

Recommended Curriculum Guidelines for Family Medicine Residents

Conditions of the Skin

It is expected that the family physician will become proficient in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with many kinds of skin diseases. The family physician may find it appropriate to seek consultation from a dermatologist and to actively engage in the co-management of the patient.

Attitudes

The resident should develop attitudes that encompass:

- A. A willingness to manage the majority of dermatologic conditions.
- B. A positive approach to psychosocial issues in patients with skin disorders.
- C. The consideration of counseling of patients with dermatologic conditions as a priority.
- D. A willingness to learn and perform common dermatologic procedures.
- E. A constructive collaboration with dermatologists when appropriate.

Knowledge

The resident should demonstrate knowledge of:

- A. The classification and description of skin disorders.
- B. The diagnosis and management of common dermatologic disorders
- C. Prevention of skin diseases
- D. The management of skin injuries
- E. Skin manifestations of systemic diseases
- F. Prevention, recognition and management of skin cancers
- G. Dermatologic medications
 1. Systemic
 2. Topical

Skills

The resident should demonstrate skills in:

- A. History and physical examination appropriate for dermatologic conditions.
- B. Preventive skin examination
- C. Biopsy of skin lesions
 1. Punch biopsy
 2. Shave biopsy
 3. Excisional biopsy
- D. Scraping and microscopic examination
- E. Injection
 1. Local anesthesia
 2. Steroids
- F. Incision and drainage
- G. Destruction of lesions
 1. Cryosurgery
 2. Electrodesiccation
 3. Curettage
- H. Counseling for dermatologic disorders ■

Resources

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