Outpatient Dermatology – PGY-2

Goal: To develop the knowledge and skills to provide and coordinate dermatologic care as a Family Physician.

Objectives:

Patient Care

I. Provide compassionate, competent and comprehensive dermatologic care in an outpatient setting.
   1. Perform an appropriate dermatologic/wound history and physical examination including gathering appropriate data and ordering appropriate diagnostic tests.
   2. Develop an appropriate differential diagnosis for dermatologic conditions seen in the outpatient setting.
   3. Perform an appropriate dermatologic screening exam to assess the need for further testing/referral.
   4. Recognize when lesions can be treated in the primary care office, which need to be biopsied and the appropriate type of biopsy needed.
   5. Recognize when to refer patients to dermatology, and which conditions need rapid dermatology follow up.

II. Counsel patients on common dermatologic tests/treatments.
   1. Identify and communicate risks and benefits of therapeutic and cosmetic dermatologic treatments.

III. Assess and manage common chronic skin wounds seen in the chronically ill outpatient and initiate treatment.
   1. Develop an appropriate differential diagnosis for various types of skin ulcers/breakdown to begin treatment including treating underlying causes.
   2. Recognize when chronic wounds need specialized care from wound care, general surgery and/or orthopedic surgery.

Medical Knowledge

I. Demonstrate a commitment to acquiring the knowledge needed for independent evaluation and management of dermatologic conditions.
   1. Demonstrate correct interpretation of pathology reports.

Interpersonal and Communication Skills

I. Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills with patients, families, and medical staff.
   1. Communicate with patients in a respectful, culturally sensitive manner, with attention to confidentiality and health literacy.
   2. Present patients to attendings concisely, sharing relevant information in an organized fashion.
   3. Communicate and work collaboratively with staff, consultants, and other healthcare providers to sustain an environment fostering a team-based approach to patient care.
   4. Write complete, accurate, well-organized notes that reflect a synthesis of relevant information.
Professionalism

I. Carry out responsibilities reliably, timely, and confidentiality and showing respect for patients and other healthcare workers.
   1. Maintain appropriate appearance and behavior during interactions with patients, staff and colleagues.
   2. Identify limits of one’s own medical knowledge and appropriately seek assistance when needed.
   3. Complete assigned duties (including accurate and timely completion of charting) in a timely manner.

System-Based Practice

I. Be aware of the role of health care systems, and utilize resources in a manner that provides optimal care for patients with dermatologic problems.
   1. Order medications, diagnostic testing and referrals in a manner that reflects the provision of cost-conscious care.
   2. Recognize and identify the role and scope of practice of family physicians, dermatologists, and plastic surgeons, wound care, orthopedic surgery and general surgery in treating patient with acute and chronic wounds/dermatologic conditions.
   3. Identify key quality improvement strategies in dermatology.

Practice Based Learning and Improvement

I. Continually assess knowledge and patient care practices and utilize information to stimulate self-directed learning.
   1. Identify sources of information and guidelines pertaining to dermatologic care.
   2. Formulate and answer clinical questions using evidence-based resources.
   3. Remain receptive to preceptor feedback and integrate feedback into clinical practice.