



Dermatitis Papulosa Nigra (DPN)

Dermatitis Papulosa Nigra or DPN is a condition of multiple dark brown or black papules on the face and sometimes, the neck, chest, or back. It is most common in individuals of African descent and tends to run in families. Women are more commonly affected than men. It is rare in young children. Areas usually begin to appear during adolescence and become larger and more numerous with age. They will not go away on their own. DPN is not related to any systemic disease or syndrome, and is a benign inherited condition.

Treatment can be performed, and is usually done for cosmetic reasons only. Options include freezing, snipping, or using electrodesiccation. The latter two treatments are usually performed using local anesthesia. Changes in pigmentation can result from treatment, especially with freezing.

For Questions or Emergency Care:

Call the office at **601-815-3374**. You may need to speak with the doctor on-call.