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Editorial
Innovations in Dermatology
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The definition of innovation is: “a new idea, increasingly effective device or process than its predecessors”.

Dermatologists have always been innovators by thinking outside the box in providing treatments and effectively testing many “off-label” uses for products.

We now live in the golden age of dermatology with multiple innovations occurring not only in medical dermatology but also in the fields of surgical and cosmetic dermatology.

With our increased understanding of immunology, advances have been seen in treating, not only, psoriasis but also other skin diseases, and even acne. We continue to see a number of biologics targeting new pathways and resulting in products such as secukinumab, ustekinumab, apremilast as well as upcoming products such a ixekizumab. These have radically changed the lives of our patients with psoriasis.

Similarly, we are on the cusp of having available new biologics, such as dupilumab for the treatment of atopic dermatitis. These will radically change how we treat our atopic patients.

Retinoids; Isotretinoin, acitretin, and now alitretinoin have similarly produced results for patients with acne, psoriasis and hand dermatitis.

Botox therapeutic for idiopathic hyper hydrosis, has allowed our “sweaty patients” to lead normal “non-sweaty” lives.

In this particular issue, Dr. Sam Hanna, Toronto has written an excellent article on Cosmetic Innovations in Dermatology, which you, as the reader, will find interesting.

More and more, being a good dermatologist means being well versed in all aspects of the specialty, encompassing cosmetic, medical as well as surgical dermatology.

Wishing all the Canadian dermatologists and their families a very Merry Christmas, happy holidays and all the best in 2016. The age of innovation is by no means passed and innovation will be leading to many more advances in dermatology in the future.

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