



Letter From Your Chair

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Dear Advisory Board members,

It was awesome seeing everyone in Orlando for the AAD Annual Meeting. I want to thank everyone on the Advisory Board, the executives, the reference committee, our fabulous staff, and our guests for providing such an informative and engaged session. We heard resolutions on MOC, AAD election practices, New Micrographic Surgery and Dermatologic Oncology board certification, State legislation, and so much more. I plan to update you on the status of these resolutions after the next Board of Directors meeting.

A very IMPORTANT item that was discussed and you need to relay to everyone you represent is the upcoming surveys on the new biopsy codes which some randomly selected members will receive. Six new codes will replace the existing codes you use to report skin biopsy currently. When new codes are surveyed it is important that our members take the time to fill them out thoughtfully. RUC surveys are the basis on which codes are valued and how a physician gets paid for a procedure.

Dialogues in Dermatology recently recorded free bonus content with our RUC experts- Dan Siegel MD, Adam Rubin MD, Howard Rogers MD, and Mark Kaufman MD and it featured what every member needs to know about **How CMS Determines Fees?**

Here's a link:

https://olc.aad.org/diweb/gateway/init/1/f/catalog*2Fitem*2Feid*2F11133

I appreciate your time and commitment to our specialty!

Stay passionate about dermatology!

"Terry"

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