ACNE

Patient factors

Medication history

Suspected drug-induced acne

REFER

YES to any

Yes to any

Follow up in 8 weeks

YES to any

YES

NO

REFER to prescriber for ongoing Rx refills

MAXIMUM OF TWO RX PRODUCT TRIALS BEFORE REFERRAL

Satisfactory response?

NO

SWITCH to different class topical product; OR

ADD different class topical agent (antibiotic combination if inflammatory lesions); OR

REFER

Patient factors

• Less than 12 years of age
• Pregnant
• Family history of scarring acne

Medication history

• Moderate to severe signs and symptoms
• Widespread distribution
• Suspect rosacea, perioral dermatitis, folliculitis
• Signs of hyperandrogenism
• Systemic symptoms
• Unable to confirm acne diagnosis

Review of symptoms

Symptoms typical of mild acne

NO to all

Symptoms typical of mild acne

Pharmacological treatment indicated

• Comedonal lesions: retinoid*
• Inflammatory lesions: benzoyl peroxide* ± retinoid

Follow up in 8 weeks

Satisfactory response?

YES

NO

*Azelaic acid is a second line alternative if benzoyl peroxide or a retinoid is not tolerated