

ASDS Board Actions

The ASDS Board of Directors met during the AAD meeting in San Antonio. Following are highlights of the actions taken:

Work group activities update



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ASDS Preceptorship Program

Since its inception, the ASDS Preceptorship program has given more than 200 ASDS members the opportunity to spend time in another member's practice, expanding their knowledge, skill and experience. Below, preceptee Alison Stallings, MD describes her preceptorship experience. The ASDS Preceptorship Program is made possible by the generous sponsorship of Allergan and Stiefel laboratories, Inc.

Preceptee: Alison Stallings, MD, Resident, Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, La.
Preceptor: David E. Bank, MD, Center for Derm Cosmetic & Laser Surgery, Mount Kisco, N.Y.



Alison Stallings, MD

The final year of residency training in dermatology is full of both the excitement and stress of deciding upon future career plans. One of the issues facing graduating residents is the balancing act between medical, procedural and cosmetic dermatology. The ASDS provided me with an excellent opportunity to learn from one of the top dermatologists in the New York area, who is an expert in the field of cosmetic dermatology. Through my preceptorship experience with David E. Bank, MD, I was able to achieve a greater level of comfort in the area of cosmetic dermatology, as well as gain a better understanding of how to develop an efficient practice combining procedural and general medical dermatology. I learned many of the business aspects and daily 'ins and outs' of a private dermatology practice, with emphasis on cosmetic, laser, and corrective surgery.

Dr. Bank offers his patients truly comprehensive medical care through a multidisciplinary practice including a Mohs surgeon, plastic surgeon and vascular surgeon. I observed numerous cosmetic procedures including chemical peels, microdermabrasion, injection of dermal fillers and Botox, various laser treatments for vascular and pigmented lesions, photodynamic therapy, as well as successful outcomes after liposuction and plastic surgical procedures. My time spent in the office greatly enhanced my knowledge about the expansive world of cosmetic procedures and proper techniques.

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This experience definitely had a significant impact on my future career. In addition to developing a more comprehensive understanding of procedural dermatology and further enhancing my technical skills, I developed better insight into establishing the correct balance between medical and procedural dermatology in my own career. ■

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Katherine J. Svedman presented a progress report on activities and goals. All systems are in place to support the ASDSA and they are in the process of completing the 1024-application for tax exemption. Separate financials and accounts are in place. ASDSA provided comment to CMS on the Multiple Procedure Reduction Rule and to the FDA on the OTC sunscreen monograph. ASDSA prepared testimony/comment on scope of practice legislation/regulation in California, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Massachusetts and Hawaii. In California, a petition for adoption of a regulation defining "physician supervision" was submitted. In Ontario, ASDSA worked to combat efforts to seek to prohibit those not certified in a surgical specialty from using the term "surgery."

Policies and Procedures

The Board voted to adopt the existing policies and procedures of ASDS.

Goals

An ad hoc task force was created to develop goals and strategies for ASDSA.

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