

A Conversation with Kimia Kameri

CSPA Committee Member: Affiliate Members, Breaking Barriers



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Why did you get involved with CSPA?

I became involved with CSPA because of my personal experiences living with skin conditions and my academic and clinical interests as a medical student. I was drawn to CSPA's strong patient-centred mission and its commitment to advocacy, education, and amplifying the voices of individuals living with skin, hair, and nail conditions.

What do you perceive as outcomes of your involvement?

Through my involvement, I hope to contribute to greater awareness, education, and advocacy for people living with skin conditions. By engaging in patient-centred initiatives and knowledge-sharing efforts, I believe that I'm able to support CSPA's mission to amplify patient voices, reduce stigma, and improve understanding of dermatologic conditions.

Why do you like volunteering with CSPA?

I enjoy volunteering with CSPA because it offers the opportunity to learn, advocate, and contribute in a meaningful way. As a medical student interested in dermatology and health equity, I have also greatly appreciated the chance to learn from both patients and members of the clinical and scientific community. I find that volunteering with CSPA has been professionally enriching and personally fulfilling, and has strengthened my ability to engage in informed, patient-focused advocacy.

Why would you tell others that they should get involved with CSPA?

I would encourage others to get involved with CSPA because it is an organization where volunteers are genuinely valued and where contributions lead to tangible impact. I find that CSPA provides a supportive environment to learn, collaborate, and make a difference for people affected by skin conditions, while also contributing to educating those who are interested in learning more about skin health and advocacy.

Has a personal connection with the skin patient community inspired your participation?

Yes! Living with skin conditions has strongly shaped my perspective and motivated my involvement. Experiencing both the physical and psychosocial impacts of skin disease myself has greatly reinforced the importance of patient advocacy, education, and compassionate care, and continues to inspire my work with CSPA.