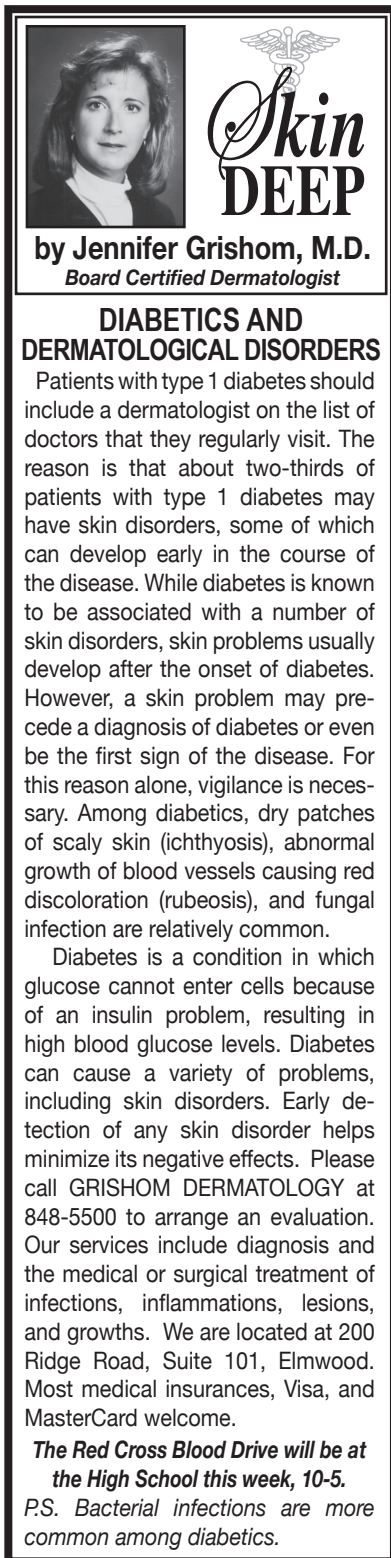


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Patients with type 1 diabetes should include a dermatologist on the list of doctors that they regularly visit. The reason is that about two-thirds of patients with type 1 diabetes may have skin disorders, some of which can develop early in the course of the disease. While diabetes is known to be associated with a number of skin disorders, skin problems usually develop after the onset of diabetes. However, a skin problem may precede a diagnosis of diabetes or even be the first sign of the disease. For this reason alone, vigilance is necessary. Among diabetics, dry patches of scaly skin (ichthyosis), abnormal growth of blood vessels causing red discoloration (rubeosis), and fungal infection are relatively common.

Diabetes is a condition in which glucose cannot enter cells because of an insulin problem, resulting in high blood glucose levels. Diabetes can cause a variety of problems, including skin disorders. Early detection of any skin disorder helps minimize its negative effects. Please call GRISHOM DERMATOLOGY at 848-5500 to arrange an evaluation. Our services include diagnosis and the medical or surgical treatment of infections, inflammations, lesions, and growths. We are located at 200 Ridge Road, Suite 101, Elmwood. Most medical insurances, Visa, and MasterCard welcome.

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