



Juvenile Xanthogranuloma

Juvenile xanthogranulomas (JXGs) are commonly present at birth or within the first year of life. They consist of round-to-oval, smooth, pink-yellow bumps on the head, neck, trunk, and occasionally the extremities. Many children have only one JXG lesion, but multiple lesions may be present.

Generally, JXG's do not cause any symptoms. New lesions may continue to develop for several months. After a period of growth in infancy, JXG's slowly flatten and involution is often complete by mid childhood. In most children, no treatment is required. Surgical excision can lead to unnecessary scarring. For children with more than one JXG lesion, an eye exam is recommended by an ophthalmologist (not an optometrist) to look for the presence of JXG's in the eye.