

Department of Dermatology

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Welcome to Dermatology

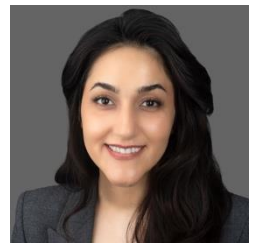
We are pleased to welcome **Adewunmi Adelaja**, MD, PhD, to our Shapiro and Needham offices. Dr. Adelaja earned his medical degree as an NIH Medical Scientist Training Program scholar and a PhD in Molecular Biology from UCLA's David Geffen School of Medicine. He went on to complete a preliminary internal medicine year at Brigham and Women's Hospital and his dermatology residency in the Harvard Combined Dermatology Residency Program.



Dr. Adelaja's clinical and research interests center on cutaneous oncology and dermatologic surgery. He also has a strong interest in digital health and clinical data science, including software development in medical informatics and clinical epidemiology.

Beyond the clinic and laboratory, Dr. Adelaja has a long record of mentorship and service. He has guided dozens of pre-medical re-applicants at UCLA, many of whom now practice as physicians. He serves as a Resident Tutor at Harvard's Currier House and was a Fellow in Values Engagement at the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Ethics. He also served on the Massachusetts Medical Society's Committee on Diversity in Medicine and chairs the ASDS' Resident Engagement Task Force.

Maneli Doroudian Tehrani, MD, joins us in the Departments of Dermatology and Medicine, as an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and as Assistant Director of the Clinical Laboratory for Epidemiology and Applied Research in Skin (CLEARS).



Dr. Doroudian Tehrani earned her medical degree from Kashan University of Medical Sciences in Iran. Early in her career, she served as director of Abu-Zeidabad Health Center in Kashan, Iran, and later as Chief Medical Officer of Rahil & Ramila Clinics in Tehran. She joined BIDMC as a postdoctoral research fellow in Dr. Robert Flaumenhaft's laboratory, where she studied hemostasis and thrombosis. She then completed her internal medicine residency at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center and is board-certified in internal medicine.

Dr. Doroudian Tehrani returned to BIDMC for two years of fellowship training in clinical trials and outcomes research in inflammatory skin diseases at CLEARS, under the mentorship of Drs. Alexa Kimball and Martina Porter. Her work centers on hidradenitis suppurativa, and her recent contributions span many aspects of the disease.

She was co-first author on a randomized pilot trial of deucravacitinib, and her other studies cover therapeutic drug monitoring of adalimumab, cumulative life course impairment, and trial design strategies in an era of more stringent endpoints. She recently received a BioDataBank Pilot Grant through BIDMC's InSPIRE initiative.

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Obagi Family Foundation Invests in Our Department's Future

The Zein and Samar Obagi Family Foundation has made a transformational \$3 million gift to BIDMC in support of the Department of Dermatology's missions of education, fellowship training, and research. To advance medical education and research at the intersection of dermatology and public health, and to honor Dr. Obagi's legacy of innovation, particularly his pioneering work in the Science of Skin Health and treatment of skin of color and diverse skin types, the Zein and Samar Obagi Family Foundation's gift establishes several new programs:

The Zein E. Obagi, MD, Endowed Chair in Dermatology and Skin Health

The Zein E. Obagi, MD, Endowed Chair in Dermatology and Skin Health will provide vital resources to a pioneering faculty member, supporting their clinical, research, and educational work in honor of Dr. Obagi's legacy and his philosophy of developing and maintaining healthy skin. The chair will also advance Dr. Obagi's dedication to inclusive skin treatment and patient advocacy, with a focus on diverse skin types and skin of color.

We are pleased to announce that **Arianne Shadi Kourosh, MD, MPH**, will serve as the inaugural incumbent.

The Zein E. Obagi, MD, Dermatology Fellowship in Skin Health and Longevity

The Zein E. Obagi, MD, Dermatology Fellowship in Skin Health and Longevity will train dermatology residents and early postgraduate physicians in Dr. Obagi's philosophy of equitable, innovative care, with a particular focus on diverse skin types, creating skin protocol treatment based on specific objectives, and patient advocacy.

Under Dr. Kourosh's direction, fellows will receive mentorship in environmental dermatology and social impact, along with specialized training from our departmental faculty.

The Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians Skin Health Conference, featuring the Zein E. Obagi, MD, Distinguished Lecture

Organized by Harvard Medical Faculty Physicians, this annual conference advances dermatologic science through Dr. Obagi's philosophy of skin health, emphasizing restoring normal skin function and optimizing cellular activity. The program will feature the Zein E. Obagi, MD, Distinguished Lecture, highlighting a leading innovator whose decades of work reflects Dr. Obagi's vision for the field.



Photo L to R: Rachel Reynolds, MD; Mrs. Samar Obagi; Zein Obagi, MD; Arianne Shadi Kourosh, MD, MPH; Peter Healy, MHSA

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Dr. Chung Named Inaugural Recipient of the Dr. Michael E. Bigby Award

Hye Jin Chung, MD, MMSc, is the inaugural recipient of the Department of Dermatology's [Dr. Michael E. Bigby Award](#), which recognizes mid-career faculty who demonstrate sustained excellence in research, mentorship, and departmental citizenship.



Dr. Chung is an Associate Professor of Dermatology at Harvard Medical School, and serves as the Director of the Pigmentary, Scarring, and Inflammatory Clinic as well as the Director of Laser and Cosmetic Surgery at BIDMC. She has built a distinguished career at the intersection of dermatopathology, cosmetic dermatology, and scar management with a focus in patients with skin of color.

A dedicated mentor, Dr. Chung has successfully guided many residents, medical students, and fellows through their career development. She has co-authored 43 publications with her trainees and recently received the Skin of Color Society Research Grant for her work on atrophic scars in Hidradenitis Suppurativa. She was honored with the Harvard Combined Dermatology Residency Program's Teacher of the Year Award in 2024. Beyond her scholarly and mentorship contributions, she founded the Asian Skin Clinic and has championed the care of patients with skin of color at BIDMC as well as on the national stage. She created and directed the American Academy of Dermatology's landmark course on Asian skin diseases—the first educational program of its kind in North America.

Over the next three years, Dr. Chung's academic focus will be on advancing translational and clinical research in scar management and skin rejuvenation, pigmentary disorders, and device-based therapies, with the goal of improving outcomes for diverse patient populations. This three-year, \$75,000 award will provide protected time to further her high-impact research, mentorship, and leadership within the department.

Dr. Chung is a valued and dedicated colleague and leader in the Department of Dermatology, and we offer our heartfelt congratulations to her on this honor.

In the news: Dr. Yardman-Frank Co-Authors Paper on Global “Skin Equity”

A global survey of dermatologists in 158 countries [found major disparities in access to skin care](#), with only 17% of countries having enough dermatology providers. Co-author **Joseph Michael Yardman-Frank, MD, MPH, Dermatology, BIDMC**, emphasized the need to bring dermatology into communities and equip frontline clinicians to treat and appropriately escalate common skin conditions.



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Dr. William Lewis Receives 2026 Early-Stage Career Investigator Grant

Congratulations to **William Lewis**, MD, who has been named a 2026 recipient of the [BIDMC Early-Stage Career Investigator \(ESCI\) Grant](#).

Offered through the BIDMC InSPIRE plan, the ESCI program awards up to \$20,000 in seed funding to postdocs and instructors launching innovative basic, translational, or clinical research, including work aligned with BIDMC's Translational Research Hubs. The grants are designed to help early-career investigators build toward extramural funding and research independence.

