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*52nd Congress of the Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology*

### **Artificial intelligence, teledermatology and advances in the field of skin cancer and inflammatory diseases: the focus of the 2025 National Dermatology Congress**

- Over 2,000 dermatologists are meeting in Valencia at the AEDV's 52nd National Congress, titled "Rebirth with Dermatology", in which 324 speakers will provide over a hundred scientific sessions, with a notable international presence, to review scientific developments in skin diseases
- Madrid will be a candidate for hosting the World Dermatology Congress in 2031, due to "the quality and relevance of dermatological research in Spain", as announced by the president of the AEDV
- The content of the Congress includes areas such as new treatments in melanoma, onco-dermatological surgery and inflammation
- The contribution of dermatology to the National Health System and the reduction in waiting lists, with tools such as teledermatology and AI, were among the topics addressed in the Congress presentation

**7 May 2025** - Skin research has undergone a revolution in recent years. The treatment of melanoma, Mohs surgery and new biological therapies for inflammatory skin diseases, as well as the latest developments in sun protection and the effect of climate change on the skin, are some of the novel scientific topics affecting skin health. Dermatology in Spain has played an important role in this scientific revolution, and its international presence and prestige is growing.

For updates on new scientific developments in **skin cancer, inflammatory diseases, STIs, and tools such as AI and teledermatology**, over 2,000 dermatologists will be gathered in **Valencia from today until 10 May, in the Feria de Valencia exhibition centre, for the 52nd National Congress of the Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (AEDV), the largest event in this speciality in Spain**. At the congress, 324 speakers from hospitals throughout Spain and other international centres will offer over a hundred scientific sessions, including symposia, seminars and workshops.

At the presentation of the Congress, Dr. Yolanda Gilaberte, president of the AEDV, stated that **“the Congress is the leading annual training event in Dermatology in Spain, attended by most of the country’s dermatologists** to update their knowledge in the speciality”. This year, **“there is a notable international presence, with the participation of the presidents of the main international dermatological societies**, such as the American Academy of Dermatology, the International League of Dermatological Societies, the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology and the Ibero Latin-American Dermatology Congress, among others”.

Dr. Gilaberte announced that Spain will be presenting its candidacy for holding the 2031 World Dermatology Congress in Madrid. The quality and relevance of dermatology research in Spain has led the AEDV to offer to host this event, which brings together leading specialists from all over the world. “Spain is the ideal place to hold the World Dermatology Congress”, she concluded.

The first vice-president of the Academy, Dr. Isabel Belinchón, in the presentation of the Congress, pointed out that this year the scientific programme had a particularly special weight. “In recent years, dermatology has experienced notable developments and consolidation in key areas such as **skin cancer and inflammatory diseases, in which there have been major advances in biological therapies**”. Along with these, Dr. Belinchón mentioned advances in “paediatric dermatology, and diagnostic and therapeutic techniques such as confocal microscopy and the use of dermatological laser”. Among the scientific developments, of particular note are “the latest developments in sun protection and the impact of climate change on skin health” she stressed.

In all these advances, “the AEDV plays a key role through its **Research Unit, from promoting multicentre studies to providing resources for researchers**, in collaboration with institutions such as the Spanish National Research Council.” Furthermore, the AEDV “keeps national registries of diseases such as melanoma, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and hidradenitis suppurativa, thus assisting in the compilation of data and developing effective therapeutic strategies”.

### **The challenges of a pioneering speciality**

Dr. Rafael Botella, president of the 52nd AEDV Congress, highlighted the fact that the Congress programme **includes 700 open communications, 165 as lectures and 534 as posters**. These communications, in over 100 scientific sessions, a dozen of which are international, will study clinical innovations in severe diseases, such as melanoma and other cancers; other chronic and prevalent conditions, such as psoriasis and atopic dermatitis; as well as others that affect a small percentage of patients, but which have a major impact, such as vitiligo and hidradenitis suppurativa. In addition, applications of AI in dermatology and new techniques in dermatological surgery will be presented, among other advances.

Besides the scientific programme, the AEDV also plans to address some of the main problems in the speciality, in both public and private health. One such problem is the waiting lists for dermatological surgery. In the Congress presentation, Dr. Botella stressed that “dermatologists are especially concerned, and have passed this concern on to hospital medical directors and managers, by the fact that **in most hospitals the waiting lists for dermatological surgery is not adequately managed**. The structural waiting list,

as set by the health authorities to establish surgical delays, does not include scheduled operations with local anaesthesia, which are mostly performed in Dermatology departments. This creates a false sense of control in delays to dermatological surgery, as such operations do not affect the structural delay”.

To tackle the waiting lists, the AEDV president highlighted one of the tools proposed by the Ministry of Health and the Autonomous Communities: the consolidation of teledermatology. “This tool helps in waiting list management; it quickly assesses referrals from Primary Care so those requiring more urgent or priority care can be prioritised”. **Teledermatology, like AI —tools in which Dermatology is a pioneering speciality— will have special relevance** in this Congress.

In short, Dr. Gilaberte noted “the Academy will always be present where there is a problem in the speciality”.

### **Congress social programme: “Rebirth with Dermatology”**

As well as the scientific programme, the 52nd AEDV Congress, through the Piel Sana Foundation, will include activities aimed at the general public. This was announced during the presentation by Dr. Agustín Buendía, director of the Piel Sana Foundation. “On Saturday 10 May, there will be a public event at the Colón Market in Valencia, titled “Skin and Flavour. Health Secrets from the Kitchen”, in which a renowned chef, a medical expert in nutrition and several dermatologists will combine their knowledge to present and offer a tasting with ingredients that will not only please the palate, but also contribute to caring for the skin from the inside. There will be an interactive session, in which the public can put their questions to the specialists, and debates on commonly-held beliefs”, he noted.

In the context of the congress, there will also be a meeting with patient associations and expert dermatologists on different diseases, under the title “Travelling Together”. In addition, there will be a dermatological health promotion campaign at the Picassent prison.

The AEDV event, being held **under the title “Rebirth with Dermatology”** just a few months after the flooding disaster in October 2024 in Valencia, will be “an opportunity for Valencian dermatologists to show the whole country the great potential of this land with a magnificent congress”, according to Dr. Rafael Botella.

In this context, most of the money collected from the prizes awarded at the charity dinner on Thursday 8th, as part of the Congress, will go to associations working with people affected by the catastrophe.

The AEDV president ended the presentation of the 52nd Congress with the message: “The Academy will always be present where there is a problem in the speciality. To help dermatologists and, of course, ensure people who suffer from dermatological disease receive the best solution available, the best treatment, in the fastest, most efficient way possible”.

### **About AEDV**

The Spanish Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (AEDV), an organisation founded 100 years ago, provides a meeting point for Spanish dermatologists, almost all of whom are members (97%). The AEDV aims to promote the study of the skin and its diseases to the benefit of patients.

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