Quality of Life: Vitiligo is indeed a psychologically devastating disease. **Children comprise 25% of patients.** When this disorder begins in childhood, it is often associated with **profound emotional trauma** for affected children. Negative experiences related to the disease in childhood are often associated with **long standing social adjustment issues.**

**Epidemiology:** There are no differences in the pathogenesis of childhood and late onset disease; however unique aspects of childhood disease include:

- higher prevalence of segmental vitiligo
- positive family history
- atopic dermatitis.

Associated conditions: While associated autoimmune diseases are more common in adults with vitiligo, multiple studies have documented an **increased frequency of thyroid disorders** in children with vitiligo.

**Treatment:** Excellent therapeutic outcomes are often achieved in children. Therapies for childhood vitiligo incorporate modalities for stabilization and repigmentation.

- oral and topical corticosteroids
- calcineurin inhibitors
- NB-UVB phototherapy.

**Other Special Considerations in children**

- Increased prevalence of segmental vitiligo
- Enhanced response to treatment modalities compared to adults

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