

# DERMATOLOGY ROTATION INFORMATION

Welcome to Dermatology. During this rotation, we hope that you will improve your knowledge of dermatology, as well as create a foundation on which to build upon during your medical career. You are accountable for the information provided below.

## **OBJECTIVES:**

To learn the basics of skin disease (including the correct use of the terminology), pathophysiology of common conditions, and treatments for common dermatologic conditions.

## **GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES:**

You will receive a student schedule, which will assign you to specific dermatology clinics. Times listed in your calendar are clinic start times. Please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes prior to those times.

All the faculty that you work with are asked to evaluate your work and the evaluations will be summarized into one evaluation. You are required to be present in all the clinics assigned to you during the rotation. Failure to attend scheduled clinics, lectures, Grand Rounds, etc. may result in a poor or failing evaluation. If you are unable to attend a scheduled clinic, you must notify Amanda Thorn and Autumn Sims (801-581-6465, amanda.thorn@hsc.utah.edu and autumn.sims@hsc.utah.edu) as soon as possible!

## **Dress Code**

Professional attire (unless in Mohs Surgery clinics – then scrubs are acceptable). Always wear your ID badge in clinic. Masks are not required at University of Utah and PCH clinics but they are still required at VA clinics. White coats are optional. We also request that you bring your own protective eyewear (goggles) for use when performing biopsies, excisions, & injections.

## **ROTATION RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Before the Rotation (or within the first week)**

Please complete either the two-week or four-week Basic Dermatology Curriculum (depending on the length of your rotation) below provided by the American Academy of Dermatology. It is recommended to complete this course early, as the information provided will lead to a more meaningful clinical experience while on the rotation.

**Please email your certificate of completion to Amanda Thorn and Autumn Sims.**

<https://www.aad.org/education/basic-derm-curriculum>

Additionally, we are piloting a **Psoriatic Disease Medical Student Curriculum** that is required for all medical student rotators (unless you have previously completed it).

**Please complete both the pre and post assessments below as well.**

Direct link to pre-assessment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QCD353Z>

Direct link to presentation on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGjNjOqOOpk>

Direct link to post-assessment: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q6B2KCK>

More optional modules on morphology:  
<http://www.logicalimages.com/educationalTools/learnDerm.htm>

## **Orientation**

Students/Residents will be emailed the rotation handouts and schedule prior to their first day. \*Visiting students will meet with Amanda Thorn or Autumn Sims on the first day in order to obtain an ID badge for the University of Utah. Also, students/residents on your first day at the VA (see schedule to verify date) you will meet with one of the Dermatology residents for an orientation in the Outpatient Dermatology Clinic in Building 1 on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor near Gastroenterology.

## **Clinic Notes and Referral Letters**

We are using the EPIC program to type patient notes and letters directly into the patient's electronic medical record. Our medical assistant team will scribe the visit in Epic. You will be required to see a patient, present the patient to your Attending physician, observe while the Attending completes the exam, and then complete the note by filling in any information not entered by the MA team. The Attending will then finish the note by closing the encounter.

## **VA Clinic (U of U students & rotating residents)**

Notes are to be written in the computer at the VA hospital in the standard SOAP format. Please be sure you have your computer code at the VA prior to starting the rotation. This will ensure that you can write your notes on the patients at the VA after you see them. If you do not have a VA computer code, you can obtain one by contacting the IRMS at 801-582-1565 x1293. Please note that they will require you to take a one-hour course prior to getting your code. If you perform any biopsies, please be sure there is an attending's name on the request form for any biopsy you perform. Janet Tulloch (pager 801-339-5426) is the Dermatology nurse practitioner/patient coordinator at the VA and can be of assistance in handling follow-ups, chasing down biopsy results, etc. If needed you can leave a detailed message on her voicemail at the VA (801-582-1565, x1187) for non-urgent problems. Janet is at the VA Clinic on Tuesdays through Thursdays.

## **Friday Morning Grand Rounds**

Students are required to attend Grand Rounds on specified Fridays at 7:15AM in the Dermatology clinic (1<sup>st</sup> floor, Room E13) at the University Hospital in Area E. Patients are first examined in clinic, then we move to HELIX Limber conference room (1<sup>st</sup> floor 1C115) for a lecture and patient discussion. Continental breakfast is provided for all attendees. Check your rotation calendar for Grand Round dates.

**Students on a four-week rotation applying to dermatology have the option to present a Case of the Week (COW) at Grand Rounds. If you have interest in presenting, please let the residents know at your first didactics session (or check with Amanda Thorn or Autumn Sims if didactics are not scheduled)**

### **Student Disability Information**

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. The Center for Disability and Access (CDA) provides accommodations and support for the educational development of medical students with disabilities. Medical students with a documented disability and students seeking to establish the existence of a disability and to request accommodation are required to meet with the CDA Director. The CDA will work closely with eligible students and the Academic Success Program to make arrangements for approved accommodations. The School of Medicine and CDA maintain a collegial, cooperative, and collaborative relationship to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations for students with disabilities.

Steve Baumann, Senior Director of Academic Success Program (801-587-3671 or [Steven.Baumann@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:Steven.Baumann@hsc.utah.edu)), serves as the liaison between the School of Medicine and the Center for Disability and Access.

University of Utah Center for Disability and Access: Student Services Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Room 350. Phone: 581-5020 (V/TDD). Email: [info@disability.utah.edu](mailto:info@disability.utah.edu) Website: <https://app.hsac.com/uutsom>

### **DERMATOLOGY REFERENCES:**

1. Fitzpatrick's Color Atlas and Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology, 9th Edition, Saavedra, Roh, and Mikailov, 2023.
2. Dermatology in General Medicine, Fitzpatrick
3. Rook's Dermatology
4. Lookingbill and Marks' Principles of Dermatology

### **GRADING CRITERIA & MEDICAL STUDENT ASSIGNMENTS:**

Each student is evaluated based on a compilation of assessments made by Dermatology faculty in the clinics to which the student is assigned. Your evaluation will be based on the following: clinical performance, fund of knowledge, judgment, quality of histories & physicals, interest & attendance, response to instruction, and interpersonal relationships.

### **Case Report**

This is *only* required for medical students on Derm 7690 (Clerkship) rotation wanting to qualify for an Honors or High Pass grade. Without a case report, you will receive a Pass or Fail grade. Derm 7400 (Intro to Derm) rotations are not eligible for honors/high pass grades (only Pass/Fail). Please let Amanda Thorn know at the beginning of the rotation if you are planning to do a case report.

Case report format should be like that of JAMA Dermatology Clinicopathological Challenge (which presents an actual patient scenario about a specific disease or condition with an accompanying clinical image). Images can come from a patient you

have seen in clinic (make sure patient is de-identified or you can use other images. See examples: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/currentissue> (search Clinicopathological Challenge).

**Case Reports are due to Amanda Thorn and Autumn Sims within 7 days of last day of the rotation.**

### **Rotating Residents**

Each resident will be evaluated on the same criteria as medical students, except that the Basic Dermatology Modules and a write-up or case report is not necessary. Residents will receive an evaluation based on their rotation performance. This grade will be assigned to you in the format provided by your residency program.

### **MAPS FOR THE VARIOUS DERMATOLOGY HOSPITALS AND CLINICS:**

- **University of Utah Hospital** floor map link:  
<https://healthcare.utah.edu/locations/hospital> (Dermatology clinic is located on 1st floor – E13. Bridge to HCH found on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
- **Primary Children's Eccles Outpatient Clinic** map link:  
<https://intermountainhealthcare.org/locations/location-details/primary-children-s-hospital/primary-children-s-hospital-outpatient-services-building/primary-children-s-eccles-outpatient-services/> (Dermatology is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Station #3 in the Outpatient Services Building)
- **Midvalley Dermatology Clinic** map link:  
<http://healthcare.utah.edu/find-a-location/midvalley.php>  
(Dermatology clinics are on floors 3 – 5 depending on the assigned provider)
- **South Jordan Health Center** map link:  
<http://healthcare.utah.edu/find-a-location/south-jordan.php>
- **Farmington Health Center** map link:  
<https://healthcare.utah.edu/locations/farmington>
- **VA Medical Center** map link:  
[http://www.saltlakecity.va.gov/images/facility\\_map.pdf](http://www.saltlakecity.va.gov/images/facility_map.pdf)  
(Dermatology is on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor in Building 1 of the VA hospital, near GI)

### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS DURING YOUR ROTATION:**

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