



Veterinary Health Center

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OFFICIAL PROTOCOL

DERMATOLOGY SERVICE GUIDELINES

Goals:

1. To strengthen the student's educational opportunities in basic and complex integumentary diseases. This experience will involve case material, case-oriented dermatology rounds and topic rounds.
2. To provide quality dermatology patient care through coordination of expertise in clinical medicine, dermatopathology, applied immunology, microbiology, and parasitology.
3. To teach and evaluate specific clinical skills associated with dermatologic case work-ups.

Schedule:

1. Dermatology appointments are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dr. Bagladi-Swanson is available on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for consultation.
2. Every attempt will be made to provide case evaluation and diagnostic testing the SAME DAY as the appointment. In some cases, HOSPITALIZATION may be required.

Services:

Complete dermatological diagnostic tests are available in addition to standard diagnostic procedures.

1. Cytology
2. Intradermal testing
3. Skin scrapings
4. Skin biopsies
5. Bacterial and mycotic cultures
6. Endocrinology testing
7. Otitis work-up
8. Trichography

Fees:

All fees are covered in VetStar.

Student Guidelines

1. INTRODUCTION

The goal of the Dermatology Service is to have students proficient in problem-solving of both basic and complicated integumentary diseases. The process we use can be applied to different animal species.

2. SERVICE FIRST

We strongly adhere to the principle that excellent client service is crucial. Therefore, it is important for students to be well organized and efficient. We expect to work-up patients as quickly as time permits, but thoroughness is essential.

We seldom hospitalize dermatological cases overnight to complete our diagnostic evaluations.

Just like private practice, we will perform diagnostic procedures during receiving hours.

3. COME PREPARED

In Dermatology, teaching is a dynamic process and occurs in the exam room and wards. Come prepared to "learn while doing" and don't ever be afraid to ask questions. Review your dermatology notes early in the rotation.

4. QUESTIONS

Since we learn and teach on the run, ask a lot of questions. We often discuss cases, while we are evaluating them. The instructor can't evaluate you and help you if we don't ask you questions and vice-versa. Furthermore, we don't expect you to know all the answers, but we do expect students to take initiative in the learning process.

5. CONCLUSIONS

If you come to Dermatology prepared, ask questions, and get interested in what we do, you will be given a lot of diagnostic responsibility and will help formulate specific treatment plans. Initially, you will be instructed on how to perform diagnostic procedures.

Finally, if time permits, take time to tell or show your outpatient dermatology cases to your student colleagues. It might be their only opportunity to see a particular condition.