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Marin Community Clinic

- 50,000 Visits/year, 14,000 Patients/yr
- Two sites (soon to be 3)
- Mainly Peds and IM with a few FP and midlevels
- Inadequate access to dermatology care

Dermatology Training

- Initial Training
 - 3 Mo "mini-residency" with local private dermatologist (father-in-law). Two days/week observation including surgical technique
 - Frequent curbside consults
 - Text, journal and atlas study

Ongoing "Training"

- 1-2 days/week practice in private derm office providing medical, surgical and laser/light based treatments
- Curbside and "in room" consultation with private derm
- Journal, text and atlas study.

MCC Dermatology Practice

- Referrals from all clinicians-Ped and Adult
- Pts seen in typical 15 min clinic appt during regular primary care schedule
- "Referrals" scheduled directly from PCP office visit or scheduler/referral coordinator.
- Approx. 8-10 derm Pts/wk

Equipment

- Electric exam table (optional?)
- Microscope
- Electrocautery
- Camera (polaroid/digital)
- Surgical kits, suture, punch biopsy

MCC Derm Practice

- Referrals include typical spectrum dermatologic diseases:
 - Acne pigmentation disorders, psoriasis & other inflammatory dermatoses, skin cancer screening, dermatophyte infections, ingrown nails, actinic disorders and skin cancers
 - Provide diagnoses with medical and surgical treatment including skin biopsy and excisions

Derm practice experience

- Generally "bread and butter" derm.
- Low risk, low intensity consults
- 90% directly within "extended scope"
- 5-10% require telephone support
- 2-5% require second referral to outside derm

Costs vs. Benefits

- Costs
 - Decreases access to primary care services
 - Training costs-time and salary

- Benefits
 - Improved pt access to specialty care
 - Increased overall 'productivity'
 - Improved quality of life--clinician

Observations

- 50-70% of consults well within scope of interested PCP with minimal additional training
- Photos, KOH preparations, cultures and biopsies underused by PCPs
- Derm generally a low risk extended scope practice
- Digital photo and brief clinical description would facilitate rapid and painless private derm consults

Future Steps

- Improve PCP derm knowledge via slide show and joint consultation
- Consider in house digital photo review in lieu of office visits
