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- Genetics clinic as a referral center
- Staff
  - Genetics Nurse,
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  - Genetic Counsellors

The Cyprus Medical Genetics Dpt Activities

- Medical genetics-diagnosis, treatment, genetic counselling
- Academic activities-teaching on international and local courses
- Research
- Public awareness enhancement

The Cyprus Medical Genetics Dpt Activities

As this is a referral and only clinic

- patients are referred from all island for any question of diagnosis, medical care and genetic counselling, for all types of genetic disease: essentially we offer services to patients of any age group, couples and families

Genodermatoses in Cyprus

- A significant number of patients with skin and relevant disorders such as Genodermatoses are referred to our clinic
- We believe we see a considerable proportion of all patients with Genodermatoses on the island
- Records are kept in our clinic registry
- Patients are also seen by their individual dermatologists and other relevant specialists

Genodermatoses in clinical genetics f/up (first indicators)

1. epidermolysis bullosa- five (5) + families
2. severe ichthyosis- five (5) + families
3. palmoplantar keratoderma-one to date
4. xeroderma pigmentosum and DNA damage diseases- few families
5. neurofibromatosis-more that 130 families
6. other genodermatoses such as ectodermal dysplasia anhydrotic (few families) and incontinentia pigmenti (few families)
7. few patients with other Genodermatoses

Preliminary work on Goals set

- Needs of patients: being addressed-mostly covered by public health services and expenses
- Centers of expertise: being addressed-limited numbers (due to small population) does not enhance establishing disease-specific centers and expertise
- Patients associations: being addressed-limited numbers (due to small population) but patients are sensitized to the need

Preliminary work on Goals set

- Discussion of the management strategies of genodermatoses with colleagues, mainly **dermatologists** and other specialists such as neurologists, neurosurgeons, oncologists
- A national network and a more systematic multidisciplinary clinic is being discussed with colleagues and collaborators- mainly dermatologists and other specialists such as neurologists, neurosurgeons, oncologists
- Establishing European collaborations: being addressed through existing and new channels

A “state of the art” survey on Genodermatoses in Cyprus is on it’s way to help better assess the needs and strategies