Elective Description

Campus: Southwest (Bismarck)  
Elective/Experience Title: Dermatology  
Department: Internal Medicine  
Location of Elective: Mid Dakota Clinic & Sanford Health – Bismarck, ND  
Course Number: IMED 9123-01  

Preceptor(s): David Appert, MD; Theresa Borrowman, MD; Richelle Knudson, MD; Megan Strand, MD  
Period(s) Offered: all  
Number of students per period: 1  

Course prerequisites:  
Revised Curriculum Phase(s): 2 & 3

Purpose: To provide education and experience in the care of the patients requiring the services of a dermatologist.

Objectives: Following successful completion of this elective, the student will be able to:

1. Describe the clinical approach to the diagnosis of dermatologic disorders in adults and children.
2. List the clinical indications for and complications of various dermatologic surgeries and procedures.
3. Describe therapeutic approaches to dermatologic conditions including inpatient therapies, actino-therapy, and other pertinent dermatological services.

Instructional Activities: During this elective, the student will be involved in/experience:

1. Attendance at all dermatologic clinics and surgeries.
2. Evaluation of dermatology patients with both work-ups and procedures.
3. Participation in dermatologic procedures as permitted by the preceptor.

Criteria for Grading: During and following this elective, the preceptor will:

1. Utilize the standardized UNDSMHS senior elective evaluation form.
2. Directly observe and assess the student’s ability to evaluate a dermatologic patient.
3. Evaluate the student’s written communications including histories and physicals, progress notes, and consultations.
4. Evaluate the student’s dermatologic knowledge through student oral presentations of clinical cases and discussion of required readings.
5. Directly observe and evaluate the student’s ability to communicate in a "360" fashion.
6. Evaluate through direct observation the student’s skill in completing permitted procedures.