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## Reply to "Adult Atopic Dermatitis: Less Certainty, More Challenges"

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#### *To the Editor:*

We found the preliminary results reported by Megna et al [1] to be very interesting. The authors found that onset of atopic dermatitis was during adulthood in 40.3% of patients. We would like to emphasize that the percentage they report is probably more realistic than those published in the literature to date. Based on current published data, we found that atopic dermatitis was first diagnosed in adulthood in 9%-47% of cases [2,3]. This wide variability is likely due to variations in the criteria used to establish the diagnosis of atopic dermatitis in adulthood, as well as physicians' poor knowledge of the clinical manifestations of the disease at this age, which differ from those of children. In summary, despite current published data and evidence, dermatologists and allergists are probably unaware of the concept of adult-onset atopic dermatitis. Most still consider atopic dermatitis to be a childhood disease.

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