Dermatology On-Call Referral Guidelines

On-call service is provided by a single resident and one staff dermatologist to cover all of Northern Alberta (including Edmonton), parts of British Columbia and Saskatchewan, as well as the Northwest Territories.

**URGENT CONSULTS**
Because of significant work load, we can only accept on-call consults in the following situations:

- Acute, generalized exanthems, eg. drug induced
- Acute generalized rash with fever
- Acute rashes with blisters or ulcerations on the skin or mucosa
- Acute widespread rashes which preclude effective medical treatment or impacts length of patient’s hospital stay
- Skin tumors
- Conditions which may result in irreversible complications if not managed promptly (i.e. vasculitis, GVHD, severe infections)

**If you suspect a drug reaction, please indicate:**

- Generalized exanthem
- Skin rash with mucosal blisters or ulcers (e.g. Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Skin blistering or sloughing (e.g. TEN)

Suspected drug culprit: ________________________________
Duration (days): ________________________________

Conditions that do not fall into the above categories and are non-urgent will not be seen by on-call dermatologists. Examples are: chronic rashes, cosmetic concerns, benign growths, hair and nail diseases. Please refer these cases to a community dermatologist or the Kaye Edmonton Dermatology Clinic. Please note the KEC does not accept cosmetic concerns.

**Request for practical advice:**

- Wherever possible, send an image in a private, encrypted form to effectively triage and manage the patient.
- If the patient has previously been seen by a dermatologist and is presenting with the same or related condition, please ask the patient to continue to follow-up with their dermatologist to ensure continuity of care.
- If you refer a non-urgent patient to the Kaye Edmonton Clinic, please use the form from the Alberta Referral Directory for efficient triage and fax to 780.407.3003.

Alberta Referral Directory can be accessed at:
https://albertareferraldirectory.ca