“This year as part of my clinical teaching, I noticed that I was not taught how certain conditions would appear on dark skin. I, like others in my class, wondered how I would be able to detect the conditions on my own skin type. There was a GAP in my knowledge.”
- Trinity Health Sciences Student

HOW CAN WE FILL THE GAP?
1. Start the conversation
2. Discuss how conditions present on various skin tones
3. Direct students to resources

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DO NOTHING?
× Symptoms overlooked due to lack of understanding
× Flawed beliefs about biological difference between different ethnicities
× Incorrect or misdiagnoses due to lack of knowledge
× Mistrust between patients from ethnic minorities and the healthcare professionals, resulting in low compliance to medication and treatment

USEFUL RESOURCES:
• Mind the Gap, Clinical handbook by Malone Mukwende
• https://www.blackandbrownskin.co.uk/about-mentor

Can you recognise these clinical features?