

*Requires Drop/Add Code: A 30 day notice is required to drop this class*

<b>Faculty In Charge Of Course:</b>	Ronald P. Rapini, M.D.
<b>Participating Faculty:</b>	All Dermatology Faculty
<b>Location:</b>	Memorial Hermann Hospital, Houston Medical Center, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, V.A. Hospital, San Jose Clinic, LBJ Hospital, and private dermatologists' offices (* <i>Having a car is useful.</i> )
<b>Offered:</b>	Each month
<b>Max. # Students/Period:</b>	7
	* If you plan more than 2 days off ( <i>including ACLS &amp; USMLE tests and/or interviews</i> ) you <b>CANNOT</b> take this course!

**Course Objective****Material Covered:**

General overview of dermatology through a wide variety of clinics and hospital consult service, including dermatologic surgery and dermatopathology

**Skills Acquired:**

Evaluation of skin lesions; procedures listed below.

**Activities Of Elective**

Number Of New Patients/Student/Week: 140

**Responsibilities Of Student For Assigned Patients:**

Does history/physical:	No
Follows patients, with appropriate notes as needed:	No
Does student see ambulatory patients:	Yes, almost exclusively

Procedures	Observe	Perform
Skin biopsy		X
Tzanck smear, KOH prep		X
MOHS surgery, excisional surgery	X	

**Scheduled Duties Of Student:**

Presents patients to preceptor or attending physician:	Yes, one conference per month (see Evaluations section below)
Weekly schedule of required teaching sessions:	At least 4 lectures/wk

**Describe Optional Rounds And Activities, If Any:**

Many other optional conferences

**Other Required Activities:**

Reading/review of current literature:	Yes
Writing or presenting a paper:	No

**How Is Student Evaluated:**

Grand Rounds presentation (required in place of former test) and faculty comments.

**Who Evaluates Students:**

Multiple faculty and residents.

**Unique Features Of This Elective:**

High volume of patients. You will see numerous lesions and will be in clinic 8 or 10 half-days per week, also some hospital consults. Much less responsibility for workups as compared with other rotations. Emphasis is on seeing and diagnosing. All students will have an opportunity to view skin biopsies under the microscope, but the major emphasis is on the patients (*both adult and pediatric*). NOTE: If you have a particular interest (*surgery, pathology, pediatrics, etc.*), please let the coordinator know at least a month in advance so that we can schedule you appropriately.