

MIND THE GAP!

“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



Can you recognise these clinical features?

USEFUL RESOURCES:

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

