**ACNE**

**Patient factors**
- Less than 12 years of age
- Pregnant
- Family history of scarring acne

**Medication history**

**Suspected drug-induced acne**

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

**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
  - SWITCH to different class topical product; OR
  - ADD different class topical agent (antibiotic combination if inflammatory lesions); OR
  - REFER

**MAXIMUM OF TWO RX PRODUCT TRIALS BEFORE REFERRAL**

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