

Dermatology Rotation

Goals:

Understand the family physician's role in preventing illness and dysfunction related to skin disorders through counseling, screening and early intervention.

Learn dermatologic terminology in order to communicate with the dermatology literature and with consultant or referral physicians.

Evaluate and appropriately treat common presenting dermatologic signs and symptoms.

Identify those skin conditions requiring referral for diagnosis and/or treatment.

(For abbreviations of competencies see key below)

Knowledge

Objective: Upon completion of the training the resident will demonstrate the following competencies.

1. Understand normal skin anatomy. (MK)
2. Know how to describe skin problems using appropriate terminology for morphology, distribution, etc. (MK)
3. Develop a differential diagnosis for skin problems based on morphology. (MK)
4. Understand how to prevent skin problems. (sun exposure, sunscreens, etc.) (MK)
5. Know when to seek consultation with and/or referral to a dermatologist. (MK)

Skills

Objective: Upon completion of the training the resident will demonstrate the following competencies.

1. Be able to perform a focused dermatologic history and physical examination. (PC)
2. Be able to perform punch biopsy and excisional biopsy. (PC)
3. Understand the basic principles of cosmesis in excision of skin lesions. (PC)
4. Understand the indications for and limitations of, and be able to perform, cryotherapy of the skin. (PC)

Attitudes

Objective: Upon completion of the training the resident will demonstrate the following competencies.

1. Develop a broader sense of resources available to patients with skin disorders. (SBP, PBLI)
2. Demonstrate in understanding of how these resources may be utilized to improve patient care. (SBP, PBLI, P)

Key

- a) Professionalism (P)
- b) System Base Practices (SBP)
- c) Interpersonal Communication Skills (ICS)
- d) Patient Care (PC)
- e) Medical Knowledge (MK)
- f) Practice Base Learning & Improvement (PBLI)