**DERMATOLOGY ROTATION**

**Goals:** To develop in the Family Medicine resident:

1.) the ability to perform a preventive skin examination
2.) the ability to evaluate and appropriately treat patients who present with common problems of the skin, nails, and hair.
3.) the ability to perform common dermatologic procedures.
4.) the ability to recognize the indication for referral to a dermatologist.

**Objectives:** In the following general competencies, the resident should display

**Patient Care**

... skill to obtain and document a patient history relevant to common dermatologic problems.

... the skill to counsel patients about behaviors that can prevent skin cancers and other skin diseases.

... the skill to perform a physical examination relevant to skin, hair or nail disorders and describe and document the findings.

... the skill to perform a preventive skin examination.

... the skill to evaluate a patient with common dermatologic problems and develop a plan for diagnostic evaluation.

... the skill to perform simple dermatologic procedures (e.g., skin biopsy, KOH prep.)

**Medical Knowledge**

... the knowledge to understand the normal anatomy, development and physiology of the skin, hair or nail system and the pathophysiology of dermatologic diseases (e.g., psoriasis, impetigo, herpes simples/zoster, eczema, seborrhea, urticaria, warts, acne, miliaria, Rhus allergy, rosacea, pompholyx, etc.)

... the knowledge of prevention of skin diseases.

... the knowledge to recognize the associated risk factors of congenital, acquired or aging processes as it pertains to dermatologic problems.

... the knowledge of skin manifestations of systemic diseases.

... the knowledge of prevention, recognition and management of skin cancers.

... the knowledge to interpret the information obtained through laboratory tests (e.g., biopsy, culture, etc).

... the knowledge of dermatologic medications commonly used by family physicians.

... the knowledge to develop a treatment and follow-up plan for patients with common dermatologic problems.
Practice-Based Learning and Improvement
  … the skills to locate, evaluate, and apply the medical literature appropriately
  … the skills to access and use information technology appropriately

Interpersonal and Communication Skills
  ... the skill to present pertinent information to patients, families of patients, staff, consultants, et al.
  ... a caring, courteous, compassionate demeanor to patients, families of patients, staff, and peers.
  ... the ability to function cooperatively in a team setting.

Professionalism
  ... reliable and dependable characteristics when executing assigned duties.

System-Based Practice
  … the ability to coordinate care with health care managers and other providers
  … the ability to act as an advocate for quality patient care and provide assistance to patients dealing with complex systems