

Society of Dermatology SkinCare Specialists (SDSS)

Aim, Goals & Draft Objectives of the Organization
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AIM

The SDSS is a voluntary, organization which aims to develop and foster the highest standards of skin care in the dermatology setting.

GOALS

- 1.0 Through education and research the SDSS will develop national standards and provide a forum of learning for those working in dermatology skin care practices.
- 2.0 The organization will facilitate open communication among its members and also act as a resource and support system for its members.
- 3.0 The SDSS will promote the profession of dermatology skin care through interdisciplinary collaboration and by acting as a resource about the profession for other health care professionals.

OBJECTIVES

1.0 Education and Research

- 1.1 A long term objective will be the development of a standard curriculum of training for the profession based on a defensible common body of knowledge.
- 1.2 Provision of opportunities for Continuing Professional Education in the areas of technology, techniques and products used in the profession.
- 1.3 Research, document and promote high quality, national standards for practices and procedures in the profession.
- 1.4 Participate and promote member participation in educational conventions of related esthetic professions.
- 1.5 Promote and support research in the development of new dermatology skin care techniques.

2.0 Communication & Support

- 2.1 Build on the high standards of the PCI Journal™, *The Medical Journal for SkinCare Professionals*©. Take advantage of the Journal to build awareness of good skin care practices, to stimulate professional and personal growth of organization members, and to further develop and promote the profession.
- 2.2 Encourage each member to participate in the functioning and growth of the association.
- 2.3 Recognize individual members for clinical and professional achievements related to dermatology skin care.
- 2.4 Provide forums for networking, mentoring and information sharing.
- 2.5 Develop an information support system for members with employment opportunities, best practices information, sources of expertise, and continuing education opportunities.

3.0 Interdisciplinary Collaboration

- 3.1 Promote dermatology skin care as a specialty skin care and esthetic profession.
- 3.2 Serve as a resource for other health care related organizations, government licensing bodies, the public at large on issues related to dermatology skin care and practice issues in a medical setting.
- 3.3 Promote awareness of good skin care practices and patient rights to the consumer.
- 3.4 Promote the SDSS through participation in forums consisting of national and international skincare organizations and interdisciplinary associations.
- 3.5 In collaboration with related professional associations, research and develop common ethical components that would lead to a Code of Ethics for dermatology skincare specialists which is consistent with the industry.