

Treatment and preventive medicine for scar in community medicine

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Keloids and hypertrophic scars can be prevented if wounds and incipient abnormal scars are appropriately and quickly treated. However, because many people in the community are not aware that keloids can be prevented or readily treated when they are small, they often do not seek early medical treatment. As a result, we often see patients who have developed large abnormal scars that reduce patient quality of life and are difficult to treat. To tackle this lack of awareness, our department has established a consultation counter for keloids on our web site. This counter has been promoted to the schools and hospitals in our community. Currently, we are developing a self-assessment tool that people in the community can use to determine whether their scar is a keloid.