



Texas Dermatological Society Summer 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Gratitude fills my heart with the changing seasons, and this summer is no exception.

Summer 2023 is on full display, donning its full garb, from the patriotism and tradition of sparkly fireworks on Independence Day to poignant summertime Texas heat and longer days. May summer be cherished as time spent with family and friends, grilling, on short road trips or travels afar, or simply as laid back “hammock time” for peaceful reflection.

On a professional level, may we treasure our noble calling to provide exceptional care which is tangible, even life-changing, for patients who cross our paths.

We all know the old saying “absence makes the heart grow fonder.” On that note, I will point out how nice it has been to reconnect via in-person meetings. Our Spring meeting in Austin was a huge success, thanks to UT Austin Dell.

During the April meeting I pointed to attributes which define your TDS Board members. They are some of the most approachable, collegial, wise and hard working people you will meet. Special thanks to Dr. Carlo Gavino, immediate past TDS President. I invite you to reach out with ideas, questions or thoughts, as we welcome your input.

Recent accomplishments deserve mention. The Texas Dermatological Society was recipient of the 2022 AAD’s Model State with Highest Honors Award, recognizing achievements in advocacy, education, community impact, and member development.

TDS also sponsored a successful skin cancer screening at the state Capitol in March, attended by dermatologists including Dr. Michael Graves who serves as our legislative chair.

Our lobbyist, Eric Woomer, and his team navigated a whirlwind legislative session keeping track of hundreds of relevant bills under consideration by the Texas legislature over 140 days spanning January to May 2023. We remain focused on supporting our members professionally, helping TMA carry the torch for physician-led care, transparency and truth in advertising, among other key issues.

Last but not least, our community is blessed by the steadfast leadership of our executive director, Laura Madole. She is the force behind many of the myriad aspects of TDS we take for granted. A revamped website, for example, gives members the choice to opt-in to more convenient, automatic membership renewal.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the beautiful Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio for our Fall TDS meeting September 22-23, 2023. This venue is ideal for families and educational endeavors. We thank Dr. Anisha Patel and Dr. Megan Rogge and UT Houston for planning outstanding CME content for our TDS members. Looking ahead, also mark your calendars for the 2024 TDS Spring Meeting next April at Houston’s Marriott Marquis!

With best wishes to all of you,

Laura Haygood MD FAAD

Fall 2023 TDS Conference - Save the Date - 9/22/23 - 9/23/23



Save the date for the upcoming 2023 TDS Fall Conference! The meeting will be held September 22-23, 2023 at the Hyatt Hill Country Resort in San Antonio, TX! The amazing CME program will be provided by Anisha Patel, MD and Megan Rogge, MD from UT Houston. The Hyatt Hill Country has provided the TDS with the discounted room rate of \$242/night. Rooms can be booked now by calling (210) 647-1234. Please book your rooms early - the TDS hotel block oftentimes sells out.

Click [HERE](#) for the TDS Fall 2023 Registration Brochure!

Click here for more information!



Congratulations to our Spring 2023 Resident Competition Winners!

PODIUM COMPETITION

1st Place

Taylor Parker, MD

Zoster-associated Prothrombotic Exosomes and Increased Stroke Risk

UT Houston

2nd Place

Diane Fernandes, MD

Microwave Ablation of Eccrine Glands to Treat Residual Limb
Hyperhidrosis
SAUSHEC Dermatology

3rd Place

Yelena Dokic, MD

Non-Adherent Dressings to Make Skin Flaps Stick
Baylor College of Medicine

POSTER COMPETITION

1st Place

Julianna Martel, MD

The Effect of Selinexor on Prostaglandin Synthesis in Virus-
Positive Merkel Cell Carcinoma Lines

UT Houston

2nd Place

Marcus Zaayman, MD

Advanced squamous cell carcinoma with cranial involvement,
treated with cemiplimab

BSW Temple

3rd Place

Ashley Riddle, MD

Improving Readability of Mohs Surgery Patient Education
Materials using ChatGPT

UT Dell Austin

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2023 End of Session - Legislative Update

TDS lobbyist Eric Woomer and his team at Policy Solutions had an incredibly successful 2023 legislative session. Click the link below to read the end of session report from Eric.

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AADA 2023 Legislative Conference

The AADA legislative retreat will take place September 10-12, 2023 in Washington DC. The AAD has a room block at the Conrad Hotel. As always, the TDS will generously reimburse the registration and hotel fees for the first 10 members that email and apply to attend on behalf of the group! Please email laura.madole@texasdermatology.org if you'd like to represent Texas in DC!

Advisory Board Update

Angela Moore, MD

Tell Congress to provide an inflationary update to the physician fee schedule

Members can contact their representatives and urge them to increase Medicare payments by cosponsoring H.R. 2474.

Since 2001, the cost of operating a medical practice has increased 47%, while economy-wide inflation rose 73%. During this time, Medicare hospital and nursing facility updates have increased by roughly 70%, significantly outpacing physician reimbursement. Adjusted for inflation in practice costs, Medicare payments to physician practices declined 26% from 2001 to 2023, according to an AMA analysis of Medicare Trustees data. Physician practices need positive, inflation-based reimbursement updates to maintain financial stability and ensure patients have continued access to care.

You can ask your patients can urge Congress to act. Please encourage them to contact their Federal Representatives to support H.R. 2474.

Hey Residents!

The Fall 2023 Texas Dermatological Society resident podium and poster competition applications are now LIVE! Please click [HERE](#) to be taken to the resident page on the website that contains all information pertaining to the competition as well as links for the applications for both competitions.

The TDS will hold a resident Q&A luncheon from 11:00AM - 12:30PM at the Hyatt Hill Country on Friday, 9/22. Don't miss this educational and beneficial lunch!

The TDS offers a generous housing stipend to all of our resident members.

- Residents must be enrolled in an approved Texas dermatology residency program to apply.
- All resident housing forms must be picked up at the Resident Luncheon that will take place on Friday, September 22 at 11AM.
- All applicants **MUST** be TDS resident members.
- The housing stipends will be refunded for the TDS meeting hotel at the discounted TDS room rate, OR at a hotel of equal or lesser value than the TDS rate at the host hotel.
- Be sure to book your hotel room early to get the full stipend!

Reminder! All TDS residents can attend the TDS conferences for free! Don't forget to register before the deadline to take advantage of the free registration!

[Click HERE](#) to be taken to the TDS Resident Page



Thank you to our TDS Spring 2023 generous sponsors and exhibitors!

The TDS would not be able to hold the caliber of meetings that it currently does without the support of our exhibitors and sponsors. Please be sure to thank all of our exhibiting companies every time you see them! Click the link below for the list of TDS exhibiting companies from our spring 2023 conference.

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Members in the news!

The following members submitted publications, articles and personal announcements to share with their TDS friends and colleagues. The next call for articles will take place in the fall for publication in the 2023 Winter TDS Newsletter.

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The TDS worked with the Austin Fire Foundation to hold a skin cancer screening last month for Austin Area Fire Fighters at their wellness center in Austin, TX. Close to 190 Fire Fighters were screened during the event! Thank you to our amazing TDS volunteer physicians for taking the time to help with this important event! We hope to hold more skin cancer screenings in the future, please let us know if you're interested in volunteering for future events!

THANK YOU to our TDS Physician Volunteers:

Jennifer Aranda, MD, Dayna Diven, MD, Michael Graves, MD, Lindsey Hunter-Ellul, MD, Ashley Riddle, MD, Jennifer Vickers, MD

