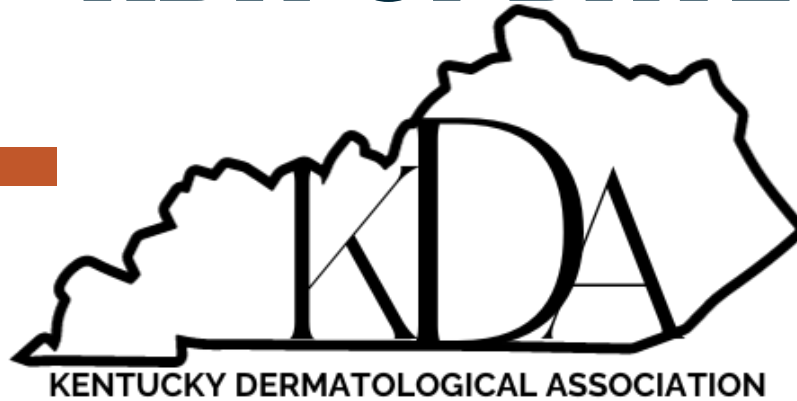


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Greetings to all and Happy Spring from the Kentucky Dermatological Association! I hope that everyone's year has gotten off to a great start - things have been busy on an organizational level, and I'm excited to provide updates about what has been going on "behind the scenes".

Plans for the 2025 KDA meeting continue in earnest, and we're putting some finishing touches on what is shaping up to be an excellent program. Please remember to block your calendars for August 22, 2025. There is more information on the meeting elsewhere in the newsletter, including program, registration, and hotel information.

We would love to see as many of you as possible, and as a reminder please consider having your mid-level providers attend - they are of course welcome for what we hope will be a valuable educational opportunity.

One of my goals this year is to further strengthen the relationship between the KMA and the KDA. This has many benefits for both organizations, in building collegiality between members, as well as helping unify our voices in legislative advocacy. To that end, at the conclusion of our annual meeting, I encourage all KDA members to join the KMA delegation at their meeting (happening simultaneously with ours at the Marriott East) to hear their keynote address from Dr. Jordan Grumet, AKA Doc G, known for his podcast "Earn and Invest". Dr. Grumet is an engaging speaker, and it promises to be a very interesting talk. Rest assured we'll all be out in plenty of time for cocktail hour and dinner at Volare!

The 2025 legislative session in Frankfort was eventful in many ways, however a few issues in particular are important for us to highlight:

HB423, which addressed prior authorization reform, passed through committee without issue, however it stalled in the Senate and was never brought up for a vote. Though this bill has lost some of its "teeth" through compromise with other stakeholders, it remains an important issue for all of us, and the KDA will continue to advocate for its passage next year.

SB88, which would have redefined the relationship between physician assistants and supervising physicians, never came up for vote in committee, thanks in large part to an outcry of concern by physicians statewide. This is a significant victory, of which we can all be proud. That said, scope expansion is a hot topic nationwide, and we should all remain vigilant and engaged, as further efforts to challenge the physician-led, team based model will undoubtedly resurface in the years to come.

If you have not already done so for 2025, please consider donating to KPPAC and SkinPAC, which help to advance the interests of the house of medicine at the state and federal levels, respectively. Now more than ever it is crucial that physicians stay united and engaged on behalf of our patients and practices.

Finally, I'm excited to announce that KDA now has a website!

This is an important step for organizational visibility, and it will help make us eligible for awards and grants through the AAD, which require state societies to have a web presence, in addition to a regular newsletter. I am thankful for the help of the Kentucky Medical Association on this project.

As always, please reach out if I can be of any assistance as the year continues. I look forward to seeing everyone in August!

Sincerely,

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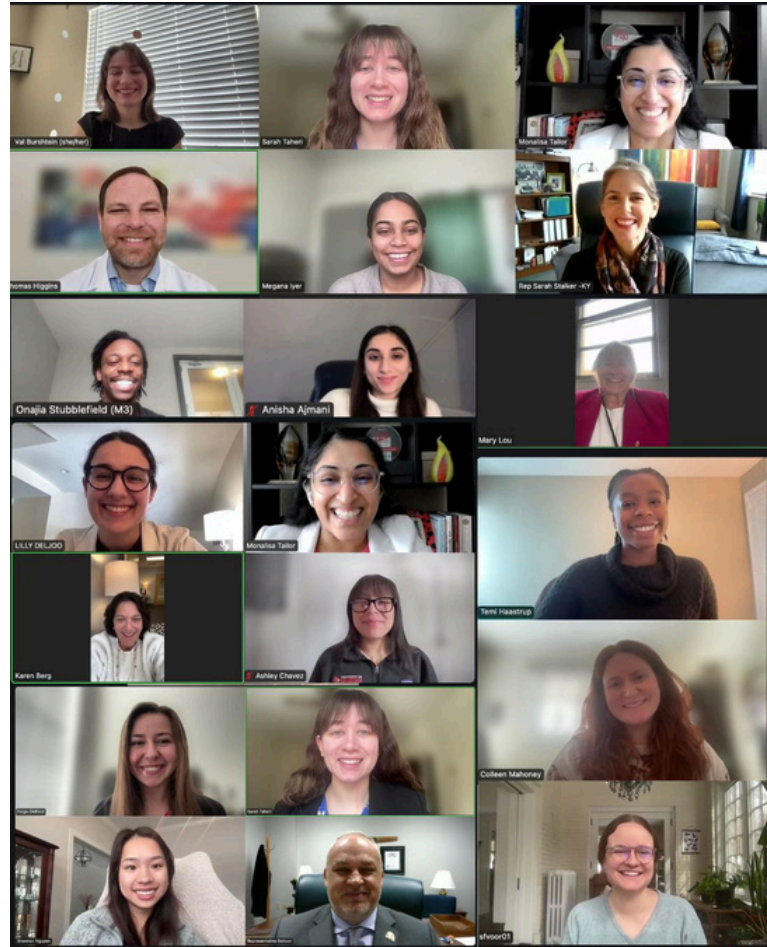
**Sarah Taheri and Onajia Stubblefield,  
Current and Immediate Past Policy and  
Advocacy Co-Chairs, KMA Chapter  
University of Louisville**

On February 19th, University of Louisville Medical Students took part in a day of advocacy through Kentucky Medical Association's Physicians' Day at the Capitol (PDAC).

Physicians' Day at the Capitol is an annual KMA event, where physicians and medical students from around the state travel to Frankfort and advocate for important legislation. Our chapter usually has around ten or so students attend PDAC, but this year over thirty students signed up to travel to Frankfort to meet with legislators! To our knowledge, this was the largest cohort of UofL medical students to ever attend the event. We feel this shows not only our group's excitement to participate in advocacy efforts, but also dedication to our future as physicians practicing in the State of Kentucky: we want to help shape the laws that will significantly impact our future practices and patients!

Our group underwent significant preparation for this event, spending hours researching House Bill 423 and Senate Bill 88, attending preparatory meetings, and reading up on legislators, making sure to know each legislator's stance on these issues. Something we added this year was a Legislator Visit Training Session with Cory Meadows, Director of Advocacy of the KMA. We wanted to ensure that we were prepared to speak with legislators about these critical advocacy issues, and students reported that this greatly increased their confidence, so we plan to continue this in future years!

Originally, we were scheduled to carpool to Frankfort to meet with legislators in their offices, but icy road conditions prohibited travel, and resulted in the in-person day being moved to a virtual format. As the organizer of UofL PDAC, Sarah led the mad scramble to call legislator staff and reschedule meetings to Zoom on short notice. Although many legislators cancelled their meetings altogether, our group rose to the challenge and those who were able quickly adapted to schedule changes, readily agreeing to join meetings with other legislators. Dr. Monalisa Tailor and Dr. Thomas Higgins from Greater Louisville Medical Society also generously agreed to join meetings with students while juggling their busy clinic time.



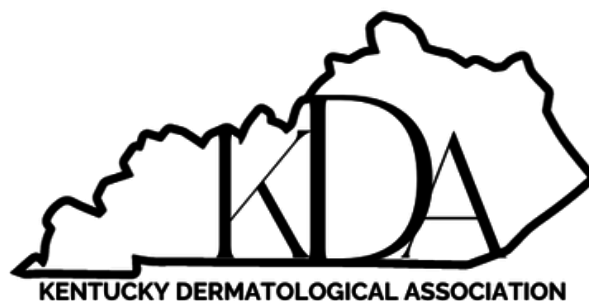
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House Bill 423 aims to reduce prior authorization burden on physicians. Students provided their unique perspective, emphasizing how, on average, physicians spend 12 hours a week on prior authorization alone, thereby contributing significantly to physician burnout. If passed, this bill could help medical students want to stay and practice in the state of Kentucky to address the state's extreme physician shortage!

Another issue of concern is Senate Bill 88: which would change the language concerning physician assistant's relationship with physicians, from that of "supervision" to one of "collaboration". We were able to make a huge impact on our legislators with personal stories of how we will have spent over a decade of our lives and taken on six-figure debt in training to provide the most qualified and knowledgeable care for our patients as physicians. We emphasized that this bill could result in many medical students, including some of our group, leaving Kentucky altogether to move to a state where physician-led care was protected, and scope of practice was preserved. This message certainly got through to legislators, as many of them stated how important it was to them to keep our medical students home and practicing in Kentucky.

Both prior authorization and scope of practice are two major areas of concern not only for Kentucky dermatologists, but for all physicians. Every physician in the state would be impacted by these bills. Our students advocated not only for their future careers, but also for the careers of current providers, and demonstrated exemplary professionalism while doing so. Several legislator meetings were 100% student run with no physician present, and legislators were not only excited to speak with us, but enormously impressed with the level of preparation our team displayed. Despite the weather causing a last-minute change of plans, our students rose to the challenge and made a massive impact on a meaningful day of advocacy.

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# 2025 KENTUCKY DERMATOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Ade Adamson, MD, MPP**

Director, Melanoma and  
Pigmented Lesion Clinic  
University of Texas at  
Austin, Dell Medical School



**Andie Waldman, MD**

Pediatric Dermatology  
Lexington Clinic



**Jordan Grumet, MD  
aka "Doc G"**

Author, "The Purpose Code"  
Host, "Earn and Invest"  
Podcast

## AGENDA

### Morning Sessions

- KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS
  - **The Melanoma Epidemic**  
Ade Adamson, MD, MPP
  - **Clinical Considerations of Pediatric Dermatology**  
Andie Waldman, MD
- GENERAL SESSION
  - **Challenging Cases and Emerging Therapies**  
Dermatology Residents

### Afternoon Sessions

- KEYNOTE PRESENTATION
  - **Is Dermatology Ready for AI?**  
Ade Adamson, MD, MPP
- GENERAL SESSION
  - **KDA Leadership Update**  
Kevin O'Bryan, MD
- SUPPLEMENTAL KEYNOTE PRESENTATION  
(IN CONJUNCTION WITH KMA ANNUAL MEETING)
  - **The Purpose Code**  
Jordan Grumet, MD aka "Doc G"

### Evening Events

#### VOLARE RESTAURANT

COCKTAIL HOUR FOLLOWED BY DINNER

Detailed Agenda with Times Available on KDA Website



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Our website includes access to information about upcoming events and advocacy efforts. You can access archived newsletters and learn more about KDA leadership.

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