

## **Dermatology Services at Munson Army Health Center**

**Munson Army Health Center (MAHC) offers telemedicine to meet our demands for dermatology. Telemedicine is the use of telecommunications to enhance the clinical information exchange between your local health care provider and one located at the MEDCENS. Telemedicine is a way to help patients get expert care from medical specialist not readily available locally through the use of special computers and cameras.**

**By using Teledermatology at MAHC we are attempting to:**

- Improve patient access to dermatology**
- Decrease waiting time to see a dermatologist**
- Decrease delay of care**
- Improve feedback to you the patient**

**Studies have shown that when the results of the diagnosis were compared (in-person dermatology versus teledermatology) there was >85% agreement between the primary diagnosis and up to 95% agreement if you included the differential diagnosis.**

**The MAIN goal with teledermatology is to improve patient's access to dermatology and to eliminate delay of care.**

**POTENTIAL RISK of Telemedicine CONSULT is minimal. The photographic equipment used in telederm is a digital camera. Security of the medical records form telederm consults is encrypted for patient privacy. Only medical personnel concerned with your care have access to your information.**

**What you can expect:**

- 1. Your PCM will refer you to the teledermatology clinic for an appointment. Your appointment will be made by Tricare.**
- 2. The clinic is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the main building.**
- 3. The appointment will take approximately 20 minutes.**
- 4. Within 72-96 hours, your PCM will call you and advise you on proper follow up. Please call your PCM if you have not heard from them on your results within 10 days.**

**Examples of various skin cancers and common skin conditions:**

**Basal Cell Carcinoma is the most common skin cancer. It grows slowly and rarely spreads. But it can damage nearby tissue**



**Squamous Cell Carcinoma is less common but can be more dangerous because it grows more quickly and may spread**



**Malignant Melanoma is the most dangerous form of skin cancer. It spreads throughout the body. If not treated it can be fatal. But treated early melanoma is very curable.**



**Molluscum contagiosum is a common viral skin infection. It is a harmless virus that may last for months.**



**Plaque psoriasis is the most common presentation of psoriasis and of all the patterns is the most likely to affect the typical areas of the elbows, knees, umbilicus and lower back.**



**The common type of acne is called acne vulgaris. It is a condition that mainly affects adolescents but may persist or even become more severe in adulthood.**



**If you have any question please feel free to call the teledermatology tech at 913-684-6170.**