Acne Algorithm

**Acne Grade**
- **Mild Acne**
  - Comedones +/- inflammatory lesions
- **Moderate Acne**
  - Mild to moderate papular/pustular
- **Severe Acne**
  - Severe nodulocystic

**Choice of Treatment**
- **Mild Acne**
  - Topical retinoids e.g. Differin OR
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    - Benzoyl peroxide e.g. PanOxyl cream OR
    - Topical antibiotics e.g. Dalacin T

**Moderate Acne**
- Combination therapy
  - Oral antibiotic AND
    - Topical retinoids e.g. Differin OR
    - Topical retinoids AND benzoyl peroxide e.g. Epiduo

**Severe Acne**
- Systemic isotretinoin and/or hormonal therapy (in females)

**Maintenance**
- Topical retinoids e.g. Differin OR
- Topical retinoids AND benzoyl peroxide e.g. Epiduo

**Poor response**
- Consider combination products if
  - Monotherapy ineffective
  - Compliance issues with bd dosing
  - If individual products poorly tolerated