I was delighted to take over the reigns from Adam Fityan as President in January of this year and would like to extend the thanks of the committee, and indeed our members to him, for a great few years as our President. He leads in a calm and considered way and has curated and overseen the huge number of fantastic educational events that we offer at the BSMD. These are big shoes to fill but I am fortunate to have been a part of the committee for the last 10 years providing a good grounding to the challenge ahead and to have a great team of passionate committee members, working hard behind the scenes, which makes the BSMD such a great society to be involved in. We have representatives from almost all devolved nations and all grades/stages of Dermatology and continue to try and improve accessibility to our meetings by hosting one of our meetings outside London, in alternate years.

Our membership numbers reflect the high quality of our educational events, indeed our committee meetings are always jam packed because the enthusiasm to create new events and motivations for those interested in Medical Dermatology is never ending!

We continue to offer much to those in all stages of their career from foundation doctors in our DermDoc meeting, to established Medical Dermatologists in our Advanced Medical Dermatology course and those in between in our Essential Medical Dermatology course with a view to continuing to inspire the next generation of Medical Dermatologists.



COURSES:

SCE Medical Dermatology Revision Course

27th August,
3rd, 10th, 24th September
1st October 2025 (in conjunction with BSCA) 2025
(All Online via Zoom, 7pm)

Advanced Medical Dermatology Therapeutics Meeting

15-16th October 2025
London

Dermdoc

3rd-4th November 2025

RCP Medical Dermatology Day

February 2026 (date TBC)

Essential Medical Dermatology

4th-6th March 2026

As a committee we have input into the Wednesday morning plenary at the BAD annual meeting, co-badging alongside the BAD, and continue to aim to reward the hard work of those in Medical Dermatology with the recently introduced Medical Dermatology prize for best presented paper in that session and a new prize planned for 2026 for the best presented poster in Medical Dermatology (the Burge Cup). It should be noted that introducing prizes does come with an increased workload for the committee e.g. marking abstracts etc but I am proud that the committee continue to give up their spare time to make these awards happen. The trainee committee members suggested the introduction of some Medical Dermatology SCE exam revision sessions this Autumn in order to assist with helping prep senior trainees for the exam and we hope these will prove popular.

As ever we get requests to make some of our meetings virtual or hybrid but our educational events are so interactive that we feel hybrid meetings would dilute enjoyment for those attending F2F and part of our ethos is to create a collegiate environment for budding Medical Dermatologists to engage with others.

Looking forward to seeing some of you at one of our events very soon and a jam packed year of education and CPD ahead!

BSMD Fellowship Awards:

FELLOWSHIP AWARDS:

2024/2025 Winners:

Dr Carmen Hew (Leeds)
Dr Lisa Keily (Galway)

2023/2024 Winners:

Dr Hazel Rooney (Glasgow)
Dr Florence Garty (Bristol)
Dr Abitha Illango (Leeds)
Dr Christina Stavrou (Newcastle)

Congratulations to the successful applicants!

The BSMD Fellowships are an excellent opportunity to fund individualised programmes of Medical Dermatology training. Fellowships will be awarded in open competition to UK and Eire dermatology trainees (including post CCT fellows). Each award will be funded up to a maximum value of £2500.

Look out for the 2026 application cycle on the society website:

<https://www.bsmd.org.uk/trainee-awards !>

BSMD Fellowship Experiences

DR HAZEL ROONEY Dermatology Resident

I have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences so far as part of the medical dermatology fellowship. I have been using these, both to gain knowledge and skills, and also to further develop my interests in cutaneous Crohn's disease and hidradenitis suppurativa. I have had the opportunity to attend a number of clinics so far. I attended Professor Andrew Pink's severe eczema clinic and clinical trials clinic, where I gained experience in the management of severe eczema but also in the efficient running of clinical trials, which I am using locally in the severe eczema clinic in Glasgow. From attending Dr Laura Savage's hidradenitis clinic, Leeds, I have had an insight into the benefit patients can receive from such a clinic and have been inspired to strive towards setting something similar up locally. To this end, I have been working with a consultant locally and we plan to start a small hidradenitis clinic which we will develop with time.

I have attended regular combined dermatology-gastroenterology-rheumatology clinics, where I have been involved in the care of severe non-contiguous cutaneous Crohns disease, and will take one of these cases to discuss in the Medical Dermatology Meeting, RCP London, February 2025. I have enjoyed the opportunity to learn about the MDT management of sarcoidosis from Dr Sarah Walsh's clinic, London.

I look forward to further clinical experiences as part of my BSMD Trainee Award and am thankful for this invaluable opportunity.

BSMD Pyoderma Gangrenosum Focus Day

DR PHILIP HAMPTON

Consultant Dermatologist, Newcastle

In May the BSMD sponsored a Pyoderma Gangrenosum Focus Day held at Wilan House, London. Forty delegates attended for an update on PG, clinical cases and for discussions on what the service improvement and research priorities for PG should be over the next 3 years. Presenters included Eugene Healy, Kave Shams, Josephine Wheeler, Mia Steyn, Hannah Wainman, Emily House and Phil Hampton. It was an enjoyable and informative day.

The following priorities were agreed:

- UK E-Delphi exercise to agree optimal approach to treatment
- Development of UK guidelines - possibly using a modified GRADE methodology due to low quality evidence
- Consideration of a UK PG MDT once agreement is established on optimal treatment
- Work towards more research with the key goal of a prospective registry study, acknowledging the difficulties of registry funding without Pharma support. A first step may be a retrospective report focussing on treatment choices and healing outcomes to baseline the current approaches to management in more detail than the previous survey,

We will be looking for interested participants to join the e-Delphi process so please email Bayanne.olabi4@nhs.net if you have time to participate.

Then BSMD will consider future ideas for Med Derm Focus Days so please contact the committee if you have any ideas for similar educational sessions.

BSMD funding to set up a regional medical dermatology educational day at your centre

The BSMD are pleased to announce a bursary scheme for centres that require funding between £500-£2000 to set up a local educational meeting with a focus on medical dermatology.

If you would like to apply for support to run a medical dermatology educational day at your centre, please refer to the regional medical dermatology educational day proposal guidelines before completing the application form (scan QR code or visit <https://www.bsmd.org.uk/funding-awards>) where these documents can be accessed).

The BSMD Lecture Series

DR RUI BAPTISTA GONÇALVES

Trainee Representative



The Evening Lectures are back for another series, hosted by Dr Ian Coulson. For those less familiar with these, the BSMD runs a series of one-hour, live, virtual lectures on a monthly basis, usually on a Thursday evening at 8pm. They feature an invited speaker and focus on a specific topic of medical dermatology. All sessions are also recorded and made available for 4 weeks on our YouTube page. A RCP CPD certificate is issued after attendance or visualization of the lecture upon completion of a feedback form.

We are pleased to announce the programme for the upcoming Autumn/Winter series. An updated calendar of evening lectures is available on our website <https://www.bsmd.org.uk/evening-lecture-series> as well as on our Instagram

page @official_bsmd. Invitations with the zoom link are sent in advance to all existing active BSMD members. If you have only recently joined BSMD and have not received the Evening Lecture emails, please contact rui.baptistagoncalves@nhs.net to be added to the mailing list. We also welcome suggestions for future topics you would like to see covered. We look forward to seeing you all there!

DATE	Topic	Speaker
9 th October	Just enough immunology for the dermatologist!	Dr Marina Frieta Gilchrist
13 th November	Successes with <i>Sarcoptes</i> and difficult dermatophytes	Dr Olivier Chosidow
11 th December	New contact allergens for the generalist dermatologist	Dr Sidra Khan
		Dr Donna Thompson
22 nd January	The changing landscape of urticaria treatment	Dr Pablo Garcia Martinez

Dermdoc 2025- new format!

We are delighted to announce the 2025 edition of DermDoc, organised by the British Society for Medical Dermatology (BSMD), which will take place on the 3rd and 4th of November 2025 at Willan House, London - with a virtual option also available (albeit excluding most of the second day sessions).

DermDoc continues to provide an invaluable opportunity for aspiring dermatology trainees (Foundation and IMT/SHO level doctors) to enhance their medical dermatology knowledge, develop clinical skills, and now also prepare with confidence for dermatology training interviews.

We have listened to previous attendees' feedback and this year's programme has been revamped. It spans two days, with the second day dedicated primarily to dermatology interview pathways and preparation, including structured mock interviews—a new and exciting feature of the course. More information to be released soon - please keep an eye on our website and on our Instagram page: @official_bsmd

BSMD COMMITTEE 2025

NAME	POSITION	NAME	POSITION
Ruth Lamb	President	Adam Fityan	Immediate Past President
Phil Hampton	Secretary and Advanced Medical Dermatology Meeting Coordinator	Jenny Hughes	Treasurer/Curriculum/Essential Medical Dermatology Meeting Coordinator
Laura Savage	Fellowships / Essential Medical Dermatology Meeting Coordinator	Hannah Wainman	Service Improvement and Website
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Marianne de Brito	DermDoc Coordinator and Social Media/ SCE Revision Course Coordinator	Rui Baptista Gonçalves	Trainee Representative/ SCE Revision Course Coordinator
Ian Coulson	(Co-opted Member) Zoom Lecture Series		

