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**ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS OF TERMS**

App	Mobile Software Application
CHOP	The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
LC	Leslie Castelo-Soccio, MD, PhD
mHealth	Mobile Health
MP	Marissa Perman, MD
MyChart	The MyCHOP mHealth mobile application
PD	Pediatric Dermatology
PM	Patrick McMahon, MD

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**ABSTRACT**

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57 Context: Technology has advanced rapidly to allow photographs to be transmitted by email,  
58 texting and mobile phone application with increasing speed and ease. More than ever before,  
59 patients are able to submit photographs to medical providers in secure ways in an attempt to  
60 communicate and receive medical advice and, in some cases, treatment. In pediatric  
61 dermatology at CHOP, parents are able to send photographs of their child's skin condition  
62 via email or MyCHOP (a mobile Health app).

63 Objectives: 1) Assess the quality of parental photographs obtained on a mobile device, 2)  
64 Assess accuracy of virtual diagnosis provided based on photographs and 3) Validate a 3-step  
65 instruction sheet provided to parents prior to taking photographs on a mobile device.

66 Study Design: This is prospective cohort study.

67 Setting/Participants: This is a single site study that will include new patients cared for in the  
68 pediatric dermatology clinic at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. All patients and  
69 parents enrolled will be English speaking.

70 Study Interventions and Measures: When the patient is in a private exam room in the clinic,  
71 parents or legal guardians of all new patients who have been enrolled in MyCHOP (or are  
72 willing to enroll) and have a mobile device capable of downloading the mHealth app  
73 (MyChart) will be able to participate in this study. Consent will be obtained in the private  
74 examination room. Participants will complete a survey and, while in the clinic exam rooms,  
75 take photographs of the patient's skin condition using the MyCHOP mHealth app  
76 (MyChart). Half of the participant will be provided with an instruction sheet including 3  
77 steps to improve the photograph image quality. Patients will undergo a typical in-person  
78 consultation by Dr. Marissa Perman (MP) or Dr. Leslie Castelo-Soccio (LC), as scheduled.  
79 Image quality of all photographs will be evaluated and graded as detailed below. The  
80 pediatric dermatologist, Patrick McMahon (PM), who evaluates the images and survey  
81 answers virtually via EPIC electronic medical record, will be different (blinded) than the  
82 provider who examined the patient live in the office (MP or LC). Diagnoses will be  
83 compared to determine diagnostic concordance.

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## 85 1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RATIONALE

### 86 1.1 Introduction

87 Pediatric dermatology (PD) is an image-based specialty that lends itself to evaluation by  
88 electronically transmitted photographs. For decades, physicians have been using  
89 photography to document patient's skin conditions, track clinical progress and for medical  
90 publications. Today, patients and their parents are able to communicate with medical  
91 providers by telephone, email and through mHealth apps. For several years at The  
92 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, parents of established patients have been able to submit  
93 photographs of patient's skin conditions to pediatric dermatologists for virtual evaluation.  
94 Photographs are of variable quality depending on many factors including lighting available,  
95 the devices used and whether the patient is able to hold still. Overall, as cameras on mobile  
96 devices have improved, more photographs are being submitted and the quality of these  
97 photographs has improved. Instructions are not provided to the caretakers prior to taking the  
98 photographs. Depending on the quality, the provider is sometimes able to provide advice  
99 and, in some cases, treatment to the patients. This study is an attempt to evaluate the quality  
100 of parental photography as well as the concordance between diagnoses provided by in-  
101 person patient examination and virtual photograph examination. A simple 3-step instructions  
102 sheet (see attached) on how best to take photographs with mobile devices will also be  
103 provided to half of the participants in an attempt to validate its utility. If shown to improve  
104 photographic image quality, this instruction sheet can be provided to any parent wishing to  
105 send a photograph to a provider at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. Ultimately,  
106 improving image quality may improve efficiency of these virtual evaluations and even  
107 improve patient care.

### 108 1.2 Relevant Literature and Data

109 Photographs have been used in medicine since the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century for  
110 documentation, research and publications.<sup>1</sup> Teledermatology, which often includes  
111 transmitting photographic images, has been established as a form of telemedicine since the  
112 1990's.<sup>2</sup>

113 In 2012, parental photographs were even used in pediatric dermatology to study growth  
114 patterns of a specific birthmark, infantile hemangiomas.<sup>3</sup> More than 85% of photographs in  
115 that study were considered high enough quality to be able to assess the size of the  
116 hemangiomas by a pediatric dermatologist. Although the quality of photographic images has  
117 been evaluated when sent from a primary medical provider to a pediatric dermatologist, it  
118 does not appear that the quality of parental photographs have yet been studied.<sup>4</sup>

### 119 1.3 Compliance Statement

120 This study will be conducted in full accordance all applicable Children's Hospital of  
121 Philadelphia Research Policies and Procedures and all applicable Federal and state laws and  
122 regulations including 45 CFR 46, and the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Any episode of  
123 noncompliance will be documented.

124 The investigators will perform the study in accordance with this protocol, will obtain  
125 consent and assent (unless a waiver is granted), and will report unexpected problems in

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126 accordance with The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia IRB Policies and Procedures and  
127 all federal requirements. Collection, recording, and reporting of data will be accurate and  
128 will ensure the privacy, health, and welfare of research subjects during and after the study.

## 129 **2 STUDY OBJECTIVES**

130 The purpose of the study is to evaluate the image quality of photographs taken by parents  
131 that are uploaded into the patient’s medical record with and without instructions on how best  
132 to take the photographs. Diagnostic concordance between in-person and virtual diagnoses  
133 provided will also be evaluated.

134 Study Hypothesis #1: Photographs taken with the aid of the 3-step instruction sheet (study  
135 group) will be higher quality as determined by the Photograph Quality Rating Scale  
136 compared to those images taken without the instruction sheet (control group).

137 Study Hypothesis #2: Diagnostic concordance between in-person and virtual providers will  
138 be higher when image quality is higher.

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### 140 **2.1 Primary Objective (or Aim)**

141 The primary objective of this study is to assess if image quality differs when parents are  
142 provided with instructions on how best to take photographs of their child’s skin conditions  
143 using a mobile device.

### 144 **2.2 Secondary Objectives (or Aim)**

145 The secondary objective is to assess diagnostic concordance between the diagnosis provided  
146 by the in-person examination and the diagnosis provided by the virtual examination of the  
147 provided photographs.

## 148 **3 INVESTIGATIONAL PLAN**

### 149 **3.1 General Schema of Study Design**

150 This is a prospective cohort study to assess parental photographs of patient’s skin conditions  
151 taken with and without an instructional sheet (see Appendix B). Concordance of the  
152 diagnoses provided based upon these photographs will also be studied.

### 153 **3.2 Study Duration, Enrollment and Number of Sites**

#### 154 **3.2.1 Date Range of Study**

155 Patients may be enrolled from the date of IRB approval until the total number of projected  
156 patients are enrolled.

#### 157 **3.2.2 Total Number of Study Sites/Total Number of Subjects Projected**

158 The study will be conducted at a single investigative site in the United States, the Children’s  
159 Hospital of Philadelphia.

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160 We anticipate enrolling approximately 50 patients and their parents in this study. This  
161 number was chosen to allow for a variety of diagnoses to be encountered. There will be 25  
162 patients enrolled in the study arm (instruction sheet provided) and 25 patients enrolled in the  
163 control arm (no instruction sheet provided)

### 164 **3.3 Study Population**

#### 165 **3.3.1 Inclusion Criteria**

- 166 1) Must be a new patient/parent dyad arrived at the main pediatric dermatology clinic at  
167 3550 Market Street scheduled to see Marissa Perman, MD or Leslie Castelo-Soccio,  
168 MD, PhD.
- 169 2) Patient must be under the age of 18.
- 170 3) Consenting parent or guardian must be present and able to speak English to participate.
- 171 4) Patients are either already enrolled in MyCHOP (MyChart) or are willing to enroll  
172 during the encounter.
- 173 5) Parent or legal guardian has a mobile phone with the capability to download the free  
174 MyChart app.
- 175 6) Parents have a data plan that allows them to download the MyChart app (if not already  
176 downloaded) and upload pictures, and are willing to accept any potential data charges  
177 incurred with these activities.
- 178 7) Patient has active skin lesion or rash that can be photographed during the clinic visit.

#### 179 **3.3.2 Exclusion Criteria**

- 180 1) Patient is over the age of 18.
- 181 2) Parent or guardian is not present or not able to speak English.
- 182 3) Parent or guardian is not able to enroll in MyCHOP (MyChart).
- 183 4) Parent or guardian does not have a mobile phone capable of downloading the MyChart  
184 app.
- 185 5) Photographs are not able to be taken (phone battery dies, phone/app does not work,  
186 patient is not cooperative, participant does not have time).
- 187 6) If there are no active skin lesions to photograph the patient/parent will not be enrolled  
188 (e.g. hives that are inactive, hyperhidrosis [excessive sweating], itching without a rash,  
189 resolved skin lesions [e.g. warts, molluscum]).
- 190 7) Patients presenting for a general full body skin exam will be excluded, as this would  
191 require full body photography, which is too time consuming. (Note: this does not include  
192 evaluation of one individual mole [nevus], which can be included in the study).

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## 194 4 STUDY PROCEDURES

195 The study procedures are limited to the patient having a photograph taken of their skin  
196 condition in the clinic exam room by their parent or legal guardian using the parent or legal  
197 guardian's mobile phone.

### 198 4.1 Data Sources

#### 199 4.1.1 Case ascertainment

200 Potential patient/parent dyads can be identified on Dr. Marissa Perman or Dr. Leslie  
201 Castelo-Soccio's clinic schedule via EPIC. All new parent/patients can be approached by a  
202 research coordinator in a private examination room in the clinic. If parent and patients meet  
203 the inclusion criteria, consent to the study, complete the survey (see Appendix A) and obtain  
204 a photograph, then they can be enrolled.

205 Randomizing patients to control and study groups: All odd numbered parent participants  
206 (i.e. patient #1, 3, etc.) will be provided an instruction sheet (see Appendix B) on how best  
207 to take photographs using a mobile smartphone. All even numbered parent participants (i.e.  
208 Patient #2, 4, etc.) will not be provided an instruction sheet. After consenting a  
209 parent/patient, if the parent is unable to complete the survey or obtain the photograph, they  
210 will not be considered an evaluable subject in the study and their participant number will not  
211 be used. There will only be one research coordinator enrolling one parent/patient at a time  
212 and therefore we will avoid any issues wherein a patient number is not used or used twice.

#### 213 4.1.2 Data sources

214 EPIC will be queried for demographic information and diagnosis provided. Parents or legal  
215 guardians will complete a short survey (see Appendix A) including information about the  
216 patient's skin condition, make and model of the phone being used to take the photographs  
217 and general willingness to take photos via a mHealth app from home.

218 If a patient is presenting for more than one skin complaint, they will be instructed to choose  
219 the primary skin condition and answer survey questions about that skin condition. Only the  
220 primary skin condition needs to be photographed for the study purposes. Other skin  
221 conditions can be photographed if needed, but those images will not be included in the  
222 analysis. The research coordinator will label any additional photographs as such and will not  
223 extract them for the blinded reviewer (PM) to rate or examine.

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## 225 4.2 Data Elements to be Abstracted

### 226 4.2.1 EPIC Data

- 227 • Patient age, gender and race/ethnicity
  - 228 • Type of health insurance
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- 229 • Diagnosis provided by pediatric dermatologist (MP) during clinic visit will only be  
230 evaluated after the diagnosis is provided by the blinded pediatric dermatologist  
231 (PM).
- 232 • Each image of the main skin condition will be identified by the research coordinator  
233 in the media section of EPIC. Those images identified will be labeled (e.g. Image a,  
234 Image b, etc.) and image quality will be scored by Patrick McMahon, MD as follows  
235 (score range 0-10), see Appendix C below.
- 236 • Note: this scoring method is subjective and has not been validated previously, but  
237 attempts to include all relevant data needed to fully evaluate a clinical  
238 photograph. No validated scoring method for grading the quality of clinical  
239 photographs of skin was found upon completing a medical literature search and a  
240 general search of the internet using Google.

#### 241 4.2.2 Photograph Quality Rating Scale

- 242 1. Clarity: 0 (very blurry), 1 (blurry), 2 (not blurry/in focus)
- 243 2. Perspective, i.e. skin condition captured completely:  
244 0 (no), 1 (partly), 2 (completely)
- 245 \* Perspective evaluates the degree to which the photograph captures the  
246 entire skin condition in well-framed image
- 247 3. Darkness: 0 (too dark), 1 (mildly dark), 2 (well lit)
- 248 4. Brightness: 0 (too bright), 1 (mildly bright), 2 (well lit)
- 249 5. Color: 0 (color very altered), 1 (color mildly altered), 2 (color not altered)
- 250 • Identified images from media section will be examined and a diagnosis will be  
251 provided by Patrick McMahon, MD (PM). Diagnosis will be written on the provided  
252 study sheet attached to the photograph quality rating scale sheets for each patient.
- 253 • Blinded reviewer (PM) will be blinded to the patient number, type of phone used by  
254 parent participant, as well as the diagnosis and treatment provided by MP.
- 255 • Blinded reviewer (PM) will not be blinded to the clinical information provided in the  
256 patient survey including duration, symptoms, location and treatment of skin  
257 condition as well as past medical history and current medications.
- 258 • Blinded reviewer (PM) will not provide direct patient care and will not communicate  
259 with the patient or MP unless needed for patient safety.
- 260 • If there is discordance noted between the diagnoses provided, both physicians (MP  
261 and PM) will discuss the discordance and decide if there should be an adjustment  
262 made to the diagnosis provided to the patient in the in-person visit. When needed, a  
263 third blinded physician may be involved to assess the discordance. This will allow  
264 for the best possible patient safety measures, quality improvement and care  
265 optimization.
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### 266 4.2.3 Patient Survey Data (see Appendix A)

- 267 • Type of phone used
- 268 • Duration of skin condition
- 269 • Symptoms of skin condition: itching, pain, etc.
- 270 • Location on body of skin condition
- 271 • Prior treatment for skin condition
- 272 • Past medical history and current medications
- 273 • Rate willingness to communicate from home via a mHealth app about your child's
- 274 health condition with a pediatric doctor who you have not met from 1 (not likely) to
- 275 10 (very likely)
- 276 • If a secure mHealth app were available for you to send photographs to a pediatric
- 277 dermatologist at CHOP for a diagnosis and treatment instead of coming in to the
- 278 office, how much would you pay for that service?

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## 280 5 STATISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 281 5.1 Primary and Secondary Endpoints

282 The primary objective is to assess the image quality of all photographs taken and determine  
283 if there is a statistically significant difference between the quality of the images taken by  
284 those given the instruction sheet and those not given the instruction sheet. Other factors to  
285 be assessed that may influence image quality include: mobile device used, capability of  
286 parent/guardian to take photograph, age of patient, skin color, location of patient (on exam  
287 table, in stroller, in chair), location of skin disease on body (scalp, groin) and ambient  
288 lighting.

289 The secondary endpoint is to measure concordance between diagnoses provided by in-  
290 person examination of patient and virtual examination of the photograph of the patient. An  
291 assessment will be made to determine if image quality affects diagnostic concordance. In  
292 some cases, if a diagnosis cannot be rendered based upon poor image quality this will be  
293 noted as such.

### 294 5.2 Measures to Avoid Bias

295 To avoid bias all new qualifying parent/patients will be enrolled, not only the parent/patients  
296 who have already signed up for MyCHOP. This will avoid the bias that the parents who are  
297 more technologically capable may be the parents who are more likely to sign up for  
298 MyCHOP prior to the visit. There still may exist a bias that those parents who refuse to  
299 enroll are less capable of using the mobile device and may be less able to take a high quality  
300 photograph.

301 To avoid bias in the control group (those not provided instructions), parents in this group  
302 will not be given verbal instructions on how best to take the photograph. If needed, they will  
303 be shown how to download the MyChart app and how to attach photographs to the chart, but  
304 not how to take the photograph. All medical providers and staff interacting with the

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305 participants will be counseled not to intervene or assist any of the participants in taking the  
306 photographs.

307 To avoid inter-provider bias, the three physicians providing diagnoses (Drs. Marissa  
308 Perman, Dr. Patrick McMahon, and Leslie Castelo-Soccio) are both in their 4<sup>th</sup> year of  
309 clinical practice post-fellowship and have similar prior training. They will also complete a  
310 pre-study test to establish concordance by evaluating 25 images of common skin conditions  
311 and providing diagnoses. This should provide the best comparison of diagnostic accuracy.

312 To avoid biasing the blinded provider (Patrick McMahon), he will have the research  
313 coordinator enroll patients, extract photographs from EPIC and relevant data from patient  
314 survey to avoid seeing the diagnosis provided by Drs. Perman and Leslie Castelo-Soccio.

315 To avoid bias when determining image quality, Dr. McMahon will not know which mobile  
316 device is used prior to rating image quality.

317 Taking photographs in the clinic setting provides a bias by standardizing the ambient  
318 lighting available. This bias may result in higher quality photographs. To avoid this bias,  
319 parents can have the option to provide additional photographs from home using the same  
320 device, but this will not be required as part of the study. If images are provided from home,  
321 the image quality will be rated without the rater knowing the setting in which the photograph  
322 was taken.

323 Taking photographs in a clinic setting may also provide a limitation in that the patients may  
324 have less time or be rushed compared to being able to take photographs at home without  
325 time restrictions. This bias may result in lower quality photographs as it can take several  
326 attempts to take clear photographs of young mobile children. To decrease this bias, parents  
327 can elect to send more photographs from home, but this will not be required.

### 328 **5.3 Statistical Methods**

329 Baseline and demographic characteristics will be summarized by standard descriptive  
330 summaries (e.g. means and standard deviations for continuous variables such as age and  
331 percentages for categorical variables such as gender).

332 The primary objective of this study is to rate image quality. Image quality will be rated on a  
333 scale from 0 (lowest quality) to 10 (highest quality). Rating will be based on the above 5-  
334 part scale including clarity, perspective, darkness, brightness and color. The average and  
335 range of all image quality ratings will be calculated (see Appendix D). Average and ranges  
336 of image quality will be compared between the instruction-provided group (the study group)  
337 and the group not given the instructions (the control group), using a two-sample t-test.  
338 Average and ranges of image quality will also be compared based on the mobile devices  
339 used and age of the patients.

340 The secondary objective of this study is to determine diagnostic concordance between  
341 diagnoses provided based on the in-person examination and the diagnoses provided based on  
342 the virtual examination of the photographs (see Appendix D). Diagnostic concordance will  
343 be absolute in nature and therefore will be considered completely concordant if either the  
344 same diagnosis was provided by physicians or discordant if a different diagnosis was

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345 provided by the two physicians. No partial concordance will be allowed in this study. If a  
346 synonym was used by the two physicians this will be accepted as a concordant diagnosis  
347 (e.g. wart and verruca). Total rates of concordance and discordance will be measured as  
348 percentages (e.g. 45 of 50 diagnoses concordant = 90% concordance and 10% discordance).  
349 Concordance will be assessed using Cohen's Kappa.

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## 351 **6 STUDY ADMINISTRATION**

### 352 **6.1 Data Collection and Management**

353 Data will be abstracted from medical records without any identifiable information (i.e.  
354 without use of Name, MRN, DOB, SSN, etc.). Instead, the abstracted information will be  
355 associated with the subject using only a unique identifying code. A separate master file will  
356 contain a mapping of patient identifying information to the unique identifying code.

- 357 1. Security: A copy of a password-protected data file will be stored on a secure  
358 hospital server and the office computer. Any paper surveys obtained will be kept in a  
359 research binder without identifiable information. The binder will be kept in the  
360 pediatric dermatology office in a locked cabinet when not being used.
- 361 2. De-identification: Data will not include identifiable information at the time of  
362 abstraction. Data will be maintained for 5 years after publication.
- 363 3. Patient images evaluated in this study are obtained using the MyChart app, which  
364 imports these images directly, and securely, from the parent's phone into the  
365 patient's EPIC medical record. These images will remain stored in the electronic  
366 medical record during the analysis process and will not be extracted or stored in any  
367 other location. If the images are required for publication or for any purpose, specific  
368 photographic consent will be obtained by the parent or legal guardian.

### 369 **6.2 Confidentiality**

370 All data and records generated during this study will be kept confidential in accordance with  
371 institutional policies and HIPAA on subject privacy. Investigators and other site personnel  
372 will not use such data and records for any purpose other than conducting the study.

373 Safeguards are described under Data Collection and Management.

### 374 **6.3 Regulatory and Ethical Considerations**

#### 375 **6.3.1 Risk Assessment**

376 Risks to subjects included in this study are not greater than minimal. The primary risk in our  
377 study is that of a breach of confidentiality, which will be addressed by the methods  
378 described above. Depending on their mobile plan, parents may incur data charges  
379 downloading the MyChart app and uploading photographs.

380 No diagnosis or treatment will be based solely on the photographs taken for this study  
381 (without being confirmed by the clinical in-person assessment; if there is a discrepancy, the  
382 patient will be called back).

#### 383 **6.3.2 Potential Benefits of Study Participation**

384 While no diagnosis or treatment will be based solely on the photographs taken for this study,  
385 indirect benefits to parents and patients in this study include having two separate evaluations  
386 of the patient's skin condition by two pediatric dermatologists: one in-person and one virtual  
387 examination. The virtual examination will not serve as actual patient care, but can provide a

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388 second opinion in cases where that is clinically warranted. In the event that the virtual  
389 diagnosis is discordant with the diagnosis provided in-person, a third pediatric dermatologist  
390 can be asked to review the photographs blindly to determine if the in-person diagnosis  
391 provided may be incorrect. If the in-person diagnosis is considered to be even possibly  
392 incorrect, the patient and parent will be informed and counseled about the alternative  
393 diagnosis as stated in their consent form.

394 Another indirect benefit is the ability to create a validated set of instructions that can be used  
395 to improve the image quality of photographs sent from parents to all providers at The  
396 Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

### 397 **6.3.3 Risk-Benefit Assessment**

398 The risks associated with this study are minimal and every precaution will be taken to ensure  
399 that even the risk of breach of confidentiality is unlikely. The potential benefits to future  
400 patients and physicians include improving image quality of photographs submitted by email  
401 or mHealth applications. By improving image quality there is a potential to improve  
402 diagnostic accuracy and therefore improve patient care provided to future patients.  
403 Improving image quality may also improve efficiency of providing this care by avoiding  
404 blurry, poor quality photographs and the need to request additional images.

## 405 **6.4 Informed Consent/Assent and HIPAA Authorization**

406 Informed consent and assent (when children are subjects) and HIPAA Authorization will be  
407 obtained for this prospective cohort study. CHOP Dermatology Photograph Consent will  
408 also be obtained from all parents or legal guardians at the time of enrollment.

## 409 **6.5 Payment to Subjects/Families**

410 This is not applicable for this study.

### 411 **6.5.1 Reimbursement for travel, parking and meals**

412 N/A

### 413 **6.5.2 Payments to parent for time and inconvenience**

414 Parents will not be reimbursed for any mobile data charges incurred downloading the  
415 MyChart app or uploading photographs.

### 416 **6.5.3 Payments to subject for time, effort and inconvenience**

417 This study can be conducted while the patient and family members are waiting for the  
418 physician in the exam room. It is therefore unlikely to add time to their clinic visit.

## 419 **7 SAFETY MANAGEMENT**

### 420 **7.1 Clinical Adverse Events**

421 Adverse events are not anticipated since taking photographs of the patients is a common  
422 occurrence in our office setting. The photographs will only be taken in the clinic

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423 examination rooms by the parents/legal guardians. Taking photographs in the clinic room is  
424 a standard procedure that many patients currently undergo as part of patient care.

## 425 **7.2 Adverse Event Reporting**

426 Since the study procedures are not greater than minimal risk, SAEs are not expected. If any  
427 unanticipated problems related to the research, involving risks to subjects or others, happen  
428 during the course of this study (including SAEs) these will be reported to the IRB in  
429 accordance with CHOP IRB SOP 408: Unanticipated Problems Involving Risks to Subjects.  
430 AEs that are not serious but that are notable and could involve risks to subjects will be  
431 summarized in narrative or other format and submitted to the IRB at the time of continuing  
432 review.

## 433 **8 PUBLICATION**

434 Our intent is to publish the results of our research in a dermatology or pediatrics journal  
435 such as the Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics, Pediatric Dermatology,  
436 the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology, or a similar publication.

437 Our results may be shared at various meetings, including the Society of Pediatric  
438 Dermatology Annual Meeting. There will likely be four authors on this publication: Dr.  
439 Patrick McMahon, Dr. Marissa Perman, Dr. Leslie Castelo-Soccio, and Daniel O'Connor  
440 (MS).

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**APPENDICES**
**DATA SHEET FOR QUERYING CLINICAL INFORMATION TO BE  
COMPLETED BY RESEARCH COORDINATOR ENROLLING PARTICIPANTS**

456 Patient #:

457 Instruction Sheet Provided: YES NO

**INCLUSION/EXCLUSION CRITERIA**

459 Parent or legal guardian present and English speaking: YES NO

460 Parent or legal guardian has capable mobile phone: YES NO

461 Patient scheduled for initial visit with Drs. Perman or Castelo: YES NO

462 Patient has active skin condition to photograph: YES NO

463 Patient being seen for general skin screening (e.g. Mole screening) NO YES

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**DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

466 Patient age:

467 Patient gender:

468 Health Insurance:

**MOBILE DEVICE INFORMATION**

470 Type of mobile device used:

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**PHOTOGRAPH UPLOAD**

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474 Was photograph(s) uploaded to the patient chart by the parent/guardian? YES NO

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**Appendix A: Patient/Parent Survey Provided to ALL Participants**

**QUESTIONS FOR PARENTAL SURVEY TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN**

**(Note: If the child has more than one skin condition that is being evaluated please answer the following questions ONLY about the main/primary skin condition)**

1. When did your child’s skin condition first start (days, months, years)?
2. Has it been getting worse, better or staying the same?
3. Where on the body is the skin condition located (please list all locations)?
4. Has the skin condition ever been... (circle all that apply)

Itchy Painful Burning Oozing Bleeding Scabbed Crusted Dry/Flaking Swollen  
Changing in color Changing in shape

5. Has your child’s skin condition ever been treated? If so, list all treatments including treatments by mouth, applied to skin or other.
6. Does your child have any medical conditions? If so, please list all:
7. Is your child regularly taking any medications by mouth? If so, list all:
8. How willing would you be to communicate via a secure mobile phone app about your child’s skin conditions with a pediatric skin doctor (dermatologist) at CHOP instead of waiting for an initial in-person appointment?

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(Not Willing) (Willing) (Very Willing)

9. If CHOP provided a mobile phone app that allowed you to securely send photographs to a pediatric skin doctor (dermatologist) and obtain a diagnosis and treatment in 48 hours instead of waiting for an initial clinic visit and coming in to the office, how much would you pay out-of-pocket for this service? (circle answer)

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**Appendix B: Instructions Provided ONLY to the Study Group**

**How to Best Take Photographs of a Skin Condition Using a Mobile Phone**

1. The set up: Keep the child *still* and in a *well-lit* area
  2. The perspective shot and close ups: Take one photograph of the entire affected region of the body **and** several closer photographs of the skin condition
  3. Make sure image is in focus: Tap the screen of the phone to keep the skin lesion(s) in focus if needed
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**Appendix C: Photograph Quality Rating Scale**  
**To be completed for all photographs by blinded reviewer(s)**

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**Image (Label images by letters a, b, c, etc):**

**1. Clarity:** Is photograph blurry or in focus?

**0 (very blurry)      1 (somewhat blurry)      2 (not blurry/in focus)**

**2. Perspective:** Does photograph capture the entire skin condition in well-framed image?

**0 (no)      1 (partly)      2 (fully)**

**3. Darkness:** Is photograph too dark?

**0 (too dark)      1 (somewhat dark)      2 (well lit)**

**4. Brightness:** Is photograph too bright?

**0 (too bright)      1 (somewhat bright)      2 (well lit)**

**5. Color:** Is color altered or true?

**0 (very altered)      1 (somewhat altered)      2 (not altered)**

**Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Appendix D: Summary Form**

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**Diagnostic Concordance:**    YES            NO

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**Photograph Quality Rating Scale (0-10):**

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