

New one-day Masters Circuit course

Masters Circuit, an ASDS exclusive educational opportunity, allows an intimate group of participants to rotate through patient rooms with chair-side procedure demonstrations.

The new Masters Circuit: Laser, Skin and Vein course offers a unique learning environment that showcases expert techniques for minimally invasive and non-invasive cosmetic procedures,

including skin resurfacing and tightening, cellulite and vein treatments, injectables and body contouring. The course will be held at the state-of-the-art office of Robert A. Weiss, MD, and Margaret A. Weiss, MD, on Saturday, June 3 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with faculty and peers as they view expert

techniques. This course is designed to improve skills in patient interactions, procedural techniques, complications management and more.

Visit asds.net/masterscircuit or call 847-956-0900 for more information and registration details. Limited seating is available. ASDS members are encouraged to register early to guarantee attendance. ■

California dreaming for 2016 International Preceptorship winner

As a student, Su Phyo Aung, MBBS, MSc, was passionate about dermatology, and while she had the desire to learn more, she was running out of local options.

“In my country, dermatology was not a popular specialty until recently,” said Aung. “The facilities and technology are not very well updated yet, and only a few dermatologists have good surgical skills.”

With no official means of becoming a dermatologic surgeon in her country, Aung sometimes felt dissatisfaction in her performance because of the lack of resources and opportunity. After receiving her undergraduate degree, Aung set her sights on the Institute of Dermatology in Bangkok, Thailand and served as a visiting fellow at Rajavithi Hospital. Next, Aung completed her Master of Science in Clinical Dermatology at St. John’s Institute of Dermatology in the United Kingdom and began attending international conferences and trainings to enhance her knowledge and stay informed in her chosen specialty.

“One of my career goals is to become an outstanding dermatologic surgeon who does not need to refer skin surgery cases to other doctors, but instead is the one taking on those cases,” said Aung.

In order to enhance the care of patients in Myanmar and be able to help produce more young dermatologic surgeons there, she felt it was important to work collaboratively with international dermatologic surgery

societies, and the ASDS International Preceptorship Program fit that need perfectly.

Aung visited Moy Fincher Chippis Facial Plastics and Dermatology in Beverly Hills, California for two weeks in September 2016. She selected former ASDS President Ronald L. Moy, MD, FAAD, as her Preceptor. His practice is renowned for dermatology, facial plastic surgery and custom laser treatments with a dedication to personalized patient care for natural-looking results.

Her days included Mohs surgery cases and various consultations, cosmetic and laser procedures, soft tissue fillers and neuromodulator treatments. She appreciated the ability to see every patient and observe many surgeries. Most significant for Aung was the opportunity to read microscope slides in between layers of tissue and discuss her findings directly with Dr. Moy.

“Dr. Moy was a great mentor, and he and his whole team welcomed me warmly,” said Aung. “Shadowing the doctors enabled me to learn different techniques, strategies and opinions. My time with them also taught me the art of dealing with patients. It was inspiring to see how they approached each patient with a smile, listened to patients’



Ronald L. Moy, MD, FAAD, and Su Phyo Aung, MBBS, MSc



(Left to right) Su Phyo Aung, MBBS, MSc, International Preceptee and a medical student shadow Lisa K. Chippis, MD, MS, in Beverly Hills, California.

concerns and answered their questions with thorough explanations of processes. I could see first-hand how they made patients feel as comfortable as possible.”

Aung was able to spend time with administrative staff as well. This taught her how to effectively run and manage a successful clinic.

“My goal with this visit was to learn the latest trends in dermatologic surgery and view advanced techniques and procedures that are not available in my country,” said Aung. “I fully reached my goal with this visit and am grateful for my experience with Dr. Moy.”

Applications for the 2017 International Preceptorship Program are being accepted through March 31. Please visit asds.net/International-Preceptorship for more information. The program is supported by the Lawrence Field, MD, International Dermatologic Surgery Educational Exchange Fund. ■