

Candidate statement

Hi everyone! My name is Swetha Pandey, and I am a third-year medical student. I am excited to stand for the Educational Lead position within DermSoc, because I am passionate about medical education and have a growing interest in dermatology.

Alongside my studies, I have been a Medic Mum, where I have supported younger students as they navigate med school. Through this role, I have developed strong communication and teaching skills and gained an appreciation for the value of accessible, high-quality educational resources. Helping students has been one of the most rewarding parts of my medical school experience, and it has encouraged me to become more involved in educational initiatives.

I have also recently returned from intercalating in Anatomy at KCL, where I developed a deeper understanding of clinically relevant anatomy, gained experience in a range of surgical skills, and undertook a research project investigating mechanisms involved in skin cancer metastasis. This experience strengthened my interest in dermatology and gave me a greater appreciation of the scientific and clinical aspects of the specialty.

If elected, I will work closely with the committee to ensure that DermSoc's educational content is engaging, accurate, and relevant for students across all year groups. I would like to help develop revision resources, clinical case discussions, and mock OSCE stations that support students in building confidence with common dermatological conditions. I am also keen to contribute to events that allow students to explore dermatology beyond the curriculum.

As someone who is still exploring the specialty myself, this role would be a valuable opportunity to deepen my own understanding of dermatology while helping to create useful learning opportunities for others. Through developing educational content and working with the committee, I hope to contribute positively to the society while continuing to learn from those around me. I would be grateful for your support and would be honoured to serve as Educational Lead!

