

# *Dermatology Therapeutics Area Working Group*

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# Overview



- **Background**
- **Identified Areas of Therapeutic Need with Committee Recommendations**



# ***Pediatric Dermatology Background***



- ***High Demand***
- **Small Workforce**
- **Ambulatory-Based**
- **Medical>Procedural**
- **Limited Evidence-Basis**
- ***Few FDA-Approved Treatments***



# *Skin-Related Disease in Children*

- Up to 30% of pediatric primary care visits
- ER/hospital consultation > direct hospital admissions
- Limited OR utilization
- The majority without FDA-approved treatment



# Workforce



- Society for Pediatric Dermatology ([www.pedsderm.net](http://www.pedsderm.net))
  - 1,000 members
  - 45 states
  - 37 countries

## ABD Subspecialty Certification

Year	# (%) Completing a Fellowship	# (%) Passing the Exam
2004	24 (25)	90 (96)
2006	3 (10)	41 (93)
2008	18 (58)	31 (91)
2010*	24 (63)	33 (91)
2012	43 candidates (95)	NA
<b>Total</b>	<b>~200 (80)</b>	<b>~235 (94%)**</b>

\*Last year for grandfather eligibility

\*\*~60% qualified by meeting grandfather criteria.



# Workforce Shortage: Comparative Supply



US Specialty	Per Capita Supply
Dermatologists	30,000 people
Pediatricians	1,500 people <18
Pediatric Rheumatologists	240,000 people <18
Pediatric Dermatologists	385,000 people <18

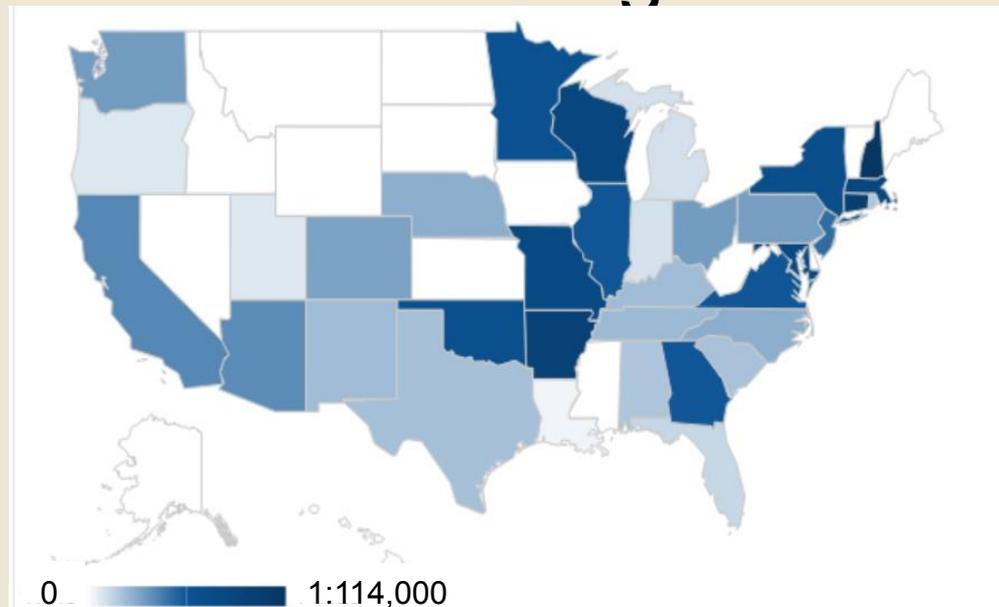
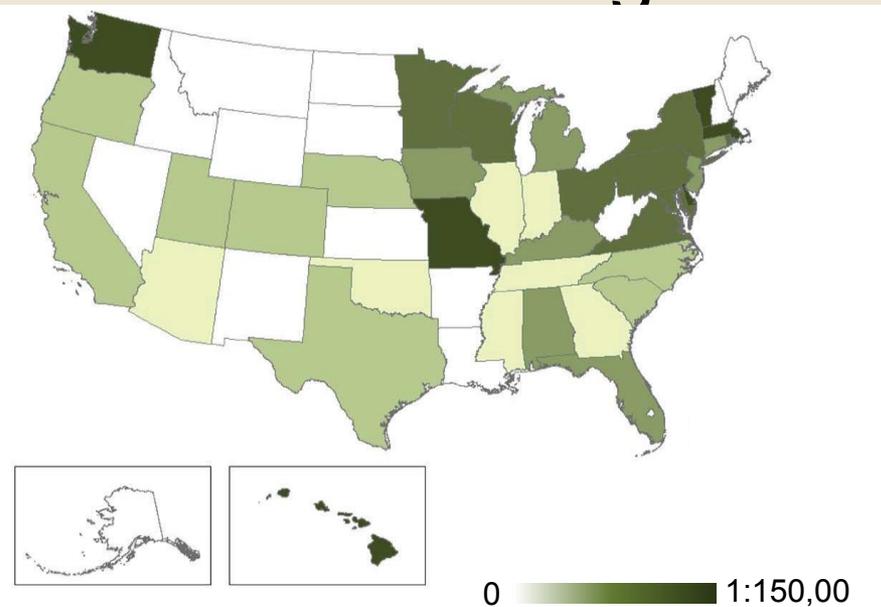


# Workforce Shortage: Comparative Density



## Rheumatologists

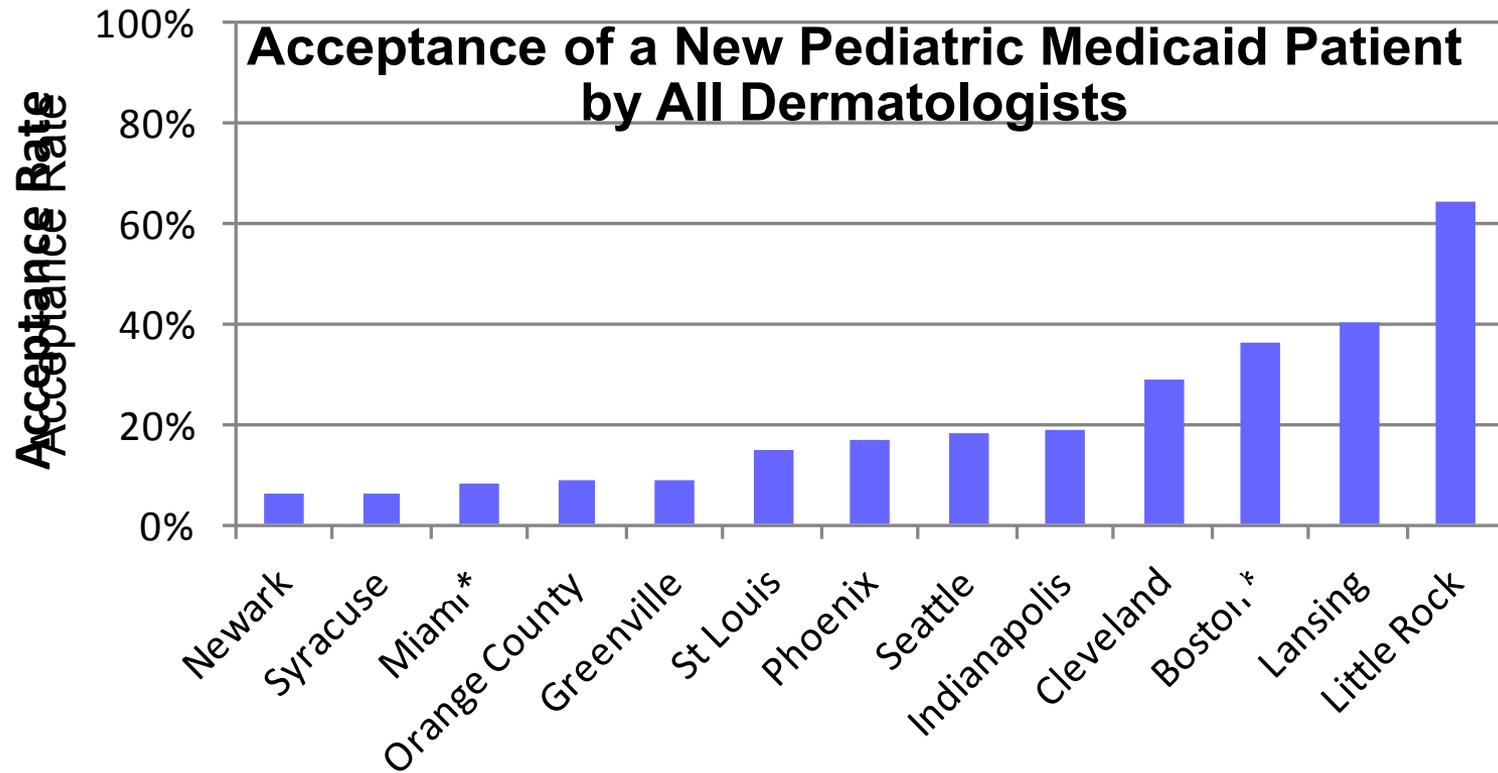
## Dermatologists



Pediatric Subspecialist-to-Child Ratio



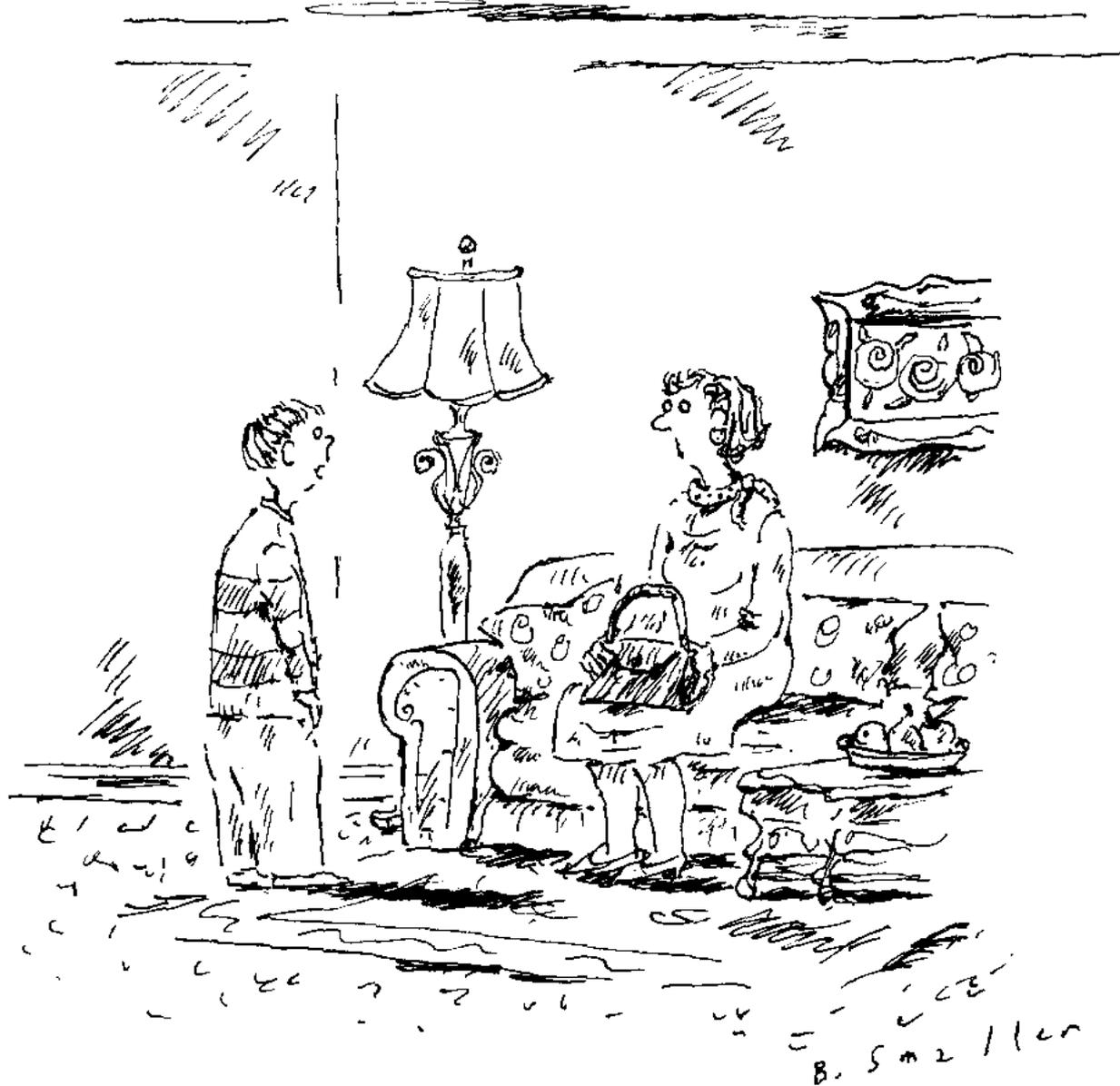
# Workforce Shortage:



**Average overall market size-weighted acceptance rate: 19%**

Chaudhry S , Siegfried EC, Ambrecht E. Pediatric access to dermatologists: Medicaid vs. private insurance. J Am Acad Dermatol. In press..





*"When I grow up, I want to go into medicine and help people who can pay out of pocket."*

# *Thank You*



- **BPCA**
- **NICHD**
- **FDA**



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# *Identified Areas of Therapeutic Need*

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- Atopic Dermatitis
- Hemangioma of Infancy
- Epidermolysis Bullosa & Other Genodermatoses
- Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development



# *Atopic Dermatitis*



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# *Atopic Dermatitis-Clinical Features*

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- **Chronic, recurrent, inflammatory skin disease characterized by widespread redness, edema, scaling, crusting**
- **Severe itch often interrupting sleep for multiple family members.**
- **Lifelong tendency towards dry skin, occupational skin disease, skin infections, eye problems, disrupted family and social relationships, and work/school absenteeism**



# *Atopic Dermatitis-Pathogenesis*



**AD is a phenotype, representing a group of conditions caused by genetic and environmental factors responsible for**

- Skin barrier defects
- Increased susceptibility to bacterial, viral, fungal skin infections
- Immune dysfunction



# *Atopic Dermatitis-Epidemiology*



- **Onset < 2 years in 80%**
- **8-15% childhood prevalence**
  - 60% - mild, spontaneous improvement over ~10 yr
  - 35% - persistent with a range of associated problems
  - 5% - severe lifelong disease
- **300% rise in prevalence over the past 30 yr**
- **Strong genetic link with other allergic conditions**
  - food allergy(15-30%)
  - asthma (50%)
  - allergic rhinoconjunctivitis (66%)
  - eosinophilic esophagitis/gastroenteritis



# *Atopic Dermatitis- Non-Allergic Comorbidities*



- **Sleep deprivation**
- **Neuropsychiatric**
  - ADHD
  - anxiety, depression
  - autism
- **Poor growth\***
- **Osteopenia\***
- **Cataracts\***

\* Possibly corticosteroid-related



# *Atopic Dermatitis-Therapeutic Issues*

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- **Early therapeutic intervention and disease control may favorably impact progression and comorbidities.**
- **Poor adherence is a common cause of treatment failure.**
- **Obstacles to adherence**
  - No well-defined standard-of-care
  - Conflicting recommendations
  - Medication phobia
  - Labeling/access restrictions
  - Topical treatment is time-consuming, complex and difficult to master.



# *Atopic Dermatitis- Principles of First-Line Treatment*



- **Skin care education**
  - Avoid complex topical products
  - Bathing
  - Emollient
- **Control itch and skin infection**
- **Topical Rx**
  - Corticosteroids
  - Calcineurin inhibitors



# ***Pediatric Indication FDA-Approved Topical Corticosteroids***



<b>Product</b>	<b>Age group</b>	<b>Frequency of Application</b>	<b>Duration of Tx</b>
<b>clobetasol propionate 0.05% foam</b>	<b>&gt; 12 yr</b>	<b>2 times daily</b>	<b>2 wk</b>
<b>fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% scalp oil</b>	<b>&gt; 12 yr</b>	<b>2 times daily</b>	<b>2 wk</b>
<b>mometasone 0.1% cream/ointment</b>	<b>&gt; 2 yr</b>	<b>1 time daily</b>	<b>3 wk</b>
<b>fluticasone 0.05% lotion</b>	<b>&gt; 1 yr</b>	<b>1-2 times daily</b>	<b>4 wk</b>
<b>aclometasone 0.05% cream/ointment</b>	<b>&gt; 1 yr</b>	<b>2-3 times daily</b>	<b>2 wk</b>
<b>prednicarbate 0.1% cream/ointment</b>	<b>&gt; 1 yr</b>	<b>1-2 times daily</b>	<b>3 wk</b>
<b>fluticasone 0.05% cream</b>	<b>&gt; 1 yr</b>	<b>1-2 times daily</b>	<b>4 wk</b>
<b>desonide 0.05% foam/gel</b>	<b>&gt; 3 mo</b>	<b>2-3 times daily</b>	<b>4 wk</b>
<b>hydrocortisone butyrate 0.1% cream</b>	<b>&gt; 3 mo</b>	<b>2-4 times daily</b>	<b>4 wk</b>
<b>fluocinolone acetonide 0.01% body oil</b>	<b>&gt; 3 mo</b>	<b>3-4 times daily</b>	<b>2 wk</b>



# *FDA-Approved Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors (TCI)*

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Product	Age group	Frequency of Application	Duration of Tx
pimecrolimus cream 1%	≥ 2 yr	2 times daily	>1 yr
tacrolimus ointment 0.03%	≥ 2 yr	2 times daily	>1 yr
tacrolimus ointment 0.1%	≥ 18 yr	2 times daily	>1 yr

**Indication:** "second-line therapy for the short-term and non-continuous chronic treatment of AD in non-immunocompromised adults and children [≥2 years of age] who have failed to respond adequately to other topical prescription treatments for [AD], or when those treatments are not advisable"



# *Pimecrolimus Cream Enrollment Clinical Trials Reviewed at Approval Nov. 2001*



<b>Phase 3 Controlled Studies/Pivotal</b>	<b>Duration of Exposure</b>	<b># Exposed subjects</b>
<b>Pediatric (2-17 years)</b>	26 wk	130
<b>Pediatric (2-17 years)</b>	26 wk	137
<b>Infants (&lt;2 years)</b>	26 wk	123
<b>Controlled Supportive Safety</b>		
<b>Infants (&lt;2 years)</b>	6 mo <sup>b</sup>	204
<b>Pediatric (2-17 years)</b>	1 yr	474
<b>Adults (≥18 years)</b>	1 yr	328
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,396</b>
<b>Infants (&lt;2 years)</b>	6 mo – 1 yr	327
<b>Children (2-17 years)</b>	<b>6 mo – 1 yr</b>	<b>741</b>
<b>Adults (≥18 years)</b>	<b>1 yr</b>	<b>328</b>

US Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER). Elidel NDA 21-302 medical review, November 6, 2001. Available from: [http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda\\_docs/nda/2001/21-302\\_Elidel.cfm](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/drugsatfda_docs/nda/2001/21-302_Elidel.cfm). Accessed January 23, 2012.

# *TCI Labelling Change*



- Q4 2003 TCI Rx: 11% to infants <2 yr
- Oct. 2003 FDA PAC for product registry protocol review; AERS malignancy reports shifted focus of the meeting
- Jan. 2006 boxed warning based on a theoretical risk of malignancy

Siegfried EC, Jaworski JC, Hebert AA. Low risk associated with use of topical calcineurin inhibitors: review of the evidence and implications for daily practice. Submitted for publication.



# Outcomes



- **Abrupt decrease in Rx (esp. infants)**
  - Caregiver phobia
  - Provider hesitation
  - Third-party payor restriction
- **Epidemiological/clinical studies without TCI/lymphoma link**
- **Mandated post-marketing surveillance studies in process**

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# *Pimecrolimus Cream Enrollment- All Clinical Trials as of May 2010*



AGE	DURATION OF EXPOSURE	# SUBJECTS EXPOSED
Infants (<2 years)	≤6 yr	~10,000
Children (2-17 years)	≤10 yr <sup>c</sup>	~21,000
Adults (≥18 years)	≤3 yr	~16,000
<b>Other Age Ranges:</b>		
≥3 months	≤26 wk	~350
3 months-17 years	≤27 wk	~100
1-4 years	≤12 wk	~75
≥2 years	≤18 wk	~5,600
>10 years	≤12 wk	~2,200
Unspecified	≤3 yr	~450
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>&gt;55,000</b>



# *Committee Recommendations*



- **Reevaluate the evidence**
- **Revise labeling to reflect safety and efficacy of pimecrolimus cream in infants  $\geq 3$  months**
- **Remove the boxed warning if the evidence is lacking.**



# *Severe Atopic Dermatitis- Beyond Topical Therapy*



- **No FDA-approved systemic therapy**
- **Off-label, level 3 evidence-based Rx: immunosuppressive and cytostatic agents (cyclosporine, azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, methotrexate); immunomodulators (IVIG, IFN-gamma)**
- **Few adult-only trials of new chemical entities (anti-IL-4, oral phosphodiesterase inhibitors)**



# *Severe Atopic Dermatitis- Existing Resources*



- **International core outcomes consortium: Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME)**
- **US multicenter research network: Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA)- Inflammatory Skin Diseases Group unfunded comparative study of cyclosporine, azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil and MTX (NCT01447381)**



# *Committee Recommendations*



- Provide funding to expand clinical trials of systemic therapies for severe AD initiated by PeDRA.
- Encourage drug comparison efficacy studies, rather than placebo-controlled trials.
- Include children as young as age 2 with severe AD in trials involving systemic immunosuppressant medications and new chemical entities.
- Develop and validate standardized outcomes measures for pediatric AD across the age spectrum.



# *Genodermatoses*



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# Genodermatoses



**Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) is a rare, inherited condition of skin fragility and blistering, significant early morbidity and mortality.**

- Herlitz-Junctional EB (JEB-H): usually fatal in the first months or years of life
- Recessive Dystrophic EB (RDEB): crippling skin and systemic morbidities; shortened life span.
- EB simplex (EB Dowling-Meara): increased neonatal morbidity and mortality



# Genodermatoses



## ■ Comorbidities

- Poor wound healing
- Impaired nutrition and failure to thrive
- Secondary infection
- Chronic itch and pain
- Anemia
- Osteoporosis, pathologic fractures
- Loss of hand function
- Isolation from peers and society

■ **The costs of managing EB are high**

■ **Optimal care is via tertiary centers that support a coordinated team.**

■ **No FDA-approved therapeutic agents are available for any subtype or age group.**



# Genodermatoses



- **15 genes have been identified to cause various forms of EB.**
- **Recent therapeutic strides applicable to patients with severe forms of EB:**
  - Methodology for gene replacement
  - Protein replacement
  - Biologic therapy



# *Committee Recommendations*



- **Provide funding to expand the EB Clinical Research Consortium national registry/database**
  - Centralize genetic testing results
  - Identify potential subjects for clinical trials
- **Registry expansion should occur in parallel with clinical studies to allow maximum progress.**



# *Committee Recommendations*



- **Support studies to test and validate outcome measures.**
- **Initiate therapeutic trials in adults.**
- **Define inclusion criteria for children with severe EB subtypes to enable early enrollment in the same trials.**
- **Develop parameters to maximize safety for the youngest age groups.**
- **Encourage fast-track FDA approval for EB drugs.**



# *Hemangioma of Infancy*



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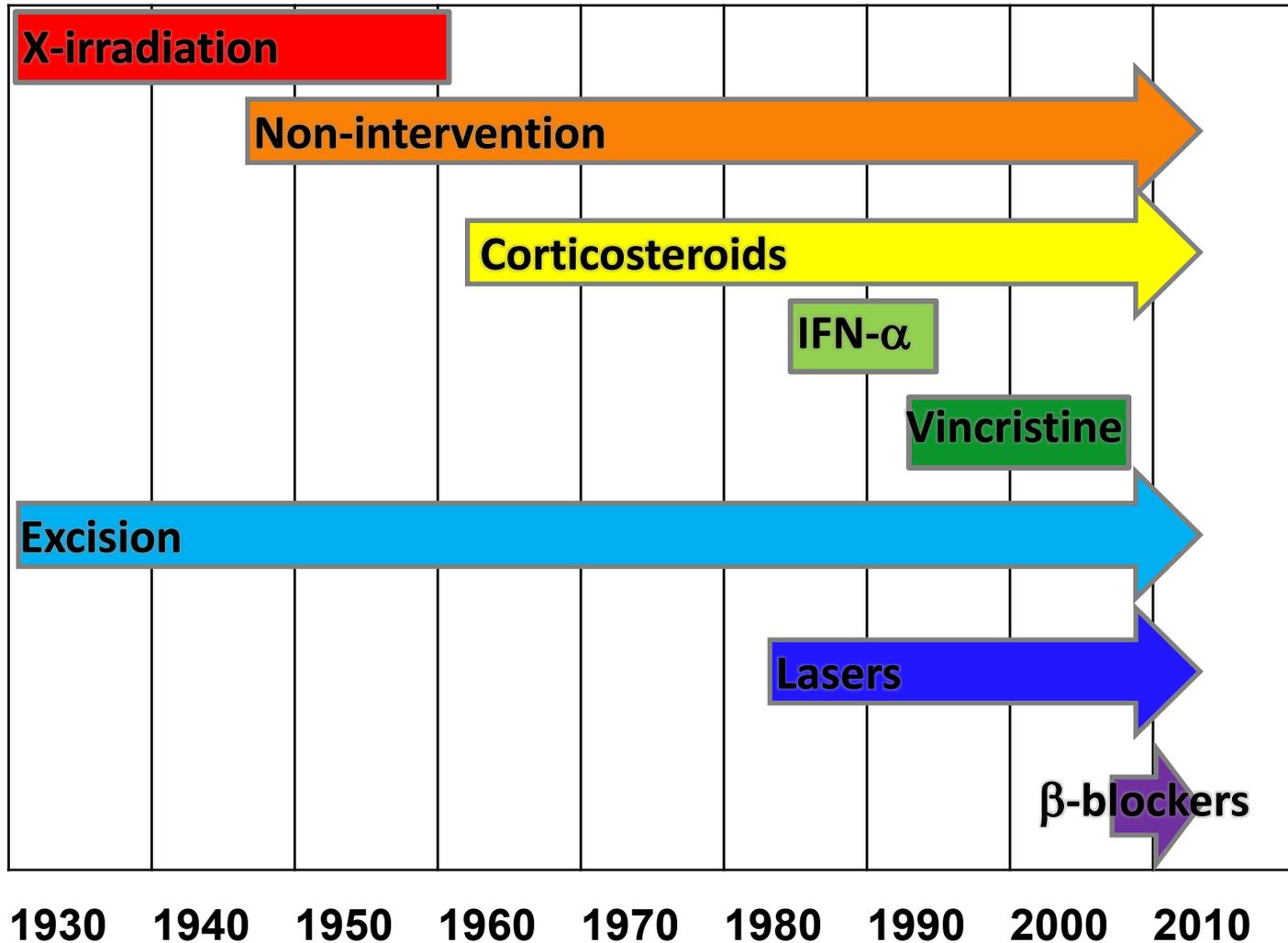
# *Hemangioma of Infancy*



- The most common tumor of childhood
- ~ 80,000 infants/yr in the US
- Complications necessitating treatment (~12%): disfigurement, ulceration/pain, visual impairment, airway obstruction, congestive heart failure
- No FDA-approved treatments; 1 industry-sponsored, phase II/III international multicenter, PCDB trial
- Existing research network (HIG; Hemangioma Investigator Group)



# *Hemangioma of Infancy: Treatment Options*



Itinteang T, Withers AH, Leadbitter P, Day DJ, Tan ST. Pharmacologic therapies for infantile hemangioma: is there a rational basis? *Plast Reconstr Surg.* 2011;128(2):499.

# *$\beta$ -blocker Treatment for Hemangioma of Infancy*



 THE NEW ENGLAND  
JOURNAL of MEDICINE

- Index case failed high dose IV corticosteroids
- Treatment complicated by hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
- Incidental rapid improvement
- Open-label treatment of 10 additional cases
- Published as a short communication (400 words)
- 268 publications as of 11/25/12

Léauté-Labrèze C et al. Propranolol for evere hemangiomas of infancy. 2008 Jun 12;358(24):2649-51.



# *$\beta$ -blocker Treatment for Hemangioma of Infancy*



- **Off-label oral and topical beta blockers have rapidly been adopted as first line therapy.**
- **Propranolol suspension**
  - 30,000 more Rx 2011 vs. 2007, *including complicated HOI*
  - Pierre-Fabre sponsored phase II/III multicenter, PCDB trial: propranolol in an optimized suspension; (planned FDA submission 1/07/13); *this protocol excludes complicated HOI.*
- **Propranolol gel: Pierre Fabre (proof of concept)**
- **Timolol ophthalmic (0.5% or 0.1% GFS)**
  - 4-10X more potent than propranolol
  - AEs (4% of children on intraocular timolol for glaucoma): bradycardia, hypoglycemia, and wheezing
  - Anticipated Rx for 10% HOI = 80 fold increase compared to infantile glaucoma



# Oral $\beta$ -blocker Clinical Needs



- **Additional safety/efficacy information**
- **Propranolol (generic suspension, nadolol? atenolol?)**
- **Validation for consensus-derived guidelines\***
  - Monitoring
  - Dose escalation
  - Initiation < 2 mo
  - Use in pre-term infants
  - Use in PHACE/LUMBAR syndrome
  - Duration of treatment
  - Discontinuation

\*Drolet B et al. Pediatrics, in press



# *Topical $\beta$ -blocker Clinical Needs*



- Propranolol gel, ophthalmic preparations: timolol, ?betaxolol)
- Safety/efficacy/PK
- Oral/topical comparative data
- Dosing
- Indications
  - Ulceration
  - Periorbital lesions
  - Premature infants, especially <2 mo old



# Committee Recommendations



- If Pierre Fabre oral propranolol receives FDA approval for *uncomplicated* HOI, there remains a desperate need for additional studies to evaluate safety/efficacy of oral propranolol for *complicated cases*.
- Utilize expertise within PTN, NICHD, HIG and industry to design & perform
  - Standardized safety reporting protocol to track likely AEs for infants enrolled in  $\beta$ -blocker studies
  - Phase I/II studies of percutaneous application of timolol maleate ophthalmic solution



# ***Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues***



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# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Introduction*



## **Many skin-related conditions are**

- common
- costly in economic terms
- chronic
- cause significant morbidity
- carry substantial comorbidity risks
- generate emotional distress
- markedly impair quality of life for the affected child and family



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Introduction*



“Quality-of-life illnesses are disorders that are regarded as unimportant to those who don’t have them.”

-Ray Slavin, M.D.

“Skin disease won’t kill you, but it can ruin your life.”

-Elaine Siegfried, M.D.



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Introduction*



**The unmet need is high for safe/effective treatments for children with chronic and severe pediatric dermatologic diseases.**



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Introduction*



## Major obstacles hinder new drug development for pediatric skin diseases

- Product labeling that overemphasizes *theoretical* risks of new treatments compared to *well-established* risks of poorly controlled, chronic disease
- Underappreciated risks of AEs from widespread off-label use of drugs that lack evidence-based treatments
- No well-defined risk parameters or guidelines for development of new drugs in children with non-lethal, but life-altering disorders



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Goals*



- To state the need for well-defined regulatory clinical development pathways to inform, facilitate and incentivize new treatments for severe and chronic pediatric skin diseases.
- To generate an official request to seek input from experts in order to draft a guidance document for FDA review and modification per the Current Good Guidance Document Practices.
- To offer initial suggestions for inclusion into a Level 1 Guidance Document for New Drug Development in Pediatric Dermatology



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Guidance Document Suggestions*



- Develop optimal packaging to assist in delivery of appropriate amounts of topical medication
- Determine optimal topical dosing quantities
- Do not postpone early phase drug trials in infants and children until after efficacy is determined in adults.
- Do not exclude drugs that have not achieved proven efficacy in adults as presumably ineffective in children.
- Do not place higher priority on theoretical risks of new drugs than established morbidity, and impact on QOL for pediatric skin disease.



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Guidance Document Suggestions*



- Determine age limits for initial trials based on the drug and the disease, e.g.
  - Include premature infants with a newly detected HOI in trials for of a topical beta-blocker.
  - Include children as young as age 2 with severe AD in trials involving systemic immunosuppressant medications.
- Apply adverse event data for drugs that have been studied for other pediatric indications to further study of skin disease in children.



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Guidance Document Suggestions*



- Be aware of the Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) project (<http://www.homeforeczema.org>): experts working together to agree on core set of outcome measures for use in all AD clinical trials.
- HOME III will be held 4/6/13 in San Diego, CA. Representatives from the EMEA will be participating. Similar FDA participation would be optimal.



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Guidance Document Suggestions*



- Incorporate input from parents of affected children in clinical trials protocol design via surveys seeking parental opinion on
  - tolerable washout periods
  - acceptable duration for placebo exposure
  - achievable frequency of study visits
  - tolerable number of phlebotomies and skin biopsies
  - worthwhile outcomes
- Require use of microtainer technology for routine hematology and chemistry assays.



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Guidance Document Suggestions*



Support the Pediatric Dermatology Research Alliance (PeDRA), a currently unfunded network to facilitate design and conduct of clinical trials, share resources and garner sufficient cohorts to study pediatric skin diseases.

- Hemangioma Investigator Group (HIG)
- Epidermolysis Bullosa Clinical Research Consortium (EBCRC)
- Pediatric Inflammatory Skin Diseases Group (PISDG)



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Committee Recommendations*



- **Recognize new drug development as a significant unmet need for children with severe and chronic skin disease.**
- **Appreciate the importance of an FDA-issued guidance document relevant to new drug development for children with severe and chronic, but non-life threatening skin diseases.**



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Committee Recommendations*



- **The committee is aware that 21CFR10.115 specifically encourages submission of subjects and drafts to the FDA for consideration and modification towards creating guidance documents.**
- **Apply background information provided towards developing a level 1 guidance document for new drug development for the top 3 identified areas of need: hemangioma of infancy, epidermolysis bullosa and atopic dermatitis as a first priority.**



# *Pediatric Dermatology Drug Development Issues- Committee Recommendations*



- **Provide additional support to convene a working group of experts to create an initial draft for review and modification by FDA.**
- **The ideal working group would include participants with expertise in**
  - Clinical care of children with skin disease
  - Drug development for skin disease
  - Pediatric drug development
  - Guidance document design

