

## PEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY “TO HAVE OR NOT TO HAVE APPREHENSIONS”

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The Pediatric Dermatology service specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases affecting infant, children and adolescents (up to 18 years of age). Particular consideration is given to the unique developmental and physiologic aspects of the pediatric population. The pediatric dermatology service places a strong emphasis on educating children and their families about skin disease, and the prevention of permanent cosmetic disability is stressed. Pediatric dermatology encompasses conditions seen uniquely in the pediatric population. Pediatric dermatologists are equipped in distinguishing those birthmarks that are concerning or that may be associated with underlying systemic disease. In addition, the neonatal period is a time when many dermatoses occur and the benign self-limited diseases need to be distinguished from those that are more concerning or chronic. The pediatric patient represents diagnostic and therapeutic challenges given the patients' young age. Pediatric dermatologists are specially trained to take developmental and age-related issues in consideration when designing treatment plans and formulating medical therapy.



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