

Global Partnerships in Dermatology

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Why is global collaboration and research networks important in dermatology?

It is an easy question to answer, but complex to understand, since we do not all have the same vision, the same culture, the same religion, or the same access to health services.

The main focus of our society is to bring skin health to all corners of the planet, but not only that, it is to implement awareness campaigns among the local population about skin care, to train doctors, paramedics, nurses, etc. through our regional directors. on the correct use of the dermatoscope, knowing the basic lesions in dermatology and knowing how to use the diagnostic tools appropriate to the area, (and with this I want to make it very clear, the work of the dermatologist will not be replaced, simply simple but practical techniques will be taught to better diagnose and approach patients in regions where accessibility to specialized health services is very complex), likewise, it is essential to have the support of educational institutions (Universities and/or Institutes), to generate knowledge through research. To achieve all this, the coordinated work of doctors, laboratory staff and researchers is important. For this, it is necessary to rely on virtual tools that allow us to stay in touch. Examples of these are: telederm, Zoom, GOOGLE classroom, Microsoft Teams, which, in addition to what has already been described, will be very helpful to hold monthly sessions where we present difficult-to-approach clinical cases, thereby generating positive feedback based on the expertise of our collaborators, which allows us all to learn from the problems of each region of our planet.

In conclusion; generating collaboration and research networks in dermatology will allow us to provide all those involved, both doctors and patients, with key knowledge so that skin health is not a privilege but a universal right that everyone can have access to.

It is not just about fraternizing with each other, it is about constant learning and training, it is about knowing what the other is missing and vice versa in order to help each other and thus, be able to better serve those who need it most.