



### **Kevin D. Cooper, MD**

Kevin D. Cooper, MD, is professor and chair of the Department of Dermatology at both Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Medicine and University Hospitals C Medical Center (UHCMC). He is also staff physician for the Dermatology Service at the Cleveland VA Hospital.

With his team, Dr. Cooper has developed a departmental clinical practice with 10 geographically distributed but highly integrated dermatology suites; each site is designed to communicate vertically, laterally, and bidirectionally via a fractal structure with an emphasis on excellence, respect, and value. A variety of academic programs matrix across the entire department—clinical teaching, QI, skin biology-specific research cores, and a portfolio of research programs that span basic laboratory, translational, epidemiologic, bioinformatic, and clinical trial investigations.

His research interests are in inflammatory-mediated skin diseases, lymphoma, and photomedicine/photoimmunology, with continuous funding through federal awards since 1986 and over 300 peer-reviewed publications. He is a co-inventor of the first biologic to be FDA-approved for psoriasis, co-founded start-up biomedical companies, and brought two new clinical therapeutics for cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) into Phase 1.

Dr. Cooper has served as president of the Society for Investigative Dermatology (SID), president of the Association of Professors of Dermatology, and vice president of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD). He is treasurer of the International Eczema Council and a councilor for the International Psoriasis Council. His honors and awards include the AAD's Marion B. Sulzberger, MD, Memorial Award and Lectureship; the British Association of Dermatologists' Arthur Rook Oration lectureship, the Japanese Dermatology Association's Dohi Memorial Lectureship, SID's Eugene M. Farber Plenary lectureship, and designation as a UHCMC Distinguished Physician.

After attending medical school at the University of Florida, Dr. Cooper completed his residency and fellowship training in dermatology and immunodermatology at Oregon Health Sciences University. He held positions at the University of Michigan and the National Institutes of Health before joining CWRU, UHCMC, and the Cleveland VA in 1995.