

THE SKIN IN MARFAN SYNDROME

Stretch marks on the skin (striae atrophicae) may occur in anyone, particularly as a result of rapid growth during adolescence, pregnancy or marked weight gain or loss. People with Marfan syndrome are prone to develop stretch marks, often at an early age and without weight change. The marks tend to appear in body parts subject to stress, such as the shoulders, hips, and lower back.

Although some people don't like the way the stretch marks look, they do not pose any health risk and do not require treatment.



How are stretch marks treated in people with Marfan syndrome?

Stretch marks are red or purple in color when they first appear, but become paler over time. Although some people don't like the way the stretch marks look, they do not pose any health risk and do not require treatment. In fact, there is no effective way to prevent or remove them.

Do you have questions? Would you like more information?

- Call our help center 800-862-7326, ext. 126 to speak with a nurse who can answer your questions and send you additional information.
- Visit our website at marfan.org. You can print information that interests you, and ask questions online.