## Allergy-immunology glossary

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Towards a clear designation of some of the terms used in allergology and immunology.

Atopic dermatitis (AD)	AD is a common chronic inflammatory skin disorder characterised by recurrent eczematous lesions and intense itch. The disorder affects people of all ages and ethnicities with substantial patient and population burdens. <sup>1,2</sup> Controversy remains regarding the nomenclature of AD. In 2004, the World Allergy Organization (WAO) released a consensus statement approving the use of the term eczema, instead of AD. <sup>3</sup> Despite the WAO consensus statement, a variety of other terms are being used instead of the term AD, including atopic eczema. <sup>4</sup>	التهاب الجلد الأتوبي
Preschool wheeze (PSW)	PSW is defined as wheezing before the age of 6 years. This is the most accepted definition, but there is considerable variation among countries with respect to the age. <sup>5</sup>	الصفير التنفسي في سن ما قبل المدرسة

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