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| **2015 Women for ATSU Awards Application** |
| **Timestamp** | 3/16/2015 12:52:50 |
| **PROJECT TITLE** | Chaos and Clues Curriculum / 4 dermatoscopes |
| **DETAILED PROJECT BUDGET** | 4- Handheld polarizing dermatoscopes each at $300.00 |
| **MINIMUM FUNDING REQUESTED** | A limited project could be accomplished with three scopes which would total $900.00 |
| **FUNDING REQUEST** | $1,200.00 |
| **PROJECT DESCRIPTION** | Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. It is estimated that more than 3.5 million new cases are diagnosed each year, more than all other cancers combined. Arizona has some of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. It is estimated by the American Cancer Society that Arizona will have approximately 1,400 new cases of melanoma in 2013. Melanoma skin cancer represents significant risk to death to those effected. Using a hand held dermatoscope can significantly improve the primary care providers ability to identify potentially dangerous pigmented skin lesions. After purchasing the dermatoscopes the physician assistant studies department will provide training in the use of the dermatoscope (chaos and clues curriculum developed in Australia) to first year PA students as part of the dermatology course. This training will equip our students with the knowledge and skills needed to provide enhanced skin cancer screening for their patients in primary care practice. |
| **EXPECTED OUTCOMES** | 1. Learners would be fascicle with handheld dermatoscope to screen for skin cancer2. Learners would be able to identify suspicious skin lesions which need referral to dermatology 3. Graduates of this curriculum would be able to provide improved skin cancer screening in primary care situations. |
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