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Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 2 – 5:30 p.m. MDT

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10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Friday, March 27

10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Saturday, March 28

10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Sunday, March 29

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- **Discover your newest benefits:** *AAD Clinical Image Collection, Dialogues in Dermatology podcast, and AAD Clinical Community.*
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Noon-2 p.m. | Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28

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Feel the energy of 2026 Innovation Academy in NYC

10-11:30 a.m. | Friday, March 27, and Saturday, March 28

Plan your summer in New York City with dermatology's most forward-thinking meeting, AAD Innovation Academy! Get energized with our Morning in Manhattan bagel and coffee bar during the times above, or stop by throughout the weekend to discover what sets this meeting, and New York, apart. Register on-site and take advantage of Early Access registration for AAD members, plus get a free gift while supplies last.

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Annual Meeting Day by Day for **Residents**

Thursday, March 26

2-3:30 p.m.
Career Insights
Room 201 in the Colorado Convention Center

3:30-5:30 p.m.
Employment Fair
Rooms 203/205/207 in the Colorado Convention Center
Supported by Integrated Dermatology

5-7 p.m.
DermWorld "Meet the Editor" Reception
Peaks Lounge in the Hyatt Regency Denver
Enjoy complimentary appetizers and cocktails.

6:30-9:30 p.m
Resident Social
Punch Bowl Social Denver, CO
Cap off the day with an exclusive event for residents. Join us at Punch Bowl Social for a casual night of fun and to connect with Young Physician mentors. Food, drinks, and games included.
Sponsored by Takeda, Bristol Myers Squibb, Arcutis Biotherapeutics, Leo Pharma, Castle Biosciences, Medscape Education, and Pfizer. Transportation provided.

Visit the Exhibit Hall
Friday-Saturday
10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday
10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, March 27

Suggested Sessions:

9 a.m. | C002 – Conquer the Boards: Core Exam & Review
S011 – Gross and Microscopic Symposium
1 p.m. | C006 – Conquer the Boards: Applied Exam & Review
S013 – Gross and Microscopic Symposium

5-6:30 p.m.
Opening Ceremony
Bellco Theatre 3

- AAD/A President Welcome Address
- President-Elect Candidate Speeches
- Gold Medal Award Recipient (TBD)
- Fireside chat with guest speaker John Legend

DON'T MISS
John Legend
Guest Speaker

7-10 p.m.
Mingle at the Member Reception
Empower Field at Mile High, home of the Denver Broncos
Member tickets: $25 | Guests: $75 (Purchase during registration)
Shuttles provided to/from the Colorado Convention Center.

Visit the Canine Cuddle Zone
Booth 1161, Exhibit Hall
11 a.m.- 2 p.m. | Friday-Sunday
Sponsored by CareCredit.

Get your complimentary headshot photo in the AAD Resource Center
Booth 427, Exhibit Hall
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Saturday, March 28

Suggested Sessions:

Conversation and Connections: Navigating Barriers to Inclusion in Residency
Capital Ballroom 1, Hyatt Regency
4-6:30 p.m.
Join us for cocktails and conversation focused on navigating barriers to fostering an inclusive learning environment throughout residency, while building meaningful connections with your peers. Academy leaders committed to advancing inclusivity in dermatology will facilitate the discussion.

Sunday, March 29

9 a.m.
Annual Business Meeting and Plenary

Suggested Sessions:

1 p.m. | F059 – Beyond the Boards

3:30 p.m. | F060 – Young Physician Pearls and Pitfalls: A Survival Guide for the First 10 Years

Young Physicians Also Encouraged to Attend:

Global Voices of Impact: Women Dermatology Presidents Leading Change
Centennial Ballroom H, Hyatt Regency
2-4 p.m.
AAD President, Susan C. Taylor, MD, will moderate a discussion with presidents of international dermatology societies, who will share their experiences as leaders in the global dermatology community. The discussion will focus on the pivotal experiences that shaped their leadership journeys including the challenges that influenced their approach to leadership and their careers.

View the AAD Meeting app for more details and updates throughout the meeting.

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Dear Future Leaders in Dermatology:

At Neutrogena®, we are dedicated to advancing the field of dermatology, and we believe that starts with supporting the next generation of dermatology professionals, beginning in residency.

We understand the dedication and hard work required to excel in this field, and we are here to help you maximize your one chance to train.

We are excited about the opportunity to build a lasting relationship with you.

Visit us at **Booth #1501** where you can engage with our team and receive exclusive giveaways.

We aim to build a network of future leaders who are equipped with evidence-based knowledge to improve patient care and shape the future of dermatology. To support this mission, Neutrogena® provides education and resources designed to help you thrive throughout your residency—and beyond.

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Sessions for **Residents**

U005 – Top Tips From Top Docs: Pearls to Improve Patient Satisfaction and Enhance Patient Experience

7:30-8:30 a.m. | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 3E

A positive patient experience in outpatient dermatology clinics is not based on rapport alone but also on access, optimal utilization of clinic space, support staff, and wait time. Our target audience is physicians, residents, and nurse practitioners. Based on our experience, we'll review the impact of these factors on patient satisfaction and example interventions. The speakers on this panel were repeatedly nominated as Boston Magazine's top dermatologists. We aim to review best practices across complex med derm, pediatric, and surgical patients. We will also discuss service recovery to help resolve dissatisfaction or patient errors.

U014 – Dermatology Meets Pharma: Drug Development, Industry Collaborations, Career Paths

7:30-8:30 a.m. | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 2E

Developed by the Dermatologists in Industry ERG, this dynamic session covers partnership strategies, career planning in industry, and drug development processes. Participants examine strategies for fostering collaborations between the pharmaceutical industry and dermatologists in private practice and academia, highlighting successful partnership models and potential benefits. Attendees explore diverse career paths in industry, including roles in clinical development and medical affairs. The session provides an overview of the drug development process, from discovery and preclinical to all stages of clinical development leading to regulatory submission and approval. This session is intended for dermatologists, residents, scientists in dermatology, and APPs.

C002 – Conquer the Boards: Core Exam & Review

9 a.m.-noon | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 2A

This Certification Exam Prep Course is a hands-on experience where attendees take a simulated, at-home, shortened version of the American Board of Dermatology certification CORE exam. The at-home exam is designed to increase comfort with the exam format, while practicing time management and identifying areas of weakness in their knowledge base. During the session, expert faculty review the answers of the exam, providing high-yield information for the certification CORE exam. Residents attending this course should walk away with a better understanding of the pace and structure of the exam.

This activity has been approved by the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) for up to 30 Continuing Certification Program (CCP) Component 2 Self-Assessment points. For more information about CCP, visit www.abderm.org.

S011 – Gross and Microscopic Symposium

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Friday, March 27
Room 404

This two-day symposium covers the gamut of clinical dermatology, predicated on clinical/pathological correlation, with attention to new and interesting observations. Presentations are grouped into several clinical categories allowing attendees to focus on particular conditions/entities. Each five-minute presentation includes a clinical/pathological case and topic review. This is a lively, fast-paced symposium with something for everyone. Presentations are clinically germane and applicable to patient care. Symposium is open to all AAD members, nonmembers, residents, fellows, and medical students.

C006 – Conquer the Boards: Applied Exam & Review

1-4 p.m. | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 2A

This Certification Exam Prep Course is a hands-on experience where attendees take a simulated, at-home, shortened version of the American Board of Dermatology certification APPLIED exam. The at-home exam is designed to increase comfort with the exam format, while practicing time management and identifying areas of weakness in your knowledge base. During the session, expert faculty review answers of the exam, providing high-yield information for the certification APPLIED exam. Residents attending this course should walk away with a better understanding of the pace and structure of the exam. This activity has been approved by the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) for up to 30 Continuing Certification Program (CCP) Component 2 Self-Assessment points. For more information about CCP, visit www.abderm.org.

S013 – Gross and Microscopic Symposium

1-5 p.m. | Friday, March 27
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F022 – Structure and Function of the Skin: Development, Cell Biology, and Skin Structure

9-11 a.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 1D

This session offers a high-yield, clinically relevant overview of basic science and immunology concepts essential to understanding and managing dermatologic conditions. Topics include genodermatoses, blistering disorders, inflammatory skin diseases, pigmentary disorders, carcinogenesis, pruritus, and skin aging. Participants explore key concepts such as embryologic skin development, organization and structure of the basement membrane, keratinocyte and melanocyte biology, innate and adaptive immune mechanisms in the skin, molecular pathways of carcinogenesis, and the clinical implications of immunosenescence. Designed for medical students, residents, practicing dermatologists, or researchers, this focused session bridges basic science with clinical practice to reinforce the fundamentals of cutaneous biology.

S022 – Residents and Fellows Symposium

9 a.m.-noon | Saturday, March 28
Bluebird 2A

The Residents and Fellows Symposium is an opportunity to hear about groundbreaking research performed by dermatology residents and fellows. The top 18 projects are selected

from a pool of over 100 applicants to give succinct summaries of their research. The Everett C. Fox Award is given to the presenters of the most outstanding clinical and laboratory research. This $3,500 cash award is granted by the American Academy of Dermatology through an endowment created by Dr. Fox and is split evenly between the top award recipients in both the clinical and basic science abstract categories.

S026 – Gross and Microscopic Symposium

9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Room 404

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F033 – High-Yield Dermatopathology for Residents

1-3 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 3A

This session is aimed at residents wishing to strengthen their dermatopathology skills in preparation for core or applied examinations. Approaches to diagnosis include pattern recognition, generating a differential diagnosis based on specific histological findings, and distinguishing among disorders that are histologically similar. Residents can test their skills on Kodachrome images in an audience response format.

S031 – Resident Jeopardy

1-4 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 4A

Join your colleagues for self-assessment through this popular, fun, and engaging game show format. Contestants representing various residency training programs face Jeopardy-style queries and image-based inquiries encompassing the breadth of dermatology in a friendly competition. Audience members are invited to play along and test their knowledge. Which institution will emerge as the 2026 AAD Resident Jeopardy champion?

S037 – Boards Blitz

1-4 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 1A

The in-training and board certification exams require a mastery of a broad breadth of information as dictated by the American Board of Dermatology (ABD). Overwhelmed yet? This interactive session provides key points and tips for identifying and answering questions on the digital image portion of the certification/recertification exams. Attendees can view numerous digital images with associated questions preparing them for the Kodachrome portion of the exam. High-yield study material will also be covered as the images are reviewed. The session benefits any dermatologist preparing for the ABD certification, recertification, or in-training exam.

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F046 – Dermatology Teachers Exchange Group

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 4D

The Dermatology Teachers Exchange Group (DTEG) convenes semi-annually at the Association of Professors of Dermatology and AAD Annual Meetings. Teaching methods, curricula, and evaluation mechanisms and platforms for residents, medical students, faculty, and patients will be presented in abstract form and discussed. The meeting also serves as a forum for networking and exchange of ideas among teachers in dermatology.

U057 – Medical Dermatology Potpourri: Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned

8-9 a.m. | Sunday, March 29
Room 501

Medical literature is constantly evolving, forcing us to reconsider our practice approach. This session highlights clinical pearls in the evaluation, treatment, and monitoring of complex medical dermatology disorders. Treatment strategies based on the latest available data in the literature will be discussed. This session is geared toward general dermatologists and residents in training.

F059 – Beyond the Boards

1-3 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 2A

This session provides practical insights from speakers who have achieved rapid career success, each taking different paths in dermatology — from leadership roles in academia, being appointed CMO of a large dermatology organization, high-level advocacy, transitioning to biotech industry, and opening their own private practice. There is a brief review of the style and structure of board exams, along with relevant post-residency requirements. Participants will have an opportunity for a panel-like discussion with the speakers at the end of the session.

F060 – Young Physician Pearls and Pitfalls: A Survival Guide for the First 10 Years

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 2D

This session will explore aspects of academic and private practice careers, professional opportunities beyond the practice of clinical medicine, and personal leadership development for early career dermatologists.

U074 – Discoveries That Will Change Your Practice: Basic Science Updates for Dermatologists

4:30-5:30 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Mile High 2A

The session focuses on reviewing recent basic science discoveries within cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, melanoma, microbiome, and neuropathic itch and their impact on the practice of dermatology. The session is directed toward practicing dermatologists looking to stay up-to-date with scientific literature and dermatology residents looking for additional board preparation and practice preparation. Scientific literature is expanding at a rate that makes reviewing all pertinent literature in one's field impossible. Practicing dermatologists often find it difficult to keep up with basic science advances, in favor of reading clinical journals. However, basic science advances inform therapeutic options, prognostication of side effects, response to therapy, and patient survival. Our goal is to translate recent scientific advances into actionable clinical practice updates.

Sessions for **Young Physicians**

F007 – Complex Medical Dermatology Cases: Pearls and Pitfalls
9-11 a.m. | Friday, March 27
Four Seasons 1
Many patients present with challenging skin manifestations posing diagnostic and therapeutic dilemmas. Using a case-based approach featuring complex medical dermatoses (including alopecia areata, lupus, dermatomyositis, pyoderma gangrenosum, and hidradenitis suppurativa), this session will highlight clinical pearls in making the diagnosis and elaborating treatment regimens as well as pitfalls to avoid. Management strategies based on the latest data from the literature will be reviewed, in addition to useful novel diagnostic tests.

S004 – Hot Topics
9 a.m.-noon | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 1A
The symposium addresses hot topics established by registrant consensus, a true reflection of member concerns and interests. The session is a potpourri of medical/surgical topics, including some with social and economic import. Expert speakers provide state-of-the-art material, highlighting recent trends and developments and accenting emerging, innovative therapies. Presentations are derm relevant, clinically germane, and directly applicable to patient care.

F017 – Making the Most of Your Time: Optimizing Productivity in 2026
1-3 p.m. | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 3G
Increasing productivity, administrative, and regulative demands have made attaining a work-life balance less and less realistic for physicians, including dermatologists. Reform is needed at national and institutional levels to address this, but time management strategies offer a sense of autonomy and control and can help ensure you are using your time most intentionally. In this session, a panel of dermatologists from various practice settings offer practical time management tips.

U025 – Starting a Private Practice 101
3:30-4:30 p.m. | Friday, March 27
Bluebird 3D
This session provides practical information on how to start an independent, private practice dermatology clinic. Subjects include determining the basic needs of a new clinic, developing relationships with various parties, leveraging support in your endeavor, and recognizing the nonclinical aspects of a private practice. This session targets dermatologists at any stage in their careers who are looking to begin their own practice but are unsure of how to start.

U029 – Considerations in Allergic Contact Dermatitis in Children
7:30-8:30 a.m. | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 1D
This forum will be led by national and international experts on allergic contact dermatitis in children. During these two hours, we will discuss all facets of allergic contact dermatitis in children, including:

- The most up-to-date data on prevalence of contact allergens in children published by the North American Contact Dermatitis Group and other international study groups.
- The top 10 trending allergens and allergens of the year, particularly where they are found and how to avoid them.
- Patch testing in children through the use of photos and videos.

Interactive cases using ARS will lead the audience through several challenging cases of pediatric allergic contact dermatitis, from deciding when to patch test to the solution, will capstone the session. The session is meant for general dermatologists, pediatric dermatologists, and patch testing dermatologists interested to learn more about pediatric allergic contact dermatitis.

This activity has been approved by the American Board of Dermatology (ABD) for up to 10 Continuing Certification Program (CCP) Component 2 Self-Assessment points. For more information about CCP, visit www.abderm.org.

S030 – A New Paradigm in the Management of the Hidradenitis Suppurativa Disease Spectrum
9 a.m.-noon | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 2B
This session provides dermatologists with a complete framework of end-to-end practical decision-making ability to manage patients with HS across the spectrum of disease, inclusive of medical and procedure-based strategies. Discussion of novel concepts in the management of HS supporting this framework include the following as examples: defining early and moderate disease which determines real-world eligibility for targeted treatments; assessing adequacy of initial treatment approach and timing treatment switches; evaluating for disease progression; and choosing off-label strategies having proof of concept to manage recalcitrant disease.

C008 – Basic Self-Assessment of Dermatopathology Discussion
9 a.m.-noon | Saturday, March 28
Mile High 3A
Prior to this session, participants will have reviewed 60 digitally scanned slides representing common and uncommon skin diseases, both neoplastic and inflammatory. Diagnoses (and differential diagnoses) will be reviewed and discussed by faculty. **Attendees: Please note that participants will be responsible for completing the slide review portion prior to the discussion session. You will be emailed instructions for accessing the digital slides the week prior to the review session. The discussion handouts will be sent via email the day of the review session.

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F035 – Inflammatory Skin Diseases in Skin of Color
1-3 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Bluebird 3D
This session delves into inflammatory skin diseases in skin of color to guide understanding, treatment, and research

priorities. With increased focus on pathophysiology and treatment of inflammatory skin diseases, it is important to recognize that our understanding of these conditions often lacks evidence in skin-of-color populations. Clinical pearls for the skin-of-color population for common dermatologic conditions, such as acne, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, hidradenitis suppurativa, rosacea, and vitiligo, will be presented. Therapeutic advances in inflammatory skin diseases will be examined through the lens of diverse racial and ethnic populations.

S035 – Therapeutic Hotline

1-4 p.m. | Saturday, March 28
Bluebird 1B

This session reviews new and emerging therapeutic options for managing patients with psoriasis, melanoma, actinic keratoses, acne, rosacea, dyspigmentation, hair diseases, rare diseases, nonmelanoma skin cancer, and more. The newest and hottest in dermatology, ranging from medical to cosmetic to surgical dermatology, will be addressed, and one three-hour session virtually covers the entire spectrum of dermatology. There is also an opportunity for two dynamic question-and-answer panels.

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U061 – Diagnostic Lessons Learned

8-9 a.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 3E

This session explores diagnostic errors with case-based examples. Clinical pearls in the diagnosis of medical dermatology cases will be highlighted. Emphasis is placed on scenarios with the possibility of medical errors. The goal is to provide practical clinical pearls to identify dermatologic conditions that otherwise may be misdiagnosed. The audience will be empowered with the knowledge and tools to more effectively and confidently diagnose cutaneous diseases.

P002 – Annual Business Meeting and Plenary

9 a.m.-noon | Sunday, March 29
Bellco Theatre 3

During the Annual Business Meeting, hear from AAD/A President Susan C. Taylor, MD, FAAD, Secretary-Treasurer Keyvon Nouri, MD, FAAD, and Executive Director and CEO Elizabeth K. Usher, MBA, about the AAD/A's state of affairs. Informal Discussion of Issues of Importance From the Floor:* Pursuant to the Administrative Regulation of the American Academy of Dermatology and the American Academy of Dermatology Association, during any debate at a membership meeting, each speaker must introduce themselves by name and professional position. He or she must also identify any potential conflicts of interest.

**No CME credit. The plenary session offers attendees the opportunity to hear from renowned experts on topics impacting dermatologists today. Speakers include Academy leadership and award-winning named lecturers.*

F058 – How to Approach Challenges in Hidradenitis Suppurativa Management: Strategies to Optimize Use of HS Therapies

1-3 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 1B

This session provides guidance for the management of hidradenitis suppurativa in challenging scenarios, including the setting of multiple previous treatment failures, comorbidities such as chronic infections or malignancy, or syndromic HS. Combination therapy strategies, including the potential for dual biologic or biologic plus jak inhibitor therapy, will be discussed. Procedures for HS that can be done in the office and when to reach for them will be reviewed. Instructive cases of HS will be presented and explored in an interactive format. Practical tips and pertinent evidence from the literature will be discussed to help inform future decision-making in HS clinic visits.

S043 – Psoriasis

1-4 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Four Seasons 3

Join us for an exciting session packed with the latest developments in psoriasis therapies for 2026! Confused about whether it's psoriasis or eczema? Unsure when to switch or stay the course? Want to hear the latest on oral therapies? Not sure how to treat difficult phenotypes like GPP, guttate, or palmoplantar psoriasis? Find the latest in this lively session. The session also includes two spirited debates on:

- Whether dermatologists should check lipids and initiate statin therapy
- The ultimate showdown between IL-17 vs. IL-23 for prevention of psoriatic arthritis

It will be pso pstimulating!

F060 – Young Physician Pearls and Pitfalls: A Survival Guide for the First 10 Years

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 2D

This session explores aspects of academic and private practice careers, professional opportunities beyond the practice of clinical medicine, and personal leadership development for early career dermatologists.

F065 – Botulinum Toxins: The Latest Updates

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Sunday, March 29
Bluebird 1B

Botulinum toxin use has advanced significantly since its introduction in aesthetics. There are currently multiple decisions to be made regarding the type of BNTA products to be used, injection techniques, and indications. This forum examines where we came from and what is new in understanding our clinical use of neuromodulators. We present data on the similarities and differences in those drugs both available and soon to be available, as well as anatomy related to injections and new injection techniques. Reconstitution variations and psychosocial impacts on patients will also be highlighted.

F099 – JAK Inhibitors in Dermatology: Identifying Ideal Candidates

3:30-5:30 p.m. | Monday, March 30
Mile High 2B

JAK inhibitors have expanded systemic treatment options for atopic dermatitis, alopecia areata, and psoriasis, offering rapid efficacy through a novel mechanism. However, their use requires careful patient selection and risk assessment, considering potential concerns like infection, thrombosis, malignancy, and lab monitoring. This session reviews all FDA-approved systemic JAK inhibitors for dermatologic use, comparing efficacy and safety with other treatments. Attendees will learn how to identify ideal candidates, recognize when to avoid JAKs, and apply strategies to mitigate risks. Data from recent research on elderly patients will be included to guide safe prescribing in special populations.

10 Tips

To make the most of your time at the 2026 AAD Annual Meeting

1. **Plan ahead.** A pro tip to ensure you make the most of your time at the meeting is to plan your schedule before you arrive in Denver. It can be overwhelming once you enter the convention center, so make a plan to hit the ground running. Suggested sessions for residents are on pages 6-7.

2. **Arrive Early.** Thursday, March 26, is a day filled with activities and information for residents, including the **Career Insights and Employment Fair.** Career Insights is in room 201 and the Employment Fair is in rooms 203-207 within the Colorado Convention Center. Discussion topics include contract negotiations, tips to get hired, and how to find the best practice type to suit you. The best part, it's all free! Then join us at the Employment Fair to meet with potential employers.

3. **Download the AAD Meeting App.** This is your go-to spot for information on sessions, the Exhibit Hall, daily events, and everything meeting-related, right in your hand. Session rooms may change, so it's a handy resource for you to easily access up-to-date meeting info. Find it in the Apple store or Google Play. Check the app for scheduled alumni and affiliate events.

4. **Ask questions.** The AAD Annual Meeting is a friendly environment of dermatologists at various career stages, who are eager to present their work and thrilled to engage in conversations. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet with peers and pros to learn and share knowledge.

5. **Visit the Exhibit Hall.** There are more than 400 exhibitors to catch your eye and attention. Block out plenty of time in your schedule to check out the wide variety of booths. It's always a busy, vibrant part of the meeting you don't want to miss. Stop by the Canine Cuddle Zone, brought to you by CareCredit, for some doggy snuggles! And be sure to say hello to the AAD Preferred Providers: CareCredit, Booth 1715; Medjet, Booth 2255; Bank of America, Booth 441; AAD Member Buying Program, Booth 437; and Bonsai, Booth 447.

6. **Head to the AAD Resource Center in Booth 427 in the Exhibit Hall.** AAD staff is on hand to assist with any questions and to guide you with products that can help you navigate next steps in your career. Post your CV on AAD Career Compass, a specialized job board for dermatology job seekers. Back again is the popular Headshot Lounge; head there for a complimentary photo, brought to you by Biogen. There is always something happening at the Resource Center. See page 3 for more details.

7. **Get social!** Follow @AADmember on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Watch for giveaways on the AAD's Instagram page, and keep an eye out for the #YourDermatologistKnows team filming reels throughout the meeting. Share your experiences and photos with friends and colleagues using #AAD2026. Look for the giant AAD letters for fun photo opportunities in the convention center, and be sure to tag us.

8. **Check your email for the *DermWorld* Daily News and Morning Agendas,** which list key session and event details. Refer to the Meeting News Central (aadmeetingnews.org) for highlights of daily activities and snippets of sessions you may have missed. Who knows, you may even spot yourself in the popular Photo Gallery.

9. **Make a new friend at the Member Welcome Reception!** Following the Opening Ceremony, there will be an exclusive Member Welcome Reception on Friday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. at Empower Field at Mile High to connect and celebrate with other AAD members. Attendees can look forward to food, drinks, and entertainment. Be sure to purchase your ticket(s) with your registration!

10. **Enjoy!** Make the most of this once-a-year event. Engage with peers and take advantage of everything the AAD Annual Meeting has to offer. Stop in at the DermWorld Happy Hour on Thursday, March 26, and pop into the Resident Jeopardy event to watch peers compete on Sunday, March 29. Welcome to Denver, and enjoy! Click for additional planned activities and events scheduled in Denver. •

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