GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR DERMATOPATHOLOGY

MEDICAL EXPERT

• Demonstrate a working knowledge of the histology and embryology of the skin and adnexal structures

• Demonstrate understanding of the different types of skin biopsies and knowledge of how each specimen is processed

• Demonstrate proficiency in the interpretation of skin biopsies of inflammatory and neoplastic conditions

• Acquire proficiency in the interpretation of skin excisions for melanoma and sentinel node biopsies and the ability to prepare reports conveying appropriate information to clinicians

• Acquire clinical knowledge of inflammatory skin conditions required for appropriate interpretation (clinico-pathological correlation)

COMMUNICATOR/COLLABORATOR

• Demonstrate the ability to function at a junior staff pathologist level at clinico-pathological rounds including previewing cases to be presented, appropriately choosing slides, presenting the cases at rounds and responding to questions regarding the cases

• Demonstrate the ability to teach dermatology and pathology residents and medical students at rounds and teaching sessions

• Gain an understanding of clinical aspects of dermatological conditions

HEALTH ADVOCATE/PROFESSIONAL

• Understand the implications of a diagnosis of melanoma for patients and subsequent surgical management
• Know preventive measures regarding the development of skin cancers
• Understand the importance of close follow-up and screening of high risk patients
• Know when to appropriately consult an expert in skin pathology

SCHOLAR

• Conduct a research project or case report based on skin pathology material (optional)
• Review the pertinent literature relating to advances in skin pathology (i.e. sentinel lymph node assessment, new immunohistochemical stains, molecular studies that may help in difficult melanocytic lesions)

MANAGER

• Learn effective time management skills to maximize efficiency when interpreting pathologic specimens
• Learn how to efficiently use available resources and maintain the standard of care for the specialty
• Demonstrate leadership skills that enable effective supervision of more junior staff members
• Learn practice management skills applicable to pathologic interpretation of slides

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