

MED 678 CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

OBJECTIVES

Knowledge

1. Learn a basic approach to diagnosis and management of the common skin diseases encountered in general medical practice. A list of these diseases is attached.
2. Learn principles and practice of topical therapy with wet dressings, steroids, emollients, and systemic antipruritic therapy.
3. Learn to recognize major life-threatening skin diseases and skin markers of systemic disease.

Skills

1. Gain experience and confidence in history-taking and general physical examination with special attention to examination and description of the skin. A systematic approach to the skin exam is attached.
2. Refine and condense write-ups and oral presentations to be as precise and efficient as possible in communication about patients.
3. Learn to perform special diagnostic procedures (KOH, Tzanck test, patch tests, skin biopsy) to assist in delineating patients' problems.

Attitudes

1. Become involved in the care of individual patients observing natural history of their diseases, following these patients in the ambulatory setting.
2. Develop an appreciation of the impact of skin disease in the individual patients and recognize the psychosocial factors which affect their illnesses.
3. Learn in depth by critical reading of the literature about specific diseases and symptoms of your patients and develop learning habits which will serve as a model for life-long learning as a physician.
4. Appreciate the interrelationships of diseases of the skin to other medical, surgical and psychosocial problems affecting the patient as a whole.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

A site-specific weekly schedule for your Dermatology rotation is enclosed in this packet. You will be expected to attend all scheduled events unless excused by a faculty member.

IN-PATIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

You will be seeing consultations on the ward and must be available to answer the page with the resident as soon as consult requests are received. Keep the office informed of your whereabouts and keep in touch with the resident who is in charge of the respective hospital services.

CLINIC RESPONSIBILITIES

You will be seeing patients, so please dress appropriately. We suggest you wear clean white jackets and appear well-groomed in the clinics and on ward rounds. In the clinics, take as much primary responsibility as you can. You will be expected to work up at least one new case per clinic session.

Conduct medical history and complete skin examination for patient's first visit to hospital unless the patient declines or the attending physician approves a limited examination.

The attending physician must review and sign your notes in the chart. Please include the attending's name at the end of your write-up. Fill out or update the Master Patient Summary and Medication list for UWMC charts. For your convenience, a list of dermatologic abbreviations accepted by the Medical Records Committee is attached.

If the patient is referred to us, please include the referring physician's name in the first sentence of the write-up.

Please inform the faculty member responsible for the clinic about the referred patient in order that the faculty member can correspond with the referring physician.

When you do a biopsy, please keep in mind a brief summary of the clinical features. It may be helpful during Friday morning Path Conference if that biopsy is one that is reviewed by Dr. Argenyi.

READING/REFERENCES

All listed reference books are available for use in the Division office. Some may be rented for the entire rotation. The rental fee is used to purchase current texts in sufficient numbers to accommodate student needs.

CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY: A Color Guide to Diagnosis and Therapy (Habif), 4th edition, Mosby, is available during the clerkship on a rental basis. The fee is \$7.50.

Seek out original literature and ask the faculty or residents for specific references. Programmed learning slide sets may be checked out for use with a projector in the Dermatology Residents' Office.