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Allergy

Allergy Examination

Travis is 14 years old.
He has suffered from asthma and allergic rhinitis since he was a toddler.
He had severe eczema as an infant which is now localised to the flexural surfaces of his limbs.

Dr Do-a-lot prepares to examine him.

She asks Sister Sweet to measure his height and weight on the way to the examination room.

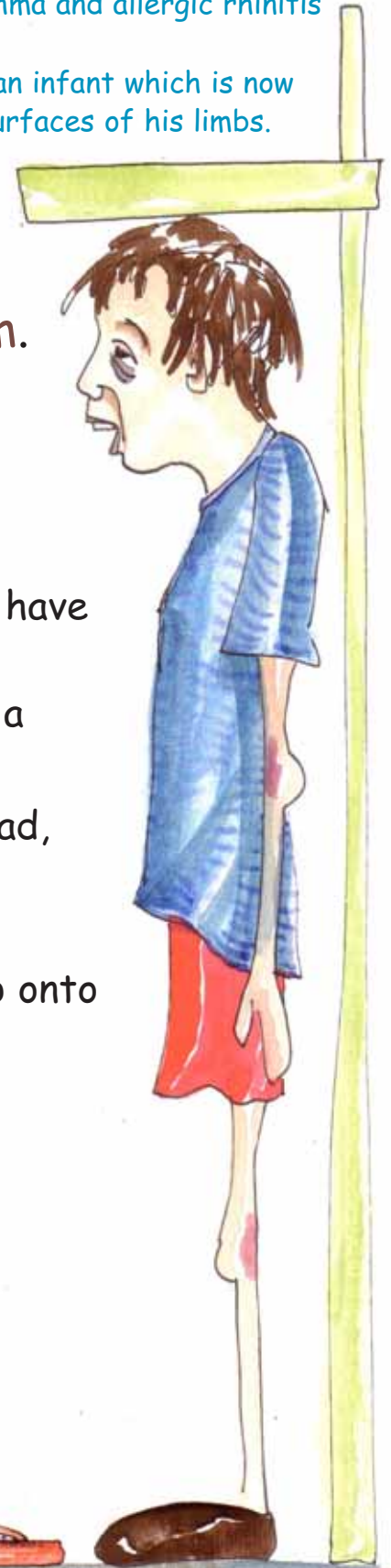
She notices that his appearance and posture have been affected by his chronic condition.

He is small, thin, and round-shouldered, with a pigeon chest.

His face is elongated which makes him look sad, and he is mouth-breathing.

His speech has a nasal quality.

He performs an allergic salute as he steps up onto the scale and twitches his nose.



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highlights some of the
important features in the
examination of the
allergy patient.

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Features that may be present in the physical examination of an allergic patient

