

SUSAN C. TAYLOR, MD, FAAD PRESIDENT-ELECT

SUB-SPECIALTY(S)

Medical: 100%

ALLOCATION OF TIME

Academic Practice: 100%
Clinical: 80%
Administrative: 20%



EDUCATION

B.A. University of Pennsylvania
M.D. Harvard
Internal Medicine Pennsylvania Hospital
Dermatology Columbia Presbyterian

CERTIFICATION

American Board of Internal Medicine, 1986
American Board of Dermatology, 1989

AREAS OF INTEREST

Skin of Color Dermatology

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

Department of Dermatology, Perelman School of Medicine,
University of Pennsylvania

CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

PRESENT ACADEMIC POSITION

Sandra Lazarus Professor of Dermatology,
Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

ACADEMY INVOLVEMENT

2020-Present Vice President
2020-Present Board of Directors
2020-Present Executive Committee
2020-Present Membership Committee, Ex-Officio
2020-Present Compensation Committee
2020-Present Budget Committee
2020-Present Priorities Committee
2020-Present AHTF Assistant-Secretary Treasurer Search, Chair
2020-Present Ad Hoc Nominating Committee, Chair
2020-Present WG Wes Cy Pres
2020-Present Advisory Board-Board Liaison
2019-Present WG Skin of Color Curriculum, Co-Chair
2019-Present Rapid Response Team-Corporate
2019-2020 Appointment Selection Committee
2019-Present WG Skin Cancer and SOC
2015-2017 AHTF Drug Pricing and Transparency
2013-2014 AHTF ABCDEs of Melanoma
2012-2015 Pamphlets Editorial Board
2011-2012 AHTF Transforming Communications
2011-2013 Nominating Committee, Board Elected Representative
2010-2013 Regulatory Policy Committee
2006-2011 SKINnovations Committee, Chair
2006-2011 Council on Communications
2006-2011 Board of Directors
2004-2005 AHTF Women's Health, Chair
2002-2004 Health Care Delivery Committee
1999-2001 Women's Dermatological Health

ELECTED AND APPOINTED POSITIONS

2020-Present Vice President, AAD
2014-2018 BOD, WDS
2006-2011 BOD, AAD
2004-2009 BOD and President, Skin of Color Society
2008-Present American Dermatological Association

HONORS AND AWARDS

2020 Mentor of the Year, Women's Dermatologic Society
2005, 2010, 2020 AAD Presidential Citations
2002 AAD Gold Triangle Award

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

AAD speaker 2000-Present
Multiple presentations and publications nationally and internationally

RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION POSED BY THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Of the five (5) stated priorities of the Academy, which ones are most important to you and how would you advance them?

I am honored to be nominated for President of the Academy. I bring a unique set of competencies, talents, viewpoints and experiences to the position. I have traveled a great distance traversing the disparities of poverty and inequality. As I gained a sure footing through grit, determination and relentless drive, I learned to listen, sought to understand and forged common bonds with those of different perspectives, views and life experience. This foundation informs my view of how to advance the Academy's priorities to meet today's challenges and changing needs.

Unity of the Specialty is the foundational and most important pillar of our 5 stated Academy priorities. As dermatologists, we are the individual threads that form the rich tapestry of the Academy. Weaving together incongruent textures poses innumerable challenges – but challenges that we can overcome. As Vice President, I increased dialogue between young physicians and the Academy by conceiving of and implementing a series of Young Physician Forums. Building upon that experience, I will continue to host forums to listen and to discuss our differences and our shared goals, without vitriol or the anonymity of social networks. The goal is to facilitate **inclusion** and belonging, and to overcome the division in our organization.

As a solo private practitioner, I have encountered the frustrations of mounting costs from governmental regulations, the loss of my patients to lesser trained non-physicians, and arbitrary payer decreased reimbursements. Based on this experience, I will work to eliminate external threats to our practices.

I envision expanding Academy **advocacy** by rallying our patients nationwide to engage with us on critical issues and to encourage them to call, email and tweet their legislators to preserve their physician's practice domains. This transformation will require us to strategically and innovatively enhance the effectiveness of the Academy's D.C. office and coordinate with grassroots efforts at the state level. I will also guide strategic modifications and innovative expansion of our **communications** campaigns to educate the public about the benefits of receiving care from board-certified dermatologists and their teams.

I will lead an initiative to explore how we can increase the **scope of practice** of dermatology. Using the model of hand surgeons who extended their scope to include surgical interventions of the elbow and shoulder, I ask **provocatively should we** integrate interventions involving the dental unit for our aesthetic patients; expand and utilize our knowledge of treating inflammatory dermatoses to now treat systemic inflammatory diseases like asthma or hypercholesterolemia; or extend our expertise to include the musculoskeletal system and anatomical structures including feet and hands?

Our common ground is that each of us loves our specialty and honors our duty of care for our patients. To be clear, we are at an inflection point as an Academy and as individual dermatologists. Together, let's think differently and creatively to change the narrative of dermatology from one of a defensive posture to one of forward leaning transformation. I look forward to leading a united and inclusive Academy to new levels of innovation, science and success.