



New York State Society of Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery

2026 Symposium
October 24, 2026
Sleepy Hollow Hotel - Tarrytown, NY

7:00am-
8:00am

Registration/Poster Set-up/Continental Breakfast
Exhibitor Hall Opens

7:10am-
7:55am

Regeneron Sanofi Breakfast Product Theater
Alexandra Golant, MD
Associate Professor of Dermatology, Vice Chair for Education & Dermatology
Residency Program Director, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

8:00am-
8:20am

Opening Remarks / Advocacy
Lisa Wickens-Alteri, NYSSDDS Executive Director

8:20am-
8:50am

Academy Update
M. Laurin Council, MD, MBA, MA, Director of Dermatologic
Surgery, Washington University in St. Louis

8:50am-
9:20am

"Management of Hidradenitis Suppurativa: What's the Playbook?"
Michael J. Payette, MD, MBA, FAAD, Dermatologist and Partner, Central
Connecticut Dermatology

9:20am-
9:50am

**Gene Expression Profiling in Dermatology: Current Evidence and Clinical
Applications**
Amy Spizuocco, DO
Founder of True Dermatology; Associate Clinical Instructor of Dermatology,
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

9:50am-
10:00am

Q&A Session

10:00am-
10:20am

Coffee Break/Posters/Exhibitors

10:20am-
10:50am

**Cracking the Code on Alopecia: How low-dose oral minoxidil is changing the
hair loss game.**
Kristen Lo Sicco, MD, FAAD, Associate Professor of Dermatology
Director, Skin & Cancer Unit
NYU Langone Health
The Ronald O. Perelman Department of Dermatology

10:50am-
11:20am

Inside IL-23 Inhibition: Clinical Pearls for Psoriasis Success
Mark Lebwohl, MD, Dean for Clinical Therapeutics and Chairman Emeritus
Department of Dermatology, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

11:20am-
11:50am

Keynote Speaker
Mathew M. Avram, MD, JD
Director, MGH Dermatology Laser & Cosmetic Center
Director, Laser & Cosmetic Training
Harvard Medical School
**The Treatment and prevention of Skin Cancer with Energy
Based Devices and its implications for Regenerative Medicine**



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11:50am-
12:00pm

Q&A Session

12:00pm-
1:00pm

Lunch

12:00pm-
1:00pm

Abbvie Lunch Product Theater

Brett King, MD, PHD

1:00pm-
1:20pm

NYS Legislator

1:20pm-
1:50pm

Resident / Fellow Clinical Cases

1:50pm-
2:20pm

Skin Cancer Diagnosis: The Roles of Technology and AI

Allan C. Halpern, MD, MSc, Chief, Dermatology Service,
Department of Medicine, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

2:20pm-
2:25pm

Q&A Session

2:25pm-
2:45pm

Coffee Break/Posters/Exhibitors

2:45pm-
3:15pm

Atopic Dermatitis Treatment

Alexandra Golant, MD
Associate Professor of Dermatology, Vice Chair for Education &
Dermatology Residency Program Director, Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai

3:15pm-
3:45pm

Chronic Spontaneous Urticaria: A New Era of Disease Control

Dawn Merritt, DO, MEd, FAAD
Founder and Chief Medical Officer, Oakview Dermatology

3:45pm-
4:15pm

Beyond the Basics: The Use of IL-17 Inhibitors in Psoriasis and HS Care

4:15pm-
4:25pm

Q&A Session

4:25pm-
4:30pm

Closing Remarks/Giveaway

Lisa Wickens-Alteri, NYSSDDS Executive Director