

Need for more basic research to promote the discovery  
of effective keloid treatments

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Keloid is an intractable disfiguring disease of unknown cause that has a high prevalence in certain ethnicities. Drugs that specifically improve or even cure these abnormally growing scars are needed. Basic research on keloids is currently being conducted around the world but it remains hampered by technical problems such as a lack of suitable animal models and socioeconomic problems such as lack of funding. These problems will have to be overcome before effective drugs against keloids and other abnormal scars can be developed.