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## **Harold J. Brody, M.D., Honored for Contribution to Dermatology**

The Dermatology Foundation (DF) Board of Directors recently recognized the profound impact Dr. Harold J. Brody, M.D. has had on the specialty of dermatology at their recent annual membership meeting in San Francisco. The DF's prestigious Clark W. Finnerud Award was presented to Dr. Brody and recognizes a dermatologist whose volunteer service as a part-time teacher and a practitioner embodies the highest ideals of the specialty, and serves as an example for generations to come.

“Dr. Harold Brody is a premier dermatologic surgeon and outstanding speaker world-wide and is, perhaps, best known for his seminal research in chemical peels. As an active part-time member of the clinical faculty of Emory University School of Medicine since 1978, he has always maintained an open-door policy for clinicians and residents to observe in his office,” says Elizabeth I. McBurney, MD, who presented Dr. Brody's award at the DF's Annual Meeting.

The allure of dermatology first called to Dr. Brody when he received dermatologic treatment as a teenager. In his residency at Emory University, where he became chief resident in

1978, “I was always attracted to cosmetic dermatologic surgery,” he says. Once he established his private practice in Atlanta, Dr. Brody immediately began to explore chemical peeling and created what he and his associate termed the “medium-depth chemical peel” to treat actinic degeneration, acne scarring, rhytids, and pigmentary aberrations. His practice has also been “on the cutting edge of injectables,” participating in the phase III clinical trial for injectable collagen in 1980–81. Dr. Brody has become an international teacher, leader and spokesman in facial rejuvenation and correction. His exceptional clinical acumen and expertise have earned him numerous *Top Doctor* selections.

Dr. Brody had nearly a decade of extensive clinical experience when interest in injectables and peels suddenly mushroomed in the late 1980s. As a result, he gave one of the first talks on non-aggressive approaches to facial rejuvenation. In 1987, he taught the first symposium on chemical peeling at the AAD meeting. It was an instant hit, and he developed the format for what became an annual offering. His extensive publications include two important textbooks on chemical peeling. In addition, Dr. Brody established the dermasurgeon Preceptorship Program within the American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) in 2004, and remains a mentor there.

Highlights of his various leadership roles in specialty organizations over the years include President of the ASDS in 2000–01 and the Georgia Society of Dermatologists in 2002. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors of the AAD, and chair of their Task Forces on Guidelines for Chemical Peeling, for Soft Tissue Augmentation, and for Alpha-Hydroxy Acids.

In nominating Dr. Brody for this prestigious award, a colleague sums it up: “For anyone who has seen Dr. Brody speak or practice, it is easy to see that it is a labor of love. He is a tireless advocate for patient safety and a tremendous asset to the house of medicine. His impact on our specialty equally matches the exceptional medicine he has practiced over the years.”

*The Dermatology Foundation was created in 1964 and is the leading private funding source for skin disease research. It provides funding that helps develop and retain tomorrow’s teachers and researchers in dermatology and enables advancements in patient care.*

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