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**Dermatology Clerkship
Naval Medical Center Portsmouth**

Department Head: CAPT Alan Rolfe, MC, USN

Rotator Coordinator: LCDR Mary Spolyar, MC, USN

Duration: 4 weeks

Number of Students: 1

Student Level: MS4

Report First Day: Dermatology Department
NAVMEDECN Portsmouth
Building 2, Second Floor

Course Description: The dermatology rotation will provide the medical student with exposure to a wide range of dermatology problems in a busy outpatient setting. He/she will be able to see and evaluate patients independently prior to presenting each case to a staff attending. The student will learn how to perform common office procedures to include: Tzanck smears, KOH preps, scabies preps, and liquid nitrogen therapy for benign skin lesions. Student will also have the opportunity to observe biopsy techniques, dermatologic surgery, Mohs, and laser procedures.

Distribution of Student's Efforts:

Patient Contact: 95% outpatient, 5% inpatient
3 hours/wk – autotutorial lectures
40 hours/wk – faculty contact time

Objectives: By the end of the elective the student should be able to:

1. Perform a complete skin examination and accurately describe skin lesions using primary and secondary skin lesion terminology.
2. Evaluate and manage patients with uncomplicated acne, eczema, seborrheic dermatitis, psoriasis, tinea, contact dermatitis, warts, herpes, and scabies.
3. Properly prepare and interpret Tzanck preps, KOH smears, and scabies preps.
4. Understand the basic classification of topical steroids, indications of their use, and potential for side effects.
5. Recognize the indications for referral to a specialist for complicated skin disease or skin cancer.

Evaluation: 85% Clinical Observation
15% Basic Dermatology Exam

