

**MILD TO MODERATE
ATOPIC DERMATITIS:**
Pathogenesis and
Therapeutic Strategies
For Improved Outcomes

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At the conclusion of this live activity, practitioners should be better able to:

- Summarize the role of skin barrier dysfunction and inflammatory responses in atopic dermatitis (AD) pathogenesis
- Describe the inflammatory/immunomodulating pathways in atopic dermatitis
- Evaluate the benefits and limitations of current therapies for mild to moderate atopic dermatitis
- Assess the efficacy and safety of emerging therapies and their potential role in treating atopic dermatitis



Epidemiology, Prevalence, and Pathogenesis

What's Your Diagnosis?

- 4-month-old infant presents with erythematous scaling dermatitis of the cheeks bilaterally
- Similar-appearing lesions over the posterior neck and extensor aspects of the extremities



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Epidemiology in Children and Adolescents

- Affects 10%-20% of school-aged children in the US¹
- Higher prevalence in African Americans, urban residents, and children living in homes with higher education levels²
- AD will persist into adulthood in up to 33% of children¹

Diagnostic Criteria for Atopic Dermatitis

- Pruritus (itching)
- Eczematous changes that are acute, subacute, or chronic
 - Age-specific distribution patterns
 - Intermittent course with flares and remissions

Primary Physical Findings

- Erythema
- Papules/plaques
- Excoriations
- Xerosis
- Erosions and crusting
- Lichenification
- Dyspigmentation



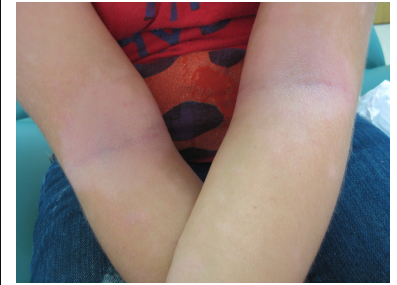
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Distribution of Atopic Dermatitis Varies With Age



Infants

Face, trunk (except diaper area), extensor extremities



Children

Flexors (wrists, ankles, antecubital/popliteal fossae)



Adolescents

Flexors, neck, wrists, hands, ankles

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Clinical Presentation in Children

- More than 7 million healthcare provider visits per year for AD¹
- Approximately 67% of children have mild disease that can be managed by a primary care provider²
- Specialist referral is required in moderate (20%) and severe (2%) cases³

1. Horii KA, et al. *Pediatrics*. 2007;120(3):e527-e534.

2. Eichenfield LF, et al. *Pediatrics*. 2015;136(3):554-565.

3. Arkwright PD. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 2013;1(2):142-151.

Mild Atopic Dermatitis



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Moderate Atopic Dermatitis



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Severe Atopic Dermatitis



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Features in Darker Skin Types



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Follicular accentuation

Pityriasis alba

Erythema (hard to see due to pigmentation)

Marked lichenification

Differential Diagnosis of Atopic Dermatitis: Common Disorders

- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Scabies
- Impetigo
- Contact dermatitis (allergic and irritant)
- Psoriasis
- Ichthyosis vulgaris
- Tinea corporis
- Keratosis pilaris

Scabies



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Impetigo



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Differential Diagnosis of Atopic Dermatitis: Rare Disorders in Infancy and Childhood

Metabolic/nutritional/genetic disorders

- Acrodermatitis enteropathica
- Zinc deficiency (prematurity; breast milk deficient in zinc; cystic fibrosis)
- Other nutritional deficiencies (biotin, essential fatty acids)
- Netherton syndrome
- Phenylketonuria
- Omenn syndrome
- Prolidase deficiency
- Gluten sensitivity-related dermatitides
- Hurler syndrome

Differential Diagnosis of Atopic Dermatitis: Rare Disorders in Infancy and Childhood

Immune disorders

- Hyperimmunoglobulin E syndrome
- Severe combined immunodeficiency disorder
- Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Agammaglobulinemia
- Ataxia-telangiectasia
- Neonatal lupus erythematosus

Proliferative disorders

- Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Differential Diagnosis of Atopic Dermatitis: Rare Disorders in Adolescents and Adults

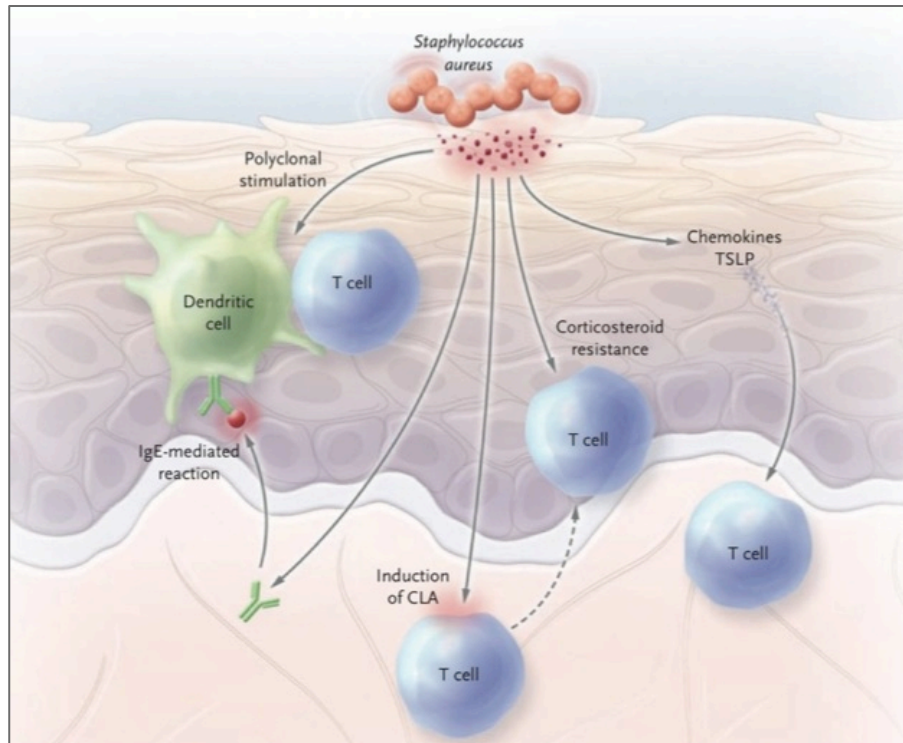
- Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (Mycosis fungoides or Sézary syndrome)
- HIV-associated dermatoses
- Dermatomyositis
- Graft-versus-host disease
- Lupus erythematosus
- Pemphigus foliaceus
- Drug eruptions

Pathogenesis

Complex, heterogeneous pathogenesis

- Skin barrier dysfunction
 - Filaggrin mutations
 - Diminished ceramides
- Inflammation
- Pruritus/scratching
- Microbial colonization
- Allergy

Colonization by *Staphylococcus aureus*

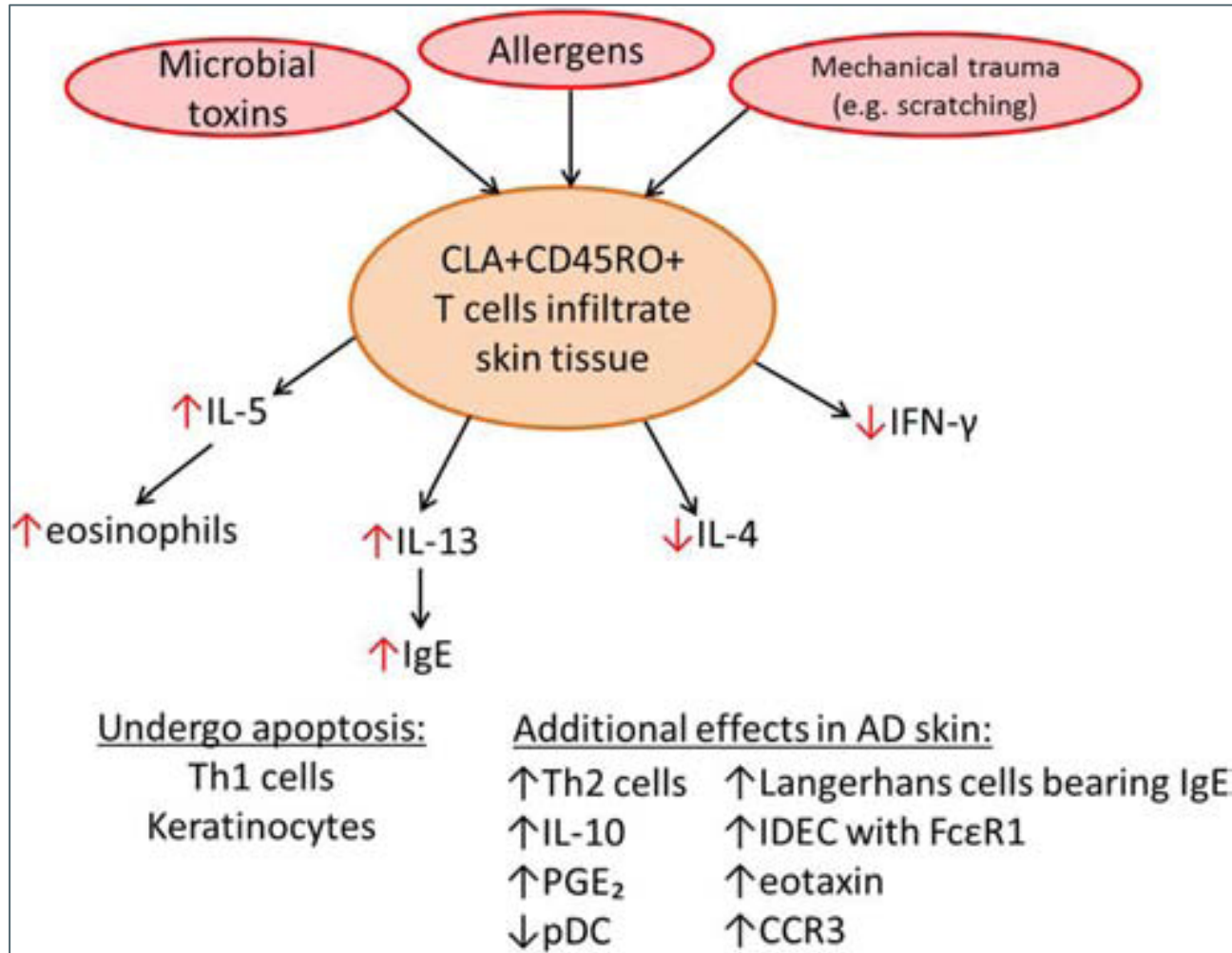


- Worsens disease status
- Renders disease harder to control
- Patients do not have to be infected to be adversely impacted by *S. aureus*
- Skin that is colonized has a true trigger for disease flares

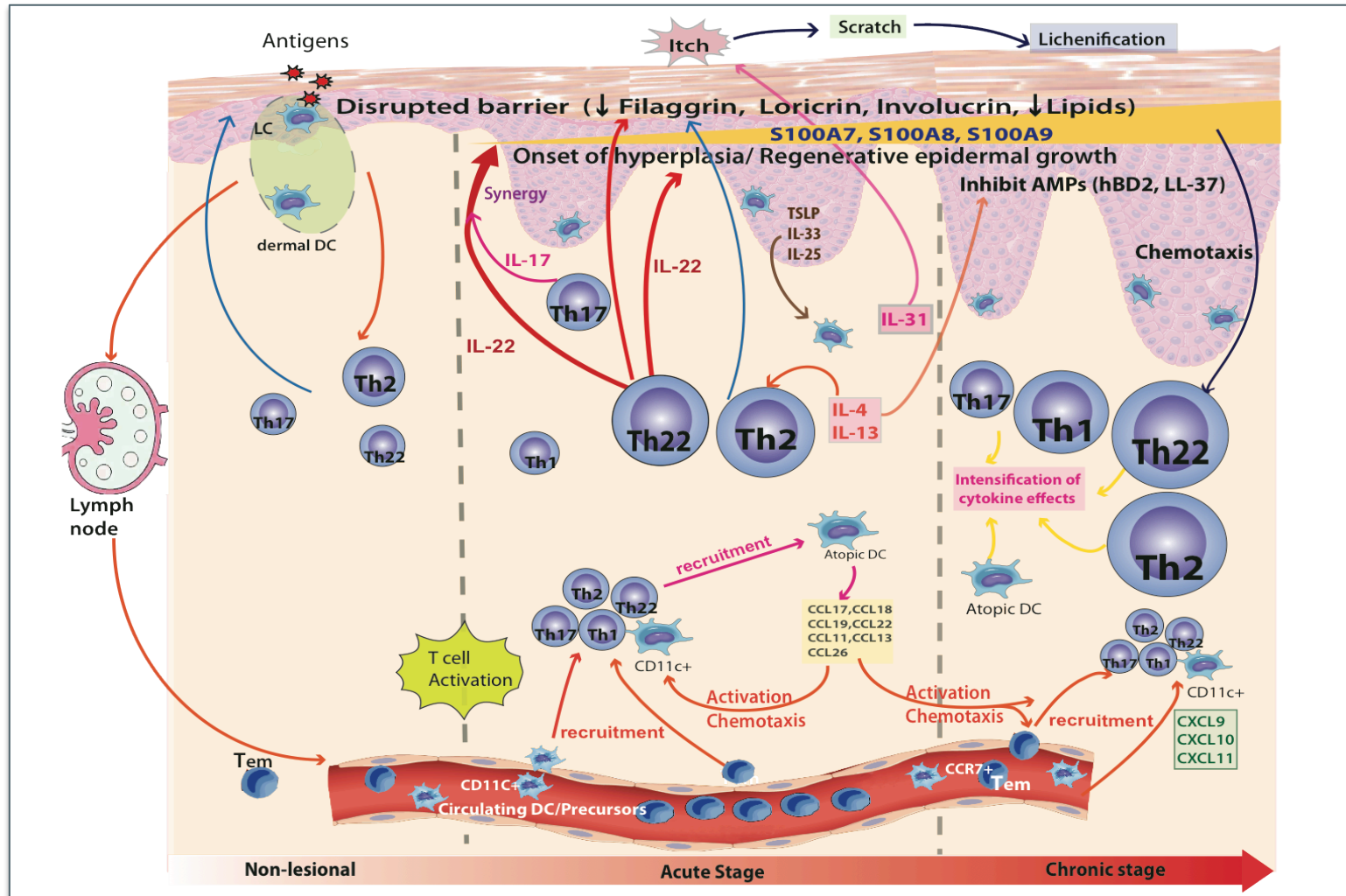
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Immunopathogenesis of Atopic Dermatitis



Pathogenesis of Atopic Dermatitis



Burden of Disease

- **Quality of Life**

- An average of 9 flares per year, each lasting 15 days¹
- Poor quality of sleep²
 - Sleep disturbances ~7.3 nights per flare¹
 - Increased co-sleeping (up to 30% in one study)³
 - Polysomnography showing high number of arousals in AD children, independent of scratching⁴
- Itching⁵
 - 87% experience itching daily
 - Itching lasts \geq 18 hours in 41.5% of patients

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2. Shani-Adir A, et al. *Pediatr Dermatol*. 2009;26(2):143-149.
3. Chamlin SL, et al. *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2005;159:745-750.
4. Reuveni H, et al. *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 1999;153:249-253.
5. Simpson EL, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2016;74(3):491-498.

Impact of Comorbidities

- Asthma
- Allergic rhinitis
- Food allergy
- Contact dermatitis
- Emerging comorbidities
 - Obesity
 - Hypertension



Available Therapies and Management Strategies

Case 2



Case 2: Therapy Recommendations

- Apply mild to moderate potency topical steroids twice daily (A,I) for 1-2 weeks, several days beyond clearing for flare control
- Emollients 2 to 3 times per day (A,I)
- Sedating antihistamines can be considered if sleep is disturbed....BUT...skin-directed therapy should be emphasized!

*Against use of systemic antihistamines: sedating C, III, and nonsedating A, II.

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Stein SL, et al. *JAMA*. 2016;315:1510-1511.

Maintenance Therapies for Atopic Dermatitis

- Skin care
 - Liberal and frequent application of moisturizers
 - Warm baths/showers (<5 min) using nonsoap cleansers or mild soaps
- Antiseptic measures
 - Dilute bleach baths
- Trigger avoidance

Management of Acute Flares

- Avoid trigger factors
- Restore barrier integrity
- Control itching
- Treat infection/control colonization

Barrier Defect



Repairing Barrier Integrity Requires Fundamental Skin Care

- Gently cleanse twice a day
- Use mild, nonsoap cleansers (syndets)
 - Eg, CeraVe[®], Cetaphil[®], Equate[®], etc
- Use an effective moisturizer every day after cleansing

Water: Irritant or Treatment?

- **Water *irritates* skin IF:**
 - Skin is frequently wet, without immediate application of effective moisturizer
 - Moisture evaporates, causing skin barrier to become dry, irritated
- **Water *hydrates* skin IF:**
 - Effective moisturizer is applied and hydration is retained, keeping skin barrier intact and flexible

Importance of Barrier Integrity



Topical Corticosteroids (TCS): Benefits and Limitations

Benefits:

- Highly effective at treating inflammation
- Rapid onset of action
- Multiple potency and delivery vehicles
 - Varied potency frequently required per patient

Limitations:

- Product-specific age limits (although often used off-label)
- Potential for local and systemic side effects (but rare when used appropriately):
 - Local: striae, telangiectasias, skin atrophy, dyspigmentation, periorificial dermatitis, acne rosacea
 - Systemic: HPA axis suppression
 - Periorbital administration: cataracts, glaucoma

HPA, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal.

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Table V. Relative potencies of topical corticosteroids

Class	Drug	Dosage form(s)	Strength (%)	
I. Very high potency	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Ointment	0.05	
	Clobetasol propionate	Cream, foam, ointment	0.05	
	Diflorasone diacetate	Ointment	0.05	
	Halobetasol propionate	Cream, ointment	0.05	
II. High potency	Amcinonide	Cream, lotion, ointment	0.1	
	Augmented betamethasone dipropionate	Cream	0.05	
	Betamethasone dipropionate	Cream, foam, ointment, solution	0.05	
	Desoximetasone	Cream, ointment	0.25	
	Desoximetasone	Gel	0.05	
	Diflorasone diacetate	Cream	0.05	
	Fluocinonide	Cream, gel, ointment, solution	0.05	
	Halcinonide	Cream, ointment	0.1	
	Mometasone furoate	Ointment	0.1	
	Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, ointment	0.5	
	III-IV. Medium potency	Betamethasone valerate	Cream, foam, lotion, ointment	0.1
		Clocortolone pivalate	Cream	0.1
Desoximetasone		Cream	0.05	
Fluocinolone acetonide		Cream, ointment	0.025	
Flurandrenolide		Cream, ointment	0.05	
Fluticasone propionate		Cream	0.05	
Fluticasone propionate		Ointment	0.005	
Mometasone furoate		Cream	0.1	
Triamcinolone acetonide		Cream, ointment	0.1	
V. Lower-medium potency		Hydrocortisone butyrate	Cream, ointment, solution	0.1
		Hydrocortisone probutate	Cream	0.1
		Hydrocortisone valerate	Cream, ointment	0.2
	Prednicarbate	Cream	0.1	
VI. Low potency	Alclometasone dipropionate	Cream, ointment	0.05	
	Desonide	Cream, gel, foam, ointment	0.05	
	Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream, solution	0.01	
VII. Lowest potency	Dexamethasone	Cream	0.1	
	Hydrocortisone	Cream, lotion, ointment, solution	0.25, 0.5, 1	
	Hydrocortisone acetate	Cream, ointment	0.5-1	

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Topical Corticosteroids

- Low potency: hydrocortisone 1%-2.5% or desonide 0.05%
- Mid potency: triamcinolone 0.1%
- High potency: fluocinonide 0.05%

Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors (TCI) Benefits

- Extensive clinical trials experience
- Steroid-sparing
- Good efficacy for mild, moderate, and severe AD
- Used for acute and maintenance therapies
- Little systemic absorption
- Can be applied to face (including periorbital regions), extremities, and genital area

Available TCIs

TCI	Vehicle	Indications
Pimecrolimus (1%)	Cream	Approved for mild to moderate AD (2 years and older)
Tacrolimus (0.03% and 0.1%)	Ointment	Approved for moderate to severe AD (0.03%: 2 years and older; 0.1%: 15 years and older)

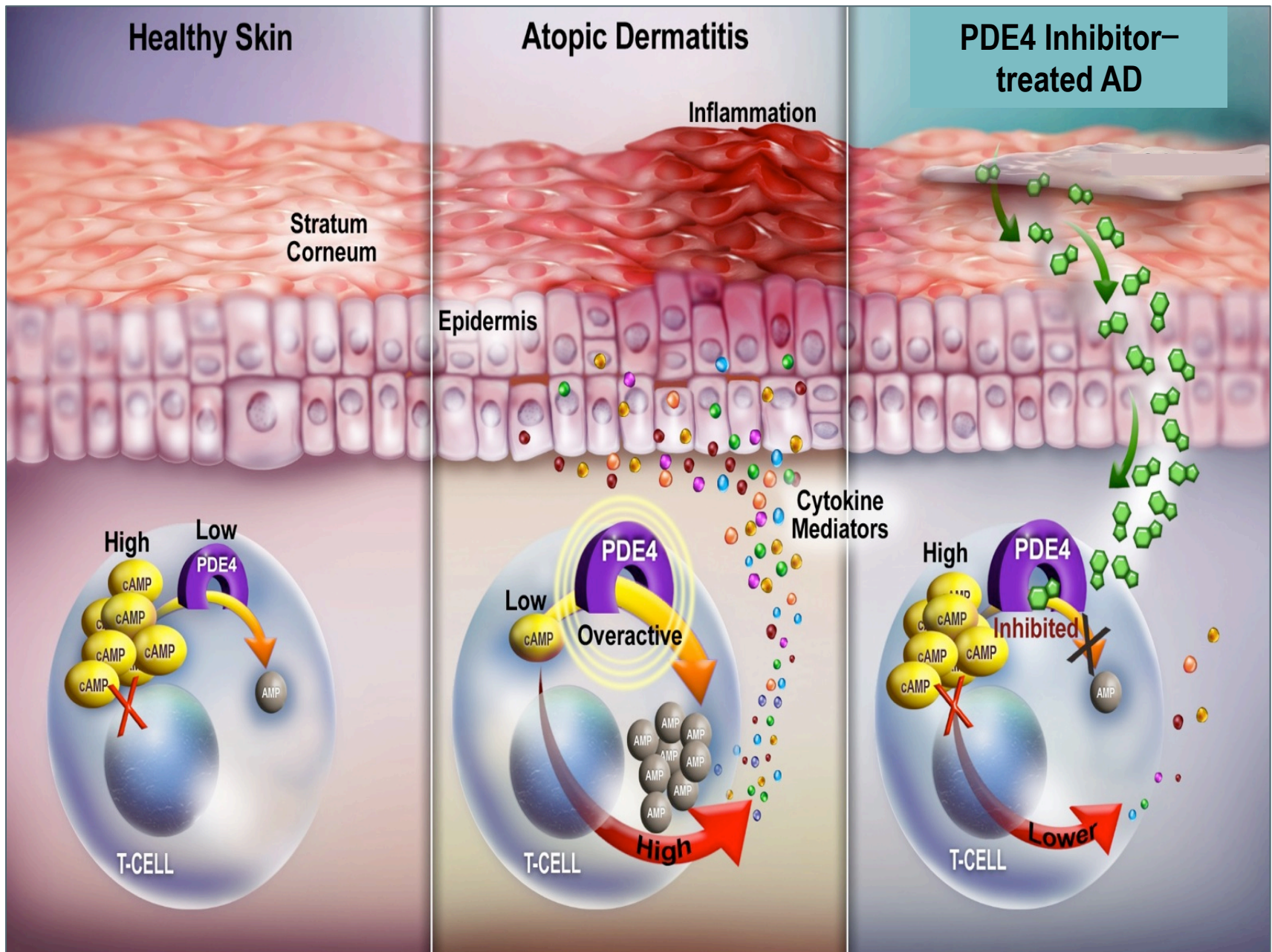
- Both TCIs were shown to be more effective than vehicle in short-term (3-12 weeks) and long-term studies (up to 12 months) in adults and children with active disease
 - Decline in Eczema Area and Severity Index (EASI) score
 - Decrease in percent body surface involved
 - Reduction in patient evaluated symptoms and signs of disease

TCl Limitations and Potential Adverse Events

- Not indicated for use in children <2 years of age
- Not indicated for long-term continuous therapy
- Second-line agents
- Limited range of vehicles available vs TCSs
- Stinging and burning in a small subset of patients
- FDA-mandated black box warning and medication guide
- The only time in FDA history that a black box was given for potential risk

Phosphodiesterase Type 4 (PDE4)

- Elevated in patients with AD compared with control patients¹
- Reduces intracellular cyclic adenosine monophosphate (cAMP) and suppresses protein kinase A, leading to increased levels of proinflammatory cytokines¹
- Topical and oral PDE4 inhibitors currently under clinical investigation



Jarnagin K, et al. *J Drugs Dermatol.* 2016;15(4):390-396.

Crisaborole Topical Ointment

- A nonsteroidal, boron-based PDE4 inhibitor
- Approved for mild to moderate AD in adults and children ≥ 2 years in December 2016
- Reduces inflammation and itching
- Maintains skin barrier

Crisaborole Topical Ointment

	AD-301 (Crisaborole/Vehicle) N = 503/256	AD-302 (Crisaborole/Vehicle) N = 513/250
Primary Efficacy Endpoint¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of patients who achieved success in ISGA (defined as score of 0 [clear] or 1 [almost clear] with a minimum 2-grade improvement) at Day 29 	32.8%/25.4% (<i>P</i> = .038)	31.4%/18.0% (<i>P</i> < .001)
Secondary Efficacy Endpoint¹ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Percentage of patients achieving ISGA clear (0) or almost clear (1) at Day 29 	51.7%/40.6% (<i>P</i> = .005)	48.5%/29.7% (<i>P</i> < .001)

50% of patients treated with crisaborole achieved improvement in pruritus by 1.37 days (compared with 1.73 days for the vehicle group, *P* = .001)²

ISGA, Investigator's Static Global Assessment.

1. Paller AS, et al. Presented at: Fall Clinical Dermatology Conference; October 1-4, 2015; Las Vegas, NV.

2. Hebert AA, et al. Presented at: Fall Clinical Dermatology Conference; October 1-4, 2015; Las Vegas, NV.

Crisaborole 48-Week Safety Study

- Open-label study (after Phase 3), 517 patients
- Disease severity assessed every 4 weeks using ISGA scale
- Patients received 4-week cycles of crisaborole as needed
- Safety measures: local tolerability, adverse events, serious adverse events, clinical laboratory results, vital signs, physical examinations

Crisaborole Safety Profile

- Favorable safety profile over 48-week study
 - Treatment-related TEAEs in $\geq 1\%$ of patients: AD (3.1%), application site pain (2.3%), application site infection (1.2%)¹
 - TEAEs in at least 5% of patients: AD (11.2%), upper respiratory tract infection (10.3%), nasopharyngitis (7.7%), cough (6.8%), and pyrexia (5.6%)¹
 - Limited systemic exposure²
 - No atrophy, telangiectasia, hypopigmentation

TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

1. Eichenfield LF, et al. Presented at: Winter Clinical Dermatology Conference; January 15-20, 2016; Koloa, HI.

2. Tom WL, et al. *Pediatr Dermatol*. 2016;33(2):150-159.

Dupilumab

- Approved March 2017
- Injectable biologic therapy
- Blocks cytokines IL-4 and IL-3
- Indicated for adults with moderate to severe AD

Controlling the Itch

- Frequent moisturization to reduce dryness
- Apply low- to mid-potency TCSs to control inflammation
- Antihistamines are not effective at alleviating itching
 - Sedating antihistamines can be used to improve sleep

Antihistamines in Atopic Dermatitis

Agent	Vehicle	Properties
Pramoxine	C, L	Topical anesthetic – blocks nerve conduction and impulses by inhibiting depolarization of neurons
Diphenhydramine*	Oral	Sedating antihistamine
Hydroxyzine	Oral	Sedating antihistamine
Doxepin	Oral, L	Sedating antihistamine
Cetirizine*	Oral	Non-sedating antihistamine

C, cream; L, lotion.

*Available over the counter.

Dilute Bleach Baths

- Mechanism of action still unclear
 - Anti-inflammatory actions or suppression of *S. aureus* overgrowth?¹
- Preparation: $\frac{1}{8}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of bleach per standard bathtub, at least 2 times per week²
- Supporting evidence: see references 1-3

1. Hon KL, et al. *J Dermatolog Treat.* 2016;27:156-162.
2. Huang JT, et al. *Pediatrics.* 2009;123:e808-e814.
3. Wong SM, et al. *J Dermatol.* 2013;40:874-880.

Case 3



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Case 3: Therapy Recommendations

Initial therapy

- Disease control
 - Face: low-potency TCS or TCI (A,I)
 - Body: mid-potency TCS, with or without wet wraps (A,I)
- Emollients 2-3 times per day (A,I)
- Antihistamines if necessary/desired*
- Dilute bleach baths if skin is red and crusted (B,II)

After-flare control

- Intermittent treatment with TCS, TCI (A,I)

*Against use of systemic antihistamines: sedating C, III, and nonsedating A, II.

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Patient and Caregiver Education

- Written treatment plan increases likelihood of adherence
- Moisturize frequently throughout the day
- Topical medications do not take the place of moisturizers
- Continue maintenance therapies, even if skin “appears” healthy
- Appearance of AD changes with age

Specialty Referral

- Early referral in the case of severe, persistent disease
- Otherwise, refer if the patient is not responding to conservative measures and standard treatment modalities
- For food allergy evaluation for milk, egg, peanut, wheat, and soy if at least 1 of the following conditions is met:
 - Persistent AD in spite of optimized management and topical therapy
 - Reliable history of immediate reaction after ingestion of a specific food

Eczema Herpeticum



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Emerging Therapies for Atopic Dermatitis

Other Emerging Treatments for Atopic Dermatitis

- Topical therapies
 - PDE4 inhibitors (eg, roflumilast,¹ OPA-15406²)
 - Janus kinase inhibitors: tofacitinib ointment³
 - Phase 2 trial results (2% ointment, BID)
 - EASI score for tofacitinib -87.7% (compared with -29.9% with vehicle, $P < 0.001$)
 - Significant improvements in EASI, PGA, and BSA by week 1, pruritus by day 2 with tofacitinib
 - More AEs were observed for vehicle (55.9%) vs tofacitinib (31.4%)
 - No patients treated with tofacitinib discontinued treatment due to AEs
 - No SAEs were reported in either group
 - Fewer TEAEs reported for tofacitinib (5.7%) vs vehicle (11.8%)
 - Calcineurin inhibitor: SB011⁴

EASI, Eczema Area and Severity Index; PGA, Physician's Global Assessment; BSA, Body Surface Area; AE, adverse event; SAE, serious adverse event; TEAE, treatment-emergent adverse event.

1. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01856764. 2. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT01702181.

3. Bissonnette R, et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2016 Jul 16. [Epub ahead of print]. 4. ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02079688.

Other Emerging Treatments for Atopic Dermatitis

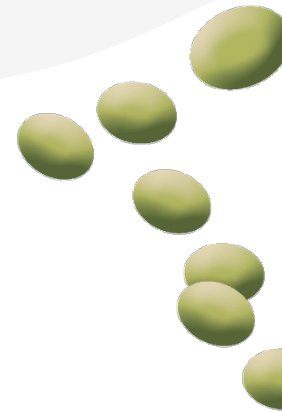
- Systemic therapies
 - Apremilast: an oral PDE4 inhibitor¹
- Other new agents on the horizon that look promising

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Clinical Pearls

- Do not undertreat the disease
- Stress the importance of moisturization in disease control to patients/parents
- Control infection/colonization
- Oral steroids are very rarely indicated in the treatment of AD

Questions





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