HANIFIN & RAJKA CRITERIA FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS

**Major Criteria**

Must have 3

- Pruritus
- Dermatitis affecting flexural surfaces in adults or face and extensor surfaces in infants
- Chronic or relapsing dermatitis
- Personal or family history of cutaneous or respiratory allergy

**Minor Criteria**

Must have 3

- Facial features: Facial pallor, erythema, hypopigmented patches, infraorbital darkening, cheilitis, infraorbital folds, recurrent conjunctivitis, anterior neck folds
- Triggers: Emotional factors, environmental factors, food, skin irritants
- Complications: Susceptibility to skin infections, impaired cell-mediated immunity, predisposition to keratoconus and anterior subcapsular cataracts, immediate skin reactivity
- Other: Early age of onset, dry skin, ichthyosis, hyperlinear palms, keratosis pilaris, hand and foot dermatitis, nipple eczema, white dermatographism, perifollicular accentuation

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