



GDPA'S 18TH ANNUAL DERMATOLOGY PEARLS CONFERENCE

Savannah

The Westin Savannah Harbor
September 2-5 * 2026

Wednesday, September 2

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration Opens Pre-Function
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Arrival Event with Exhibitors Meet the Leaders of GDPA
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Dinner Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Amgen
7:45 pm - 9:00 pm	Top Sponsor Dinner (By Invitation Only)

Thursday, September 3

6:30 am - 5:45 pm	Registration Coffee Service Pre-Function	
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Incyte Zone (Non-CME Networking Lounge)	
7:15 am - 7:30 am	Symposium Breakfast Served	
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast Symposium Non-CME Sponsored Johnson & Johnson	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Beyond the Follicle: Fresh Perspectives on Scarring Alopecia	Oyetewa Asempa, MD
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Pigment in Practice: Decoding Vitiligo & Melasma	Karan Lal, DO
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Mid-Morning Break Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Arcutis	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Untangling Hair Loss: Modern Insights into Non-Scarring Alopecias	Oyetewa Asempa, MD
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Symposium Lunch Served	
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Regeneron/Sanofi	
12:45 pm - 1:15 pm	Dessert Symposium Non-CME Sanofi Next Gen Immunology	
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Healing HS	Harrison Nguyen, MD
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	The Weight of the Matter: Obesity & its Cutaneous Consequences	Karan Lal, DO
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	What We Need to Know about CSU	Harrison Nguyen, MD
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Challenging Skin of Color Cases	Oyetewa Asempa, MD, Buchi Neita, PA-C, Karan Lal, DO
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Welcome Event on the Riverfront	

Friday, September 4

7:00 am - 5:30 pm	Registration Coffee Service Pre-Function	
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Incyte Zone (Non-CME Networking Lounge)	
7:15 am - 7:30 am	Symposium Breakfast Served	
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by AbbVie	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Allergy for the Derm Provider	Amanda Michaud PA-C
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Updates in Pediatric Dermatology	Lisa Swanson, MD
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Mid-Morning Break Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Sun Pharma	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Measles is Back! What We Need to Know About Viral Exanthems	Lisa Swanson, MD
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm	Symposium Lunch Served	
12:15 pm - 12:45 pm	Lunch Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Pfizer	
12:45 pm - 1:15 PM	Dessert Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by UCB	
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Myth Busting in the Allergy World	Amanda Michaud PA-C
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Under Pressure: Navigating Blistering Diseases	Emily Gorrell, DO
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
3:45 pm - 4:45 pm	Genetic Skin Diseases & Gene Therapy	Emily Gorrell, DO
4:45 pm - 5:45 pm	Atopic Derm Disease Modification	Naiem Issa, MD
5:45 pm - 7:45 pm	Hidradenitis Suppurativa Dinner Symposium Non-CME Sponsored by Incyte	
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	18th Anniversary Celebration Event Vampire Ball	



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Saturday, September 5

7:30 am - 5:30 pm	Registration Coffee Service Pre-Function	
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open	
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Incyte Zone (Non-CME Networking Lounge)	
7:15 am - 7:30 am	Symposium Breakfast Served	
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast Symposium Non-CME	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Therapeutic Updates	Naiem Issa, MD
9:00 am - 10:00 am	The Gut Skin Connection	Raja Sivamani, MD
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Breakout Session: Facial Anatomy	TBD
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Mid-Morning Break Symposium Non-CME	
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Coffee Break with Exhibitors	
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Complementary & Alternative Medicine in Dermatology	Raja Sivamani, MD
10:45 am - 11:45 am	Breakout Session: Developing Your Speaker Skills	Douglas DiRuggiero, PA-C
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Symposium Lunch Served	
12:00 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch Product Theater Non-CME Sponsored by AbbVie	
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Dessert Symposium Non-CME	
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm	GDPA Membership Meeting	
1:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Live Prize Drawing (Non-CME) Must be Present to Win	
1:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Coffee Break	
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	The Bottom Line: Rashes & Lesions of the Buttocks	Buchi Neita, PA-C
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm	The Great Rash Roundup: Patterns, Pearls & Pitfalls	Douglas DiRuggiero, PA-C
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Coffee Break	
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Tinea Tales: From Ringworm to Rare Mycoses	Douglas DiRuggiero, PA-C
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Lifestyle Medicine	Buchi Neita, PA-C
6:00 pm	Conference Concludes	

Agenda Legend

Meal & Networking Events
Commercial Events
CME/CE Events
Breakout Sessions