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Our new academic year is off to a great start! We have welcomed **Carissa Walkosak** and **Chris Farkouh** as our first-year dermatology residents. What better way to kick off your first week on call than with a 2am hospital consult! As always, we are proud of the care we are able to provide and remain committed to offering our dermatological expertise 24/7 to patients in need at Cooper Hospital. In the last academic year, we provided care for over 550 inpatient consultations - many who were transferred to Cooper Hospital specifically for dermatologic evaluation.

Ted Rosen, MD kicked off our divisional Grand Rounds with an engaging and educational talk about *STDs in Dermatology*. We invite all our Alumni to join us on a Thursday morning to present a case or listen to our speaker. Please bookmark the Zoom link on the last page to join us.

This Fall, we welcome **Mia Li, MD, MPH** as a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist to the Division. Dr Li will be seeing patients in both Camden and Marlton.

Lastly, it is with mixed emotions that we announce **Dr Heymann** will no longer see patients as of April 2027. In the next phase of his dermatology career, Dr Heymann will continue as editor of *Dermatology World* and pursue a master's degree in bioethics as he stays involved with CMSRU and our dermatology residency program. To celebrate his distinguished career, Dr Heymann has graciously accepted our invitation as Guest Lecturer for our **February 5, 2027** Philadelphia Dermatologic Society Meeting. We are planning to host a hybrid event with celebratory reception in-person following the meeting. Please save the date to join us in person.



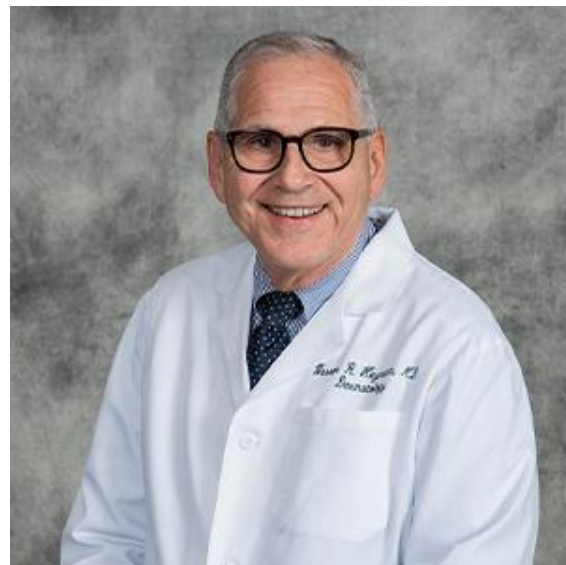
**Cooper Medical School
of Rowan University**

Cooper
University Health Care

SAVE THE DATE: February 5 & 6, 2027 Dr. Heymann's Retirement Celebration

We invite you to join us for our **February 5, 2027** Philly Derm Society Meeting with **Dr Heymann** as our invited speaker. The lecture will be delivered in-person at Cooper Medical School of Rowan University in Camden, NJ from **4:00 to 6:15pm EST**. Reception to follow. If you cannot join us in-person, the meeting will also be available via Zoom.

On **Saturday, February 6th** we will continue the celebration with a dinner in the South Jersey/Philadelphia area. Exact time and place will be announced in the following months, but please save the date. If you know now that you would like to attend the Saturday evening dinner, please email Judy Malloy at jamalloy@hmgsderm.com.



Faces and Places



Dr. Heymann and Dr. Manders
- hard at work as always!

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Meet Our Program Coordinator



Irma Crespo

Where did you grow up? I was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, and grew up in Camden, NJ

When did you first join and what brought you to Cooper? I joined Cooper in 2008. What brought me to Cooper was that, after working at my previous job for more than eight years, the company closed. At that point, I decided to return to school and earned my Medical Assistant certification. In 2008, I began my career at Cooper as a Medical Assistant in the Department of Nephrology, where I worked for 15 years. In 2023, I transitioned to a new role within Graduate Medical Education (GME) and became a Medical Education Coordinator. I have enjoyed growing professionally at Cooper and value the opportunity to support both our trainees and educational programs.



You can contact Irma at Crespo-Iracema@cooperhealth.edu

What do you enjoy most about your work? I enjoy most supporting residents and fellows throughout their training and helping ensure that programs run smoothly. I enjoy coordinating the many aspects of medical education, finding solutions to challenges, improving processes, and supporting trainees, faculty, and program leadership.

What do you find most challenging? What I find most challenging is managing multiple priorities at once while ensuring that residents, fellows, and faculty receive the support they need. Balancing accreditation requirements, onboarding, scheduling, evaluations, compliance deadlines, and trainee support requires strong organization, attention to detail, and adaptability. While these responsibilities can be demanding, overcoming these challenges, and helping programs run smoothly is also one of the most rewarding aspects of my role.

What do you like to do outside of work? Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and relaxing with a good movie or TV series.

What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show? My favorite movie is My Sister's Keeper

What is your favorite food or restaurant? My favorite food is pasta. I love Italian food.

Coffee or tea? Coffee

If you could travel anywhere tomorrow, where would you go? I would go to Greece

Diana Zarown, MD

Resident Spotlight



Hometown: Hillcrest, NY

Medical School: Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY

Internship: Yale New Haven Health - Greenwich Hospital, Greenwich, CT



Why did you choose dermatology? I was drawn to dermatology through a series of wonderful experiences in pediatric dermatology, but I came to love the field as a whole for its always-fascinating breadth. It allows me to participate in so many aspects of medicine—clinical care, procedural work, research, and education. Each day is a new adventure and no two days are ever alike. Being in this field offers me the chance to listen, solve problems, and make meaningful differences in the lives of patients daily. It is a privilege to be in the world of dermatology.

Clinical interests or desired scope of practice: Pediatric Dermatology, Medical Education, Research, Women in Medicine/ Mentorship, Preventive Health

What is your favorite thing about Cooper Dermatology? The people are special - everyone from my amazing co-residents, to the brilliant faculty, and all of the terrific ancillary staff. Of special note is that the pediatric dermatology training we receive exceeds all expectations. And, the dynamic of time spent between Cooper-HMGS is incredibly unique for training.

Favorite clinical pearl: 'Trust but verify' and 'Listen to the history, but let the skin speak for itself'

If you weren't a doctor, what would you be: Working on the business side of a fashion magazine (which was almost my trajectory after graduating undergraduate business school - a story for another time!)

If not in the hospital, where are you/what are you doing: Chasing after my toddler, spending time with my supportive husband, family and friends; taking a yoga or sculpt class; daydreaming about my next research or entrepreneurial endeavor

Favorite Movie or Show to stream: Romantic Comedies, especially, but not limited to, those from the early 2000's

Favorite Podcast: The Wellness Process

Favorite food or restaurant: Anything from my mother's kitchen!



Departmental Scholarly Activity

Selected Recent Publications:

Nusrat F, Scherz LA, Walkosak C, Jennings T, Lawrence N. Evaluation of N-Butyl Cyanoacrylate Tissue Adhesive for Second Intention Healing Following Dermatologic Surgery: A Randomized Controlled Trial. *Dermatol Surg.* 2026 Jun 18.

Kus KJB, Lawrence N, Tarbox MB, Lucas J. The ethics of preventing industry interaction in trainee education: protection or missed opportunity. *Postgrad Med J.* 2026 May 21

Heymann WR. Handling hantavirus. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2026 Aug 24:S0190-9622(26)03385-2.

Scherz LA, Rivard S, Kim Y, Renzi MA Jr, Jennings T, Lawrence N. Sculpo Repair: Linear Closure With Cartilage Sculpting for Helical Rim Defects $\leq 2.5 \text{ cm}^2$. *Dermatol Surg.* 2026 Sep 1;52(9):842-845.

Heymann WR. Expanding the therapeutic horizon for chronic spontaneous urticaria-Finally. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2026 Jul 24:S0190-9622(26)03162-2.

Have you published something recently? Please let us know and we will share it in our next newsletter!



Don't miss *The DermSurgery Digest*, a monthly podcast hosted by **Dr Naomi Lawrence** and co-host **Dr Mike Renzi** (Chief Resident 2020-2021 and Mohs Fellow 2021-2022) where you can hear a concise monthly review of journal articles from "*Dermatologic Surgery*."



From the Archives



Matt McLarney and Mike Renzi – Cooper Dermatology graduation 2022

Please send photos you'd like to highlight. We love seeing these blasts from the past!

Shared Alumni Database



Since the Program's inception by **Dr. Warren Heymann** in 1995, our Program has aimed to promote and foster competent and compassionate care for patients and instill in our residents a commitment to excellence and life-long learning.

We are proud of you, **our alumni**, for carrying on our mission and the many successes you have achieved along the way.

The goal of the shared database is to help our alumni, faculty, and current trainees to connect to one another for professional opportunities. Please add or edit your information as appropriate.

[Cooper Alumni Shared Database Google Doc](#)

Important Dates for 2026-2027

Please join us for **Virtual Grand Rounds** for the upcoming academic year. You may use the Zoom information below. The usual format is 7:45-8:00am Lightning Rounds, 8:00-9:00am in-depth case discussions, and 9:00-10:00am Guest Speaker Lecture unless noted below. Dr Heymann and the residents present Journal Club 10:00-11:00am.

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: **847 5322 1237**

Passcode: **721292**

Grand Rounds Dates:

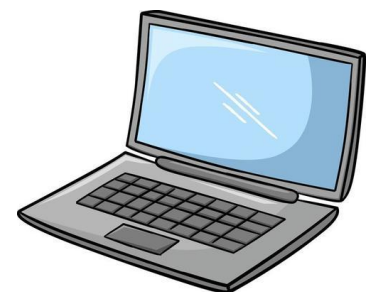
- October 1, 2026 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture
- November 12, 2026 - 8am, **Dr Ata Moshiri** (NYU)
- December 3, 2026 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture
- January 7, 2027 - 8am, **Dr Avrom Caplan** (NYU), *Practices/Management of Side Effects of Long-Term Systemic Steroids*
- February 4, 2027 - **Dr Joel Gelfand** (Penn), *Psoriasis Update*
- March 4, 2027, **Dr Nicole Fett** (OHSU), *"Not as Billed" Cognitive Bias in Medicine through Consult Cases*
- April 1, 2027 - TBD
- May 6, 2027 - **Dr Pooja Rambhia** (Cooper) Mohs Micrographic Fellow
- June 3, 2027 - Case discussion only, no guest lecture

Philadelphia Dermatologic Society Meetings: (Virtual)

- SKMC/Thomas Jefferson University Hospital - October 9, 2026
- Perelman SoM/Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania - November 13, 2026
- Pennsylvania Hospital - January 8, 2027
- **Cooper Medical School of Rowan University - February 5, 2027 - Hybrid Lecture**
- Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine - March 12, 2027
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia - April 16, 2027
- The Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University - May 21, 2027

Other Conferences:

- Pennsylvania Academy of Dermatology - Pittsburgh, PA - September 24-27, 2026
- ASDS Annual Meeting - San Diego, CA - November 5-8, 2026
- Derm Foundation Clinical Symposia - Naples, FL - January 27-30, 2027
- AAD Annual Meeting - San Francisco, CA - March 19-23, 2027



From the Division Head

Dear friends and colleagues,



Dr. Camille Introcaso

As we welcome the fall season, I'm reflecting on a truly historic moment for Cooper Dermatology: The retirement of **Dr. Warren Heymann**.

For decades, Dr. Heymann has been at the heart of our residency program. He helped establish a culture of excellence in patient care, education, scholarship, and mentorship that continues to define Cooper Dermatology today. His influence extends far beyond our institution through the countless residents, students, and colleagues he has inspired throughout his remarkable career.

While we celebrate Dr. Heymann's extraordinary legacy, we are looking toward the future. The mission he championed remains as important as ever: Training outstanding dermatologists, advancing dermatologic research, and delivering exceptional care to our community.

As alumni, you understand the impact that a strong residency program can have on a physician's career. Your support plays a vital role in ensuring that our residents have access to educational opportunities, mentorship, research experiences, and professional development needed to thrive in an increasingly complex healthcare environment.

We invite you to honor Dr. Heymann's legacy by investing in the future of Cooper Dermatology. Contributions to the residency program directly support our educational, research, and training mission, helping us prepare the next generation of dermatologists to lead, innovate, and serve.

On behalf of our faculty and residents, thank you for your continued connection to Cooper Dermatology. We are proud of all that our alumni have accomplished, and we look forward to building on the foundation that Dr. Heymann helped create.

Sincerely,
Camille Introcaso

The Dermatology Education, Research, and Training Fund of the Cooper Foundation now has its own direct link. Click below or scan the QR code:
<https://foundation.cooperhealth.org/online-giving-form/dermatology-education-research-training/>



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