Dear Members of the AOCD,

Welcome to another issue of the Journal of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology (JAOCD). The JAOCD has come a long way. It began as the collective vision of Drs. Jay Gottlieb, Stanley Skopit, and James Del Rosso, who wanted to create a platform to better serve the educational needs of the College. During the years of their dedication and now under the stewardship of Dr. Karthik Krishnamurthy, this journal has grown to be an impressive publication.

I would like to congratulate the current and past residents who have been published in the JAOCD. I remember authoring the very first lead article, entitled “Patient Assessment in the Treatment of Premenstrual Acne Flare with Vitamin B6 Therapy: A Two-Year Retrospective Study,” during my second year of residency. It is hard to believe it has been more than 10 years. Many of the resident authors who have published in the JAOCD have now been practicing dermatologists for more than a decade. Some of the residents of yesterday are the program directors of today.

The Journal has provided a publication outlet for the scholastic talent of the College. I remember the residents sometimes feeling overwhelmed by having to comply with the requirements for submission to the JAOCD. However, now the Journal has proven to be the historic record of the AOCD’s scholastic and research activities. The contents and the editorial process are first-rate.

Let us not ever take this precious AOCD publication for granted. I hope to see more attendings and residents contribute manuscripts. In the near future, we will be asking for more support from our members and residents as our dermatology residency moves toward a single accreditation system. The participation of our members will be vital for the survival of the JAOCD.

Fraternally yours,
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