

# Valuable Education and Meaningful Interactions at the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting

The premier dermatologic surgery meeting of 2025 was held in Chicago, Illinois, on Nov. 13-16. Attendees experienced lectures, panel discussions, demonstrations and hands-on workshops led by experts in the specialty. There were frequent opportunities to meet industry representatives and network with like-minded peers.

Attendees gathered at the Hyatt Regency Chicago to experience over 90 educational sessions across three engaging content tracks, which included over 50 new sessions, five plenary sessions, four hands-on workshops, three live patient demonstrations, two live surgical stage demonstrations and two special lectures. The sessions provided skill-based learning taught by experts who were eager to share their insights, perspectives and first-hand knowledge. From thought-provoking education to a plethora of social activities, the meeting offered a congenial atmosphere for dermatologists at all stages of their careers to connect, grow and reflect.

## Meeting Insights

- 1,249 attendees
- 331 faculty
- 188 video oral abstracts (not including industry)
- 93 educational sessions
- Over 100 exhibitors

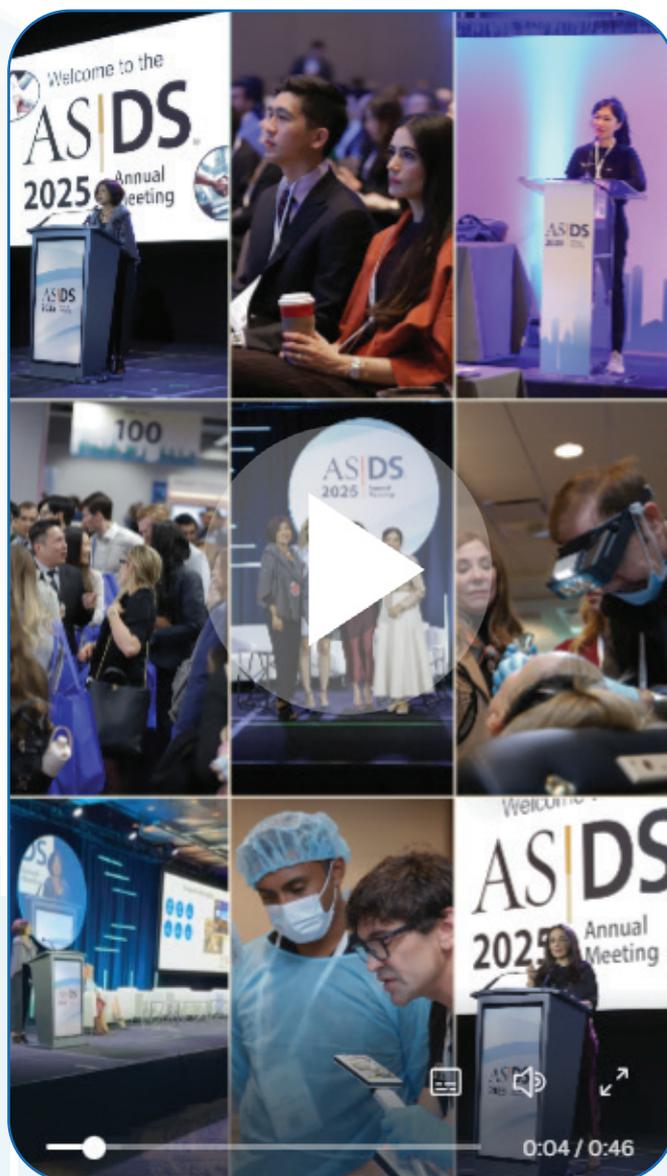
## Event Game

The mobile app gave attendees the opportunity to earn prizes for locating game codes throughout the Exhibit Hall.

**1st Place: Rachel Sally, MD**  
2026 ASDS Annual Meeting Registration

**2nd Place: Deepa Lingam, MD**  
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**3rd Place: Akshay Pulavarty, MD**  
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## Social Media

- 409 Instagram posts (tagged / reshared from Nov. 12-16)
- 182,000 Instagram post impressions
- 413 new followers on ASDS Members Instagram (12,138 total)

## Mobile App

- 1,078 downloads
- 42.5% of attendees logging in
- “What’s Trending in Dermatologic Surgery” was the most viewed session description.



Annual Meeting Chair Kishwer Nehal, MD; 2024-25 President M. Laurin Council, MD, MBA; Annual Meeting Co-Chair Nazanin Saedi, MD; 2025-26 President Kavita Mariwalla, MD



Drs. Sandra Lee and Doris Day



Over 1,200 people attended the 2025 conference.



2024-25 President Laurin Council, MD, MBA, passed the presidential gavel to 2025-26 President Kavita Mariwalla, MD, during the Membership Meeting.



Iron Surgeon had the highest attendance of all the educational sessions.

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# Thoughtfully Organized Programming for All Career Levels

The Annual Meeting Work Group contributed their creativity and expertise to craft a best-in-class agenda filled with timely, relevant topics designed to enhance patient care, drive improved outcomes and support more efficient practice management decisions.

Sessions at the pre-conference and ASDS Annual Meeting offered up to 29.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ combined across 90 sessions. Over 300 dynamic faculty members inspired action, challenged ideas and shared their insights. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both long-time attendees and residents just beginning their careers.

## Meeting Satisfaction

- Overall meeting satisfaction was rated a 4.61 out of 5.0.
- 94% of attendees who completed the overall evaluation rated the meeting as “Excellent” or “Good.”
- 97% felt the educational content was relevant.
- 92% of sessions received an evaluation score higher than 4.5 out of 5.
- 93% indicated the sessions were free of commercial bias.

## Most Attended Sessions

1. **PLENARY: Iron Surgeon 2.0 – The Great Debate**
2. **Patient Demonstrations: Advanced Injection Techniques on the Face**
3. **New Innovations in Dermatologic Surgery: Treatments You Will Be Using in the Next 1-5 Years**
4. **PLENARY: What’s Trending in Dermatologic Surgery**
5. **PLENARY: Breaking Bad Complications**
6. **Reconstructive Surgery Secrets Revealed: Live Demonstrations on Cadaveric Specimens**
7. **PLENARY: Rapid Fire Dermatologic Surgery Pearls**
8. **GLP-1: From Prescribing to Managing Volume Loss**
9. **Cosmesis Update: Lower Face and Neck**
10. **Hair Restoration: Surgery, PRP, LLLT, Laser and Medical Therapy**

## Direct a Session in 2026

Educational session proposals for the 2026 ASDS Annual Meeting will be accepted through Feb. 13. Contact [education@asds.net](mailto:education@asds.net) with any questions.

## Purchase Session Recordings

ASDS members get unlimited access to 80 educational sessions and over 170 of the video oral abstracts by purchasing the 2025 ASDS Annual Meeting Recordings. Visit [asds.net/Recordings](https://asds.net/Recordings) for details. [Industry abstracts](#) can be viewed online.



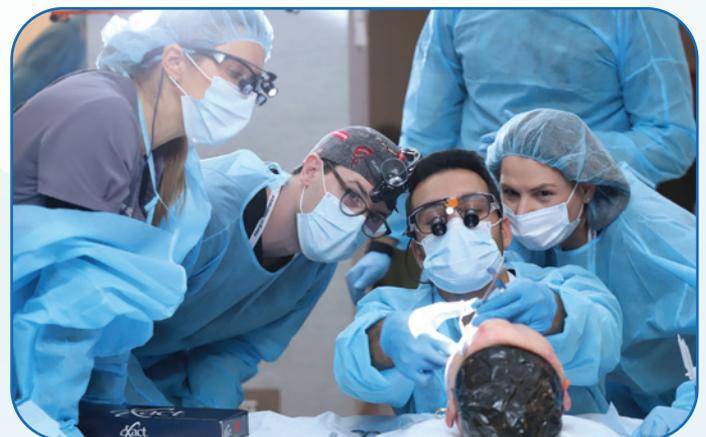
“Plenary: Iron Surgeon 2.0” was the most attended session with over 520 in the audience.



Lisa Donofrio, MD, presented at the “Fat Grafting: New Discoveries and New Techniques” session.



Lawrence Green, MD, spoke at the “Better Call Saul” session.



Over 40 members observed close-up pearls from experts during the pre-conference “Hands-on Cadaver Lab: Cosmetic Lifting Procedures of the Eyes and Face.”



Jennifer Croix, MD, led one of the patient demonstrations at “Chairside: Live with Experts” on Sunday, Nov. 16.



Drs. Mariah Brown and Nima Gharavi at “My Favorite Flaps: Live Demonstrations on Cadaveric Specimens.”



The ASDS Annual Meeting offers attendees hands-on practice of various procedural techniques.



Drs. Vince Bertucci and Melanie Palm during the “Facial Assessment and Injectables: A Case-Based Approach” session.



Ardalan Minokadeh, MD, PhD, educated attendees during “Hands-on Workshop: Injection Insights – Mastering Your Technique”.



Nathalia Simonetti, MD, was among the authors chosen to present during the “Cosmetic and Skin Cancer Oral Abstract Presentations: Top Ten.”



Drs. Jeffrey Hsu and Rebecca Kazin led a demonstration during “Live Patent Demonstrations: Advanced Injection Techniques on the Face.”



Sessions were well attended, including the “Vic Narurkar, MD, Innovations in Aesthetic Dermatology Lecture” by Murad Alam, MD, MBA, MSCI.



Peter Rullan, MD, taught formulations to attendees of the “Chemical Peel Workshop: Medium and Deep Peeling for Dermatologists” pre-conference session.



Faculty of “Plenary: Rapid Fire Dermatologic Surgery Pearls”

# Industry Networking and Social Activities

In the Exhibit Hall, attendees discovered innovative products and services at over 100 exhibit booths, met with industry representatives and engaged with peers from around the world. Networking is consistently named one of the primary reasons dermatologists return to the ASDS Annual Meeting every year, and the 2025 conference offered plenty of opportunities to enhance their professional networks, rekindle existing connections, meet new colleagues and expand their contacts with industry companies.

New in 2025, wellness experiences helped attendees relax, reset and recharge throughout the meeting. The Recharge Room provided a serene space with peaceful music, calming visuals and a tranquil atmosphere to pause before returning to the energy of the meeting. A Wellness Room offered movement and mindfulness sessions with gentle activities like sunrise yoga, tai chi, stretching, meditation and breathing, chair massages, hair blowouts and makeup touchups.



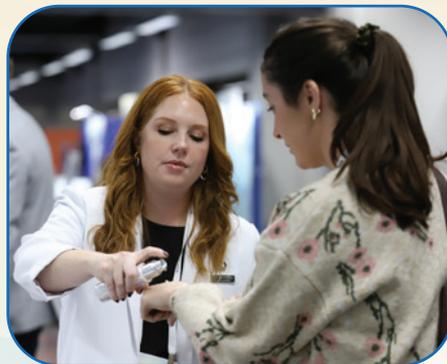
A lucky attendee at the Opening Ceremony received free registration for the 2026 ASDS Annual Meeting.



Dr. Kemunto Mokaya, Maral Skelsey and Briana Olamiju recorded a True Skin Experts Podcast in the ASDS/A Member Information Center.

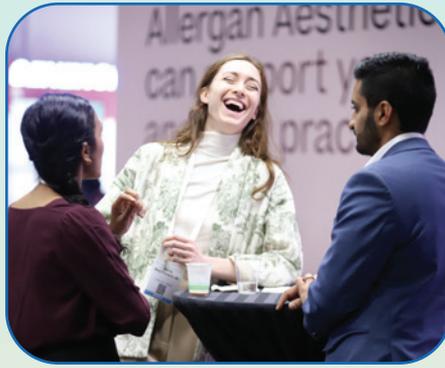


ASDS members filmed over 50 videos at Free Video Thursday, graciously supported by Merz Aesthetics.



Attendees were eager to visit over 100 booths in the Exhibit Hall.





One of the main reasons attendees say they return to the conference each year is to catch up and network with peers.



Drs. Diana Bolotin, Valerie Thomas, Cyndi Yag-Howard, Kishwer Nehal and Katie Given at the Board of Directors Dinner.



Drs. Anna Guanche, Stan Tolkachjov and Deirdre Hooper



The Exhibit Hall's Puppy Park, graciously supported by Xstresse, featured adorable, adoptable puppies from Wright Way Rescue.

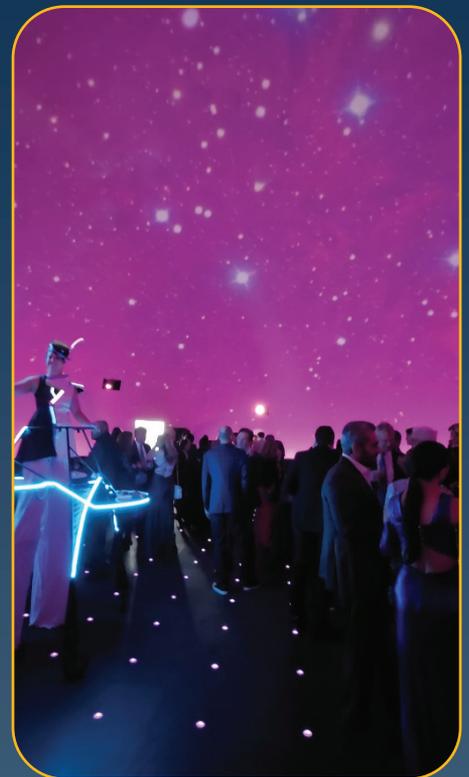


91 members received a free professional headshot with the gracious support of L'Oréal Dermatological Beauty.

# A Night Beneath the Stars

Nearly 180 members and guests attended the 18th Annual ASDS Gala at the historic Adler Planetarium. The evening began with a cocktail hour in the domed sky theatre, followed by a seated dining experience in the solarium with floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Lake Michigan and Chicago's skyline. Attendees enjoyed gourmet bites and a shimmering dance floor while socializing and celebrating ASDS.

The Gala serves as a glamorous evening to honor the recipient of the Samuel J. Stegman, MD, Award for Distinguished Service – ASDS Past President Marc Brown, MD – and raise funds for the Dermasurgery Advancement Fund, which supports the Society's programs and activities.

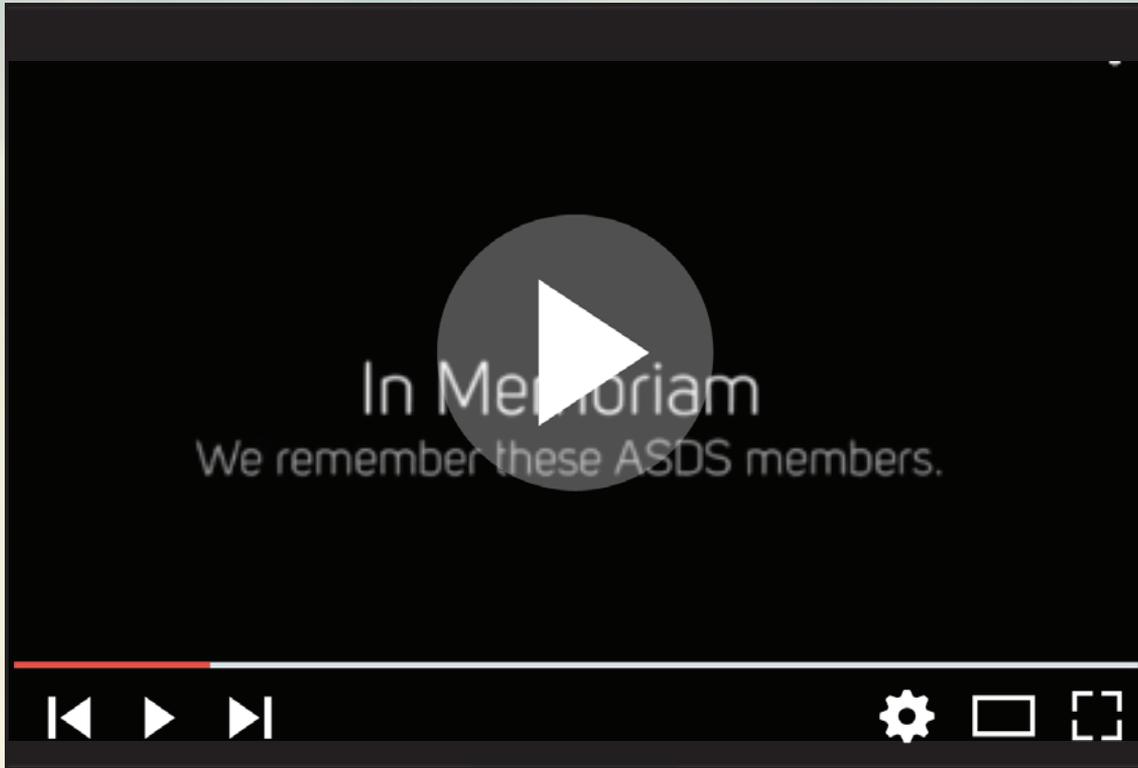






# In Memoriam

ASDS/A's accomplishments and strides are only possible because of those that came before us. The meeting honored those members and partners that we lost with this video.



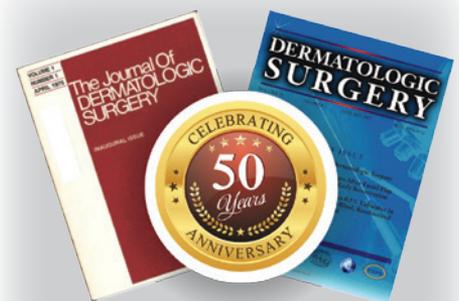
## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS of *Dermatologic Surgery*

The *Journal of Dermatologic Surgery* was founded in 1975 as a forum for dermatologic surgeons to publish articles and research, demonstrating to other specialties the depth and breadth of the dermatologic surgical discipline. The journal became the official publication of ASDS in 1981 and became known as *Dermatologic Surgery* in 1990.

Over the past 50 years, tens of thousands of pages of top-quality peer-reviewed content have profoundly influenced the practice of dermatologists throughout the world. Many of the top procedures in the field first found their way into the literature through this journal.

### EDITORS

- Founder Perry Robins, MD (1975-77)
- Morris Leider, MD (1978-81)
- George L Popkin, MD (1982-85)
- C William Hanke, MD (1986-90)
- Leonard M Dzubow, MD (1991-96)
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- William P. Coleman, III, MD (2002-Present)



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# Annual Awards

## President's Awards



Murad Alam, MD, MBA, MCSI



Jean Carruthers, MD,  
FRCSC, FRC (Ophth)



Terrence Cronin, Jr., MD



Deirdre Hooper, MD



George Hruza, MD, MBA



Kavita Mariwalla, MD



Elizabeth McBurney, MD

## Samuel J. Stegman, MD, Award for Distinguished Service



Marc Brown, MD, accepts the prestigious  
award at the 18th Annual ASDS Gala.

## Award for Outstanding Service



Ardalan Minokadeh, MD, PhD

# Annual Awards

## Lawrence M. Field, MD, Honorary Lecture



Peter Velthuis, MD, PhD

## Vic Narukar, MD, Innovations in Aesthetic Dermatology Lecture



Murad Alam, MD, MBA, MSCI

## Drs. Alastair and Jean Carruthers Award for Top-rated Cosmetic Fellow Abstract

Payvand Kamrani, DO

**Abstract:** *Time Well Spent! Longer  
Cosmetic Consultations Associated  
with Higher Patient Retention.*



## Review Article Incentive Program



Mohammad Fardos, DO

**Article:** *Applications, Ethical  
Considerations, and Patient  
Perspectives on Artificial  
Intelligence in Dermatologic  
Surgery: Focus on Mohs Surgery*



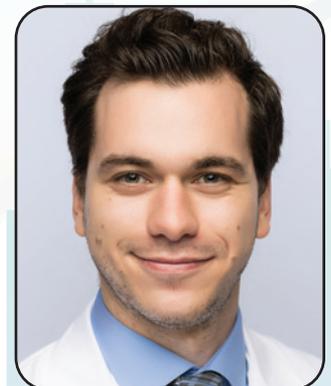
Tejas Joshi, MD

**Article:** *Digital papillary  
adenocarcinoma: an  
updated review of  
epidemiology, pathogenesis,  
and management*



Ali Murtaza Malik, MD

**Article:** *Medical Spa  
Legislation, Regulations,  
and Guidelines in the  
United States*



Joshua G Burshtein, MD

**Article:** *Patient Satisfaction  
with Mohs Micrographic  
Surgery: A Systematic Review*

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## **Direct a Session at the 2026 ASDS Annual Meeting**

Are you ready to share your expertise to strengthen your peers' procedural skills? Do you have professional development insights that could spark growth in the next generation of dermatologists?

**Submit a session proposal  
by Friday, Feb. 13 to help  
shape the future of the  
specialty.**

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Drs. Arisa Ortiz and  
Lindsay Ackerman

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