

E-learning enables parents to assess infantile hemangiomas

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(HealthDay)—Parents are able to correctly diagnose and evaluate an infantile hemangioma (IH) after completing an e-learning module, according to a study published in the May issue of the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*.

Marlies de Graaf, M.D., Ph.D., from the University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands, and colleagues prospectively studied 158 parents participating in an IH e-learning module. Comparisons were made between a parent's assessment of their child's skin abnormality and an assessment made by a dermatologist.

The researchers found that parents showed a 96 percent concordance with the [dermatologist](#) for [correct diagnosis](#) after e-learning. For assessing the risk of complications, the need to be seen by a specialist, and the urgency for specialized care concordances were 79, 75, and 84 percent, respectively (P

"E-learning by [parents](#) could result in earlier presentation and treatment of high-risk IH," the authors write.

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