

Oral antifungal therapy has improved patients with AD. However, we need prolonged, monotherapy and controlled studies with high numbers of patients and with both oral and topical antifungal therapy to really answer the question about the importance of *Malassezia* in AD.

For further reading I recommend the following 3 papers dealing with the role of *S. aureus* in AD and another paper dealing with the role of fungi in AD.

### Further reading

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## Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr. Receives Royal Recognition

**Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr., the dermatogeneticist, was recently awarded the Norwegian King's Order of Merit for his work for patients with epidermolysis bullosa (EB) and other genetic skin disorders.**

Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr. was born in 1934. He graduated from the University of Oslo in 1958, finished his doctoral thesis on EB in 1970 and became a specialist in medical genetics in 1971. He was a resident in dermatology at Rikshospitalet, Oslo, in 1969-70 and worked as a researcher at The Norwegian Radium Hospital from 1970 until 1986, when he became Chairman and Professor

at the Department of Medical Genetics at the University of Tromsø. From 1990 until his recent retirement he held dual positions as senior researcher at Department of Dermatology, Rikshospitalet, and Institute of Forensic Medicine, University of Oslo.

Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr.'s prime research interest has been genodermatoses, especially EB, on which he is recognised as world authority. As member of an extensive network of dermatogeneticists around the world, Gedde-Dahl has researched intensively for many years and written and co-written numerous papers and text book chapters.

Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr. has a genuine interest in the well-being of his pa-

tients, most of whom suffer from rare and serious genetic skin disorders. His knowledge of their pedigrees is often astonishing, and his expert comments on their clinical and genetic diagnoses are always impressive.

In recognition of his important contributions to Norwegian dermatology, Tobias Gedde-Dahl Jr. has been made an honorary member of The Norwegian Society of Dermatology. Even more prestigiously, he was recently awarded the Norwegian King's Order of Merit.

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