Visual Exam for Nutritional Status

The foods you eat not only influence how you feel but also how you look. Certain physical signs can determine possible nutritional deficiencies.



Body Part	Symptoms	Possible Deficiency/Cause
Scalp	Red, itchy, dry	Omega-3, Omega-6, Vitamin A
	Dandruff, hair loss	Vitamin B6, Zinc, Limited protein absorption
		protein absorption
Face	Rough, scaly skin on forehead and nose	Vitamin B2, Iron
	Acne	Zinc, Vitamin A
	Edema, puffy round face (moon	Limited protein absorption,
	face)	Hypothyroidism, Allergies
Eyes	Dry, red, light sensitive	Vitamin A, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B6
	Puffy, dark circles	Allergies, Food sensitivities, kidney malfunction
Lips	Cankers, cracks in the corner of mouth	Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3
	Dry lips	Omega-3, Omega-6
Tongue	Red, irritated	Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B12, Iron
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Gums	Bleeding, tender	Vitamin C, Co-enzyme Q10





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Skin	Dryness, hyperkeratosis	Vitamin A, Omega-3, Omega-6
	(thickening of the skin)	
	Stretch marks, small broken	Vitamin C, Zinc
	blood vessels on surface of	
	skin	
	Bruises, excess bruising	Vitamin C, Vitamin K
	Small red bumps in back of	Omega-3, Omega-6
	arms	
Hands	Cold hands	Magnesium, Hypothyroidism
Nails	Thin, splitting, brittle	Magnesium, Zinc, Manganese,
		Copper, Omega-3, Omega-6
	White spots	Zinc
	Spoon shaped	Iron
Muscles	Tenderness	Vitamin B1
	Excessive fatigue	Carnitine, Co-enzyme Q10
Nerves	Abnormal sensation of burning,	Magnesium, B-Complex (B1,
	tingling or aching	B2, B3, B5, B6, B7, B9, B12)
	Fidgety	Vitamin B1, Vitamin B12
	Trembling	Vitamin B2

Note: Always consult with a health professional before taking any new supplements.





