

Common Disorders on Skin of Color

Pigmentary Disorders

These disorders occur from melanin production. Melanin is a pigment that determines the color of the skin, hair, and eye iris. Darker pigmentation comes from increased melanin production, and lighter or white appearances result in decreased or missing melanin.



Examples of pigmentary disorders:

- Vitiligo
- Melasma
- Post Inflammatory Hyperpigmentation (dark marks) or Hypopigmentation (light marks)
- Scarring/ Permanent Discoloration after Rashes (eczema, acne) increase dark marks and light marks
 - More prominent on darker complected individuals

Sources

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