



Dr. Seemal Desai, M.D. [Sea-mahl Deh-SIGH]
President of the American Academy of Dermatology

As President of the American Academy of Dermatology, Seemal R. Desai leads the world's largest dermatologic society that represents nearly 21,000 physicians who specialize in diagnosis and treatment of skin, hair, and nail conditions. He also leads the same position for the American Academy of Dermatology Association, a sister organization focused on government affairs, health policy, and practice information.

Dr. Desai completed his undergraduate studies at Emory University, earned his medical degree from Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia and completed his dermatology residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he served as chief resident. He serves as the Founder and Medical Director of Innovative Dermatology and as clinical assistant professor of dermatology at the University of Texas Southwestern.

Dr. Desai is an expert in dermatologic disease in skin of color, with a focus on pigmentary disorders. He previously served on the AAD's Board of Directors, as chair of the AAD's Leadership Development Steering Committee, on the SkinPAC Board of Advisors, and as chair of the AADA Compounding Workgroup.

In addition, Dr. Desai was appointed to the United States Food and Drug Administration, where he currently serves on the Pharmacy Compounding Advisory Committee. Dr. Desai is the past president of the Skin of Color Society, past president of the DFW Dermatological Society and past president of the Texas Dermatological Society. Dallas-based board-certified dermatologist Seemal R. Desai, MD, FAAD, began his one-year term as president of the American Academy of Dermatology on March 13, 2024, at the close of the AAD's Annual Meeting.