

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name: **Rossitza Lazova, M.D.**
Title: Director of Dermatopathology
Institution: California Skin Institute
Education:
M.D. Medical University, Sofia, Bulgaria, 1985; *Summa cum laude*
Career/Academic Appointments:
1985-88 Resident, Clinical Pathology, Stara Zagora General Hospital, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria
1989-90 Assistant Professor, Clinical Laboratories, National Center for Cardiovascular Diseases, Sofia, Bulgaria
1992-95 Resident, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY
1995-96 Chief Resident, Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY
1996-97 Fellow in Dermatopathology, Institute for Dermatopathology, Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PE, under A. Bernard Ackerman, MD
1997-2003 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dermatology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
2003-2016 Associate Professor, Dept. of Dermatology, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
1997-2016 Attending Physician, Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT
1998-2016 Consulting Pathologist/Dermatopathologist, West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center, West Haven, CT
2016-present Director of Dermatopathology, California Skin Institute, San Jose, CA

Professional Service for Professional Organizations

American Society of Dermatopathology

2015-18 Member, Membership Committee
2007-09 Chair, Mentorship in Dermatopathology Award Committee
2005-12 Member, Mentorship in Dermatopathology Award Committee
2003-04 Member, Board of Directors
2003-04 Chair, Membership Committee
2002 Representative of the ASDP to the International Committee for Dermatopathology
2002-present Member, Council of Directors of Fellowship Training Programs in Dermatopathology
1999-2003 Member, Membership Committee

International Society of Dermatopathology

2013-16 Vice President, International Society of Dermatopathology
2012-16 Member, Organizing Committee, 16th through 19th Joint Meeting of the International Society of Dermatopathology
2011-present Liaison from the ISDP to the International Society of Dermatology and the International League of Dermatological Societies
2008-present Chair, Travel Award Committee
2007-present Member, Executive Committee
2007-2014 Member, Membership Committee

American Academy of Dermatology

2009 Panel member, Sharing Mentoring Experiences, 67th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology, San Francisco, CA
2008 Panel member, Sharing Mentoring Experiences, 66th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology, San Antonio, TX

Other

2009-present Member, Yale Comprehensive Cancer Center, Cancer Genetics and Genomics Program

Invited Speaking Engagements, Presentations, Symposia & Workshops

International Society of Dermatopathology

- 2016: 19th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Arlington, VA, Course Co-Chair Extraordinary findings in the ordinary
- 2016: 19th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Arlington, VA, Moderator, Oral abstract presentations
- 2016: 19th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Arlington, VA, Moderator, Dermatopathology Trainee World Cup
- 2016: 19th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Arlington, VA, Speaker, Self-Assessment Course
- 2015: 18th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, San Francisco, CA, Speaker, Self-Assessment Course
- 2014: 17th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Denver, CO, Course Director, Dermatopathology Trainee World Cup
- 2014: 17th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Denver, CO, Course Director, Oral abstract presentations
- 2014: 17th Joint Meeting of the ISDP, Denver, CO, Course Director, Session “Saved by the patient”

World Congress of Dermatology

- 2015: 23rd World Congress of Dermatology, Joint Meeting of ISDP and ASDP, Vancouver, BC, Canada, "How Dermatopathology Impacts Dermatology. A.K.A. Why I love my dermatopathologist"
- 2011: 22nd World Congress of Dermatology, Seoul, Korea, Course Director, Session on Ackerman's Pattern Analysis: What Is the Impact?: “Ackerman’s Pattern Analysis in the diagnosis of Spitzoid Neoplasms”
- 2007: 21st World Congress of Dermatology, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Session on Dermatopathology I - Microscopic patterns of inflammatory skin diseases: “Spongiotic dermatitis”

American Society of Dermatopathology

- 2015: 52nd Annual Meeting of the ASDP, San Francisco, CA, Oral Abstract Session #2: "Imaging Mass Spectrometry in the diagnosis of difficult Atypical Spitzoid Neoplasms"
- 2013: 50th Annual Meeting of the ASDP, Washington, DC, Hermann Pinkus Basic Science Course: “Mass Spectroscopy as a Diagnostic Tool in Melanocytic Neoplasms”

American Academy of Dermatology

- 2016: 74th Annual Meeting of the AAD, Washington, DC, Essential Dermatopathology: what you need to know for certification and clinical practice: neoplastic Dermatopathology course: “Benign melanocytic neoplasms”
- 2015: 73rd Annual Meeting of the AAD, San Francisco, CA, Advanced Dermatopathology: “Atypical Spitzoid Neoplasms – what we do and don’t know”
- 2014: 72nd Annual Meeting of the AAD, Denver, CO, Dermatopathology for the Pediatric Dermatologist session: “Spitzoid Tumors in Childhood”

My main interest is in melanocytic lesions and particularly Spitzoid neoplasms. In 2008 I founded the Yale Spitzoid Neoplasm Repository, which is a repository of cases of Spitz nevi, Atypical Spitzoid Neoplasms, and Spitzoid melanomas from the US and from throughout the world. Recently, I introduced Imaging Mass Spectrometry as an ancillary method to be used in the diagnostic process of difficult melanocytic lesions. I plan to integrate and correlate the histopathology, the molecular diagnostics, and the clinical evolutionary course of Spitzoid neoplasms. The research on genomic sequencing of Spitz nevi and Spitzoid melanomas will allow dermatopathologists and pathologists to significantly decrease the grey area in which we presently work.

I have taught many courses and directed numerous sessions at national and international meetings in the USA, Europe, South America, and Asia. I have been a Director of the Dermatopathology Fellowship at Yale University for 14 years. During that course I have trained many fellows and numerous residents from Pathology and Dermatology. I have developed an international program and have supervised and taught over 50 physicians from 43 countries and four continents.

I have become well known worldwide in the field of Dermatopathology. I have published numerous articles in peer – reviewed journals and I am a co–author of two textbooks: **Differential Diagnosis in Dermatopathology II, second edition, and Atlas of Practical Mohs Histopathology**. I am a member of the editorial board of several scientific journals, and have served in several professional societies. I have also chaired multiple committees in both, the American Society of Dermatopathology and the International Society of Dermatopathology. I was on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Dermatopathology and I am currently the Vice President of the International Society of Dermatopathology.