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Raj Chovatiya, MD, PhD is Assistant Professor of Dermatology at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Chovatiya received his MD and PhD from Yale University where he trained in the Department of Immunobiology. There he studied the intersection of inflammation and cell stress pathways with an emphasis on characterizing soluble mediators of the cell extrinsic stress response. He completed his internal medicine internship at Yale, followed by his dermatology residency at the Northwestern University. In his last year of residency training, while serving as Chief Resident, Dr. Chovatiya was a NRSA postdoctoral fellow and pursued additional translational research training to better characterize the health burden and comorbid health conditions associated with chronic inflammatory skin disease and itch.

Dr. Chovatiya's area of clinical focus in dermatology is chronic inflammatory skin disease, with a particular focus on atopic dermatitis and itch, but also psoriasis, hidradenitis, pemphigoid, and other chronic inflammatory conditions, especially in patients with skin of color. Dr. Chovatiya's research interests include patient-reported outcomes, health services research, epidemiology, and implementation science.

Dr. Chovatiya has presented his research at national and international conferences and published manuscripts and abstracts in a variety of peer-reviewed journals including the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*, *British Journal of Dermatology*, *Dermatitis*, *Annals of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology*, *PLOS One*, and *Molecular Cell*. Dr. Chovatiya has been recognized with a number of honors including the Everett C. Fox, MD Memorial Lecture Award from the American Academy of Dermatology, the Imrich Sarkany Memorial Award from the European Academy of Dermatology and Venerology, the Rising Derm Stars Award from the Foundation for Education and Research in Dermatology, the Resident of Distinction Award from Beiersdorf Inc., and the Goldberg Family Charitable Trust Award from the Northwestern Memorial Foundation.