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JAK Inhibitors in  
Moderate-to-Severe  
**ATOPIC  
DERMATITIS**



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This live virtual activity will cover the care and treatment of patients with moderate to severe atopic dermatitis.

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## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

On completing the program, attendees should be able to:

- Identify patients with moderate to severe atopic dermatitis (AD) who may benefit from systemic therapy
- Evaluate clinical trial data on the efficacy and safety of available and emerging JAK inhibitors for treating AD
- Develop individualized treatment plans for adolescent and adult patients with AD who require treatment intensification
- Recognize and manage adverse events associated with JAK inhibitors in managing AD

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## **Agenda**

- I. Atopic Dermatitis: An Overview of Features and Impact**
  - a. Epidemiology and burden of AD
    - i. Introducing the Case Study
  - b. Evaluation and diagnosis
  - c. Pathophysiology of AD
    - i. Epithelial barrier dysfunction
    - ii. Dysregulation of the immune system**(Animated theme – pathophysiology of atopic dermatitis)**
- II. Long-term Management of AD**
  - a. Challenges in the management of AD
  - b. Current treatment guidelines for the management of moderate-to-severe AD
  - c. Evaluating therapeutic outcomes
  - d. Recognizing patients who would benefit from systemic therapy
- III. Clinical Trial Data on Systemic Agents for the Management of AD**
  - a. Mechanism of action of approved and investigational agents  
**(Animated theme – mechanism of action of available and emerging systemic agents for the management of AD)**
  - b. Clinical trial data on the efficacy and safety of targeted therapies
    - i. IL-4/IL-13–targeted therapy
    - ii. Emerging JAK inhibitors
    - iii. Others
  - c. Recognizing and managing adverse events with systemic therapy
- IV. Shared Decision-Making and Patient Considerations in AD**
  - a. Identifying patient- and disease-specific factors that impact treatment selection
  - b. Designing individualized treatment plans
  - c. Addressing barriers to therapy adherence
- V. Revisiting the Case Study**
- VI. Conclusions**
- VII. Questions and Answers**

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- Recognize and manage AEs associated with JAK inhibitors in the management of AD

AD = atopic dermatitis; AE = adverse event; JAK = Janus kinase.

## Features and Impact

## Features of Atopic Dermatitis (AD)

**AD is a chronic, pruritic, inflammatory skin disease that typically involves:**

- Childhood onset
- Familial occurrence
- Eczematous change
  - Erythema
  - Induration, papulation
  - Excoriation
  - Lichenification
- Characteristic distribution
- Intermittent flares
- Associated skin conditions (minor diagnostic criteria)
- Skin infections
- Associated comorbidities

Siegfried EC, Hebert AA. *J Clin Med.* 2015;4:884-917. Ring J, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2012;26:1045-1060.

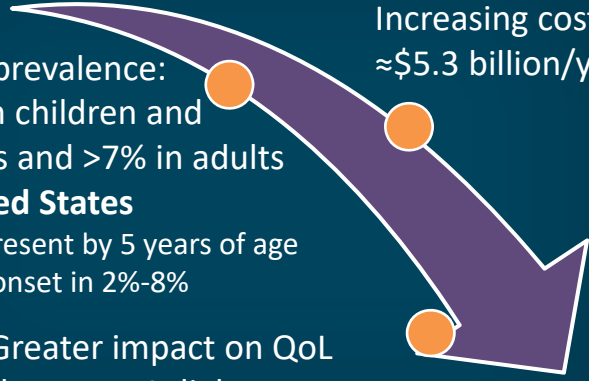
## Impact of AD

Increasing prevalence:  
12%-13% in children and  
adolescents and >7% in adults  
**in the United States**

- 85% present by 5 years of age
- Adult onset in 2%-8%

Greater impact on QoL  
than type 1 diabetes

Increasing costs:  
≈\$5.3 billion/year



QoL = quality of life.

Silverberg JI. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2019;123:144-151. Silverberg JI, et al. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2018;121:340-347. Drucker AM, et al. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2017;137:26-30. Arkwright PD, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract.* 2013;1:142-151.

## Impact on QoL

- Consequences of **sleep deprivation**
  - Exhaustion
  - Mood changes
  - Impaired psychosocial functioning
- Consequences of **social isolation**
  - School avoidance
  - Depression
- **Restricted** lifestyle choices
  - Clothing, holidays, socializing, owning pets, and participating in sports

Lewis-Jones S. *Int J Clin Pract.* 2006;60:984-992.

## Associated Comorbidities

Atopic	Others <sup>1,2,6,7</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allergic rhinitis (≈50% prevalence)<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Allergic conjunctivitis<sup>2</sup></li><li>• Asthma (≈22%-30% prevalence)<sup>1,3,4</sup></li><li>• Primary eosinophilic gastrointestinal disorders<sup>2</sup></li><li>• Food allergy<sup>5</sup></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mental/behavioral health</li><li>• Skin infections</li><li>• Allergic contact dermatitis</li><li>• Immune deficiency</li><li>• Cataracts</li></ul>

1. Whiteley J, et al. *Curr Med Res Opin.* 2016;32:1645-1651. 2. Silverberg JJ. *Cutis.* 2019;104:142-143. 3. Silverberg JJ, Hanifin JM. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2013;132:1132-1138. 4. Wang D, Beck LA. *Am J Clin Dermatol.* 2016;17:425-443. 5. Greenhawt M. *Allergy Asthma Proc.* 2010;31:392-297. 6. Silverberg NB. *Cutis.* 2016;97:408-412. 7. De Benedetto A, et al. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2009;129:14-30.

## Case Study

- 19-year-old woman
- Lifelong history of moderate-to-severe AD
- Presents with worsening itch and frequent flares
- Physical exam
  - Widespread open, excoriated eczematous patches on arms, legs, and trunk
  - She is tired-appearing and scratching throughout the visit
- Medications
  - Triamcinolone 0.1% ointment twice daily when flaring (most of the time)
  - Tacrolimus 0.1% twice daily between flares
  - She has a bag full of moisturizers
  - Has been on antibiotics and oral prednisone in the past few months
- Laboratory tests
  - Has had allergy testing: + to cats and mold and dust mites
  - Has had patch testing: + nickel and + fragrance

BMI = body-mass index; mo = month(s); BP = blood pressure; HbA1c = glycosylated hemoglobin.

## Evaluation and Diagnosis

# Dermatitis Is a Phenotype

## Characteristics

- Itch
- Skin lesions: poorly circumscribed erythema and induration with fine scale
  - Acute: edema/vesicles; quickly reversible
  - Subacute
  - Chronic: lichenification; persistent
- Histology
  - Epidermis: spongiosis, parakeratosis
  - Dermis: superficial perivascular infiltrate (lymphocytes/histiocytes > neutrophils/eosinophils)

Krafchik BR. Atopic dermatitis. In: Schachner LA, Hansen RC. *Pediatric Dermatology*. 4th ed. Elsevier: 2011;851-866.

## AD: 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 (eg, facial pallor, white dermographism, delayed blanch response)
- Keratosis pilaris/pityriasis alba/hyperlinear palms/ichthyosis
- Ocular/periorbital changes
- Other regional findings (eg, 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

Ig = immunoglobulin.

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

## AD: Diagnosis

### Clinical diagnosis

1. Pruritus
2. Eczematous eruption with characteristic pattern and morphology
3. Chronic or relapsing

#### Infantile type

Face, scalp, trunk, extensor surfaces of extremities



#### Childhood type

Flexural folds of extensors (antecubital, popliteal fossa) neck, ankles



#### Adult type

Upper arms, back, wrists, hands, fingers, feet, toes



Eichenfield LF, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;70:338-351. Napolitano M, et al. *G Ital Dermatol Venereol*. 2016;151:403-411. Krafchik BR. Atopic dermatitis. In: Schachner LA, Hansen RC. *Pediatric Dermatology*. 4th ed. Elsevier; 2011;851-866.

## Classic AD Distribution Changes With Age

### Infants:

Face, extensor extremities

### Children:

Wrists, ankles, antecubital and popliteal fossae



AD across the lifespan. 2017 (<https://atopicdermatitis.net/across-lifespan>). Accessed January 26, 2021. Images courtesy of Dr. Peter Lio.

## More Common Features in Skin of Color



- Follicular/papular and nummular morphology
- Obscured erythema
- Prominent lichenification
- Dyspigmentation

Boguniewicz M, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract.* 2017;5:1519-1531. Poladian K, et al. *Cutis.* 2019;104:164-168.  
Siegfried EC, Hebert AA. *J Clin Med.* 2015;4:884-917.  
Images courtesy of Dr. Peter Lio.

## Phenotypic Mimics

### Otherwise healthy

- Pityriasis alba
- Keratosis pilaris
- Ichthyosis vulgaris
- Lichen simplex chronicus
- Contact dermatitis
- Psoriasiform overlap
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Tinea
- Scabies

### Unhealthy

- Immune deficiencies
- Nutritional deficiencies
- Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- Genodermatoses

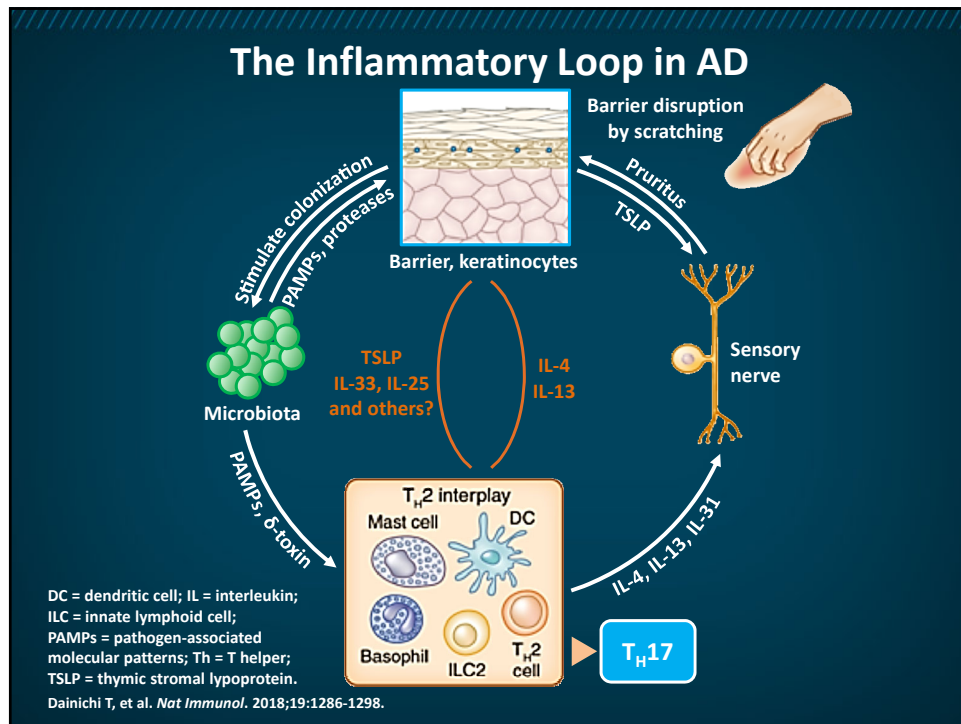
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All URLs accessed August 1, 2020.

## Pathogenesis

### Animation #1: Pathogenesis

Pathology:

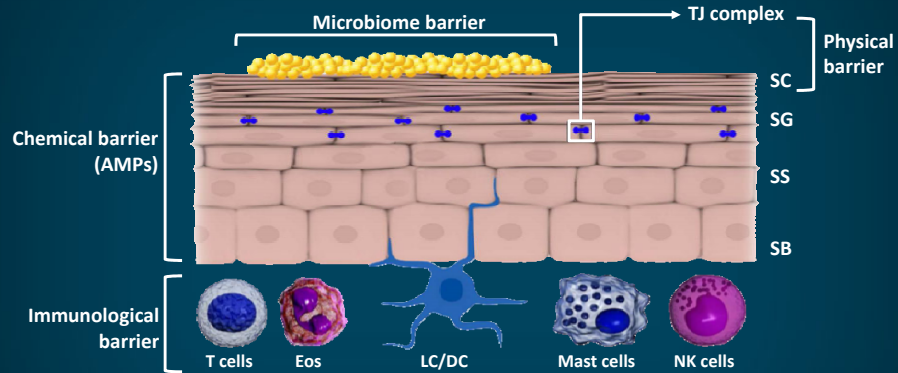
<https://youtu.be/u9OLTf1uP2A>



## AD: Pathophysiologic Overview

- **Barrier defect**
  - Barrier abnormality is not just an epiphenomenon
  - Initiator of the pathogenesis of the disease state
- Immune dysregulation

## Normal Skin Versus Dry Skin



AMPs = antimicrobial peptides; Eos = eosinophil; LD = Langerhans cell; NK = natural killer; SB = stratum basale; SC = stratum corneum; SG = stratum granulosum; SS = stratum spinosum; TJ = tight junction.

Leung DY, Guttman-Yassky E. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2014;134:769-779.

## Itching

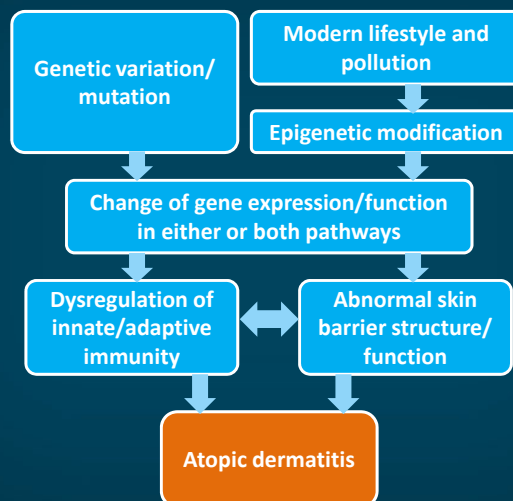
- A decrease of skin hydration of just 10% is crucial for the induction of itch
- Impaired skin barrier facilitates the entry of irritants and itch-causing agents

Lee C-H, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2006;154:1100-1107.

## AD: Pathophysiologic Overview

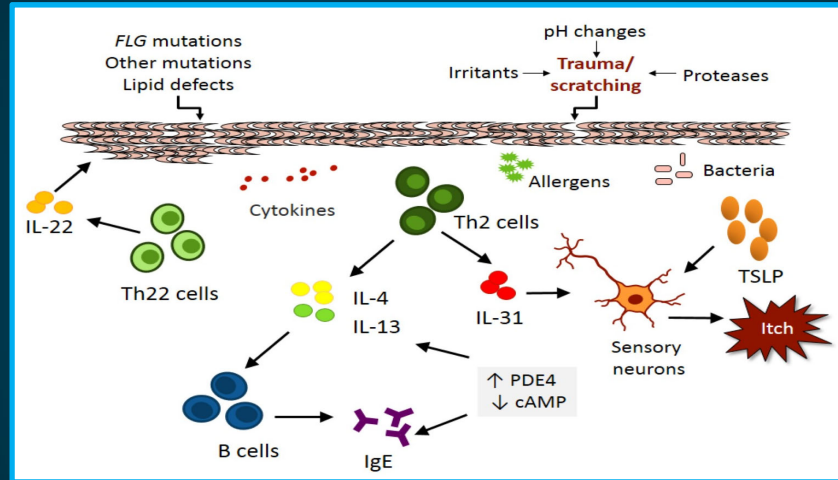
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## Dysregulation in AD



Bin L, Leung DYM. *Allergy Asthma Clin Immunol*. 2016;12:52.

## Pathogenesis: Immune Dysregulation



cAMP = cyclic adenosine monophosphate; FLG = filaggrin; PDE4 = phosphodiesterase type 4.

Adapted from Leung DYM, et al. *J Clin Invest.* 2004;113:651-657. Boguniewicz M, et al. *Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.* 2018;120:10-22.e2. Paller AS, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol.* 2017;140:633-643.

## Management

## Disease Issues

- AD is a *chronic disease* with episodic flares
- There is **no cure**; the goal of treatment is to maintain control
- It has been suggested that early optimal and successful treatment of atopic dermatitis may prevent or attenuate the development of other atopic conditions<sup>1</sup>

Johns Hopkins Medicine. Eczema (<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/conditions-and-diseases/eczema>). Accessed August 26, 2020. Tollefson MM, Bruckner AL. *Pediatrics*. 2014;134:e1735-e1744. 1. Tan RA, Corren J. *Immunol Allergy Clin North Am*. 2011;31(3):481-491.

## Management Issues

### Variables impacting treatment choice

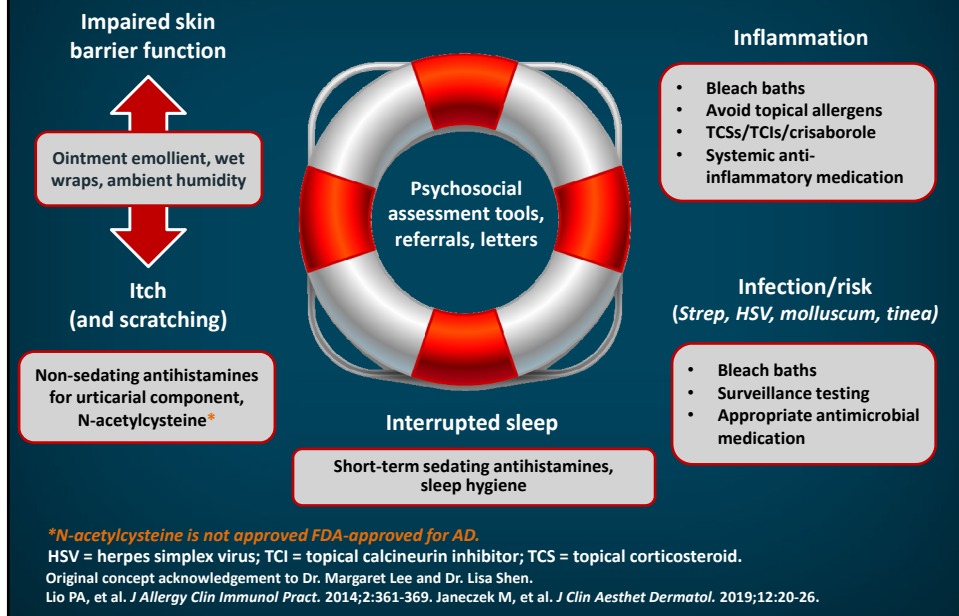
- Patient preference and ability
- Safety and efficacy
- Cost and access
- Comorbidities

### Therapeutic goals

- To reduce symptoms, prevent exacerbations, and minimize therapeutic risks
- Prolonged remission and infrequent flares
  - Improved adherence through affordable, easy-to-use and effective regimen
  - Resultant improved QoL, including restful sleep and undisturbed activities of daily living

Retzler J, et al. *Qual Life Res*. 2019;28:2373-2381. Tollefson MM, Bruckner AL. *Pediatrics*. 2014;134:e1735-e1744. Weston WL, Howe W. Treatment of atopic dermatitis. 2020 (<https://www.uptodate.com/contents/treatment-of-atopic-dermatitis-eczema>). Avena-Woods C. *Am J Manag Care*. 2017;23:S115-S123 (<https://www.ajmc.com/view/overview-of-atopic-dermatitis-article>). All URLs accessed August 26, 2020.

## Standard Treatment Strategies: 5 “I”s



## AD Severity Informs *Customized* Stepped Therapy

	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Skin Care</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily bath (bleach optional)</li> <li>Liberal, frequent moisturizer use</li> </ul> <b>Trigger avoidance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Irritants, potential topical allergens, low ambient humidity</li> </ul>	<b>Add bleach baths, wet wraps</b> <b>Maintenance TCI or crisaborole</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to twice daily</li> <li>Monitor quantities</li> </ul> <b>Intermittent TCS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium potency</li> <li>15 days per month</li> <li>Monitor quantities</li> </ul>	<b>Specialist referral</b> <b>Consider comorbidities</b> <b>Short-term aggressive treatment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wet wraps</li> <li>Hospitalization</li> </ul> <b>Phototherapy</b> <b>Systemic Immunosuppressants</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cyclosporine A*</li> <li>Methotrexate*</li> <li>Mycophenolate mofetil*</li> <li>Azathioprine*</li> </ul> <b>Dupilumab (eg, Targeted therapy)</b>
<b>Flare</b>	<b>TCS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-to-medium potency</li> <li>As needed up to 15 days per month</li> <li>Monitor quantities</li> </ul>	<b>TCS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium-to-high potency</li> <li>Consider complicating factors</li> </ul>	<b>Other considerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nonadherence</li> <li>Infection</li> <li>Misdiagnosis</li> <li>Contact allergy</li> </ul>

\*Not FDA approved for AD.

TCI = topical calcineurin inhibitor; TCS = topical corticosteroid.

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

## Assessment of Disease Severity

- Validated AD-specific severity scales
  - **SCORAD** (**SCOR**ing **A**topic **D**ermatitis index): includes extent, sleep, and itch
  - **EASI** (**E**czema **A**rea and **S**everity **I**ndex): includes extent
  - **IGA** (**I**nvestigator's **G**lobal **A**ssessment): simple 0- to 5-point scale
- Modified forms used in clinical trials
- SCORAD and EASI are too cumbersome for clinical practice
  - But may be important for insurance documentation
- IGA is simple, useful, and may be required for insurance authorization

Siegfried EC, et al. *Pediatr Dermatol*. 2018;35:303-322. Chopra R, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2017;177:1316-1321. Brunk D. *Dermatol News*. 2020 ([www.mdedge.com/dermatology/article/220713/atopic-dermatitis/expert-discusses-her-approach-using-systemic-agents](http://www.mdedge.com/dermatology/article/220713/atopic-dermatitis/expert-discusses-her-approach-using-systemic-agents)). Accessed March 1, 2021. Silverberg JJ, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2019;181:80-87.

## AD: Current Treatment Options Considerations for Treatment

- Majority of patients with mild AD can expect to obtain clinical improvement and disease control with use of emollients, conventional topical therapies (TCS and/or TCI), and environmental and/or occupational modifications, when necessary
- These interventions may not be sufficient for patients with moderate-to-severe or difficult-to-control disease

Sidbury R, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;71:327-349. Wollenberg A, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2016;30:729-747. Saeki H, et al. *J Dermatol*. 2016;43:1117-1145.

## Optimizing Long-term Control



Address only intermittent flares  
 Prescription antibiotics, potent  
 TCS, and prednisone  
 Yields alternating roller-coaster  
 improvement and flares



Practice daily skin care  
 Use adequate amounts of topical  
 medication  
 Recognize and avoid triggers  
 Maintains control

Wollenberg A, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2016;30:729-747. Torrelo A, et al. *Actas Dermosifiliogr*. 2013;104:409-417.  
 Thaci D, et al. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol*. 2010;24:1040-1046. Sidbury R, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2014;71:1218-1233.

## Adherence

- The **most important contributory factor** to successful treatment
- Barriers
  - Time constraints
  - Unclear or difficult-to-follow instructions
  - Medication phobia
  - Cost/access
- Confirming medication use will inform therapeutic response

### Strategies for Improvement

- Consistent messaging across providers
- Frequent follow-up visits
- Patient/parent education
- Give specific skin care instructions
- Prescribe adequate quantities
- Monitor medication use
- Electronic reminders (eg, email, text messages)
- Experience positive outcomes

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. Shi VY, et al. *JAMA Dermatol*. 2013;149:481-483. Pena-Robichaux V, et al. *Dermatol Res Pract*. 2010;2010:894258. Pérez-Jover V, et al. *J Med Internet Res*. 2019;21:e12505.

## Systemic Agents

**Animation #2: MOAs of Current and Emerging Targeted Therapies for AD**

MOA: <https://youtu.be/UfKs4V4Ui3s>

## Conventional Systemic Treatment Algorithm

**Cyclosporine\* (5 mg/kg)**



**Phototherapy**

**Mycophenolate\***

**Methotrexate\***

**Azathioprine\***

\*Off-label use; Not FDA-approved for use in atopic dermatitis.

## Discontinuation Rates of Immunosuppressive Therapies

	CsA* (N=356) (at 6-year follow-up) <sup>1</sup>	AZA* (N=94) (at 3-year follow-up) <sup>2</sup>	MTX* (N=89) (at 2-year follow-up) <sup>3</sup>	EC-MPS* (N=84) (at 3-year follow-up) <sup>2</sup>
<b>AE</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>14%</b>
<b>Inefficacy</b>	16%	19%	15%	38%
<b>Controlled AD</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Other reasons</b>	11%	6%	7%	4%

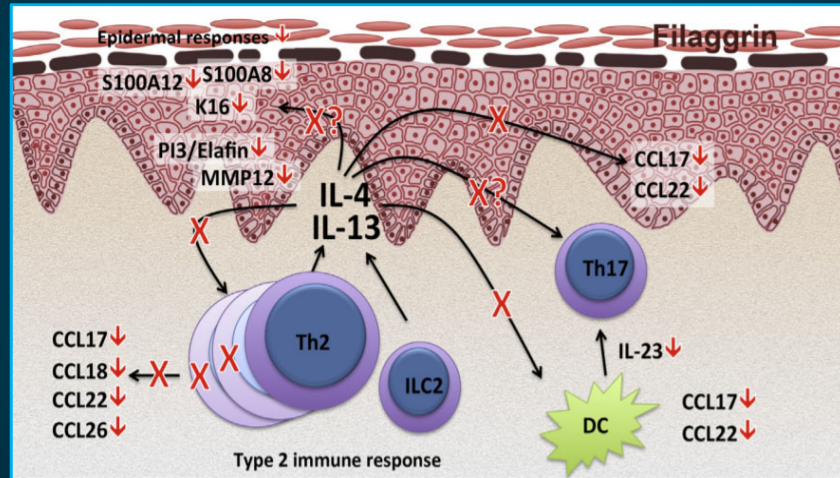
\*Off-label use; Not FDA-approved for use in atopic dermatitis.

AZA = azathioprine; CsA = cyclosporine A; EC-MPS = enteric-coated mycophenolate sodium; MTX = methotrexate.

1. van der Schaft J, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2015;172:1621-1627. 2. van der Schaft J, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2016;175:199-202.

3. Politiek K, et al. *Br J Dermatol.* 2016;174:201-203.

## AD Targets: IL-4/IL-13



Brunner PM, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2017;139(4 suppl):S65-S76.

## Dupilumab

- A human monoclonal antibody against IL-4R $\alpha$
- Inhibits signaling of IL-4 and IL-13
- FDA approved for moderate-to-severe AD in adults in March 2017, for aged  $\geq 12$  years in 2019, and for aged  $\geq 6$  years in 2020
- Also FDA approved for moderate-to-severe eosinophilic asthma (aged  $\geq 12$  years) and for add-on maintenance therapy for CRSwNP (adults)
- Subcutaneous injection Q2W (Q4W in those weighing  $< 30$  kg)

CRSwNP = chronic rhinosinusitis with nasal polyps; Q2W = every 2 weeks; Q4W = every 4 weeks; R $\alpha$  = receptor  $\alpha$ .  
 Dupilumab (Dupixent<sup>®</sup>) PI 2020 ([https://www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/Dupixent\\_FPI.pdf](https://www.regeneron.com/sites/default/files/Dupixent_FPI.pdf)). Sanofi dupilumab press release. March 11, 2019 (<http://www.news.sanofi.us/2019-03-11-FDA-approves-Dupixent-R-dupilumab-for-moderate-to-severe-atopic-dermatitis-in-adolescents#:~:text=and%20TARRYTOWN%2C%20N.Y.%2C%20March%2011,prescription%20therapies%2C%20or%20when%20those>). Regeneron dupilumab press release. May 26, 2020 (<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/fda-approves-dupixent-dupilumab-as-first-biologic-medicine-for-children-aged-6-to-11-years-with-moderate-to-severe-atopic-dermatitis-301065273.html>). All URLs accessed February 18, 2021.

## Dupilumab in Children Aged 6 to 11 Years

- Phase 3 RCT double-blind, placebo-controlled trial in 367 children with severe AD
- 90% had >1 atopic comorbidity
- Results at 16 weeks:
  - 33% of patients who received dupilumab Q4W (300 mg regardless of weight) and 30% of patients who received dupilumab Q2W (100 mg or 200 mg based on weight) achieved clear or almost clear skin (IGA 0 or 1) compared with 11% for TCSs alone ( $P \leq .0001$  and  $P \leq .001$ , respectively)
  - 70% of patients who received Q4W drug and 67% who received Q2W drug achieved EASI-75 compared with 27% TCSs alone ( $P \leq .0001$  for both)
  - AEs: conjunctivitis, nasopharyngitis, and injection site reactions

EASI-75 = 75% reduction from baseline in EASI.

Paller AS, et al. 2020 Revolutionizing Atopic Dermatitis (RAD) Virtual Symposium. Abstract 215.

<https://revolutionizingad.com/education-resources/2020-virtual/2020-virtual-abstracts-5>. Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2020;83:1282-1293.

## Dupilumab

- It appears much safer than conventional immunosuppressants, but other potential considerations include:
  - Conjunctivitis in up to 10% of patients
  - Injection site reaction/systemic reactions
  - Cost may be a factor
  - Injection
  - Currently approved for individuals as young as 6 years of age, but younger groups are being studied

Paller AS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2020;83:1282-1293.

## Pipeline: Selected Agents

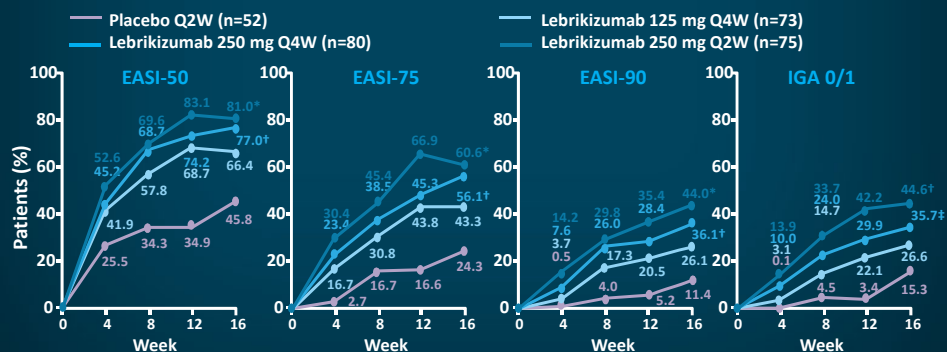
Drug	Target
<b>TOPICAL</b>	
Delgocitinib	JAK1, JAK2, JAK3, TYK2
E6005	PDE4
OPA-15406	PDE4
Ruxolitinub	JAK1 and JAK2
Tapinarof	AHR ligand
<b>ORAL</b>	
Abrocitinib	JAK1
ASN002	JAK, SYK
Baricitinib	JAK1 and JAK2
Upadacitinib	JAK1
<b>SYSTEMIC INJECTION</b>	
Lebrikizumab	IL-13
Nemolizumab	IL-31
Tralokinumab	IL-13

AHR = aryl hydrocarbon receptor; TYK2 = tyrosine kinase 2; SYK = spleen tyrosine kinase.

National Eczema Association. Eczema treatments in development (<https://nationaleczema.org/research/eczema-treatment-research>). Accessed September 19, 2019. Vakharia PP, Silverberg JI. *Lancet Child Adolesc Health*. 2019;3:343-353.

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

- A phase 2b, randomized, monotherapy trial in 280 adults with moderate-to-severe AD inadequately controlled with TCS
- At week 12, significantly more patients achieved EASI-50/-75/-90 with lebrikizumab 250 mg Q2W or Q4W vs placebo



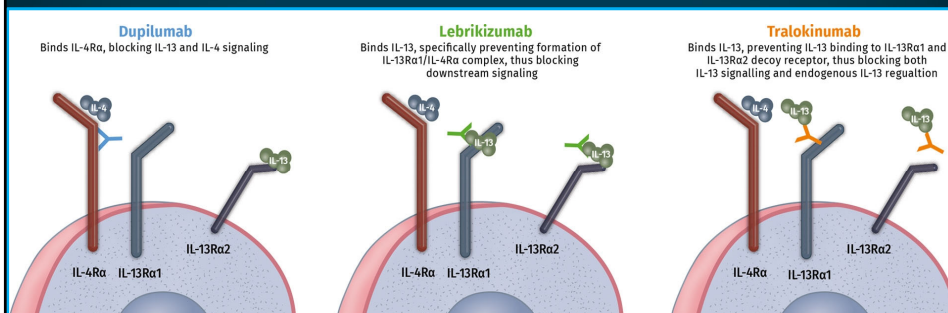
## Emerging Agent: Tralokinumab (Anti-IL-13)

Study	Treatment	IGA 0/1 Response at Week 16	EASI-75 Response at Week 16
ECZTRA 1 <sup>1</sup>	Tralokinumab	16%	25%
	Placebo	7%	13%
	<b>Placebo-adjusted response</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>12%</b>
ECZTRA 2 <sup>1</sup>	Tralokinumab	22%	33%
	Placebo	11%	11%
	<b>Placebo-adjusted response</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>22%</b>
ECZTRA 3 <sup>2</sup>	Tralokinumab	39%	56%
	Placebo	26%	36%
	<b>Placebo-adjusted response</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>20%</b>

- ECZTRA 1/2: 51%-60% maintained response over 52 weeks
- ECZTRA 3: 78%-93% maintained response over 32 weeks

1. Wollenberg A, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2020. doi:10.1111/bjd.19574. 2. Silverberg J, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2020. doi:10.1111/bjd.19573.

## Not Identical Mechanisms



Lebrikizumab does not prevent binding to Rα2 → no increased levels of IL-13  
 Tralokinumab prevents the binding to Rα2 → thus increased total IL-13 levels

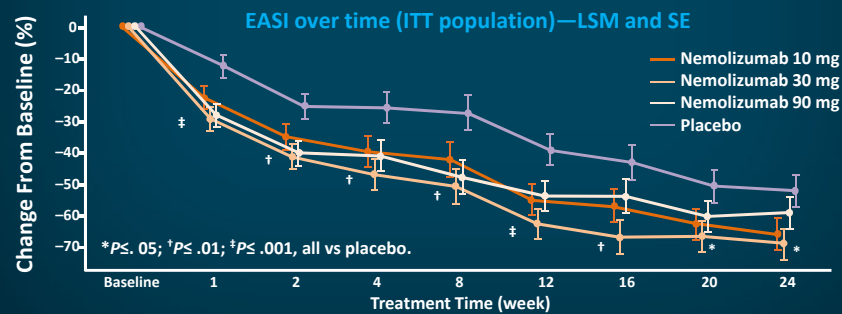
**What does this mean?**

**We don't know!**

Moyle M, et al. *Exp Dermatol*. 2019;28:756-768.

## Emerging Agent: Nemolizumab (Anti-IL-31)

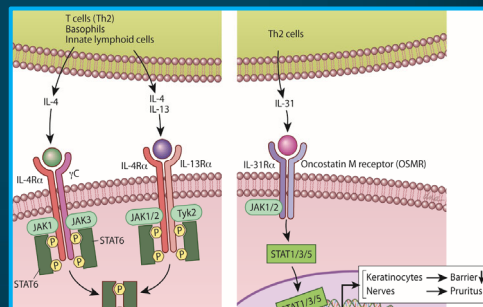
- Phase 2b randomized trial in 226 adults with moderate-to-severe AD and severe pruritus, inadequately controlled with topical medications
- At week 24, EASI scores with nemolizumab vs placebo were significantly reduced (-68.8% vs -52.1%;  $P = .016$ )



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

## Janus Associated Kinase

- JAK-STAT pathway is a conserved master regulator of immunity and myelopoiesis
- JAK inhibitors are used to treat several hematologic and inflammatory diseases
- Small molecules (including JAK inhibitors) show improvement in AD disease scores, patient-reported outcomes, and QoL



STAT = signal transducer and activator of transcription.

Cotter DG, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2018;78:553-562. Mobasher P, et al. *J Dermatolog Treat*. 2019;30:550-557.

Paller AS, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2017;140:633-643.

## JAK Inhibitors: Systemic

- **Abrocitinib<sup>1</sup>**
  - Received breakthrough therapy designation in February 2018
  - Positive topline results from phase 3 trial in patients aged ≥12 years with severe disease
    - By week 12, percentage of patients who met each co-primary efficacy endpoint and each key secondary endpoint with either dose, 100 mg or 200 mg, was significantly higher than placebo
- **Baricitinib<sup>2</sup>**
  - In a phase 2 trial more subjects achieved an EASI-50 score on daily 4-mg dose than placebo at 16 weeks
    - All patients were using TCSs for 1 month prior to initiation
    - Side effects included lymphopenia, neutropenia, AD exacerbation, and headache with no serious AEs
  - Multiple phase 3 trials for adults are evaluating safety and efficacy and use as monotherapy
- **Upadacitinib<sup>3,4</sup>**
  - Received breakthrough therapy designation in January 2018
  - Phase 2b trial revealed that 30-mg dose was superior to placebo in EASI score improvement and pruritus reduction
  - Phase 3 trials underway

1. Terry M. BioSpace.com. May 15, 2019 (<https://www.biospace.com/article/pfizer-s-abrocitinib-hits-primary-endpoints-in-atopic-dermatitis-trial>).  
2. Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2019;80:913-921. 3. Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2020;145:877-884. 4. Abbvie upadacitinib release. January 8, 2018 (<https://news.abbvie.com/news/abbvie-upadacitinib-granted-breakthrough-therapy-designation-from-us-food-and-drug-administration-for-atopic-dermatitis.htm>). All URLs accessed February 23, 2021.

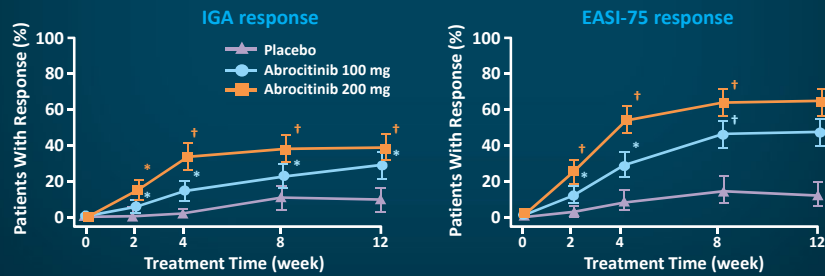
## JAK Inhibitors: Topical

- **Delgocitinib<sup>1,2</sup>**
  - Dose-ranging (0.25%-3%) ointment vs vehicle vs tacrolimus 0.1% twice daily x 4 weeks
  - All doses > vehicle in EASI (73% vs 12% in 3% group)
  - Tacrolimus = 62% reduction
  - No serious AEs
- **Ruxolitinib**
  - Phase 2 randomized, dose-ranging, vehicle- and active-controlled study to evaluate safety and efficacy in adult patients<sup>3</sup>
    - 1.5% twice-daily group > vehicle in EASI (71.6% improvement at 4 weeks) and noninferior to triamcinolone cream 0.1%
  - Phase 1 study in children aged 2-7 years and 2 phase 3 studies in patients aged ≥12 years (TruE-AD1 and TruE-AD2) are underway

1. Nakagawa H, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2018;178:428-432. 2. Bissonnette R. *Br J Dermatol*. 2018;178:321. 3. Kim BS, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2020;82(6):1305-1313.

## Emerging Agent: Abrocitinib

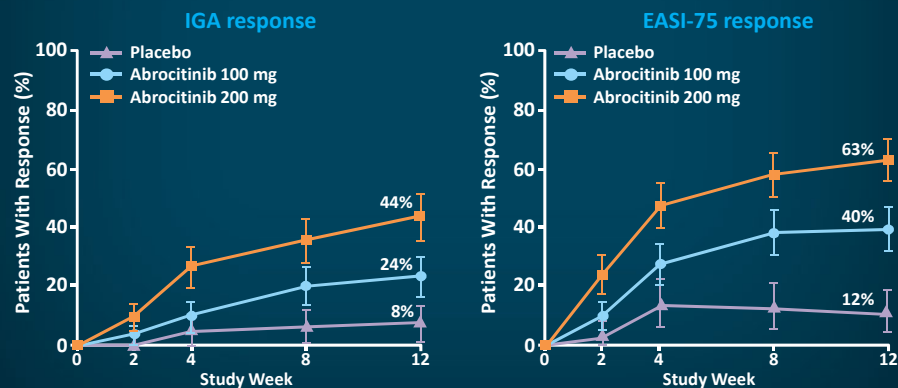
- Phase 3 randomized trial of 391 patients aged  $\geq 12$  years with moderate-to-severe AD for  $\geq 1$  year and inadequate response to topical medication for  $\geq 4$  weeks within 6 months
- At week 12, IGA 0/1 was achieved in greater proportion of patients in the 200- and 100-mg abrocitinib groups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



\* $P < .05$ ;  $^{\dagger}P < .001$  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.

## Abrocitinib in Pediatric AD

- Inhibits IL-13, IL-31, interferon  $\gamma$  STAT1, IL-15 STAT5, and IL-4 STAT6<sup>1</sup>
- Phase 3 JADE program in patients with moderate-to-severe AD<sup>2-4</sup>
  - The 12-week study compared abrocitinib (PF-04965842; B7451012) 200 mg and 100 mg with placebo in 387 patients aged  $\geq 12$  years
  - Primary endpoint: proportion of patients experiencing an IGA score of clear (0) or almost clear (1) skin and  $\geq 2$ -point improvement relative to baseline
  - Co-primary endpoint: proportion of participants achieving  $\geq 75\%$  change in EASI score from baseline

1. Gooderham MJ, et al. *JAMA Dermatol.* 2019;e192855. 2. Clinical Trials Arena. Press release. October 14, 2019 ([www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/news/pfizer-abrocitinib-mono1-data](http://www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/news/pfizer-abrocitinib-mono1-data)). Accessed January 3, 2020. 3. Silverberg JI, et al. RAD 2020. Abstract 148. 4. Simpson EL, et al. RAD 2020. Abstract 166.

## Abrocitinib in Pediatric AD (continued)

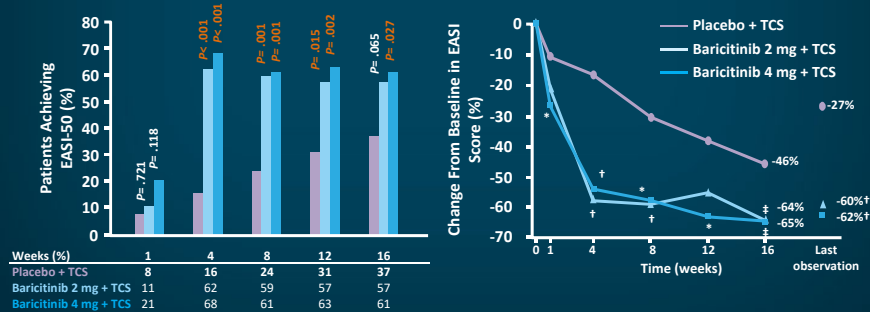
- Key secondary endpoints
  - $\geq 4$ -point decrease in itch severity on pruritus NRS
  - Magnitude of reduction in PSAAD scale
- Abrocitinib met all co-primary and secondary endpoints
- Abrocitinib displayed significant improvements compared with placebo in the following response rates: IGA, EASI-75, EASI-90, and NRS  $\geq 4$ -point
- Improvements were observed to be significantly greater with both doses

NRS = Numerical Rating Scale; PSAAD = Pruritus and Symptoms Assessment for Atopic Dermatitis.

Clinical Trials Arena. Press release. October 14, 2019 ([www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/news/pfizer-abrocitinib-mono1-data](http://www.clinicaltrialsarena.com/news/pfizer-abrocitinib-mono1-data)). Accessed January 3, 2020. Silverberg JI, et al. RAD 2020. Abstract 148. 4. Simpson EL, et al. RAD 2020. Abstract 166.

## Emerging Agents: Baricitinib

- 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
- Treatment-emergent AEs were reported in 71% of baricitinib 4 mg and 49% of placebo recipients (Most common: headache, increased creatine phosphokinase, nasopharyngitis)



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 $\geq 4$ -point improvement on Itch NRS	16%†	25%*	6%
Mean change in DLQI	-5.5	-7.5‡	-4.0

- 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

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

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

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

## Emerging Agents: Upadacitinib

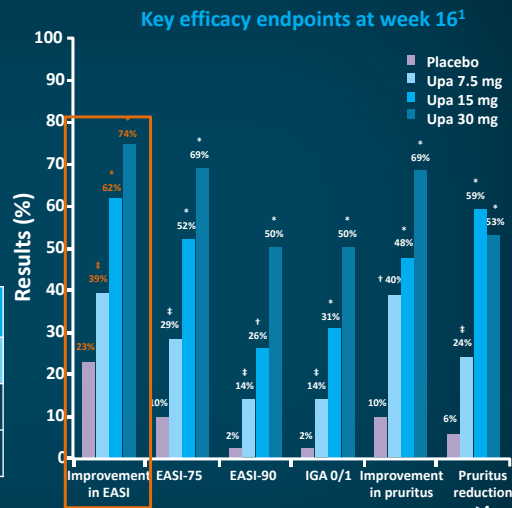
- Phase 2b trial in 167 adults with moderate-to-severe AD inadequately controlled by topical treatment<sup>1</sup>
- Significant improvement in EASI from baseline to week 16 with upadacitinib<sup>1</sup>

Top-Line Results: Measure Up Phase 3 Studies Patients Achieving EASI-75 at Week 16 <sup>2,3</sup>				
Study	Upa 15 mg	Upa 30 mg	Placebo	P
Measure Up 1	70%	80%	16%	< .001
Measure Up 2	60%	73%	13%	< .001

\*P ≤ .001; †P ≤ .01; ‡P ≤ .05.

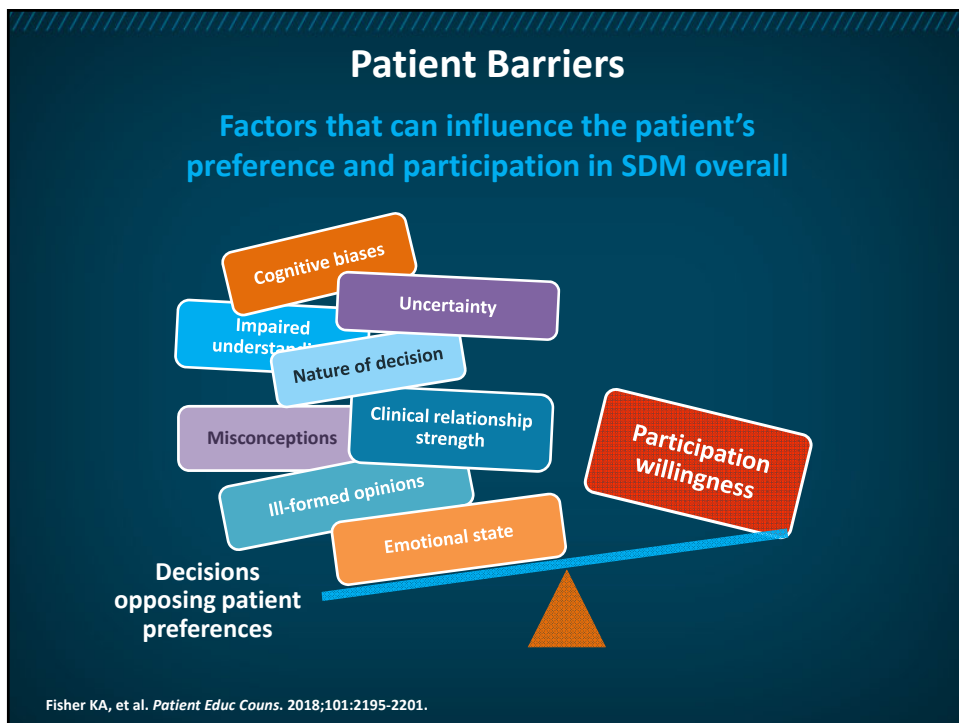
Upa = upadacitinib.

1. Guttman-Yassky E, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2020;145:877-884. 2. AbbVie. Measure Up 1 press release, June 18, 2020 (<https://news.abbvie.com/news/press-releases/rinvoq-upadacitinib-monotherapy-shows-improvement-in-skin-clearance-and-itch-in-first-phase-3-study-for-atopic-dermatitis.htm#:~:text=Measure%20Up%20is%20the,significant%20improvement%20in%20skin%20clearance>). 2. AbbVie. Measure Up 2 press release, July 21, 2020 (<https://news.abbvie.com/news/press-releases/rinvoq-upadacitinib-monotherapy-meets-all-primary-and-secondary-endpoints-in-second-phase-3-study-for-atopic-dermatitis.htm>). All URLs accessed February 18, 2021.



## Team-Based Care and Shared Decision-Making

The Importance of Patient and Caregiver Education in AD



## SDM in Managing AD

- Questions to ask:
  - What factors improve or worsen your (or your child's) condition?
  - What things does your condition make it harder for you (or your child) to do?
  - What aspects bother you or your child the most?
  - What is the cause, in your opinion?
  - How is treatment going? Describe what you do in detail.
  - What concerns do you have about treatment?
  - What gets in the way of treatment?

LeBovidge JS, et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2016;138:325-334.

## SDM Take-Aways

Involve the patient and other members of the healthcare team in the SDM process

Intervention options should be **neutrally presented** and include discussion of risks, benefits, and no intervention

Use decision aids to enhance patient understanding and communication with the healthcare team

Complete **all steps** in the SDM process

## SDM Take-Aways (continued)



The final shared decision should harmonize with the patient's values and goals



Fostering “choice awareness” in your patient interactions can help facilitate SDM



SDM can be a **positive process** for both the healthcare team *and* the patient

## Revisiting the Case

## Case Study

- 19-year-old woman
- Lifelong history of moderate-to-severe AD
- Presents with worsening itch and frequent flares
- Physical exam
  - Widespread open, excoriated eczematous patches on arms, legs, and trunk
  - She is tired-appearing and scratching throughout the visit
- Medications
  - Triamcinolone 0.1% ointment twice daily when flaring (most of the time)
  - Tacrolimus 0.1% twice daily between flares
  - She has a bag full of moisturizers
  - Has been on antibiotics and oral prednisone in the past few months
- Laboratory tests
  - Has had allergy testing: + to cats and mold and dust mites
  - Has had patch testing: + nickel and + fragrance

BMI = body-mass index; mo = month(s); BP = blood pressure; HbA1c = glycosylated hemoglobin.

## What Would You Do?

- She is doing a lot of topicals
- She is concerned about steroid overuse and side effects
- She has had oral prednisone which also signals severe disease

## Options

- Phototherapy
- Systemic agent
  - Conventional immunosuppressant
  - Targeted therapy

## Conclusions

- AD is a chronic disease with a significant impact on QoL
- A **proactive** approach is more effective than **reactive** treatment
- Proactive treatment is stepwise and based on severity
- Management can be **difficult** and potentially complicated by conflicting messages from different care team members (clinicians and family)
- **Adherence** is **key** to successful therapy
- Evolving biomarkers and targeted treatments promise to revolutionize treatment



**Thank You!**

## **Exploring the Role of JAK Inhibitors in Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis TOOLKIT**

### **Additional Reading**

<p><b>Current guidelines for the evaluation and management of atopic dermatitis: a comparison of the Joint Task Force Practice Parameter and American Academy of Dermatology guidelines.</b> (Eichenfield LF, Ahluwalia J, Waldman A, et al. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol</i>. 2017;139(4 suppl):S49-S57)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28390477">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28390477</a></p>
<p><b>The burden of atopic dermatitis: summary of a report for the National Eczema Association.</b> (Drucker AM, Wang AR, Li WQ, et al. <i>J Invest Dermatol</i>. 2017;137:26-30)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27616422">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27616422</a></p>
<p><b>Expert perspectives on management of moderate-to-severe atopic dermatitis: a multidisciplinary consensus addressing current and emerging therapies.</b> (Boguniewicz M, Alexis AF, Beck LA, et al. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol Pract</i>. 2017;5:1519-1531)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28970084">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28970084</a></p>
<p><b>Health outcome measures in atopic dermatitis: a systematic review of trends in disease severity and quality-of-life instruments 1985-2010.</b> (Rehal B, Armstrong A. <i>PLoS One</i>. 2011;6:e17520)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21533286">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21533286</a></p>
<p><b>Deciphering the complexities of atopic dermatitis: shifting paradigms in treatment approaches.</b> (Leung DY, Guttman-Yassky E. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol</i>. 2014;134:76-779)</p>	<p><a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25282559">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25282559</a></p>
<p><b>Approach to the Assessment and Management of Pediatric Patients With Atopic Dermatitis: A Consensus Document. Section III: Treatment Options for Pediatric Atopic Dermatitis.</b> (Lansang P, Lam JM, Marcoux D, et al. <i>J Cutan Med Surg</i>. 2019;23(5 suppl):19S-31S)</p>	<p><a href="https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1203475419882647">https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1203475419882647</a></p>

<b>Multidisciplinary interventions in the management of atopic dermatitis.</b> (LeBovidge JS, Elverson W , Timmons KG, et al. <i>J Allergy Clin Immunol.</i> 2016;138(2):325-334)	<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27497275">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27497275</a>
<b>Emerging therapies for atopic dermatitis: JAK inhibitors.</b> (Cotter DG, Schairer D , Eichenfield L. <i>J Am Acad Dermatol.</i> 2018 Mar;78(3 Suppl 1):S53-S62)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29248518/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29248518/</a>
<b>Guidelines of care for the management of atopic dermatitis: section 1. Diagnosis and assessment of atopic dermatitis.</b> (Eichenfield LF, Wynn LT, Chamlin SL, et al. <i>J Am Acad Dermatol.</i> 2014;70:338-351)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24290431/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24290431/</a>
<b>Comorbidities and the impact of atopic dermatitis.</b> (Silverberg JI. <i>Ann Allergy Asthma Immunol.</i> 2019;123:144-151)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31034875/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31034875/</a>
<b>New and emerging therapies for paediatric atopic dermatitis.</b> (Vakharia PP, Silverberg JI. <i>Lancet Child Adolesc Health.</i> 2019;3:343-353)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30904349/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30904349/</a>
<b>Quality of life and childhood atopic dermatitis: the misery of living with childhood eczema.</b> (Lewis-Jones S. <i>Int J Clin Pract.</i> 2006;60:984-992)	<a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16893440/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/16893440/</a>

### ***Selected Ongoing Clinical Trials***

<b>Systemic Therapies for Pediatric Atopic Dermatitis</b> NCT01447381	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01447381">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01447381</a>
<b>Defining the Skin and Blood Biomarkers of Pediatric Atopic Dermatitis</b> NCT01782703	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01782703">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01782703</a>

<b>A Pharmacokinetic Study of Ruxolitinib Phosphate Cream in Pediatric Subjects With Atopic Dermatitis NCT03257644</b>	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03257644">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03257644</a>
<b>A Study to Evaluate the Pharmacokinetics, Safety and Tolerability of Upadacitinib in Pediatric Subjects With Severe Atopic Dermatitis NCT03646604</b>	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03646604">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03646604</a>
<b>A Study of Baricitinib (LY3009104) in Participants With Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis NCT03559270</b>	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03559270">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT03559270</a>
<b>Study of Abrocitinib Compared With Dupilumab in Adults With Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis on Background Topical Therapy NCT04345367</b>	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04345367">https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04345367</a>

### ***Resources for Clinicians and Patients***

<b>American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)</b>	<a href="https://www.aap.org/en-us/Pages/Default.aspx">https://www.aap.org/en-us/Pages/Default.aspx</a>
<b>American Academy of Dermatology (AAD)</b>	<a href="http://www.aad.org/public/diseases/eczema/atopic-dermatitis">www.aad.org/public/diseases/eczema/atopic-dermatitis</a>
<b>The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI)</b>	<a href="https://www.aaaai.org/">https://www.aaaai.org/</a>
<b>Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America</b>	<a href="http://www.aafa.org/page/eczema.aspx">www.aafa.org/page/eczema.aspx</a>
<b>Children's National</b>	<a href="https://childrensnational.org/visit/conditions-and-treatments/allergies-immunology/eczema-atopic-dermatitis">https://childrensnational.org/visit/conditions-and-treatments/allergies-immunology/eczema-atopic-dermatitis</a>
<b>National Eczema Association</b>	<a href="https://nationaleczema.org/">https://nationaleczema.org/</a>
<b>National Eczema Society</b>	<a href="http://www.eczema.org/atopic-eczema">www.eczema.org/atopic-eczema</a>
<b>NIH. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)</b>	<a href="https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/eczema-atopic-dermatitis">https://www.niaid.nih.gov/diseases-conditions/eczema-atopic-dermatitis</a>