

Morocco

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Dermatology care in Morocco

• 4 university hospital dermatology departments

There are 4 university hospital dermatology departments: the dermatology department of Rabat University Hospital with a genodermatoses consultation, the dermatology department of Casablanca University Hospital, the dermatology department of Fès University Hospital and the dermatology department of Marrakech University Hospital.

• 3 non governmental organisations focused on skin

The Moroccan Genodermatoses Organisation (AMDG) located in Rabat University Hospital, the Moroccan Psoriasis Organisation, the Gildy Organisation (Casablanca University Hospital). These organisations are local and led by doctors.

• Access to care for the destitute

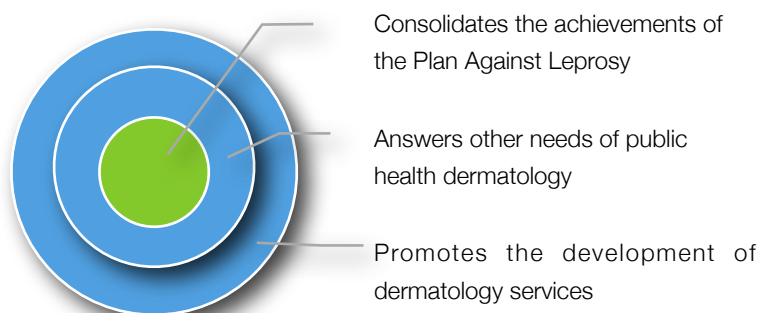
Access to care for severe genodermatoses patients is linked to the general issue that is the access to care in Morocco: access difficulties because of the geographical isolation, the financial difficulties, the cultural context. To remedy to that, a medical assistance system for the destitute (RAMED) has been introduced.

Genodermatoses are on the list of public health dermatology priorities set in the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases (2008-2012)

• The National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases (2008-2012)

The major concern in Morocco was to include severe genodermatoses on the list of public health dermatology priorities. Two opportunities happened: the revision of the strategy of the Leprosy Programme (2006-2007) and the elaboration of an Action Plan of the Ministry of Health for 2008-2012. This plan consolidates the achievements of the Plan Against Leprosy in a decentralized framework, answers other needs of public health dermatology and promotes the development of dermatology services.

Strategy of the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases



Plan of the Ministry of Health (2008-2012)

Goal	Action	Activity
1. Consolidates the achievements of the Plan Against Leprosy	1. Consolidates the achievements of the Plan Against Leprosy in a decentralized and adequately integrated framework	1. Integration of « ORE » and « CPE » in the Plan Against Leprosy
		2. Revision of the mission and the status of the National Center on Leprosy
		3. Organisation of regional meetings on the control of dermatological diseases and leprosy
		4. Organisation of training seminars on dermatology and leprology
		5. Reinforcement of ICT activities

Plan of the Ministry of Health (2008-2012)

Goal	Action	Activity
		6. Gathering of additional resources thanks to partnerships
2. Answers other needs of public health dermatology	232. Development of action plans specific to the new diseases targeted in the program.	7. Development of a Plan Against psoriasis
		8. Development of a national strategy against skin cancer
		9. Development of a plan against dermatoses linked to poverty and precariousness
		10. Development of a network dedicated to severe Genodermatoses
3. Promotes the development of dermatology services	231. Development of dermatology services and coordination between the different levels of health care delivery	11. Equipping dermatology departments
		12. Participation to the development of a provincial action plan to provide training courses in dermatology
		13. Support to the development of a reference/counter-reference system in dermatology and leprology
		14. Revision of the information system (development of national registers)
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	233 : Support to moving strategy	16. Support to medical caravan

- A budget estimated to 500 000 euros for the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases for 2009-2012

Year	2009	2010	2011	2012
Budget (dirham)	62 500	1 390 000	1 480 000	1 580 000

The actions of the programme are equipping and updating dermatology departments, purchasing drugs, developing coordinatinon means and actions for information and Public Health Services personnel awareness raising.

- Epidemiological data collect in the framework of the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases

Available epidemiological data are mainly series of retrospective cases. There is a few prospective studies. The development of national registers is one of the objectives of the national project to set up network dedicated to severe genodermatoses in the framework of the action plan of the Ministry of Health for 2008-2012.

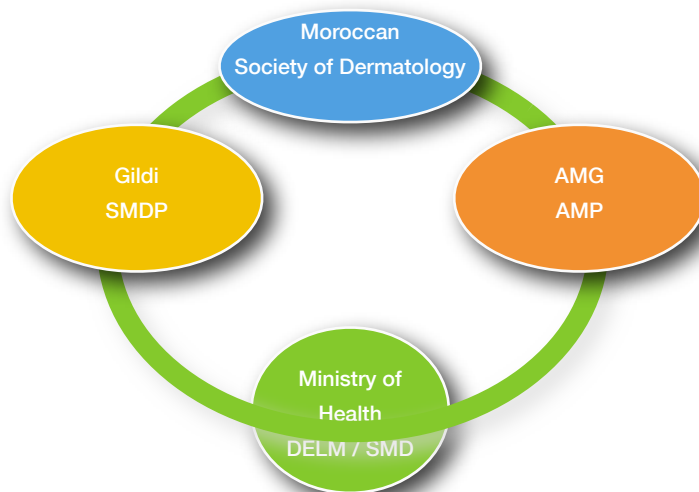
- The organisation of the severe genodermatoses care path in the framework of the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases

The organisation of the care path in dermatology is one of the objectives of the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases. There are two levels: the level 1 is to link general practitioners and dermatologists, and the level 2 is to link dermatologists to centres of reference with a multidisciplinary team. The identification and the official recognition of centres of reference for severe genodermatoses is a real concern. Identifying priority genodermatoses is necessary.

- A partnership between the Ministry of Health, the societies of dermatology and pediatric dermatology, the non governmental organisatons in the framework of the National Programme Against Leprosy and Dermatological Diseases

The partners of the programme of the Ministry of Health (Head of Epidemiology, Department of Dermatological Diseases) are the Moroccan Societies of Dermatology and Pediatric Dermatology (SMDP), Gildi, the Moroccan Genodermatoses Organisation (AMDG) and the Moroccan Psoriasis Organisation (AMP).

These partnerships need to be formalised by signing conventions between the Ministry of Health and non governmental organisations in order to elaborate specific action plans.



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Suggestions to improve health care of severe genodermatoses patients

- Identify priority severe genodermatoses
- Define a specific health care strategy adapted to the context and the national resources
- Define a system of health care reference and a procedure handbook
- Involve patients and widen the geographical cover of organisations
- Review the statutes of the Moroccan Society of Dermatology and organize thematic working groups
- Precise research needs and their implication in public health
- Develop the international partnership (North-South and South-South)