COURSE DESCRIPTION:

Students will observe and participate in the diagnosis and management of a wide variety of dermatologic diseases. Preference for rotations in blocks 1-5 will be given to those students entering Dermatology as their chosen specialty.

LEARNING GOALS AND OBJECTIVES: At the completion of this clinical rotation, students should be able to:
1. Perform a complete skin examination. (MK, PC)
2. Diagnose and treat common skin conditions. (MK, PC)
3. Describe basic dermatologic procedures. (MK, PC)
4. Discuss the basics of dermatologic therapy. (MK, PC)
5. Identify which patients need referral to a dermatologist. (MK, PC)
6. Demonstrate the ability to use proper terminology to describe skin lesions or rashes. (MK, PC)

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGIES AND ROTATION ACTIVITIES: Students on this rotation will be expected to learn and achieve the educational goals and objectives through the following methodologies and activities:
1. Independent completion of the American Academy of Dermatology 4-week medical student core curriculum (online).
2. Participation in inpatient rounds.
3. Participation in resident clinics at the VA and MUSC.
4. Review of skin pathology slides at the multi-headed teaching microscope in the dermatopathology lab with Dr. Elston, Dr. Metcalf, and Dr. Ralston.
5. Meet with the course director every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am for teaching sessions.

PATIENT ENCOUNTERS: Students will be expected to work-up patients with these specified conditions:
1. Non-melanoma skin cancers
2. Acne
3. Psoriasis
4. Atopic Dermatitis
5. Dermatophyte Infections

EVALUATION / FEEDBACK METHODS: Students will be evaluated using the following methods:
2. Written exam and clinical images quiz at the end of the rotation. (MK)
3. 10-minute presentation on a dermatologic topic of the student's choice. (MK, PL, CS)
4. Attending and resident evaluation of performance during clinical encounters. (PC, MK, CS, PR)
5. A mid-point evaluation form will be completed half way through the rotation in order for the student to be assessed on their performance. (MK, PC, PR, CS, SL, PL)

Does this rotation accept visiting students? □ YES □ NO

Will students be expected to participate in call? □ YES □ NO