

Appendix S1.

Eczema Severity and Symptoms: what is Important to patients?

What features about your eczema improve when you are using a treatment that...

As a patient with eczema we are keen to hear your views.

We want to learn what features about your (or your child's) eczema improve when you are using a treatment that works.

So if your eczema / your child's is getting better, what is it about the eczema that improves?

When the eczema is bad / in flare, how important is the improvement of the following signs and symptoms to you?

***1. Please answer the following questions about just one person, this can be you OR one of your children. Please indicate which person you are completing this questionnaire for here:**

Myself
 My Child
 Other

***2. How important are these features in deciding whether or not a treatment is working? (Please choose one option for each row)**

	Very important	Quite important	Somewhat important	Not important	Not relevant to me
Scratch marks on the skin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weeping/ Oozing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bleeding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Blisters	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Amount of body affected by eczema	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Itch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thickening of the skin (feels like leather)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Crusts covering eczema lesions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tightness of the skin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skin feels hot or inflamed	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dry flaky skin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Swelling	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Soreness or pain	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cracks in the skin	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Redness of the skin (or darkening in coloured skin)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sleep difficulties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involvement of "sensitive" body sites (e.g. face)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Involvement of "visible" body sites (e.g. hands and face)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

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***3. Many research studies take place over several months (up to a year), and researchers often want to measure how well controlled the eczema is over the whole of this time.**

This is sometimes done by asking people to keep a diary or log of how the eczema has been (these usually take just a couple of minutes to complete).

How often do you think this information should be recorded in order to capture how well controlled the eczema is?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Every few months

***4. If you were asked to keep an "eczema diary" in a research study lasting more than 6 months, how often would you be willing to complete it?**

This diary might be a paper diary or electronic, but you can choose which option would suit you best.

- Daily
- Weekly
- Monthly
- Every few months

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About You

Thank you for telling us about your eczema. It would be helpful to know a few more details from you.

5. Which category below includes you / your child's age?

- less than 5 years
- 6 to 15 years
- 16 to 25 years
- 26 to 45 years
- 46 to 65 years
- 66+ years

6. What is your / your child's gender?

- Female
- Male

7. At what age did you / your child's eczema start?

- 0 to 2 years
- 3 to 6 years
- 7 to 15 years
- 16+ years

8. How severe has your / your child's eczema been during the last week?

- No eczema
- Mild eczema
- Moderate eczema
- Severe eczema

9. Which of these categories best describes the colour of your skin?

- Light
- Slightly coloured
- Dark
- Very dark

*10. What country do you currently live in?

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Further Comments

*11. How long has it taken to complete this survey?

- less than 5 minutes
- between 5 and 10 minutes
- more than 10 minutes

12. Do you have any comments to make about this survey?

13. Would you like to receive a copy of the results of this survey?

- Yes
- No

14. If yes, please give your email address

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Thank You

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

For further information about this project and the work of the Harmonizing Outcome Measures for Eczema (HOME) group, please see www.homeforeczema.org.uk