**Figure 1. Dermatology Away Elective Questionnaire**

**Goal:** To demonstrate the opportunities and barriers that exist for U.S. medical students who wish to gain an increased exposure to the field of dermatology through away electives at other U.S. medical schools.

**A. Visiting Medical Students for Dermatology Electives**

Does your school accept visiting U.S. allopathic medical students for dermatology electives?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

If yes, how many completed a dermatology elective in the 2008-2009 academic year?

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Does your school accept visiting U.S. osteopathic medical students for dermatology electives?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

If yes, how many completed a dermatology elective in the 2008-2009 academic year?

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*Note: If your school does not accept visiting students, respond only to sections A and B.*

**B. Dermatology Electives**

How many different types of dermatology electives does your school offer?

( ) 1    ( ) 2    ( ) 3    ( ) 4    ( ) 5    ( ) 6    ( ) 7    ( ) 8

What types of dermatology electives does your school offer? (Please check all that apply.) If the elective is offered, please indicate how many positions are available per period. (Indicate N/A if unknown.)

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Does your school have a dermatology residency program?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

**C. Dermatology Elective Offering to Visiting Medical Students**

Does your school offer any dermatology electives that visiting students cannot take?

( ) Yes    ( ) No

If yes, which electives are unavailable to visiting students? ___________________________
If the elective is offered to visiting students, what is the maximum number of positions that can be filled by visiting students per period? (Indicate N/A if not offered to visiting students or if unknown.)

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What is the maximum number of dermatology electives a visiting student can take at your school?

( ) 1  ( ) 2  ( ) 3  ( ) 4  ( ) No Limit

D. Academic Requirements for Visiting Medical Students

Does your school require your own students to be in their 4th year prior to participating in a dermatology elective (including research elective)?

( ) Yes  ( ) No

If No, which electives can be taken prior to the 4th year and when is it possible to take them?

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Does your school require visiting students from U.S. medical schools to be in their 4th year prior to participating in a dermatology elective (including research elective)?

( ) Yes  ( ) No

If No, which electives can be taken prior to the 4th year and when it is possible to take them?

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Does your school require visiting students from U.S. medical schools to complete all core clinical clerkship requirements prior to participating in a dermatology elective (including research)?

( ) Yes  ( ) No

If No, which electives can be taken prior to completion of the core clerkships and when it is possible to take them?

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Does your school require visiting students from U.S. medical schools to complete an introductory dermatology elective prior to participating in a specialized dermatology elective?

( ) Yes  ( ) No

Does your school require visiting students from U.S. medical schools to complete an introductory dermatology elective prior to participating in an acting/sub internship in dermatology?

( ) Yes  ( ) No
Are the academic requirements for your own students different from visiting students?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

If yes, how are they different?
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If your school is a U.S. allopathic medical school, are there additional requirements for U.S. osteopathic medical students?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

If yes, please specify.
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E. Timing of Dermatology Electives

What is the duration (in weeks) of each type of dermatology elective in your program?

Research
( ) N/A  ( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other: ______

Introductory Clinical
( ) N/A  ( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other: ______

Dermatology Subspecialty
( ) N/A  ( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other: ______

Acting Internship
( ) N/A  ( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other: ______

Other (Please list: __________)
( ) N/A  ( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other: ______

If specialized clinical electives in your program vary in length of time, please specify.
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What is the maximum time (in weeks) a visiting student can take electives at your school?
( ) 2  ( ) 4  ( ) 6  ( ) 8  ( ) Other  ( ) No limit

When does the first clinical rotation of year 4 begin in 2009?
( ) Monday June 1st  ( ) Monday June 8th  ( ) Monday June 15th  ( ) Monday June 22nd
( ) Monday June 29th  ( ) Monday July 6th  ( ) Other (Please specify): __________
( ) None of the above, we are on a monthly schedule (Please specify: __________)

Are visiting students allowed to join the dermatology electives late?
( ) Yes  ( ) No  ( ) Depends on the elective (Please specify: __________)

If yes, how late can they join?
( ) Before the end of the first week
( ) Before the end of the second week
( ) We try to accommodate their schedule

How many months out of a single year are the dermatology electives offered?
( ) 12  ( ) 11  ( ) 10  ( ) 9  ( ) 8 or less

If there are any exceptions, please specify. (e.g., Dermatopathology is not available in Dec.)
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F. Cost of a Dermatology Elective for Visiting Medical Students

Is there an application fee for visiting students who wish to take a dermatology elective at your school?
Malpractice Coverage

Is malpractice coverage required for visiting students to take a dermatology elective at your school?
( ) Yes ( ) No

Is a minimum malpractice coverage required for visiting students to take a dermatology elective?
( ) Yes ( ) No, we accept the amount that is provided by their home school.

If yes, what is the minimum amount of single occurrence malpractice coverage required for visiting students participating in a dermatology elective at your school?
( ) $0 - $49,999 ( ) $50,000 - $249,999 ( ) $250,000 - $499,999
( ) $500,000 - $999,999 ( ) $1,000,000 or more

What is the minimum aggregate malpractice coverage required for visiting students participating in a dermatology elective at your school?
( ) $0 - $99,999 ( ) $100,000 - $499,999 ( ) $500,000 - $999,999
( ) $1,000,000 - $2,999,999 ( ) $3,000,000 or more

Are visiting students required to have malpractice coverage if they are taking a research elective?
( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Only for research with human subjects

Does your school offer means to obtain malpractice coverage to those who do not have it?
( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, how much does it cost?

G. Housing for Visiting Medical Students

Is student housing available for visiting students at your school?
( ) Yes ( ) No

If not, do you offer assistance in locating housing?
( ) Yes ( ) No

H. Residential Preferences

Is priority for course registration in dermatology electives given to medical students attending your school over medical students attending other U.S. schools?
( ) Yes ( ) No
Is priority for course registration in dermatology electives given to medical students attending a different school in your state over medical students at U.S. schools out of your state?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

Does your school accept visiting students from international medical schools for dermatology electives?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

If yes, is priority for course registration in dermatology electives given to visiting students from other U.S. Medical Schools?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

I. Miscellaneous

When are visiting student applications to participate in a dermatology elective at your school due?
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Are visiting students required to complete a separate application for each elective that they wish to take?
( ) Yes  ( ) No

Who is the best person to contact regarding information about dermatology electives at your school?
( ) Registrar  ( ) Dermatology Department Coordinator  ( ) Other (please specify): _______

What is the best way to contact them? (Please list phone number or email address if possible.)
( ) Phone: _______________  ( ) Email: _______________

Name of School: ____________________________________________________________________

Source of Information: ________________________________________________________________