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Announcer A: "Now, it is time for our Special Report. Atopic dermatitis is an illness accompanied by intense itchiness. Its cause is unknown. It was found that this difficult illness is cured by water."

Announcer B: "We have been following patients with atopic dermatitis for six months and will now report on the amazing effects of this wonder water."

Reporter: "Atopic dermatitis is painful, causing young children to cry all night because of the intense itchiness. They scratch so much that sometimes they wake up to their sheets stained with blood."

[on screen] Father and child

Father: "My son gets itchy in the middle of the night and cries and scratches his body intensely. It happens every night. We can hardly sleep. So, we are deprived of sleep all the time."

Reporter: "In order to suppress the severe inflammation, doctors use adrenocortical hormones, or steroids. Even ifs patient recovers temporarily, the condition repeatedly comes back, and the long time use of large amounts of steroids causes a reduction in immunity, a lowering of the functions of the adrenal gland, cataract problems and other side effects. Recently, concerned parents of young patients have steered away from steroids. Now, this new water treatment has entered the spotlight many patients visit Akashi Hospital which is 5 minutes by car from Nishi Akashi Station of Shinkansen (Bullet Train)."

[on screen] Dr. Shinkai

Dr. Shinkai: "Recently many patients have turned away from steroids. They go to many different hospitals before finally ending up here." [on screen] twins

Reporter: "Twin sisters Saki and Yu Matsubara visited Doctor Shinkai at Akashi Hospital. Their parents wanted them to be cured from atopic dermatitis without using steroids. Their bodies are red and covered with rashes."

[on screen] Dr. Shinkai and twins

Dr. Shinkai: "O.K., where do you want it next? How about your hands?"

Reporter: "For intense itchiness and inflammation, this strong hyperoxidized water of pH 2.6 which was especially developed for medical use is applied. And for curing atopic dermatitis from inside the body, patients drink alkaline water. Both types are created by electrolysis. You can

create this water from an electrolyzer for home use."

[on screen] Twins, drinking high alkaline water

Dr. Shinkai: "Although I don't force my patients to drink more than they can, by merely drinking electrolyzed alkaline water everyday, the skin becomes really clean in about 3 to 4 months."

Reporter: "There is an unavoidable problem with this water treatment. When patients stop using steroids, they face withdrawal symptoms and the situation is rough for a while."

[on screen] Mr. Tomita

Reporter: "Mr. Tomita of Kyoto was told by Dr. Shinkai in detail about the withdrawal symptoms, so he was able to consent to the treatment of his one-year old son, Ryuki without hesitation."

[on screen] Ryuki

Reporter: "Look, the area around Ryuki's mouth used to be this bad, but now after five months of water treatment, it has gotten this clean."

[on screen] Left: While using steroids Right: Five months after beginning water treatment

Reporter: "None of the atopic dermatitis remains on his elbows or behind his knees. He now has his clean, transparent, infant skin back."

[on screen] Ryuki's grandfather

Grandfather: "It was really bad when the treatment first began. He was covered with blood. But the bleeding would stop when we'd wipe him with tissue paper soaked in that water we get from Akashi Hospital. I am just amazed that he was cured to this degree just by water."

[on screen] Bottles of high alkaline water

Reporter: "Akashi Hospital is sending electrolyzed alkaline and hyperoxidized water to patients at cost."

[on screen] Ryuki

Reporter: "Eleven months after he started water treatment, Ryuki was doing fine without any recurrence of the illness. He is now healthy enough to be able to eat eggs, which he had not been able to eat because they had previously been identified as allergens."

Mother: "Ryuki has a big appetite. He eats more than adults. He has a lot of energy now, is more active and has more facial expressions."

[on screen] Saki and Yu

Reporter: "It has been four months since Saki and Yu switched from steroids to water treatment. The redness has gradually subsided and the symptoms are improving. They have only mild itchiness."

Reporter: "Their mother purchased this equipment as soon as it was put on the market. This machine creates exactly the same highly disinfectant, hyperoxidized water as that created by the larger equipment for medical use. How much improvement can you see in their atopic dermatitis after treatment with these waters?"

Dr. Shinkai: Since August, I have seen about 2000 new patients. I think that in about 4 months, 80-90% of them will be cured, and if those who take a little longer are included, almost everyone will be cured."

[on screen] Dr. Kameyama, Kitazato Medical Research Center Hospital

Reporter: "Experiments have been conducted to prove that electrolyzed alkaline water is effective in curing rash, too."

[on screen] Mouse

Dr. Kameyama: "Experiments were done in which DNFB (a benzene compound that causes a rash) was applied to the right ears of two rats to see if any difference would be seen between the methods of treatment. As you can see, the rash on the right ear of the mouse that was given alkaline water to drink has clearly gotten better compared to the rash on the mouse that was given only regular tap water."

[on screen] Saki and Yu

Reporter: "It has been 7 months since Saki and Yu started water treatment."

Doctor Shinkai: "Yes, their skin became so clean. These two girls were really in bad condition. The redness and itchiness were very severe. It would have been clear to anyone that their Condition was serious. Even so, their skin became this clean."

Mother: "Finally, in the last week or so, they stopped waking up in the middle of the night."

Reporter: "For the first time since the twins were bon5 the Matsubara family welcomed in the new year without cries at night. There will be pictures in the album of twins with clean skin from now on."

Announcer A: "As you see, the hyperoxidized water does not have an immediate effect on atopic dermatitis. They say that you should expect to wait for about 6 months before you see the change."

Announcer B: "It may take some time before you see the change, but it is water you are taking during that time, so there are no side effects."

Announcer A: "Yes. And if you were on steroids prior to water treatment, they say that it will take three months longer. This water treatment is also effective on adult cases of atopic dermatitis.

We will report on this in the second report in this series."