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S060 - Skin of Color Boot Camp: What Every Dermatologist Should Know About the Patient with Darker Skin Tones

*The Approach to the Skin of Color Patient with Acne Vulgaris*

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**Clinical Pearls:**
1. Acne in skin of color (SOC) often presents with unique clinical sequelae, such as post-inflammatory hyperpigmentation (PIH) and scarring.
2. It is important to obtain a thorough medical history with particular attention to the use of hair care products, cosmetics, and over-the-counter bleaching creams in SOC patients with acne.
3. Subclinical inflammation is present throughout all stages of acne. Therefore, the treatment of acne in SOC should focus on balancing early, aggressive therapy with a tolerable treatment regimen that minimizes the risk of further PIH.
4. In general, concomitant therapy is recommended for most types of acne, except for mild comedonal acne in which topical retinoid monotherapy is ideal.
5. Chemical peels, dermal fillers, lasers, and microneedling can be safely performed for SOC patients with acne.

**References:**

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