

THE KEY

TO OPTIMIZING TREATMENT OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS (AD)





ASSESSMENT: PATIENT MEETS CRITERIA FOR DIAGNOSIS OF AD

- Review prior history of AD including steroid usage/history of infections
- Measure body area surface affected
- Address patient and caregiver concerns
 (E.g.: POEM Patient Oriented Eczema Measure,
 DLQI Dermatology Life Quality Index)
- **Mathematical Assess Symptoms**
 - Erythema
 - Induration/Papulation/Edema
 - Oozing/Crusting
 - Lichenification
 - Dryness
 - Excoriation

CLASSIFY SEVERITY OF AD

SIGNS OF AD MILD MODERATE SEVERE • • ••• Pink to Red **Dull Red** Deep, Dark, or Fiery Bright Red Mild Papulation and Induration Moderate Papulation and Induration Severe Papulation and Induration No Oozing/Crusting Mild Lichenification Thick Lichenification No Lichenification Oozing/Crusting May Be Present Oozing/Crusting Present



BASIC MANAGEMENT OF AD

1. Skin Care

- Soak and Seal Warm baths or showers using gentle cleanser followed by moisturizer (even on clear areas)
- Frequent, liberal moisturizer use throughout the day
- 2. Antiseptic Measures

3. Trigger Avoidance

- Avoid irritants and known allergens
- 4. Address Psychosocial Stressors
 - Treat Anxiety/Depression
 - Identify Bullying
 - Behavior Modification



STEP CARE MANAGEMENT OF AD

MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE
BASIC MANAGEMENT + <u>STEP 1</u> Use Low to Mid-Potency Topical Corticosteroids	BASIC MANAGEMENT + <u>STEP 1</u> Use Mid to High-Potency Topical Corticosteroids	
STEP 2 Pimecrolimus Cream*, OR Crisabarole Ointment* +/- Sedating Antihistamines	STEP 2 Pimecrolimus Cream*, OR Tacrolimus Ointment*, OR Crisabarole Ointment* STEP 3 If not improved, consult with AD specialist Consider Wet Wrap Therapy Consider Dupilumab†	STEP 2 "Rescue" Treatment with Wet Wrap Therapy Short Term Hospitalization STEP 3 If not improved, consult with AD specialist Consider Dupilumab [†] , Phototherapy [‡] , Systemic Immunosuppressive Therapy

^{*}FDA Approval for > 2 years, † FDA Approval for > 18 years, ‡ FDA Approval for > 12 years

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