PENN STATE HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER

DERM 732 - DERMATOLOGY ELECTIVE
MEDICAL STUDENT CLERKSHIP IN DERMATOLOGY

REPORT TO THE DERMATOLOGY CONFERENCE ROOM
AT 8:00 AM, UPC II – ROOM 4200B

DERMATOLOGY OFFICE: 717-531-8307 - UPC II - SUITE 4300
DERMATOLOGY CLINIC: 717-531-6820 - UPC I - SUITE 100
Your four week rotation in dermatology will introduce you to the clinical and pathological aspects of skin diseases. The dermatology rotation is primarily outpatient oriented. Please note that during your consult week, three half days will be spent in the private offices of dermatologists in the area.

Please save this handout. You will not receive another copy or reminder.

Arrive at the Dermatology Conference Room, UPC II (Room 4200B) at 8:00 a.m. for journal club. A 2nd year resident will give you an initial tour/orientation to clinic and meet our support staff. You will also be oriented to the consult process and documentation. If you have any questions, please contact Joslyn Kirby, M.D., Program Director at 717-531-8307 or Ruth Howe, Residency Program Coordinator at 717-531-6049.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Become fluent in the description of skin diseases.
2. Develop differential diagnoses of skin diseases.
3. Become acquainted with dermatologic therapies.
4. Know when to refer to a dermatologist.
5. Student should receive an initial tour/orientation to clinic and meet support staff. They should also be oriented to the consult process and documentation by the 2nd year residents.
6. Student should receive lectures given by Chief Resident to review morphology and common skin diseases.
7. Student should be familiar with and be able to perform a skin biopsy.

EXPECTATIONS:

1. Attend clinics, conferences, and rounds.
2. See patients efficiently and appropriately.
4. Perform inpatient consults with the consult team.
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DERMATOLOGY FACULTY AND DERMATOLOGY RESIDENTS:

Provide an enjoyable learning environment which is respectful to the student and rotating resident.

REMEMBER TO:

*Smile, Introduce Yourself & Be Sensitive* to the patient’s concerns.

DERMATOLOGY CLINIC AT HMC:

Clinic is held every morning (9:00-12:00) and in the afternoon (1:00-4:00). **PLEASE BE IN CLINIC AT 8:50 A.M. AND 12:50 P.M. TO START SEEING PATIENTS.** The student’s role in clinic is as follows:

a) If the attending has a personal schedule for the clinic, the students will perform an initial evaluation of the attending’s patients. This involves relevant history and physical exam. New patients should be gowned and have a full skin exam.

b) Patients are then presented to the attending. In addition to the history, try to focus on an accurate description of the disease and any thoughts on the differential diagnosis. Residents and students may be invited to see the patient as a group. Please remember to ask the patients if they mind if other doctors come in with you and the attending.

c) After the patient is seen, differential diagnosis and treatment is discussed. This may occur in front of the patient or in the staff room.

d) You will then write the prescriptions and explain the treatment plan to the patient.

e) You will write a brief SOAP note on the formatted progress note. Fill out pathology slips when appropriate. Notes may be started while waiting for the attending. After finishing the note, the chart should be placed in the attending's box to be reviewed.

f) It is important that the attendings see the patients in the order they are scheduled. Please make sure the attending is aware of which patient is to be seen next in order to prevent long waits.

g) On some clinic days, the attendings do not have a personal schedule. On these days, you will work with the dermatology residents in the same manner as above. These patient charts should be placed in the resident’s box after the note is written.

CONSULTS:

Each student will have the opportunity to perform consults. The designated student will pick up the consult beeper (#0423) in the dermatology academic office (UPC II, Suite 4300) in the morning. If a 1### appears on pager (i.e., 1220, 1234) that means the caller is waiting on the line, please excuse yourself from your room and return the page immediately. During the day, new consults are called in to the first-year consult dermatology resident. He/she will page the student to inform him/her of each new consult as they are called in. The student will perform the new consults by seeing the patient, taking a history and physical, reviewing the patient’s chart, and filling out the student consult sheet (see attached example). Please place patient sticker (available in patient’s chart) on the front of student consult sheet. When indicated, the student may also perform KOH or Tzank preparations. All consult work should be completed prior to afternoon rounds which usually start at 4:30 p.m. The student should contact the first-year consult resident for guidance in performing any steps of the
CONSULTS: (cont’d)
Consult if necessary. The assessment and plan for the consult patients will be completed during rounds under the supervision of the attending physician. The student may be asked to follow-up on a patient’s progress; however, all follow-up notes are to be written by the dermatology residents.

AFTERNOON ROUNDS:
Rounds are generally held beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Dermatology Clinic. Rounds may be delayed if the attending on service has an afternoon clinic. All students are expected to attend rounds, unless you are at an away site.

JOURNAL CLUB:
It is held weekly on Mondays at 8:00 a.m. in the Dermatology Conference Room 4200B. You may be asked to review an article at two Journal Clubs during the month.

ATTENDING TIME:
It is held weekly on Tuesdays at 8:00 a.m. in Dermatology Conference Room 4200B. The on-call dermatology attending will lead a discussion/lecture/slide session for residents and students.

TEXTBOOK REVIEW:
It is held weekly on Friday mornings at 8:00 a.m. in the Dermatology Conference Room 4200B. The residents review reading assignments out of a Dermatology textbook. The chief residents will inform students of the chapter in “Principles of Dermatology” (Drs. Lookingbill and Marks) that corresponds to their text chapter for conference.

DERMATOPATHOLOGY CONFERENCE:
It is held weekly on Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. in the Dermatology Conference Room 4200B or in the Pathology Department. Please check with the Chief Resident to be sure of location. If you do not attend this conference, clinic begins at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday. Attendance at this conference is optional.

BASIC SCIENCE LECTURES AND KODACHROME SESSIONS:
They occur weekly on Thursday. This conference is run by the Chief Resident. You will be asked to attend these conferences which begin at 8:00 a.m. in the Dermatology Conference Room 4200B.

PATIENT CONFERENCE:
You may be asked to present a patient's history and exam with a short discussion of the disease at this monthly conference which is usually held the third Thursday afternoon in Dermatology Conference Room 4200B. One of the attendings or the third year dermatology resident will assign you a patient.

HERSHEY GRAND ROUNDS:
You will participate in Grand Rounds which are usually held the first Thursday morning of the month, September through June, in the Dermatology Clinic, Suite 100 and the Hospital Auditorium.
GEISINGER GRAND ROUNDS:

On the day of the conference which is usually held the last Friday of the month, there is no clinic. You should report to the attending on call.

LIBRARY: (Residents Room - Room 4002)

There are a variety of books and audiovisual materials that are available in the section office and can be viewed in the library, but cannot be kept out overnight. We suggest you read Marks and Miller’s, “Principles of Dermatology”, and Helm and Marks, “Atlas of Differential Diagnosis in Dermatology”, which can be obtained in the bookstore or borrowed from the HMC Library.

INTERNET:

http://www.aad.org/education/titlepage.htm - American Academy of Dermatology Core curriculum in Dermatology for medical students, it is an excellent introductory dermatology site that is recommended for your review.

DIRECTIONS:

University Physicians Group – Nyes Road
121 Nyes Road., Suite C
Harrisburg, PA  17112
(717) 657-4040

1. Start out going NORTHWEST on UNIVERSITY DR toward US-422 E.
2. Turn LEFT onto US-422 W. (Friendly’s)
3. Turn SLIGHT RIGHT onto GRAYSON RD. (1st stop light 3.1 miles)
4. Turn RIGHT onto MILROY RD. (100 yards)
5. MILROY RD. becomes NYES RD. (At stop sign 0.5 miles)
6. Go STRAIGHT 4.3 miles.
7. End at 121 N. NYES RD, Harrisburg, complex is on the right side.

Total Est. Time: 20 minutes

PARKING AT NYES:

Students are to park in the back parking spaces, the row along the curb at the end of the building and the last row of spaces in the front of the complex that is in front of suite A or E.