

American Academy of Dermatology

- The American Academy of Dermatology (Academy) was established in 1938 and is headquartered in Schaumburg, Ill.
- The Academy is the largest, most influential and most representative of all dermatologic associations.
- With a membership of more than 15,000 physicians worldwide, the Academy is committed to:
 - Advancing the diagnosis and medical, surgical and cosmetic treatment of the skin, hair and nails;
 - Advocating high standards in clinical practice, education and research in dermatology; and
 - Supporting and enhancing patient care for a lifetime of healthier skin, hair and nails.
- The first priority of the Academy is delivering exceptional continuing medical education (CME) for dermatologists. To this end, the Academy provides a broad range of educational opportunities on a national and regional level that are designed to advance the dermatologist's proficiency in diagnosing and managing diseases of the skin. These include the Annual Meeting, Web-based CME programs, the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* and *Dermatology World*.
- A sister organization to the Academy, the American Academy of Dermatology Association is the resource for government affairs, health policy and practice information for dermatologists, and plays a major role in formulating policies that can enhance the quality of dermatologic care.
- The Academy is governed by a sixteen member Board of Directors, the officers of the Academy, consisting of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Vice President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, as well as the Immediate Past President and the Chairman of the Advisory Board.
- The Officers and Board of Directors are supported by the many member volunteers who participate in the Academy's councils, committees and task forces, and by the administrative staff based at the headquarters office in Schaumburg, Illinois; Washington, DC; and Auburn, Massachusetts.
- The Academy is committed to public service. Each year, it:
 - Sponsors children with serious skin conditions to attend Camp Discovery, providing them with a traditional summer camp experience under the expert care of dermatologists.

November is National Healthy Skin Month

- Awards grants for the purchase of permanent shade structures designed to protect children and teens from dangerous ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
- Provides free skin cancer screenings that, over the past 24 years, have resulted in detecting more than 180,000 suspicious lesions, including more than 20,000 suspected melanomas.

For more information, visit the Academy's Web site at www.aad.org.

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