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**American Academy of Dermatology's Statement on the Importance of Science and an
Evidence-Based Comprehensive National Approach
to Addressing the COVID-19 Pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted the practice of medicine and shifted how care is provided. Physicians across all specialties are adapting practice patterns to maintain care while protecting the health of patients and staff. It is of the utmost importance for everyone to take the necessary precautions to help prevent infection and spread of the virus.

The American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) stands by all scientists, public health professionals, and medical professionals who work diligently to save lives and protect global health during this outbreak. It is vital to focus on scientific evidence and public health experts in developing a consistent and comprehensive national approach to the pandemic.

Keeping science as the foundation for decision-making fosters an environment of sharing factual and evidence-based information. By following the science, and incorporating new, valid scientific data as it becomes available, we can make significant progress navigating through this health crisis.

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