Gorlin Syndrome Alliance Patient Registry Yields Insights on Patients with Multiple Childhood Basal Cell Carcinomas

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Introduction: The Gorlin Syndrome Alliance Patient Registry (GSAPR) includes patient-entered detailed clinical information that provides clinicians and researchers with important insights on rare disease.

Methods: A retrospective review of clinical features, prior treatments, and patient preferences for management strategies was conducted through GSAPR.

Results: To date, there are 18 participants enrolled in the GSAPR who have indicated their first basal cell carcinoma (BCC) manifested before age 18 years. Of these respondents, 15 reported a diagnosis of 6 or more BCCs, with eight patients reporting over 500 BCCs and two patients reporting diagnosis of over 1000 BCCs. Two patients are presented in detail (Figures 1 and 2).

Conclusion: The GSAPR provides a mechanism for investigators to request data access to address clinical questions and to advance understanding of rare disease through patient-derived data.



Figure 1: A 4-year-old patient with numerous papules present on the lower eyelids concerning for basaloid follicular hamartoma. No significant change with tacrolimus, and some clinical improvement with sirolimus 1% cream.



Figure 2: A 16-year-old patient who has tried numerous treatments:

- Pulsed dye laser
- trichloroacetic acid 85%
- Electrodesiccation and Curettage
- 5-fluorouracil cream
- Imiguimod cream
- Sirolimus 3% cream Sirolimus has clinically stabilized periorbital BCC's, but lesions on trunk are increasing in number and size.

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RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY: Gorlin Syndrome Alliance Patient Registry (GSAPR)





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