

# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Readers,

Welcome to another issue of the JAOCD. This publication has become one of the cornerstones of our organization. I want to thank Dr. Karthik Krishnamurthy for another fine issue and for his hard work and dedication. I also want to extend my thanks to Dr. Jay Gottlieb for his vision in starting the JAOCD. In addition, the national office staff, led by Executive Director Marsha Wise, has helped make this scientific publication a reality.

Many things have happened since the last issue of the JAOCD was published. The AOCD Delegation to the AOA, led by Drs. Lloyd Cleaver and David Grice, represented the College at the AOA House of Delegates this summer in Chicago. There was a lively discussion on the House floor on resolutions concerning gun control, mental healthcare for medical students and physicians, rules for prescribing pain medication to the elderly, and adopting a reversal for a federal ban on sperm donation by homosexual men. I want to thank Drs. Cleaver and Grice for representing our college at such an important event.

As my presidency comes to a close, I want to use this as an opportunity to thank all my mentors and advisors for guiding me through the year. I look forward to Dr. Alpesh Desai continuing to lead our beloved College and taking it to great heights. Although I will be stepping down from the presidency, I look forward to serving as the Immediate Past President and continuing my contribution to the Board of Trustees.

In addition, I will be focusing on the next stage of my professional and academic career. I have assumed the position of Program Director for the recently established Rio Grande Valley Dermatology Residency that is part of the Corpus Christi Medical Center. I am excited and humbled to be able to contribute to the education of future osteopathic dermatologists during this turbulent time of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education merger. I sincerely believe that with the continued contributions of our members, we will thrive as a profession in this era of uncertainty. As an organization, we will never lose sight of our goals to provide osteopathic dermatologic care and education to patients and physicians. We will always strive to do what is best for our patients.

Looking back to the vision of Dr. Gottlieb and the continued efforts of Dr. Krishnamurthy, I am touched and moved by the contributions of our members in bringing this journal to fruition. I can only imagine what the future holds for the AOCD. I look forward to seeing our future leadership in action and the increased active participation of our membership.

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