



Group on Women in Medicine and Science

GWIMS Lunch & Learn Seminar

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 12:00 p.m. - 1:00

p.m. Onyiuke Dining Room, UConn Health

Host: *Marja Hurley, MD, Chair GWIMS Steering Committee*

Topic of Discussion: *"I Have Acne in my Armpits" - An overview of Hidradenitis Suppurativa, a Hidden Derm Condition with Significant Impact*

Guest Speaker



Akua Pokuah Sarfo, MD, PhD

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Dr. Akua Sarfo is a board-certified dermatologist and physician-scientist at UConn Health, where she specializes in general dermatology and hidradenitis suppurativa—a chronic inflammatory skin condition that disproportionately affects underserved populations. Her clinical work is grounded in a commitment to health equity, patient-centered care, and advancing treatment options for complex dermatologic conditions.

She earned her Bachelor of Science in biological sciences and urban studies from the University of Pittsburgh, followed by MD and PhD degrees from Penn State College of Medicine. Her doctoral research focused on herpes simplex virology, and she completed her dermatology residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland/Case Western Reserve University, serving as chief resident.

Dr. Sarfo has also contributed to research on physician-scientist wellness, diversity in medical education, and the integration of research into clinical dermatology. Her interdisciplinary background and leadership experience make her a dynamic speaker, bridging science, advocacy, and clinical insight to inspire meaningful dialogue in academic medicine.