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Pediatric and Adolescent Patients  
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# ATOPIC DERMATITIS

# ***Multidisciplinary Care of Pediatric and Adolescent Patients with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis***

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This live activity will cover treating and managing atopic dermatitis in pediatric and adolescent patients.

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On completing the program, attendees should be able to:

- Develop treatment plans for the management of atopic dermatitis in pediatric and adolescent patients that incorporate guideline recommendations, evidence from clinical trials, and patient-specific factors
- Identify patients who would benefit from treatment intensification based on disease severity, failure of prior therapy, and comorbid conditions
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# Agenda

- I. **Atopic dermatitis in pediatric and adolescent patients: an overview**
  - a. Prevalence and burden of AD
  - b. Pathogenesis of AD
    - i. **Whiteboard theme – pathophysiology of atopic dermatitis**
    - ii. Role of filaggrin and epidermal barrier dysfunction
    - iii. Immune dysregulation and type 2 inflammation
  - c. Comorbid conditions
  - a. Challenges in the management of AD
  - b. Psychosocial and developmental impact of AD in children and adults
- II. **Diagnosis and long-term management of AD in pediatric and adolescent patients**
  - a. Diagnostic features of AD in pediatric and adolescent patients
  - b. Current guideline recommendations for the management of AD in pediatric and adolescent patients
  - c. Incorporating quality of life and psychosocial concerns into treatment plans
  - d. Assessing disease severity and intensifying therapy
  - e. Developing a personalized treatment plan for patients with atopic dermatitis
- III. **Clinical Trial Data on Newer Topical and Systemic Agents for the Management of AD**
  - a. Mechanism of action of approved and investigational agents
  - b. **Whiteboard theme – mechanism of action of available agents for the management of AD**
  - c. Crisaborole
  - d. Dupilumab
  - e. Emerging agents
- IV. **Collaborative Care in the Management of AD**
  - a. Identifying patients who require a referral to a specialist
  - b. Best practices for co-management of pediatric patients
  - c. Communication between providers
  - d. Monitoring for adverse events
  - e. Patient education and counseling
  - f. Incorporating shared-decision making into clinical practice
- V. **Case Study**
- VI. **Conclusions**

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## Atopic Dermatitis: Overview and Diagnosis

## Atopic Dermatitis (or Atopic Eczema)

- AD is chronic, pruritic, systemic inflammatory disease with periods of acute disease flares<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Characterized by erythematous, scaly, excoriated, and lichenified papules and plaques<sup>3</sup>
- Frequently begins in children and tends to occur in families with other atopic diseases (eg, asthma, allergic rhinitis, food allergies)<sup>1,3</sup>
- AD has detrimental effects on patient QoL<sup>1-5</sup>
  - Social, psychological (eg, self-esteem, mood), occupational, and financial impacts
  - Results in decreased productivity and increased absenteeism<sup>5-7</sup>



AD = atopic dermatitis; QoL = quality of life.

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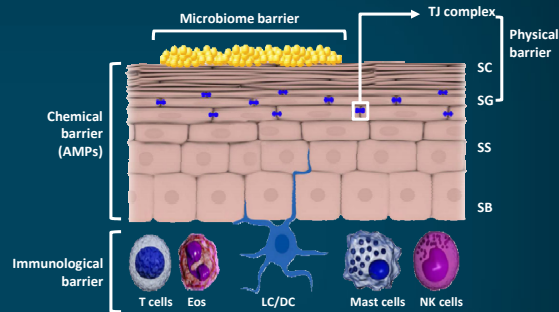
## Pediatric Atopic Dermatitis in United States

- Since 1970s, there has been a 3-fold increase in AD incidence<sup>1</sup>
  - Prevalence for US children = ~10.7%<sup>1</sup>
- More than 1 million school-aged children have AD<sup>2</sup>
  - 60% manifest symptoms in first year of life<sup>1</sup>
  - 90% within first 5 years<sup>1</sup>
- Overall health-related costs in 2015 estimated at \$5.3 billion<sup>3</sup>
  - \$349 per AD patient per month vs \$261 for controls\*<sup>4</sup>
- 86% of pediatric dermatology admissions to hospital are for AD<sup>3</sup>

\*Data from 1998–2005

1. Avena-Woods C. *Am J Manag Care*. 2017;23(8 suppl):S115-S123. 2. National Eczema Association (<https://nationaleczema.org/school-tools-eczema-kids/>). Accessed 2/22/2020. 3. Drucker AM, et al. *J Invest Dermatol*. 2017;137:26-30. 4. Zane LT, et al. *Immunotherapy*. 2016;8:853-866.

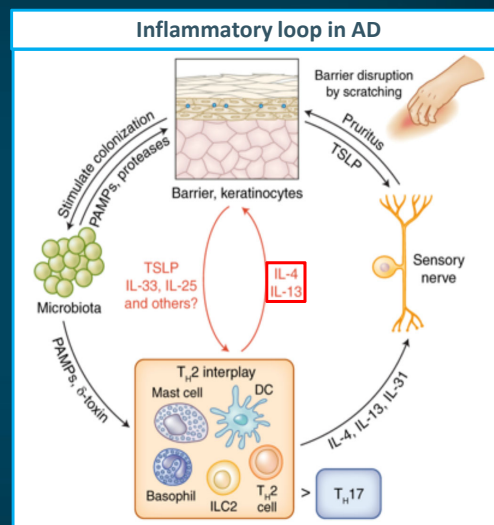
- Complex pathogenesis
- No one conceptual model works (eg, extrinsic, intrinsic, inside-out, outside-in)
- Interplay among multiple factors:
  - Skin-barrier dysfunction
  - Immune dysregulation
  - Environmental exposures
  - Gene-environment interactions



AMP = antimicrobial peptide; TJ = tight junction; SC = stratum corneum; SG = stratum granulosum; SS = stratum spinosum; SB = stratum basale; Eos = eosinophils; LC = Langerhans cells; DC = dendritic cells; NK = natural killer.

Novak N, Bieber T. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2003;112:252-262. Napolitano M, et al. *G Ital Dermatol Venereol*. 2016;151:403-411. McLean WH. *Br J Dermatol*. 2016;175(suppl 2):4-7. Palmer CN, et al. *Nat Genet*. 2006;38:441-446. Paternoster L, et al. *Nat Genet*. 2015;47:1449-1456. Tamari M, Hirota T. *J Dermatol*. 2014;41:213-220. Sasaki T, et al. *J Dermatol Sci*. 2016;76:10-15. Leung DY, Guttman-Yassky E. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2014;134:769-779. Wang D, Beck LA. *Am J Clin Dermatol*. 2016;17:425-443.

- In AD, a defective barrier and microbial dysbiosis drive a type 2 cytokine loop (IL-4/-13)
- Predominating factor is probably specific to each patient, reflecting heterogeneity of AD



IL = interleukin; TSLP = thymic stromal lymphopoietin; PAMPs = pathogen-associated molecular patterns  
Dainichi T, et al. *Nat Immunol.* 2018;19:1286-1298.





## Diagnosis and Treatment

### Atopic Dermatitis: Clinical Diagnosis

- Age-specific clinical criteria
  - Infants: face, trunk, and/or extensor extremities
  - Children: flexors (wrists, ankles, antecubital/popliteal fossae)
  - Adults: hands
  - Groin and axillae typically spared
- Generalized xerosis
- Interval flares, often without obvious triggers
- Skin lesions typically diffuse and very pruritic

Erythema



Papules/spongiotic vesicles



Excoriations



Erosions



Dyspigmentation



Lichenification



Siegfried EC, Hebert AA. *J Clin Med*. 2015;4:884-917.

## Atopic Dermatitis: Diagnosis Features

Features to be considered in diagnosing patients with AD



- **ESSENTIAL FEATURES**; must be present:
  - Pruritus
  - Eczema (acute, subacute, chronic):
    - Typical morphology and age-specific patterns\*
    - Chronic or relapsing history

*\*Patterns include:*  
 1) facial, neck, and extensor involvement in infants and children;  
 2) current or prior flexural lesions in any age group;  
 3) sparing of groin and axillary regions.
- **IMPORTANT FEATURES**; seen in most cases, adding support to the diagnosis:
  - Early age of onset
  - Atopy
    - Personal and/or family history
    - IgE reactivity
  - Xerosis
- **ASSOCIATED FEATURES**; these clinical associations help to suggest the diagnosis of AD but are too non-specific to be used for defining or detecting AD for research and epidemiologic studies:
  - Atypical vascular responses (e.g., facial pallor, white dermographism, delayed blanch response)
  - Keratosis pilaris / pityriasis alba / hyperlineal palms / ichthyosis
  - Ocular / periorbital changes
  - Other regional findings (e.g., perioral changes / periauricular lesions)
  - Perifollicular accentuation / lichenification / prurigo lesions
- **EXCLUSIONARY CONDITIONS**; it should be noted that a diagnosis of AD depends on excluding conditions such as:
  - scabies
  - seborrheic dermatitis
  - contact dermatitis (irritant or allergic)
  - ichthyoses
  - cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
  - psoriasis
  - photosensitivity dermatoses
  - immune deficiency diseases
  - erythroderma of other causes

Eichenfield LF, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2003;49:1088-1095. Eichenfield LF, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2014;70:338-351.

## Pillars of Atopic Dermatitis Management

- Avoid environmental triggers if possible
- Restore the disturbed skin barrier
  - Skin care regimen and hydration (eg, emollients, especially after bathing)
- Reduce inflammation and itch
  - Aggressive early treatment, appropriate for severity, eg:
    - Anti-inflammatory topicals (TCS, TCI, PDE-4i)
    - Systemic (CsA\*, MTX\*, MMF\*, AZA\*, OCS\*, and dupilumab)
    - Phototherapy (narrowband UV-B)
  - Adjunctive agents for sleep (eg, oral antihistamines), infection (eg, oral antibiotics), and concomitant allergic disorders (eg, non-sedating antihistamines)
  - Other adjunctive agents: wet wraps, dilute bleach baths
  - Rarely, other systemic immunosuppressants, IVIG, or omalizumab have been used

AD management

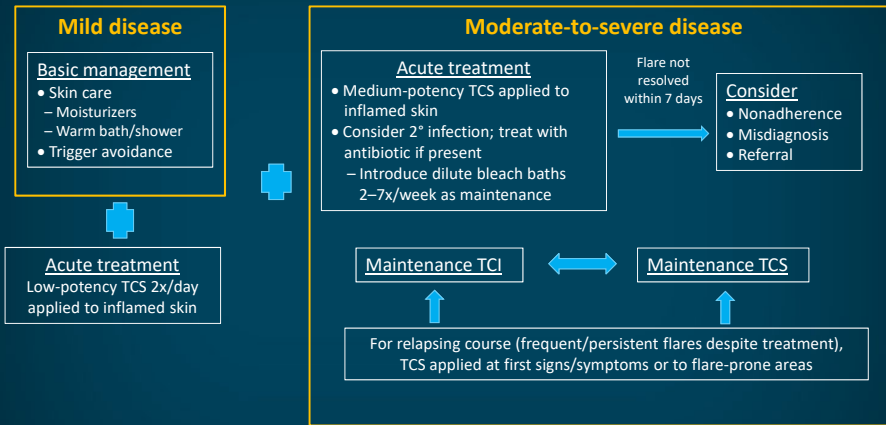


TCS = topical corticosteroid; TCI = topical calcineurin inhibitor; PDE-4 = phosphodiesterase-4; PDE-4i = PDE-4 inhibitor; OCS = oral corticosteroid; CsA = cyclosporine A; MTX = methotrexate; MMF = mycophenolate mofetil; AZA = azathioprine; UV-B = ultraviolet B; IVIG = intravenous immunoglobulin.

Wang D, Beck LA. *Am J Clin Dermatol.* 2016;17:425-443. Saeki H, et al. *J Dermatol.* 2016;43:1117-1145. Ring J, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2012;26:1045-1060. Ring J, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2012;26:1176-1193. Roekevisch E, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2014;133:429-438. Mohan GC, Lio PA. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2015;151:1009-1013. Wollenberg A, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2016;30:729-747.

\* Not an FDA-approved indication.

## Overview of Atopic Dermatitis Management



Modified from Eichenfield LF, et al. *Pediatrics*. 2015;136:554-565.

## Topical Corticosteroids

- TCS is recommended if AD symptoms are not controlled by moisturizers alone
- Low-potency
  - Maintenance therapy to prevent exacerbations
- Intermediate- and high-potency (halogenated)
  - Exacerbations for short period or proactive therapy
- Ultra-high-potency
  - No more than 1–2 weeks
  - Non-facial, non-skinfold areas
- Potent, fluorinated corticosteroids should not be used beyond a few days on mucous membranes, face, eyelids, genitalia, and intertriginous areas or in young infants

Schneider L, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2013;131:295-299.e1-27. Eichenfield LF, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;71:116-132.

## Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors

- TCIs include<sup>1</sup>:
  - Pimecrolimus cream 1% ( $\geq 2$  years of age)
  - Tacrolimus 0.03% ( $\geq 2$  years of age)
  - Tacrolimus 0.1% ointment ( $\geq 16$  years of age)
- Block production of proinflammatory cytokines and other inflammatory mediators<sup>1,2</sup>
- TCI advantages vs TCS<sup>1-3</sup>
  - For face, anogenital, skin folds, or other sensitive areas
  - No atrophogenic properties; can reverse steroid-induced atrophy
  - Steroid-sparing: reduce overall TCS when used for maintenance

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3. Siegfried EC, et al. *BMC Pediatr*. 2016;16:75.

## Are You Dispensing Enough?

Estimates for Quick Memorization	
Recommended amount per dose	
Total BSA of a 5-month-old baby	5 gm
Total BSA of a 5–10-year-old child	10 gm
Total BSA of an adult	30 gm
Do the math for 2 weeks if 100% BSA...	
5 mo old: 100% BSA = 5 gm BID = 10 gm x 14 days = 140 gm	
7 yo: 100% BSA = 10 gm BID = 20 gm x 14 days = 280 gm	

BSA = body-surface area; mo = month(s) old; yo = year(s) old; BID = twice daily.

## Management of Flares

- Preventing or at least increasing time interval between flares is critical goal of management<sup>1</sup>
- Important to act quickly and aggressively in treating flares<sup>1</sup>
- Two approaches (with continued basic management)<sup>1-4</sup>

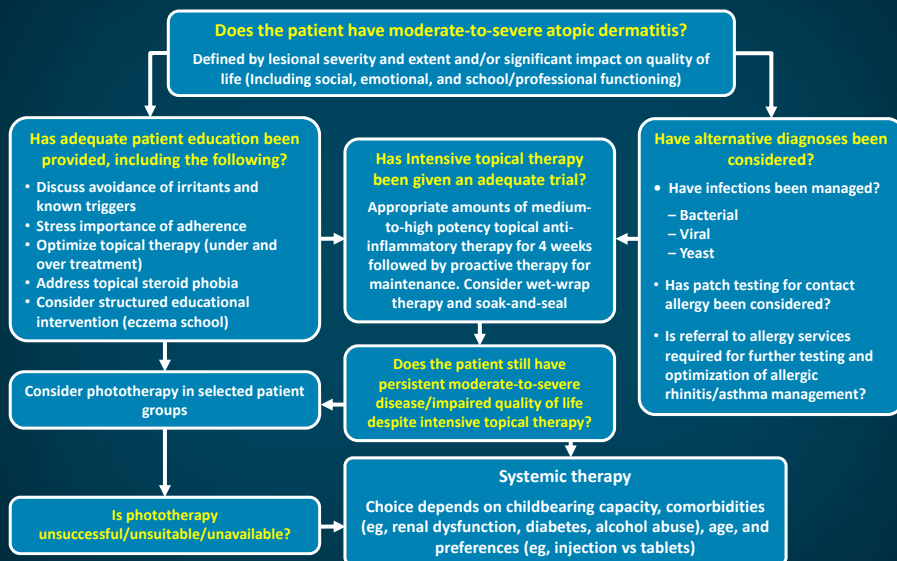
Reactive	Proactive
TCI or TCS applied at first signs/symptoms of flare	TCS 2-3 times/week or TCI 2-3 times/week

- Antiseptic/antibiotic therapy
  - Topical—dilute bleach bath (minimally twice-weekly; severe flares may require daily baths)<sup>5</sup>
  - Systemic—*S. aureus* most common pathogen<sup>2</sup>; MSSA >> MRSA<sup>6,7</sup>
    - Oral cephalosporin; amoxicillin/clavulanate

MSSA = methicillin-sensitive *S. (staphylococcus) aureus*; MRSA = methicillin-resistant *S. aureus*.

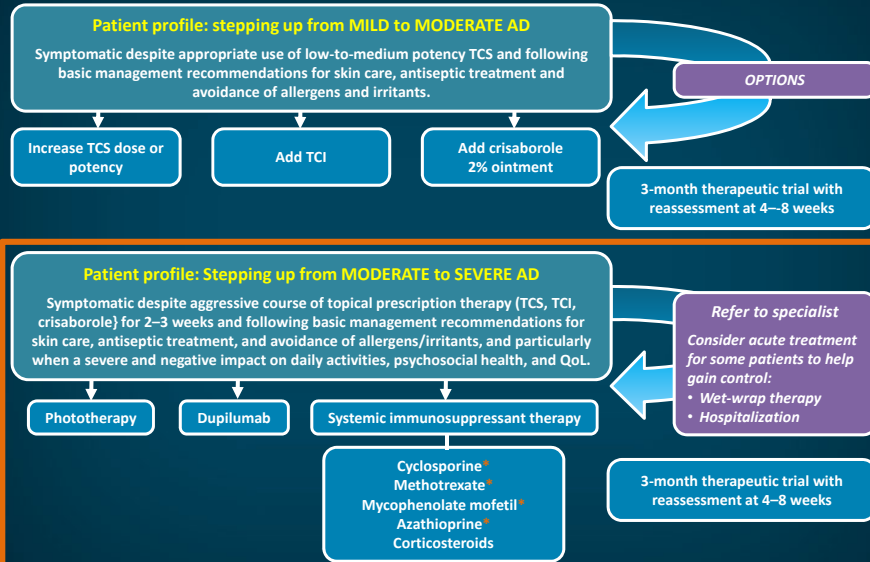
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## When Is Systemic Therapy Warranted?



Simpson EL, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2017;77:623-633.

## Treatment Intensification



Boguniewicz M, et al. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2018;120:10-22.e2.

\*Agents not FDA-approved for AD.

## Clinical Trial Data

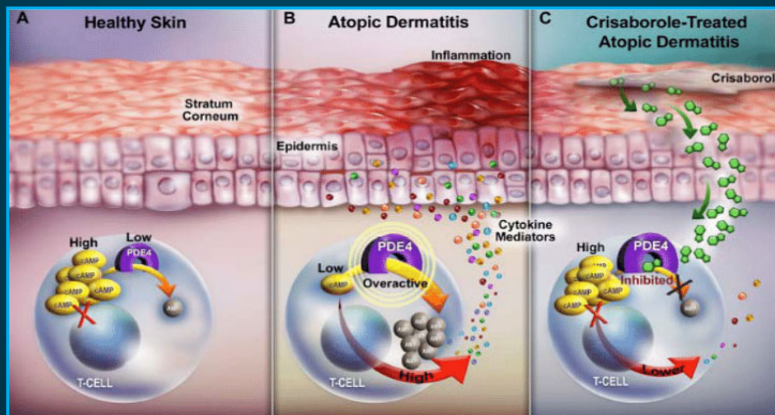


## New Therapeutic Targets

### Topical Agents: Crisaborole Ointment 2%

Non-steroidal, topical PDE-4 inhibitor

cAMP-activated intracellular signaling in (A) normal healthy skin, (B) untreated atopic dermatitis, and (C) atopic dermatitis treated with the PDE-4 inhibitor crisaborole



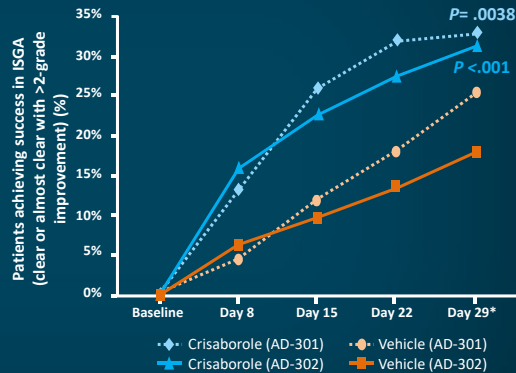
AMP = adenosine monophosphate; cAMP = cyclic AMP.

Jarnagin K et al. *J Drugs Dermatol.* 2016;15:390-396.

## Phase 3 Data for Crisaborole

- 31–33% of patients achieved ISGA score of 0 or 1 (clear or mostly clear) with  $\geq 2$ -grade improvement compared with 18–25% in placebo group.
- Good long-term safety; most common AE is application-site reactions

Crisaborole demonstrated early and continued separation from vehicle across treatment period



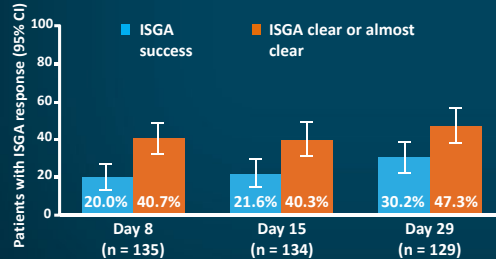
Symptoms of systemic PDE-4 inhibitors (eg, nausea, vomiting, and headache) were rare.

ISGA = Investigator's Static Global Assessment; AE = adverse event.

Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2016;75:494-503.e6.

## CrisADE CARE 1 Study

- Phase 4, open-label study of crisaborole in 137 infants aged 3 to <24 months with mild-to-moderate AD
- Clear or almost clear skin with a >2-grade improvement on ISGA was achieved by 30.2% of patients at day 29
- Crisaborole approved for mild-to-moderate AD in patients ≥3 months of age



### TEAEs Reported for ≥2.5% of Patients

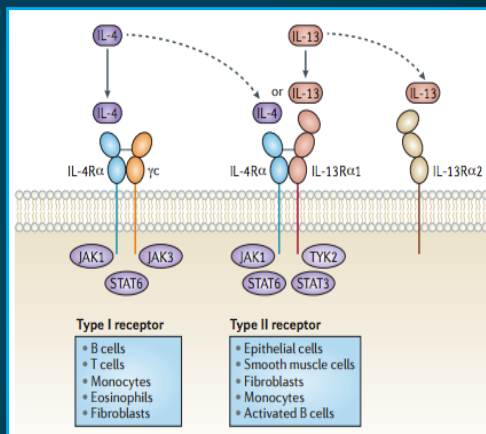
Overall TEAEs, n (%)	All-cause	Treatment-related
Pyrexia	13 (9.5)	0
URTI	10 (7.3)	1 (0.7)
Diarrhea	10 (7.3)	0
Atopic dermatitis	9 (6.6)	0
Dermatitis, diaper	9 (6.6)	0
Cough	7 (5.1)	0
Otitis media	6 (4.4)	1 (0.7)
Eczema	5 (3.6)	2 (1.5)
App-S pain	5 (3.6)	5 (3.6)
Conjunctivitis	5 (3.6)	0
Rhinorrhea	5 (3.6)	0
Contact dermatitis	4 (2.9)	1 (0.7)
Erythema	4 (2.9)	4 (2.9)
Rash	4 (2.9)	0
App-S discomfort	4 (2.9)	4 (2.9)
App-S erythema	4 (2.9)	3 (2.2)
Ear infection	4 (2.9)	0
Nasopharyngitis	4 (2.9)	0
Teething	4 (2.9)	0

TEAE = treatment-emergent AE; URTI = upper respiratory tract infection; App-S = application-site; CI = confidence interval.

Schlessinger J, et al. *Am J Clin Dermatol*. 2020;21:275-284. Crisaborole (Eucrisa®) prescribing information (PI) 2020 (<http://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=53311>). Accessed 9/4/2020.

## New Therapeutic Targets: Dupilumab Systemic Agents/Biologics

- Dupilumab is a humanized monoclonal antibody against IL-4Rα that blocks activity of IL-4 and IL-13.
- FDA-approved for treatment of patients ≥6 years with moderate-to-severe AD whose disease is not adequately controlled with topical therapies or when those therapies are not advised
  - May be used with or without topical corticosteroids

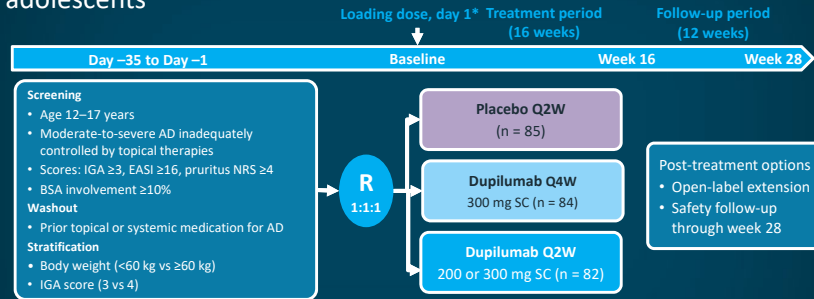


JAK = Janus kinase; STAT = signal transducer and activator of transcription; TYK = tyrosine kinase.

Adapted from Paller AS, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2017;140:633-643. Dupilumab (Dupixent®) PI 2020 ([www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/Dupixent\\_FPI.pdf](http://www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/Dupixent_FPI.pdf)). Accessed 9/4/2020.

## Dupilumab in Adolescents with Uncontrolled Moderate-to-Severe AD

- Randomized, double-blind, parallel-group, phase 3 trial of 251 adolescents

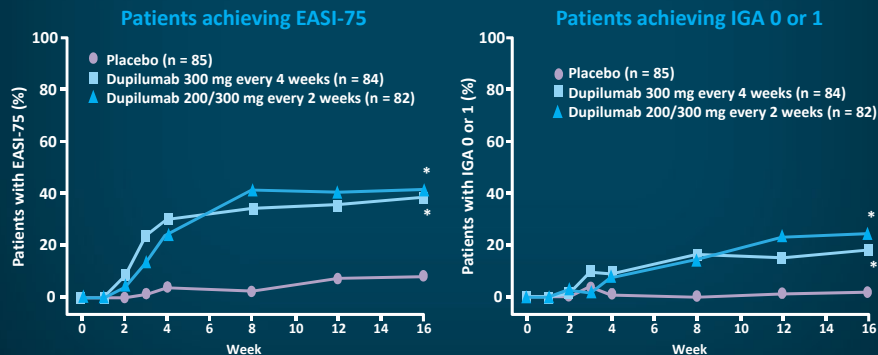


- Majority of patients had comorbid type 2 disease (asthma, 53.6%; food allergies, 60.8%; allergic rhinitis, 65.6%)

\*600 mg loading dose (LD) followed by 300 mg for patients weighing  $\geq 60$  kg; 400 mg LD followed by 200 mg for <60 kg. BSA = body surface area; IGA = Investigator's Global Assessment; EASI = Eczema Area and Severity Score; NRS = Numerical Rating Scale; Q4W = every 4 weeks; Q2W = every 2 weeks; R = randomization; SC = subcutaneous. Simpson EL, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:44-56 and supplement.

## Dupilumab in Adolescents with Uncontrolled Moderate-to-Severe AD: EASI-75 and IGA

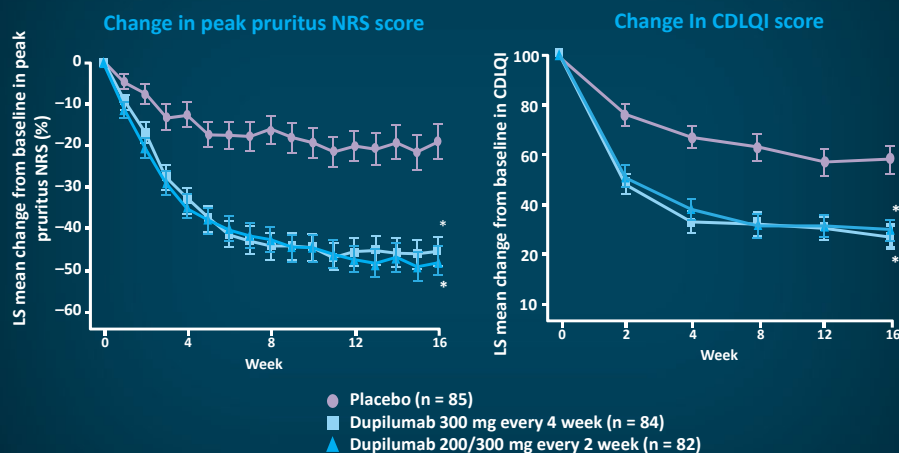
Significantly higher proportion of patients reached EASI-75 and IGA 0 or 1 at week 16 in both dupilumab Q2W and Q4W groups compared with placebo



\*P < .001 vs placebo.

Simpson EL, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:44-56.

## Dupilumab in Adolescents with Uncontrolled Moderate-to-Severe AD: Pruritus and QoL



CDLQI = Children's Dermatology Life Quality Index; LSM = least squares mean; BL = baseline.

Simpson EL, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:44-56.

## Dupilumab in Adolescents with Uncontrolled Moderate-to-Severe AD: Adverse Events

AEs during study treatment period showed no new signals.

Adverse events, n (%)	Placebo (n = 85)	Dupilumab 300 mg Q4W (n = 83)	Dupilumab 200/300 mg Q2W (n = 82)
Patients with TEAE	59 (69.4)	53 (63.9)	59 (72.0)
Permanent discontinuation of study drug d/t TEAE	1 (1.2)	0	0
Serious TEAE	1 (1.2)	0	0
Death	0	0	0
<b>Most common TEAEs (≥5% of patients in any group)</b>			
Atopic dermatitis	21 (24.7)	15 (18.1)	15 (18.3)
Skin infections (adjudicated)	17 (20.0)	11 (13.3)	9 (11.0)
Excluding herpetic skin infections (adjudicated)	16 (18.8)	8 (9.6)	8 (9.8)
Upper respiratory tract infection	15 (17.6)	6 (7.2)	10 (12.2)
Headache	9 (10.6)	4 (4.8)	9 (11.0)
Conjunctivitis*	4 (4.7)	9 (10.8)	8 (9.8)
Nasopharyngitis	4 (4.7)	9 (10.8)	3 (3.7)
Infections and infestations (SOC)	37 (43.5)	38 (45.8)	34 (41.5)
Injection-site reactions (HLT)	3 (3.5)	5 (6.0)	7 (8.5)
Herpes viral infections (HLT)	3 (3.5)	4 (4.8)	1 (1.2)

\*Includes atopic keratoconjunctivitis, conjunctivitis, conjunctivitis allergic, conjunctivitis bacterial, and conjunctivitis viral.

AE = adverse event; d/t = due to; HLT = high-level term; SOC = system organ class.

Simpson EL, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:44-56.

## Phase 3 LIBERTY AD PEDS Trial

Day -77 to -14 Day -14 to -1 Baseline Week 16 Week 28

### Screening

- Aged ≥6 to <12 years
- AD inadequately controlled by topical therapies
- IGA = 4; EASI ≥21; weekly average of daily Peak Pruritus NRS ≥4; BSA involvement ≥15%

### Washout

- Prior systemic medication

### Exclusion

- Body weight ≥15 kg at baseline

### Stratification

- Body weight (<30 kg or ≥30 kg)
- Region (North America vs Europe)

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1:1:1

Placebo + TCS

(n = 123)

Dupilumab SC 300 mg Q4W  
+ TCS<sup>†</sup>

(n = 122)

Dupilumab SC Q2W + TCS

(n = 122)

<30 kg: 100 mg q2w + TCS<sup>†</sup>

≥30 kg: 200 mg q2w + TCS<sup>‡</sup>

### Post-treatment options

- Open-label extension
- or
- Safety follow-up through Week 28

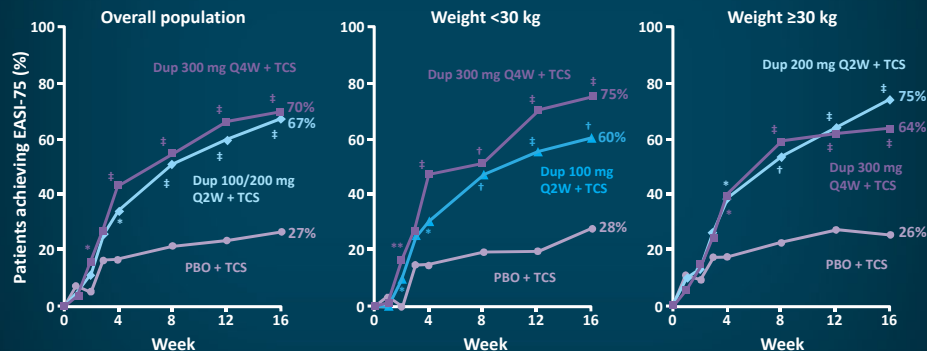
\*600 mg loading dose; †200 mg loading dose; ‡400 mg loading dose.

Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2020;Jun 20: Epub ahead of print. Paller AS, et al. Poster 215. Presented at the Revolutionizing Atopic Dermatitis (RAD) Conference 2020.

## LIBERTY AD PEDS Results: IGA and EASI-75

IGA score of 0/1 achieved by 32.8% of patients in Q4W +TCS group, 29.5% in the Q2W + TCS group, and 11.4% in the placebo + TCS group

### Proportions of patients achieving EASI-75 over time



\* $P < .05$ ; † $P < .001$ ; ‡ $P < .0001$ .

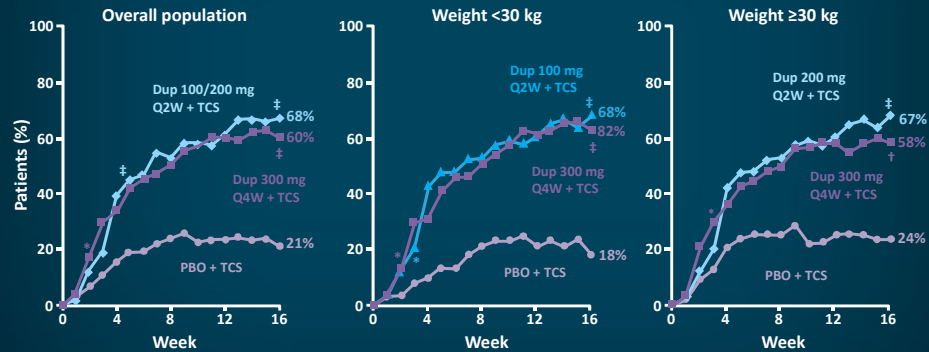
Dup = dupilumab; PBO = placebo

Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2020;Jun 20: Epub ahead of print. Paller AS, et al. Poster 215. Presented at RAD Conference 2020.

## LIBERTY AD PEDS Results: Peak Pruritus

Optimal dosing for efficacy and safety was 300 mg Q4W in children <30 kg and 200 mg Q2W in children ≥30 kg

Proportions of patients with ≥3-point improvement in Peak Pruritus NRS



\* $P < .05$ ; † $P < .001$ ; ‡ $P < .0001$ .

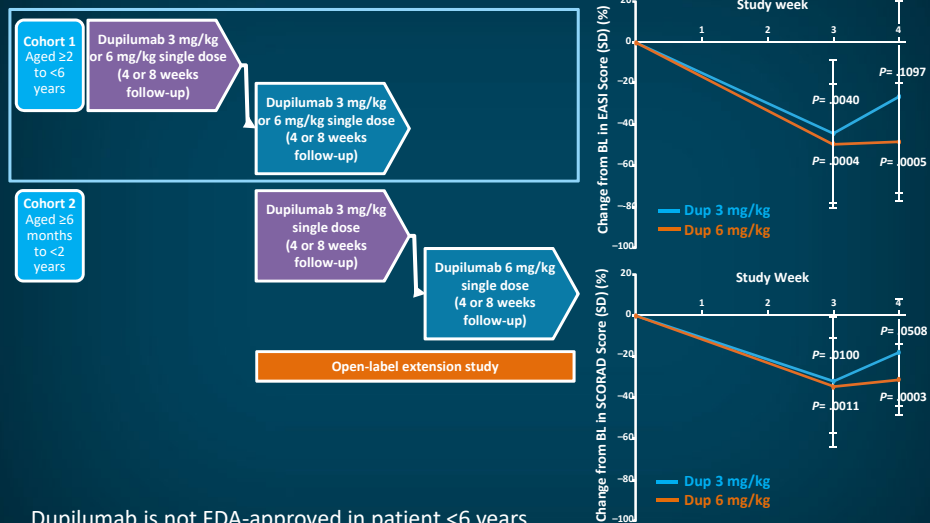
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## LIBERTY AD PEDS Safety Data

AE/TEAE, n (%)	PBO + TCS (n = 120)	Dup 300 mg Q4W + TCS (n = 120)	Dup 100/200 mg Q2W + TCS (n = 122)
Patients with ≥1 TEAE	88 (73.3)	78 (65.0)	82 (67.2)
Patients with ≥1 serious TEAE	2 (1.7)	2 (1.7)	0
Discontinuation of treatment d/t TEAE	2 (1.7)	0	2 (1.6)
Deaths	0	0	0
TEAEs reported in ≥5% of patients			
Dermatitis atopic, exacerbation	17 (14.2)	8 (6.7)	10 (8.2)
Asthma	12 (10.0)	2 (1.7)	4 (3.3)
Nasopharyngitis	8 (6.7)	15 (12.5)	8 (6.6)
URTI	12 (10.0)	13 (10.8)	10 (8.2)
Viral URTI	6 (5.0)	2 (1.7)	1 (0.8)
Vomiting	8 (6.7)	6 (5.0)	6 (4.9)
Cough	9 (7.5)	3 (2.5)	5 (4.1)
Headache	10 (8.3)	6 (5.0)	7 (5.7)
Other AEs			
Infections and infestations (SOC)	61 (50.8)	52 (43.3)	49 (40.2)
Conjunctivitis cluster	5 (4.2)	8 (6.7)	18 (14.8)
Keratitis cluster	0	0	1 (0.8)
Skin infection (adjudicated)	16 (13.3)	7 (5.8)	10 (8.2)
Injection-site reactions	7 (5.8)	12 (10.0)	13 (10.7)
Herpes viral infections (HLT)	6 (5.0)	2 (1.7)	4 (3.3)

Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2020;Jun 20: Epub ahead of print. Paller AS, et al. Poster 215. Presented at the Revolutionizing Atopic Dermatitis (RAD) Conference 2020.

## Phase 2/3 LIBERTY AD PRE-SCHOOL Trial



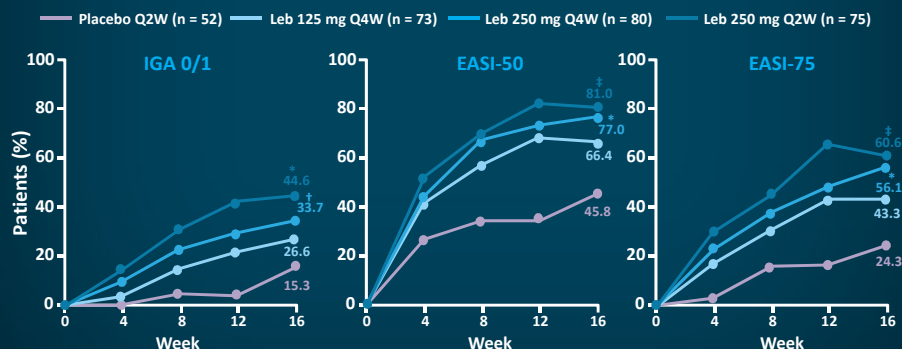
Dupilumab is not FDA-approved in patient  $< 6$  years

OLE = open-label extension; SCORAD = Scoring AD; SD = standard deviation.

Simpson EL, et al. Poster 128. Presented at the RAD Conference 2020.

## Emerging Agent: Lebrikizumab (anti-IL-13)

- Phase 2b, randomized, monotherapy trial in 280 adults with moderate-to-severe AD inadequately controlled with TCS
- At week 16, significantly more patients achieved EASI-50/75/90 with lebrikizumab 250 mg Q2W or Q4W than with placebo.



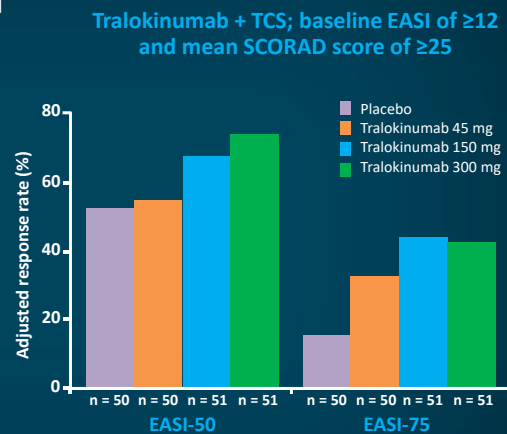
\* $P < .01$ ; † $P < .05$ ; ‡ $P < .001$  vs placebo.

Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:411-420.



## Emerging Agent: Tralokinumab

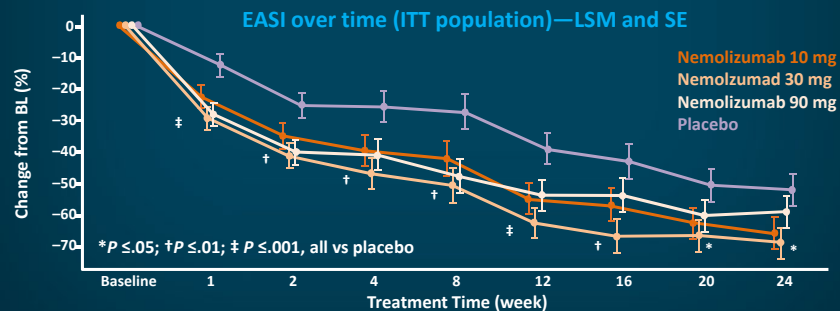
- Phase 2b randomized trial in 204 adults with moderate-to-severe AD inadequately controlled with TCS
- Subjects required to use TCS at least once daily
- At week 12, significantly more patients achieved EASI-50 with tralokinumab 300 mg Q2W than placebo



Wollenberg A, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2019;143:135-141.

## Emerging Agent: Nemolizumab

- Phase 2b randomized trial in 226 adults with moderate-to-severe AD and severe pruritis, inadequately controlled with topical medications
- At week 24, EASI scores with nemolizumab vs placebo were significantly reduced ( $-68.8\%$  vs  $-52.1\%$ ;  $P = .016$ )



ITT = intention-to-treat; SE = standard error.

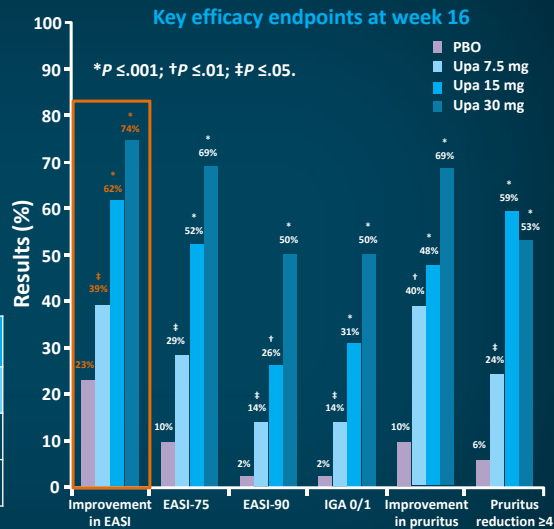
Silverberg JI, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2020;145:173-182.

## Emerging Agents: Upadacitinib (Upa)

- Phase 2 trial in 167 adults with moderate-to-severe AD inadequately controlled by topical treatment
- Significant improvement in EASI from baseline to week 16 with upadacitinib

Top-Line Results: Measure Up Studies Patients Achieving EASI-75 at Week 16

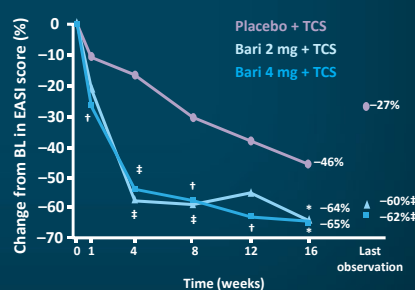
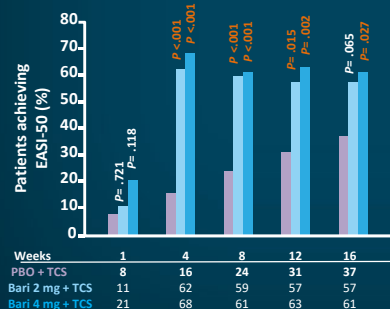
Study	Upa 15 mg	Upa 30 mg	PBO	P-value
Measure Up 1	70%	80%	16%	<.001
Measure Up 2	60%	73%	13%	<.001



Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2020;145:877-884. AbbVie press release (PR). (<https://news.abbvie.com/news/press-releases/rinvoq-upadacitinib-mono-therapy-shows-improvement-in-skin-clearance-and-itch-in-first-phase-3-study-for-atopic-dermatitis.htm#:~:text=Measure%20Up%201%20is%20a,are%20candidates%20for%20systemic%20treatment.>) AbbVie PR. (<https://news.abbvie.com/news/press-releases/rinvoq-upadacitinib-mono-therapy-meets-all-primary-and-secondary-endpoints-in-second-phase-3-study-for-atopic-dermatitis.htm>)

## Emerging Agents: Baricitinib (Bari)

- Phase 2 trial of 124 patients with moderate-to-severe AD who applied topical steroids for 4 weeks before randomization to baricitinib 2 mg or 4 mg or to placebo
- Significantly more patients who received baricitinib 4 mg achieved EASI-50 than those who received placebo (61% vs 37%;  $P = .027$ ) at 16 weeks.
- TEAEs were reported in 71% of baricitinib 4 mg and 49% of placebo recipients



\*P < .05; †P ≤ .01; ‡P ≤ .001.

Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2019;80:913-921.e9.

## Baricitinib: BREEZE-AD5 Trial

- Phase 3 trial of 440 adults with moderate-to-severe AD for  $\geq 12$  months and inadequate response or intolerance to topical medications  $< 6$  months prior to screening

Responses at week 16	Baricitinib 1 mg	Baricitinib 2 mg	Placebo
Patients achieving EASI-75	13%	30%*	8%
Patients achieving a vIGA-AD of 0/1	13%†	24%*	5%
Patients achieving 24-point improvement on Itch NRS	16%‡	25%*	6%
Mean change in DLQI	-5.5	-7.5‡	-4.0

\* $P < .001$  vs placebo; † $P < .05$  vs placebo; ‡ $P < .01$

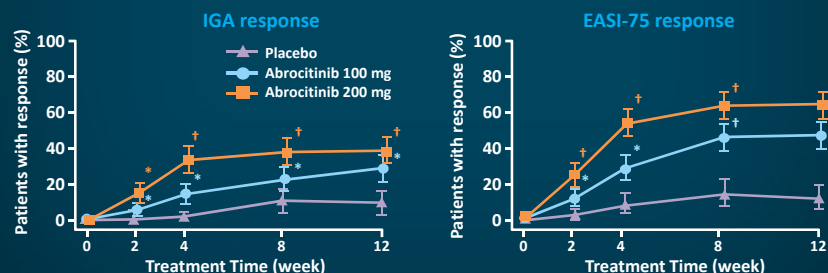
- Improvement in proportion of patients who achieved  $\geq 4$ -point improvement on itch NRS statistically significant as early as week 2 for both baricitinib arms

vIGA = validated IGA; DLQI = Dermatology Life Quality Index.

Simpson EL, et al. RAD conference 2020. Abstract 130.

## Emerging Agent: Abrocitinib

- Phase 3 randomized trial of 391 patients aged  $\geq 12$  years with moderate-to-severe AD for  $\geq 1$  year and inadequate response to topical medication for  $\geq 4$  weeks within 6 months
- At week 12, IGA 0/1 was achieved in greater proportion of patients in the 200- and 100-mg abrocitinib groups vs placebo (38.1% and 28.4% vs 9.1%, respectively;  $P < .001$ )

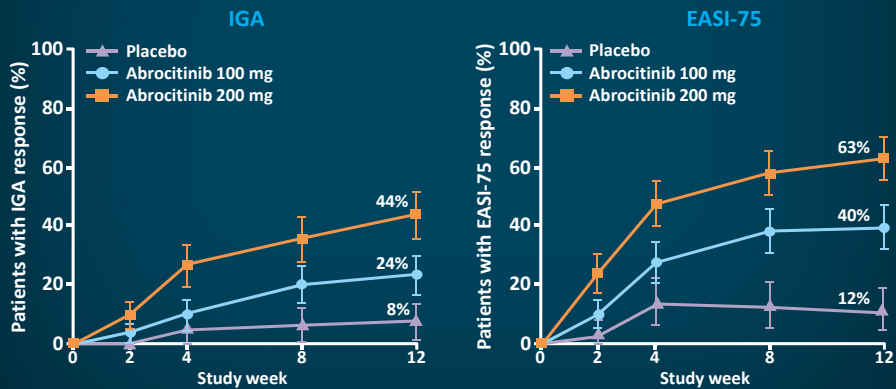


\* $P < .05$ ; † $P < .001$  vs placebo. Note: 95% CI graphed.

Silverberg JJ, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2020;156:863-873.

## Abrocitinib: JADE MONO-1

- Phase 3 trial, 387 patients aged  $\geq 12$  years with moderate-to-severe AD
- Primary endpoint of IGA 0/1 achieved by 24% with abrocitinib 100 mg ( $P = .0037$ ), 44% with 200 mg ( $P < .0001$ ), and 8% with placebo

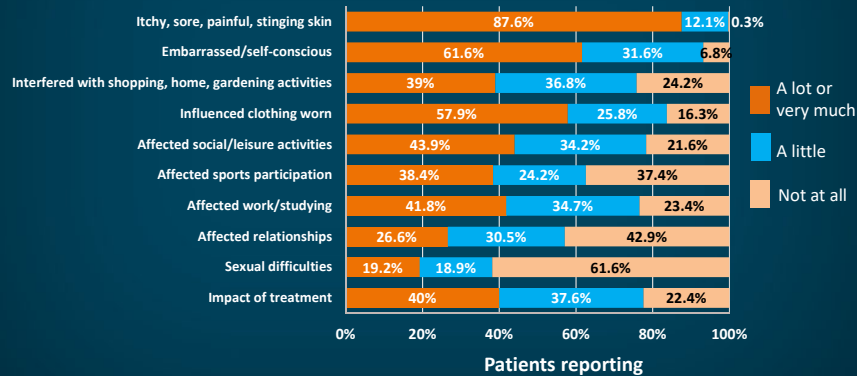


Simpson EL, et al. *Lancet*. 2020;396:255-266.

## Patient Considerations in AD

## AD Has a Very Large Impact on QoL: DLQI

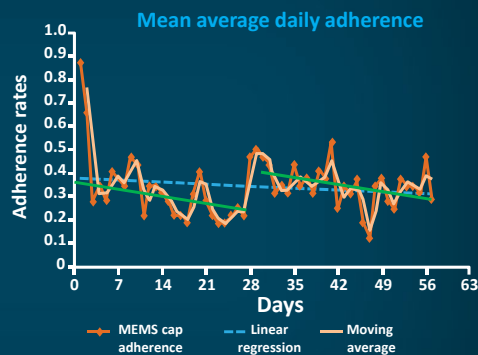
Total DLQI score was 14.3, consistent with a very large impact on patients' lives



Simpson EL, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2016;74:491-498.

## Adherence to Therapy

- Lack of adherence can result in poor disease control, worse clinical outcomes, and lack of medication efficacy
  - Poor adherence may be misconstrued as a poor treatment response.
- Poor compliance can also result from:
  - Time constraints
  - Unclear or difficult-to-follow instructions
  - Alternative health beliefs
  - Steroid-phobia or fear of other side effects
  - Medication cost



MEMS = medication event monitoring system (cap on medication bottle).

Bass AM, et al. *J Clin Med.* 2015;4:231-242. Snyder A, et al. *Cutis.* 2015;96:397-401. Ellis RM, et al. *Pediatr Dermatol.* 2011;28:242-244. Smith SD, et al. *Med J Aust.* 2013;199:467-469. Krejci-Manwaring J, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2007;56 :211-216.

## Patient Education

- Treatment plan education
  - Chronic nature of disease, exacerbating factors, and efficacy and safety of treatments
  - Demonstrate skin-care techniques
  - Provide written treatment plan
  - Explore adherence issues and counsel to avoid “steroid phobia”
- Identify comorbidities and impact on patient and family quality of life
  - Refer to other healthcare providers for team-based approach as needed
    - For behavioral disorders, sleep disturbances, and comorbidities (PCP, allergy/immunology, pulmonology, sleep specialists, psychologists, and psychiatrists)
  - Include support and additional education from nurses, pharmacists, and dietitians



PCP = primary care physician/provider.

Schneider L, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2013;131:295-299.e.1-27. Smith SD, et al. *Med J Aust*. 2013;199:467-469.

## Potential Adverse Events

- Cutaneous side effects from TCS use include purpura, telangiectasia, striae, focal hypertrichosis, acneiform, and skin atrophy
  - Usually resolves with TCS discontinuation
- Topical calcineurin inhibitor
  - More local adverse effects than TCS (stinging, burning), especially if more inflamed
  - Black box warning persists for theoretical risk of malignancy (lymphoma, NMSC), although no evidence for a causal relationship to date; requires reassurance when prescribed
- Crisaborole
  - Application-site pain, burning, stinging
  - Resolves within 1 day of onset in majority of patients

NMSC = nonmelanoma skin cancer.

Eichenfield LF, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;71:116-132. Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2016;75:494-503.e6.

## Potential Adverse Events with Dupilumab

### Conjunctivitis



- In real-life study of adult AD (France), 38% of 241 patients developed conjunctivitis (awareness bias)
- Ask about history of conjunctivitis, but it is not a contraindication to starting dupilumab
- Some suggest eye lubricants as prophylaxis, but no evidence yet to support use
- Have consultant referral if conjunctivitis occurs; can be treated and tends to improve
- Topical treatment of eyelids with TCI may be helpful

Akinlade B, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2019;18:459-473. Faiz S, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2019;81:143-151. Thyssen JP, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venerol.* 2019;33:1224-1231.

## Other Cutaneous Issues with Dupilumab

### Persistent Red Face (PRF)



Courtesy of Dr. J Silverberg

- Paradoxical erythema of head and neck
- AD generally responds well to dupilumab elsewhere on the body
- Typically 10–40 weeks after starting treatment
- Sharply demarcated and patchy without increased scaling; variable associated itch
- Poor response to topical and systemic meds
- Rarely leads to dupilumab discontinuation

Stout M, Silverberg JJ. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2019;81:157-162. Suresh R, Murase JE. *JAAD Case Rep.* 2018;4:899-904. de Beer FSA, et al. *JAAD Case Rep.* 2019;5:888-891.



## Other Cutaneous Issues with Dupilumab: PRF



Courtesy of Dr. J Silverberg

- Insufficient dosing? Go to weekly dosing?\*
- Comprehensive patch testing is first step
  - Being on dupilumab does not preclude patch testing and may improve responses upon repeat
- Consider *Malassezia* hypersensitivity
  - Trial of itraconazole 200 mg daily for 1–2 months, then continue 2–3x/week as needed if effective
- Consider:
  - Demodex-associated rosacea
  - Photosensitivity reaction
  - Sorbitan sesquioleate, 20% pet (1+)
  - Cosmetics (foundation and blush)

\* Not FDA approved.

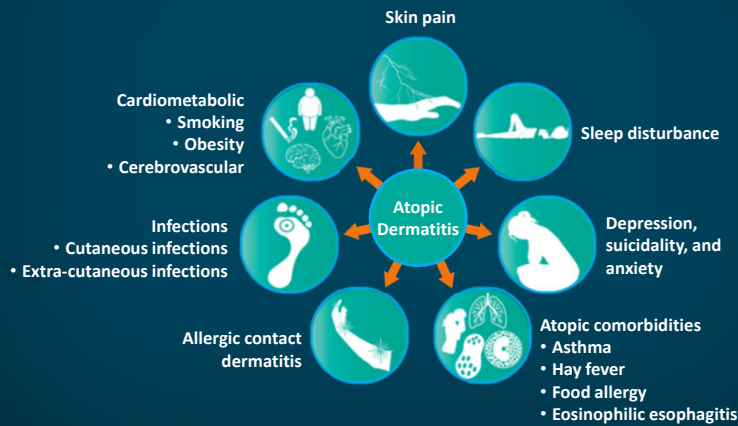
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## Practical Considerations for Dupilumab

- Transition from another systemic medication during first 1–2 months (eg, full dose for 1st month then half for next month), and combine with TCS throughout as needed
- Continue trial for 3–4 months, monitoring change in severity, itch, and QoL
- Likely to be continued improvement during initial 6 months, but flares may also occur
  - Discuss potential risks upfront
- Mention low risk of injection-site reaction
- Review other risks: PRF, psoriasiform reactions, alopecia areata

## Multidisciplinary Approach to AD

- Individuals with AD often have asthma, hay fever, sleep disorders, and psychological issues, eg, depression
- Eczema can exacerbate these associated comorbidities



Silverberg JJ. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2019;123:144-151. Nataloni R. *Dermatologist.* 2016;24. ([www.the-dermatologist.com/article/multidisciplinary-approach-eczema-treatment](http://www.the-dermatologist.com/article/multidisciplinary-approach-eczema-treatment)). Accessed 9/4/2020.

## Multidisciplinary Team in Management of AD

- Proper management of direct and indirect effects of AD often requires expertise beyond scope of dermatology
- Multidisciplinary approach can:
  - Treat common comorbidities
  - Improve patient QoL
  - Reduce polypharmacy
  - Improve communication between providers



Nataloni R. *Dermatologist.* 2016;24. ([www.the-dermatologist.com/article/multidisciplinary-approach-eczema-treatment](http://www.the-dermatologist.com/article/multidisciplinary-approach-eczema-treatment)). Accessed 9/4/2020.

## Case Study

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- 8-year old girl presents with eczematous lesions covering 30% of BSA
  - First diagnosed with AD at 6 months of age
  - Thick, lichenified plaques found on knees, ankles, and wrists
  - Patient complains of uncontrolled itching leading to poor sleep quality
  - Patient weighs 31 kg
- Prior medical history significant for:
  - Two prior staph infections treated with cephalexin
  - Asthma; albuterol use twice/week for shortness of breath or coughing
  - Allergies to dust mites, cat dander, and mixed tree and weed pollen
- Current therapy includes triamcinolone 0.1% ointment for extremities and pimecrolimus 1% cream for face

**What treatment options would you recommend for this patient?**

### Case Study: Intensified Therapy

- Frequency of triamcinolone application is increased to twice daily to control her flares
  - Patient sees improvement after 1 week
- Crisaborole 2% topical ointment is added to her regimen as maintenance therapy and the frequency of steroid application is reduced to twice weekly
  - The patient initially sees an improvement with crisaborole but returns 1 month later with worsening symptoms

**What treatment options would you recommend for this patient?**

### Case Study: Further Treatment

Patient started on dupilumab 400 mg loading dose and 200 mg every 2 weeks

- Lichenified lesions begin to resolve after 1 month of therapy
- Near complete resolution of all skin lesions after 3 months of therapy
- Decreased pruritus and improved sleep quality was noted after 2 weeks

## Conclusions

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- Atopic dermatitis is a chronic disease that is challenging to treat and often significantly impairs a patient's quality of life
- Paradigm in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with atopic dermatitis:
  - Increased understanding of the pathogenesis of AD
  - Expansion in treatment alternatives
  - Newer interventions with improved efficacy and safety
- Appropriate management, including advancing to more aggressive therapy as needed, can be life-changing for pediatric and adolescent patients with AD
- Dupilumab is first FDA-approved systemic treatment for patients  $\geq 6$  years old with moderate-to-severe AD whose disease is not adequately controlled with topical therapies or when those therapies are not advised; other systemic agents are in trials
- Collaboration among dermatologists, allergists, pharmacists, nurses, other healthcare professionals, and patients can ensure safe, effective, and affordable treatment



**Thank you!**

**Questions/Answers**

## **Multidisciplinary Care of Pediatric and Adolescent Patients with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis**

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