

Linda Stein Gold

Candidate for Vice President

I am excited about the prospect of being in a position to help shape the future of dermatology. As an AAD Vice President, I will promote leadership and excellence in our field. I have demonstrated my belief in leading by example by touching the lives of my patients, peers and the larger medical community as a practicing dermatologist, clinical investigator, educator and leader in my hospital.

We face a changing medical environment which presents many challenges. I understand these challenges from a broad perspective. Scope of care is a major issue. We must educate the public, insurance carriers and governmental agencies that the board-certified dermatologist is the appropriate leader of the dermatology care team. Each member of the team should practice to their highest level of education and experience and not beyond. Many patients do not understand the different educational levels of their providers. We need to educate patients about this issue because they should know the licensure and qualifications of their health care providers and they deserve a board-certified dermatologist as the leader of the team.

We need to fight to ensure that our patients have access to treatment and affordable drugs. We need to continue the dialogue with our federal and state legislatures about the importance of decreasing the red tape facing our practices and the burden of prior authorizations.

My broad background will enable me to bring an expansive overview of our specialty. I look forward to the opportunity to utilize my people skills, ethical compass, and extensive experience in pursuing the goals of the AAD.

As AAD Vice President, I will provide compassion, professionalism and a quest for knowledge that will help grow and strengthen our field and maintain the positive image of dermatology in the eyes of the medical community at large.

