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## Dermatology Data Set

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**Abstract:** Aim for this dataset is to determine the type of Erythemato-Squamous Disease.

<b>Data Set Characteristics:</b>	Multivariate	<b>Number of Instances:</b>	366	<b>Area:</b>	Life
<b>Attribute Characteristics:</b>	Categorical, Integer	<b>Number of Attributes:</b>	33	<b>Date Donated</b>	1998-01-01
<b>Associated Tasks:</b>	Classification	<b>Missing Values?</b>	Yes	<b>Number of Web Hits:</b>	214313

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### Data Set Information:

This database contains 34 attributes, 33 of which are linear valued and one of them is nominal.

The differential diagnosis of erythematous-squamous diseases is a real problem in dermatology. They all share the clinical features of erythema and scaling, with very little differences. The diseases in this group are psoriasis, seborrheic dermatitis, lichen planus, pityriasis rosea, chronic dermatitis, and pityriasis rubra pilaris. Usually a biopsy is necessary for the diagnosis but unfortunately these diseases share many histopathological features as well. Another difficulty for the differential diagnosis is that a disease may show the features of another disease at the beginning stage and may have the characteristic features at the following stages. Patients were first evaluated clinically with 12 features. Afterwards, skin samples were taken for the evaluation of 22 histopathological features. The values of the histopathological features are determined by an analysis of the samples under a microscope.

In the dataset constructed for this domain, the family history feature has the value 1 if any of these diseases has been observed in the family, and 0 otherwise. The age feature simply represents the age of the patient. Every other feature (clinical and histopathological) was given a degree in the range of 0 to 3. Here, 0 indicates that the feature was not present, 3 indicates the largest amount possible, and 1, 2 indicate the relative intermediate values.

The names and id numbers of the patients were recently removed from the database.

## Attribute Information:

Clinical Attributes: (take values 0, 1, 2, 3, unless otherwise indicated)

- 1: erythema
- 2: scaling
- 3: definite borders
- 4: itching
- 5: koebner phenomenon
- 6: polygonal papules
- 7: follicular papules
- 8: oral mucosal involvement
- 9: knee and elbow involvement
- 10: scalp involvement
- 11: family history, (0 or 1)
- 34: Age (linear)

Histopathological Attributes: (take values 0, 1, 2, 3)

- 12: melanin incontinence
- 13: eosinophils in the infiltrate
- 14: PNL infiltrate
- 15: fibrosis of the papillary dermis
- 16: exocytosis
- 17: acanthosis
- 18: hyperkeratosis
- 19: parakeratosis
- 20: clubbing of the rete ridges
- 21: elongation of the rete ridges
- 22: thinning of the suprapapillary epidermis
- 23: spongiform pustule
- 24: Munro microabscess
- 25: focal hypergranulosis
- 26: disappearance of the granular layer
- 27: vacuolisation and damage of basal layer
- 28: spongiosis
- 29: saw-tooth appearance of rete
- 30: follicular horn plug
- 31: perifollicular parakeratosis
- 32: inflammatory mononuclear infiltrate
- 33: band-like infiltrate

## Relevant Papers:

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