

## **Care of the Skin and Associated Organs**

*Goal:* Provide a structured opportunity to learn the evaluation, diagnosis and management of the various conditions affecting the skin, hair and nails. This is centered mainly in the outpatient setting.

### *Rotational Experience:*

**Required Rotations** – During the third year of training, residents are required to complete a one month rotation in dermatology. This is done in the outpatient setting of a dermatology practice.

Residents also receive additional procedural training during the one month ambulatory surgery rotation.

**Elective Rotations** – Second and third year residents are able to arrange an additional dermatology rotation as an elective.

### *Longitudinal Experience:*

**Continuity Clinic** For the duration of their training, residents are assigned as the primary care provider for a panel of patients. This panel grows in number as the resident progresses through training. As a primary care provider, the resident is expected to provide continuous, comprehensive care to these patients including direction of work-ups, acquisition and interpretation of diagnostic tests and management of conditions.

### *Didactic Sessions:*

**Rotation-specific Sessions** – Informal teaching sessions are inserted at the discretion of the rotation faculty.

### *Required Skills:*

Upon graduation the resident physician will be expected to be competent in the following skills:

#### Diagnostic Skills:

- Performance of history and physical examination w/differential diagnosis
- Acquisition, examination and interpretation of laboratory specimens  
i.e. biopsy, culture and scraping
- Skin testing techniques and interpretation
- Use of Wood's light
- Systemic evaluation
- Description of distribution and character of lesions

#### Management Skills:

- Genetic counseling
- Nutrition counseling
- Preventive care; routine skin care, avoidance of triggers, sunscreens, use of OTC lotions
- Health promotion
- Patient education
- Use of photographs to document progress
- Use of scales/indexes to grade disease severity
- Use of consultants

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Therapeutic Skills:

- Medical – topical and systemic
- Surgical
  - Cauterization of skin lesions – acid, electrocautery, electrodesiccation
  - Cryosurgery
  - Punch Biopsy
  - Excision of skin lesions
  - Intralesional injection of corticosteroids
  - Incision and drainage
  - Treatment of ingrown toenails
- Physical – principles of ultraviolet light therapy

**Evaluation**

Evaluation of the resident includes many tools used to assess the resident's competence in the six ACGME Essential Competencies as well as the progression of the resident's skills from first through third year. The resident meets quarterly with the advisor to review performance, identify problems and plan for the future.

In-Training Exam – Given yearly, this exam assesses medical knowledge and the resident is expected to show improvement as he/she progresses through his/her years of training.

Rotation Evaluations – These evaluations are reviewed each quarter with the advisor and consist of written reports on performance and feedback from the rotation faculty. Essential Competencies assessed: medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills and professionalism.

Faculty/Staff Evaluations – These evaluations are reviewed each quarter and include evaluations of performance in clinic, interactions with the nursing and support staff, attendance at required activities and performance in CQI projects. These evaluations also review patient compliments/complaints and compliance with dictation and coding policies. Attention is given to resident well-being and assistance is offered if needed. Essential Competencies assessed: medical knowledge, patient care, interpersonal and communication skills, practice-based learning and improvement, professionalism and systems-based practice.

Self-Assessment – Residents are offered the opportunity to assess themselves through the use of a questionnaire. The questionnaire covers a broad range of medical topics and is useful in identifying areas in which the resident feels more focus is needed. Essential Competencies assessed: medical knowledge, patient care and professionalism.

Periodic Skill Evaluation – Skill proficiency is measured in many ways from periodic skill workshops to OSCE stations to longitudinal evaluation by faculty. Evaluation includes review of complications and monthly M&M conferences. Essential Competencies assessed: medical knowledge, patient care, professionalism and practice-based learning and improvement.

**Total Training Time**

Total required rotations: 1 month