Juvenile Dermatomyositis

These websites have reliable, up-to-date information. If you have questions about your child’s condition or care, please speak with a member of the health care team.

**Myositis Association** (United States)
[www.myositis.org/template/page.cfm?id=184](http://www.myositis.org/template/page.cfm?id=184)
- Describes different types of myositis, including juvenile dermatomyositis.
- This is a large, but helpful website. It may take time extra time to find and read the information.

**CureJM** (United States)
[www.curejm.com](http://www.curejm.com)
- Provides information and support for families and children with juvenile myositis.
- Includes photographs of skin conditions seen commonly in dermatomyositis, articles about parenting and dealing with the stress of JM, video blogs and message boards.
- You can view or print ‘CureJM News’, a newsletter published four times a year.

**National Institutes of Health** (United States)
- Describes the symptoms, causes, complications, and treatments for different types of myositis, including dermatomyositis.
- Includes a glossary of medical terms, a list of research studies in progress (clinical trials) and links to resources for children and teens.
- This website has a lot of information, but it may be hard to navigate.
**E-medicine** (United States)
- Describes the symptoms, causes, complications, and treatments for juvenile dermatomyositis.
- Includes photographs of skin conditions associated with dermatomyositis, a thorough list of medications (including dosing, interactions, contraindications, and precautions).
- This website is written by pediatric rheumatologists. It provides complete information about juvenile dermatomyositis, using medical terms. It may be best to read some basic information before visiting this website.

**Cincinnati Children’s Hospital** (United States)
[www.cincinnatichildrens.org/health/info/rheumatology/diagnose/jdms.htm](http://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/health/info/rheumatology/diagnose/jdms.htm)
- Provides general information about juvenile dermatomyositis.

**Arthritis Foundation** (United States)
- A good place to start learning about juvenile dermatomyositis.
- Provides a well-organized, straightforward introduction to juvenile dermatomyositis and how to deal with this disease.
- Describes the symptoms, causes, diagnosis and treatment of juvenile dermatomyositis.
- The ‘Resources’ section gives practical suggestions for coping with chronic illness.