

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 exanths, 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:

Drug reactions:

- 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://albertareferaldirectory.ca>