Medical Dermatology Case Logs: Practical Use

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Why you need to use it!

- Program
  - Find strengths in training
    - Develop new best practices for prescribing
  - Find gaps in training
    - Before they are pointed out to you
  - Milestones

Why you need to make them use it!

- ◆ Resident
  - ◆ Improve clinical care
  - ◆ Formal method to track proficiency in medication management
  - ◆ Find strengths and gaps in training
  - ◆ Increasing requests for medical case logs for hospital privileges

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- Attending-driven clinics
- Once weekly resident-run continuity clinics
  - VA
  - NMFF
  - Lurie Children's
- MDCL utilized in continuity clinics only
  - Goal to record 1-2 patients per clinic
  - Reach 50-75 patients per year!

Obstacles to Use

- "Takes too long in clinic"
- "Not prescribing a medication today"
- "May not see the patient again"
- "Don't know how to use the application"
- "Where is my ID and password"
- "How does it help me?"

"Takes too long in clinic"

- FREE iPhone and Android Mobile Apps available
- Takes 30-60 seconds to input

- WEB: www.meddermlogs.com
- MOBILE: http://meddermlogs.com/mobile/

- Easily input a patient while waiting to present to an attending physician

"I am not prescribing a medication today"

- May choose "**Other**" or **"No Meds"** from the drop down list of medications
- May change to relevant prescribed systemic medication in the future
- Allows to track patients from either initial discussion of systemic medications or transition from topical to systemic medications

"I may not see the patient again"

- Enroll patients from continuity clinic
- May help with followup when patient reviews MDCL semi-annually

"I don't know how to use the application"

- Suggest a 15 minute tutorial at the beginning of each academic year during orientation
- Program coordinator and/or chief residents can go over web and mobile application
- Short web-based video tutorials available online
- It is easy – I can do it!
- Buy in from program directors – please!

"Where is my password?"

- Native self-management tool through which new accounts can be created
- Old passwords can be retrieved on-line
- Recommend having the program coordinator to keep master list of all passwords

"How does it help me?"

◆ Improve clinical care
◆ Formal method to track experience in medication management
◆ Find strengths and gaps in training
◆ Allow program director to support documentation of proficiency in medical management (for reference letters, hospital privileges, licensure)
◆ Increasing requests for medical case logs for hospital privileges

MDCL in your program

- Can be easily integrated into all program models
  - Resident or attending-led clinics
  - Continuity clinics
- May vary by residency class
- Can choose which medications you would like to track

Questions?

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