

A Legacy in Dermatology: Dr. Vincent A. DeLeo Named AAD Master Dermatologist

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The *Cutis* editorial staff is proud to announce that Vincent A. DeLeo, MD, Editor-in-Chief, was honored with the Master Dermatologist Award at the 2026 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in Denver, Colorado.

Presented as part of the AAD's "Stars of the Academy" program, this award is reserved for physicians whose careers have advanced dermatology through leadership, service, and meaningful contributions to patient care, education, and research. The award reflects Dr. DeLeo's impact across the specialty.

During the presentation, outgoing AAD president Susan C. Taylor, MD, emphasized Dr. DeLeo's wide-ranging influence, noting his reputation as a researcher, compassionate physician, and skilled diagnostician. He is adept at managing complex cases and improving patient outcomes. Dr. DeLeo is widely recognized for his expertise in contact dermatitis, photomedicine, and photoprotection, as well as for his contributions to dermatologic education.

Beyond his clinical and editorial leadership of *Cutis* for the past 25 years, Dr. DeLeo is committed to mentorship and leadership by serving on the AAD Board of Directors as well as other specialty organizations such as the American Contact Dermatitis Society.

We congratulate Dr. DeLeo on this well-deserved distinction and thank him for his continued vision and dedication to our readers and the specialty at large.



"Vince's passion for dermatology has impacted all aspects of our specialty. He has been at the forefront of basic science research, clinical dermatology, education, mentoring, and leadership of specialty organizations and societies."

—Susan C. Taylor, MD



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