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SkinCare Physicians Received Full Accreditation for the New ASDS Cosmetic Dermatologic Surgery Fellowship Program

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts – October 8, 2013 – SkinCare Physicians is one of the first dermatology practices in the country to be approved by the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) for the first-ever accreditation program for Cosmetic Dermatologic and Laser Surgery Fellowship Training. The purpose of this new initiative is to accredit programs designed to meet standards of quality and to promote practices that provide fellows with the proper training and expertise to perform cosmetic dermatologic surgery procedures.

This recent initiative also provides the opportunity to recognize existing independent fellowship programs that previously had no mechanism for recognition. SkinCare Physicians has had such a well-known fellowship training program for over a decade and has trained more than thirty fellows, but prior to the ASDS initiative there was no mechanism for this to be made official or for fellows to have their training recognized as having taken place in an accredited program.

This is an historic milestone for SkinCare Physicians, which now has three fully accredited fellowship positions. "It is a wonderful honor to be the first ASDS approved fellowship program in the country and a real testament to what we have created here," commented Dr. Kenneth Arndt, President of SkinCare Physicians.

Following her site visit at Skincare Physicians, Naomi Lawrence, an ASDS Member and Accreditation Program Surveyor, commented: "I have always been impressed with the level of teaching and scholarship that all of Skincare Physicians' practitioners produce. If possible, I am now even more impressed with the practice they have built, the care they provide their patients, and their commitment to teaching young physicians. They clearly have a great operation that takes excellent care of people carried forth in egalitarian spirit."

***SkinCare Physicians** is a comprehensive, state-of-the-art center for cosmetic and laser surgery, dermatology, dermatologic and skin cancer surgery, and medical aesthetics. The doctors at SkinCare Physicians are internationally renowned innovators and leaders in all of these fields, and the academic accomplishments of this group of physicians is respected throughout the world. They are authors or co-*

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authors of more than 1000 articles in scientific publications, authors or editors of more than 250 books and book chapters, and serve as editors or on editorial boards of more than a dozen journals. Our physicians have been elected or appointed to senior leadership positions in dermatology, cosmetic surgery, laser, and surgery organizations, and have been awarded honorary memberships in many national and international medical and scientific societies.

Our commitment to excellence, along with the credentials of our skilled physicians and staff, are what make SkinCare Physicians one of the most unique and progressive facilities of its kind in the world.

*The **American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS)** is the largest specialty organization in the United States exclusively representing dermatologic surgeons who have unique training and experience to treat the health, function and beauty of skin throughout every stage of life. With a membership of nearly 5,700 physicians, the ASDS, a 501(c)6 association, was created to promote the educational and professional interests of dermatologic surgeons; provide a vehicle for advocacy and public education efforts on behalf of dermatologic surgeons and their patients; and address socio-economic issues that impact the practice of dermatologic surgery as a specialty.*

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery Association advocates for patient safety and access to quality care, skin cancer prevention and education, and fair and appropriate office-based surgery regulation.

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