

# 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 calendar, which will assign you to specific dermatology clinics. All the faculty that you work with will be 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 (801-585-1264, amanda.thorn@hsc.utah.edu) as soon as possible!

## **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:**

### **Orientation**

Students will meet with Amanda Thorn on the first day of the rotation in the Dermatology Administrative Office 4A330 School of Medicine. 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 at the University Hospital, Location E12. Patients are first examined in clinic, then we move to Classroom A (1<sup>st</sup> floor by B elevators in the SOM, area F) for a lecture and patient discussion. Continental breakfast is provided for all attendees. Check your rotation calendar for cancellation of Grand Rounds.

### **Student Disability Information**

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services (CDS), 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

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 CDS Director. The CDS will work closely with eligible students and the Office of Professionalism, Evaluation & Learning to make arrangements for approved accommodations. The School of Medicine and CDS maintain a collegial, cooperative, and collaborative relationship to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations for students with disabilities.

The SOM Director of Learning Resources, Steve Baumann (1C103 SOM Dean's Office, 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 Services.

### **DERMATOLOGY REFERENCES:**

1. Color Atlas and Synopsis of Clinical Dermatology, 8th Edition, Wolff, Johnson, Saavedra, and Roh, 2017.
2. Dermatology in General Medicine, Fitzpatrick
3. Rook's Dermatology
4. Websites to review prior to your first day of the rotation:  
<http://www.logicalimages.com/educationalTools/learnDerm.htm>
5. <https://www.aad.org/education/basic-derm-curriculum>. Learning modules provided by American Academy of Dermatology
6. Recommended articles – found on UBox (contact Amanda Thorn for invite to read articles)

## **GRADING CRITERIA:**

### **Medical Students**

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.

All medical students are required to complete a write-up for our educational website (see details below). Questions about this should be discussed with Dr. Grace Brummer ([grace.brummer@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:grace.brummer@hsc.utah.edu)) or Dr. Christopher Hull ([christopher.hull@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:christopher.hull@hsc.utah.edu)) towards the beginning of your rotation; please email them to make meeting arrangements.

4 week student rotators can either complete 2 write-ups for our Dermatology Educational website or 1 educational write-up and 1 case report\*. A template and write-up example will be provided to you. If you choose the write-up/case report option, please email Amanda Thorn for case report example.

\*Case report format should be like that of JAMA Dermatology Clinicopathological Challenge <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/currentissue>.

2 week student rotators must complete 1 educational write-up for the Dermatology Educational website.

**All assignments must be emailed to Amanda Thorn within 7 days of completing the course.**

In order to receive Honors grade you will need to complete a four-week rotation and meet the assignment requirements. Two-week rotations are not eligible for honors grade (only Pass/Fail).

### **Rotating Residents**

Each resident will be evaluated on the same criteria as medical students, except that a write-up or case report is not necessary. Residents will receive either a pass or fail grade 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:  
<http://healthcare.utah.edu/find-a-location/university-hospital.php>  
(Dermatology clinic is located on 1st floor – E12. Bridge to HCI found on 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)
- **Primary Children's Hospital** map link:  
<http://intermountainhealthcare.org/hospitals/primarychildrens/maps/Pages/home.aspx>  
(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>
- **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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