Title: Society and Culture in Dermatology

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Meeting Purpose:

Dr. Aldo Morrone has documented how “what was once thought to be an illness typical of a specific geographical area, for example in the tropics, can now be found anywhere, especially in the northern hemisphere.”


However, it isn’t only the disease that migrates. Social values which may stem from poor education, language skills and poverty or cultural issues including aesthetic practices like the use of henna hinder the diagnosis and treatment of the skin.

Cultural practices that are detrimental to skin health, however, cannot be conceded solely to poverty and the lack of education. Tanning, for example, in northern climates is both a cultural and aesthetic value.

This session will provide an overview and case studies to address how cultural and societal values and practices intersect with the physician/patient relationship in the treatment of the skin including the challenges of migrant populations, stigmatization of skin disease, cultural practices affecting the skin, aesthetic values (tanning and skin lightening) and the skin.

The session will conclude with an update on the activities and programs of the International Society of Dermatology which provide opportunities for dermatologists to be active participants in global dermatology.

Learning Objectives:

- Increase understanding of challenges facing dermatologists dealing with immigrant populations.
- Gain useful insights into how cultural differences and practices affect the health and treatment of patients’ skin.
- Increase their professional involvement in global dermatology by learning about current Society programs.
Moderators:
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9:00 Welcome
Keyvan Nouri, MD (US)
Shyam Verma, MBBS, DVD, FRCP (London)

9:10 ISD Updates

9:20 XI International Congress of Dermatology Update

9:30 Cultural Stigma of HIV-related Skin Disease
Carrie Kovarik, MD (US)

9:45 Vitiligo: Society, Culture & Quality of Life
Torello Lotti, MD (Italy)

10:00 Hair Removal Methods including Laser Hair Removal
Keyvan Nouri, MD (US)

10:15 Some Common Indian Cultural Practices and their Dermatological Associations
Shyam Verma, MBBS, DVD, FRCP (London) (India)

10:30 Exotic Skin Disease
Aisha Sethi, MD (US)

10:45 Dermato-cosmetic patient requests in Romania
Carmen Maria Salavastru, MD, PhD (Romania)

11:00 Cultural Aspects of Tattoos and state of the art treatment of tattoos
Keyvan Nouri, MD (US)

11:15 Ethnodermatology and traditional cultural practices
Aldo Morrone, MD (Italy)

11:30 Dermatological Drug Dispensing in India: A Free for all
Shyamanta Barua, MD (India)

11:45 Leprosy in Indian Society – Present and Future
P. Narasimha Rao, MD, DD, PhD (India)

12:00 Concluding Remarks

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