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Sarah S. Chisolm, MD, is a dermatologist at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, GA. Dr Chisolm completed both her undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She completed a fellowship in autoimmune dermatology at Stanford University and a fellowship in complex medical dermatology at University of California San Francisco. Her residency was completed at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, NC. Dr Chisolm is board certified in dermatology.

Dr Chisolm's interests are in atopic dermatitis, pruritus, prurigo nodularis, and allergic contact dermatitis. Her current goal is to continue the growth of the itch center and clinical trials pipeline at Emory to better serve patients with itch, atopic dermatitis, prurigo nodularis, and other inflammatory skin disease.

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Sarina B. Elmariah, MD, PhD, MPH, is an associate professor of dermatology and the director of the UCSF Center of Excellence for Itch and Neurosensory Disorders at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr Elmariah received her medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and concurrently a PhD in developmental neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. She subsequently earned a Master of Public Health degree at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health. She completed her residency in dermatology at New York University, where she served as a chief resident. Thereafter, she joined the dermatology faculty at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, where she directed the MGH Itch and Neurocutaneous Disorders Clinic. Dr Elmariah is board certified dermatology.

Dr Elmariah's clinical expertise is in managing the broad spectrum of itching disorders. Her research aims to promote discovery and innovation in the neuro-immune-cutaneous arena and to improve how we characterize, diagnose, and manage common skin disorders. She is the recipient of numerous awards and research grants, including the Dermatology Foundation Physician-Scientist Career Development Award, the MGH Claflin Distinguished Scholar Award, a K08 Mentored Scientist Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health, and the American Academy of Dermatology 2018 Young Investigator Award.

Dr Elmariah was recently named a Top Doctor in Boston, as featured in Boston magazine. She reviews for many dermatology and scientific journals, has been featured in mainstream media (including Women's Health, O Magazine, Shape, Consumer Reports, Parents, Reader's Digest, Today.com, Gizmodo, etc), and serves as a consultant for numerous pharmaceutical, commercial, and educational companies focused on advancing the frontiers of skin science and health.

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Shawn Kwatra, MD, is an associate professor of dermatology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, MD and the director of the Johns Hopkins Itch Center. Dr Kwatra received his medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina. He then completed his residency in dermatology at John Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr Kwatra is board certified in dermatology.

Dr Kwatra's areas of clinical expertise include, chronic pruritus, prurigo nodularis, atopic dermatitis, and dermatology for ethnic skin. Dr Kwatra is funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Skin of Color Society, the Dermatology Foundation, and the Society for Investigative Dermatology. He has authored or co-authored over 200 publications and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Skin of Color Society.