



Brazilian Society of Dermatology



Dr Sérgio Palma

SBD actions in Brazil

Now 107 years-old, the Brazilian Society of Dermatology (Sociedade Brasileira de Dermatologia - SBD) brings together about 9,500 associates and is Brazil's leading organisation for dermatology and related fields.

Medical education

Every year, 408 medical residency vacancies are available in 89 institutions which are accredited by SBD. At the end of the teaching-learning process, the country will have a qualified dermatologist to practise in the specialty.

Scientific output

Among the SBD's publications, the main journal is the *Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia (ABD)*. The first edition was launched in 1925, and for 36 years it was published every two months; it is now monthly. Nearly a century on, it has become the reference work for the latest medical-scientific developments in our field and is bilingual (Portuguese and English).

Social action

SBD is also active in supporting the health interests of the population. Campaigns to prevent skin cancer and leprosy are just two ongoing examples, and our public health advocacy will continue in the coming years.

In 2018, the SBD's 'December Orange' initiative (Dezembro Laranja) was designed to raise public awareness of skin cancer, with multiple campaign activities across different states carried out by dermatologists. This caught the attention of the national media and highlighted SBD's skin cancer guidelines.

Professional defence

In the fight to protect the rights of dermatologists among general physicians, the Society has promoted actions to highlight the importance of having an SBD-affiliated dermatologist for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of skin, hair and nails, as well as for performing surgical and aesthetic procedures.

Still in this sense, it is worth remembering that the confrontation fomented by the SBD in the legal sphere against the attempted invasion into dermatology by other professional categories has led to more than 440 legal representations over the past three years and resulted in several decisions favourable to Brazilian dermatologists.

For a fuller history of the Society and overview of its activities, see [EADV News 56](#) (Autumn 2015) ●

Sérgio Palma MD
SBD President (2019-2020)
www.sbd.org.br



SBD Congress 2018