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What leadership qualities are most important for officers of the American Academy of Dermatology to possess?

AAD leaders must uphold the highest ideals of physician excellence. Professional integrity, honesty, and effective communication are paramount amongst these ideals. Our leaders should build trust through transparency and should prioritize community building through mentorship and collaborative communication. In this way, our leaders can foster member engagement to help fulfill the academy's missions of advocacy, education, promoting skin health, advancing research, and supporting member needs. Additionally, the academy requires adaptable, critical thinkers at its helm. Our leaders must be able to navigate frequently changing regulatory tides and tenaciously champion advocacy efforts to preserve our specialty and our ability to care for our patients.

Cotter Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Word Count: 247

Name: David Cotter

Position: Dermatologist at Las Vegas Dermatology and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at UNLV School of Medicine

SUB-SPECIALTY(S) (Must equal 100%)

Medical: 45%

Surgical: 5%

Dermopath: 0%

Pediatrics: 40%

Other: 10%

ALLOCATION OF TIME (Academic & Private Practice combined must equal 100%)

Academic Practice:

Clinical: %

Administrative: %

Private Practice: 100%

Clinical: 95%

Administrative: 5%

EDUCATION

Dermatology Residency, UCSD. 2016-2019. **Chief Resident.**

Internal Medicine Internship, UNSOM-Las Vegas. 2015-2016. **Best Intern.**

M.D., Ph.D., Washington University School of Medicine. 5/15/2015.

B.S., Biological Sciences. UNLV, Honors College. 2008. **Summa Cum Laude.**

CERTIFICATION

Board Certified Dermatologist

AREAS OF INTEREST

Inflammatory Skin Diseases, Cutaneous Oncology, Molecular Testing

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

UNLV School of Medicine

CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

Las Vegas Dermatology

PRESENT ACADEMIC POSITION

NA

ACADEMY INVOLVEMENT (*Include only past 10 years of service*)

Talks at AAD, member organizational structural committee starting 2026

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

Nevada Society for Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery President 2025-2026, Vice President, 2024-2025, Annual Meeting Chair, 2023, 2024, 2025, Board of directors, 2023-2024

HONORS AND AWARDS

ASA Grant Targeting Melanoma and Skin Cancer Research, 2015

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS (*hyperlinks not accepted*)

Omitted many, space limitations

Boman, Rackham, and **Cotter**. Dual IL-17A/F Blockade for Acrodermatitis Continua of Hallopeau: A Clinical Response to Bimekizumab. **JDD**. *Accepted*

Jung, Lee, and **Cotter**. Systemic Contact Dermatitis to Honey Detected by Propolis Patch Testing. **Dermatitis**. *Accepted*.

Cheng, Shawa, Uttke, **Cotter**. Can the Pursuit of an Ageless Face Redefine Medicine? Exploring Dermatology's Role in the Quest for Immortality. **JCAD**. *Accepted*.

Cheng, Shawa, Hind, **Cotter**. **JAAD Case Reports**, 2025, ISSN 2352-5126, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jdcr.2025.06.029>.

Sadrolashrafi and **Cotter**. Not Your Mother's Melanoma: Causes and Effects of Early Melanoma Diagnosis. **Dermatopathology**. 2022; 9(4):368-378.

Shawa and **Cotter**. **JAMA Dermatol**. 2022. doi:10.1001/jamadermatol.2021.5310

Shropshire, Shawa, Shreve, **Cotter**. **Dermatitis**. 2021 Nov-Dec 01;32(6):e144-e145

Cotter, Schairer, Eichenfield. **J Am Acad Dermatol**. 2018 Mar;78(3S1):S53-S62.

Cotter et al. Journal of Clinical Investigation. *J Clin Invest.* 2014 Dec;124(12):5175-90.

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AbbVie	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
AbbVie	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
AbbVie	Investigator	Fees	Money paid to your institution
AbbVie	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Alumis	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Arcutis Biotherapeutics	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Blueprint Medicines	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
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Boehringer Ingelheim	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Bristol Myers Squibb	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self

Bristol Myers Squibb	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Castle Biosciences	Investigator	Fees	Money paid to your institution
Castle Biosciences	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Castle Biosciences	Speaker/Faculty Education	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
DermTech Inc.	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Eli Lilly	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Galderma	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Incyte	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Johnson and Johnson	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Leo Pharma	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Leo Pharma	Investigator	Fees	Money paid to your institution
Leo Pharma	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Novartis	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Novartis	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Organon	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Organon	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Pfizer Inc.	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Regeneron	Investigator	Fees	Money paid to your institution
Sanofi/Regeneron	Speaker	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Thermo Fischer Scientific	Investigator	Fees	Money paid to your institution
UCB	Advisory Board	Honoraria	Money paid to Self
Veradermics	Consultant (1099 relationship)	Honoraria	Money paid to Self

I agree to update this form within 30 days after I establish any new financial relationships that could represent conflicts of interest.

Income and Position

- 1. What is your primary source of income?** Examples: general dermatology patient care, dermatopathology, patient care-Mohs surgery, patient care-non-cosmetic dermatologic surgery, patient care-cosmetic surgery, patient care-pediatric dermatology, patient care-hospital, clinical trials/clinical research, basic science research, administration, non-patient care consulting, teaching, independent contractor, etc. Patient care in general dermatology
- 2. What is the employment model in which you work?** Examples: solo practice, group practice, multi- specialty practice, health system, HMO, private equity-owned practice, university, hospital, small group concierge practice, clinical trials company, pharmaceutical or medical device company, other health care services company, locum tenens, government, Veterans Administration, public health clinic, corporate or independent contractor or consultant, other (describe) etc. Private practice
- 3. Are you a full or partial owner, or do you have shares in the entity for which you work?** 50% partner at Las Vegas Dermatology
- 4. If you have administrative responsibilities, what is your administrative level?** Examples: Manager, Executive Director, Dept or Division Chair, Dean, Medical Director, Board of Directors, Chief of Staff, Residency Director, Chief Medical Officer, etc. Vice President of Las Vegas Dermatology Director of Clinical Research, Las Vegas Dermatology

Nonfinancial Interests

- 1. Are you a boards/officer of public or academic organizations?** Examples: Trustee, American Board of Dermatology; Officer, Alternative Delivery System Corp. None
- 2. Do you have a government affiliation?** Examples: Consultant, FDA or National Library of Medicine; Research Review Committee for Applications of Computers in Medicine. None
- 3. Do you hold any dermatology society leadership positions?** Examples: Officer, Director, Member or Chair of a Committee. President, Nevada Society for Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery; Planning Committee Chair for NSDDS Annual Meeting
- 4. Editor or Author of Scientific Publications?** Examples: Author, Dermatology Times; Editor, Archives in Dermatology ADD - JAMA Dermatology and JAAD. Associate Editor for JCAD; Author numerous publications in journals: JAAD Case Reports, JCAD, JDD, Dermatitis, JAMA Derm, amongst others
- 5. Editor or Author of Non-Scientific Publications?** Examples: Assistant Editor, Journal of Dermatology Marketing and Practice Management; Author, Cosmetics for the Lay Person. None
- 6. Do you have any other relationships?** None

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