



Letter from Guest Editors

Dedication of the *IJWD* Special Issue on the House of Medicine & Dermatology to Dr. Jenny Murase



Jenny E. Murase, MD

The concept for this special issue evolved as Dr. Jenny E. Murase, co-editor in chief of the *International Journal for Women's Dermatology*, discussed with Dr. Carolyn M. Mazure, a journal advisory board member, her wish to better represent the broad interdisciplinary role of dermatology within medicine. The upshot of this conversation was the innovative plan to invite experts from dermatology to collaborate with other medical specialties in co-authoring articles that would inform clinical care.

Dr. Murase has served as co-editor in chief since 2018, along with Dr. Dedee Murrell, who has served in this role since the journal's inception. The subject matter of this issue, medical dermatology and the impact of skin disorders on women, closely mirrors Dr. Murase's own clinical expertise, both as the focus of her clinical practice and in her many important contributions to the literature.

In addition to spearheading this special issue, Dr. Murase was also responsible for the creation of four now signature features of the journal. These are the Women's Health Highlight, which provides information on a topic pertinent to the intersection of women's health and dermatology in each issue; the Patient Page, which distills information from the former into a format that clinicians can share with their patients; the Art of Prevention series that highlights preventative health information for women and their families; and the Images in Women's Dermatology, a useful, enjoyable quiz featuring an interesting dermatologic photograph, followed by multiple choice questions and answers.

Under their joint leadership, the journal has expanded its mission to educate clinicians and the public about the health of women through the creation of the Images in Women's Dermatology feature, as well as by increasing the visibility of the journal on social media and news platforms, both within and outside of dermatology. Importantly, during their tenure, the time to publication has decreased and the journal's citation index and number of downloads have increased. Together, they also created a reviewer recognition program and developed a culture of inclusion in dermatologic publishing, which highlights strategic initiatives for journal editors to make their editorial boards, authorships, and articles relevant to and inclusive of all races, sexual orientations, and genders.

In addition to her many services to this journal, Dr. Murase is generous with her time and expertise on many fronts professionally, both as a highly regarded clinical teacher and a sought-after speaker, nationally and internationally, as well as through her many services to professional societies. It is entirely fitting, in recognition of her numerous contributions to the journal and the field of dermatology, that this Special Issue be dedicated to her.

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