

Purpose

TDS was formed over seventy years ago to promote and advance the science and art of medicine pertaining to diseases of the skin. The purposes of this Society are scientific and educational: to promote and advance the science and art of medicine appertaining to diseases of the skin; to promote the highest possible standards in clinical practice, education, and research in dermatological medicine and surgery; to encourage the study of social and economic problems particular to the field of dermatology; and to exercise all powers and assume all obligations necessary or incident thereto.

Networking Opportunities

- More than 400 Dermatologists in Texas are members.
- Each member receives the annual TDS membership directory, a guide to all members around the state.

Information for Practices

- Members are kept abreast of all issues — including legal, economic, and political, effecting the practice of dermatology in Texas.
- Members receive "The Texas Dermatologist" quarterly newsletter.

Legislative Activities

- The TDS, through its lobbying activities and its strong relationship with Texas Medical Association, influences legislation affecting your business as a dermatologist and the practice of medicine in Texas.
- TDS researches and supports legislation that promotes public health, such as tanning and body piercing regulation.

New Developments in the Field of Dermatology

- TDS hosts two annual scientific meetings, which look at some of the most recent developments in the field of dermatology.
- Reduced meeting fees for members!

All of the above have demonstrated professional competence, ethical standards, and personal conduct, which reflect favorably upon the practice of dermatology as judged by the members of the Society.

Continuing Medical Education

- TDS sponsors up to date continuing medical education (CME) programs that offer a variety of dermatological topics.
- Two meetings per year, the Annual meeting in the spring and a fall meeting.
- Each meeting offers CME credit, social functions and updates on TDS activities.

The Texas Dermatological Society is actively seeking new members!

TDS Membership Categories

Active Members must be certified by the American Board of Dermatology, be in active practice of Dermatology or Dermatopathology in the State of Texas, and have demonstrated professional competence, ethical standards, and personal conduct that reflect favorably upon the practice of Dermatology as judged by the members of the Society. Active members are eligible to attend all meetings of the Society, may vote, hold office, and serve on committees. They shall pay all dues and assessments as established. **\$150 per year.**

Associate Members must provide proof of training that qualifies him/her for the examination of the American Board of Dermatology, and be in active practice of Dermatology in the State of Texas. Associate members are eligible to attend all meetings of the Society, and may vote, but shall not be eligible to hold elected office. They may serve on committees. **\$150 per year.**

Affiliate Members must be in one of the following categories:

- a) Dermatopathology – i) Have certification of Special Competence in Dermatopathology by the Boards of Dermatology and Pathology. ii) Be in active practice of Dermatopathology in the State of Texas.
- b) Osteopathic Dermatology – i) Have certification by the American Board of Osteopathic Dermatology, but whose training does not make them eligible for certification by the American Board of Dermatology. ii) Be in active practice of Dermatology in the State of Texas.

Affiliate members have all rights of Active Members, including the right to attend meetings and vote, but shall not serve in any elected office. They may serve on committees. **\$150 per year.**

Adjunct/Out-of-State Members

must:

1. Not reside or practice or be in training in Texas.
2. Be in active practice or training in dermatology or dermatopathology.
3. Be in one of the following categories: – a) A physician certified by the American Board of Dermatology b) A physician who is eligible for certification by the American Board of Dermatology c) A physician certified in Special Competence in Dermatopathology by the American Boards of Dermatology and Pathology. d) A physician certified by the American Board of Osteopathic Dermatology, but whose training does not make them

eligible for certification by the American Board of Dermatology. e) A physician enrolled in an approved Dermatology residency program. The application shall include written proof of enrollment from the Dermatology Residency Training Program Director.

4. Be eligible to attend all meetings, but shall not be eligible to hold elected office, serve on committees, or vote.
5. Pay dues and assessments as determined by the Executive Council and pay for all social functions.
6. Include two letters of recommendation from dermatologists certified by the American Board of Dermatology or the American Board of Osteopathic Dermatology with the application. Residents and fellows need not submit letters of recommendation. **\$50 per year.**



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