**Elective Description**

At the *Glen* site:
- Focus more on acute cases and rapid bookings. There are less follow-ups.
- Few specialty clinics are present. One major specialty clinic is melanoma in the oncology center where exposure to how we do follow up and assessment as well as global management of this cancer.
- The rotation has many half days dedicated to consults where complex medical dermatologic conditions are seen on the wards, exposure to lymphomas, complex skin reactions, severe blistering disorders, and infections are commonly seen
- Consults are performed and assessed with close communication with the treating team of the wards optimizing this type of complex care

At the *MGH* site:
- Focus is on chronic care of skin conditions. Less acute cases are seen. All range of skin conditions can be assessed in our general dermatology clinics
- Focus on specialty clinics, ulcer care, phototherapy, connective tissues disease, contact dermatitis clinic, and complex care of skin conditions are seen at this site
**Elective Duration**

Electives are normally 4 weeks in duration, which is recommended. However, 2-week rotations will be considered. The student must have 75% attendance for the rotation to be considered completed.

**Educational Objectives**

The goal for students during this elective is to become familiar with the Dermatologists' approach to diagnosis and management of patients with various skin diseases, including cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease. The student should learn the common skin diseases and their first line treatments.

**Scope of Work**

The majority of the students' time will be spent in General Dermatology Out-Patient Service, but there will be opportunity for exposure to Dermatologic Sub-specialties, and the In-Patient Consultation Service. In addition, all students will take part in weekly didactics, such as Grand Rounds and Book Club. From time to time, selected students may be invited to undertake special projects within the Division.

**Recommended Reading/Preparation**

Textbook: Fitzpatrick’s Color Atlas and Synopsis of Dermatology

[Online learning modules](#)

Other online resources: [DermNet](#)

**Notes**

Please note that the MGH and RVH do not accept electives in period 7.