

2013 International Preceptee Selected

Katrina Marie So Abat, MD, from Manila, Philippines, has been selected as the 2013 ASDS International Preceptee. The International Preceptorship Program allows an international dermatologic surgeon to spend time in the United States shadowing an established dermatologic surgery practice, learning advanced techniques about procedures and practice management.

Dr. Abat chose to work with Ron Shelton, MD, Director of The New York Aesthetic Consultants LLP in New York, from Dec. 2 to 20. Her main areas of study include reconstructive surgery, lasers and skin

cancer procedures, all of which she will be able to receive hands-on training in during her time with Dr. Shelton.

"I realize that the pursuit of knowledge is endless, and that more is to be learned," said Dr. Abat, chief resident of the Skin and Cancer Foundation Inc. since January 2011. "The ASDS Preceptorship Program will allow me to realize one of my core goals – to impart the knowledge and skills from this Preceptorship to dermatologists in my home country so that more Filipinos can benefit from better quality care in the field of dermatologic surgery."

Dr. Abat graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of the Philippines in 2004 and finished in the top 20 percent of her medical school class at the University of the Philippines in 2009.

More information on the ASDS International Preceptorship Program is available at

asds.net/ASDSPreceptorshipProgram.aspx ■



International Preceptee Katrina Marie So Abat, MD, from Manila, Philippines (left), will be mentored by Ron Shelton, MD, Director of The New York Aesthetic Consultants LLP in New York (right).