helping your child cope with eczema

Caring for a child with eczema can be physically and emotionally draining for both parent and child. Here are a few tips to help ease your frustration and nurture your child's happy and self-confident growth and development.

The 4 E'S of Coping with Eczema: Educate Explore • Family, caregivers and teachers need to know • There is no one trigger or cure. Ask your child's doctor about available treatments, that eczema is a combination of genetics and environmental triggers and that it is not including over-the-counter products that can help manage symptoms and prevent flares. contagious. School can be stressful for children with • Find a support network or online forum where eczema requiring more emotional support you can share your concerns and fears with and understanding. other parents who have similar experiences. Engage Empower • Living with eczema does not mean your child • For children, eczema emollients are a way of life. has to miss out. Children with eczema can do • Let your child participate in their daily care by most of the things other children do. applying their own treatment as they get older • Think positively - with the right treatment - it will make them feel more independent and regimen and trigger avoidance, you can help help boost their self-esteem. manage your child's eczema, making life better for you and your family.

Daily Care and Prevention

An effective skin care regimen can help reduce itching and irritation and strengthen the skin's moisture barrier. For more information, talk to your child's doctor.

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