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# Ask the Expert: Caring For Your Child's Skin and Hair

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# About Dr. Brooke Jackson

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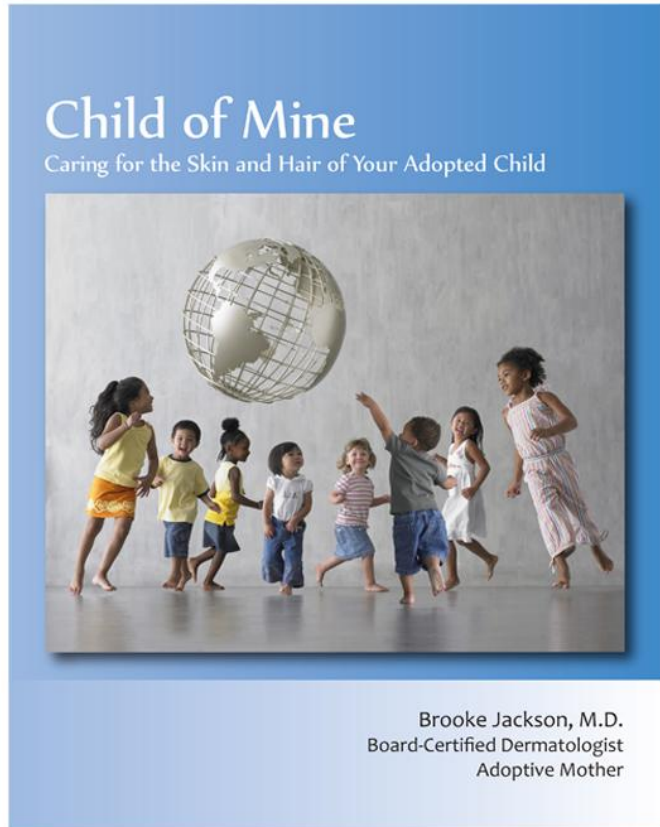


- A Board Certified Dermatologist, Dr. Jackson is considered an expert in the field of laser surgery and skin cancer treatment and prevention
- Medical Director of the Skin Wellness Center of Chicago and a Clinical Assistant Professor at Northwestern University.
- Lectures nationally on the use of lasers and cosmetic procedures cosmetic procedures in ethnic skin.
- A published writer, Dr. Jackson has written numerous articles, book chapters and a CD relevant to her specialty.
- Dr. Jackson is an avid runner, having competed in ten marathons and eight triathlons.
- She is the mother to three energetic, adoptive children.

# Child of Mine:

## Caring for the Skin and Hair of Your Adoptive Child

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- Written by Dr. Brooke Jackson and published October 2012.
- An essential resource for parents and caregivers whose children don't share the same medical history or ethnic background.
- Dr. Jackson offers her expert insight on the signs, symptoms, causes and treatment of a wide variety of different skin and hair conditions.
- The book red flags which conditions require the care of a dermatologist.
- Available in paperback for \$12.99 on Amazon.com
- Link: <http://amzn.to/ZbtXyb>

# Essential Skin Care Tips for Your Children

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- Establish a facial and body skin-care routine for your child or teen.
- Make your child's self-care routines fun to create lifetime habits. Play peek-a-boo or sing a song as you cleanse and moisturize your toddler.
- Monitor your child's skin, paying special attention to moles and warts.
- Keep well-baby and well-child appointments. Many conditions can be treated and resolved, especially if they are discovered early.
- Protect your child's skin from damaging sun rays by using products that have an SPF of 30 or higher and offer broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection.
- Don't apply sunscreen to children under six months of age. A broad brim hat (pictured) is a great way to keep your baby safe from the sun's harmful rays.



# Getting Started: Tips for Managing Hair of All Types

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- Never pull too tightly or try to force styles that can't be accomplished
- Be wary of using rubber bands or hair ornaments that could easily come out of your baby's or toddler's hair and find their way into her mouth. These are choking hazards!
- Be aware of the weather. Protect your baby's sensitive hair and tiny head from the elements (sun, heat and cold)
- Shampoo once every week, or every two weeks if he or she has a very dry scalp.
- Use a gentle baby shampoo specifically made for your child's hair type. Do not shampoo daily.
- If your child's hair or scalp gets dirty on a non-shampoo day, you can rub the scalp and hair clean with a wet washcloth or dry shampoo.
- Use a little soft bristle baby brush to gently tidy the hair.
- Brush a baby's or child's hair in the direction of his or her natural hair pattern. Newborn hair requires little maintenance.



# Red Flags and Warning Signs: When to See a Dermatologist

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•Dermatologists are experts in the care of hair , skin and nails therefor it would be appropriate to see a dermatologist if you have questions or concerns about your hair , skin or nails including but not limited to the following:

- if you are unsure of what you are treating
- If the condition does not improve or worsens
- If lesions are painful, growing, bleeding or changing colors
- If there are other medical conditions that may involve the skin ( ex: lupus, diabetes, etc)
- A new rash, growth or change in the status of the hair , skin or nails



# Questions?

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