

Title: “The Making of VGRD”

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Abstract

A dermatologist in solo practice crossed path with another fellow dermatologist in cyberspace widely separated by geography over 9000 miles. They had the dream to build a virtual grand rounds in dermatology that could connect colleagues around the world for diagnostic and therapeutic suggestions as well as for intellectual stimulations. They recruited 2 college students and constructed the site over a summer vacation in 2000.

Virtual Grand Rounds in Dermatology is a prototype for what can be launched by academic and clinical dermatologists with few resources and those who practice at a remote from university hospitals and tertiary referral centers. It would be a fledgling gathering place for dermatologists distributed over a wide geographical net to meet with one another and share interesting and /or challenging patients. They believe this form of communication can be both personally and professionally enriching.

VGRD aspires to be a virtual consultative and collegial community. It can be assessed online www.vgrd.org