

Dermatology Mission Statement

The specialty of Dermatology is at a significant crossroad in its evolutionary path. It has been an exciting and very gratifying journey for us in recent years. However, there are potential clouds on the horizon and I wish to be part of the team in maintaining our great specialty.

The split between general dermatology and cosmetic dermatology is growing. Cosmetic dermatology is good, and we should be the experts. However, it should not be at the expense of general and academic dermatology. We need to strengthen in all aspects of dermatology so that we indeed can be the experts in skin. We need to broaden our horizons and embrace other disciplines as our colleagues. We are part of a therapeutic team, not an isolated branch of medicine.

The fundamentals of our residency training program are being reviewed in a potentially unfavourable way by the Royal College. We must be strong in maintaining what we consider to be excellence in the training of our future generations. Anything other than world class is unacceptable.

Most importantly, the CDA has to be the voice of our younger members. They are the future of dermatology and the CDA should strive to attract them and to meet their needs.

These are the three areas in which I would devote my greatest effort to the advancement of Canadian Dermatology.

Respectfully submitted,

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