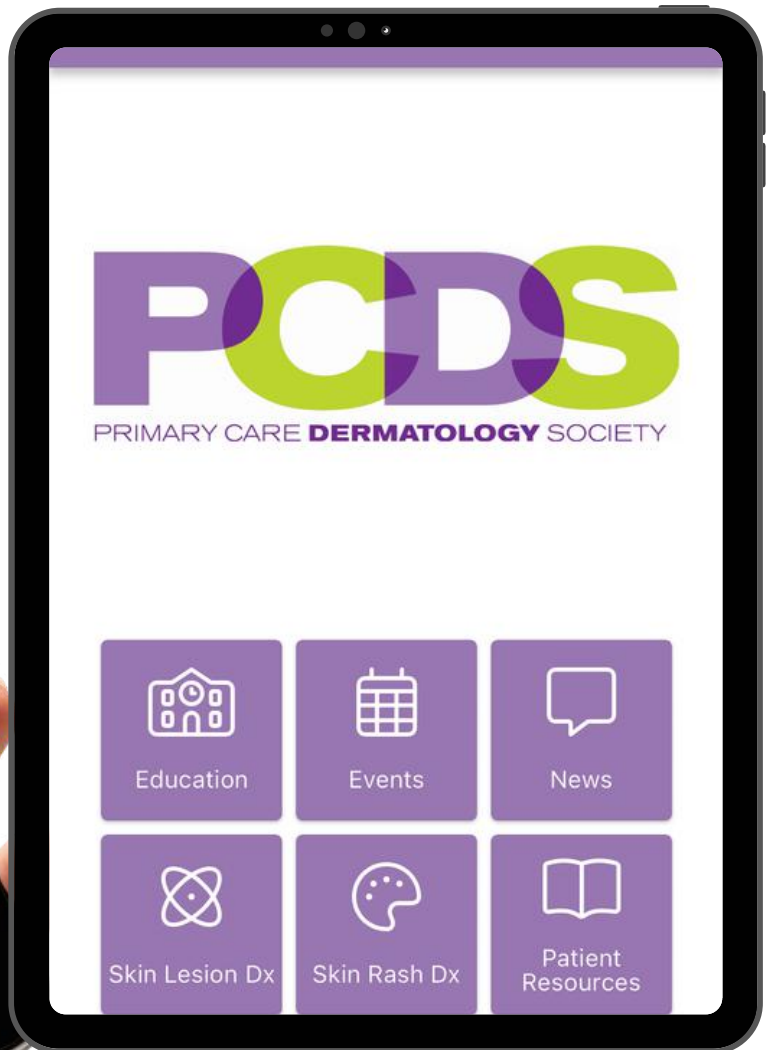


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Latest News

Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology: Progress or Premature Promise?

The inexorable rise of artificial intelligence (AI) in medicine continues apace. Dermatology is no exception to this – particularly in an environment of ever-increasing demand, and ever-increasing waiting lists. The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has conditionally approved an AI package for use in dermatology departments, to assist in the screening of lesion referrals^{1,2}. It goes by the catchy title of Deep Ensemble for Recognition of Malignancy (DERM).

This, obviously, has significant implications for GPs, their patients and dermatology departments. The British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) has tabled a response to this document, which is cogent, concise and appropriate³.

The technology has been approved by NHS England's Digital Technology Assessment Criteria (DTAC) and, as such, may be coming to a department close to you in the near future. I feel it is worth emphasising the concerns that the BAD has raised. This is, as yet, unproven technology.

It is being rolled out under conditions of use, that include the provision of evidence of functionality and accuracy covering the next three years. At this point, it will be re-assessed. Patients need to be aware that, after referral, they may be discharged, on the basis of a photograph, without that picture ever having been seen by a dermatological practitioner.

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Artificial Intelligence in Dermatology: Progress or Premature Promise?

It remains to be seen if this technology will pass the test of time, but it is coming, and is sure to be promoted heavily by companies keen to implement the service. We will watch the process closely, and would welcome any comments from members who have had positive, or negative experiences where this technology has been implemented.

Dr Julian Peace
Executive Chair, Primary Care Dermatology Society

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Latest News

PCDS to Partner with the International Dermoscopy Society


We are delighted to be partnering with the international Dermoscopy Society for their 7th World Congress of Dermoscopy in 2027, keep reading to find out more.




Latest News

SAVE THE DATE – 7th World Congress of Dermoscopy

 May 12th to 15th, 2027

 Lyons, France

 An essential event for professionals in skin disease detection and treatment

Join us for the 7th World Congress of Dermoscopy #WCD2027, an unmissable event for all professionals involved in the early detection and treatment of skin diseases and the use of non-invasive skin imaging techniques. This congress will feature the latest research, innovations, and current challenges in dermoscopy.

What to expect during #WCD2027?

The President, Vice-Presidents, and a dedicated Local Organizing Committee are working alongside the IDS Executive Committee and International Scientific Committee to deliver a memorable congress experience.

 Local Organizing Committee

A dedicated team of professionals from the Rhône-Alpes region is committed to ensuring the smooth and high-quality execution of the event.

 International Scientific Committee

Renowned experts from around the world will shape the scientific program, bringing the latest dermoscopy innovations and research to the forefront.

 IDS Executive Committee

The IDS Executive Committee plays a vital role in coordinating the congress, overseeing all organizational, logistical, and scientific aspects to ensure a seamless experience.

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What will you discover at WCD 2027?

Pre-Congress Workshops:

- Basic Dermoscopy Courses (French & English) for General Practitioners
- Advanced Dermoscopy Courses (French) for GPs and Dermatologists
- Basic and Advanced Skin Surgery Workshops (French & English)

Main Congress Topics:

- Skin Biology
- Cutaneous Surgery
- Latest Research in Dermoscopy & Dermatology
- Digital Dermoscopy
- Dermoscopy in Primary Care (GPs, Paediatricians, Geriatricians, Surgeons)
- Dermoscopy by Paramedical Professions
- Genotyping on Stratum Corneum Samples
- AI in Skin Image Analysis
- Confocal Microscopy & OCT
- Full Body Photography
- Cancer Genetics, and much more!

👉 For more information, visit our website: www.ids-wcd2027.com

💬 Stay connected with us and follow our main social media for updates and important news:

- Facebook: International Dermoscopy Society
- Instagram: idswcd2027
- LinkedIn: International Dermoscopy Society

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WCD 2027 is coming soon!

In just two years, the 7th World Congress of Dermoscopy will take place in Lyons, a hub of scientific excellence and innovation in health and life sciences.

Why Lyons?

Lyons, in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region, is at the heart of cutting-edge scientific research and healthcare innovation. With 530 research laboratories, 20,000 health professionals, and 1,600 clinical trials conducted every year, Lyons is a global leader in biotechnology, making it the ideal location for WCD 2027.

Did you know?

- Lyons ranks 2nd in France for its health sector with 450 health companies.
- The region is the world's leading vaccine producer and a major player in immunology, oncology, and neuroscience.
- 13,300 researchers, including 1,800 international experts, call the region home.

Mark your calendars for May 12th to 15th, 2027!

Latest News

Guidelines Live 2024 – Recorded Presentations

Recordings of Drs Julian Peace and Tim Cunliffe talks at Guidelines Live last November are now available and can be viewed by using the following links:

Hair loss pathway for
primary care

Dr Julian Peace

Acne and Rosacea

Dr Tim Cunliffe

Don't forget!

DFAB



26th June
Belfast



Book here

Where
Dermatology
Meets Sexual
Health



11th September
Manchester



Book here

Skin surgery



10th-11th October
Birmingham



Book here

Derm Foot UK



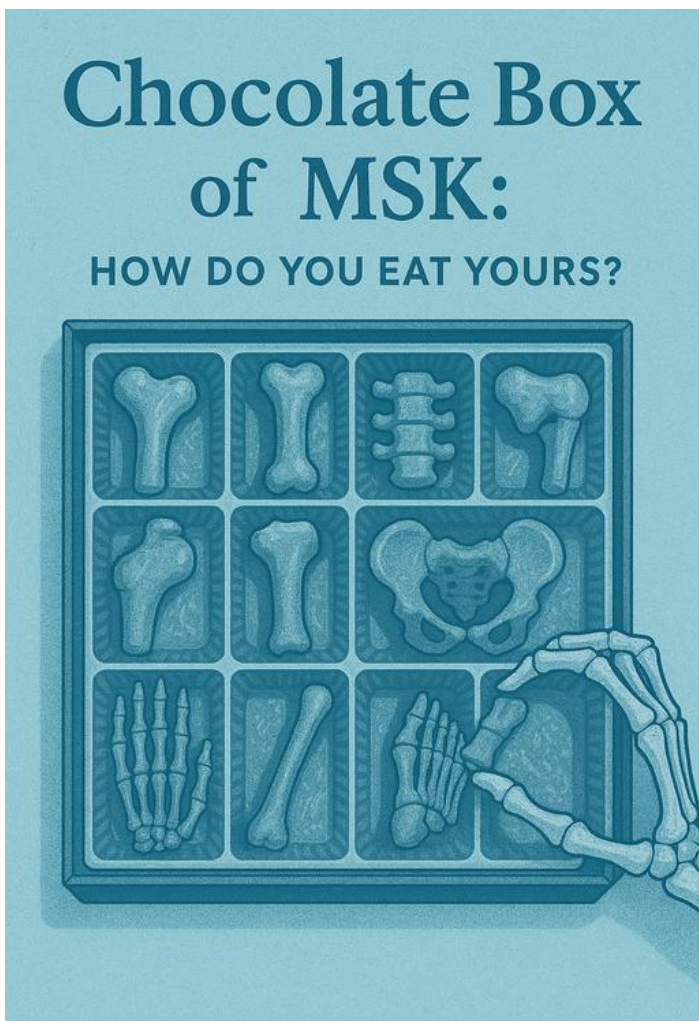
18th October
Manchester



Book here

Latest News

PCRMM



The Primary Care Rheumatology & Musculo-skeletal Medicine Society is holding a First Contact Physiotherapy & Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner educational day entitled **‘Chocolate Box of MSK: How Do You Eat Yours?’** on **Saturday 5th July** at the **Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, Birmingham.**

The programme draws on the expertise of medical and APP professionals as well as members of the PCRMM Executive Committee, including an opportunity to try out ultrasound scanning and a session on hand and foot injections.

The full programme can be found via the PCRMM website and an early bird rate is available until 14th June 2025.

Programme

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PCWHS
ANNUAL
CONFERENCE 2025

Her life, her health - putting evidence into practice

Thursday, 19th
June 2025

Royal College of Obstetricians
& Gynaecologists (RCOG), London

Primary Care
Women's Health Society
Improving women's health through innovation and education

Register now at www.PCWHS.co.uk

Join the PCWHS for their Annual Conference 2025: **Her life, her health – putting evidence into practice**, taking place on **Thursday, 19th June 2025**, at the **Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (RCOG), London**.

This year's conference focuses on translating the latest evidence into practical strategies for optimising women's health. It will take a life course approach, exploring wider areas such as lifestyle medicine, heart and metabolic health for women; as well as exploring the key topics of sexual and reproductive health.

The programme features expert-led sessions, case-based discussions, and interactive workshops covering contraception, problems with periods, menopause, pregnancy, and more.

[Programme](#)

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Latest News

Food Allergy in Children Priority Setting Partnership

**Do you have a food allergy or care for someone with a food allergy?
What are the top 10 research priorities for food allergy in children?**

This is your opportunity to shape the research agenda for the next decade. Funded by the NIHR and in partnership with the James Lind Alliance, our aim is to prioritise unanswered questions about food allergy research in children. 915 people impacted by food allergy told us questions they want answered by future research, **now have your say to pick the TOP 10 in survey 2.**

This will ensure that researchers and those who fund research focus on what really matters to both patients and clinicians. Please complete the survey to get involved.

[Take the survey](#)



**James
Lind
Alliance**
Priority Setting Partnerships

NIHR | National Institute for
Health and Care Research

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Psoriasis Association Annual Conference

It's not too late to book a place at the **Psoriasis Association annual conference** taking place at **County Hall, London** on **Saturday 28th June**.

With a packed agenda full of expert speakers offering a blend of interactive feedback sessions, updates on the latest psoriasis funded research projects and patient panel discussions, it's an event not to be missed.

Bookings can be made via the Psoriasis Association website. Non-members and healthcare professionals delegate rate is just £25 and £15 for PsA members.



'Right Treatment:
Right Time'
28th June 2025

[Book now](#)

PCDS Events Diary

Dermoscopy for Absolute Beginners, *FULL*

Wednesday 4th June 2025
Cavendish Conference Centre,
London

Dermoscopy from Scratch

Tuesday 10th June 2025
Hallam Conference Centre
London

Dermoscopy for Intermediates

Wednesday 11th June 2025
Cavendish Conference Centre,
London

Advanced Dermoscopy

Wednesday 12th June 2025
Cavendish Conference Centre,
London

Dermoscopy for Absolute Beginners

Thursday 26th June 2025
Crowne Plaza, Belfast

Psoriasis Annual Conference

Saturday 28th June 2025
County Hall, London

Dermoscopy for Absolute Beginners

Wednesday 10th September 2025
Macdonald Burlington Hotel,
Birmingham

Where Dermatology Meets Sexual Health

Thursday 11th September 2025
Pendulum Hotel, Manchester
Conference Centre

Dermoscopy for the Disinterested

Friday 12th September 2025
Pendulum Hotel, Manchester
Conference Centre

Essential Dermatology Series 2

Tuesday 16th September 2025
Cavendish Conference Centre,
London

PCP Skin Club

Thursday 2nd October 2025
Online

Skin surgery course

Friday 10th & Saturday 11th October
Crowne Plaza, Birmingham

The madness continues ...

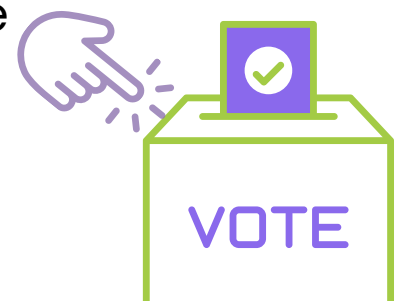
And the results of last month's poll are in:

May the 4th be with you! This date has become renowned for being Star Wars Day. Who is your favourite character in the Star Wars films:

- 43%** Luke Skywalker
 - 32%** Darth Vader
 - 12%** Chewbacca
 - 6%** R2-D2
 - 5%** I don't like Star Wars
 - 2%** Princess Leia
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As summer approaches, it's nice to think of enjoying a lovely cream tea in a beautiful setting. The important question is, how do you like your scone:

- a. Cream first, then jam on top
- b. Jam first, then cream on top
- c. I don't care, as it always tastes the same
- d. I prefer a custard tart



Just for fun...

A rich Frenchman showed me his yachts. "This is Un, this is Deux, this is Trois and this is Quatre and this is Six."

I asked, "Where is the fifth one?" He replied "Cinq".

I opened my birthday card and loads of rice fell out.

I knew right away who it was from..... it was my Uncle Ben

My mobile phone accidentally took a 10-minute video of my shoes yesterday.

It was some pretty good footage

Until next month,
Siobhan, Carol & Holly