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This meeting will provide a diversified CME presentation focusing on the art and science of dermatology. Information will be presented through lectures and scientific paper presentations. The activity actively encourages members to develop enduring materials as an evolving tool for continuing education. The College is committed to exploring the development of its capacity to expand resources in other educational techniques, including Web-based activities and point-of-care technologies.

American Osteopathic College of Dermatology

Mission Statement & Continuing Medical Education Needs Assessment

The Continuing Medical Education Program of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology will support, enhance and advance new models of academic excellence and community health care.

The mission of the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology is to create innovative education, support, and opportunities in dermatology that promote excellence in patient care and community health through advocacy, consciousness, inclusivity, and osteopathy.

Purpose

The purpose of the CME program is to provide AOA-accredited continuing medical education activities to inform the dermatologist physician. The program will provide a mechanism by which its constituents can improve competency, maintain board certification and cultivate lifelong learning. CME will provide physicians with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge through individual and group learning activities. The Continuing Medical Education Committee will monitor the quality of all programs conducted by the AOCD.

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AOCD CME will identify relevant financial relationships prior to awarding AOA Category 1A and/or *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*[™] for CME activities. All persons in a position to influence or control CME content (course directors, program planning committee members, speakers, authors and staff) will complete a standardized disclosure form. Information about funding will be requested to identify CME activities at higher risk for commercial bias.

All AOCD CME activities will be evaluated by learners and possibly peer reviewers to determine if the content was free of commercial bias. All those identified as having influence and/or control of CME content perceived as either manifesting conflicts of interest or being biased may be disqualified from consideration as resources (planning group member, authors, faculty, etc) in subsequent CME activities.

Learners will be provided with information on identified COI from any of the above categories of persons that affect the content of CME, and that information will be positioned in course materials such that it is read by learners prior to the execution of the CME activity. Speakers for the AOCD will be required to provide disclosure information to

meeting attendees during their introduction of their topic. Additionally, disclosure statements are provided in the program schedule given to each meeting attendee and is available online at www.aocd.org.

In accordance with the ACCME's Standards for Commercial Support of Continuing Medical Education, the Policy on Collection of Financial Relationships and Resolution of Conflicts of Interest (COI) exists to provide guidance for staff, instructors, planners, reviewers and managers of CME activities sponsored by **The American Osteopathic College of Dermatology, (AOCD)**. This policy addresses the underlying philosophy of disclosure to learners, mechanisms to collect disclosure information and the parties from whom financial disclosure shall be collected, the mechanisms to resolve COI, and requirements to make disclosure to learners prior to the start of an activity.

Professional Practice Gap Statement:

Physicians need to understand, update and manage changes in dermatology in order to provide optimal patient care. Dermatologists in private practice may not have immediate access to new updates in therapies and treatments. This activity will help to close gaps in physician's areas of Mohs micrographic surgery, skin cancer, psoriasis updates, cosmetic dermatology updates, allergies, practice management and pediatric dermatology.

Expected Outcomes:

As a result of participation in the AOCD/CME activity, practicing clinicians will improve competency; maintain specialty board certification; and cultivate lifelong learning. It is expected that attendees of this meeting will improve their diagnostic competence regarding a wide range of dermatologic conditions. In addition to increased diagnostic competence, enhanced concepts of therapy and treatment in dermatologic care will be gained for implementation in everyday practice.

- Attendees will learn about tailor-made psoriasis treatment in the era of biologics and dermal fillers histopathology reactions.
- Attendees will be able to identify comorbidities, understand the immunological relationships, consideration to objectify these associated issues in clinical practice to buffer our outcomes.
- Attendees will understand the gender differences, modes of spread, and anatomic distribution of metastatic carcinoma; understand the clinical and microscopic features of various types; and understand prognosis and palliative treatment options.
- Attendees will understand the manifestations of cutaneous venous hypertension, recognize the patterns of venous pathology, and become familiar with primary/secondary venous ulcers and treatment.
- Attendees will be able to recognize the clinical features that allow diagnosis of neutrophilic dermatoses, determine the best strategies for evaluating patients, understand the therapeutic ladder of treatment.
- Attendees will learn about new treatment options for common pediatric dermatology conditions, diagnosis of various pediatric dermatology conditions, and management of several common pediatric dermatology conditions.
- Attendees will review several examples of VIP customer service and learn several practical ways to improve customer service and patient satisfaction.
- Attendees will review the core principles of osteopathic dermatology, dermatologic conditions, common treatments, and an osteopathic approach to dermatologic conditions.
- Attendees will be able to identify ideal patients for anti-IL-23 therapy, understand the mechanism of action of anti-IL-23 drugs, and recognize the risks and benefits of anti-IL-23 therapy.
- Attendees will review Mohs Micrographic Surgery, the evolution of Mohs techniques, and the indications of Mohs surgery.
- Attendees will review dermatopathology features of cutaneous malignant tumors, early detection, prognostic issues and treatment options of cutaneous malignant tumors.
- Attendees will review newer therapies that are available or in development for common dermatologic disorders, MOAs of individual therapies and how correlation of MOAs with specific disease manifestations can optimize therapeutic response, and potential adverse effects of specific therapies and devise monitoring approaches including both clinical and laboratory assessments and testing.
- Attendees will better understand when free tissue transfer is appropriate for a cancer defect, better understand the technical aspects, considerations and philosophy behind microvascular surgery, and better understand the use of technology in facilitating and optimizing complex reconstructions.
- Attendees will review the most advanced surgical techniques in cosmetic facial surgery, complicated Mohs reconstruction, and charity work in impoverished countries.
- Attendees will review the safety of biologics for psoriasis, relative efficacy of different biologics for psoriasis, and patient adherence to self-administered biological treatment.
- Attendees will be able to differentiate among types of allergy testing for food and drug allergies, understand limitations of tests to assess drug-induced skin rash, and recognize various patterns of skin reactions caused by drug allergies.
- Attendees will review the historic precedent for radiation therapy in skin cancer treatment, understand how to select patients for radiation therapy, and review several different radiation technologies available for delivery of treatments in a dermatology office setting.

The overall result being improved physician/provider performance and increased positive patient outcomes.

These objectives will be achieved in a setting which is evidence-based, culturally sensitive and free of commercial bias. The AOCD is committed to the practice of continuing program improvement. The AOCD will actively explore new educational technologies, develop collaborative relationships with other CME providers and seek to build the capacity to evaluate competency-based outcomes among the clinicians we serve. CME will provide physicians with the opportunity to further develop their knowledge through individual and group learning activities.

Needs Assessments:

The activity was developed based upon the needs of physicians within the association identified through:

- An evaluation/survey provided to meeting participants at both our annual and midyear meeting
- Consensus of faculty members within a department or service area
- New advances in dermatologic treatment identified in major publications or research studies
- New methods of diagnosis or treatment
- Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
- Development of new technology
- Acquisition of new facilities or equipment
- Input from experts regarding advances in medical knowledge
- Legislative, regulatory, or organizational changes effecting patient care
- Epidemiological data
- Quality assurance/audit data
- Statistics infection control data
- Surgical procedures statistics
- Journal articles/literature citations

The AOCD Continuing Medical Education Committee works to assure the inclusion of appropriate Osteopathic content in the Continuing Medical Education activities presented by AOCD, and to assure that the Continuing Medical Education Programs of the AOCD will achieve the stated objectives of each meeting in a setting which is evidence-based, culturally sensitive and free of commercial bias.

The Continuing Medical Education Committee of the AOCD will monitor the quality of all activities conducted.

Content Areas:

The AOCD approves the CME activities based upon needs assessment data to ensure that all offerings present current, up to date and cutting edge information. Specific areas of emphasis include, new advances in dermatologic treatment, new methods of diagnosis or treatment, availability of new medication(s) or indication(s), development of new technology, advances in medical knowledge and legislative, regulatory, or organizational changes effecting patient care. The Osteopathic Core Competencies of Osteopathic Philosophy, Principles, Practice and Manipulative Medicine, Medical Knowledge, Patient Care, Interpersonal and Communication Skills, Professionalism, Practice-Based Learning and Improvement and System-Based Practice will also be incorporated into all CME activities.

Target Audience:

The primary target audience of the CME activities conducted by the AOCD are the dermatologist physician members. The College also serves community physicians, volunteer clinical faculty, academic clinicians and students affiliated with the AOCD. The activity will also actively seek to broaden its audience through developing affiliations with CME providers on the national level.

Faculty Disclosure:

As a sponsor accredited by the AOA, it is the policy of the AOCD to require the disclosure of anyone who is in a position to control the content of an educational activity. All relevant financial relationships with any commercial interests and/or manufacturers must be disclosed.

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As you undoubtedly know from the national media, there has been much discussion concerning the relationships between CME sponsors, faculty and commercial companies providing support of CME.

Both the American Osteopathic Association and the Committee on Continuing Medical Education have adopted regulations for ethical actions in this area which the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology endorse and have adopted for all our educational activities.

Please be assured that having an affiliation with a company does not imply in any way that something is wrong or improper; however, we want to inform attendees that such a relationship exists.

Should you have any questions regarding the facilities, handouts, activity content, or concerns about CME compliance with the AOA "Uniform Guidelines," feel free to contact the AOCD representative:

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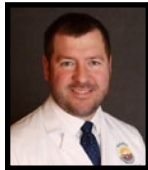


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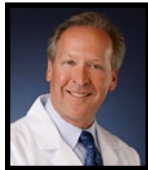


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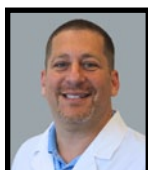


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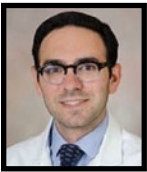
Meeting Faculty & Needs Assessments



John Minni, DO, FAOCD
Program Chair

Dr. John Minni is board-certified in dermatology. He graduated, with honors, from Nova Southeastern College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He completed his internship at Union Hospital/St. Barnabas Healthcare System in New Jersey. He then returned to Florida and completed both family medicine and dermatology residencies at Columbia Hospital and the VA Medical Center in West Palm Beach, FL. Dr. Minni also served as chief resident in dermatology. Between residencies, Dr. Minni practiced family medicine at the Palm Beach County Health Department, while training residents, interns and medical students. Prior to medical school, Dr. Minni attended the University of Notre Dame as a Notre Dame Scholar and graduated with honors with a B.S. in biology.

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James Azzi, MD

James Azzi, MD, is a board-certified head & neck and micro-vascular surgeon with advanced fellowship training. His scope of practice is broad and includes head and neck cancer surgery, free tissue transfer, facial paralysis and reanimation, facial trauma, and sinus and skull base surgery. He holds an M.D. from Brown University. He completed his residency training at The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai in Manhattan and his fellowship training at Oregon Health and Sciences University in Portland. He is a native Floridian.

Dr. Azzi is an accomplished writer and researcher having published numerous chapters in textbooks and articles in medical and surgical journals ranging from *Oral Oncology* to *Aesthetic Plastic Surgery*.

Dr. Azzi follows the core philosophy of the Palm Beach Center for Facial Plastic & Laser Surgery. He approaches each patient individually, takes time to listen and understand their goals, and together formulate a comprehensive treatment plan. These problems can be complex and require a multidisciplinary approach where the expertise of many physicians from different perspectives can be heard and considered during a conference.

Introduction to Microvascular Head and Neck Reconstruction

Objectives:

1. Better understand when free tissue transfer is appropriate for a cancer defect
2. Better understand the technical aspects, considerations and philosophy behind microvascular surgery
3. Better appreciate the use of technology in facilitating and optimizing complex reconstructions

Needs:

1. Development of new technology

References:

1. Eugene K. Kim, MD, Maristella Evangelista MD, Gregory R.D. Evans, MD. "Use of Free Tissue Transfers in Head and Neck Reconstruction". *The Journal of Craniofacial Surgery*, Nov 2008;Vol. 19(6):1577-1582.
2. Keith A. Hurvitz, MD, Mark Kobayashi, MD, Gregory R.D. Evans, MD. "Current Options in Head and Neck Reconstruction". *Plastic and Reconstruction Surgery*, October 2006;Vol, 118(5):127-130.

Core Competencies: 2, 3, 6, 7

Disclosures: None



Jean-Paul Azzi, MD

Jean-Paul Azzi, MD, is a Palm Beach facial plastic and reconstructive surgeon specializing exclusively in cosmetic and reconstructive procedures of the face, nose and neck.

Dr. Azzi completed his residency in head and neck surgery/facial plastic surgery at the world-renowned New York Eye and Ear Infirmary in Manhattan and received his board certification. He then completed

a fellowship in exclusively facial plastic & reconstructive surgery with the past president of the American Academy of Facial Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, where he learned cutting edge techniques in facelifting, endoscopic, minimally invasive facelifting, endoscopic brow lifting, endoscopic midface lifting, blepharoplasty (eyelid lifting), otoplasty (ear pinning), neck lifting, fat grafting, skin resurfacing, facial reconstruction, hair transplantation and facial injectable treatments.

In addition to his cosmetic private practice, Dr. Azzi also performs charitable reconstructive procedures in underdeveloped countries such as Vietnam, Guatemala, Ecuador and Colombia. These procedures include repairing cleft lips and palates and reconstructing children with microtia (missing ears) using their rib cartilage.

Dr. Azzi is a Hobe Sound, FL native who enjoys spending time with his family and friends. His interests include tennis, golf and boating. His patients love his sense of humor and warm, caring demeanor.

Facial Plastic Surgery

Objectives:

1. Overview of the most advanced surgical techniques in cosmetic facial surgery
2. Complicated Mohs reconstruction
3. Charity work in impoverished countries

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis and treatment
3. Development of new technology

References:

1. Rouso, DE, Brys, AK. "Extended Lower Eyelid Skin Muscle Blepharoplasty". *Facial Plastic Surgery* 2011;27(1):067-076.
2. Jacono, AA, Parikh, SS. "The Minimal Access Deep Plane Extended Vertical Facelift". *Aesthetic Surgery Journal* Nov 2011;31(8):874-890.

Core Competencies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Disclosures: None



Edwin Bayo, JD

Ed was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. After graduating in 1978 with a bachelor's degree in economics (cum laude) from the University of Puerto Rico, he moved to the United States to pursue his legal education. He received his Juris Doctorate from Stetson Law School in 1981.

Ed worked in various capacities for the Florida Office of the Attorney General, including tax litigation, administrative law, cabinet affairs and inspector general. His primary area of practice while in government involved providing advice and representation to regulatory boards under the umbrella of the Department of Health and the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. As Senior Assistant Attorney General in the Administrative Law Section, Ed served as counsel to various professional regulatory boards, including pharmacy, dentistry, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic medicine, veterinary medicine, professional engineers, landscape architecture, clinical social work and harbor pilots. In addition, he handled temporary duties or litigation for several other boards including medicine, psychology, nursing, architecture and accountancy. In 2002, Ed served as the Attorney General Representative to the Pedigree Paper Task Force, created by the Legislature to review and reform Florida's regulation of the prescription drug wholesale industry.

Ed's current practice at Grossman, Furlow and Bayo includes the representation of professional licensees, regulated entities and interested parties before regulatory agencies, Florida Courts and the Division of Administrative Hearings. He concentrates his practice in the areas of administrative and regulatory law with emphasis on the laws and regulations affecting pharmacies, drug manufacturers and drug wholesalers. He is a frequent speaker before local, state and national professional organizations on licensure and regulatory issues. He has published several articles on these topics.

Prescribing Laws and Rules Controlled Substances

This course addresses the mandatory content for Physicians in Florida registered to prescribe controlled substances as allowed by Florida law, effective January 1, 2017.

Objectives:

Upon completing this course and reviewing the resources, participants should be able to:

1. Explain why the issue of prescribing issue is so important and illustrate best practices
2. Identify the extent of problems that may be encountered in prescribing controlled substances
3. Identify substance abuse screening tools that you can use in your practice
4. Illuminate where to find substance abuse treatment resources in your area
5. Identify the criteria for substance use disorders
6. Highlight the legal requirements for prescribing controlled substances in your practice
7. Describe different prescribing practices that will help keep you out of trouble while prescribing controlled substances

References:

1. <https://www.niddk.nih.gov/health-information/healthy-moments/episodes/prescription-drug-misuse>
2. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/misuse-prescription-drugs/what-scope-prescription-drug-misuse>
3. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/misuse-prescription-drugs/how-can-prescription-drug-misuse-be-prevented>

Disclosures: None



Howard Busch, DO

Dr. Howard M. Busch founded the Family Arthritis Center in 1987 and has built a tremendous following through his diagnostic skills and compassionate treatment of his patients. He obtained his Bachelor of Science degree from Hobart and William Smith Colleges in New York, followed by his medical studies at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine at the New York Institute of Technology. He performed his internship at Metropolitan Hospital in Philadelphia, followed by a Medical Residency at Norwalk Hospital, an affiliate of Yale University. He was chosen to be Chief Medical Resident and an instructor at Yale. His Rheumatology Fellowship was completed at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, New Jersey, where he was awarded the Northeast Regional Fellow Award for Research. He is the author of several articles and was selected to be the Chief Fellow. Dr. Busch is a noted national speaker and is a member of the Speaker's Bureau for numerous pharmaceutical companies. He has been an investigator for numerous clinical trials. His wife Stacey is an active participant in the practice. They have three beautiful daughters and is a proud grandfather.

PSO/PSA Comorbidities: A New Prospective?

Objectives:

1. Identify comorbidities
2. Understanding of the immunological relationships
3. Consideration to objectify these associated issues in clinical practice to buffer our outcomes

Needs:

1. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
2. Advances in medical knowledge
3. Changing perspective on patient evaluation

References:

1. Junko Takeshita, MD, PhD, MSCE et al. "Psoriasis and Comorbid Diseases." *JAAD* March 2017;76(3):377-390.
2. H Yeung, BS, J. Takeshita, MD, PhD, N. Mehta, MD, MSCE, et al. "Psoriasis Severity and the Prevalence of Major Medical Comorbidity: A Population-Based Study". *JAMA Dermatol* 2013;149(10):1173-1179.

Core Competencies: 2, 3, 6

Disclosures: Consultant and speaker for numerous companies – none that impact this talk.

**Ronald Bush, MD**

Ronald Bush, MD, FACS, is one of the nation's foremost specialists in venous disease. Dr. Bush co-founded and is the Medical Director for Vein Experts, a national group of professionals specializing in the care and treatment of venous disease. He has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and is an innovator of many techniques utilized in the treatment of venous disease. He is board-certified in vascular surgery and was certified in cardio thoracic surgery.

Dr. Bush trained at Indiana University School of Medicine and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in cardio thoracic surgery. His knowledge and skill as a surgeon qualify him as a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. For the past 20 years, Dr. Bush has devoted his practice solely to the treatment of venous disease. Physicians throughout the world have visited and have been trained by Dr. Bush.

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension: From Spider Veins to Ulcers**Objectives:**

1. Understand the manifestations of cutaneous venous hypertension
2. Recognize the patterns of venous pathology
3. Become familiar with primary and secondary venous ulcers and treatment

Needs:

1. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
2. Development of new technology

References:

1. Bihari I, Magyar E. "Microshunt histology in telangiectasias." *Int J Angiol* 1999;8(2):98-101.
2. Bush, R. (2015). Image retrieved 2015 from <http://www.veinexperts.org/>.
3. Mariani F, Bianchi V, Mancine S, Mancini S. "Telangiectases in venous insufficiency: Point of reflux and treatment strategy". *Phlebology* 2000;15(1):38-42.
4. Sommer A, Van Mierlo P, Neumann H, Kessels A. "Red and blue telangiectasias". *Phlebology* 1997;23:5-59.

Core Competencies: 2, 6

Disclosures: *Spouse has stock options for:* Dermalex Cream

**James Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD**

Dr. James Q. Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD, FAAD, was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended pharmacy school at St. John's University in Jamaica, New York. He completed a hospital pharmacy residency at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Del Rosso graduated from medical school at Ohio University with honors and then completed his approved dermatology residency at the Atlantic Skin Disease Association in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

He additionally completed a fellowship approved by the American College of Mohs Surgery in Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology at Ohio State. Dr. Del Rosso is board certified in Dermatology and Mohs Micrographic Surgery and is fully licensed in the State of Nevada.

Dr. Del Rosso is an internationally renowned educator and speaker with several publications in recognized dermatology journals. He is a frequently invited presenter at major dermatology meetings in both the United States and globally, often talking about what is new in therapeutics and drug development. Additionally, he has written and published several articles on a variety of skin diseases including proper care of the skin barrier, acne, rosacea, psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and eczemas, actinic keratosis, and skin cancers. He is also the co-editor of the textbook, *Acne Vulgaris*.

He is a past president of the American Acne & Rosacea Society, the American Society for Mohs Surgery, and the American Osteopathic College of Dermatology. He is editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Clinical Aesthetic Dermatology* since its inception in 2005. He has also authored several recognized publications on guidelines for management of acne, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, and skin cancer.

He founded the Scientific Panel for Antibiotic Use in Dermatology in 2005, with three meetings and scientific publications authored by the group under his direction to guide clinicians on optimal antibiotic use.

Dr. Del Rosso is research director and principal investigator of JDR Dermatology Research, in addition to having his dermatology clinic that is fully dedicated to the care of people with skin disorders or have concerns about their skin. The research center conducts studies for a wide variety of skin conditions, such as acne, rosacea, psoriasis, eczemas, urticaria, actinic keratosis, and skin cancer. Dr. Del Rosso has over 25 years of experience in dermatology research and related publications, and he employs a highly experienced and skilled staff. Dr. Del Rosso is in dermatology practice at Thomas Dermatology in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has been practicing dermatology in the Las Vegas area for 20 years.

Dr. Del Rosso was the recipient of a lifetime achievement award by the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD) in March 2016 for his lifelong commitment to dermatology and his contributions to the field. He now has the distinguished title of Honorary Member with the Academy.

Outside of his professional activities, Dr. Del Rosso is an avid lover of music and sports. He is the proud owner of what can be considered to be a “museum” of sports memorabilia and rock and roll music memorabilia, including a collection of limited edition guitars and vintage guitars. He also attends many concerts, usually sitting in the first row middle section. His motto about attending concerts is admittedly a selfish one: “The concert is being put on specifically for me...I am just nice enough to let everyone else in”. In 2015, Dr. Del Rosso recorded a CD entitled “My Royal Dream by Dr. D and the LL-7”, at the legendary Royal Studios in Memphis Tennessee. The producer and recording engineer of this CD was Lawrence “Boo” Mitchell, who has recorded several major artists, and won a Grammy Award for being the recording engineer for “Uptown Funk” by Bruno Mars, which was also recorded at Royal Studios. Dr. Del Rosso is proud to say he is a good father and a “very cool” grandfather. The loves of his life are his wife Karyn, his daughter Jaclyn, his sister Marilyn and brother-in-law Pat, his stepchildren Chrystyna and Ron, his son-in-law David, and his grandchildren Allyson, Blake, Emily, and Asher. He is also thankful for having had great parents and loves his inner circle of great loyal friends. Dr. Del Rosso is proud and happy to say, “I have no bucket list. I have done everything I have wanted to do and I believe it has always been done well. It is time for the icing on the cake at this point in my life. I do what I enjoy and get great pleasure in giving back through personal generosity and the professional work that I do. My hope is to record another CD with Boo Mitchell. That was the greatest week of my life”.

So Many Drugs, So Little Time: A Therapeutic Update

Objectives:

1. Summarize newer therapies that are available or in development for common dermatologic disorders, such as atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, acne, rosacea, actinic keratosis, alopecia, cutaneous infections, skin barrier management, and others
2. Explain modes of action (MOAs) of individual therapies and how correlation of MOAs with specific disease manifestations can optimize therapeutic response
3. List potential adverse effects of specific therapies and devise monitoring approaches including both clinical and laboratory assessments and testing

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
4. Development of new technology
5. Advances in medical knowledge

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Core Competencies: 2, 3

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Theresa Durchhalter, DO

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Onychomycosis

Objectives:

1. Understand different diagnostic techniques to aid in the diagnosis of onychomycosis
2. Understand which therapeutic options to use for patients with onychomycosis
3. Review currently used treatments and explore new treatments being investigated

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment

References:

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Core Competencies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Disclosures: None



Steven Feldman, MD

Chronic skin diseases have a huge impact on patients' lives. We can help make great improvements in our patients' lives, if they will use the medicine we prescribe. That's a big if. Dr. Steven Feldman has opened our understanding of adherence issues in the treatment of psoriasis, atopic dermatitis and acne. He is author of over 700 MEDLINE-referenced publications and serves as editor of the *Journal of Dermatological Treatment*.

Dr. Feldman is a board-certified dermatologist and dermatopathologist. He is Professor of Dermatology, Pathology and Public Health Sciences at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in North Carolina. He earned his M.D. and PhD degrees from Duke University in Durham, NC, and then completed a dermatology residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his dermatopathology residency at the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston.

Practical Issues Using Biologics for Psoriasis

Objectives:

1. To describe the safety of biologics for psoriasis
2. To list relative efficacy of different biologics for psoriasis
3. To describe how well patients adhere to self-administered biologic treatment

Needs:

1. New methods of diagnosis and treatment
2. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
3. Advances in medical knowledge

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David Herold, MD

Dr. David Herold is one of the few board-certified radiation oncologists in the country to have specialized in the treatment of skin cancer using therapeutic radiation. He has practiced both in general and specialty radiation oncology in Palm Beach County since 1999 and has served for over a decade as the Medical Director of Jupiter Medical Center Department of Radiation Oncology and the Palm Beach Cancer Institute - Center for Radiation Oncology.

Dr. Herold attained his undergraduate degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. Prior to medical school, he spent a year studying psychology and neurophysiology at Oxford University in England. He attended the University College of Medicine in Gainesville, FL and completed his internship in internal medicine at Northwestern University – Evanston Hospital in Evanston, IL. Dr. Herold completed his radiation oncology residency training at the prestigious Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, PA. He spent time during residency training to learn specialized radiation techniques with experts at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX and Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Children’s Hospital of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. After serving as chief resident at Fox Chase Cancer Center, he began working in private practice at Jupiter Medical Center. Over the next fifteen years he established countless radiation oncology programs, protocols and treatment plans and diligently cared for hundreds of cancer patients. Dr. Herold pioneered the skin cancer program at Jupiter Medical Center and was responsible for all aspects of the radiation oncology program. He has refined the management of skin cancer treatment using advanced radiation techniques.

The Art of Radiotherapy for Skin Cancer Management

Objectives:

1. To review the historic precedent for radiation therapy in skin cancer treatment
2. To understand how to select patients for radiation therapy
3. To discuss several different radiation technologies available for delivery of treatments in a dermatology office setting

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. Development of new technology
3. Advances in medical knowledge

References:

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Core Competencies: 2, 3

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Reddit: An Uncommon Source for Common Derm Conditions

Objectives:

1. Review common dermatological conditions
2. Explore insightful information and emerging therapies in the current literature
3. Identify unconventional self-prescribed therapies for a few common dermatological conditions

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)

References:

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Core Competencies: 2, 3, 4, 5

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Joseph Jorizzo, MD

Dr. Joseph Jorizzo is a Professor and former and founding Chair of the Department of Dermatology. He is also a Professor of Clinical Dermatology at the Weill Cornell School of Medicine. He has served on multiple councils, committees and advisory boards and has participated on the editorial boards of major dermatology journals, including the *Archives of Dermatology*, *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, *Journal of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology*, among others.

Dr. Jorizzo is a member of many professional dermatologic groups, including the American Dermatologic Association Society of Investigative Dermatology, Dermatology Foundation, Women's Dermatology Association and the American Academy of Dermatology, where he served as Vice President. He has co-edited several books, including *Dermatological Signs of Internal Disease* and *Dermatology* for Elsevier. Additionally, he has authored and co-authored more than 200 articles and abstracts.

Dr. Jorizzo has been the recipient of a number of national and international honors, including multiple "Best Doctors in America" listings. He has spoken at hundreds of dermatology meetings in the U.S. and around the world.

Neutrophilic Dermatoses: Practical Aspects

Objectives:

1. What are the clinical features that allow diagnosis of neutrophilic dermatoses
2. Determine the best strategies for evaluating patients with neutrophilic dermatoses
3. Understand the therapeutic ladder for the treatment of neutrophilic dermatoses

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Advances in medical knowledge

References:

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Core Competencies: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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**Leon Kircik, MD**

Dr. Kircik is a Board Certified Dermatologist who graduated with AOA Honors from State University of New York at the Health Sciences Center at Brooklyn after completing his undergraduate work with Phi Beta Kappa at New York University. He completed a Mohs Micrographic Surgery and Cutaneous Oncology Fellowship under the auspices of Dr. Frederick Mohs at the University of Wisconsin after completing his dermatology residency at State University of New York in Buffalo.

He currently teaches as Associate Clinical Professor of Dermatology at Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis, IN, as well as at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City. Dr. Kircik is also the Medical Director of DermResearch, PLLC and Physicians Skin Care, PLLC in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been the principal investigator of numerous clinical trials for psoriasis, acne, rosacea, atopic dermatitis, skin cancers, and actinic keratosis, just to name a few.

Dr. Kircik is an author of many scientific articles, abstracts and posters. He has lectured extensively nationally and internationally on all aspects of dermatologic conditions. In addition, he also serves on the advisory boards of several pharmaceutical companies as a consultant. He is on the editorial board of *Journal of Drugs in Dermatology*, *Practical Dermatology*, *The Journal of Clinical & Aesthetic Dermatology*, and *Case Report in Clinical Pathology*. He volunteers for multiple local and national medical society committees.

History of Mohs Surgery**Objectives:**

1. Understand Mohs Micrographic Surgery
2. Understand the evolution of Mohs techniques
3. Understand the indications of Mohs surgery

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment

References:

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Lawrence Kraska

Larry Kraska is currently the CEO of Water's Edge Dermatology, a leading provider of dermatology, vein care, and plastic surgery with 35 locations across Florida. He has over 30 years of executive level healthcare services experience, including hospital administration, physician group practice management, outpatient services, consulting, and healthcare staffing. During his career, he has served as a hospital administrator, CEO of a national healthcare staffing company, and held CEO and COO roles with a number of regional and national physician medical practices.

Larry obtained his B.S and M.B.A degrees from Kennesaw State University and he is currently on the Board of Trustees for the University. He has presented at numerous regional and national healthcare conferences on topics which include practice management, best practices, M&A, recruiting, and staffing. In 1996, he was named an "Up and Comer" by *Modern Healthcare*, a national designation given each year to 12 healthcare executives under the age of 40 who are viewed as future leaders in healthcare.

A VIP Approach to Customer Service

Objectives:

1. Learn several examples of VIP customer service in other industries
2. Learn several practical ways to improve customer service and patient satisfaction within their office

Needs:

1. Organizational changes effecting patient care

Core Competencies: 3, 4, 5

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Mark Lebwohl, MD

Dr. Mark Lebwohl graduated summa cum laude from Columbia College in 1974 and graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1978. He completed residencies in internal medicine and dermatology, both at Mount Sinai. Dr. Lebwohl has been practicing dermatology since 1983. He is professor and chairman of the Kimberly and Eric J. Waldman Department of Dermatology of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Dr. Lebwohl is the President of the American

Academy of Dermatology. He is chairman emeritus of the Medical Board of the National Psoriasis Foundation. He is the founding editor of *Psoriasis Forum* as well as a medical editor of the bulletin of the National Psoriasis Foundation, *Psoriasis Advance*. He is editor of the Dermatology Section of *Scientific American Medicine*. Dr. Lebwohl has chaired numerous symposia and has written, edited or co-edited several books including *Psoriasis, Mild-to-Moderate Psoriasis and Moderate-to-Severe Psoriasis*. He has authored or co-authored over 500 publications including peer-reviewed articles, invited articles and book chapters. Dr. Lebwohl is actively involved in clinical trials of many new dermatologic treatments.

New Anti-IL-23 Drugs

Objectives:

1. Identify ideal patients for anti-IL-23 therapy

2. Understand the mechanism of action of anti-IL-23 drugs
3. Recognize the risks and benefits of anti-IL-23 therapy

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
4. Advances in medical knowledge
5. Legislative, regulatory, or organizational changes effecting patient care

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Arnold Mackles, MD

Arnold Mackles, MD, MBA, LHRM is a nationally-recognized expert on patient safety. The mission of Dr. Mackles' 35-year healthcare career has been to provide access to the highest quality care; first, during his 23 years of practice as a neonatal physician and then, for the past 12 years as a National Patient Safety Expert in all areas of medical practice. Dr. Mackles' specific areas of expertise include: proactive prevention of medical errors, risk management, healthcare performance improvement strategies, creating/maintaining a culture of patient safety excellence, benchmarking industry leading communication protocols, safe and accurate medication delivery, root cause analysis, healthcare technology, medical documentation and emerging leadership strategies in patient safety.

Dr. Mackles is an industry thought leader who brings a refreshing, no-nonsense, and solutions-based approach to all areas of patient safety. He plays many roles within the healthcare space that include expert witness, continuing medical and nursing education program developer and facilitator, keynote speaker, and industry consultant. As an expert witness and consultant, Dr. Mackles' fundamental philosophy is based on identifying root causation in the event of adverse patient safety circumstances and medical errors. He leads the field in his commitment to improving patient safety, reducing medical errors and enhancing the overall reputation of the healthcare industry. Program evaluations from physicians, nurses, CME directors, senior management and attorneys are outstanding and verifiable. Dr. Mackles is an industry change agent, a problem solver and a creator of a positive organizational culture.

His background as a neonatologist, patient safety expert witness, physician reviewer, author and presenter position Dr. Mackles as one of the nation's top experts on the subjects of patient safety and risk management. He teaches and promotes new, cutting-edge subject matter, while researching emerging trends to ensure full compliance with healthcare protocols and policies to meet stringent client mandates and objectives.

Dr. Mackles is a former hospital-based physician with more than 23 years of experience, specializing in neonatology. He was a neonatologist/pediatrician for Pediatrix Medical Group, Florida Regional Neonatal Associates, and St. Mary's Hospital (all located in South Florida), between 1983 and 2005. His experience and background as a physician clearly exposed him to the challenges the medical profession faced and the need to significantly improve patient care to reduce medical errors. In 2006, Dr. Mackles made the decision to become a full time advocate for patient safety.

He now travels the country as a speaker, trainer, expert witness, and consultant to improve patient safety and reduce or eliminate avoidable medical errors. Dr. Mackles' credentials include a neonatology fellowship from Cornell

University Medical Center, a pediatric residency from Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, a medical degree (MD) from the University of Bologna in Italy, an MBA Degree from Nova Southeastern University, and he received his bachelor's degree (pre-med) from Syracuse University. Dr. Mackles attained his healthcare risk management licensure through studies at the University of South Florida. He is a Certified Professional Compliance Officer (CPCO) awarded by Healthcare Compliance Resources (currently certified by the AAPC, Salt Lake City, UT). He has served as an Instructor and Program Developer for the Risk Management and Patient Safety Program at the University of Florida, and participated as an instructor and faculty member of the University of South Florida Distance Education Risk Management Licensure Program. Dr. Mackles is currently a physician reviewer for the monthly newsletter "Healthcare Risk Management," published by Relias Learning (formerly AHC Media). He is also a member of the Publication's Editorial Board. In addition, Dr. Mackles is the author of 10 accredited online continuing medical and nursing education courses on patient safety topics offered by the Sullivan Group. Dr. Mackles is an active member of the Florida Society of Healthcare Risk Management and Patient Safety (FSHRMPS) and was elected to the Board of Directors from 2006 to 2008, and again between 2014 and 2015. He is a member of the American Society of Healthcare Risk Management (ASHRM) and has presented at their national meetings. In addition, Dr. Mackles is affiliated with the American Society of Professionals in Patient Safety.

Prevention of Medical Errors

Objectives:

This course addresses the mandatory content for Physicians in Florida. The purpose of this educational activity is to provide physicians with the most current information regarding the prevention of common performance and diagnostic errors. This monograph is specific to Florida statutes. After completing this activity, learners will be able to:

1. Identify the two most common qualities of care violations
2. Name four of the most prevalent diagnostic and performance errors
3. Cite two necessary elements of a root cause analysis
4. Create two risk management measures designed to prevent medical errors and increase patient safety

References:

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Raymond Mosely, PhD

Dr. Moseley received his Master's Degree in Philosophy and Medical Ethics at the University of Tennessee and completed his Doctorate in Bioethics at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Moseley teaches Bioethics in the Program in Bioethics, Law and Medical Professionalism in the UF College of Medicine where he is the Grace H. Osborn Professor in Bioethics. He is also an active clinical bioethics consultant at the UF/Shands Medical Center as well as at several other Florida Hospitals.

He is the founder and Board Member of the Florida Bioethics Network (FBN), and has played a key role in the development of the FBN as a significant statewide resource. Dr. Moseley is an expert on hospital ethics committees and research ethics, and he serves as vice chair of the UF IRB and is the author of CITI Hospital Ethics Committees training program. He regularly consults with national and international governments/institutions on the development of health care ethics committees and human subject's protections programs.

Currently, he is the Principal Investigator on a major NIH research grant developing and evaluating an innovative web-based informed consent process with "information on demand" features. He was recently the PI on a grant which created an iPad App which assists with developing and documenting advance directives, including video advance directives. His publications include articles on "Withdrawal of Life-Sustaining Medical Treatment", "Advance Medical Directives", "Genetic Testing", and "Ethics Committees".

Professional Medical Ethics

Objectives:

This course addresses the mandatory content for Physicians in Florida. Upon completing this course and reviewing the resources, participants should be able to:

1. Fulfill the requirements of the Florida Mandatory CME course on professional medical ethics
2. Address current ethical issues regarding medical ethics in Florida
3. Describe the meaning and importance of medical professionalism
4. Discuss how conflict of interest may compromise professionalism
5. Identify three significant boundary issues and proper limits in relation to each
6. Describe two important ethical issues with respect to operating a practice

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Michael Nowak, MD

Dr. Michael Nowak is board-certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and dermatopathology. Dr. Nowak earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Xavier University, followed by a medical degree from Wright State University. After completion of an internship in internal medicine, he served as chief resident and cancer fellow at Western Reserve Care System where he completed a residency in anatomic and clinical pathology. Dr. Nowak finished his training in Providence, RI at Brown University, where he completed fellowship training in dermatology and dermatopathology.

After his training, Dr. Nowak joined Palm Beach Dermatology in 1999. He organized the development and staffing of Palm Beach Dermatology's CLIA-certified diagnostic dermatopathology laboratory, where he serves as Medical Director. The laboratory is equipped with the latest technology and staffed with five ASCP-certified and state-licensed technologists who specialize in dermatology samples.

Dr. Nowak has authored over 15 articles in major medical journals on a variety of subjects including malignant melanoma, extramammary Paget's disease, generalized pruritis and infectious diseases of the skin. He is also a member of the medical staff at Columbia Hospital in West Palm Beach, FL, where he conducts weekly teaching sessions with dermatology residents and has been awarded "Dermatology Attending of the Year" by his peers at the hospital. He is also a reviewer for the journal titled the *Physician and Sports Medicine*, and is on the editorial board for the journal *Postgraduate Medicine*. Resident lectures and review of journal articles ensures that Dr. Nowak stays current with the latest advances in the science of dermatopathology. Dr. Nowak's practice is dedicated to the evaluation and diagnosis of skin pathology samples.

Metastatic Carcinoma to the Skin

Objectives:

1. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the gender differences, modes of spread, and anatomic distribution of metastatic carcinoma involving the skin
2. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the clinical and microscopic features of various types of metastatic carcinoma involving the skin
3. Attendees will gain a better understanding of prognosis and palliative treatment options for metastatic carcinoma involving the skin

Needs:

1. New methods of diagnosis and treatment
2. Advances in medical knowledge

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Core Competencies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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Paolo Romanelli, MD

Paolo Romanelli, MD, Professor at the Dr. Phillip Frost Department of Dermatology and Cutaneous Surgery, is Board Certified in both Dermatology and Dermatopathology. He is the Director of the ACGME-certified UM Dermatopathology fellowship. He has an extensive background in anatomical pathology and dermatology with special expertise in the histopathology of wound healing, deposition disorders and immunohistochemistry. His work on wound histology has been presented nationally and internationally and appears in numerous peer-reviewed journals. His clinical interests are in psoriasis, mycosis fungoides and collagen vascular diseases.

A native of Italy, Dr. Paolo Romanelli earned his undergraduate degree at Collegio Alla Querce and his M.D. from the University of Pisa School of Medicine. He has won several Best Teacher awards, published in peer-reviewed journals, presented lectures at national and international dermatology meetings including the AAD, EADV, and Masters of Pediatrics and co-authored a *Dermatology Therapeutics* book. Dr. Romanelli also sees general dermatology patients and is Director of the Psoriasis Biologics Clinic at Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Dermatopathology and Immunohistochemistry, the Future of Targeted Therapy in Skin Disease

Objectives:

1. Learn about the UM rapid pathology service, a skin biopsy service to better assess non-healing skin wounds
2. Psoriasis tailor-made treatment in the era of biologics
3. Dermal fillers histopathology reactions

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Development of new technology
4. Advances in medical knowledge

References:

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Shoni Rozenberg, DO

Dr. Rozenberg is a third year Dermatology Resident at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Queens, NY. Her interests include surgical, cosmetic and general dermatology. Shoni enjoys traveling, art history and spending time with family and friends.

Pediatric Dermatology: Bumps and Lumps

Objectives:

1. Identify common skin lesions on pediatric patients
2. Treatment approach for pediatric skin lesions
3. Discuss availability of new medications and treatment options

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
4. Advances in medical knowledge

References:

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Core Competencies: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

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**Suzanne Sirota Rozenberg, DO, FAOCD**

Dr. Suzanne Sirota Rozenberg is a board-certified dermatologist practicing in Woodmere, NY. She earned her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1988. After medical school, she completed both an internship and residency in family practice at Peninsula Hospital Center in Far Rockaway, NY, in 1992. She has been board-certified in family medicine since 1992. She then practiced for the next ten years with her brother and father. From 2002-2005, she trained in the dermatology residency program at St. John's Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, where she now serves as Program Director. She served as Associate Director of Medical Education from 2005-2012. She is a Clinical Adjunct Professor at TouroCOM and LECOM. She has a full-time dermatology practice as well.

Dr. Sirota Rozenberg's memberships include the AOA, ACOFP, AOCD and AAD. She is a Past President of the AOCD and the ACOFP-NYS Chapter. She served on the AOCD Board of Trustees from 2008-2015, holding the positions of Trustee, Vice President and President. She represents the AOCD on the Program and Trainee Review Council of the AOA. She has served on the AOCD Education Evaluating Committee since 2009. For her years of service to the AOCD, Dr. Sirota Rozenberg has earned the title of Fellow of Distinction. She is a member of the AAD Ad Hoc Task Force for Osteopathic Dermatology Recognition and NBOME POCKET member. Dr. Sirota Rozenberg lectures locally and nationally, speaking at meetings of the AOCD, EROC, ROC-NY and the New York State Chapter of ACOFP. In addition to dermatology, she is board-certified in family practice and sclerotherapy.

Osteopathic Approach in Dermatologic Disease**Objectives:**

1. Review of the core principles of osteopathic dermatology
2. Review dermatologic conditions and common treatments
3. Osteopathic approach to dermatologic conditions

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
4. Advances in medical knowledge

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Core Competencies: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

Disclosures: *Master Injector for:* Galderma; *Speaker for:* Aerolase

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Michael Wein, MD, is Chief of Allergy at Indian River Medical Center and serves on the faculty at Florida State University College of Medicine. He completed his undergraduate work at Brown University, an internal medicine residency at Vanderbilt University, and his post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins Hospital in the division of Allergy & Immunology. He is board-certified by the American Board of Allergy and Immunology and also by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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His offices are located in Vero Beach and Port Saint Lucie and he enjoys learning about dermatology from his friends practicing dermatology in his community.

Allergy for the Dermatologist

Objectives:

1. Differentiate among types of allergy testing for food and drug allergy
2. Understand limitations of tests to assess drug-induced skin rash
3. Recognize various patterns of skin reactions caused by drug allergy

Needs:

1. New advances in dermatologic treatment
2. New methods of diagnosis or treatment
3. Availability of new medication(s) or indication(s)
4. Advances in medical knowledge

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Core Competencies: 2

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From 2001 until 2004, Mr. Winn worked for the Assistant Public Defender in the Fifth Judicial Circuit where he conducted over 15 jury trials, numerous non-jury trials, and many hearings including, violations of probation, restitution and early termination motions for defendants in juvenile, misdemeanor and felony court. Mr. Winn was also an adjunct professor at Lake Sumter Community College teaching business law during this time. In 2003, Mr. Winn was appointed by Governor Bush to serve a one-year term on the Judicial Nominating Commission for Judicial Compensation Judges. From 2004-2006, Mr. Winn worked for the law office of Clyde M. Taylor, Jr. focusing on both state and federal criminal defense and parole violation hearings. In 2006, he opened his own practice, where he is managing partner and continues to focus on criminal, administrative, governmental, civil, wills and trusts.

Mr. Winn currently serves as general counsel for the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association (FOMA), the Florida Podiatric Medical Association (FPMA) and the Florida Society of Hearing Healthcare Professionals (FSHHP). Mr. Winn lectures throughout Florida on the laws and rules that affect health care practitioners, including osteopathic, allopathic, podiatric, and various other licensed health care providers.

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Florida Laws and Rules Osteopathic Medicine

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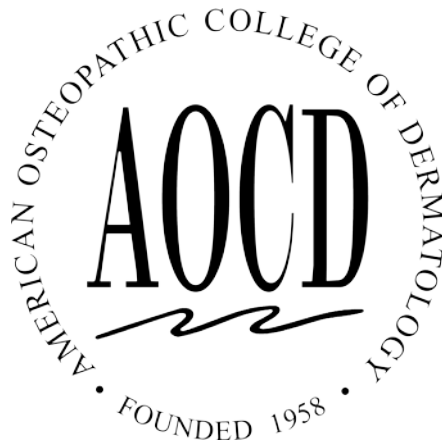
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1. Understand the CME requirements for continued Florida licensure
2. Be aware of any necessary office signage that must be posted
3. Understanding of applicable laws & rules for licensed osteopathic physicians
4. Knowledge of the disciplinary process
5. Learning of rights afforded to physicians in licensure disciplinary cases
6. Ability to locate applicable statutes and rules through online resources
7. How to protect their right to practice

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Wednesday, April 10, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set Up
Palazzo D
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *Dermatopathology and Immunohistochemistry, the Future of Targeted Therapy in Skin Disease*
Paolo Romanelli, MD
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *PSO/PSA Comorbidities: A New Prospective?*
Howard Busch, DO
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Novartis Product Theater
COSENTYX Approach – An Educational Series: Moderate to Severe Plaque Psoriasis
Nishit Sharadchandra Patel, MD, MS
Palazzo A-C
(No CME Awarded)
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. *General Dermatology - Topic(s) TBA*
Camille Howard-Verovic, DO & Theresa Durchhalter, DO
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. *Cutaneous Venous Hypertension: From Spider Veins to Ulcers*
Ronald Bush, MD
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors
Palazzo D
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Neutrophilic Dermatoses: Practical Aspects*
Joseph Jorizzo, MD
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Pediatric Dermatology*
Shoni Rozenberg, DO
- 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Celgene Product Theater
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Dermatopathology and Immunohistochemistry, the Future of Targeted Therapy in Skin Disease

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- 83 year old woman
- Location lower extremities
- Giant skin colored tumors
- Duration 9 years



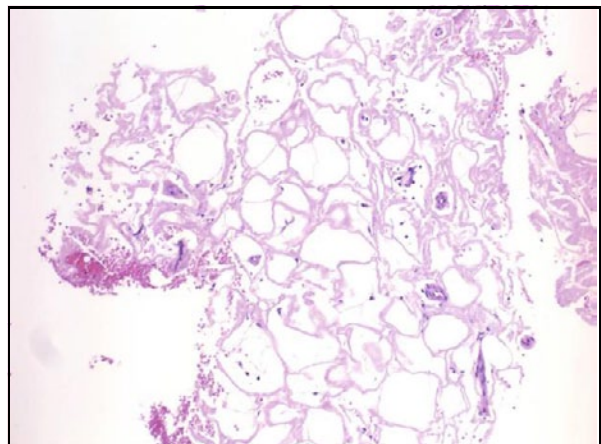
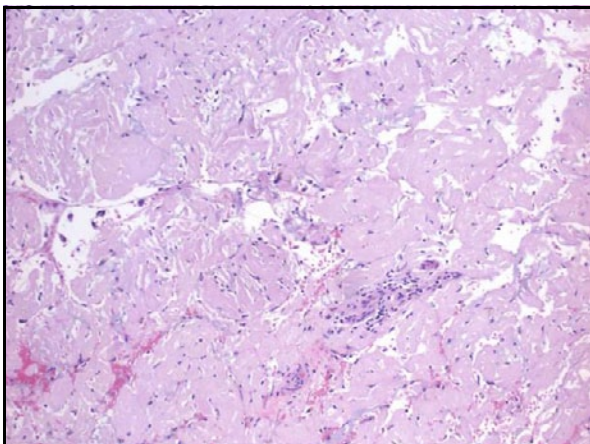
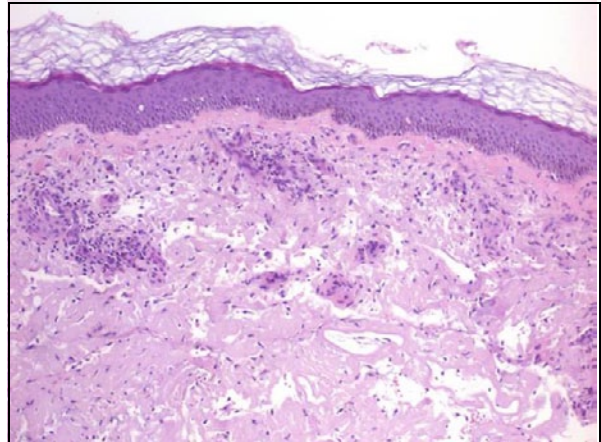
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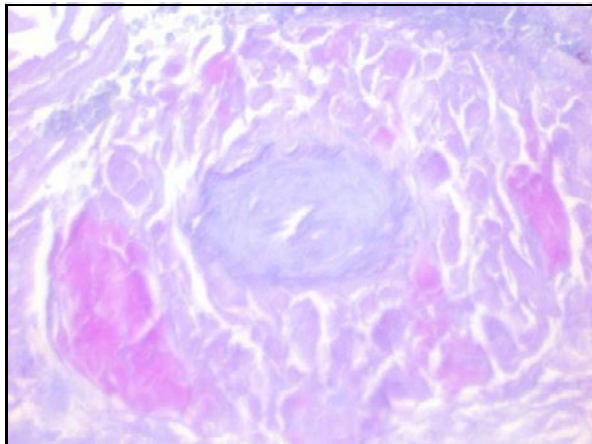
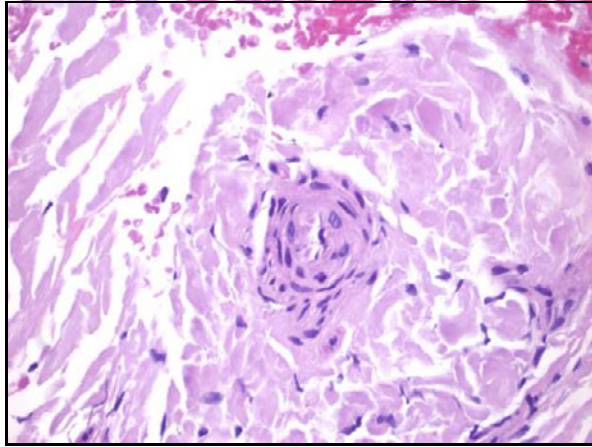
- Lower extremities surgery approximately 12 years ago
- Non tender, gradually enlarging, skin colored nodules
- Punch biopsy 2006 read as "Scar tissue"
- Punch biopsy for bacterial, fungal and mycobacteria cultures: Heavy growth of Gram- bacteria, negative for fungi and atypical mycobacteria



Clinical course

- Patient treated with Clarythromycin 500 mg bid and Doxycyclin 100 mg qd for 6 months with no improvement
- Patient comes back for follow up appointment
- Re-biopsy





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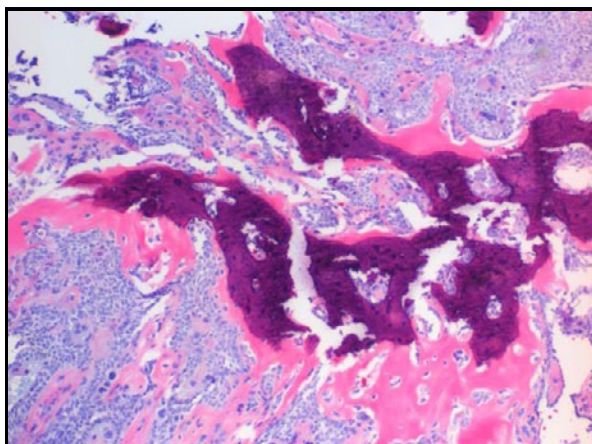
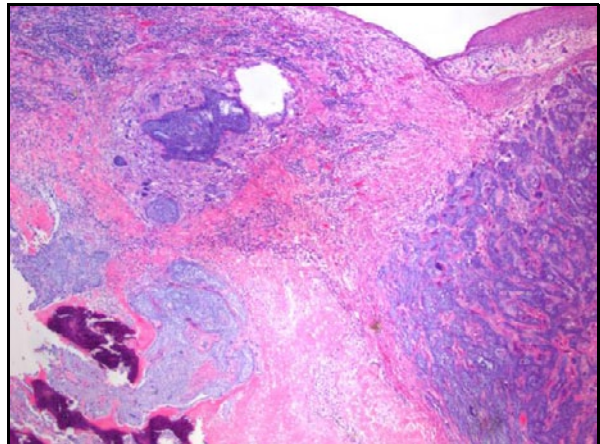
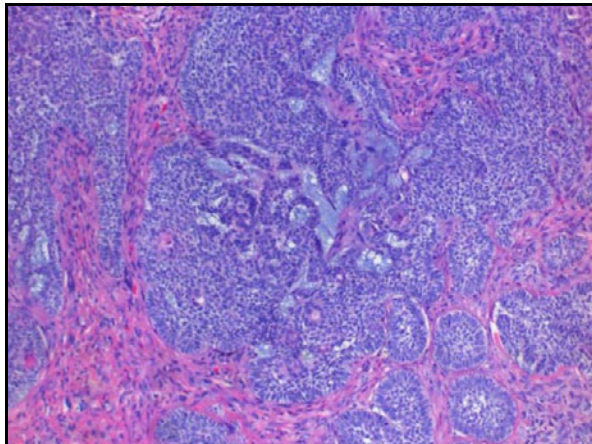
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- 85 year old woman
- Location: Right Scalp
- **Giant** ulcerated tumor
- Duration: 7 years
- Clinical diagnosis: BCC, SCC, AFX ?

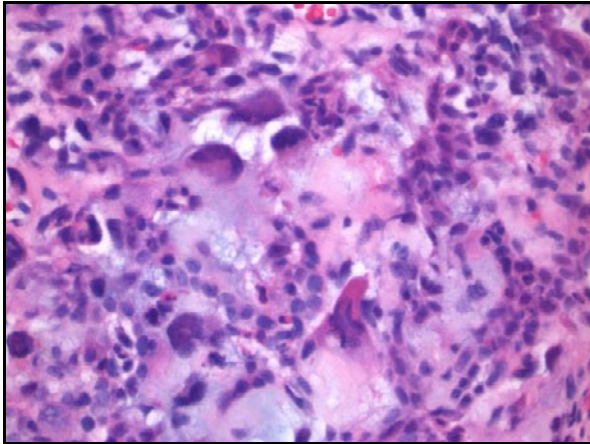
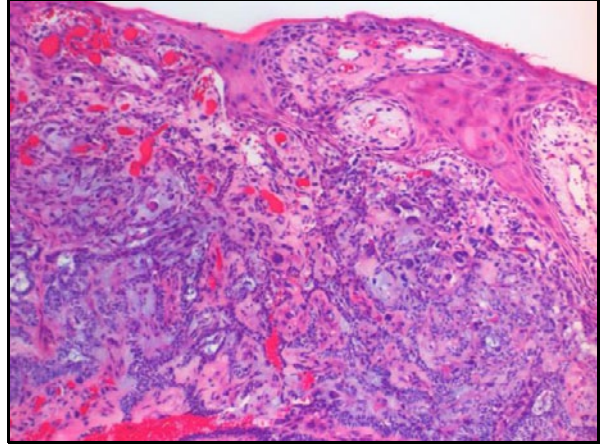


Histopathology

- Biphasic tumor composed of two closely intermingled components.
- The epithelial element consisted of islands of basaloid cells with brisk mitotic grade and dyskeratotic cells representing Basal Cell Carcinoma.
- The stromal component showed cells arranged in fascicular pattern with occasional mitoses, pleomorphism and anaplastic features mainly consistent with fibrosarcoma/osteosarcoma.

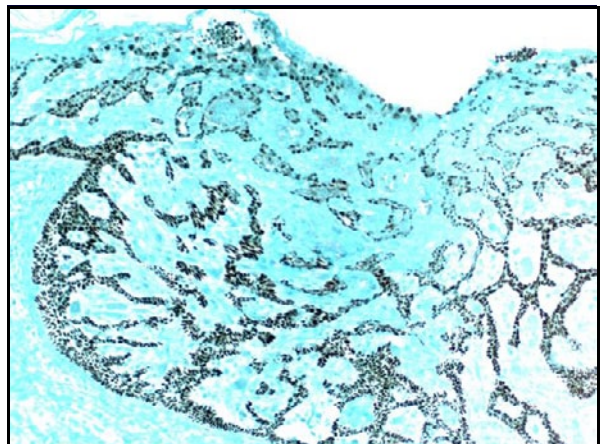
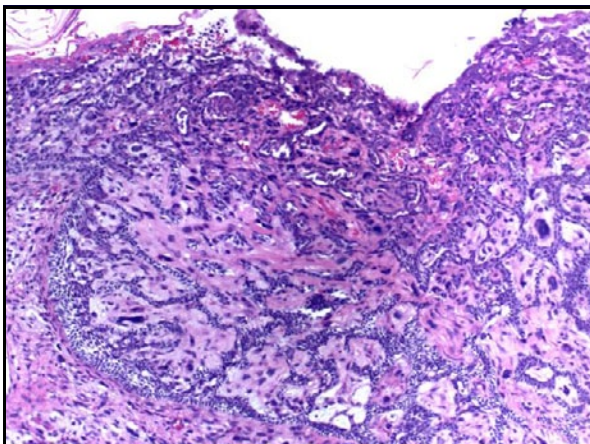
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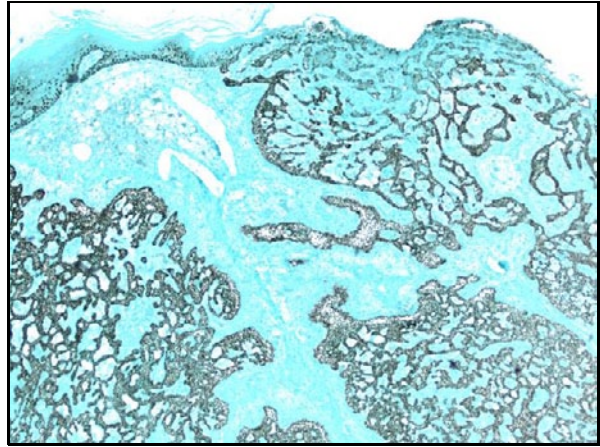
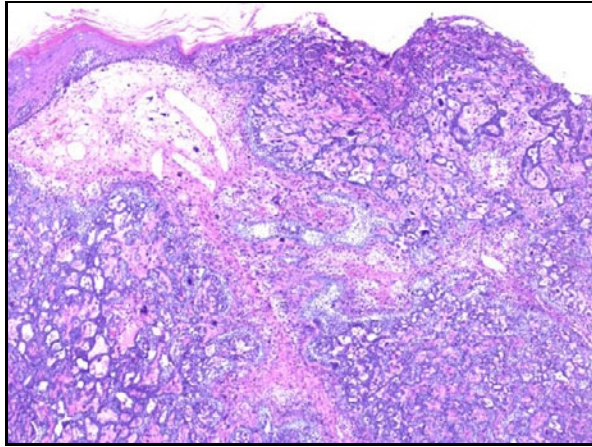
- Primary Carcinosarcoma (Metaplastic Carcinoma) of the skin



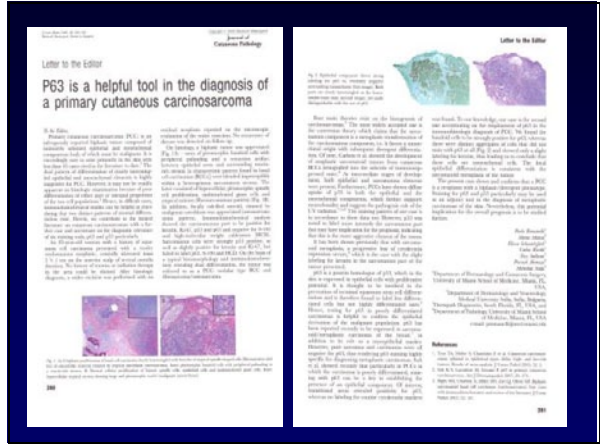
Immunohistochemistry

- Basaloid component:
 - positive for Keratin, p63, Ki-67 and p53
 - negative for S-100 and HCD (High Molecular Caldesmon)
- Stromal component:
 - Positive (strongly) for p53, keratin (slightly)
 - Negative for p63, S-100, and HCD





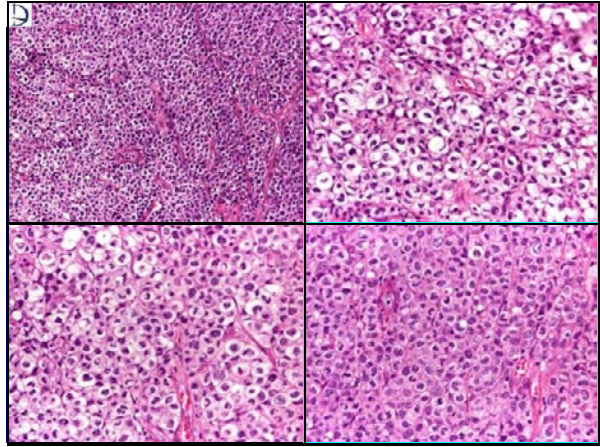
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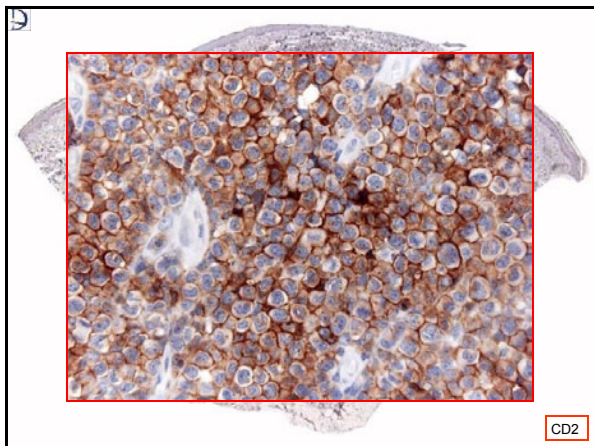
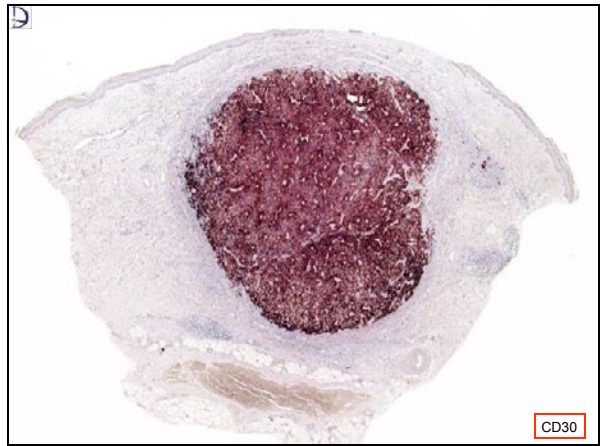
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HMB-45-
Melan-A-
CD45 (LCA)-

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**Anaplastic large - cell
lymphoma**

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Lymphomatoid Papulosis Type C

- ## Lymphomatoid Papulosis
- Histologic types (A, B, C)
 - Rare histologic variants (*follicular, syringotropic, etc.*)
 - Clinical variants (*regional, ALCL-like, etc.*)
 - Represents part of a spectrum of cutaneous CD30+ lymphoproliferative disorders (*ALCL – LyP*)

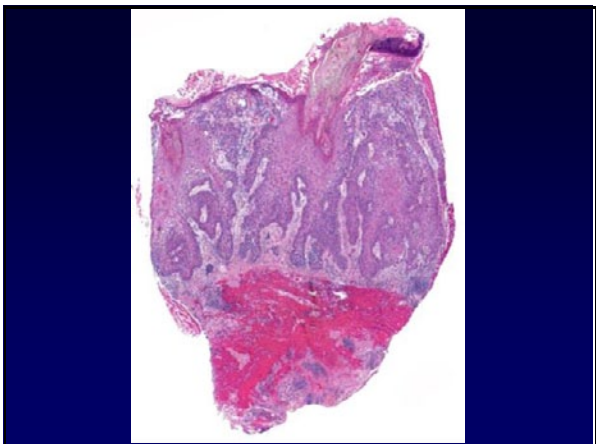


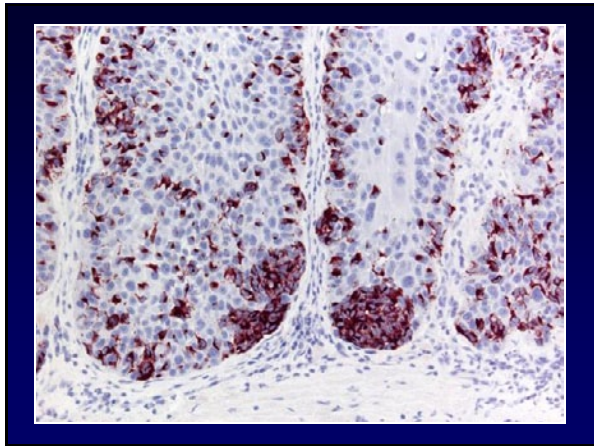
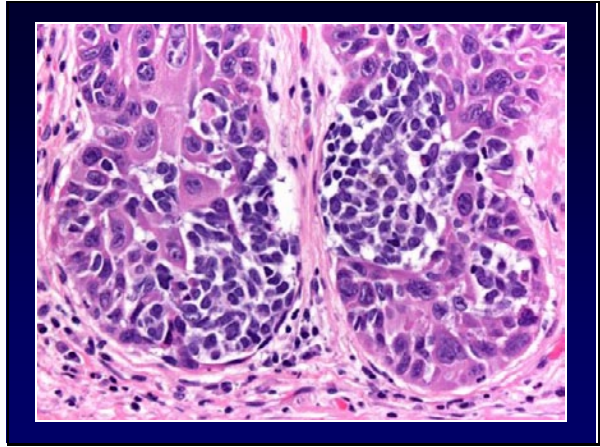
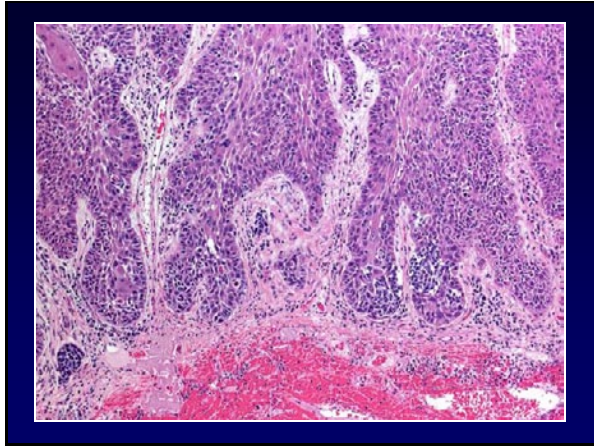
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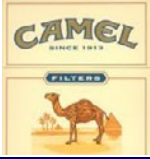
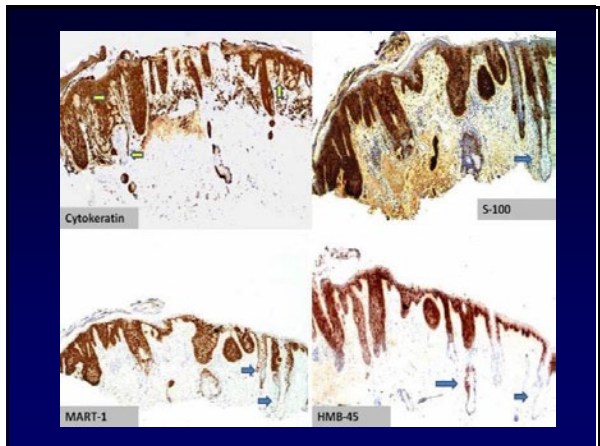
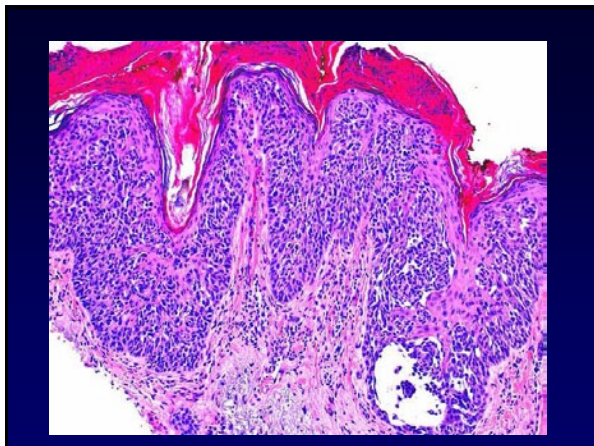
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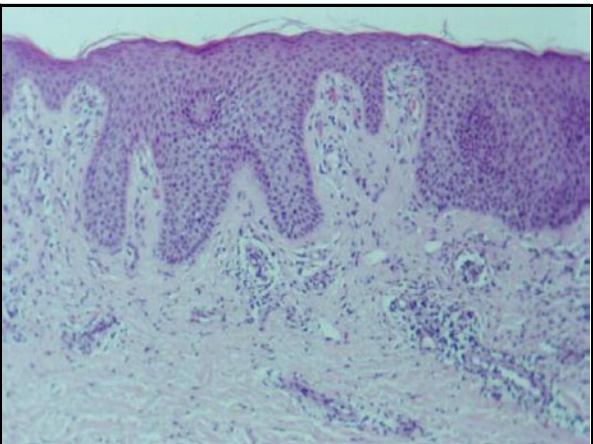
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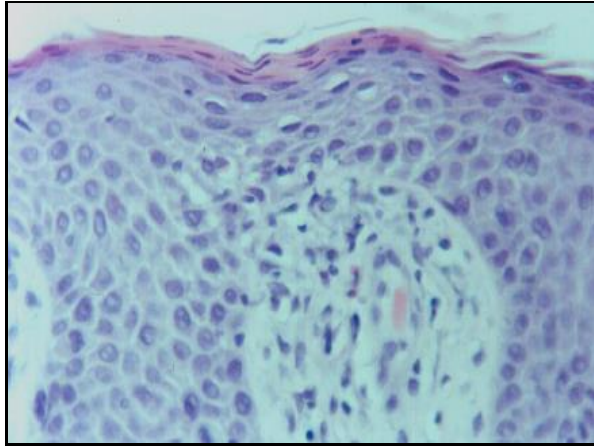
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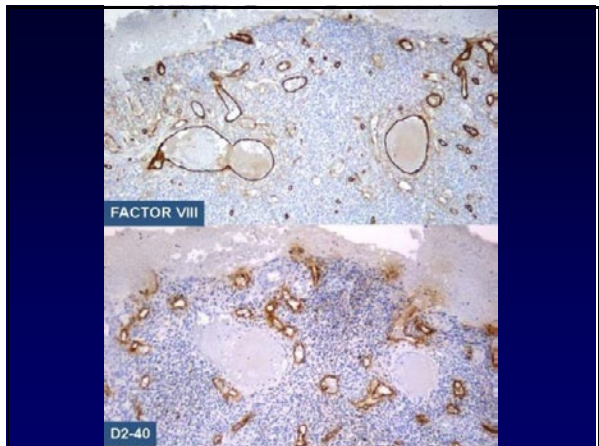
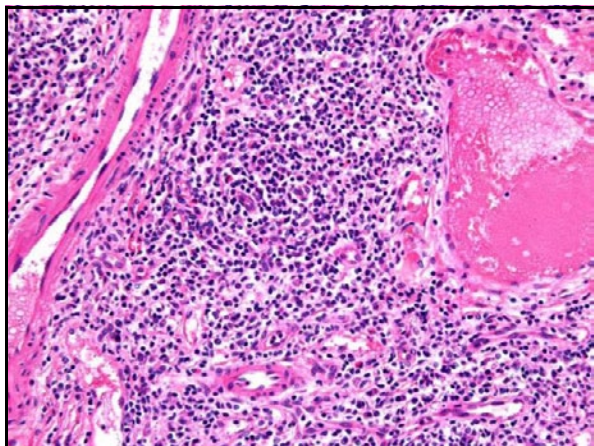
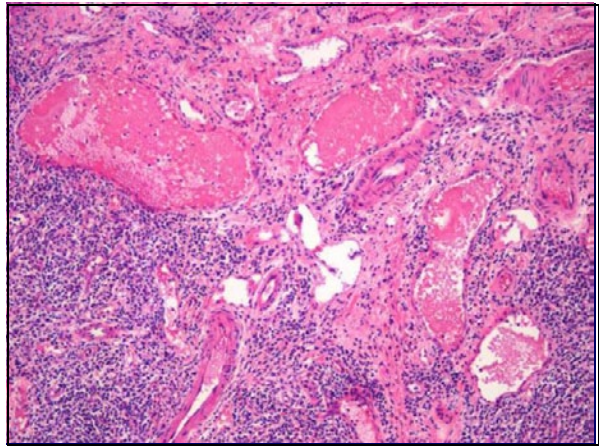
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NECROLYTIC MIGRATORY ERYTHEMA ASSOCIATED WITH NONFUNCTIONAL ISLET CELL TUMOR

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UM Rapid Wound Pathology Service



25 US wound healing centers >300 cases

- venous ulcers (31)
- vasculitis (12)
- vasculopathy (10)
- mixed (9)
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- pressure (7)
- hypertensive (6)
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→ **NO IMPROVEMENT**



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- culture results: no growth
- wound painful, enlarging

- 4th antibiotic was initiated

1st Biopsy Report

Surgical Pathology Final Report

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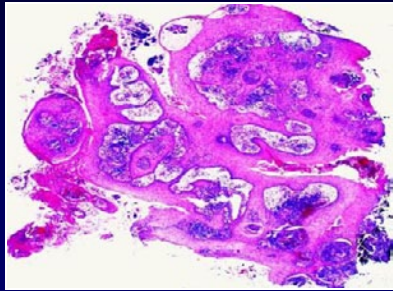
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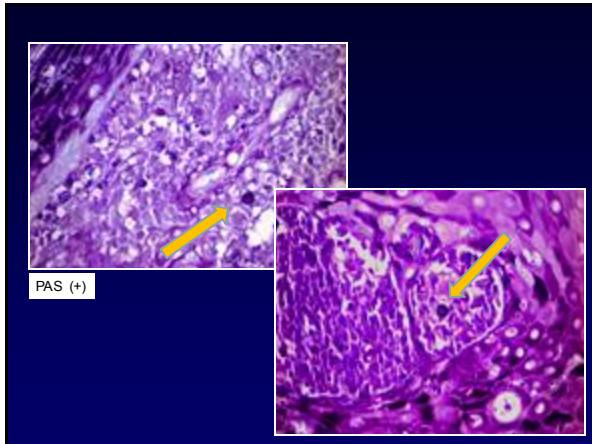
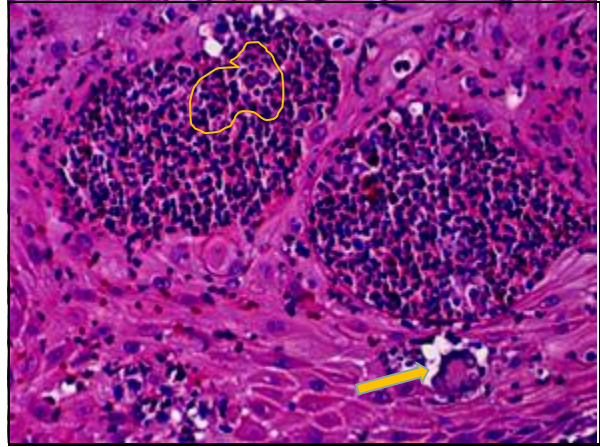
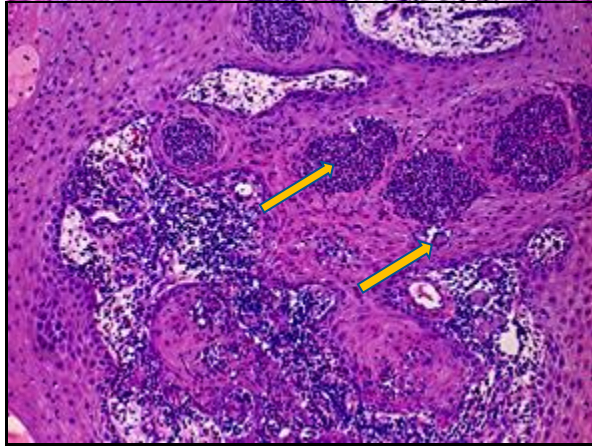
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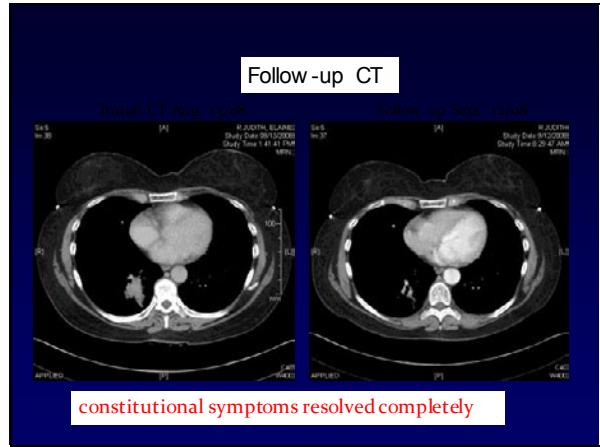
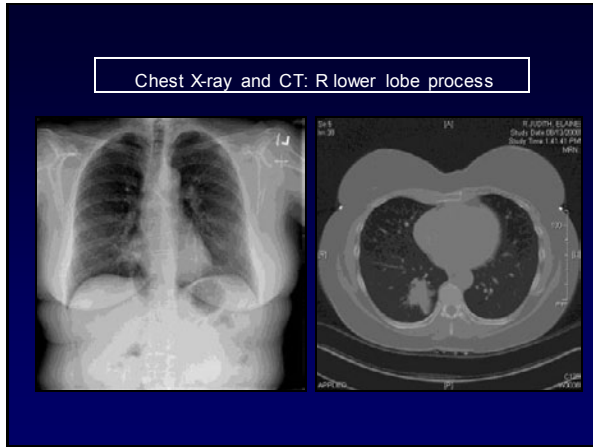
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Final Diagnosis performed by
 Paula Raimondi, M.D.
 Electronically signed 8/7/2008

- Rapid Wound Pathology Service: North American Blastomycosis
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- 52-year-old man
- Location: Left clavicular region
- Large ulcerated nodule
- Duration: 7 years
- Clinical diagnosis: Sarcoma?; Lymphoma?



Clinical course

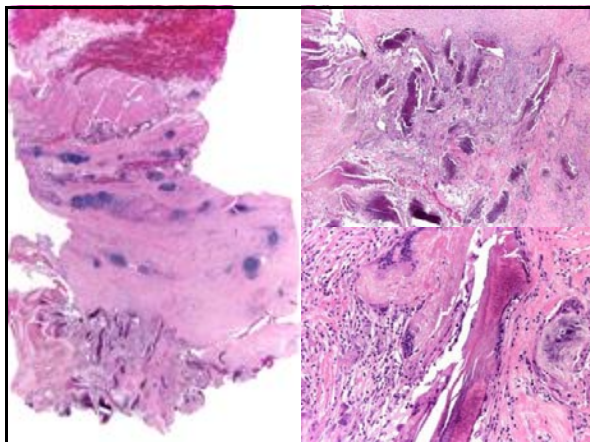
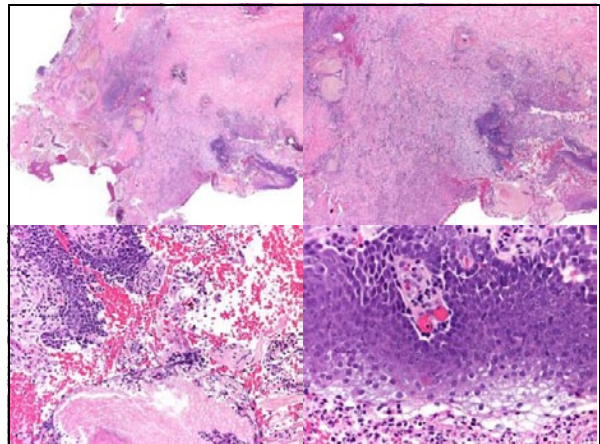
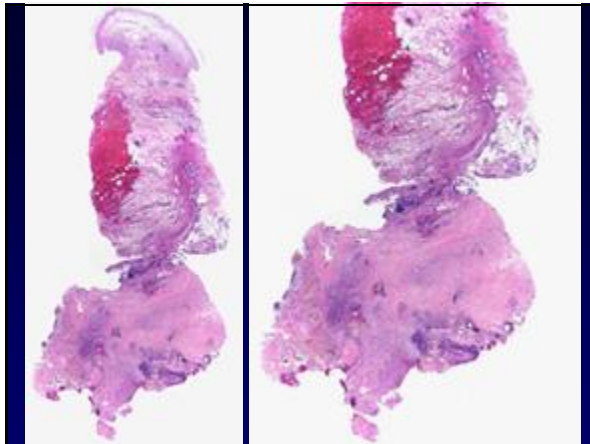
Preceding total excision:

- Skin incisional biopsy
- Sonography
- Computer Tomography (CT)

→ Plastic Surgery

Imaging

- Sonography:
 - ulcerated mass with copious calcification
 - hypervascularization at the periphery
- Computer Tomography (CT):
 - large, well-defined tumor (5x5,5x6 cm) with skin ulceration, abundant calcification
 - no bone involvement
 - abnormal left laterocervical lymphnode enlargement (1,4x1,3 cm)

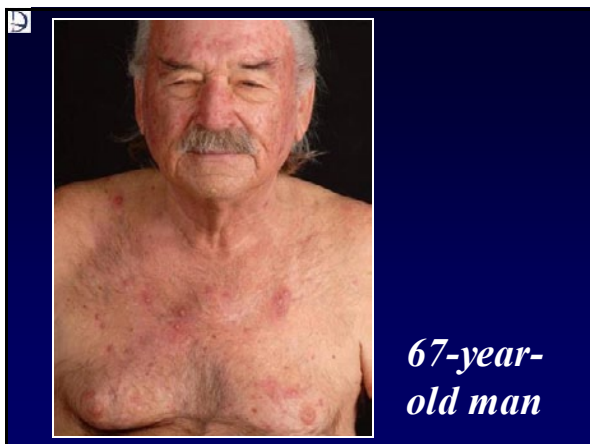
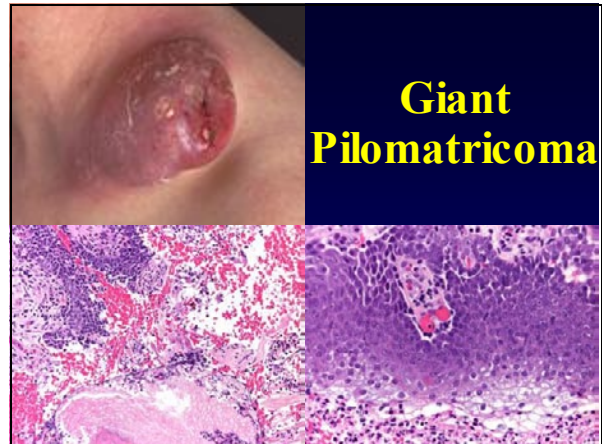


- Histopathologic examination:
 - proliferation of cells resembling basal (matrical) cells of the epidermis and a rather predominant component of ghost (shadow) cells with calcification and metaplastic ossification. No focus to suggest a malignant nature.

Diagnosis

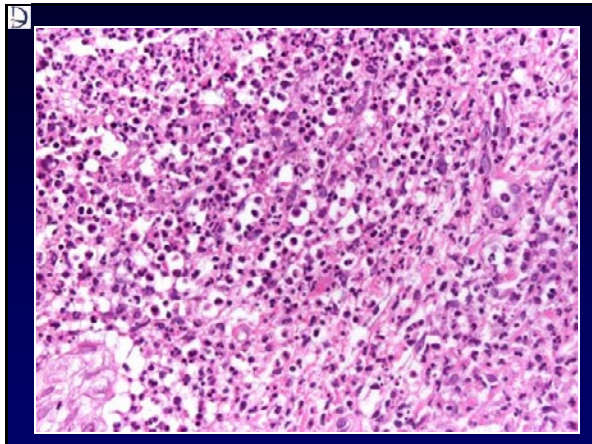
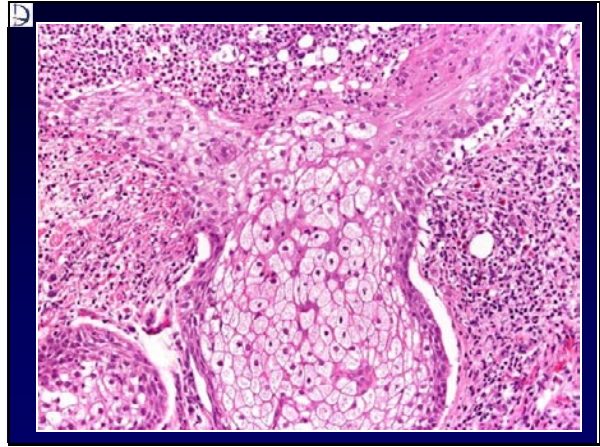
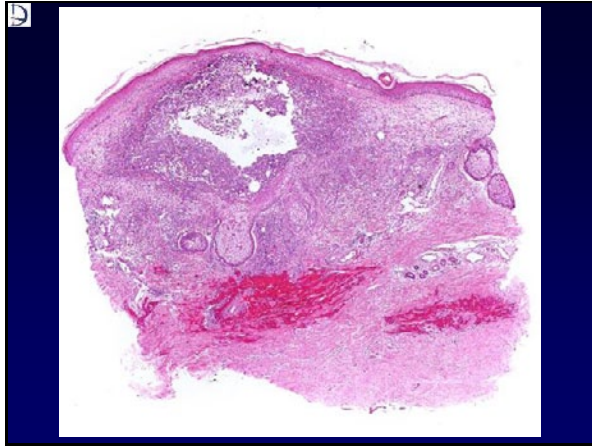
Giant Pilomatricoma
(Giant calcifying epithelioma of
Malherbe)

Results after Plastic Surgery

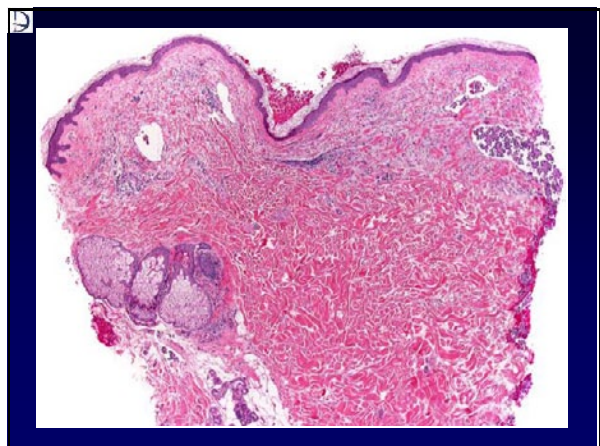


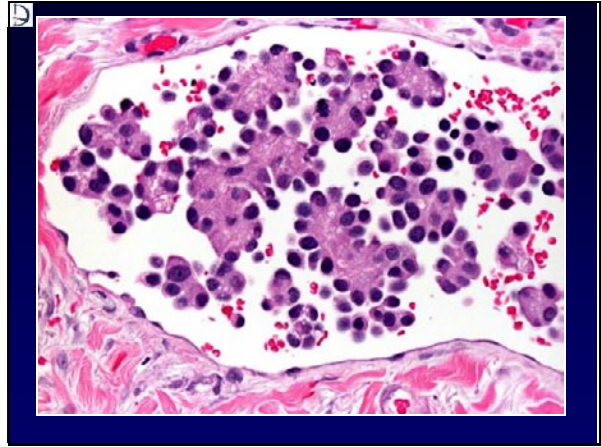
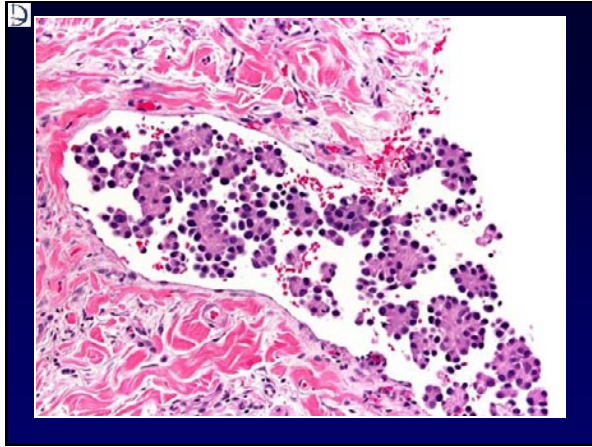
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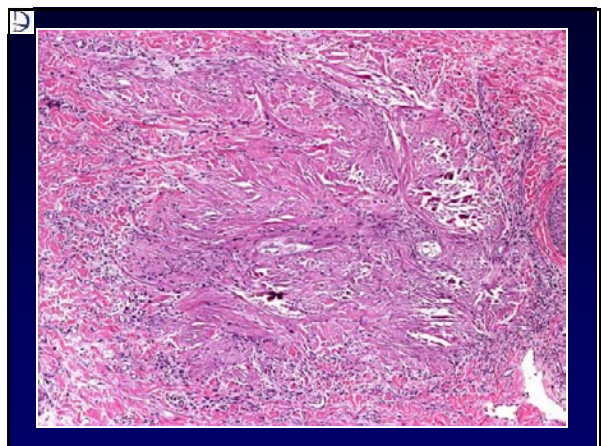


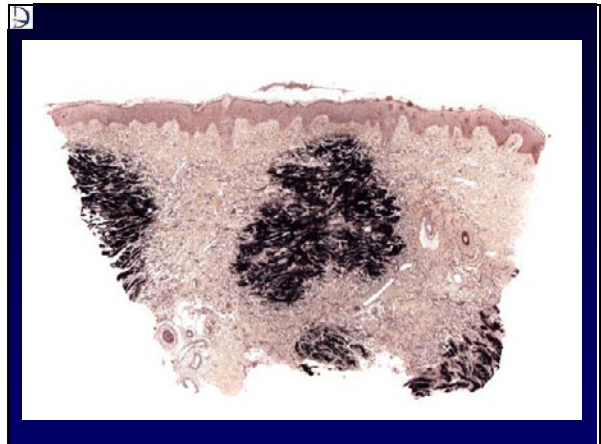
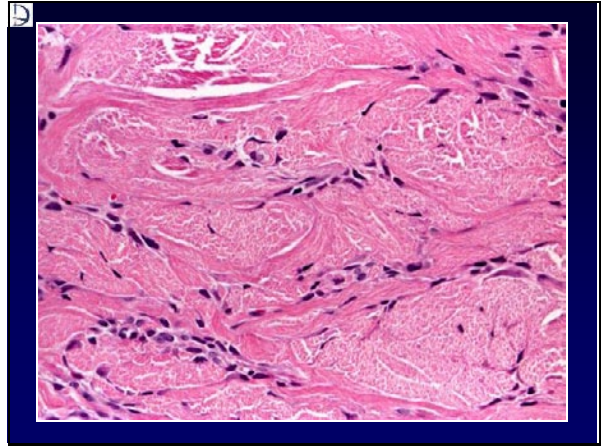
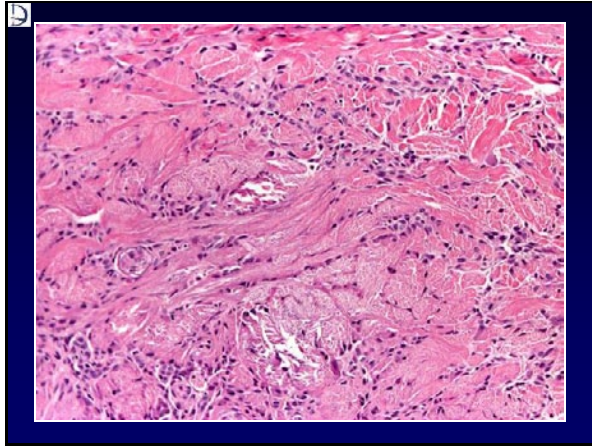
**Acneiform eruption
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**Metastatic carcinoma
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of the
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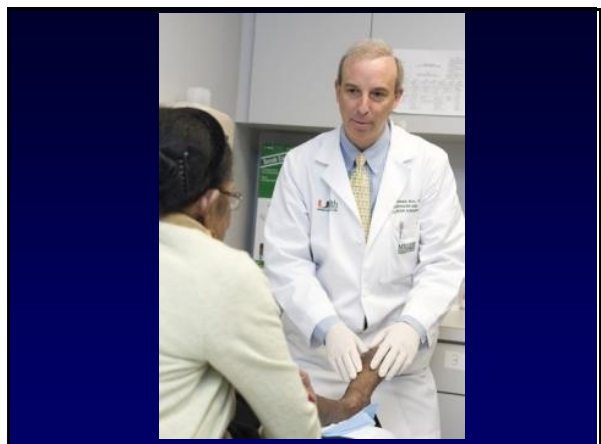




Calcinosis Cutis

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Infusion and extravasation of calcium gluconate



UM Rapid Wound Pathology Service



25 US wound healing centers >300 cases

- venous ulcers (31)
- vasculitis (12)
- vasculopathy (10)
- mixed (9)
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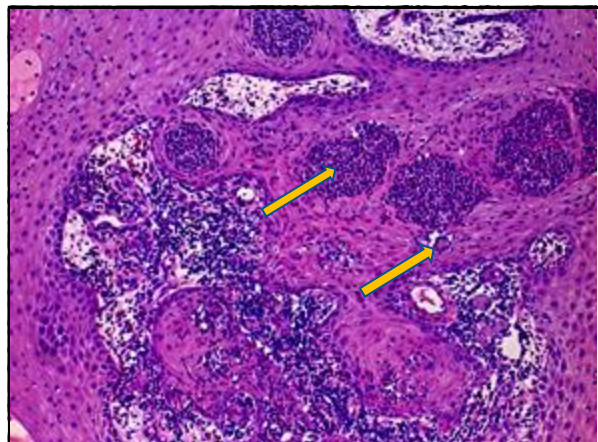
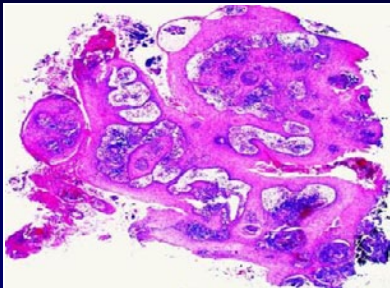
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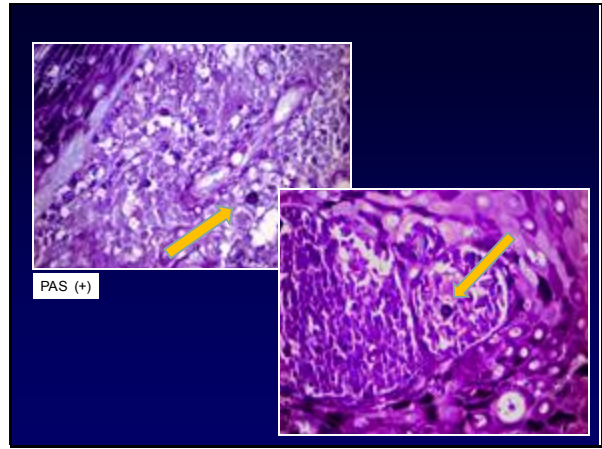
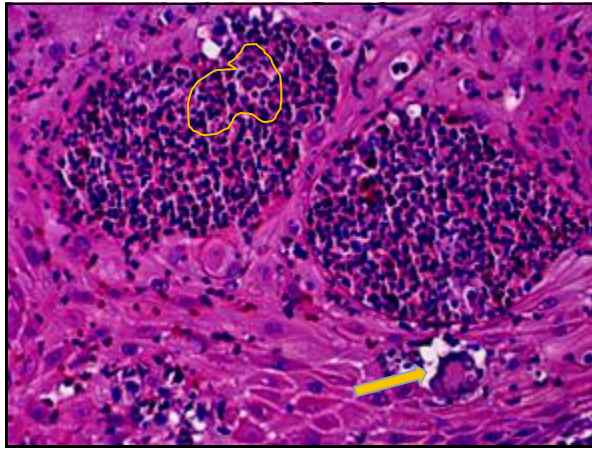
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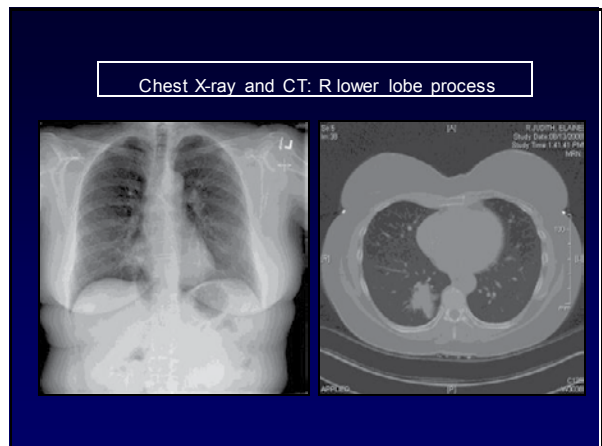
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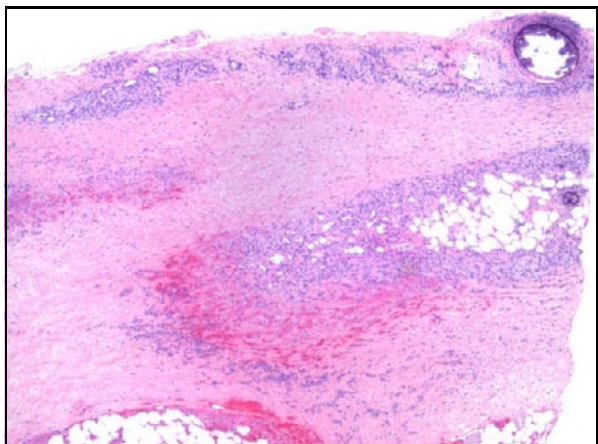
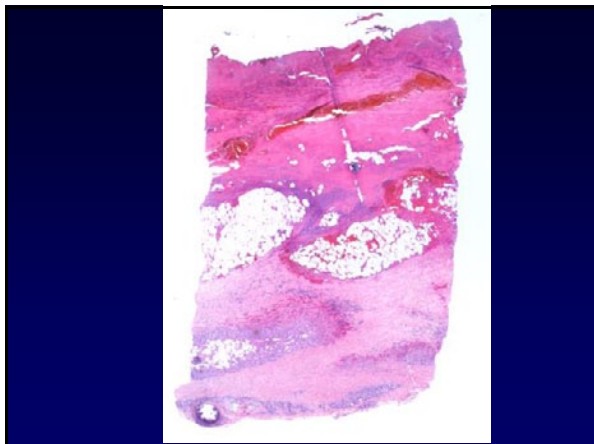
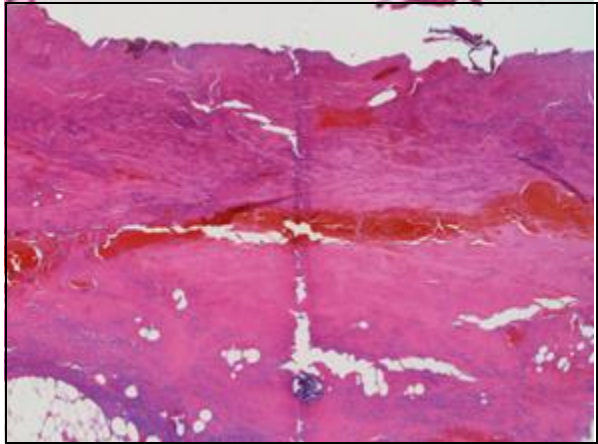
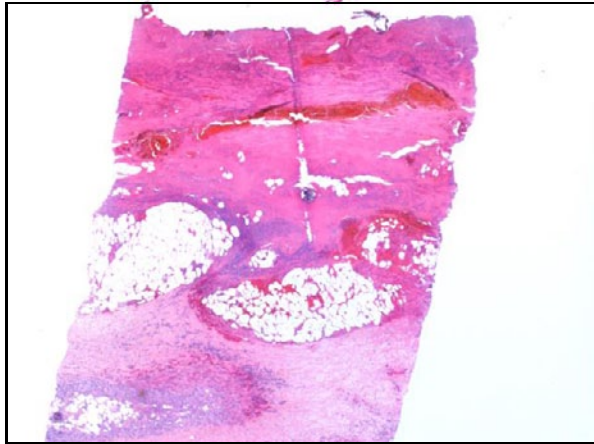
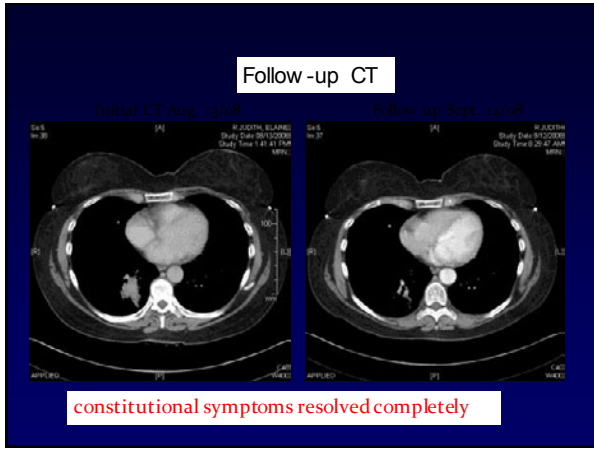
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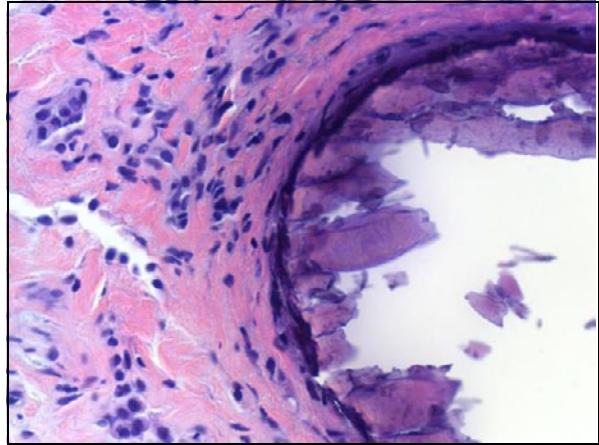
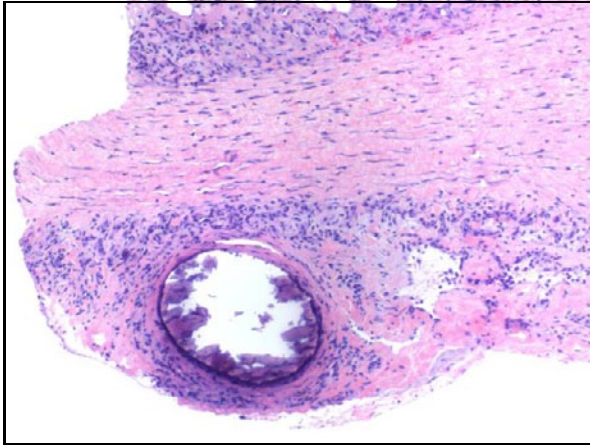
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CUA

- Calcific Uremic Arteriopathy (CUA), also known as Calciphylaxis, is a syndrome of cutaneous microvascular calcification of unknown etiology causing painful violaceous skin lesions.
- These then progress to non-healing ulcers and gangrene.

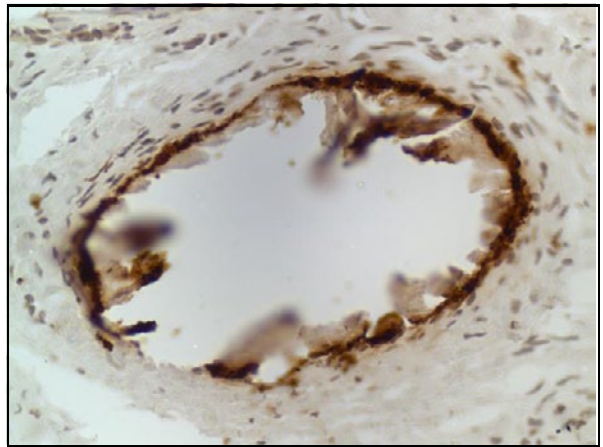
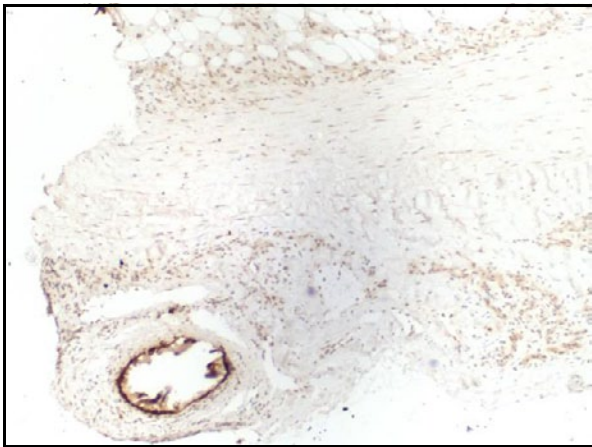
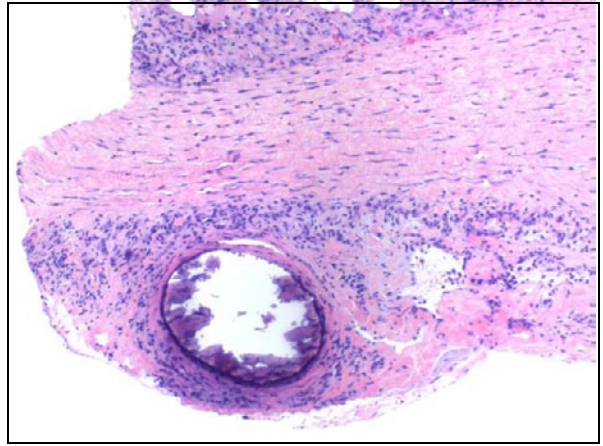
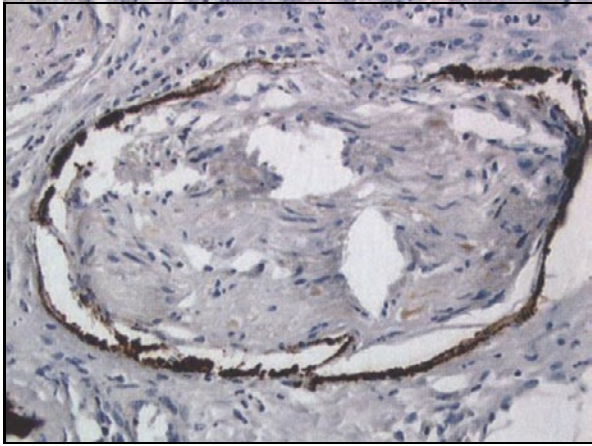
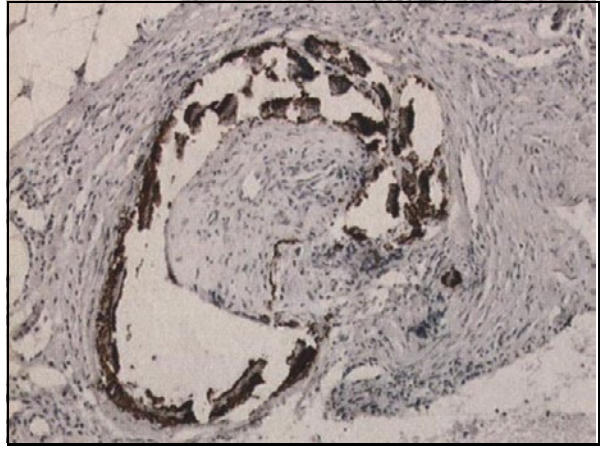
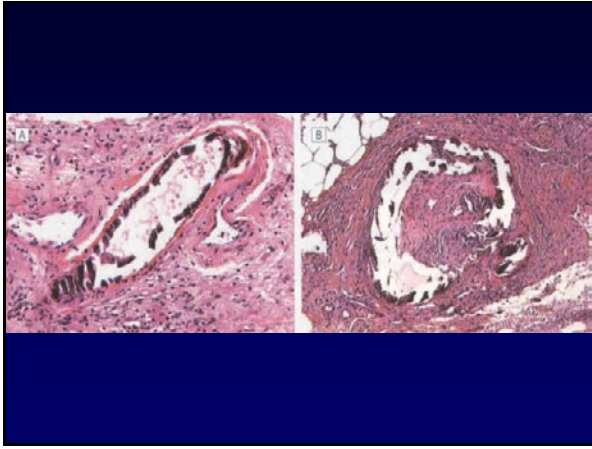
Cutaneous calcification in patients with end-stage renal disease: a regulated process associated with in situ osteopontin expression. Rivet J et al
Arch Dermatol. 2006 Jul;142(7):900-6

CUA

- Osteopontin is a bone matrix protein produced by osteoblasts.
- Although initially isolated from bone, it is localized in many tissues and appears that have increased expression in tissues at risk or known to calcify.

Rittling SR et al. Exp Nephrol 1999;7:103-113



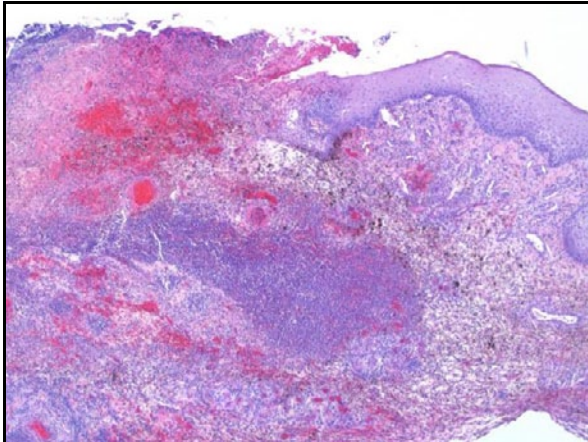


Novel Histopathologic Markers as Diagnostic and Prognostic Tools in Dermatology and Wound Healing

- TNF-alpha
- D2-40
- Mast Cells Tryptase
- Osteopontin
- Collagen IV

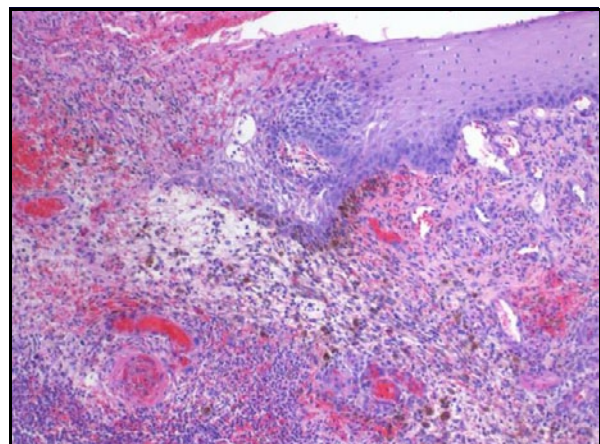
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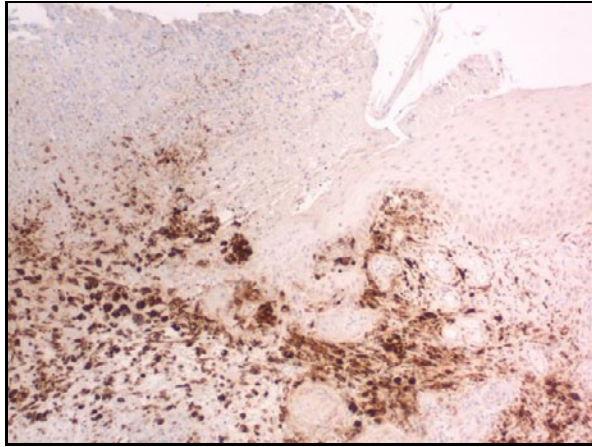
- Extremely painful
- Cutaneous and mucosal involvement
- Heal with cribriform scarring
- One or many ulcers, may coalesce



Pyoderma Gangrenosum and TNF-alpha

- Dini V., Romanelli M., Bertone M. et al Improvement of idiopathic pyoderma gangrenosum during treatment with anti-tumor necrosis factor alpha monoclonal antibody. *Int J Low Extrem Wounds.* 2007 Jun;6(2):108-13
- Pastor N, et al Pyoderma gangrenosum treated with anti-TNF alpha therapy (etanercept) *Clin Exp Dermatol.* 2006 Jan 31(1):152-3

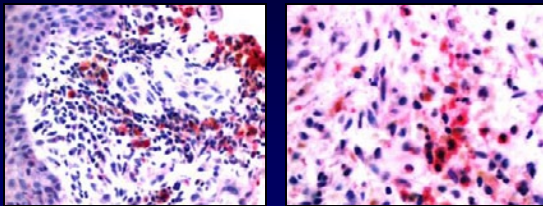




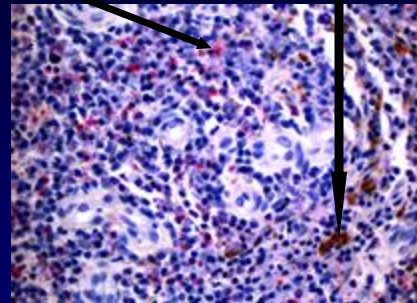
Chronic Wounds and TNF-alpha

- Streit M, et al Topical application of the tumour necrosis factor-alpha antibody infliximab improves healing of chronic wounds. *Int Wound J.* 2006 Sep;3(3):171-9.
- Etanercept decreases tumor necrosis factor-alpha activity in chronic wound fluid. *Wound Repair Regen.* 2006 Jul-Aug;14(4):421-6.
- Wallace HJ. Tumor necrosis factor-alpha gene polymorphism associated with increased susceptibility to venous leg ulceration. *J Invest Dermatol.* 2006 Apr;126(4):921-5.

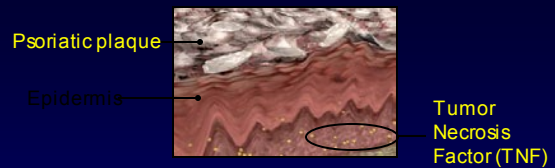
TNFa positive in the macrophages (in red)



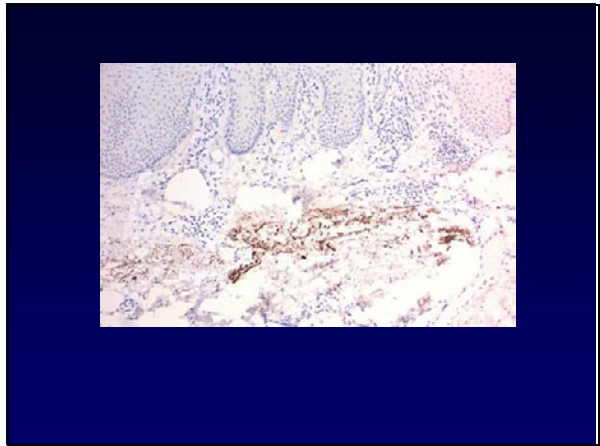
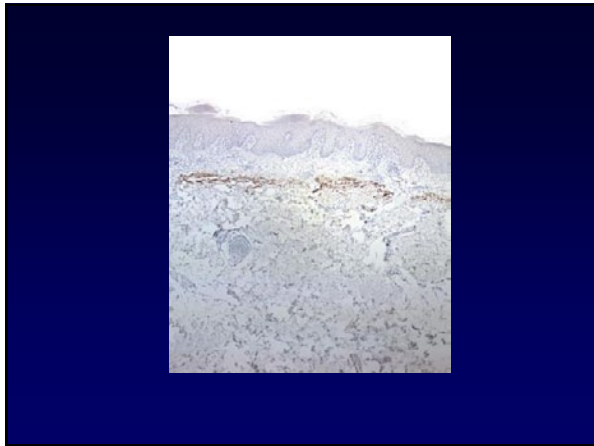
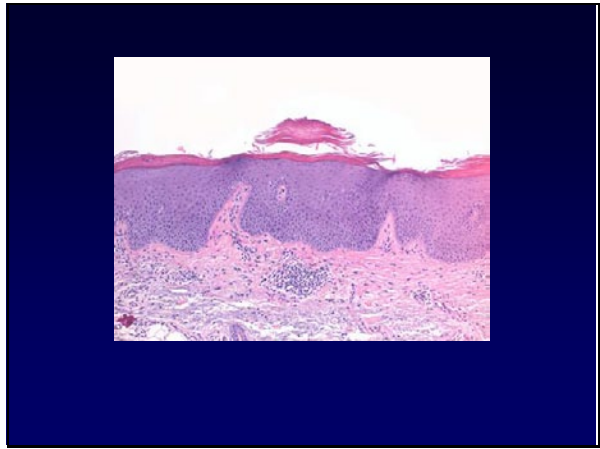
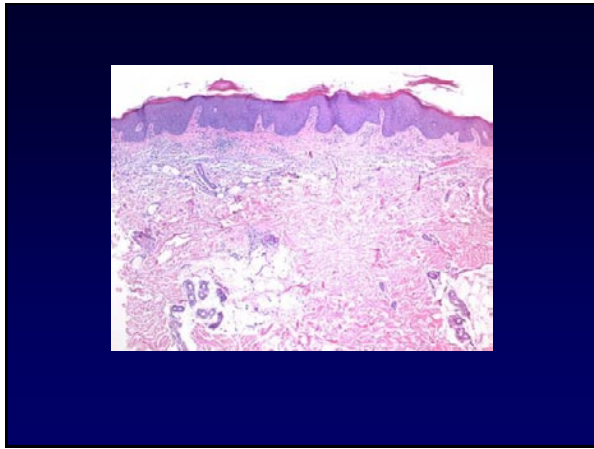
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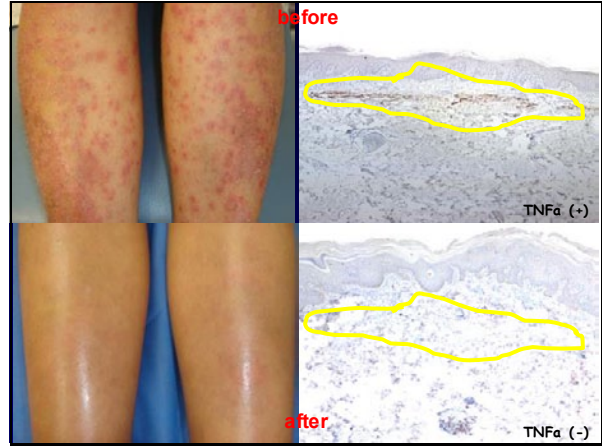
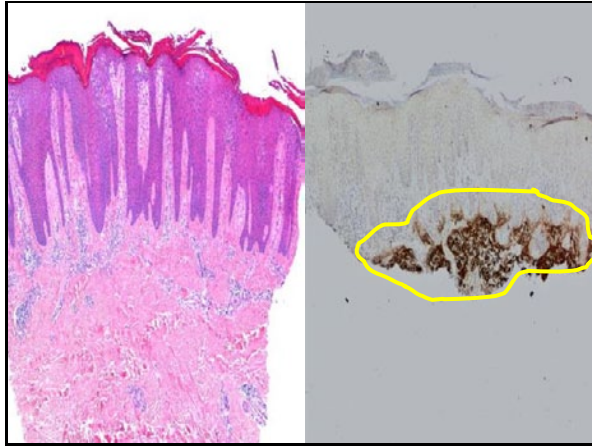


A Natural Process... Goes Awry



- An elevated level of TNF relative to the body's own unattached TNF receptors can lead to increased levels of TNF in the skin, which causes inflammation
- Researchers have found that people with psoriasis often have increased levels of TNF in their affected skin areas





Study Evaluating IL-17 Immunohistochemistry in Psoriasis

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 Maria Miteva, M.D.
 Paolo Romanelli, M.D.

IRB Protocol # 20100737

Methods

- Institutional Review Board Approval: Protocol # **20100737**
- 10 cases of biopsy proven plaque psoriasis randomly selected from psoriasis data bank
- 5 site matched "normal skin" controls from excision specimens
- **Standard immunohistochemistry performed on formalin fixed paraffin embedded tissue sections**

Psoriasis-Epidermis

Psoriasis Epidermis (High Magnification)

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Pustular Psoriasis

H&E Anti-IL-17A antibody staining

Thank you
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OVERVIEW

The goal of this activity is to educate clinicians on the latest advances in the field of dermatology and dermatopathology, to allow them to provide superior diagnosis, prognosis and appropriate treatment advice and improve the quality of patient care and engaged patient outcomes. Additionally, the intended aim is to foster an increased understanding of scientific, clinical and healthcare issues that are likely to contribute to the improvement of patient care.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to:

- Describe the pathophysiology of psoriasis and the associated contributions of the disease.
- Diagnose psoriasis with precision, specifically, based on clinical and histological findings.
- Treat patients with precision, specifically, based on current clinical guidelines.
- Compare the efficacy and safety of drugs, biologics, devices, and techniques available to clinicians and consumers.
- Identify the contributions to the selection of appropriate skin agents for treating different areas of the face.
- Compare and contrast the efficacy and safety of agents, devices, and techniques currently available in psoriasis and psoriatic dermatitis.
- Outline the appropriate management techniques for local psoriasis.
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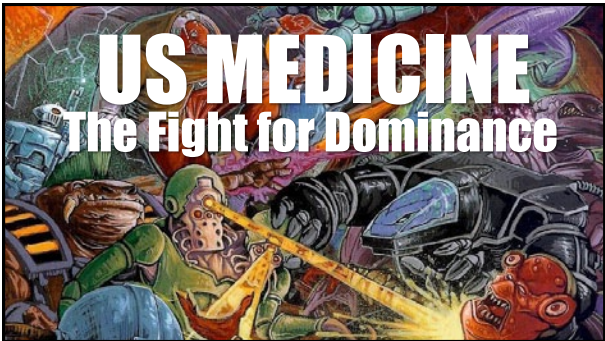
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COMORBIDITIES OF PSO

CLASSIC

Symptoms

- COLITIS
- UVEITIS
- ENTHELITIS
- DACTYLITIS
- SPONDYLITIS
- NAIL DYSTROPHY

WHAT ABOUT

Depression

- Stress / sleep / sex disorders

Hypertension

Diabetes

- Obesity

MACE

- MI / Stroke

Metabolic Syndrome

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

SLEEP DISORDERS IN PSO/PSA

Sleep Studies

- ◆ Incidence of insomnia in PSO has been estimated from 5.9%–44.8% identified in 33 studies, where the general population is at 10% and up to 35% with transient insomnia.
- ◆ HOWEVER, incidence of Obstructive Sleep Apnea is 36–81.8% compared to general population of 2–4%.
- ◆ In a second study the incidence of insomnia in PSA was 84%, PSO 69% and controls 59%.

Gupta et al. DOI:10.1016/j.jamry.2015.09.003 Wong et al. DOI: 10. 3899/jheum.161330

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

IMMUNOLOGY OF SLEEP

Sleep Deficit Associated with:

LEVELS
INCREASED TNF alpha, IL-18, IL-17, CRP, NO, ADENOSINE, AND PGS.

IMPACT ON TARGET ORGANS
IMPACT ON TARGET ORGANS: AN INCREASED LEVEL OF: HTLV, CV COMPLICATIONS, METABOLIC DISORDERS AND GENERALIZED PERFORMANCE IMPAIRMENTS

ULTIMATELY
POOR OUTCOMES AS CYTOKINE UPREGULATION IS RELATED TO: HYPERSTHESIA, PAIN, FATIGUE AND DEPRESSION

Krajewska-włodarczyk et al. Rheumatologia. 2018; 56(5): 301-306. Barnes S et al. Clin Sleep Med 2007;3:519-528.

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

SLEEP IMPACT ON PSO/PSA

SLEEP

Sleep supports the immunoregulatory system

Sleep deprivation leads to a proinflammatory state

Study of 62 PSA, 52 PSO patients, and control group.

Measures
DAS28, FACIT, HbA1c, PASI, PSQI, VAS pain

Results
67.7% of PSA, 57.7% of PSO pts and 14.6% controls were found to have poor sleep quality.

This resulted in worse quality of life and intense fatigue. However tx with TNF alpha inhibitors led to improvement of sleep quality.

Rheumatologia. 2018; 56(5): 301-306. Gowda et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2010;63:114-123.

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

FACTORS THAT APPEARED TO WORSEN SLEEP QUALITY

Factor 01 **PSO; duration of dz, severity of skin lesions, Patients age**

Factor 02 **PSA; duration of PSO, TJC, CRP, pain, Pt's age**

Rheumatologia. 2018; 56(5): 301-306.

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

STRESS/DEPRESSION AND PSO/PSA

Discomfort from psoriasis may interfere with sleep

Sleep deprivation may lead to increased stress

Stress may trigger PSO/PSA activation

IMMUNE RESPONSE: Elevation of IL6, MCP1, prostaglandins. There is dynamic change of microglial activation upregulated by IL-1

Kufnada SK et al. Indian J Dermatol Venereol Leprol. 2016 sep-oct. Xu et al. 2015 sep 21 doi:10.1186/s12880-015-0102-3. Sing et al. PLoS ONE. 2017;12:e0181039.

RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

IMPACT OF DEPRESSION ON IMMUNE SYSTEM

01 **Cytokines down regulate cyp 450 system.**

02 **Up regulation:** NFKB, IL6, IL8, and type 1 IFN including innate activation of TNF alpha, IL1, bTLR3, TLR4, as well as CRP AND MCR4.

03 **They maybe markers of depression and potential predictors of response**

04 **Polymorphisms** (ie, TPH2 GENE) have been identified in depression which may be the etiology of treatment failure

Schmitt et al. Curr Neuropharmacol 2016. Miller et al. risk of inflammation+depression from evolutionary imperative to modern treatment target. 10.1371/doi:10.1038/nr.2015.5.vol 16, jan 2016. Gao et al. PLoS One. 2012;7(5):e36721.

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PSO IMPACT ON DEPRESSIVE PHENOMENA




SYMPTOMS
Higher rates of depression have been noted in PSO/PSA
Higher risk of sexual dysfunction noted

RESEARCH
Meta analysis of 8 studies evaluating sexual dysfunction in 4039 pts from 1966-2011

RESULTS
48% reported diminished sexual function negatively affecting orgasm, ED, over all decline in function
Depression higher in this group

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PSO IMPACT ON DEPRESSIVE PHENOMENA

 <p>STUDY</p> <p>1 STUDY REPORTED. 9% PTS WERE SATISFIED WITH PROVIDERS ATTENTION TO THESE ISSUES</p> <p>43% FELT PROVIDERS ATTENTION TO SEXUAL MATTERS INSUFFICIENT</p>	 <p>STUDY</p> <p>16 EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDIES SHOWED PREVALENCE OF SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION RANGED BETWEEN 26%-71%.</p> <p>CASE CONTROLLED TRIAL SHOWED 53.7% AFFECTED VS. 17.5% CONTROLS</p>	 <p>RESULTS</p> <p>AND OF COURSE LOCATIONS OF THE LESIONS HAD SEVERE IMPACT ON SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION</p>
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Kutzky et al. Rev Bras Rheumatol. 2012; 52:943-948. Molina et al. J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol. 2015; 29:449-455

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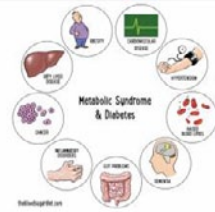
PSO IMPACT ON DEPRESSIVE PHENOMENA

 <p>Psoriasis Longitudinal Assessment and Registry (PSOLAR)</p>	 <p>14.7% were depressed 11.4% were anxious 64.7% using alcohol 23% current smokers 32.9% prior use of tobacco</p>	 <p>Patients with diminished HRQL were less likely to adhere to TX. 60% with severe PSO had increased lost days at work and decreased work productivity</p> <p>87% of family members had decreased QOL.</p>
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Aguiar et al. Expert Rev Pharmacoecon Outcomes Res 2014; 171: 137-147

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PSO & METABOLIC SYNDROME



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METABOLIC SYNDROME CONTINUED



Prevalence of metabolic syndrome in PSO

- 140 patients with chronic plaque psoriasis/ 140 controls
- RESULTS: 39.3% with MetS VS 17.1% CONTROLS
- OR=3.13
- SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER -HTN, ABDOMINAL OBESITY AND DM AND OSA (OR=2.87 in @2500 pt meta-analysis)
- TREND : SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN DM,HTN AND T2D WITH INCREASED SEVERITY AND DURATION OF PSO
- In a pooled meta-analysis-20 countries=1,450,188 total with 46,714 PSO pts-random effects analysis = OR of 2.14

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RHEUMATOLOGY PERSPECTIVE ON PSO COMORBIDITIES

PSO & HYPERTENSION



INCIDENCE OF HTN IN PSO—24,285 PTS AGE MATCHED CONTROLS AND 12,502 PSO PTS

PREVALENCE = 38.8% PSO VS 29.1% CONTROLS— $p < .001$

ANALYSIS Multivariate analysis controlled for DM, SMOKING, AGE, GENDER, NSAIDS

Koishiwa SK et al. Indian J Dermatol Venereol Leprol. 2016 sep-oct. Xu et al. 2015 sep 21 doi:10.1186/s12890-015-0102-3
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GOODPELLO CELL PPT TEMPLATE

IMMUNE REGULATION OF HYPERTENSION



DEFENSE CLASSICAL DEFINITION: "BP >120/80"

DEFENSE ALTERNATIVE DEFN: "HYPERTENSION IS AN AUTOIMMUNE RESPONSE TO ALTERED SELF".

DEFENSE TH1, TH2, TH17, GAMMA INTERFERON, and FOX P3; up regulates ANGIOTENSIN-2 AND MINERALOCORTICOIDs.

Schiffert et al. dept of med, McGill Univ aug 17 2012

GOODPELLO CELL PPT TEMPLATE

IMMUNE BASIS FOR HYPERTENSION

Proposed Mechanism

DEFENSE ISOKETAL ADDUCTS (GAMMA KETOALDEHYDES) ARE FOUND IN HIGH CONCENTRATION IN DENDRITIC CELLS IN PATIENTS WITH HTN.

DEFENSE 1. OXIDATIVE MODIFICATION OF SELF PROTEINS

DEFENSE 2. INCREASES IL6, IL1B, IL23, AND CO-STIMULATORY PROTEINS; CD80-86, CD8, IFN GAMMA, IL7A, AND PLASMA F2 ISOPROSTANES.

Schiffn et al., dept of med, McGill Univ Aug 17 2012

GOODPELLO CELL PPT TEMPLATE

IMMUNOLOGY OF HYPERTENSION

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OF CYTOKINE RELEASE IN HTN

The Journal of Experimental Medicine

Immunology of hypertension | JEM

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HX OF HYPERTENSION

DEFENSE IN 2007—HARRISON et al. looked at the role of T cells in HTN in RAG1 DEFICIENT mice.

DEFENSE ANGIOTENSIN 2/DOCA+NACL DID NOT INCREASE BP.

DEFENSE HOWEVER: SYNGENEIC T CELL TRANSFER ALLOWED MICE TO EXPERIENCE THE HTN.

DOCA=DEOXYCORTICOSTERONE ACETATE
RAG-1 DEFICIENT MICE=NO MATURE B/T CELLS

GOODPELLO CELL PPT TEMPLATE

PSO/PSA AND ENDOTHELIAL DYSFUNCTION

01	GWAS LARGE OVERLAP OF GENES THAT GOVERN CAD and MetS
02	Severe Psoriasis is an independent risk factor for MYOCARDIAL INFARCTIONS in younger patients.
03	RR=1.29 for a 30 yr old with mild dz and 3.10 for severe dz.
04	Prognosis post MI in PSO patient is worse than general population
05	Duration of Disease is an independent risk factor for every additional yr of dz, there is a 1% increase in MACE
06	MACE increased over 3-5 yrs by 36% if PSA was present

Int J Med Sci. 2019 Jan; 18(1):158

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MARKERS OF ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION

01 ICAM, VCAM, E-SELECTIN (ELAM-1), MPO, TMAO

02 ADMA/SDMA IS INCREASED IN HTN, CKD, DM AND DYSLIPIDEMIA AS WELL AS SERVE AS A RISK FACTOR FOR CV DISEASE AND PLAQUE FORMATION

03 alpha MSH IMPROVES VESSEL RELAXATION VIA NITRIC OXIDE PATHWAYS

EF= ENDOTHELIAL FUNCTION- ADMA/SDMA=ASSYMETRIC/SYMMETRIC DIMETHYL ARGININE (METABOLIC BYPRODUCTS OF CONTINUED PROTEIN MODIFICATION IN HUMAN CYTOSOL).

STREYER et al.

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EF AND PSO

EVIDENCE FOR INCREASED HOMOCYSTEINE IN PSORIASIS ELEVATED HOMOCYSTEINE LEADS TO ELEVATED ADMA TNF alpha elevates ADMA and leads to reduction in NO

ADMA

HAS BEEN STRONGLY ASSOCIATED WITH PMSI SCORES

ADMA

IS ASSOCIATED WITH EF

ADMA

MAY PLAY A ROLE IN PATHOGENESIS OF PSO

ADMA

ON THE HORIZON AS A MARKER OF DISEASE ACTIVITY

Bilic et al. Arch Dermatol Res. 2015 Jul;307(5):439-44

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PSO AND CV DZ WITH TREATMENT

**37 PSO PATIENTS
AGE 31- NO CV DZ**

**LAD FLOW MEASURED
BY DOPPLER ECHD**

**MEASURED AFTER 5.3
MOS OF ANTI TNF
THERAPY**

**RESULTS: CFR
(CORONARY FLOW
RESERVE) INCREASED
FROM 2.2 TO 3.02
AFTER THERAPY AND
CORRELATED HS CRP AND
TNF REDUCTION BUT
NOT PASI**

FURTHER STUDIES IN PSA DEMONSTRATED THAT ADAMUMUMAB REDUCED CROUROTIC INTIMAL THICKNESS BUT DID NOT CORRECT LATE X114 LIPID PROFILES

Augerou et al. Int J Cardiol. 2011; 151:382-383 Pina et al. J. Dermatol. 2016;43:1267-1272

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PSO/PSA AND EF

Study
Brezinski et al performed a systemic review that investigated EF dysfunction in PSO/PSA.

Objective
Effect of TNF inhibitors on EF in PSO/PSA

Results
2281 patients (20 studies) demonstrated:

- Increased arterial thickness
- Impaired endothelial vasodilatation
- Increased carotid intima-media thickness
- Decreased aortic elasticity

 2/3 studies demonstrated that TNF alpha inhibitors improved EF

Brezinski EA et al. Curr Pharm Des. 2014;20(14):13-28

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REDEFINING DIABETES

Classical Definition
A group of metabolic dzs characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from defects in insulin secretion, action or both.

Alternative Definition

TYPE 1 DIABETES - IMMUNE DESTRUCTION OF INSULIN PRODUCING CELLS

TYPE 2 DIABETES - IMMUNE SYSTEM IMPAIRING EFFECTOR CELL RESPONSE TO INSULIN.

Kaetzel et al., the role of TNF alpha in mice with type 1&2 DM; Plos one 7(5) @33254.doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0033254

DIABETES CARE. 2003;26:1665-67.2003

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DM - B/T CELL CONNECTION

Mice

- Winer et al., 2009 - demonstrated that when DIO mice, which were B cell deficient, were subjected to a HIGH cal/hat diets, did not develop insulin resistance.
- It was only when the mice were injected with B cells or Ig from obese insulin resistant mice, that they developed manifestations of Diabetes.

Humans

- Winer -studied 32 overweight people with aged matched cohort and demonstrated— those with Insulin Resistance had pathogenic Antibodies.

Mice

- He then went back to his preclinical mice study. He fed the mice with mouse equivalent of fat and CD20.
- The CD20 attacked the mature B cells only.

Mice

- After 1 cycle, the mice had a reduction in insulin resistance with near normal metabolism of glucose.

Winer et al. B cells provide insulin resistance through inhibition of T cells and production of pathogenic Ig. J Biol Chem. 2009;284(11):7777-7781.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Mice

antiCD3 Abs ,IL2 Ig, m IL15 Ig and rapamycin and alpha 1 Antitrypsin

Mice

Permanently restored euglycemia to NOD mice.

Mice

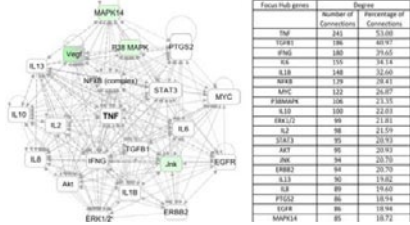
Reversed gene dysregulation in peripheral lymph nodes and stabilized c-peptide and reduced HbA1C.

Mice

PDE4 inhibitors elevate GLP-1 which lowers serum glucose as well as NOD mice= non-obese diabetic (model for type 1 DM)

Winer et al. B cells provide insulin resistance through inhibition of T cells and production of pathogenic Ig. J Biol Chem. 2009;284(11):7777-7781.

TNF GENE



Kivert, et al.

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TNF ALPHA AS THERAPEUTIC TARGET IN DIABETES

New onset T1D/T2D mice:

Control/short course anti TNF

Untreated group

remained hyperglycemic despite daily insulin therapy and majority died within 7 weeks of onset of T1D

Anti TNF Group

achieved euglycemia in 22/24 subjects with no deaths.

Anti TNF Alpha

has also been shown to ablate a T cell rich islet cell invasion of B cells on biopsy.

And in fact...

in 1, 35 pt study-- pts txd with TNF alpha inhibitors There was clear improvement in glycemic control.

Txd Group

decrease of FPG by 2.74mmol/L vs .02 mmol/L in control group

Kaibanda et al., 2012 Cels 2016 March; 9(1): 235-241.

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PSO/PSA AND DM2 Odds Ratio FROM 4 POOLED STUDIES



J. Am. Acad. Dermatol. 2015;72:988-977

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SO WHAT ELSE?



One Study found that:

- ❖ DM undiagnosed in 19% of PSO pts
- ❖ HTN undiagnosed in 22% of PSO pts
- ❖ Hypercholesterolemia undiagnosed in 30% of PSO pts
- ❖ 60% failed to achieve treatment targets for the CV risk factors
- ❖ PCPs --only 43% screened for HTN, 11%-dyslipidemia, 27%-DM and 30% for obesity

Kimball et al., J. Am. Acad. Dermatol. 2012;67:76-85-- Parsi et al., J. Am. Acad. Dermatol. 2012;67:357-362.

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CIRT AND CANTOS TRIALS

CIRT

CV Inflammation Reduction Trial

- 7000 pts w/o inflammatory disease - TX was placebo or MTX 15-20mg/week -3-5 yrs.
- Results= no change in IL1b, IL6,hs CRP or CV events

CANTOS

Canakinumab Anti-Inflammatory Thrombosis Outcomes study

- 10,061 pts with previous MI and elevated CRP (>2 mg/L)
- Canakinumab 150mg/ 3 mos vs placebo-48 mos
- Initial results demonstrate a marked reductions in CV events as well as hsCRP in the active arm -despite elevated lipids

Int J Mol Sci. 2018; Jan; 19(1):98
Ridker et al. N Engl J Med. 2018;380:752-62

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QUESTIONS



1. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT TREATMENT OF PSO WILL HAVE IMPACT ON COMORBIDITIES OF DM,HTN, SLEEP, DEPRESSION, CV DZ??
2. DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE COROLLARY IS TRUE?
3. IF SO, HOW CAN WE IMPROVE OUR PATIENT'S OUTCOME??

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Thank you



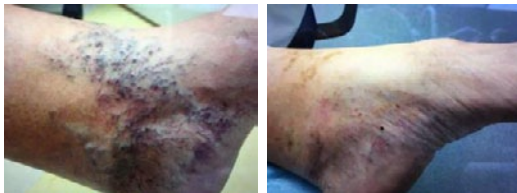
Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

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Why You Are Here Today



(Bush, 2018)

CEAP

- The CEAP classification consists of categories listed as: C0 to C6.
- Except for categories, C0 & C2, the manifestations of venous disease are confined to the dermal layer
- C2 is varicosities that are subdermal
- There may be isolated skin changes associated with varicosities i.e. eczema

CEAP 1



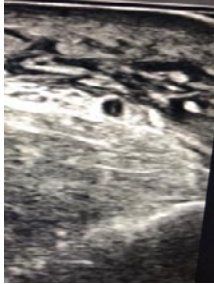
- CEAP 1 is simple venous telangiectasia (Spider Veins)
- The causative factor is transmitted venous pressure with resultant vessel wall dilatation
- Spider veins are located from 300 – 1000 microns below the squamous epithelium

CEAP 2



- CEAP 2 is reserved for verification for veins that are subdermal
- Only the valves are abnormal, not the vein itself

CEAP 3



- CEAP 3 is manifested as edema in the dermal and subdermal tissue

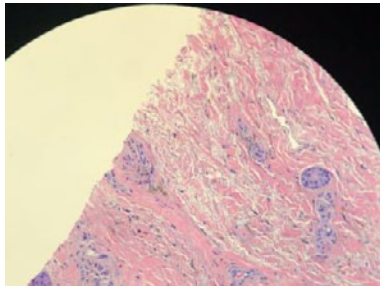


CEAP 4



- CEAP 4 refers to stasis changes in the lower leg or signs of chronic venous disease
- Hemosiderin is deposited in the dermal tissue as the result of red cell extravasation

Histology of Skin With Stasis Changes



CEAP 5



- CEAP 5 classification is for patients with healed venous ulcer and skin sequelae, secondary to chronic inflammatory process

CEAP 6



- This classification is reserved for patients with active ulceration

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

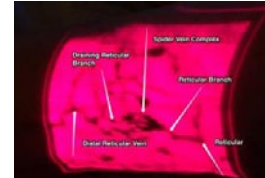
- The manifestations of cutaneous venous hypertension range from:
 - Spider veins
 - Varicose veins
 - Stasis dermatitis
 - Atrophic blanche
 - Venous ulceration
- Most patients seek consultation for spider veins

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- Most spider veins are related to an area of venous hypertension
- Reticular veins are the final pathway for transmission of venous hypertension in the majority of patients but not all
- Volume overload in pregnancy is the main etiology of reticular vein dysfunction

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- However, reticular veins are usually connected to a deeper source of pathology
- The **branches** of the reticular complex in the majority of clinical situations, are the final pathway leading to cutaneous telangiectasia



(Bush, 2018)

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- The GSV, SSV, AAGSV, and Thigh Extension Branch if incompetent, may transmit abnormal pressure to the skin via an incompetent branch that may or may not connect to a reticular vein
- Refluxing perforators may also transmit abnormal pressure to the skin resulting in cutaneous venous dilatation (Spider Veins)

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- Conversely, a refluxing branch may arise from a normal truncal vessel
- This is not an uncommon occurrence
- In this case, the truncal vessel is not treated but only the refluxing vessel that will be discussed later in the presentations

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- It is imperative to treat the etiology of the cutaneous manifestation, or one of the following events may happen:
 - Non-Clearance
 - Recurrence
 - Angiogenesis

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- The US is indispensable in diagnosing deeper pathology. Use the US at 2 cm depth to trace reticulars to origin of hypertension
- **All pathologic pathways will reflux**
- Skin illumination only allows visualization to a depth of 2 cm but, is helpful as a mapping aide for reticular veins
- Only an US can determine pathology of the reticular vein

Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- The etiology of cutaneous venous hypertension must always be alleviated at the time of spider vein treatment

Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- Sommer A, et al, described the O₂ & CO₂ difference between red and blue telangiectasia
- Their conclusion is that all telangiectasia are assumed to be in the capillary bed
- This would involve arterioles in continuity with dilated venous structures
- We do not see this on our histological exams

(Sommer, 1997)

Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- However, our biopsy specimens are limited to 1 mm diameter
- Another theory is the 'Microshunt histology theory'
- Bihari et al, described a theory that many of the telangiectasia are associated with an AV microshunt
- The specimens for study were 2.5 cm by 1.5 cm

(Bihari, 1999)

Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- In a greater percentage of their patients using continuous wave doppler US, they identified arteriole pulsations over spider telangiectasia
- This is only subjective in that arterial pulsations can be heard transmitted from varying depths
- It is a rare event to see pulsatile flow on US when examining telangiectasia except when perforators are present or high flow states are in the reticular branch

Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- However, we have heard multiple transmitted arterial signals that could not be accurately located
- When the etiology of the signals could be located it was usually at a considerable distance below the subdermal layer

Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- Mariani et al, 2000, proposed that all telangiectasia are related to a pathologic perforating vein located beneath the spider vein complex
- In essence, the authors are correct that there is a perforating vein but this is a branch that comes from a reticular vein and not a deeper source

(Mariani, 2000)

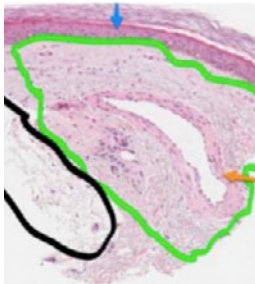
Theories of Spider Vein Formation

- Another interesting point is that the authors report in the 3-year follow-up, there were new spider telangiectasia in 59% of cases
- Only 5% recurred in the previously treated area

(Mariani, 2000)

Why Do Spider Veins Occur?

- What we know based on our clinical and histological studies is that spider veins are secondary to high venous pressure
- The effect of high pressure causes dilatation of the smooth vessel wall of the venules in the reticular dermis



- In all specimens examined the one constant finding in a spider telangiectasia is vessel wall hypertrophy
- “

(Bush, 2014)

Why Do Spider Veins Occur?

- This pressure must be transmitted from a distal source
- We know from US exams in over 500 patients with spider telangiectasia, that all reticular veins associated with spider telangiectasia demonstrate reflux

Why Do Spider Veins Occur?

- Based on US and histological studies of branches and perforators in association with reticular veins, there is always an abnormal valve
- So what occurs is the following:
- For what ever reason; volume overload from pregnancy, genetic induced reflux, etc...there occurs transmission of high venous pressure to the reticular vein

Why Do Spider Veins Occur?

- The reticular veins are conduits of flow and pressure
- Due to incompetent valves in the draining branches, perforators, or volume overload from increased flow, there is a buildup of pressure in the reticular system
- This pressure is transmitted to reticular branches with ultimate dermal perforator involvement

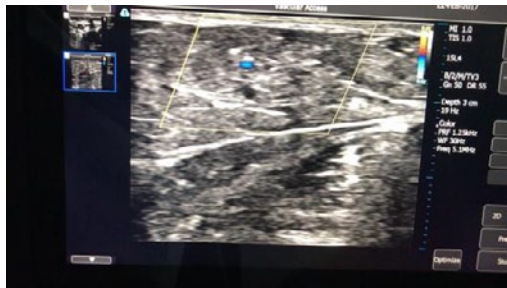
Why Do Spider Veins Occur?

- The length of a spider vein is proportional to the amount of pressure it receives from the subcutaneous circulation

Types of Spider Vein Complexes

- There are 4 different types of spider veins according to their location and etiology
- The US is indispensable as mentioned before in diagnosing the exact etiology
- One type of complex is that associated with a true perforator from a deeper source

Perforator Leading to Spider Complex



(Bush, 2018)

Perforator Leading to Spider Complex



(Bush, 2018)

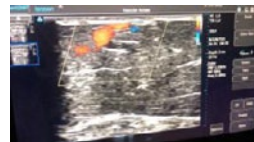
Spider Telangiectasia Associated with a Perforator



(Bush, 2018)

- When the spider complex is isolated and dilated, there is always a perforator

Incompetent Branches From Truncal Vessels



(Bush, 2018)

- Second group of spider veins occur from incompetent branches of the GSV, SSV or AAGSV
- Like spider veins associated with perforators there is usually a single isolated large group of spider veins

Case Study: Spider Veins From an Incompetent Branch of the GSV



(Bush, 2015)

Case Study: Spider Veins From an Incompetent Branch of the GSV



(Bush, 2015)

Veins Associated with Dermal Perforators



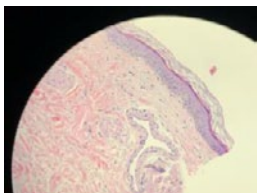
- The third group of common spider vein patterns consist of incompetent reticular veins with a dermal perforator giving rise to the complex
- The reticular veins are abnormal but, always associated with a deeper pathology

(Bush, 2018)

Red Telangiectasia

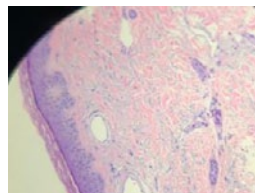
- There are 3 types of red telangiectasia
- Secondary to cutaneous venous hypertension (Most Common) responds to sclerotherapy or heat modalities
- Generalized Essential Telangiectasia (GET)
- Responds poorly to sclerotherapy
- Cutaneous Collagenous Vasculopathy (CCV) responds poorly to sclerotherapy

Telangiectasia Secondary to Venous Hypertension



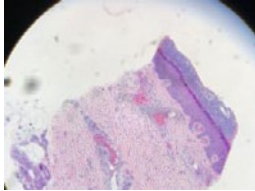
- Vessel wall hypertrophy
- Many endothelial cells located 300 – 500 microns below the squamous layer
- The reddish hue is secondary to smaller blood volume and lack of mixture with large amounts of desaturated blood

GET or CCV?



- Components of both are present in this patient
- There is a thickened wall with hylan and not smooth muscle
- Very few endothelial cells are present
- Other vessels show telangiectasia without a thickened wall

GET or CCV?



- This patient had treatment with the V-Beam Laser
- Wave lengths of 590 with either a laser or IPL seemed to be the most effective for this condition

Determining Response of Treatment



- Multiple marked areas represent different energy and pulse duration to find best treatment option

Unloading Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

- 4 Steps to Treating Spider Telangiectasia
- Unload the cutaneous venous hypertension
- Treat the spider vein
- Assess collateral flow
- Minimize sequelae

Unloading Cutaneous Venous Hypertension

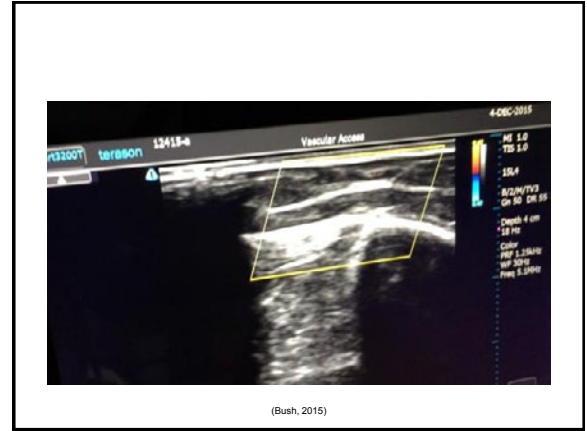
- Identify the source
- Use US
- Trace from complex → reticular → source (Perforator, branch, GSV, AAGSV or SSV)

Unload the Cutaneous Venous Hypertension


- Surgical – Punch or Phlebectomy
- Chemical – Foam sclerotherapy – USGS or retrograde injection from complex
- Combination of chemical and surgical

Ultrasound Spider Complex

- The following video will demonstrate the actual appearance of a spider complex by ultrasound
- In this video, it was possible to see the branch from the incompetent vein that gives rise to the spider complex
- There is usually a branch from the underlying reticular vein that gives rise to spider complexes



Unloading the Cutaneous Venous Hypertension



- The white arrow points to the origin of the spider complex – Where the branch of the reticular becomes superficial
- A punch biopsy at this location unloads the cutaneous hypertension & interrupts the spider telangiectasia

(Bush, 2015)

100 Patients Examined for Origin of Telangiectasia

6. Results

72% of patients had multiple sites of origins of cutaneous venous hypertension. The common sites were lateral thigh (55%), medial thigh (40%), lower leg and ankle (25%), and posterior thigh and calf (11%). 18% of patients had pathology confined to the lateral thigh only with no other patterns of telangiectasia. All telangiectasia could be traced to a refluxing branch of the Greater Saphenous vein (GSV), Small saphenous vein (SSV), Posterior intersaphenous branch, Anterior Accessory Greater Saphenous Vein (AAGSV), or anatomically defined perforators. 30% of patients had co-existing GSV insufficiency as well. 95% of patients with lateral thigh telangiectasia have an associated superior or lower thigh perforator. 95% of medial thigh telangiectasia are secondary to a refluxing branch of the GSV. Telangiectasia of the lower leg and ankle may originate from multiple sources. Telangiectasia of the posterior calf and thigh originate from multiple sources including the SSV, posterior intersaphenous branch or perforators from the popliteal or gastrocnemius vein. Two patients had small AV fistulas as origin of spider complexes usually after previous procedures.

Conclusion

- There is always a source for spider varicosities
- The source may be the GSV, AAGSV, SSV or a perforator
- Find the source and treat with either foam sclerotherapy or phlebectomy (In some cases, thermal ablation)
- Find the end point and unload the spider complex at this level (Where the spider vein branches out or begins)

Conclusion

- Disconnect collateral flow if present
- Treat the spider veins with the appropriate concentration
- When using foam, use dilute concentrations, incise the vein and flush

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Treating Peri-Ocular Vein Through the Temporal Vein

Peri-Ocular Vein



- Patient has large peri-ocular vein
- Using vein illumination the vein & feeding branches are visualized

Peri-Ocular Vein



Peri-Ocular Vein



- Using a 27-gauge butterfly, 3 ml of Sotradecol 0.3% is injected

Peri-Ocular Vein



Peri-Ocular Vein



Peri-Ocular Vein



- One month post treatment the venous plexus was obliterated

Peri-Ocular Vein



Evaluation of Clinical and Histological Findings Using Varying Sclerosant Concentrations for the Treatment of Spider Telangiectasia

Histology of Spider Veins After Treatment

- Desired functions of sclerosing agents are destruction of endothelial cells and exposure of subintimal layers to the sclerosant with eventual fibrotic occlusion of the vein
- Undesirable effects of sclerosants are vessel wall necrosis with extravasation of red cells
- The above extravasation leads to inflammatory changes and/or angiogenesis

(McAree, 2012) (Rao, 2005) (Green, 1998)

Sclerosants

- In this study, the sclerosing agents are Sotradecol® and Asclera® (Polidocanol)
- These are detergent agents that act by altering the surface tension around endothelial cells causing lysis
- The subintimal layer is exposed and depending on time of exposure and strength of solution, degradation of smooth muscle wall may occur

Sclerosants

- Evidence of muscle wall damage is visible on microscopic analysis as fibrin replacement of smooth muscle cells
- This phenomenon is desirable if complete necrosis of wall does not occur
- Sub intimal damage is manifested by a ragged appearance of the former lining of the vessel wall

Sclerosants

- The best sclerosant concentration will cause total lysis of endothelial cells and subintimal damage with minimal intraluminal debris such as red cells

Evaluation of Clinical and Histological Findings Using Varying Sclerosant Concentrations for the Treatment of Spider Telangiectasia

- This study was designed to correlate histologic findings and clinical results to determine the ideal sclerosant concentration using Sotradecol
- Additional histologic determination of veins treated with Polidocanol were also done
- There may be variability in clinical findings in the same patients using the same concentration for the same size vein

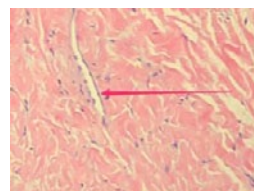
Evaluation of Clinical and Histological Findings Using Varying Sclerosant Concentrations for the Treatment of Spider Telangiectasia

- This variability exists due to the presence or absence of cutaneous venous hypertension
- In this study, all attempts were made to abolish cutaneous venous hypertension prior to treating the telangiectasia
- 1 mm punch biopsies were done at the time of phlebectomy and these biopsies were performed through the treatment site



(Bush, 2018)

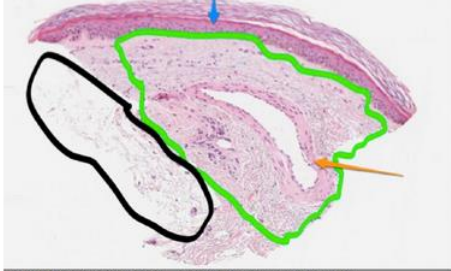
Intradermal Veins



- This specimen is a 1 mm biopsy of a patient with staining
- The red arrow points to a normal vein in the reticular dermis as far as size is concerned
- Note there is no venous wall dilatation

(Bush, 2018)

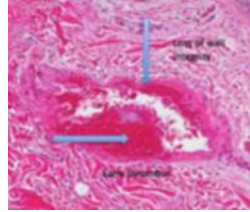
Untreated Spider Telangiectasia



Histology of an Untreated spider vein – Copyright 2012 by www.veinexperts.org

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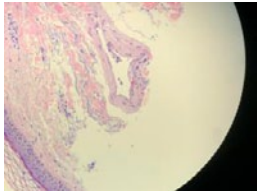
Sotradecol 0.3%



- Note large amount of red cells in lumen
- Wall disruption
- Complete replacement of smooth muscle vessel wall with fibrin
- In this case, angiogenesis is possible

(www.veinexperts.org, 2015)

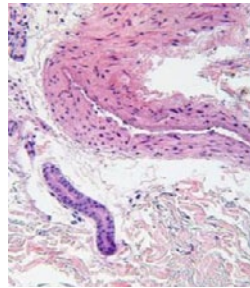
Sotradecol 0.2%



- 100% endothelial cell loss
- Subintimal changes
- Intraluminal debris
- Vein wall replacement with fibrin in some areas

(Water's Edge Dermatology, 2018)

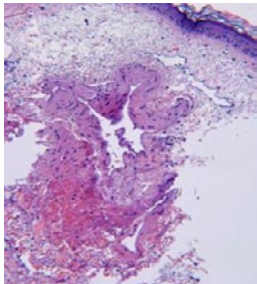
Sotradecol 0.15%



- 100% endothelial cell loss
- Mild subintimal changes
- Upper vessel wall replacement with fibrin

(www.veinexperts.org, 2015)

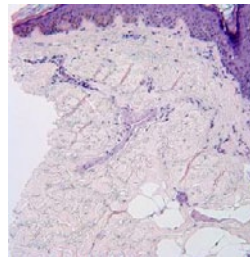
Sotradecol 0.15%



- The same concentration however, from a compounding B pharmacy
- Note the larger amount of intraluminal debris
- Also, thinning of vessel wall inferiorly

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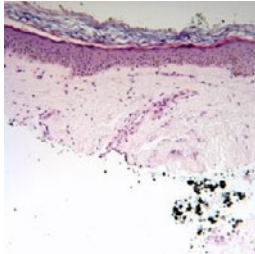
Sotradecol 0.1%



- Complete loss of endothelial cells
- Intact vein wall with no fibrin replacement
- No intraluminal debris

(www.veinexperts.org, 2015)

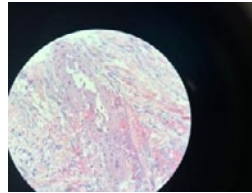
Sotradecol 0.05%



- Incomplete endothelial loss
- No subintimal damage
- Very little histological findings

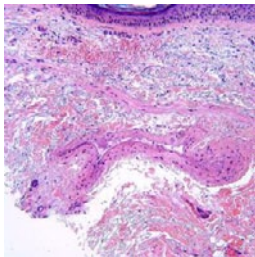
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Polidocanol 0.5%



- Perforation of vessel wall
- Extravasation of RBC's
- This will lead to hemosiderin deposition & prolonged staining

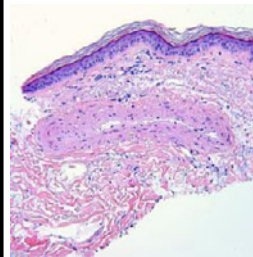
Polidocanol 0.375%



- 100% endothelial cell loss
- Mild subintimal changes
- Minimal intraluminal debris

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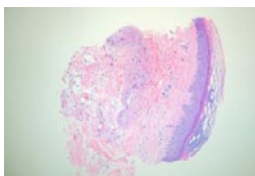
Polidocanol 0.31%



- Complete loss of endothelial cells
- Subintimal damage
- Vessel wall intact with no fibrin replacement
- No intraluminal debris
- **The ideal concentration based on histology**

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Polidocanol 0.33% ½ NS



- Note that using ½ NS produces more intraluminal damage
- This is manifested by apposition of the vein walls

(Bush, 2018)

Polidocanol 0.25%

- 50% endothelial loss in 1 mm vein
- No subintimal changes
- Can be tried initially for vessels < 0.5 mm

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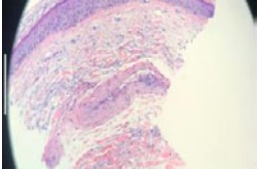
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Evaluation of sodium tetradecyl sulfate and polidocanol as sclerosants for leg telangiectasia based on histological evaluation with clinical correlation

Ronald Bush, Peggy Bush
First Published October 12, 2016 | research-article

- This paper was based on research done over a 2-year period ending in early 2016
- With our new research, this is already dated

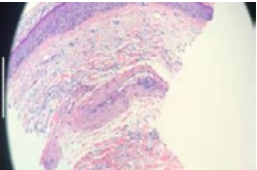
0.1% Sotradecol ½ NS



- Further studies using hypotonic dilutions have revealed that an even better concentration is 0.1% Sotradecol ½ NS as the diluent

(Water's Edge Dermatology, 2018)

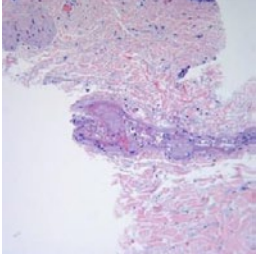
0.1% Sotradecol ½ NS



- We use this concentration for almost all spider veins
- We even use this concentration for foam production in treating spider veins as well
- Prevents refilling

(Water's Edge Dermatology, 2018)

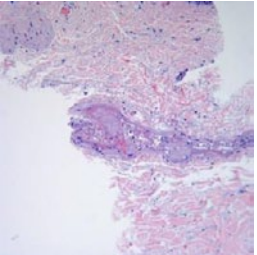
Using Hypotonic Solutions for Dilution



- This image is of a 1 mm spider vein treated with 0.15% Sotradecol diluted with 0.45% saline (10 min post subdermal tumescent)
- Notice that histologically the damage is 2-3 times greater than 0.15% Sotradecol diluted with NS

(Water's Edge Dermatology, 2018)

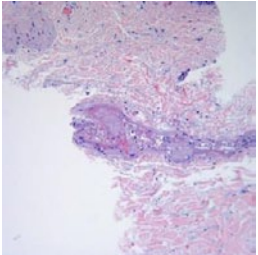
Subdermal Infusion of Tumescent



- Infusion of tumescent subdermally is done quite frequently in our practice
- Within 10 minutes many treated vessels will have intraluminal thrombosis

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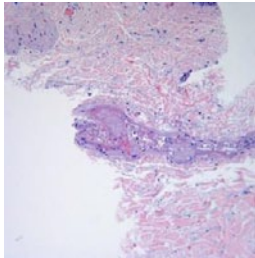
Subdermal Infusion of Tumescent



- By doing tumescent infusion, most collateral flow is ablated & spasm occurs in the vessel itself leading to rapid thrombosis of many of the treated vessels
- Clotting must be removed before completion of procedure

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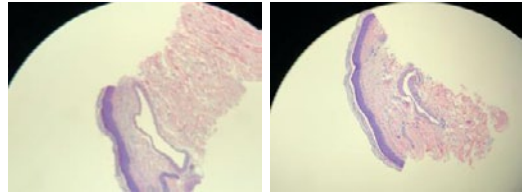
Subdermal Infusion of Tumescent



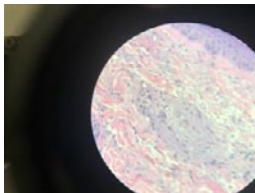
- If you remove the thrombosis by the techniques we show you in this seminar, you will have minimal staining & rapid resolution of the treated complex

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Before & After Subdermal Tumescent

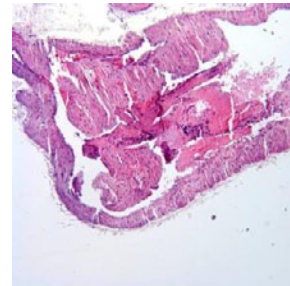


3 Weeks Post Sclerotherapy



- Lumen filled with fibrin
- Vessel wall thickened but, intact
- No inflammation around treated vessel

Sotradecol 0.1% Foam in 2mm Reticular Vein



(Bush, 2015)

Legal Ramifications of Sclerosants

- I think compounding A pharmacies should be totally avoided when purchasing Sotradecol or Polidocanol
- I am aware of many cases of adverse results with these compounds
- Legally, you must have a prescription for each patient and a separate vial labeled specifically for them

Legal Ramifications of Sclerosants

- If you do not do the above, you are in violation of Federal Law
- Using compounding B pharmacies allows for more margins of safety due to stringent FDA requirements
- However, unless you obtain the sclerosants in small concentrations, you face the problem of sterility with repeated needle sticks into the vial

Legal Ramifications of Sclerosants

- After entry into the vial the solution is no longer considered sterile even though it may be
- Using the FDA approved compounds at the concentrations recommended, most patients can be treated for less than \$20/session

Conclusion

- This study provides evidence for appropriate concentrations of FDA approved sclerosants for treating spider telangiectasia's
- Sotradecol and Polidocanol were diluted with 0.9% NS for this study
- Remember, if you use bacteriostatic water to dilute the sclerosant the damage is multiplied by a factor of 2-3

Conclusion

- Ideal concentration is 0.1% ½ NS or 0.15% NS
- This concentration range provides adequate treatment of telangiectasia, desired histological results and minimal post treatment sequelae
- The ideal concentration of Polidocanol for 1 mm spider telangiectasias may be 0.33% diluted with ½ NS

Conclusion

- Polidocanol 0.25% can be used for vessels < 0.5 mm
- Histological findings with Sotradecol foam 0.1%, 0.2%, 0.3% and Polidocanol foam 0.3% are identical

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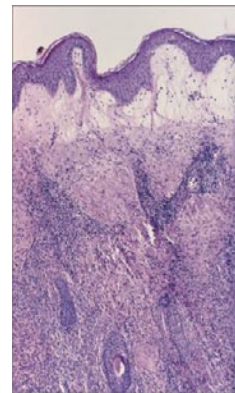
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Sweet's Syndrome

Key features

- Constitutional signs and symptoms such as fever and malaise
- Clinically, erythematous plaques are seen; occasionally they are bullous
- Histologically, dense perivascular neutrophilic infiltrate, edema and, infrequently, bullae; leukocytoclasia with minimal to no evidence of vasculitis
- Associated conditions include infections, malignancies (especially acute myelogenous leukemia), inflammatory bowel disease, autoimmune disorders, drugs and pregnancy



SYSTEMIC MANIFESTATIONS OF SWEET'S SYNDROME

COMMON (>50%)

Fever
Leukocytosis

LESS COMMON (20-50%)

Arthralgias
Arthritis: asymmetric, non-erosive, favors knees and wrists
Myalgias
Ocular involvement: conjunctivitis, episcleritis, limbal nodules, iridocyclitis

UNCOMMON

Neutrophilic alveolitis: cough, dyspnea and pleurisy; radiographic findings include interstitial infiltrates, nodules, pleural effusions
Multifocal sterile osteomyelitis (SAPHO syndrome)
Renal involvement (e.g. mesangial glomerulonephritis): hematuria, proteinuria, renal insufficiency, acute renal failure

UNUSUAL/RARE

Hepatitis
Acute myositis
Aseptic meningitis, encephalitis
Pancreatitis
Gastrointestinal involvement

Table 26.2 Systemic manifestations of Sweet's syndrome. SAPHO, synovitis, acne, pustulosis, hyperostosis and osteitis.

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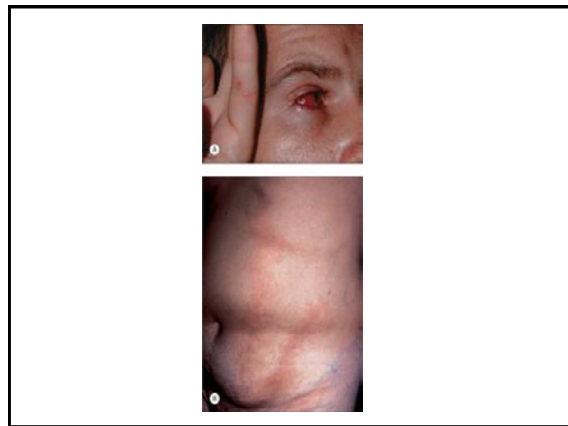
- Clinicopathologic Expansion: SQ variant (not new); Hands (not new) Histiocytoid Full blown histopathologic LCCV (not new) Insect bite overlap on histopathology
- Internal Involvement (Sterile neutrophilic lesions) Neuro Sweet's, Upper respiratory tract, Lung Eye – optic nerve, keratitis
- Etiology
Many more drugs
More cancers
More infections (Sporotrichosis, leprosy, schistosomiasis)
More autoimmune diseases – SLE, thyroiditis

Behcet's Disease

Behcet's Disease

Key Features

- A multisystem, polysymptomatic disease
- Diagnosis is based on International Study Group criteria of recurrent oral ulceration, recurrent genital ulceration, ocular abnormalities (eg. uveitis, retinal vasculitis) and cutaneous lesions
- Cutaneous findings range from sterile papulopustules and palpable purpura to erythema nodosum-like lesions
- Histologically, a neutrophilic angiocentric infiltrate with leukocytoclastic (early) or lymphocytic (late) vasculitis is the characteristic finding



SYSTEMIC MANIFESTATIONS OF BEHCET'S DISEASE	
<p>OCULAR (LEADING CAUSE OF MORBIDITY)¹²⁰</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs in 90% of patients, favors men, in whom it is more severe Can be painful and may lead to blindness Retinal vasculitis (more frequently associated with blindness) Recurrent uveitis (most characteristic ocular finding) Anterior uveitis (Fig. 26.18), hypopyon Secondary glaucoma, cataracts Ophthalmoplegia, scleritis, keratitis, vitreous hemorrhage, optic neuritis 	<p>NEUROLOGIC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually appears later during the evolution of the disease Associated with a poor prognosis Acute meningorachnoiditis which may resolve spontaneously Cranial nerve palsies Brainstem lesions that can induce swallowing difficulties, laughter and crying Pyramidal extrapyramidal signs
<p>JOINTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approximately 50% of patients develop arthritis In majority (1-50% of patients), duration of attacks is <2 months Mono- or polyarthritic and non erosive Most commonly knees, wrists and ankles 	<p>VASCULAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arteripal or occlusive arterial disease Superficial or deep venous thrombosis
<p>GASTROINTESTINAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abdominal pain and/or hemorrhage may be difficult to distinguish from IBD (see Table 26.12) Ulcerations* develop within the small bowel (in particular the ileocecal region) as well as the transverse and ascending colon and esophagus; perforation can occur <p>*Necrotic angiogenic stomatitis</p>	<p>CARDIOPULMONARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronary arteritis, valvular disease, myocarditis Recurrent ventricular arrhythmias Ischemic artery aneurysms
	<p>RENAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glomerulonephritis

Table 26.11 Systemic manifestations of Behçet's disease. IBD, inflammatory bowel disease.

INTERNATIONAL STUDY GROUP CRITERIA FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF BEHCET'S DISEASE	
Major criterion	Required features
Recurrent oral ulceration	Aphthous (idiopathic) oral ulceration observed by physician or patient, recurring at least three times in a 12-month period
PLUS ANY TWO OF THE FOLLOWING MINOR CRITERIA:	
Recurrent genital ulceration	Aphthous genital ulceration or scarring, observed by physician or patient
Eye lesions	Anterior or posterior uveitis; cells in the vitreous by slit lamp examination; or retinal vasculitis observed by ophthalmologist
Cutaneous lesions	Erythema nodosum-like lesions observed by physician or patient; papulopustular lesions or pseudofolliculitis; or characteristic acneiform nodules observed by physician in postadolescent patient not on corticosteroids
Pathergy test*	Interpreted at 24-48h by physician
*Pathergy test is performed on the flexor forearm by obliquely inserting a 20-22-gauge sterile hypodermic needle to a depth of 5 mm ± an intradermal injection of 0.1 ml of normal saline. A positive reaction is defined as the development of a papule or pustule.	

Table 26.13 International Study Group criteria for the diagnosis of Behçet's disease¹²¹.

Important Issues Regarding Behcet's Disease

1. Do not overdiagnose complex aphthosis
Reference: Letsinger JA, McCarty MA, Jorizzo JL. Complex Aphthosis.... J Am Acad Dermatol 2005;52:500-8.
2. Exclude HLA-B27 – associated sacroileitis spectrum disease and/or inflammatory bowel disease
3. Use a therapeutic ladder mucosal/ocular and other major systemic are at polar ends.

Bowel-Associated Dermatitis-Arthritis Syndrome

Key Features

- Constitution signs and symptoms are serum sickness-like
- Cutaneous lesions include erythematous and purpuric papules and vesicles as well as nodular panniculitis
- Associated polyarthritis and tenosynovitis
- Histopathology includes dermal nodular perivascular neutrophilic infiltrate with edema and lobular neutrophilic and septal panniculitis
- Bowel bypass syndrome was the preceding condition
Reference: Jorizzo JL et al. Arch Intern Med 1983;143:457-61

Clinical points regarding Bowel-Associated Dermatitis-Arthritis Syndrome

- Bowel surgery suggests blind loops – evaluate carefully with gastroenterologist
- Inflammatory bowel diseases are important causes of this syndrome.
- While dermatologic therapeutic ladder is useful – management of underlying disease is the focus.



Pyoderma Gangrenosum

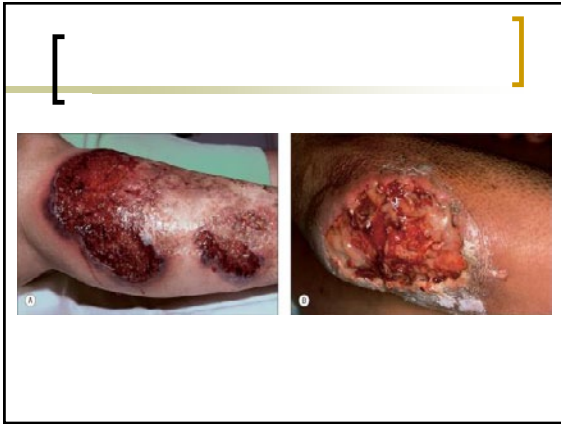
Key Features

- Four major clinical forms: ulcerative, bullous, pustular, and superficial granulomatous
- Initial lesion is often a pustule on an erythematous base or an erythematous nodule
- Characteristic lesion is an ulcer with a necrotic undermined border; the base may be purulent or vegetative

Pyoderma Gangrenosum

Key Features (Continued)

- Histologically, early lesions are difficult to distinguish from Behcet's lesions
- Associated with inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, monoclonal gammopathy and other hematologic disorders



PROPOSED DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR CLASSIC ULCERATIVE PYODERMA GANGRENOSUM
MAJOR CRITERIA
1. Rapid ^a progression of a painful ^b , necrolytic cutaneous ulcer ^c with an irregular, violaceous and undermined border
2. Other causes of cutaneous ulceration have been excluded ^d
MINOR CRITERIA
1. History suggestive of pathergy ^e or clinical finding of cribriform scarring
2. Systemic diseases associated with pyoderma gangrenosum ^f
3. Histopathologic findings (sterile dermal neutrophilia, ± mixed inflammation, ± lymphocytic vasculitis)
4. Treatment response (rapid response to systemic corticosteroids) ^g
^a Characteristic margin expansion of 1 to 2 cm per day, or a 50% increase in ulcer size within 1 month.
^b Pain is usually out of proportion to the size of the ulceration.
^c Typically preceded by a papule, pustule or bulla.
^d Usually necessitates skin biopsy and additional evaluation (see Table 26.8) to exclude other causes (see Table 26.9).
^e Ulcer development at sites of minor cutaneous trauma.
^f Inflammatory bowel disease, arthritis, IgA gammopathy, or underlying malignancy.
^g Generally responds to prednisone (1–2 mg/kg/day) or another corticosteroid at an equivalent dosage, with a 50% decrease in size within 1 month.

Table 26.7 Proposed diagnostic criteria for classic ulcerative pyoderma gangrenosum. Diagnosis requires both of the major criteria and at least two minor criteria³⁶.

THE DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF PYODERMA GANGRENOSUM
EARLY INFLAMMATORY NON-ULCERATIVE STAGE (PAPULES, PUSTULES, PLAQUES OR NODULES)
• Cellular infections (bacterial, fungal, carbuncle of bacterial, fungal or viral origin)
• Cellulitis or cellulitis like lesion (bacterial, mycobacterial or fungal origin)
• Insect bite reaction
• Cutaneous T- and B-cell lymphomas
• Histiocytoid erythema (erythema or bromodermia)
• Neutrophilic inflammatory infiltrates, metastatic, neoplastic
• Cutaneous polyarteritis nodosa
• Sweet's syndrome (see Table 26.4 for additional entities)
• Behçet's disease
• Bland-associated dermatosis–aphthosis syndrome
LATER ULCERATIVE OR VEGETATIVE STAGE
• Infectious – mucormycosis, sporangium, gangrene, blastomycosis, actinomyces gangrenosa, gram-negative opportunistic ulcers, cutaneous lesions of the deep mycoses (e.g. blastomycosis, coccidioidomycosis, paracoccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis) and atypical and tropical mycobacterial infections.
• Bacterial infections – tularemia, anthrax, schistosomiasis
• Vascular diseases – ulcerations due to venous hypertension, arterial insufficiency, non-septic emboli, hemoglobinopathies, and the embolus (secondary to hypercoagulability, see Ch. 16)
• Neoplastic – cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma; polyarteritis, granulomatous vasculitis (Wegener's granulomatosis, Churg-Strauss syndrome, temporal arteritis), autoimmune connective tissue disease (systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis) and Behçet's disease
• Malignancy – squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell carcinoma, cutaneous T- and B-cell lymphoma
• Miscellaneous – brown recluse spider bite, ulcerative necrotizing sporadic, pyoderma gangrenosum of the fallacies or treatment (see Blastomycosis-like pyoderma, non-healing surgical wound, factitious ulcers, ulcers in patients with Chagas' disease syndrome and leukocyte adhesion deficiency)

Table 26.9 The differential diagnosis of pyoderma gangrenosum (pg).^{36,38} In a series of 95 patients misdiagnosed with PG, the most common etiologies were vascular (venous or arterial, 28), vasculitis (21), malignancy (16), infection (14) and drug induced or exogenous tissue injury (13).³⁸

- ### Clinical Points regarding Pyoderma Gangrenosum
- Most referred patients have large ulcers; but no inflammation – “Gulliver’s sign” (a pterygium)
 - Literature is similar to Sweet’s regarding expansion of systemic manifestations and etiology
 - Re-exclude mimics (diagnosis of exclusion but also contaminants on culture)
 - Especially: Wegener’s, histoplasmosis, atypical AFB, Sporotrichosis, factitial disease

- ### Neutrophilic Vascular Reactions: Update 2019 Patient Evaluation: Overview
- Confirm clinical diagnosis histopathologically
 - Assess extent of disease (less critical than vasculitis)
 - Attempt to establish etiology
 - Therapeutic ladder

Neutrophilic Vascular Reactions: Update 2019

Etiology

Work with a colleague, generally in internal medicine, to perform sequential evaluations that include history and physical examination not just laboratory tests.

Categories include:

Drugs: (be careful: association does not prove causation!)

Infections: Viral, bacterial, Deep fungal, AFB, other

Disease with immune complexes: Autoimmune connective tissue diseases, other autoimmune, inflammatory bowel disease, autoimmune liver disease, Behcet's disease, malignancy especially myelodysplastic diseases. (Curth's postulates)

Neutrophilic Vascular Reactions: Update 2019 Therapeutic Ladder: Non-ulcerative Cutaneous Lesions

- No Therapy
- Topical therapies
(access to site of pathology)
- Gradient Support Hose
- Antibiotics
- Pentoxifylline
- Colchicine
- Dapsone/Sulfapyridine
- Combination Colchicine/Dapsone

Neutrophilic Vascular Reactions: Update 2019 Therapeutic Ladder: Ulcerative Cutaneous Lesions or Minimal Systemic Disease

- Various topical (from corticosteroids to dapsone to metronidazole to imiquimod)
- Weekly Pulse Methotrexate
- Prednisone with slow taper
- Thalidomide

Neutrophilic Vascular Reactions Update: 2019 Therapeutic Ladder - More Severe Diseases

- Prednisone alone or in combination (1 or 2 depending on subset)
- Pulse Prednisone
- Azathioprine
- Cyclophosphamide; pulse or daily (1-for larger vessel vasculitis)
- Mycophenolate mofetil
- Chlorambucil
- Cyclosporine
- TNF alpha inhibitors
- IL- 12/23 antagonists
- IL- 1 antagonists
- Leflunomide
- Rituximab (2-Mostly SLE patients with vasculitis)
- Gevokizumab (anti IL-1beta)
- Countless treatments aimed at underlying diseases

Treatment	Dose	Level of evidence
INFLAMMATORY DISEASE		
Mild disease and/or infrequent flares		
Topical corticosteroids		3
Topical antibiotics		3
Oral antibiotics (eg, metronidazole, trimethoprim)		3
Colchicine	0.6 mg po thrice daily	3
Dapsone	50-100 mg po daily	3
Combination oral colchicine and dapsone		3
Other (eg, sulfapyridine, sulfasalazine, sulfamonomethoxazole, trimethoprim-sulfamonomethoxazole, rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine, rifaximin)		3
Moderate disease		
Prednisone	40-100 mg po daily usual starting dose (20-100 mg po bid, 100 mg bid for 10 days)	3
Methotrexate	0.5-2.5 mg po weekly	3
Hydroxychloroquine	400-600 mg po daily	3
Sulfasalazine	500-1000 mg po daily	3
Ticlopidine	90-180 mg po daily	3
Tamoxifen	20-40 mg po daily	3
TNF- α inhibitors ¹	Infliximab 5 mg/kg IV or subcutaneous (SC) at weeks 0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 18, 22, 26, 30, 34, 38, 42, 46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 70, 74, 78, 82, 86, 90, 94, 98, 102, 106, 110, 114, 118, 122, 126, 130, 134, 138, 142, 146, 150, 154, 158, 162, 166, 170, 174, 178, 182, 186, 190, 194, 198, 202, 206, 210, 214, 218, 222, 226, 230, 234, 238, 242, 246, 250, 254, 258, 262, 266, 270, 274, 278, 282, 286, 290, 294, 298, 302, 306, 310, 314, 318, 322, 326, 330, 334, 338, 342, 346, 350, 354, 358, 362, 366, 370, 374, 378, 382, 386, 390, 394, 398, 402, 406, 410, 414, 418, 422, 426, 430, 434, 438, 442, 446, 450, 454, 458, 462, 466, 470, 474, 478, 482, 486, 490, 494, 498, 502, 506, 510, 514, 518, 522, 526, 530, 534, 538, 542, 546, 550, 554, 558, 562, 566, 570, 574, 578, 582, 586, 590, 594, 598, 602, 606, 610, 614, 618, 622, 626, 630, 634, 638, 642, 646, 650, 654, 658, 662, 666, 670, 674, 678, 682, 686, 690, 694, 698, 702, 706, 710, 714, 718, 722, 726, 730, 734, 738, 742, 746, 750, 754, 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Synovitis, Acne, Pustulosis, Hyperostosis and Osteitis (SAPHO) Syndrome

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Key Features

- Presence of aseptic pustular dermatosis and osteoarticular lesions
- Usually a gradual onset of painful, multifocal osteoarticular lesions, especially of the anterior chest and axial skeleton
- The course of osteoarticular lesions oscillates and is protracted, with gradual improvement that can be hastened by anti-inflammatory drugs
- Difficulty in establishing a come genetic association

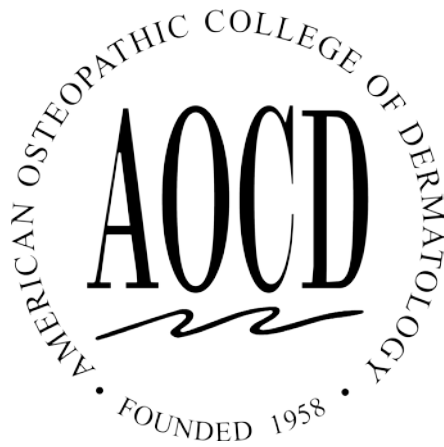
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- PAPA – Pyogenic arthritis, pyoderma gangrenosum, acne (E250k mutation in PSTPIP1 gene on chromosome 15q)
(The proline – serine – threonine phosphatase – interacting protein 1 gene)
- PAPAS – Pyogenic arthritis, pyoderma gangrenosum, acne, and hidradenitis suppurativa
- PASH – Pyoderma gangrenosum, acne, and hidradenitis suppurativa – PTSTPIP1 gene

Selected Auto Inflammatory Syndromes

- The usual approach to managing the neutrophilic disorders and the elements of the follicular occlusion triad (hidradenitis suppurativa, acne conglobata, and dissecting cellulitis of the scalp) are used.
- However a dramatic role for agents which block Ih-1 receptor and reduce the activity of IL-1a and 1b is being reported with anakinra and other agents are being developed



Thursday, April 11, 2019

- 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. Regeneron Sanofi Genzyme Product Theater
Palazzo F-G
(No CME Awarded)
- 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. *A VIP Approach to Customer Service*
Lawrence Kraska
- 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. *Osteopathic Approach in Dermatologic Disease*
Suzanne Sirota Rozenberg, DO, FAOCD
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. *New Anti-IL-23 Drugs*
Mark Lebwohl, MD
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *History of Mohs Surgery*
Leon Kircik, MD
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Break with Exhibitors
Palazzo D
- 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. General Business Meeting
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. *Metastatic Carcinoma to the Skin*
Michael Nowak, MD
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. *So Many Drugs, So Little Time: A Therapeutic Update*
James Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break with Exhibitors
Palazzo D
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. *Introduction to Microvascular Head and Neck Reconstruction*
James Azzi, MD
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. *Facial Plastic Surgery*
Jean-Paul Azzi, MD
- 6:00 p.m. Reception
Valencia Terrace

A VIP Approach to Customer Service: Creating an Exceptional Patient Experience...

Lawrence Kraska

April 11, 2019



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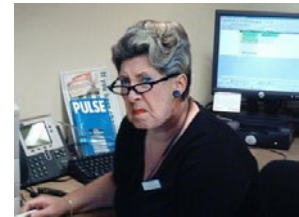
VIP Customer Service: My Perspective

- Over 30 years of Healthcare Leadership experience.
- Hospitals, Physician Group Practices, Healthcare Staffing, Consulting.
- Lessons from other industries.



VIP Service in Healthcare..?

- Physician Office Visit
- Emergency Room Visit
- Scheduling ANYWHERE
- Parking ANYWHERE
- Insurance Coverage



VIP Customer Service in Other Industries



Example #1: Creating a WOW experience

The best ideas often come directly from your customers or patients...

Example:



DELTA (Concept Recommended by Customer)




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Example #2: Empower and reward your staff

The best ideas often come directly from your staff..

Example:



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Example #3: The Golf Cart...
Be innovative... Constantly look for ways to improve service.



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Example #4: Recruit and retain great staff (ROR)



MESSAGE FROM THE OWNER

It's hard to believe we just celebrated two years in the Deerfield Beach community. As we move into our third year, I am making a strategic bet on our people.

We are moving our base pay to **\$13** an hour by November 6th.

My vision for the restaurant is "A Remarkable Experience Served by Remarkable People." We have some pretty Remarkable People on staff. My hope is that this move will attract more like-minded individuals so that we can fully execute a Remarkable Experience.

Please pass the word along. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining our team at Chick-fil-A Hillsboro & Powertown, they can apply at:

www.PleaseApplyOnline.com/CFATBillsboro


Opportunities for career advancement are plentiful. I'm committed to supporting my team member's professional aspirations both in or outside Chick-fil-A.

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Example #5: Small touches matter...

THANK YOU.



Hello! Thank you for choosing Delta and traveling with us. It has been a pleasure to have you on board. Happy travels!
~Hannah, Flight Attendant



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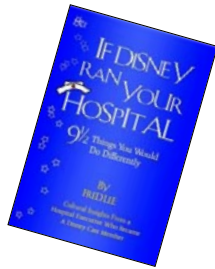
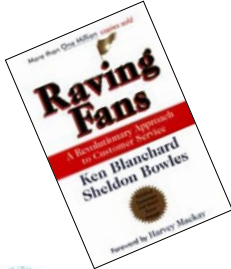
VIP Customer Service

- Look for examples of VIP Customer Service in other businesses.
- Great patient care will build your practice. Great service will accelerate your growth.
- Hire, train, and reward your staff.
 - ROR
 - Get feedback from your staff. Reward great ideas.
 - How do we improve patient satisfaction?
 - How do we reduce wait times?
- Attention to details:
 - Front desk.
 - Waiting room.
 - Parking and building appearance.
- Time.
 - Spend time.
 - Be on time.
 - Track wait time.
- Get feedback from your patients.
 - Patient surveys at time of visit.
 - Healthgrades or other star rating surveys.

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“Raving Fan” Concept:



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Objectives

- Review Osteopathic Principles
- Osteopathic principles in dermatology
- Medical dermatology cases
- Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine
- Dermatology and Osteopathic medicine

Osteopathic Tenets

- Body is a unit; the person is a unit of body, mind, and spirit
- The body is capable of self-regulation, self-healing, and health maintenance
- Structure and function are interrelated
- Rational treatment is based on an understanding of 3 main principles

What are our goals as Osteopathic physicians?

- Seek and address root cause(s) of disease using available evidence-based approaches
- Optimize patient's self-regulating and self-healing capacities
- Provide individualized care plan with emphasis on
 - Health promotion and disease prevention
 - Patient education
 - Patient partnership
- Incorporate palpatory diagnosis and OMM, when appropriate, for well being of patient

Osteopathic principles in Dermatology

Osteopathic Approach in Dermatology	Dermatologic Disease
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment Patients with skin conditions may benefit from osteopathic manipulative treatment as adjunctive therapy Principle 1. The body is a unit. Skin disease may affect the mind The mind may cause or exacerbate cutaneous disease Principle 2. The body is capable of self-regulation, self-healing, and health maintenance. Some skin diseases have an immunologic basis for pathogenesis Self-limited skin diseases illustrate the body's ability to heal Skin disease can be actively prevented Principle 3. Structure and function are interrelated. Defects in skin structure result in skin disease Principle 4. Rational treatment is based on an understanding of the 3 main principles. Examining the patient as a whole Cutaneous signs of internal disease 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stasis dermatitis, primary hyperhidrosis, brachioradialis pruritis, rosacea paraneoplastic Acne vulgaris, psoriasis, vitiligo, melasma Disorders of paraneoplasia, trichotillomania, dysesthesia syndromes, pruritis Psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, vitiligo, alopecia areata Phyllosia rosea, granuloma annulare, erythema toxicum neonatorum, ichthyosis vulgaris, neurodermatitis skin cancer, melanoma Bullous impetigo, bullous pemphigoid, pemphigus vulgaris, epidermolysis bullosa variants Acne vulgaris, psoriasis, occupational dermatoses, dermatomyositis Scarfiosis nigricans, recurrent dermatophyte infections, eczema herpeticum, pruritus

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1. Body is a unit; the person is a unit of body, mind, and spirit

Acne vulgaris

Psoriasis

Acne Vulgaris

- Multifactorial
 - Increased sebum production, Follicular hyperkeratinization, Proliferation of Cutibacterium acnes (formerly Propionibacterium acnes), inflammation
 - Drugs, cosmetics, etc
- Comedonal, papular, pustular, cystic types
- Topical and oral retinoids, benzoyl peroxide, topical and oral antibiotics, salicylic acid, spironolactone(off label), oral contraceptives, etc
- Prevent resistance of topical antibiotics by adding topical benzoyl peroxide to the regimen
- → Scarring and psychosocial stress
- Prevention and early treatment!!

Acne Vulgaris



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Psoriasis

- Chronic, intermittently relapsing inflammatory disease
- Well demarcated erythematous silvery scaly plaques on scalp, elbows, knees, nails, hands, feet, trunk
- Different variants of psoriasis
- Topical steroids and vitamin D analogs, tar based therapy, biologics, etc
- Linked to higher likelihood of suicidal ideation, suicide attempts, and completed suicides (JAAD, Aug 2018)
- Possible new therapy: JAK inhibitors (tofacitinif, baricitinib) (JAAD, Aug 2018)




2. The body is capable of self-regulation, self-healing, and health maintenance

Pityriasis Rosea

Pityriasis Rosea

- Exanthematous disease associated with Human Herpes Virus-6 & HHV-7
- Starts as solitary pink, salmon scaly plaque (herald patch) → spreads in Christmas tree pattern
- Associated with fetal demise if pregnancy women affected within first 15 weeks of gestation (Drago, et al. JAAD 2008 May;58(5 Suppl 1):578-83; Drago et al, Dermatology. 2018;234(1-2):31-36.)

Pityriasis Rosea



3. Structure and function are interrelated

Notalgia Paresthetica

Notalgia Paresthetica

- Idiopathic (...spinal nerve impingement?)
- Sensory neuropathic syndrome of the midback skin
 - T2-T6 → localized pruritus and dysesthesia (mild→severe)
- Hyperpigmented patch on the scapular/interscapular region
- Unsatisfactory treatment to date
 - Topical capsaicin
 - Gabapentin
 - Botox
 - Physiotherapy/OMM

Notalgia Paresthetica



Primary care dermatology society. <http://www.pcds.org.uk>

Current therapies to date...

An Bras Dermatol. 2014 Jul-Aug;89(4):579-8.

Efficacy of gabapentin in the improvement of pruritus and quality of life of patients with notalgia paresthetica.

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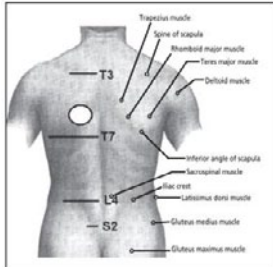
The Cutting Edge

August 2007

Successful Treatment of Notalgia Paresthetica With Botulinum Toxin Type A

Pamela Kirschner Weinfeld, MD

OMM for Notalgia paresthetica



- Muscle energy
- HVLA
- Counterstrain
- Chapman's points

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Chapman's Points



4. Rational treatment is based on an understanding of the 3 main principles

Whole person approach

Dermatologic manifestation of internal diseases

Medical dermatology cases

- Herpes Zoster
- Post herpetic neuralgia
- Stasis Dermatitis
- Elephantiasis Nostra Verrucosa
- Lipodermatosclerosis
- Hyperhidrosis

Herpes Zoster Infection (Shingles)

- Reactivation of latent varicella-zoster virus (chickenpox), dormant in dorsal root ganglia
- Transmission by airborne droplets or direct contact with active lesions
- Virus replicates in DRG → ganglionitis → intensified pain down sensory nerve
- Groups vesicles in unilateral dermatomal distribution
- Typically resolves without sequelae...

Thoracic spine



Hutchinson's sign and zoster ophthalmicus



Ramsay Hunt Syndrome



Cervical spine



Lumbar spine



Current pharmacologic therapy

- Immunocompetent/uncomplicated hosts
 - Less than or equal to 72 hours since onset, prescribe one of the following:
 - Valacyclovir 1g BID for 7-10days (initial); 500mg BID x 3 days or 1g QD x 5days (recurrent); 500mg or 1g QD (suppressive)
 - Famciclovir 500mg TID for 7 days
 - Acyclovir 800mg Five times daily for 7 days
 - Greater than 72 hours since onset
 - Prescribe antiviral only if ongoing new lesions- indication of ongoing viral replications
 - Otherwise, minimal benefit
- Pregnant women
 - Little evidence for increased risks for complications
 - Treat early herpes zoster
 - Oral acyclovir 800mg five times daily for 7 days
- Immunocompromised hosts:
 - Regardless of time frame of rash presentation
 - Treat EVERYONE
 - Rapid initiation of therapy is critical
 - Severe disease: Acyclovir IV therapy for disseminated zoster

Alternative Treatment



Transl Biomed. 2012;3(2): pii: 2.

In vitro antiviral activity of honey against varicella zoster virus (VZV): A translational medicine study for potential remedy for shingles.

Shahzad A¹, Cochrn RJ.

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Acupuncture in acute herpes zoster pain therapy (ACUZoster) - design and protocol of a randomised controlled trial.

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OMM in Herpes Zoster

- As adjuvant therapy **AFTER** acute phase to help prevent post herpetic neuralgia
 - Suboccipital decompression to normalize the peripheral nervous system
 - Muscle energy to upper thoracic and cervical regions
 - Rib raising to normalize the sympathetic nerves

Postherpetic Neuralgia

- Most common complication of Herpes Zoster (Shingles)
- Neuropathic pain that persists after the skin lesions have healed

Adjunctive treatments for PHN



Drugs Aging, 1995 Oct;7(4):317-28.

Topical capsaicin. A review of its pharmacological properties and therapeutic potential in post-herpetic neuralgia, diabetic neuropathy and osteoarthritis.

Rains C¹, Bryson HM.

Drugs, 2004;64(9):937-47.

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Davies PS¹, Geler BS.

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Intravenous administration of vitamin C in the treatment of herpetic neuralgia: two case reports.

Schencking M¹, Sandholzer H, Fresse T.

Stasis Dermatitis

- Common in older patients with cardiac insufficiency and venous incompetence
- 2/2 gravity and increased hydrostatic pressure → leaky vessels
- Hemosiderin deposits → hyperpigmentation (MC supramalleolar)
 - pronounced erythema and scaling (MC medial malleoli)
 - May be dry and pruritic
 - May have vesiculation, oozing, and ulcerations



Stasis Dermatitis Management

Medical Management:

- Support stockings (knee high, moderate: 20-30 mmHg pressure)
 - in the morning when leg is least edematous
- Ace wraps
- Leg elevation
- Topical steroids
- Compresses if weeping

OMM:

- **First, open Thoracic inlet!!**
 - Direct or indirect myofascial release
- Lymphatic pump, effleurage
 - May decrease edema and thus improve condition and decrease the incidence of venous stasis ulcers

OMM for Stasis Dermatitis

Open thoracic inlet: superior and medial border of left clavicle via direct or indirect myofascial release



Effleurage: Stroking of appendage from distal to proximal



Pedal pump

Pedal lymphatic pump using dorsiflexion, with contraction of the posterior compartment of the lower extremity.

Lipodermatosclerosis

- Inflammatory disease of the subcutaneous fat 2/2 chronic venous insufficiency
- Unknown pathogenesis
- Erythematous tender plaques, usually on lower extremities
 - Acute: <1 month
 - Subacute: 1 month to 1 year
 - Chronic: greater than 1 year

Lipodermatosclerosis



- Painful, symmetric, red to purple, poorly demarcated, indurated plaques in a stocking like distribution

Lipodermatosclerosis Medical and Osteopathic Management

- Compression therapy
- Stanozolol – androgen and anabolic steroid
- Pentoxifylline – xanthine derivative/anti-inflammatory
- Antibiotics
- ILK
- Foam sclerotherapy
- Danazol

OMM

- Similar to stasis dermatitis
 - Open thoracic outlet
 - Effleurage/Pedal pump
- Can add manual stretching to help the fibrosis

Complementary therapy? \$\$\$

J Am Acad Dermatol, 2011 Nov;65(5):e157-8. doi: 10.1016/j.jaad.2011.06.040.

Refractory lipodermatosclerosis treated with intralesional platelet-rich plasma.

Jeong KH, Shin MK, Kim NI.

Elephantiasis
Nostras
Verrucosa

- Rare complication of chronic obstructive lymphedema
- Pathogenesis:
 - Repetitive streptococcal infections, obesity, poor lymphatic drainage
- Massive constant leg and foot edema with generalized lichenification, hyperkeratotic verrucous plaques, coarsening, corrugation, and fissuring
 - Malodorous
- Treatment is challenging

Elephantiasis Nostras Verrucosa




Medical and osteopathic management

- Similar to stasis dermatitis
 - Support stockings (knee high, 20-30 mmHg pressure)
 - Leg elevation
 - Topical steroids
 - Compresses if weeping
 - Unna boot
 - Surgery
- Lymphatic osteopathic manipulation
 - Open thoracic outlet
 - Pedal pump
 - Effleurage

Hyperhidrosis



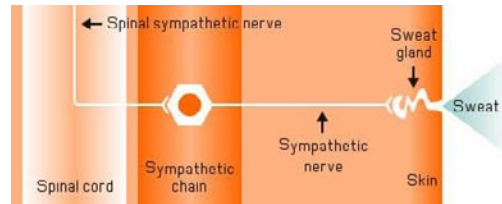
Hyperhidrosis

- Affects 1-5% of population.
- Family history,
- Primary and Secondary causes
- Excessive sweating, typically affecting palms, axilla and soles
 - Cholinergic – excessive thermoregulation
- Somatic dysfunction findings
 - T2-T3 dysfunction

Hyperhidrosis

- Suggested diagnostic criteria for primary focal hyperhidrosis:
 - Focal, visible, excessive sweating of at least six months duration without apparent cause
 - Plus at least two of the following:
 - Bilateral and relatively symmetric
 - Impairs daily activities
 - At least one episode per week
 - Onset before age 25
 - Family history of idiopathic hyperhidrosis
 - Focal sweating stops during sleep

Pathogenesis



Current hyperhidrosis treatment and OMM

- Topical aluminum chloride hexahydrate (Drysol)
- Topical anticholinergics
 - Newly FDA approved (2018): glycopyrronium cloth wipes (Qbrexza) for primary axillary hyperhidrosis for age >9 yo
- Oral anticholinergics
- Tap water Iontophoresis
- Botulinum A neurotoxin
- Liposuction and surgical excision (axilla)
- Sympathectomy



OMM

- Suboccipital release, rib sympathetic inhibition

OMM for hyperhidrosis

Suboccipital release

- place fingertips into patient's suboccipital region bilaterally
- apply vertical anterior pressure until occiput rests on palm of hand
- complete with gentle cephalad force on occiput



Rib Sympathetic Inhibition Technique

T1-T12

- place hands palms up under throax and apply anteriolateral force on rib angles for >90 seconds
- *<30 sec stimulates sympathetic ANS!



T12-L2

- place hand with finger pads touching the far side erector spinae and thenar eminence touching the near side erector spinae and squeeze together for >90sec

Osteopathic Manipulative Treatment

- Benefits of OMM for skin conditions as adjuvant therapy
- OMM to address physiologic effects of stress (Emmet et al, JAOA 2018; 118(2):e11)
- Suboccipital depression → induce parasympathetic
- Rib sympathetic inhibition → decrease sympathetic tone
- Lymphatic treatment for inflammatory skin diseases (Hibler, JAOC 2014)
 - Open thoracic outlet/Pedal pump/effleurage

Conclusions

- Instilled in dermatology are osteopathic principles
- multifaceted field
- Whole person approach: body, mind, and spirit
- Think “outside the box”
- Osteopathic manipulation can be an adjunctive therapy that can benefit our dermatology patients

“To find health should be the object of the doctor. Anyone can find disease.”

- A.T. Still, MD, DO

Questions?



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New Anti-IL-23 Drugs

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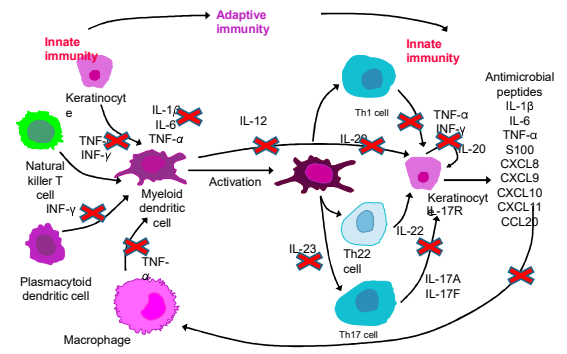
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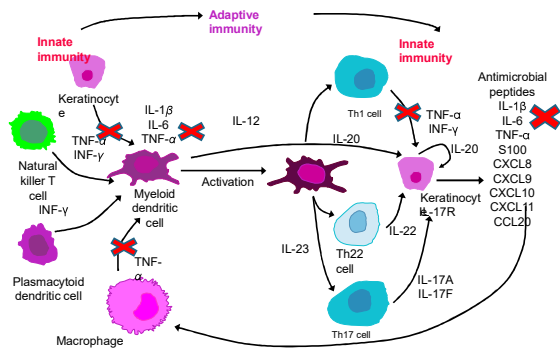
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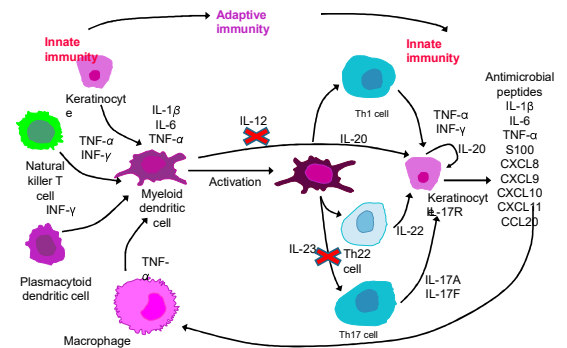
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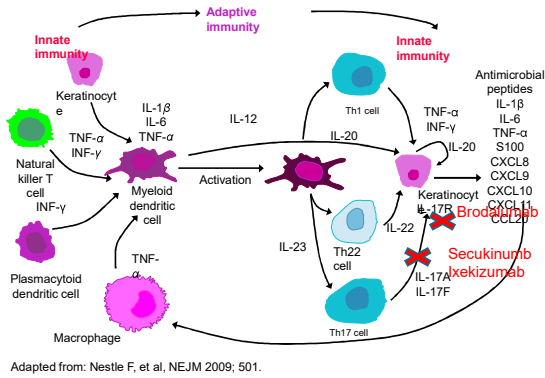
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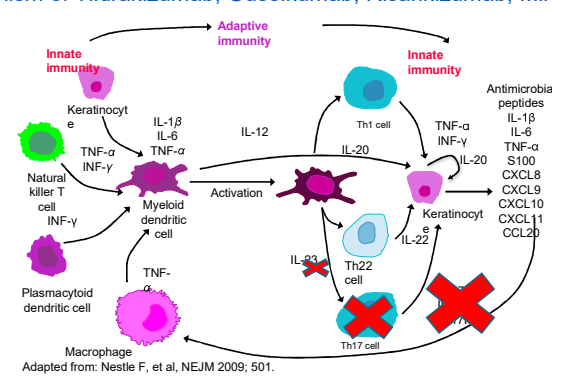
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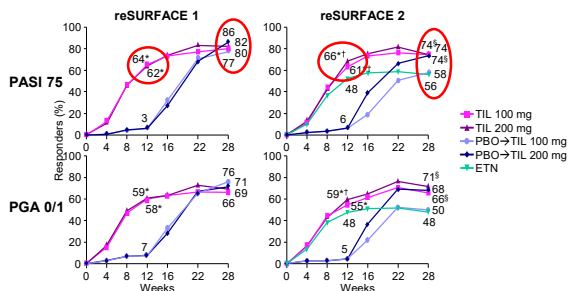


IL-23 blockers – advantages of less frequent dosing

Guselkumab	Tildrakizumab	Risankizumab	Mirikizumab
• 100 mg sc	• 100 mg sc	• 150 mg sc	• 150 mg sc
• 100 mg w.0,4 then q8w	• 100 mg w.0, 4 then q12w	• 150 mg w.0,4 then q12w	• 150 mg x 2 q4w

- Tildrakizumab
- Guselkumab
- Risankizumab
- Mirikizumab

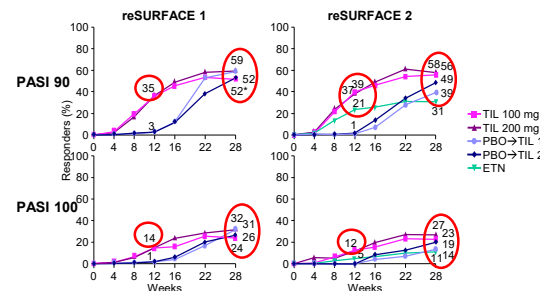
Tildrakizumab-PASI 75; PGA 0/1



*P<0.001 vs PBO; †P<0.05 vs ETN; ‡P<0.001 vs ETN; P-values unadjusted for multiplicity. P-values calculated using the CMH test stratified by body weight (≤90kg, >90kg) and prior exposure to biologic therapy for psoriasis. Modified ITT population (all randomized patients who received ≥1 dose of study medication). Figure represents observed data only; data shown for Week 12 are based on missing data being imputed as non-responders.

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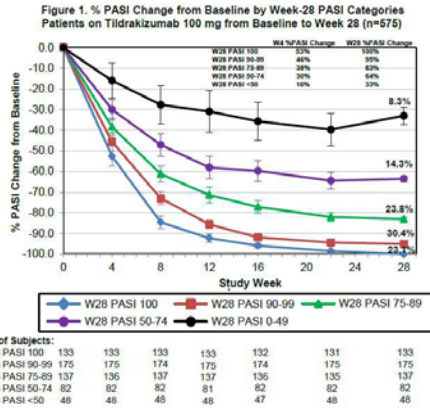
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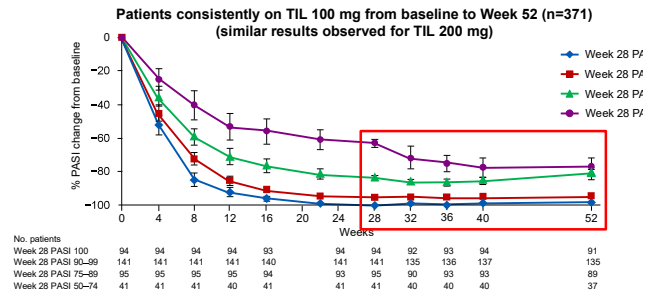
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Tildrakizumab



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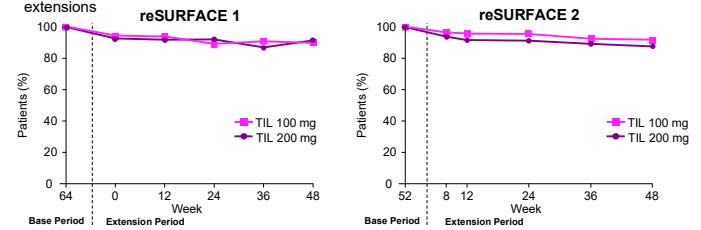
Post hoc pooled analysis of reSURFACE 1 and 2: PASI change tildrakizumab at Week 52 based on Week 28 response



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reSURFACE 1 and 2: Maintenance of PASI 75 response levels in 2-year open-label extension

- Eligible patients had to have completed the base studies and have chosen to continue optional extensions

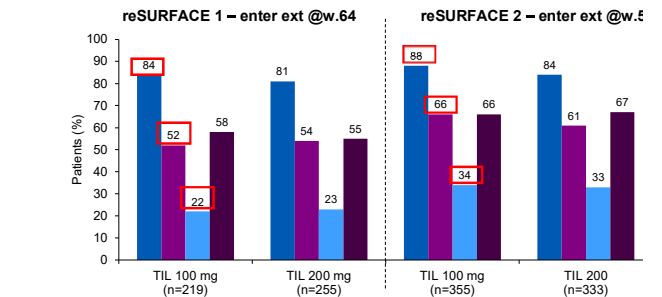


Week	TIL 100 n	TIL 200 n	TIL 100 n	TIL 200 n	TIL 100 n	TIL 200 n	TIL 100 n	TIL 200 n
64	209	218	347	305	340	301	341	301
0	203	212	326	293	340	301	334	296
12	202	215	340	301	340	301	334	296
24	202	214	340	301	340	301	334	296
36	197	203	340	301	340	301	334	296
48	195	208	340	301	340	301	334	296

FAS (full analysis set: subjects with ≥1 dose of extension treatment based on assigned treatment): as observed data. Patients entering OLE after 64 weeks (reSURFACE 1) or 52 weeks (reSURFACE 2) were at least partial responders (PASI ≥50). For reSURFACE 1, patients had to have received active drug within 12 weeks of end of base study.

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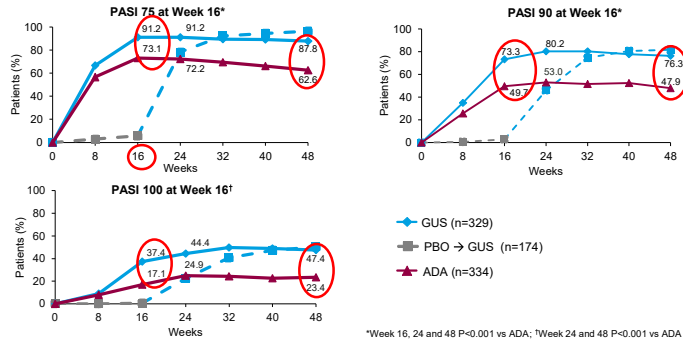
reSURFACE 1 and 2: Overall efficacy after 2 yrs



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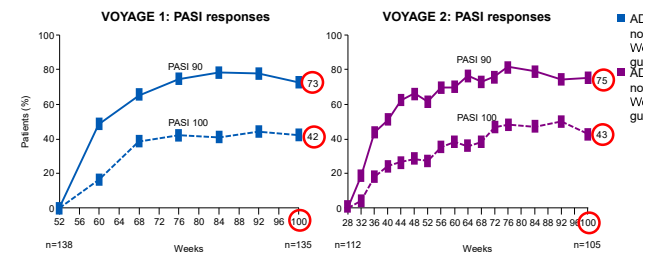
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VOYAGE 1: GUS vs ADA in moderate-to-severe psoriasis PASI 75, PASI 90 and PASI 100



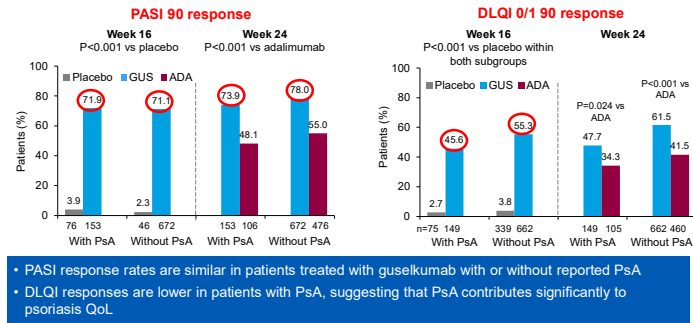
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VOYAGE 1 and 2: Clinical response to guselkumab treatment among adalimumab PASI 90 nonresponders



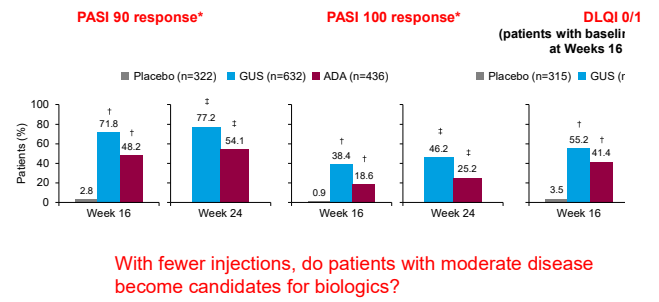
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VOYAGE 1 and 2: PASI 90 and DLQI 0/1 responses for guselkumab in psoriasis patients with and without psoriatic arthritis



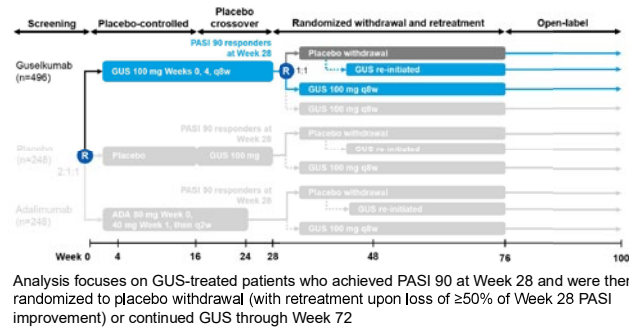
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VOYAGE 1 and 2: PASI and DLQI responses for guselkumab patients who entered with moderate IGA (3)

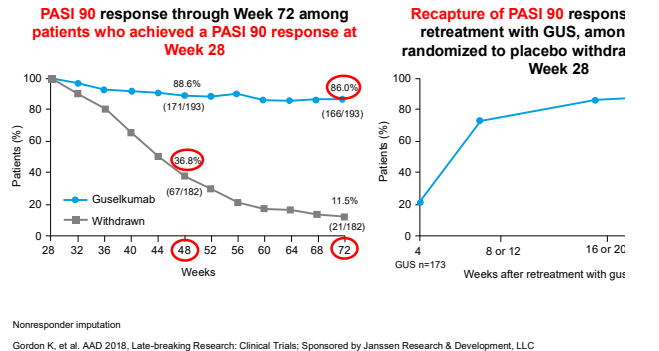


*Among patients with baseline IGA score of 3 (VOYAGE 1 and 2); *P<0.001 vs placebo; *P<0.001 vs ADA
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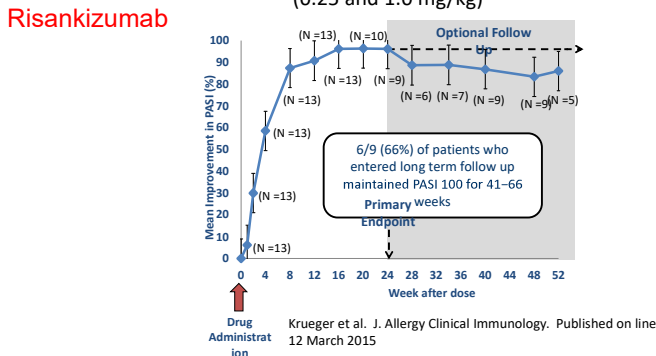
VOYAGE 2: Long-term efficacy of guselkumab after withdrawal and retreatment in patients with moderate to severe psoriasis



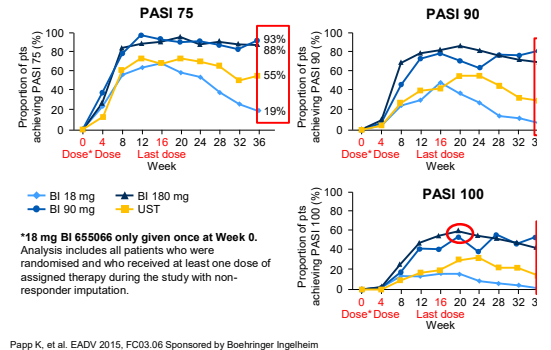
VOYAGE 2: PASI 90 responses with maintenance, withdrawal and retreatment with guselkumab through 72 weeks



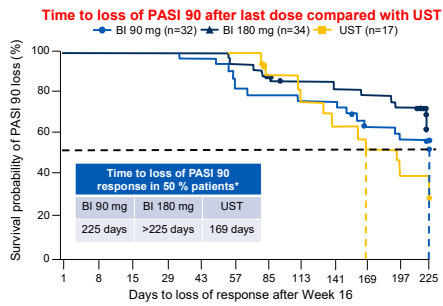
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Risankizumab

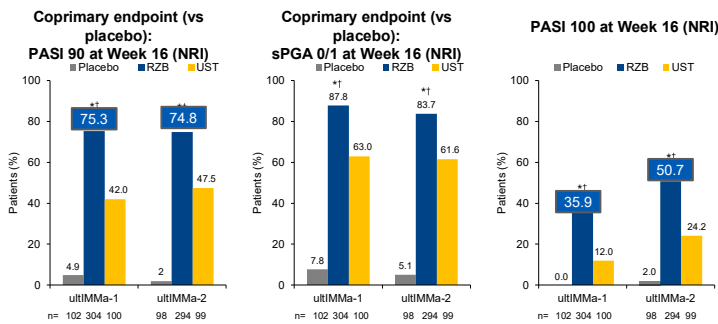


Risankizumab



*Statistical analysis not available at time of presentation. Analysis includes all patients who had achieved PASI 90 response at Week 16. Time to loss of PASI 90 response is measured from last dose at Week 16
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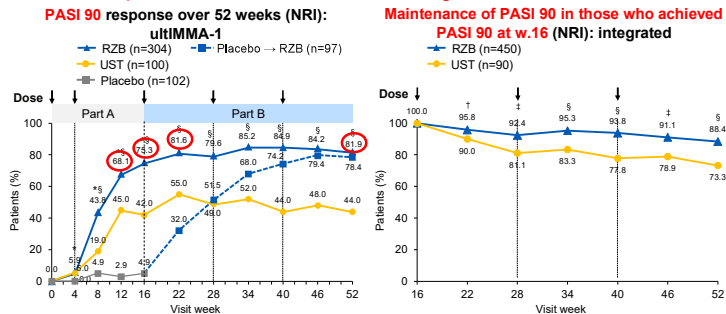
ultIMMa-1 and ultIMMa-2: PASI and sPGA 0/1 responses with risankizumab at Week 16



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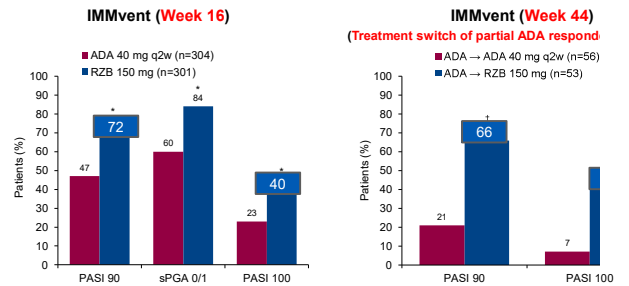
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RISANKIZUMAB

Efficacy Results at Week 16						
	ultIMMa-1**			ultIMMa-2**		
	Risankizumab 150 mg (n=304)	Ustekinumab 45/90 mg (n=100)	Placebo (PBO) (n=102)	Risankizumab 150 mg (n=294)	Ustekinumab 45/90 mg (n=99)	PBO (n=98)
PASI 90	75%	42%	5%	75%	48%	2%
sPGA 0/1	88%	63%	8%	84%	62%	5%
PASI 100	30%	12%	0%	31%	24%	2%

ultIMMa-1 and ultIMMa-2 Efficacy Results at One Year*				
	ultIMMa-1		ultIMMa-2	
	Risankizumab 150 mg (n=304)	Ustekinumab 45/90 mg (n=100)	Risankizumab 150 mg (n=294)	Ustekinumab 45/90 mg (n=99)
PASI 90	82%	44%	81%	51%
PASI 100	56%	21%	60%	30%

IMMvent Phase 3 trial: PASI 90 & 100 & sPGA responses with risankizumab and adalimumab at Week 16 and Week 44



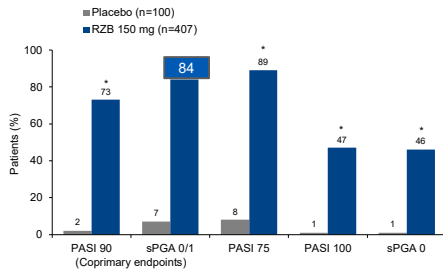
*P<0.001 vs ADA, †P<0.001 vs ADA -> ADA

*Patients originally randomized to ADA with PASI 50 to <PASI 90 at Week 16

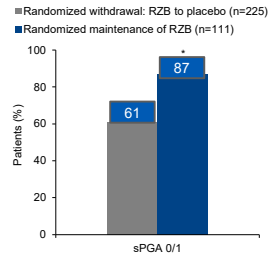
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IMMhance: Primary efficacy endpoints at Week 16 and after rerandomization at 1 year

PASI and sPGA 0/1 responses at Week 16 (Period 1)



sPGA 0/1 response at Week 52 (Period 2)

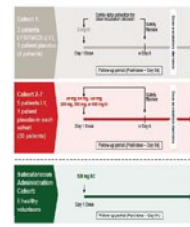


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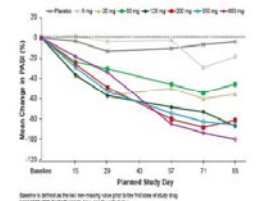
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P0456 Safety, efficacy and PK of a p19-directed IL-23 antibody (LY3074828) in patients with plaque psoriasis and healthy subjects

Phase 1, placebo-controlled, 40 patients, 5 healthy volunteers, 12 weeks; 4% BSA PASI 6.6 Study Design



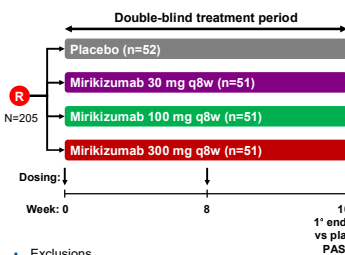
PASI Change (Mean) From Baseline by LY Dose



Mirikizumab

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Phase 2 dose ranging trial of mirikizumab



Baseline characteristics

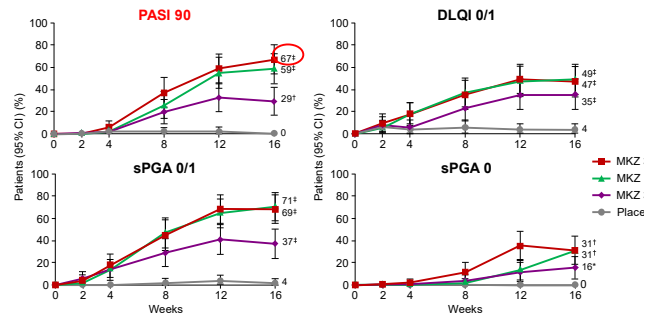
	Placebo (n=52)	Mirikizumab q8w		
		30 mg (n=51)	100 mg (n=51)	300 mg (n=51)
Age (y)	46.0 ±12.4	49.2 ±13.3	46.0 ±13.2	47.5 ±13.2
Male	42 (80.8)	39 (76.5)	35 (68.6)	36 (70.6)
Weight (kg)	89.1 ±22.0	91.3 ±19.8	86.4 ±15.0	87.9 ±21.3
≥100 kg	13 (25.0)	13 (25.5)	13 (25.5)	11 (21.6)
BMI (kg/m ²)	29.2 ±5.8	30.5 ±6.0	29.3 ±4.9	29.7 ±6.7
Psoriasis duration (y)	18.0 ±9.8	20.4 ±13.5	18.6 ±11.3	18.1 ±12.7
Prior biologics	21 (40.4)	20 (39.2)	21 (41.2)	22 (43.1)
Prior systemic therapy	38 (73.1)	39 (76.5)	41 (80.4)	40 (78.4)
PASI score	19.7 ±7.4	21.0 ±8.4	20.3 ±8.0	18.4 ±6.9
sPGA ≥4	23 (44.2)	18 (35.3)	24 (47.1)	14 (27.5)
% BSA involved	26.4 ±17.5	27.3 ±15.8	26.5 ±16.5	21.3 ±10.3
DLQI	14.1 ±7.2	12.6 ±7.3	12.5 ±5.6	12.7 ±6.6
DLQI 0/1	0	0	1 (2.0)	0

Data are mean ±SD or n (%)

*Previous brianquinumab use was permitted

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Mirikizumab through Week 16



*P<0.05, *P<0.01, *P<0.001 vs placebo. Logistic regression analysis with treatment, geographic region, and previous biologic therapy in the model; N

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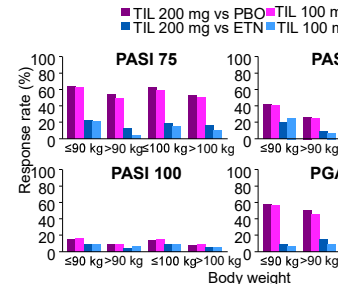
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Impact of body weight on efficacy of tildrakizuma weeks in moderate to severe chronic plaque psori

• Pooled analysis from 3 RCTs: reSURFACE 1 and 2 and P05495

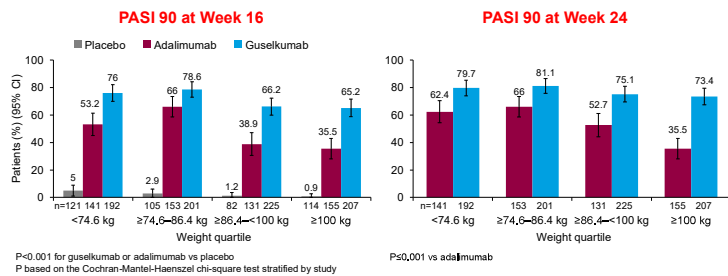
- 1^o endpoints:
 - reSURFACE 1/2, PASI 75 and PGA 0/1 at Week 16
 - Study P05495, PASI 75 at Week 16
- Randomized patients stratified by body weight (≤90 kg, >90 kg; ≤100 kg, >100 kg)



• Authors concluded that PASI and PGA responses were numerically greater in patients with lower vs higher body weight

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VOYAGE 1 & 2: PASI 90 responses with guselkumab and adalimumab stratified by patient weight



P<0.001 for guselkumab or adalimumab vs placebo
P based on the Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel chi-square test stratified by study

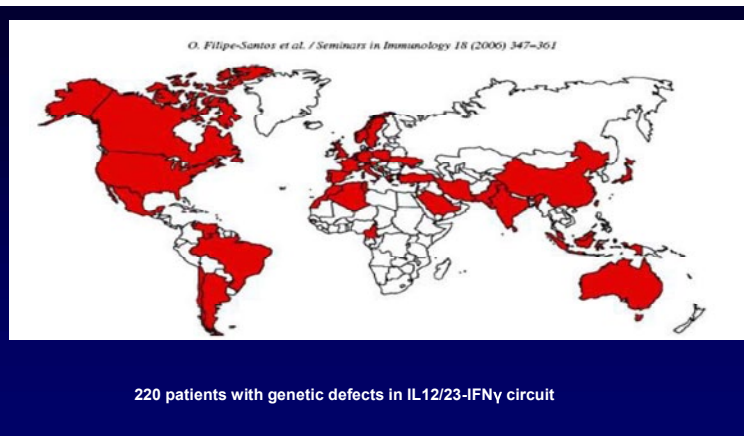
P<0.001 vs adalimumab

- At high weights, there are lower response rates to guselkumab at the PASI 90 level
- This difference in responses is significantly less evident than with adalimumab

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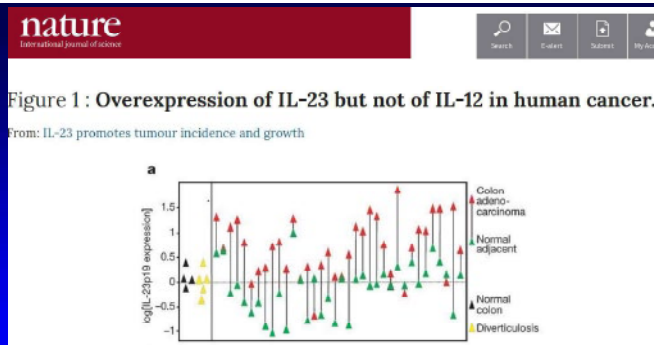


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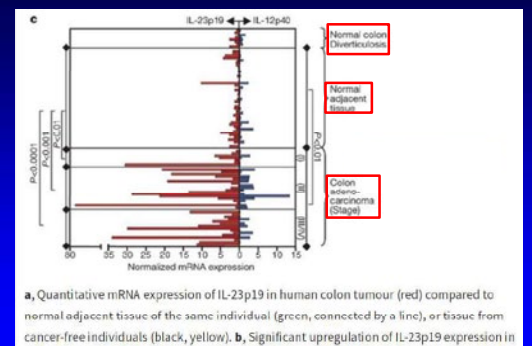
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- 41 patients - IL12 receptor β 1 deficiency
- Salmonellosis
- Tuberculosis



IL-23 is increased in colon adenocarcinoma

Langguth J, et al. Nature. 2009;462:481-485



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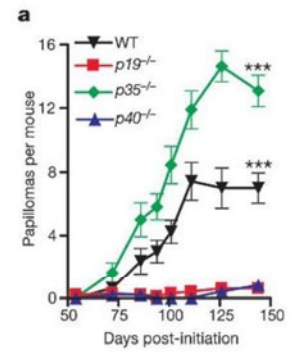
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			Number >5x	Number >10x	
Colon	36	15.33	23	17	0.0001
Ovarian	32	9.45	12	4	0.0001
Head and neck	44	3.41	11	4	0.01
Lung	114	3.03	20	8	0.0001
Breast	78	2.86	16	6	0.0001
Stomach	64	2.13	9	3	0.001
Melanoma	89	1.47	5	0	0.0001

↑IL-23 in many cancers

Langowski J, et al. Nature. 2008;442:461-465

Mouse carcinogenesis model

IL-23 promotes tumour incidence and growth



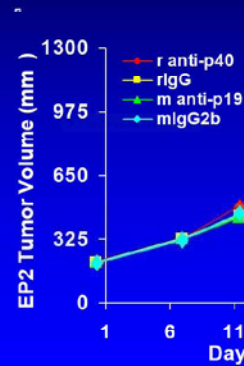
Langowski J, et al.

Role of IL-23 in Malignancy

- IL-23 is expressed at increased levels in tumors and decreases cytotoxic T cell tumor suppression
 - IL-23p19^{-/-} mice are resistant to chemical-induced carcinogenesis models and have decreased tumor burden upon tumor transplantation
 - Anti-IL-23p19 therapy leads to protection against tumor formation and growth, as well as increased tumor rejection and elimination
- IL-12 induces proliferation and cytotoxic activity, promoting immune surveillance and antitumor responses
 - IL-12p40 ablation leads to increased tumor incidence and size vs anti-IL-23p19 or control

*P < 0.05; †P < 0.001

Langowski J, et al. Nature. 2008;442:461-465



IL-17 Mediated Inflammation Promotes Tumor Growth and Progression in the Skin

D. He, et al
PLoS ONE 2012; 7: 1-9

IL-23 → ↑IL-17 → ↑tumor growth
Could blocking IL-17 be protective against cancer?

Ustekinumab Psoriasis Safety Databases: Duration of Patient Exposure Evaluated in 2010 and 2011 Analyses

- The 2011 Analyses included a total of 3117 patients with 8998 PY of follow-up; 47.5% of patients treated for at least 4 years and 26.9% treated for 5 years (median follow-up was 3.2 years)

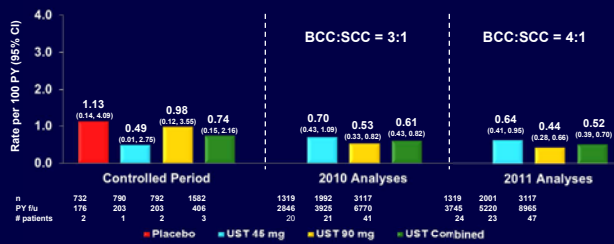


*PBO subjects crossed-over to UST at Week 12, therefore they would only be captured in categories of ≥ 4 years and ≥ 4.5 years of exposure

Papp K, et al. EA

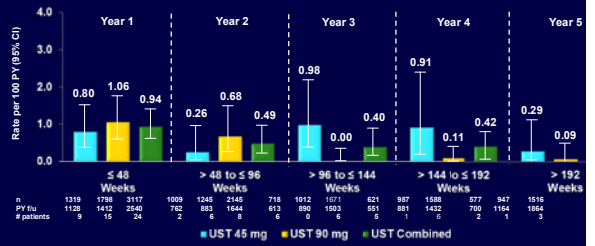
Cumulative Rates of NMSC Through 5 Years of Follow-up

- 47 patients reported NMSCs (3 patients reported both SCC and BCC)
- 40 had BCC (21 on 45 mg and 19 on 90 mg)
- 10 had SCC (5 on 45 mg and 5 on 90 mg)



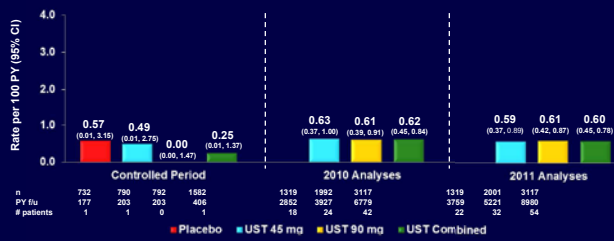
ACCEPT data were not included in the Controlled Period rates since it did not include a placebo comparator.
 For PHOENIX 2, patients who were dose adjusted from 45 mg to 90 mg were switched to the corresponding column following dose adjustment.

Rates of NMSC by Year Through 5 Years of Follow-up



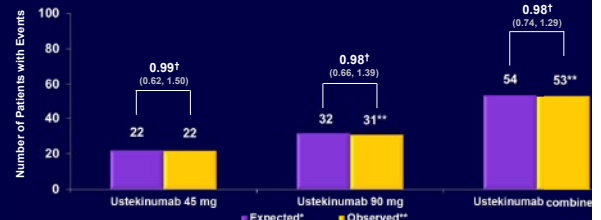
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Cumulative Rates of Other Malignancies Through 5 Years of Follow-up



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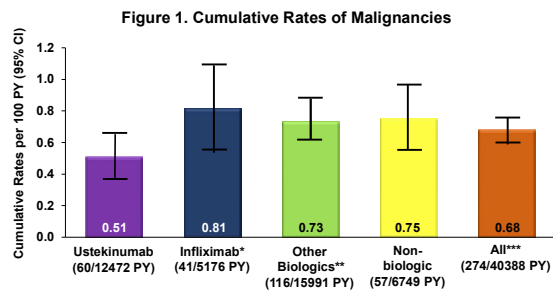
Rates of Other Malignancies Through 5 Years of Follow-up Compared with SEER Population



*The expected number of patients with malignancies is based on the SEER Database (2000), adjusted for age, gender, and race.
 †Incidence Standardized Ratio (ISR) with 95% CI.
 **Observed number of patients with malignancies.
 ††Observed number of patients with malignancies is not captured in SEER, a single case in 90 mg is not included in this analysis.
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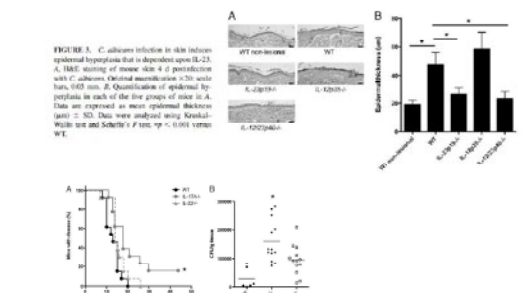
Results: Age and Gender Adjusted Cumulative Rates of Malignancies (excluding NMSC) per 100 Patient-Years (PY) Based on Any Exposure to Therapy (Figure 1)



*This group includes (n=36) patients exposed to grimalumab only.
 **95.7% (n=4067) are adalimumab &/or etanercept patients, with the remainder exposed to other biologics.
 ***Adjustment used All population as reference.

Fiorino D, et al. AAD 2015. P1631.

IL-23 & IL-17A, but Not IL-12 & IL-22, Are Required for Optimal Skin Host Defense against Candida albicans



Kagami et al. J Immunol 2010; 185:5453-5462

ultIMMa-1 and ultIMMa-2: Safety of risankizumab from Weeks 0–16

% patients with AE	ultIMMa-1			ultIMMa-2		
	R2B (n=304)	UST (n=100)	Placebo (n=102)	R2B (n=294)	UST (n=99)	Placebo (n=98)
Any AE	49.7	50.0	51.0	45.6	53.5	45.9
Drug-related AEs	11.8	11.0	13.7	9.9	18.2	9.2
Serious AE	2.3	8.0	2.9	2.0	3.0	1.0
Drug-related serious AEs	0.3	3.0	0	0.7	1.0	0
Severe AE	2.0	3.0	4.9	2.4	6.1	1.0
AE leading to drug discontinuation	0.7	2.0	3.9	0.3	0	1.0
Serious infections	0.3	3.0	0	1.0	1.0	0
Active tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latent tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjudicated MACE	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malignancies	0.3	0	1.0	0.3	0	0
Malignancies excluding NMSC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deaths (including non treatment-emergent)	0	0	0	0.3*	0	0

• Among highest efficacy results reported to date, with impressive durability of response on and off drug. Preliminary safety is encouraging, long-term data are required

*1 non-treatment emergent death on Day 189 that occurred after 161 days after last dose of study drug and fell outside of the treatment-emergent window
Gordon KB, et al. AAD 2018, Late-breaking Research: Clinical Trials; Sponsored by AbbVie and Boehringer Ingelheim

Phase 2 randomized controlled trial:
Safety of mirikizumab through Week 16

TEAEs (≥5% in any group)

	No. patients with TEAE (%)				
	Placebo (n=52)	Mirikizumab q8w			
		30 mg (n=51)	100 mg (n=51)	300 mg (n=51)	Total (N=153)
TEAEs	25 (48.1)	26 (51.0)	24 (47.1)	24 (47.1)	74 (48.4)
Mild	9 (17.3)	16 (35.3)	9 (17.6)	11 (21.6)	35 (24.8)
Moderate	15 (28.8)	7 (13.7)	14 (27.5)	11 (21.6)	32 (20.9)
Severe	1 (1.9)	1 (2.0)	1 (2.0)	2 (3.9)	4 (2.6)
Death	0	0	0	0	0
Serious AE	1 (1.9)	1 (2.0)	0	1 (2.0)	2 (1.3)
TEAE related to study treatment	7 (13.5)	12 (23.5)	7 (13.7)	9 (17.6)	28 (18.3)
Overall infections	12 (23.1)	14 (27.5)	13 (25.5)	13 (25.5)	40 (26.1)

- 2 (1.0%) patients dis the study because of
- Most common TEAE viral URTI, URTI, inje pain, hypertension, a

• Interesting and impressive preliminary results
• Baseline demographics indicate a more severe psoriasis population

Rich P, et al. AAD 2018, P6131 Sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company

- Patient with medical benefit (e.g. medicare) but incomplete (or no) pharmacy benefit
- Patient with medicare part D who can't afford the donut hole

- Frequent traveler

- Institutionalized patients
- Patients who can't self-inject (e.g. arthritis, Parkinson's)

- Teenager (>17) going off to college
- Children (not approved)

- Women of childbearing potential

April 8, 2009

Dear RAPTIVA Patient,

Re: VOLUNTARY U.S. MARKET WITHDRAWAL OF RAPTIVA® (efalizumab)

Patient safety is a top priority for Genentech. Since September 2008, Genentech has received progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy (PML), a serious and almost always fatal brain infection caused by a virus, in patients taking RAPTIVA (efalizumab). **Because of the following key as PML and our commitment to safety, Genentech has decided to voluntarily stop selling R/**

- Although we believe that there are many psoriasis patients who benefit from RAPTIVA, it is difficult to know ahead of time who will get PML.
- There is no treatment or cure for PML. People who do live with PML are severely disabled.

Reasons to Become a Registry Investigator

- Contribute to education/clinical knowledge of the psoriasis community
- Opportunity to establish a database of your patient population
- Academic recognition and publication opportunities
- **Supplement existing insurance fee schedules**
 - Site compensation is \$400 (including \$20 for patient) per Enrollment visit and \$300 (including \$20 for patient) per biannual Follow Up visit

If you are interested in participating in the Psoriasis Registry as a research investigator, please email psoriasis@corrona.org or visit www.corrona.org or call 508.408.5432

METASTATIC CARCINOMA TO THE SKIN

MICHAEL A NOWAK, MD

CONFLICTS

- No conflicts with the content of this lecture

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Relatively uncommon in comparison to primary cutaneous carcinomas.
- Requires high clinical suspicion.
- Gender differences.
- Clinical differential diagnosis.
- Histologic differential diagnosis.

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Skin metastasis is defined as the spread of malignant cells from a primary malignancy to the skin.
- Originate either from an internal malignancy or from a primary skin cancer (melanoma).
- Skin metastases are encountered in 0.7-9% of all patients with cancer.
- Skin is an uncommon site of metastatic disease when compared to other organs.

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Long-time lag between the diagnosis of the primary malignancy and the recognition of the skin metastases.
- Cutaneous metastasis may be the first indication of a clinically silent visceral malignancy.
- Regional distribution of the skin metastasis is related to the location of the primary malignancy and the mechanism of metastatic spread.
- The relative frequency of skin metastasis does not always correlate with the prevalence of the type of primary cancer (ie prostate cancer).

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Cutaneous metastasis as the first indication of a internal malignancy.
- Lung.
- Ovary
- Renal

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Mechanism of Metastatic Spread

- **Lymphatic Dissemination:**
- Local overlying skin (Breast, Oral Cavity).
- **Hematogenous Dissemination:**
- Local and/or Distant (Breast, Lung, GI, GU)

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Lung carcinoma (24%) is the most common skin metastasis in men (followed by large intestine 19%, melanoma 13%, oral cavity 12%).
- Breast carcinoma (69%) is the most common skin metastasis in women (followed by large intestine 9%).
- The anterior chest and neck region are the areas of greatest predilection in men.
- The anterior chest wall and the abdomen are the most commonly involved sites in women.

Men		Women	
< 40 yr	> 40 yr	< 40 yr	> 40 yr
Melanoma Colon cancer Lung cancer	Lung cancer Colon cancer SCC in the oral cavity Melanoma	Breast cancer Colon cancer Ovarian cancer	Breast cancer Colon cancer Lung cancer Ovarian cancer Melanoma

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Histologically, skin metastases usually show features reminiscent of the primary malignancy.
- Poorly differentiated - Carcinoma of Unknown Primary (CUP) - remember melanoma.
- Metastasis to the skin is often a pre-terminal event that heralds poor outcome.

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

- Benign vs. Malignant
- Primary skin cancer vs. Adnexal
- Primary skin cancer vs. Metastatic
- Adnexal carcinoma vs. Metastatic
- Epidermal involvement, depth/thickness dermis, resemble BCC/SCC, glandular differentiation

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

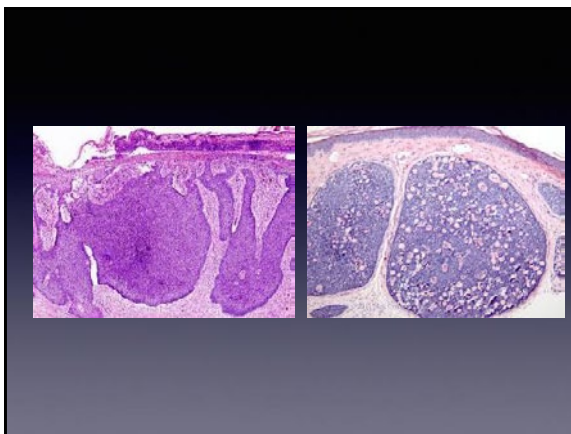
Benign vs. Malignant

- Size, Symmetry, Circumscription, Depth/Thickness
- Atypia, Mitoses, Differentiation



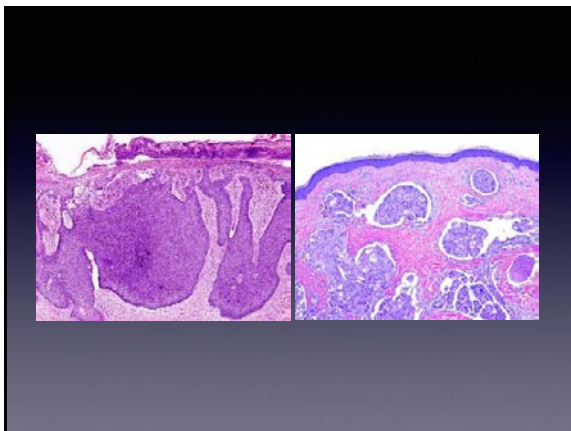
METASTATIC CARCINOMA Primary Skin Cancer vs. Adnexal Tumor

- Adnexal tumors (Benign and Malignant) usually lack epidermal continuity, involve the deep dermis, look different from a BCC/SCC, frequently display glandular differentiation
- Special stains - identify differentiation



METASTATIC CARCINOMA Primary Skin Cancer vs. Metastatic

- Metastatic carcinomas usually lack epidermal continuity, involve deep dermis, look different from a BCC/SCC (exception metastatic SCC), frequently display glandular differentiation
- Special stains - identify differentiation



METASTATIC CARCINOMA Adnexal Tumor vs. Metastatic

- Adnexal tumors (benign and malignant) and metastatic tumors usually lack epidermal continuity, involve deep dermis, look different from a BCC/SCC, frequently display glandular differentiation
- Benign adnexal tumors lack significant cytological atypia and show text book architectural features
- Malignant adnexal tumors show cytological atypia and can have familiar architectural features and/or a remnant benign component
- Special stains - identify differentiation - P63 is key
- Remember melanoma markers!

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Carcinoma of the Breast

- **Lymphatic dissemination:**
- Inflammatory, En Cuirasse, Telangiectatic, Nodular including Inframammary Crease.
- **Hematogenous dissemination:**
- Alopecia Neoplastica and Metastatic Breast Carcinoma of the Eyelid.

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Inflammatory Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

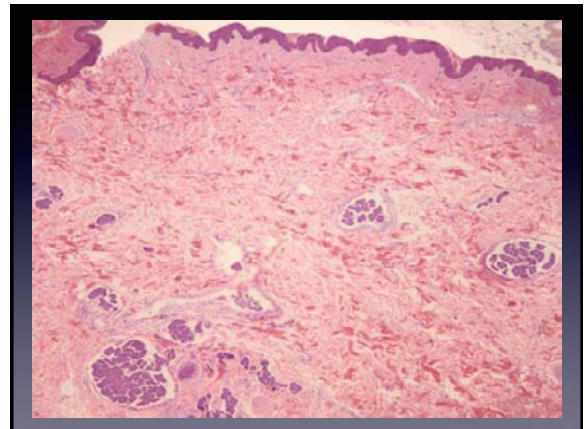
- Erythematous patch or plaque with spreading border involving the breast and adjacent skin.
- Peau d'orange
- Erysipelas-like - aka Carcinoma Erysipeloides



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Inflammatory Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

- Clusters of tumor cells involving superficial and deep lymphatics (retrograde lymphatic spread into the skin secondary to blockage of deep lymphatics)
- Capillary congestion (clinical erythema/warmth).
- Minimal inflammation.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

En Cuirasse Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

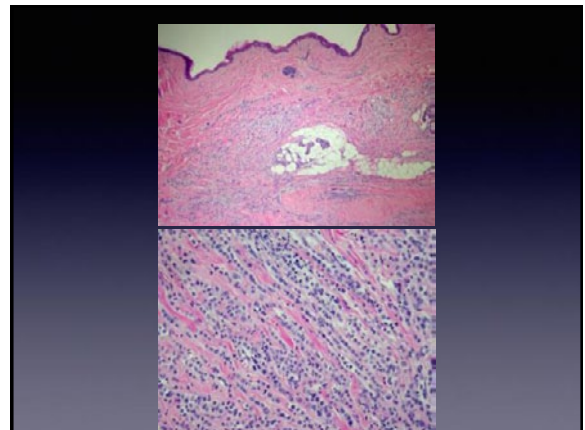
- Cuirass = Armor vest
- Diffuse induration involving skin of the breast.
- Morphea-like.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

En Cuirasse Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

- AKA Scirrhus Carcinoma
- Extensive fibrosis/sclerosis resulting in a rectangular punch biopsy.
- Inconspicuous fibroblast-like tumor cells - both solitary and single rows "Indian filing" between thickened collagen bundles.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

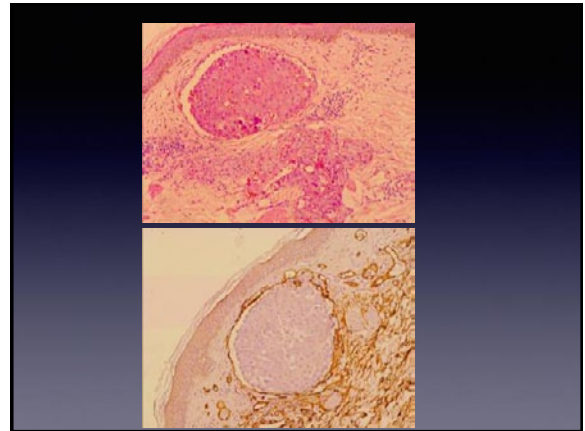
Telangiectatic Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

- Violaceous papulovesicles on skin of the breast.
- Sometimes Lymphangioma circumscriptum-like.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA
Telangiectatic Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

- Tumor cells involving superficial lymphatics.
- Many prominent congested blood vessels immediately below the epidermis results in the clinical appearance of violaceous "vesicles".



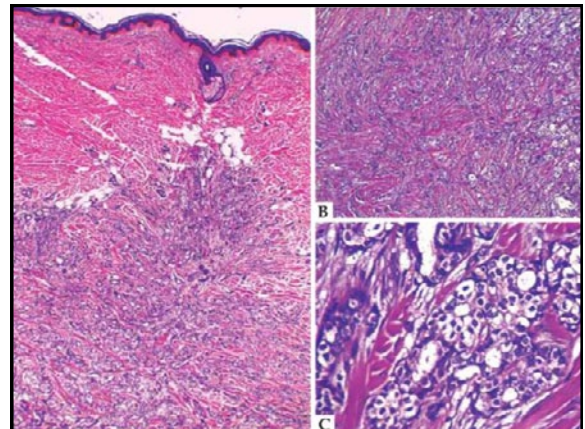
METASTATIC CARCINOMA
Nodular Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

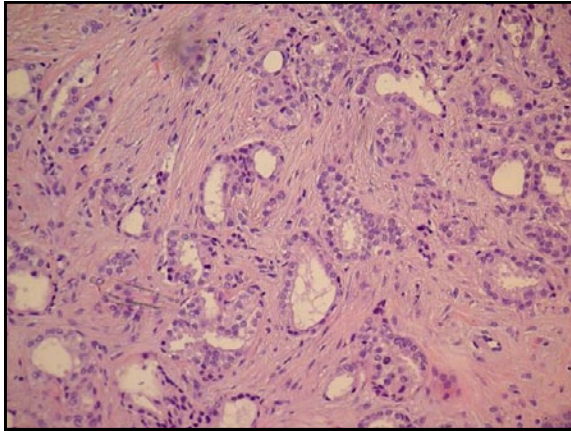
- Multiple firm nodules with or without ulceration
- Inframammary crease frequently in women with large breasts.
- Solitary nodule can mimic primary cutaneous skin cancer.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA
Nodular Metastatic Breast Carcinoma

- Variably sized groups of tumor cells throughout dermis without epidermal connection.
- Glandular differentiation.
- Occasionally pigmented.





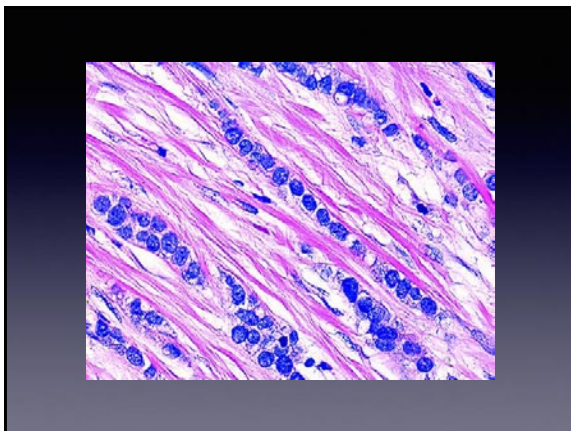
METASTATIC CARCINOMA Alopecia Neoplastica

- Oval plaques or patches of scalp with hair loss.
- Cicatricial Alopecia vs. Alopecia Areata.
- Hematogenous.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA Alopecia Neoplastica

- Resembles En Cuirasse (Scirrhus) Carcinoma.
- Extensive fibrosis/sclerosis with rectangular silhouette and reduction of hair follicles.
- Single rows of "Indian filing" tumor cells between thickened collagen bundles.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA Metastatic Breast Carcinoma of the Eyelid

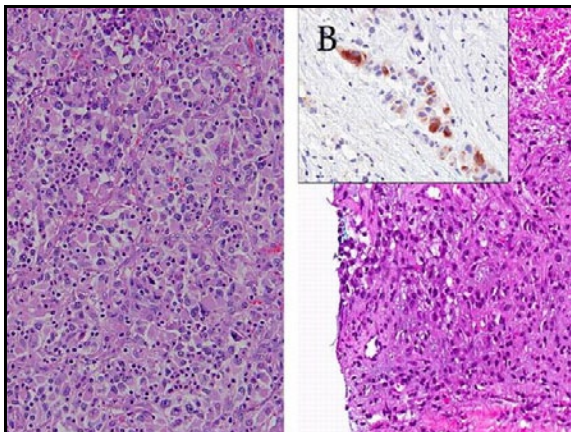
- Painless swelling with induration or a discrete solitary nodule.
- Chalazion vs. sebaceous carcinoma.
- Hematogenous.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Metastatic Breast Carcinoma of the Eyelid

- Nodular with glandular differentiation, lacks epidermal connection.
- Prominent histiocytoid appearance can result in misdiagnosis.
- Cytological atypia is present.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Immunohistochemical Stains

- Pan Cytokeratin +, CK7 +, CK20 usually negative.
- GCDPF-15 +, EMA +, CEA +
- ER/PR (positive or negative)
- Her2-Neu (positive or negative) - test mets for Her2 "gain"
- GATA3 - very helpful in triple negative breast cancer
- S100, HMB-45

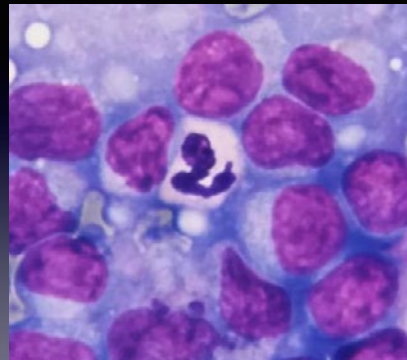
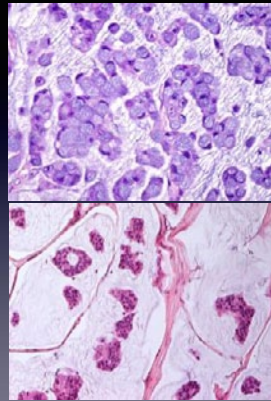
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[Clin Breast Cancer. 2009 June ; 9\(Suppl 2\): S50-S57.](#)
Treatment of HER2-Positive Metastatic Breast Cancer Following Initial Progression
 Ingrid A. Mayer
 Department of Medicine and Breast Cancer Research Program, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Carcinoma of the Breast

- Unusual histologic patterns:
- Signet ring cell pattern mimics primary signet ring cell carcinoma (eyelid, CK7+/CK20 +)
- Mucinous carcinoma pattern mimics primary mucinous carcinoma (eyelid, CK7+/CK20-).



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Carcinoma of the Lung

- Most common metastatic carcinoma of the skin in men.
- Most common cause of cancer death in women.
- Localized cluster of papules or nodules on chest wall and back - occasionally solitary.
- Oat (small) cell - skin of the back.

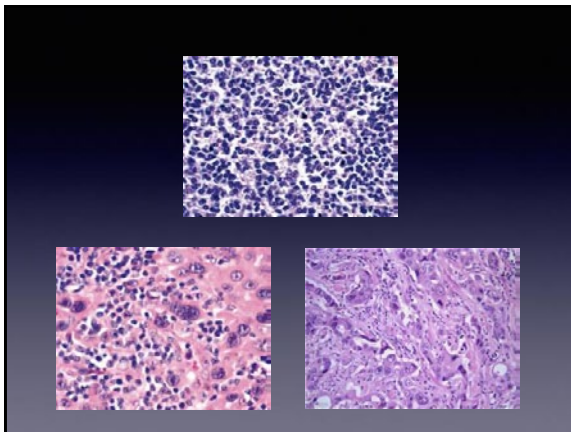




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Carcinoma of the Lung

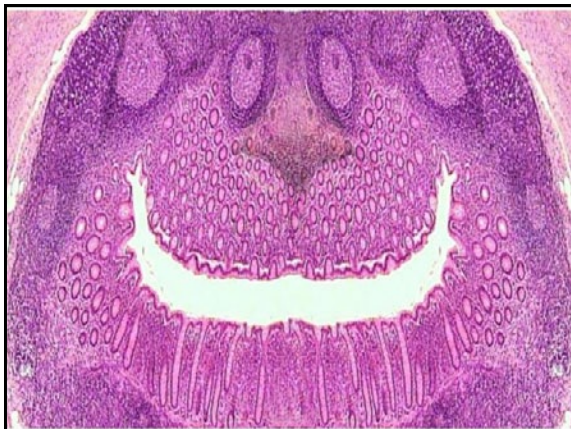
- Small cell carcinoma - neuroendocrine.
- Non-small cell carcinoma (Squamous cell carcinoma and Adenocarcinoma)



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Carcinoma of the Lung

- Small cell carcinoma vs Merkel cell carcinoma.
- Clinical history
- Multiple lesions
- Epidermal involvement
- Immunostains: CEA, CK20, TTF-1



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Gastrointestinal Carcinoma

- Colorectal carcinoma is the 2nd most common type of primary carcinoma in men.
- Cutaneous metastases usually occur after the primary tumor has been recognized
- Abdomen and perineal area > Head and neck

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Gastrointestinal Carcinoma

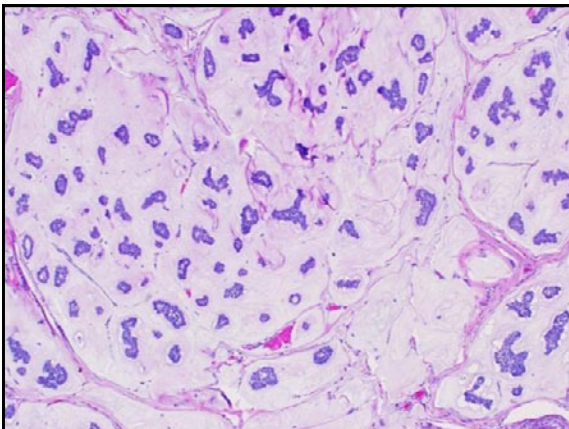
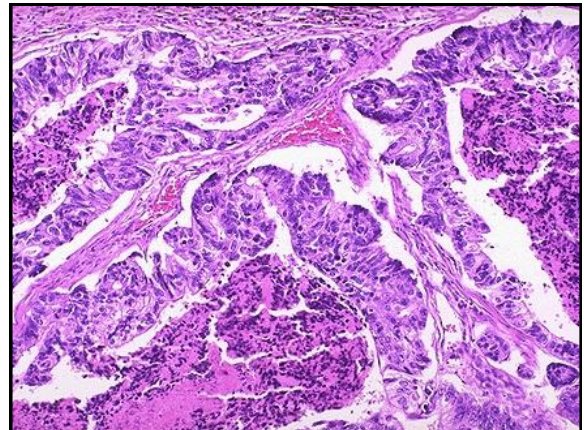
- Gastric carcinoma is uncommon.
- Cutaneous metastases usually occur after the primary tumor has been recognized
- Any site - Umbilical most common



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Gastrointestinal Carcinoma

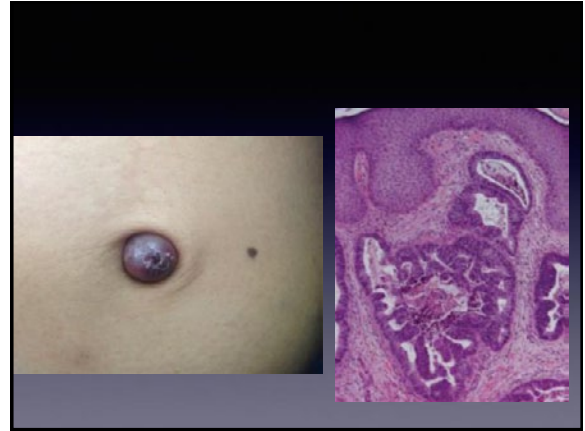
- Histopathology shows glandular differentiation.
- Adenocarcinoma (abortive gland formation)
- Mucinous carcinoma pattern (pools of mucin, Large intestine)
- Signet ring cell pattern (single mucin-laden cells, Stomach)



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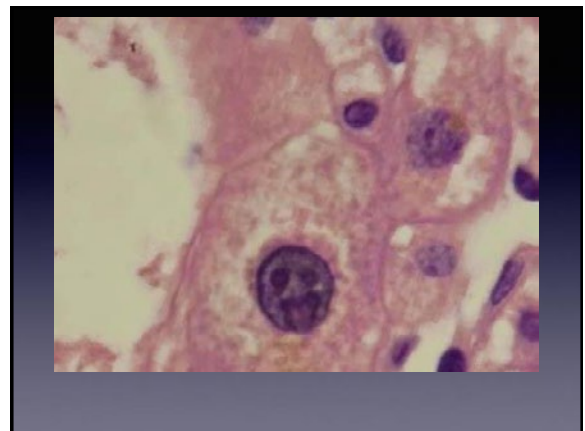
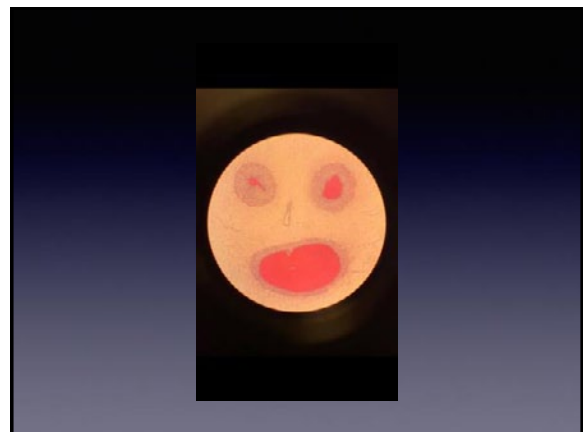
Gastrointestinal Carcinoma

- Special stains
- Mucicarmine, Alcian Blue, Toluidine Blue
- CK20 positive CK7 negative



METASTATIC CARCINOMA
Sister Mary Joseph's Nodule

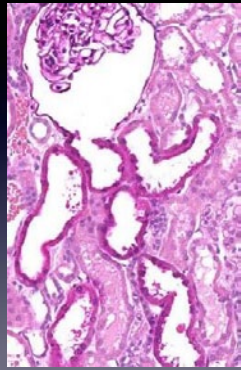
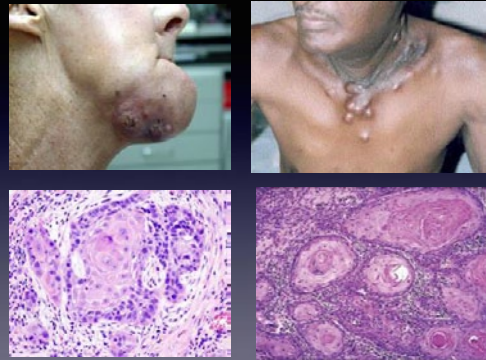
- Gastrointestinal - 52%, colon, gastric, pancreatic
- Genitourinary - 28%, ovarian, uterine
- CUP - Carcinoma of Unknown Primary
- Hernia, endometriosis, keloid, omphalith
- Painful, Poor prognosis, Peritoneal metastases



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Oral Cavity Carcinoma

- Primary - side of tongue or floor of mouth
- Lymphatic spread - face or neck.
- Multiple or solitary nodule(s) +/- Ulceration
- Virtually always Squamous cell carcinoma.
- Deep dermis/subcutis sparing upper dermis except ulcerated lesions - difficult to distinguish from primary cutaneous SCC.



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Renal Cell Carcinoma

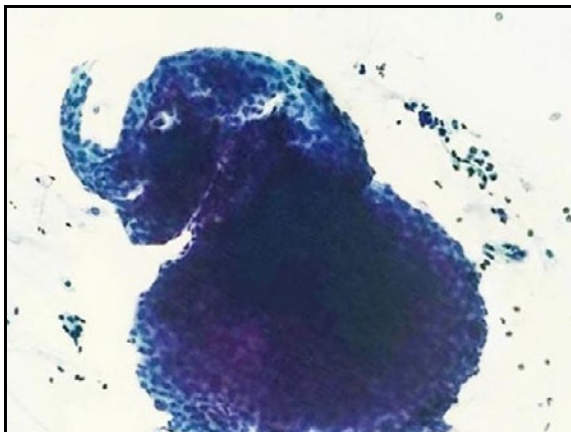
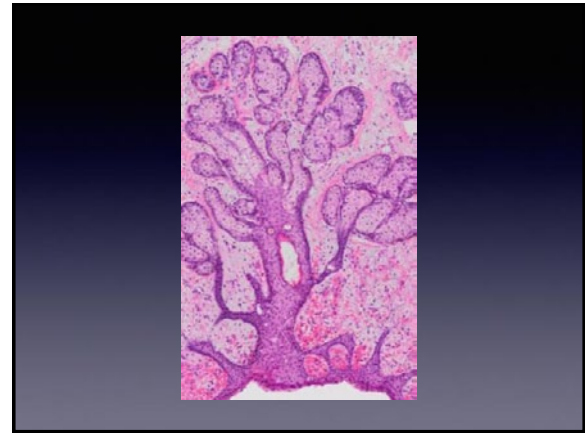
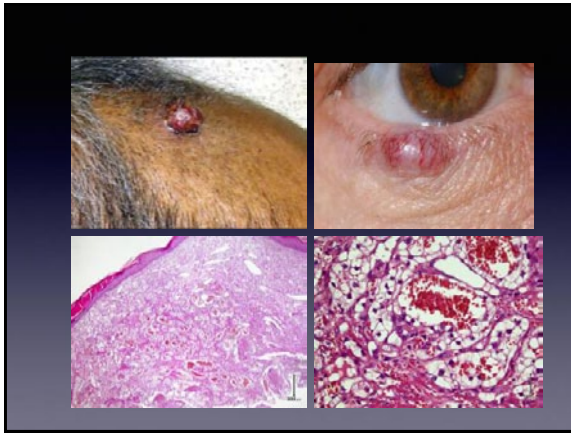
- Head and neck most common.
- Solitary or few nodules - tan-red to violaceous
- First sign or late lesion
- Virtually always in men

METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Renal Cell Carcinoma

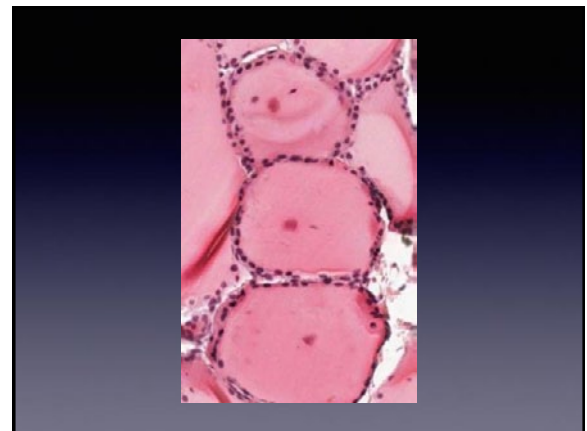
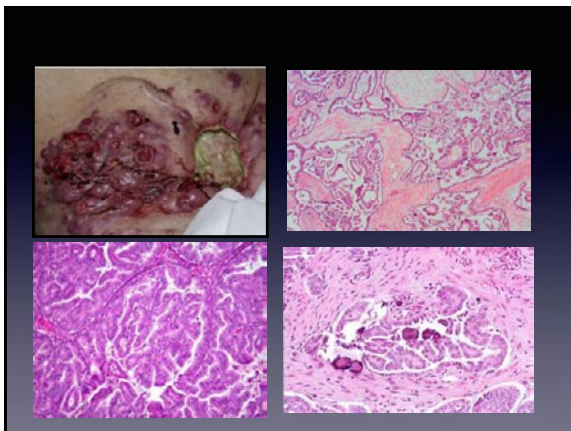
- Clear cell adenocarcinoma
- Vascular
- Glycogen
- CD10 positive





METASTATIC CARCINOMA
Ovarian Carcinoma

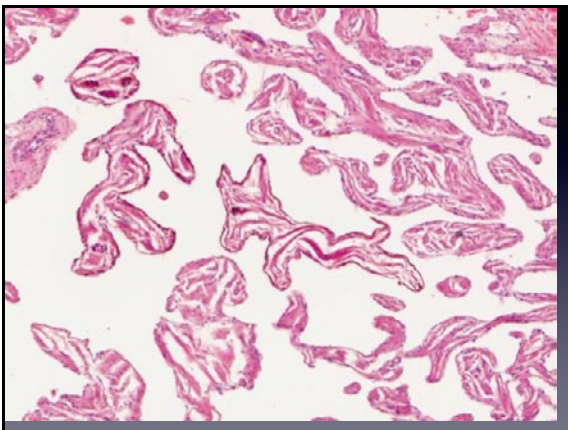
- Abdomen (umbilicus), vulva, back
- Surgical scars
- Papillary Adenocarcinoma - Psammoma bodies
- Mucinous carcinoma
- CK7/CK20-positive



METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Miscellaneous Carcinoma

- Neuroendocrine carcinoma and carcinoid
- Liver
- Thyroid
- Adrenal
- Pancreatic
- Prostate



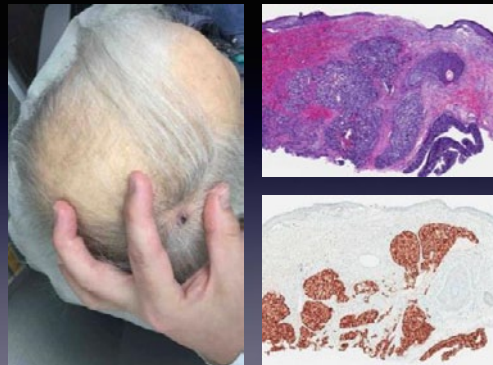
METASTATIC CARCINOMA

Prostate Carcinoma

- Skin Metastases - very uncommon
- Inguinal, thighs, lower abdomen
- Other sites (scalp) rare
- PSA, NKX3.1

Dermatology Online Journal 2018; 24(10).
A novel case of NKX3.1-positive metastatic
cutaneous prostate cancer.

Wong JK, Minni JP, Nowak MA



What would I see on a report?

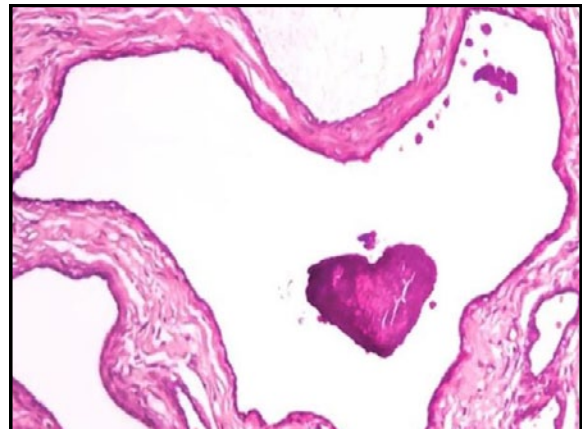
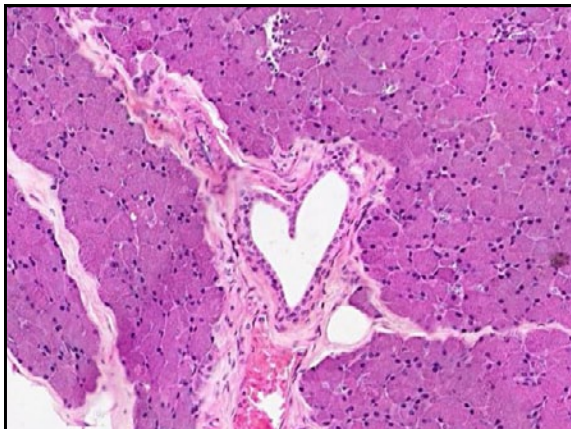
- Carcinoma involving dermis compatible with metastatic carcinoma
- Vascular/lymphatic involvement
- Special stains - P63, etc
- Prognostic studies ER/PR, Her-2-Neu

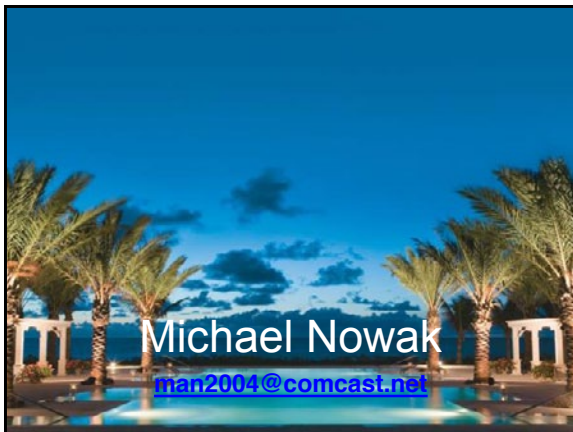
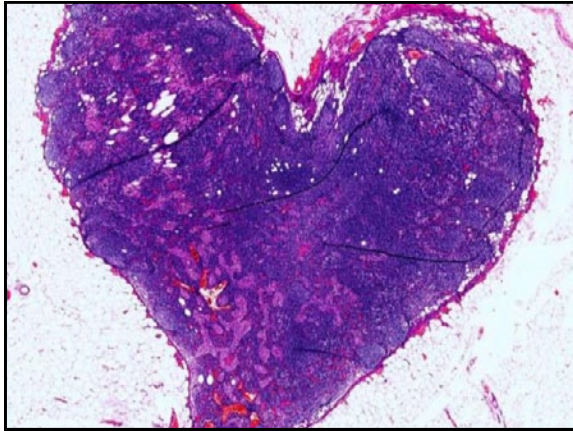
What do I do next?

- Very difficult phone call to patient
- Referral to oncologist or back to existing oncologist
- Possible additional biopsy for prognostic markers
- Palliative treatment including simple excision, PDT (Levulan), intralesional chemotherapy, local wound care, etc.

Summary

- Lymphatic vs. Hematogenous
- Gender differences
- Her2 for Breast Cancer
- Merkel - Small cell lung cancer
- Sister Mary Joseph - GI, ovary, pancreatic, renal
- Renal - glycogen in men "Sugarman"
- Prostate - NKX3.1, PSA





SO MANY DRUGS, SO LITTLE TIME...A THERAPEUTIC UPDATE

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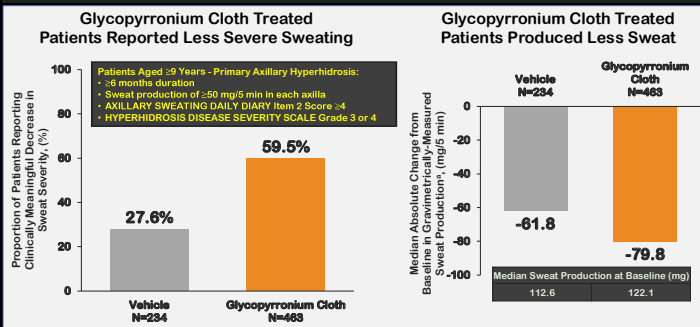
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UPDATED 12-24-2018

Glycopyrronium Cloth Applied Once Daily – Axillary Hyperhidrosis Phase 3 Randomized Controlled Trials (Pooled ATMOS-1 and ATMOS-2)



IMPETIGO/ BACTERIAL SKIN INFECTIONS

Ozenoxacin 1% Cream Twice Daily x 5 Days New Generation Topical Quinolone – Marked Gram (+) Activity

JAMA Dermatology | Original Investigation
Efficacy and Safety of Ozenoxacin Cream for Treatment of Adult and Pediatric Patients With Impetigo: A Randomized Clinical Trial

RESEARCH ARTICLE
 For reprints, please contact: reprints@jamanetwork.com

Ozenoxacin 1% cream in the treatment of impetigo: a multicenter, randomized, placebo- and retapamulin-controlled clinical trial

Rosen T, Albareda N, et al. *JAMA Dermatol*. 2014.
 Gropper S, et al. *Future Microbiol*. 2014;9(9):1013-1023.

Multicenter, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Trial (N=411)

Superior Clinical Success vs Placebo After 5 Days of Therapy (54.4% vs 37.9%)

More Rapid Microbiologic Clearance than Topical Retapamulin

Superior Microbiological Success vs Placebo After 2 Days of Therapy (87.2% vs 63.9%)

100% of Drug-Resistant Bacteria Cured/Improved (10/10 Mupirocin-Resistant; 8/8 MRSA)

TOPICAL THERAPY for PLAQUE PSORIASIS

Calcipotriene 0.005%-Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.064% (Cal/BD) Foam Use in Psoriasis Patients with Incomplete Response to Biologics ~ Long-Term Management (N=25)

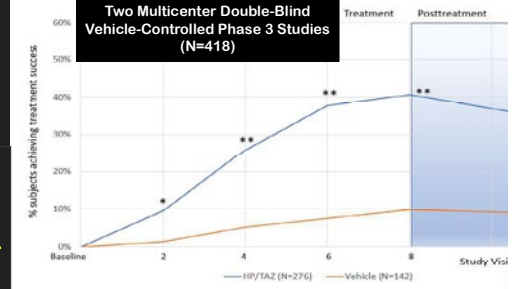
- Open-label, prospective; after ≥ 24 weeks biologic therapy
 - Persistent areas of plaque psoriasis ($\leq 5\%$ Body Surface Area)
- Cal/BD once daily x 4 weeks THEN twice per week (on 2 consecutive days x 12 weeks)
- Assessed Physician Global Assessment, BSA, BSA x PGA
- Greater improvement in all parameters vs Baseline
- WEEK 4: 76% achieved Target BSA $\leq 1\%$ and PGA < 1**
- WEEK 16: 68% achieved Target BSA $\leq 1\%$ and PGA < 1**
- Favorable skin tolerability

Bagel J, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2018;17(6):845-850.

Moderate-Severe Plaque Psoriasis Phase III Trials Topical Halobetasol 0.01%/Tazarotene 0.045% x 8 Weeks Evaluation of Investigator Global Assessment (IGA) Results (Pooled Phase 3

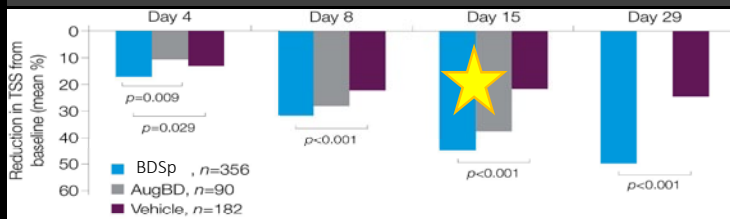
IGA
2-Grade Improvement + Clear/Almost Clear

Low Adverse Events
Dermatitis (6.3%) – Stinging (2.6%) – Itching (2.2%)



Poster Presentation, Fall Clinical Dermatology, Las Vegas, NV, October 2017.

Moderate Plaque Psoriasis – Target Sign Score Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% SPRAY BID vs Augmented Betamethasone Dipropionate 0.05% Lotion BID vs Vehicle BID



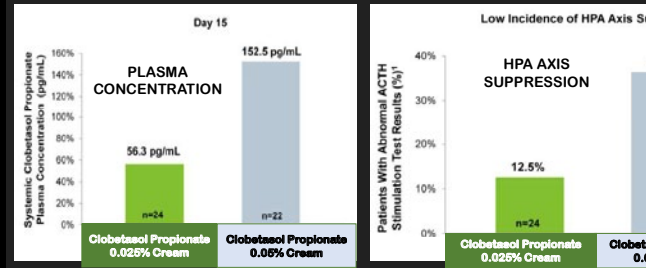
ITT population. Total sign score is defined as the sum of erythema, scaling, and plaque elevation scores

- Reduction in TSS was greater with BDSP at Day 4 (-17.3% vs -10.6%; $P = .009$)
- At Day 4 BDSP was also significantly different from AugBD for both TSS₀ (13.2% vs 5.6%, $P = .044$) and TSS ≤ 1 for any sign (13.8% vs 5.6%, $P = .031$)

Fowler J, Hebert A, et al. J Drugs Dermatol. 2016;15(2):154-162.

Clobetasol 0.025% Cream Pharmacokinetic/dynamic Properties vs 0.05% C

MODERATE TO SEVERE PLAQUE PSORIASIS / TWICE DAILY APPLICATION
N=45 / 20-50% BODY SURFACE AREA



Product Monograph/Data on File, Impozel Cream, Encore Pharmaceuticals, 2018.

Flurandrenolide Tape (4 mcg/cm²) for Corticosteroid Responsive Dermatoses

Both occlusive tape alone and steroid incorporated/occlusive tape inhibit of enzyme activities in psoriatic lesions and normal-appearing skin.

Steroid Tape >> Tape Alone

Halprin KM, et al. Arch Dermatol. 1969;100(3):336-341.

ADJUNCTIVE PHOTOPROTECTION

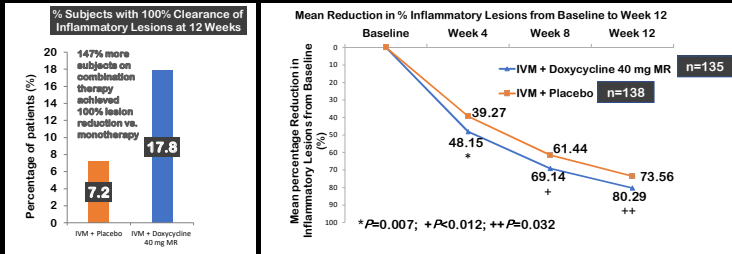
Polypodium Leucotomos Extract (PLE) New Information of Specific Formulation

- Analysis of different PLE extracts to determine relative antioxidant content (by HPLC) and ability to prevent UV damage (Vanillic, Ferulic, Caffeic, Protocatechuic, Others)
 - Results showed marked differences in content between different extract formulations and part of fern used (leaves > root)
 - Specific brand PLE with most efficient photoprotection based on cellular assay testing (ie cell survival, cyclobutane dimers)
- Assessment of oral PLE on Visible Light-induced Pigmentation (VLP)
 - IGA scores do not indicate an effect of PLE on VLP
 - Spectral measurements support an effect of PLE on VLP
 - Preliminary histology results indicate an effect of PLE on visible light induced DNA damage and inflammation

Gonzalez S, et al. Photomedicine. 2018 (in progress). / Mohammad TF, et al. Poster presentation. Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI.

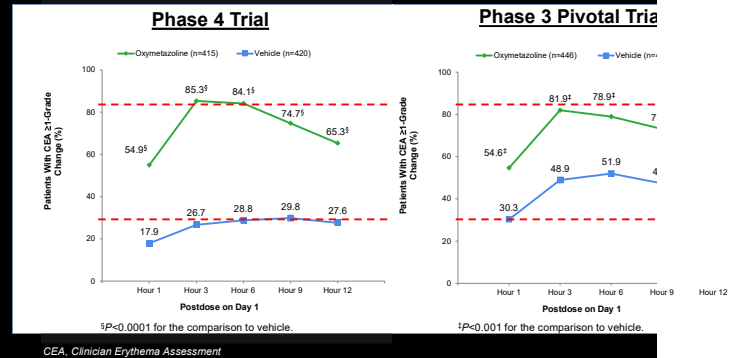
ROSACEA

Ivermectin (IVM) 1% Cream + Subantibiotic Dose Doxycycline (Doxy MR 40 mg/day) vs IVM 1% Cream Alone Severe Rosacea / Mean Lesion Count ~39 / Multiple Prior Therapies



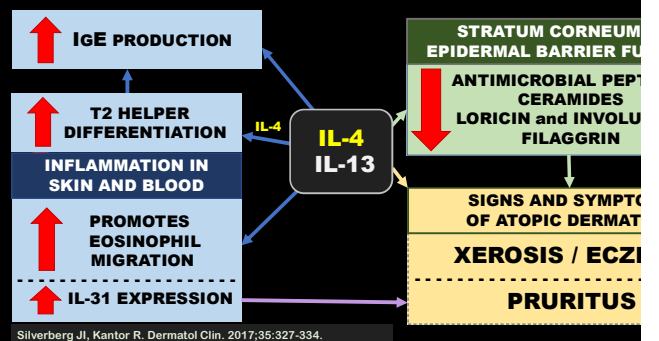
ANSWER Study. Poster Presentation, Fall Clinical Dermatology, Las Vegas, NV, October 2018 / Soolantra Product Information, Galderma Laboratories, Fort Worth, TX.

Oxymetazoline 1% Cream: Phase 4 vs Phase 3 Study Outcomes ≥1-Grade Improvement in CEA



ATOPIC DERMATITIS

Pathophysiologic Circuits in Atopic Dermatitis (AD) Role of Interleukin-4 (IL-4) and Interleukin-13 (IL-13)



Safety of Dupilumab for Atopic Dermatitis (AD) Analysis of Adverse Events / Infection Rates

- Adverse Events reported in 8 clinical trials (4 publications)
- Marked reduction in AD exacerbation
- 54% DECREASED RISK of Skin Infections**
- Similar to Negligible Risk of Herpes Simplex Infections (RR 1.21)**
- Similar Risk of Upper Respiratory Tract Infections**
- Similar Risk of Nasopharyngitis**
- Similar Risk of Urinary Tract Infections**
- Increased risk for Conjunctivitis (RR 2.64)**

Ou Z, et al. International Immunopharmacology. 2018;54:303-310.

Dupilumab in the "Real World" Emerging Data and Experience with Clinical Uses

PEDIATRIC ATOPIC DERMATITIS

Pharmacokinetics, Safety, and Efficacy of Dupilumab in a Pediatric Population with Moderate-to-Severe Atopic Dermatitis: Results from an Open-Label Phase 2a Trial

Michael J. Cork¹, Diamant Thagi², A. Thomas DiCiccio³, John D. Davis⁴, Qin Zhang⁵, Marius Ardeleanu⁶, Botanite Akmalide⁷, Neil M.H. Graham⁸, Gianluca Procopi⁹, Ashish Bansal¹⁰

HAND DERMATITIS

Dupilumab Treatment of Very Severe Refractory Atopic Hand Eczema

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ALLERGIC CONTACT DERMATITIS

Dupilumab use in allergic contact dermatitis.

Michael J. Cork¹, Diamant Thagi², A. Thomas DiCiccio³, John D. Davis⁴, Qin Zhang⁵, Marius Ardeleanu⁶, Botanite Akmalide⁷, Neil M.H. Graham⁸, Gianluca Procopi⁹, Ashish Bansal¹⁰

DYSHIDROSIS

Dupilumab in the Treatment of Dyshidrosis: A Report

Colleen K. Wilson MD¹, Jane Elouapa², Bruce E. Sander MD PhD³

BULLOUS PEMPHIGOID

Dupilumab for the Treatment of Recalcitrant Bullous Pemphigoid

Alex Kaya, BA¹, Saraanthu C. Goones², Santhya C. Deveraj MD¹, et al.

Are Biologics Efficacious in Atopic Dermatitis? A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.

Snaat J¹, Beiter O¹, Hodak E^{1,2}, Friedland S³, Mimouni D^{4,5}, Leshem YA^{1,2}.

NEMOLIZUMAB (ANTI-IL-31) SQ

- Demonstrated Efficacy for Pruritus (Phase 2)
- Improvement of Pruritus and Dermatitis (52 Weeks)

LEBRIKIZUMAB (ANTI-IL-13) SQ

- Phase 2b Dose Ranging SQ Q4W + TCS x 12 Wks
- 125 mg Q4 Weeks
- Significantly Greater % Reaching EASI-50 vs Placebo (82.4%; P=.026)
- Adverse Events Similar to Placebo

FUTURE ???

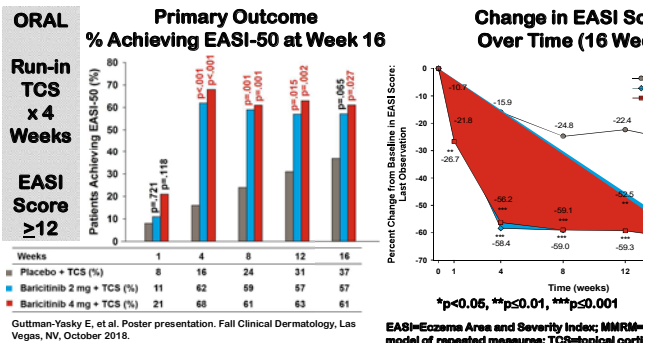
TRALOKINUMAB (ANTI-IL-13) SQ

- Phase 2b 300 mg Q2W + TCS x 12Wks
- Superior Improvement in EASI and IGA Success vs Placebo
- Improved SCORAD, DLQI, Pruritus
- Response Correlation with Higher IL-31 Biomarkers

LACK OF EVIDENCE SUPPORTING EFFICACY WITH INFlixIMAB, RITUXIMAB, OMALIZUMAB, AND USTEKINUMAB

Snaat J, et al. Am J Clin Dermatol. 2018;19(2):145-165.
Wollenberg A, et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2018;June 12. pii S0091-6749(18)30850-9. (Epub).
Kobayashi K, et al. J Allergy Clin Immunol. 2018;May 10. (Epub)

Baricitinib / Moderate-Severe Atopic Dermatitis in 2 MG QD or 4 MG QD + TCS vs Placebo + TCS / 16-Week Phase 2 (ORAL)

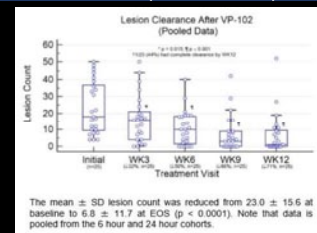


COMMON CUTANEOUS VIRAL INFECTIONS

Molluscum Contagiosum
Verruca Vulgaris

Topical Cantharidin (0.7% w/v) Refined Formula Phase 2 Pilot Study in Molluscum Contagiosum (M)

12-Week, Open-label Trial; Age 2-17 Years; <50 Lesions
Applied Every 21 Days Up to 4 Treatments or Until Clearance
Treatment Washed Off at 6 Hours (14/30, 46.7%) or 24 Hours (16/30)



Guzman A, et al. Poster presentation. Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, New York, NY

Hydrogen Peroxide 45% Formulation (HP45% [A-101]) Two Phase 2 Clinical Trials for Common Warts

HP45% vs Placebo Twice Weekly x 8 Weeks

16 Applications by Self-Application

Multiple Assessments including Physician's Wart Assessment (PWA) of Target Wart

WART 203 TRIAL (N=159)

PRIMARY ENDPOINT (Day 56)

- Mean Reduction PWA 0.87 vs 0.17
($p < 0.001$)

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS (Day 56)

- % ALL Warts CLEAR 30.2% vs
9.2% ($p < 0.001$)

- % ALL Warts CLEAR/NEAR
CLEAR 45.6% vs 15.6% ($p < 0.001$)

- % Target CLEAR 25.3% vs 2.6%
($p < 0.0001$)

WART 202 TRIAL (N=157)

PRIMARY ENDPOINT (Day 56)

- Mean Reduction PWA 0.77 vs 0.23
($p < 0.001$)

SECONDARY ENDPOINTS (Day 56)

- % ALL Warts CLEAR 20.8% vs
2.9% ($p < 0.001$)

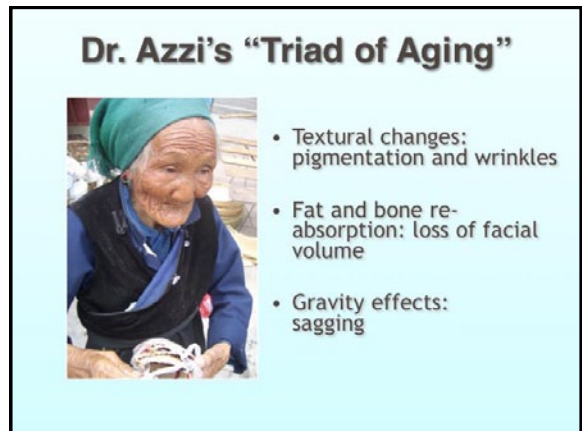
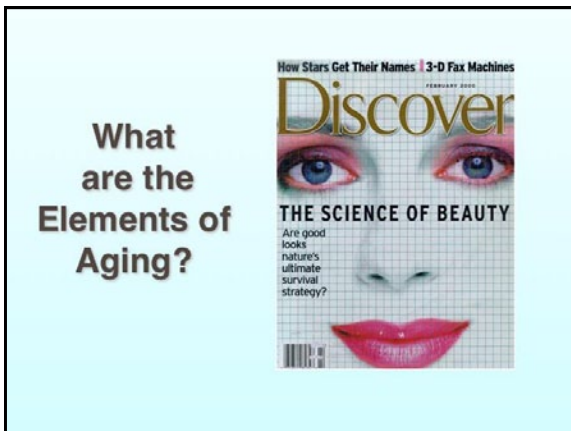
- % ALL Warts CLEAR/NEAR CLEAR
52.8% vs 13.7% ($p < 0.001$)

- % Target CLEAR 15.7% vs 1.4%
($p < 0.0001$)

Data on File. Aclaris Therapeutics, Malvern, PA, 2018.



- No financial disclosures



As a baby, we have perfect skin....



- Plump (baby fat)
- Color and tone
- Texture and clarity
- Pore size
- Elasticity

...smooth as a baby's butt.

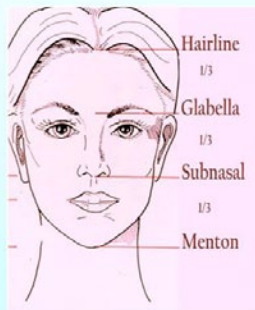
WHY?

Sun, Environment, and Genetics =

- Uneven skin tone
- Wrinkles and fine lines - dynamic and at rest
- DEEP tissue moves lower with its skin envelope
- Volume loss (bone and soft tissue) with resultant "gaunt" appearance



Rule of Thirds



Rule of Fifths



Treatment of the Aging Face

- Don't Forget the Triad!
- Natural Results generally come from treating:
- Texture with texture
- Volume with volume
- Gravity with gravity

Texture

- Resurfacing
 - Laser
 - Peels
 - Dermabrasion
- Prevention
 - Skin care
 - Neuromodulators

Volume

- Fat Grafting
- Implants
- Injectable Fillers
 - Choose the filler wisely
 - Choose the plane wisely

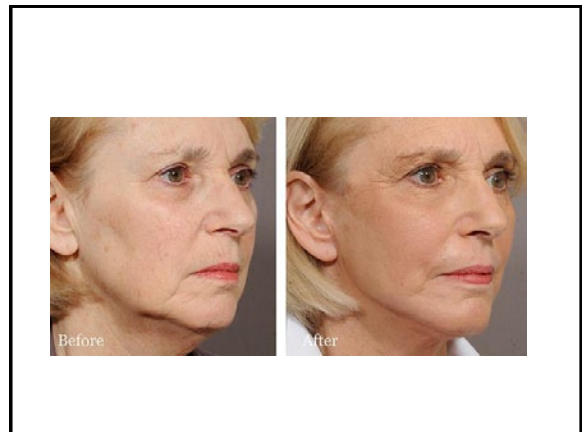
Gravity

- Lower Face and Neck
 - Deep-Plane Facelift
 - Platysmaplasty
- Eyes
 - Upper and Lower Blepharoplasty
- Lip
 - LipLift

Deep-Plane Facelift

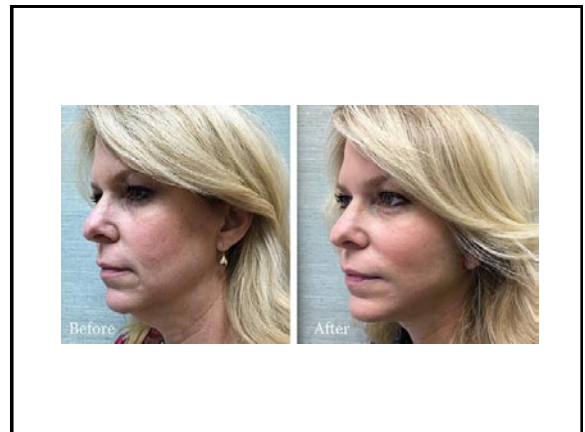
- Natural appearance
- Long lasting
- Quicker recovery
- The actual SMAS and Platysma that have moved over time are addressed directly





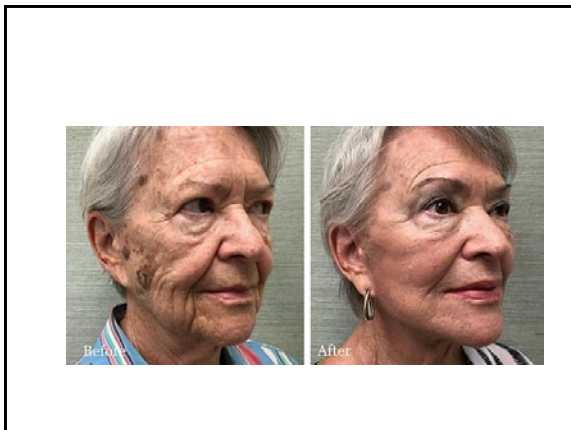


Mini-Facelift



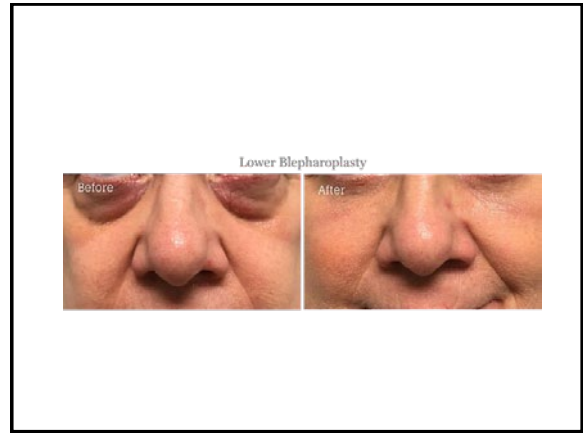
Revisions





- ### Blepharoplasty
- Upper
 - Lower
 - Skin muscle flaps
 - Able to remove and sculpt 3 orbital fat pads
 - Can suspend the midface
 - Can transpose fat
 - Can tailor excess skin and muscle – be careful!







LipLift

- Relatively permanent
- Natural result
- Can tailor amount of desired lift
- Addresses the cupid's bow and distance from nose to vermillion – things fillers cannot





Mission Trips

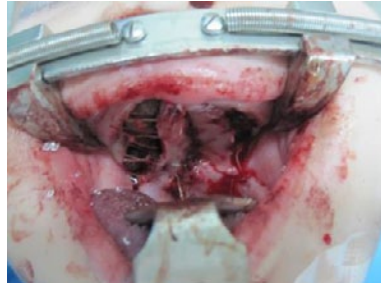
- Healing the Children Northeast
- HUGS – help us give smiles
- Colombia, Guatemala, Ecuador, Vietnam
- Adding Peru and India
- Microtia, Lips, Palates etc



Colombia



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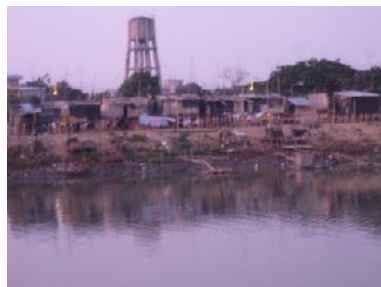
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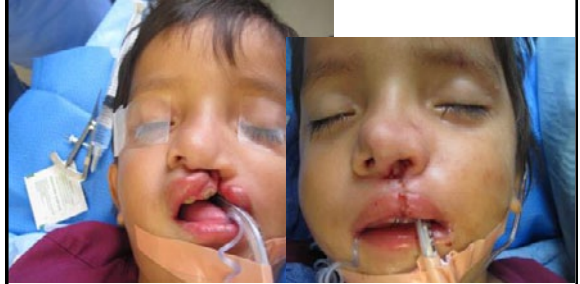
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Ecuador - Guayachil



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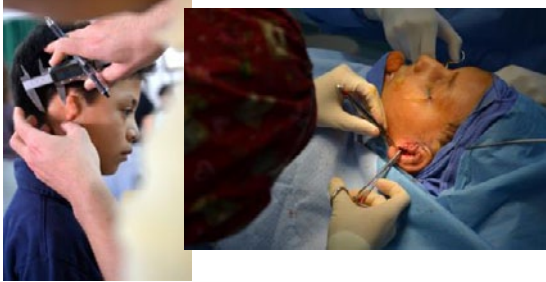
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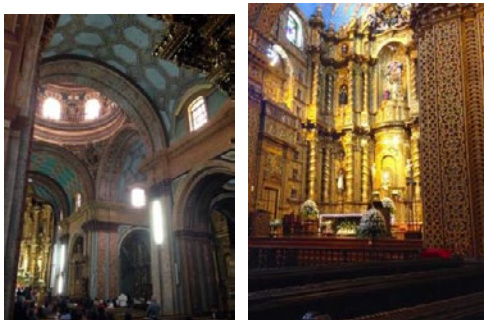
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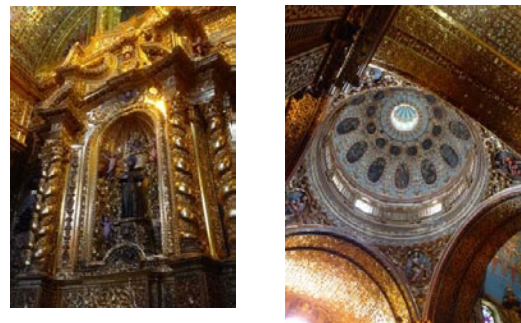
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Hanoi, Vietnam

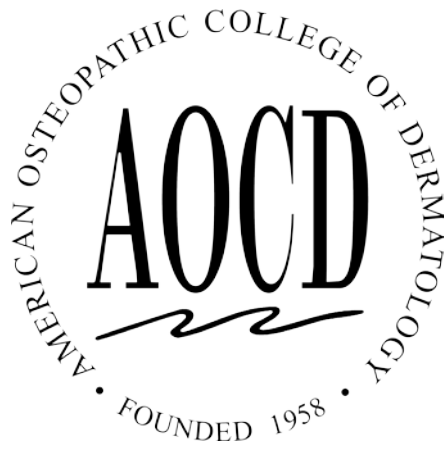
- I cant find any of my photos from this trip ☹
- So...

Vietnam



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Friday, April 12, 2019

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Almirall Product Theater
Introducing Seysara (sarecycline) Tablets
James Del Rosso, DO, FAOCD and Leon Kircik, MD
Palazzo F-G
(No CME Awarded)
- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. *Practical Issues Using Biologics for Psoriasis*
Steven Feldman, MD
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. *Allergy for the Dermatologist*
Michael Wein, MD
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. *The Art of Radiotherapy for Skin Cancer Management*
David Herold, MD
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Break with Exhibitors
Palazzo D
- 11:30 a.m. Attendee Free Time

Practical Issues Using Biologics for Psoriasis

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Objectives

- To describe the psoriasis patient population that should be treated with biologics
 - Treatment goals (targets, comorbidities)
- Features that affect choice of a biologic
 - Efficacy
 - Durability of response
 - Psoriatic arthritis
 - Safety
 - Monitoring
 - Cost
 - Biosimilars
- Getting patients to take the drug

Disclaimer/Warning

- I have mixed feelings about almost everything
- Tendency to be cynical

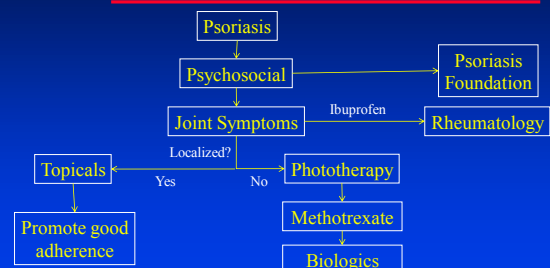


When to Use Biologics

- When patients need them, not when they don't
 - To achieve high levels of success
- Serious psoriasis, has an impact on patients' lives
 - When the benefit warrants the risk
 - In studies, usually BSA > 10%, PASI > 12
 - Approval is for moderate-to-severe, and moderate is > 5%
 - Other disabling forms of the disease
 - Not for patients who respond to less risky treatment
 - Phototherapy first when reasonable
 - Office UV, home UV, tanning beds
 - For localized disease resistant to topicals?
 - It may be better to get the patient to use the topicals well first



Old Standard Model



General Recommendations from AAD Guidelines

- Topicals are reasonable for patients with localized psoriasis
- UVB is safe, effective & cost effective
 - PUVA therapy is very effective but has greater risks
- Methotrexate is effective but has many risks
- Cyclosporine is best used only intermittently
- Acitretin is not immunosuppressive but is teratogenic
- Biologics are safe & effective

National Psoriasis Foundation Algorithms



Treat to Target for Psoriasis

- Patients, NPF Medical Board developed treatment targets
 - 25 psoriasis experts involved
 - Published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology* (2016)
 - The first treatment targets for psoriasis in the U.S.
 - Set goals for psoriasis treatments will hopefully become a new standard for care

Armstrong AW, et al. [2016]. From the Medical Board of the National Psoriasis Foundation: Treatment targets for plaque psoriasis. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. Advance online publication. doi:

What are the NPF treatment targets for psoriasis?

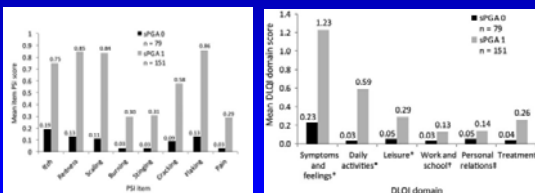
Preferred assessment instrument: Body Surface Area (BSA)

Time Post Initiation	Target	Acceptable
3 Months	BSA ≤ 1%	BSA ≤ 3% - or - 75% Improvement
Every 6 Months	BSA ≤ 1%	

Armstrong AW, et al *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2017 Feb;76(2):290-298.

Clearing As A Goal

- Patients do better if you get them completely clear



J Dermatolog Treat. 2016;27(3):224-7

Comorbidities

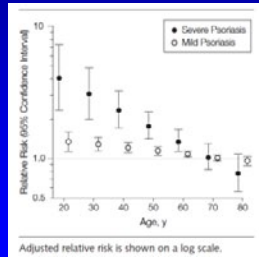
- Psoriasis is associated with many comorbidities
- Hottest research in dermatology

Comorbidity	Exposure	Relative Risk (95% CI)
DM	Mild Psoriasis	1.47 (1.40-1.54)
DM	Severe Psoriasis	2 (1.79-2.22)
NMSC	Psoriasis	7.5 (5.07-11.10)
Melanoma	Psoriasis	6.12 (1.53-24.47)
A fib	Mild Psoriasis	1.22 (1.14-1.30)
A fib	Severe Psoriasis	1.53 (1.23-1.91)
Ischemic Stroke	Mild Psoriasis	1.25 (1.17-1.34)
ischemic Stroke	Severe Psoriasis	1.65 (1.33-2.05)
VTE >=50 yo	Mild Psoriasis	1.26 (1.13-1.42)
VTE >=50 yo	Severe Psoriasis	1.74 (1.32-2.28)
AAA	Mild Psoriasis	1.2 (1.03-1.39)
AAA	Severe Psoriasis	1.67 (1.21-2.32)
Migraine	Mild Psoriasis	1.37 (1.30-1.45)
Migraine	Severe Psoriasis	1.55 (1.29-1.86)
RVO	Psoriasis	1.46 (1.04-2.04)
MI Age 50-60	Mild Psoriasis	1.08 (1.03-1.13)
MI Age 50-60	Severe Psoriasis	1.36 (1.13-1.64)

J Am Acad Dermatol. 2017 Mar;76(3):531-537

Severe Psoriasis is Associated with Myocardial Infarction

- Most impactful publication in my dermatology lifetime
- “As dermatologists care for most patients with severe psoriasis, it is imperative that these patients are screened for CVD risk factors and that they are referred either to a primary care physician or to a cardiologist for management and treatment of risk factors”



JAMA. 2006;296:1735-1741; Drugs (2014) 74:169-182

Number Needed To Harm (NNTH)

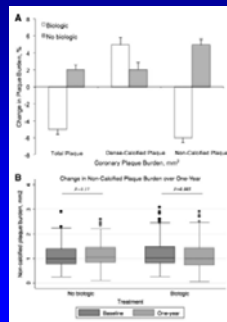
- You would need to see a very large number of patients with psoriasis before, on average, you'd see one more case of comorbidity due to psoriasis

Comorbidity	Exposure	NNTH
DM	Mild Psoriasis	580
DM	Severe Psoriasis	272
NMSC	Psoriasis	1551
Melanoma	Psoriasis	20135
A fib	Mild Psoriasis	1500
A fib	Severe Psoriasis	623
Ischemic stroke	Mild Psoriasis	1320
Ischemic stroke	Severe Psoriasis	508
VTE >=50 yo	Mild Psoriasis	1895
VTE >=50 yo	Severe Psoriasis	666
AAA	Mild Psoriasis	13441
AAA	Severe Psoriasis	4012
Migraine	Mild Psoriasis	700
Migraine	Severe Psoriasis	471
RVO	Psoriasis	8801
MI Age 50-60	Mild Psoriasis	2146
MI Age 50-60	Severe Psoriasis	430

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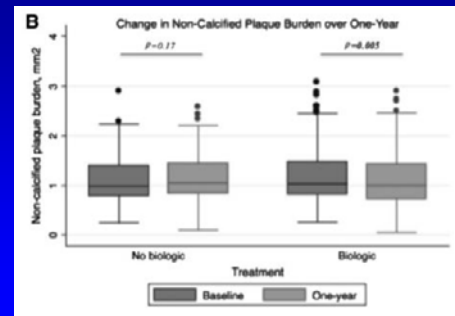
Biologics Improve Coronary Arteries

- Biologic therapy was associated with a 6% reduction in non-calcified plaque burden (P = 0.005)
- Decrease in non-calcified plaque burden in the biologic treated group was significant compared with slow plaque progression in non-biologic treated



Cardiovasc Res. 2019 Feb 5

Change in Plaque Burden



Cardiovasc Res. 2019 Feb 5

Comorbidities in Children!

- Crohn's was 20 times as prevalent in children with psoriasis!
- The incidence was 3 times as high!

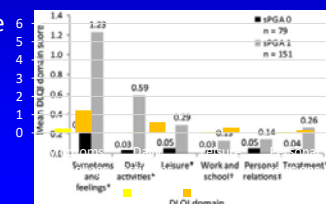
	Psoriasis (N=7,686)		Nonpsoriasis (N=30,744)	
	N	Prevalence	N	Prevalence
Crohn's prevalence	86	0.11	19	0.062
Crohn's incidence	14	0.18	15	0.029

- 1 in 1,000 children per year with psoriasis developed Crohn's

Pediatr Dermatol. 2019 Feb 21

Clearing As A Goal

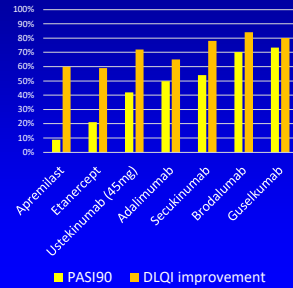
- How much better do patients do if you get them completely clear?
- Symptoms, activities, leisure & relations domains combine 2 questions
- Each on a 0-3 scale
- 1 is “a little”



J Dermatolog Treat. 2016;27(3):224-7

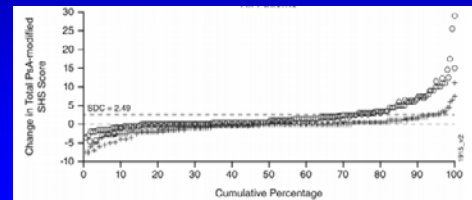
Good Drugs With Lousy Data

- High levels of clearance give statistically better quality of life if you have sufficient sample size to detect the difference
- But even low levels of high improvement are associated with good improvements in patients' quality of life



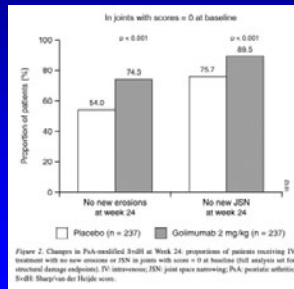
We Have To Address Arthritis?

- Baseline Sharp score: ~35
- Change at 24 weeks: ~2 with placebo & 0.4 with golimumab



Kavanaugh A, J Rheumatol. 2019 Feb 15

Most Don't Progress Without Drug, Some Do Progress With Drug



Kavanaugh A, J Rheumatol. 2019 Feb 15

Which one is best? There may not be one best biologic

- Characteristics vary and are weigh differently in unpredictable ways
 - What may be best for me may not be what a patient would choose
 - How we perceive things is not fixed, either
- My approach: educate patients about options, involve them (as much as they want) in the choice, & guide them to a good decision



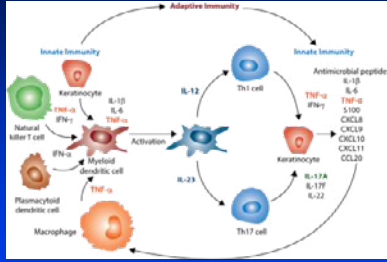
Characteristics of Biologics

- Most effective: not etanercept or ustekinumab
- Most convenient: ustekinumab, tildrakizumab
- Most effective for joints: maybe not ustekinumab
- Most cost effective
 - I've written several papers on this (and have no idea which is the most effective)
- Safest: Very hard to say
 - Anti-IL12 and/or 23 (possibly anti-IL17 drugs)

Dimensions to Consider

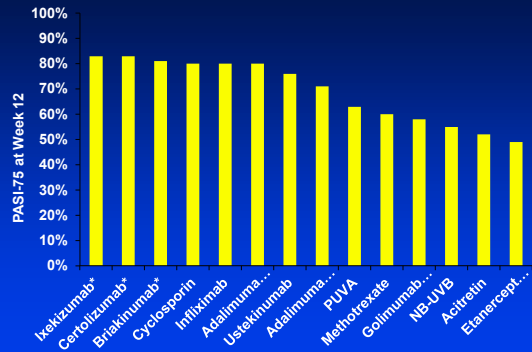
- Mechanism
- Efficacy
 - Durability
 - Psoriatic arthritis
- Safety
 - Monitoring
- Cost
 - Biosimilars
- Adherence

Immunopathology of Psoriasis



CCL: chemokine (C-C motif) ligand; CXCL: chemokine (C-X-C motif) ligand; IFN: interferon; IL: interleukin; NKT: natural killer T cell; Th: T helper; TNF: tumor necrosis factor.
Nestle FO et al. *N Engl J Med*. 2009;361:496-509.

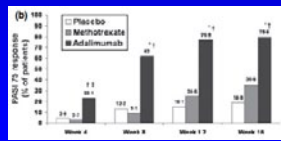
Efficacy of Systemic Treatments for Psoriasis



Biologic vs Methotrexate

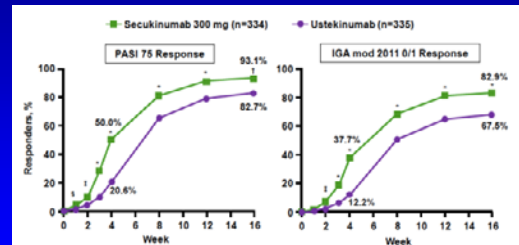
- 40mg every other week of adalimumab
- Methotrexate

Week	0-1	2-3	4-7	8-11	12-15+
Max dose mg/wk	7.5	10	15	20	25



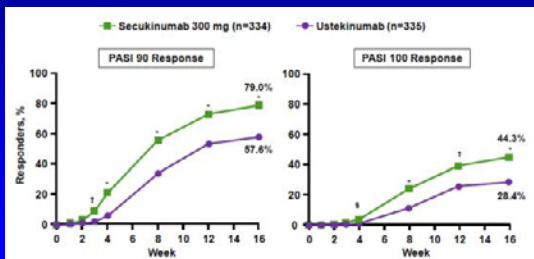
Saurat JH et al. *Br J Dermatol*. 2008 Mar;158(3):558-66.

Secukinumab vs Ustekinumab



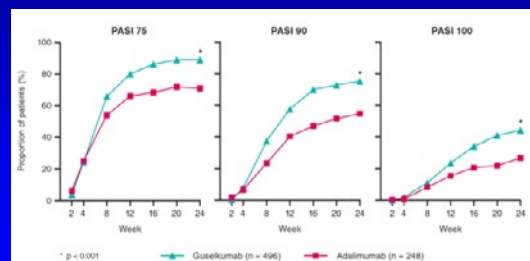
J Am Acad Dermatol. 2015 Sep;73(3):400-9

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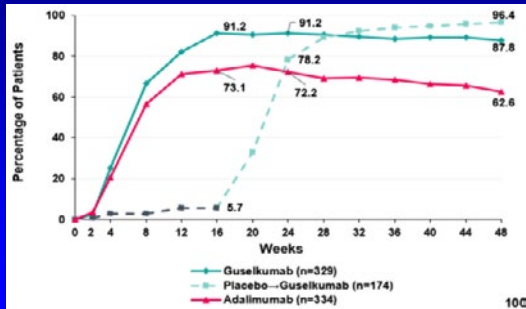
J Am Acad Dermatol. 2015 Sep;73(3):400-9

Efficacy of Guselkumab vs Adalimumab



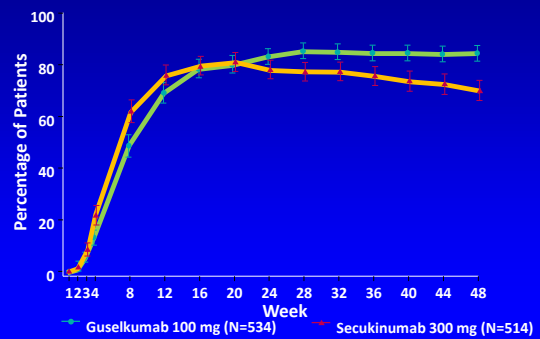
Reich K, et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 2017;76(3):418-431.

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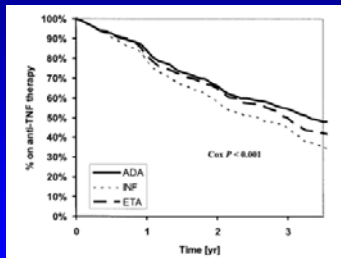


<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ta521/documents/committee-papers>

Guselkumab vs Secukinumab

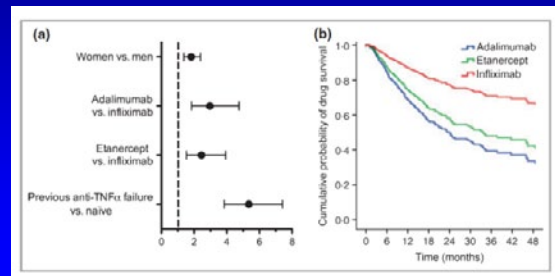


TNF-Inhibitor Treatment Retention



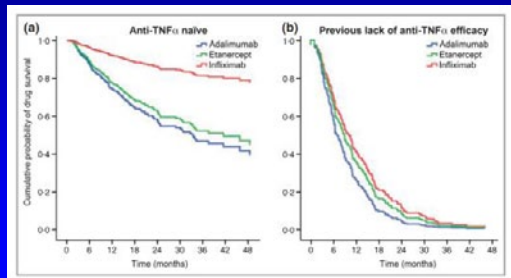
Dupan SM, Arthritis & Rheumatism (Arthritis Care & Research) 2009; 61: 560-568
 Brezinsky, PLoS ONE 7(4): e33486.
 Barrera MD, Eur J Dermatol 2008; 18 (6): 683-7

DERMBIO Persistent on Treatment



Br J Dermatol. 2011 May;164(5):1091-6

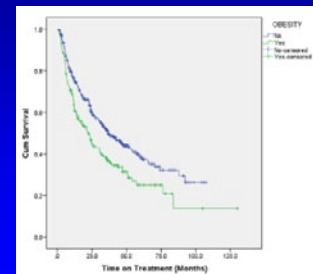
Worse with Previous Failure



Br J Dermatol. 2011 May;164(5):1091-6

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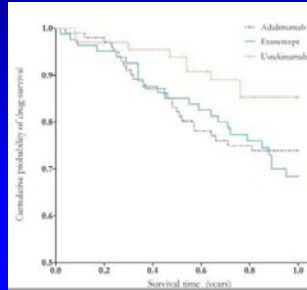
- Worse persistence in obese patients



J Am Acad Dermatol. 2016 Jun;74(6):1066-72

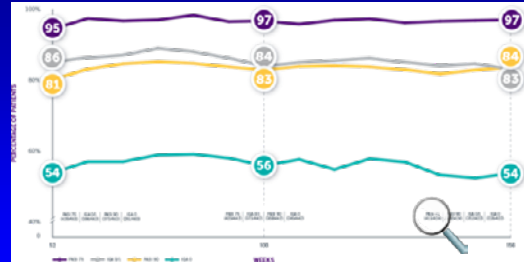
BioCAPTURE: Happy drug survival

- Still on drug
- DLQI < 5



Br J Dermatol. 2014 Nov;171(5):1189-96

Interpreting Long Term Response

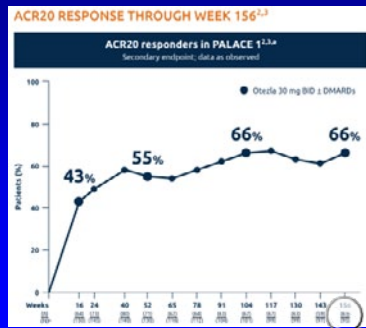


- 424 of 463 = 92%

<https://www.tremfyahcp.com/efficacy/open-label-extension-data>

As Observed May Be Misleading

- 95 / 150 = 63%
- 66% ACR20 of 63% still in the study = 42%



<https://www.otexlapro.com/psoriatic-arthritis/efficacy/#>

Managing Psoriatic Arthritis

- Screen for it
 - Can be your pertinent review of systems item
 - Ask about: Joint pain, joint stiffness, back pain
- Refer to rheumatology for evaluation
 - Complete assessment of tenderness and range of motion in joints
 - X-rays to evaluate for joint destruction
 - Comprehensive treatment options

J Dermatolog Treat. 2009;20(6):350-3.

Psoriatic Arthritis Efficacy

	ACR20 at Week 24
Etanercept	50%
Adalimumab	57%
Ustekinumab	42-44%
Secukinumab 300mg	50-54%
Ixekizumab (every 4 weeks)	58%
Guselkumab (every 2 months)	58%
Apremilast (30mg twice a day)	38%

Cochrane Review of Biologic Safety

- Biologics had a higher rate of total adverse events (odds ratio 1.19, NNTH = 30), withdrawals due to adverse events (OR 1.32, NNTH = 37) and risk of TB reactivation (OR 4.68, NNTH = 681) compared to control.
- The rate of SAEs, serious infections, lymphoma, and congestive heart failure were not statistically significantly different between biologics and control treatment.

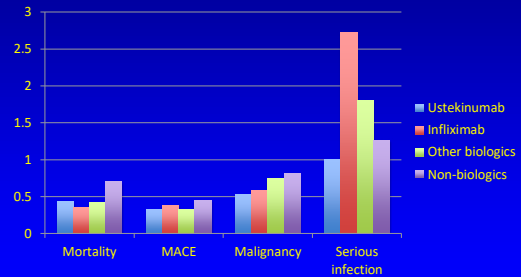
Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2011 Feb 16;(2):CD008794.

PSOLAR Registry

Table 1	UST (N=3274)	IFX (N=1151)	ETAN (N=2854)	ADA (N=2725)	MTX Non- biologic (N=800)	Non-MTX Non- biologic (N=1208)	All (N=1466)
Age (years), mean ± SD	47.2 ± 13.09	48.5 ± 13.45	48.7 ± 13.65	47.6 ± 13.26	55.1 ± 13.82	50.1 ± 15.82	48.5 ± 13.82
Males, n (%)	1999 (61.5)	655 (56.9)	1028 (56.6)	1595 (56.3)	207 (42.2)	820 (51.6)	6211 (55.1)
Caucasian, n (%)	3002 (86.4)	966 (83.9)	1482 (80.0)	2138 (79.9)	395 (80.6)	1357 (84.3)	9508 (82.6)
BMI (kg/m ²), mean (SD)	31.3 ± 7.17	32.2 ± 8.23	30.4 ± 7.10	31.0 ± 7.00	30.1 ± 6.95	29.9 ± 6.88	30.9 ± 7.23
Duration of psoriasis, years, mean ± SD	19.4 ± 12.80	18.4 ± 12.68	17.4 ± 13.35	17.2 ± 13.07	14.3 ± 14.80	14.3 ± 14.62	17.5 ± 13.43
Physician's Global Assessment (PGA), mean ± SD	2.0 ± 1.25	1.8 ± 1.23	1.9 ± 1.14	1.9 ± 1.22	2.1 ± 1.17	2.3 ± 1.06	2.0 ± 1.21
Psoiatic arthritis (self-reported), n (%)	1134 (32.6)	601 (52.2)	785 (42.3)	1112 (41.6)	140 (28.6)	237 (14.7)	4098 (35.7)
History of treated infections 3 years prior to enrollment, n (%)	802 (23.2)	350 (30.5)	467 (25.2)	660 (24.7)	116 (23.7)	337 (21.0)	2791 (24.4)

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Kabat, et al. AAD 2015; P1643.

Adverse Event Rates



Gottlieb AB et al, J Drugs Dermatol 2014; 13: 1441-48

IL-23 genes protect against IBD

- 3 loss of function mutations in IL-23R linked to protection against the development of Crohn disease and ulcerative colitis in humans
- These 3 IL23R variants cause a reduction in IL23 receptor activation-mediated phosphorylation of the STAT3 & STAT4

THE JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY VOL. 291, NO. 16, pp. 8673–8685, April 15, 2016

Flares of psoriasis with IBD treatment

- Seen with TNF inhibitors
 - Poorly explained process
 - 21 of 1294 patients with IBD treated with anti-TNF developed drug-induced psoriasis
 - 14 patients with infliximab
 - 7 with adalimumab
 - The onset varied (mean 13±8 doses).
 - Plaque psoriasis (57%), scalp (14%), palmoplantar pustulosis (14%), generalized pustular psoriasis (5%), guttate (5%) and inverse (5%)

J Crohns Colitis, 2012 Jun;6(5):518-23.

Worsening IBD with anti-IL17

- Roughly 1 in 300 patients without screening
- Confirmed in IBD patients
 - 59 IBD patients randomized 2:1 to secukinumab vs placebo
 - Primary end point analysis estimated <0.1% probability that secukinumab reduces CDAI by >50 points more than placebo
 - Secondary showed a significant difference in favor of placebo.

Gut. 2012 Dec;61(12):1693-700

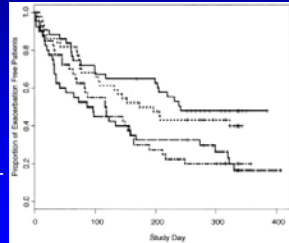
Confirmed with Brodalumab

- Patients randomized receive brodalumab (210, 350, or 700 mg or placebo).
- Study terminated early based on an imbalance in worsening CD in active treatment groups.
- Mean change in CDAI at week 6 was -8.7 (210 mg), -35.4 (350 mg), -0.6 (700 mg), and -28.2 (placebo)
- Brodalumab resulted in more cases of worsening CD in patients with active CD and no evidence of meaningful efficacy.

Am J Gastroenterol. 2016 Aug 2.

Demyelination with a TNF inhibitor

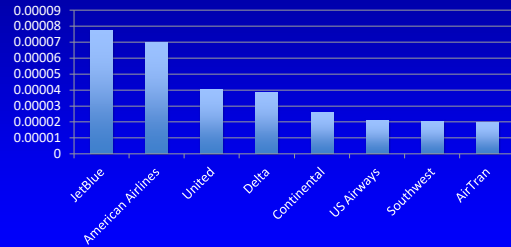
- Proportion of patients remaining exacerbation free
 - Placebo —
 - Lenercept 10 mg - - -
 - Lenercept 50 mg - - - -
 - Lenercept 100 mg - - - - -



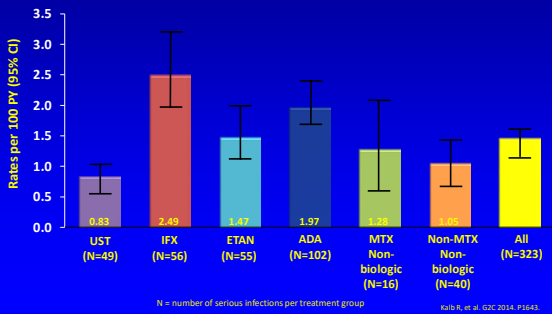
Neurology, 1999 Aug 11;53(3):457-65

Do Safety Differences Matter?

Incidents per flight



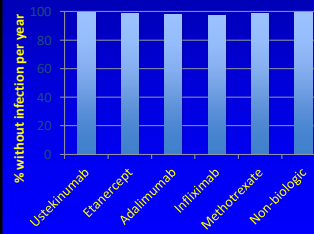
Rates of Serious Infections per 100 Patient-years



N = number of serious infections per treatment group. Kalb R, et al. G2C 2014. P1644.

No Infection in 99 or 98 out of 100

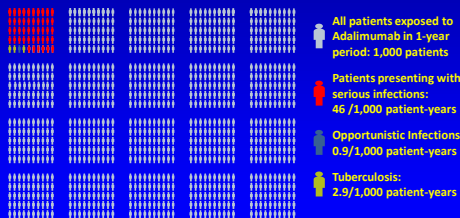
- How patients perceive it depends on how you spin it



Kalb R, et al. G2C 2014. P1643.

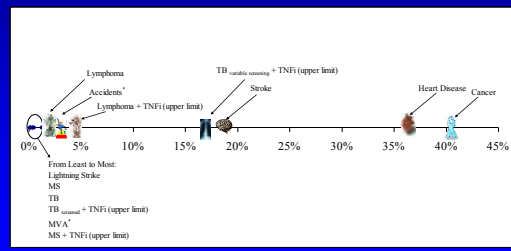
Visual communication of numeric information: adalimumab treatment in long-standing RA patients

Graphically representing risk in selected patient groups
Risk of selected serious adverse events after one year of exposure in a clinical trial setting



RiskCommunication Tool © John Paling 2002. See www.riskcomm.com. Burmester GR et al. Ann Rheum Dis. 2009;68:1863-1869.

Use images to communicate risks in perspective



Kaminska E, et al. Comparing the lifetime risks of TNF-alpha inhibitor use to common benchmarks of risk. J Dermatolog Treat. 2013 Apr;24(2):101-6.

Biologic Monitoring from AAD Guidelines

- “There is no specific guideline or single way of taking care of any patient”
- “There are some tests that many dermatologists obtain in patients with psoriasis before commencing systemic therapies including biologics.”
 - Blood chemistries with liver function tests
 - CBC, Hepatitis panel and *TB testing*

Menter A et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2008 May;58(5):826-50.
 Ahn CS et al. *J Am Acad Dermatol.* 2015 Sep;73(3):420-8

Expected Findings With Lab Testing

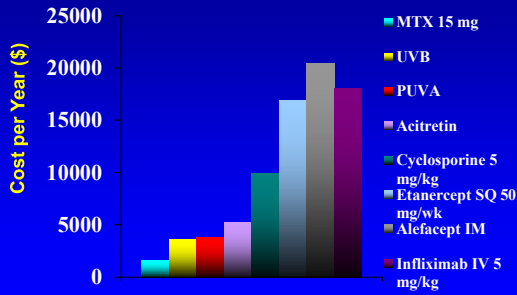
- Prospective study over 5 years
- 162 patients treated with etanercept and/or adalimumab
 - 370 patient-years of follow up
- 26% of etanercept and 14% of adalimumab patients had grade 3 or 4 lab abnormalities
- Laboratory abnormalities did not lead to permanent discontinuation of biologic treatment in any patient

Chemistry	Hematology	Additional
Creatinine	Hemoglobin	Antinuclear antibodies*
C-reactive protein	Hematocrit	Hepatitis B/C serology**
Direct bilirubin	White blood cell count	
Total bilirubin	White blood cell differentiation	Serum pregnancy test*
Alkaline phosphatase	Platelet count	
Alanine aminotransferase		
γ-glutamyl transferase		
Cholesterol†		
Triglyceride†		
Urea nitrogen†		

*These laboratory tests were only performed at pretreatment. The other tests were performed at pretreatment, weeks 4 and 11 and every 11 weeks afterwards.

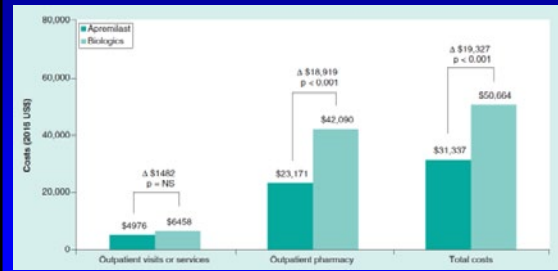
Br J Dermatol. 2011 Aug;165(2):375-82.

Annual Cost of Treatment



Expert Opin Pharmacother. 2003 Sep;4(9):1525-33

Annual Cost of Treatment



J Comp Eff Res. 2019 Jan;8(1):45-54

Cost

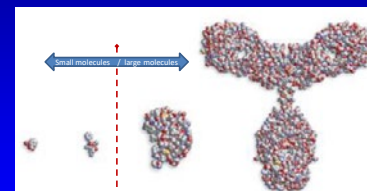
- Doctors often don't know the cost
- The payer does
- ICER suggests that all the treatments are cost effective

Purchasers and Insurers

- Consider billing or abating “step therapy” approaches to coverage.
- Step-therapy can be appropriate for treating certain conditions, but given that all of the targeted immunosuppressants have good safety profiles in non-targeted treatment, payers should strongly consider eliminating most step-therapy requirements for patients with moderate to severe psoriasis. Any step-therapy requiring initial use of TNF inhibitors before other drugs should be reconsidered to allow initial and permanent medication for patients with comorbidities, comorbidities, or specific the requirements that make other drugs the best first choice among all available targeted immunosuppressants.
- If step therapy will be used:
 - Allow individuals switching insurers to bypass step therapy if they are already on an effective treatment.
 - Remove requirements for patients to have higher out-of-pocket expenses for “step up” treatments.
- An alternative mechanism to manage costs:
 - Consider allowing copay-protected specialty drugs and outside-based payment contracts.
- Copayment and/or co-insurance for members should be based on price list of discounts and reduce burden of the price.

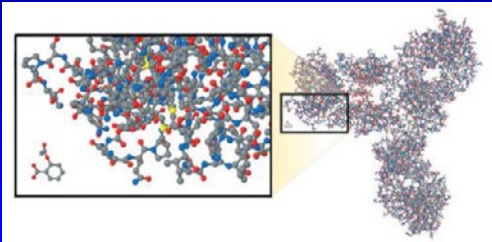
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Biosimilars: To Complex To Duplicate



ASA (21 atoms) ACE inhibitor (62 atoms) Insulin (750 atoms) Monoclonal Antibody (20,000 atoms)

Deeper Complexity of Biologics



Etanercept is Not a Single Entity

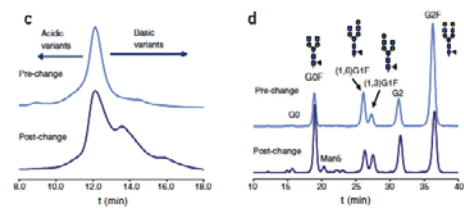
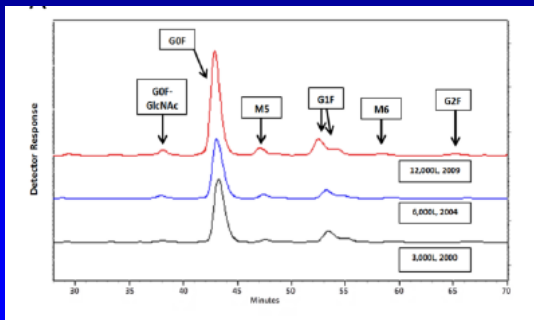
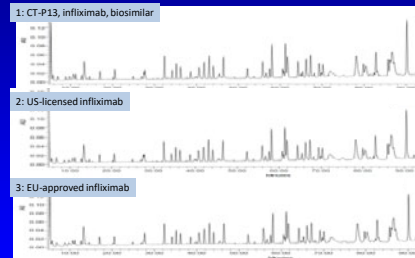


Figure 3 Comparison of the different pre- and post-change batches of Enbrel. (a) Relative amounts of basic variants of the pre-change ($n = 6$) and the post-change ($n = 6$) batches as measured by CEX. (b) Relative amount of the G2F glycan of the pre-change ($n = 25$) and the post-change ($n = 9$) batches. (c) Exemplary CEX chromatograms. (d) Exemplary glycan mapping chromatograms.

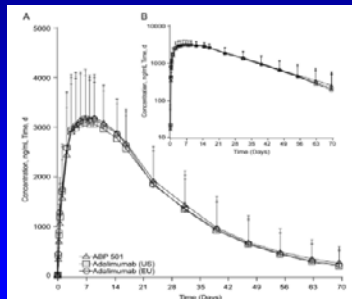
Adalimumab Variation



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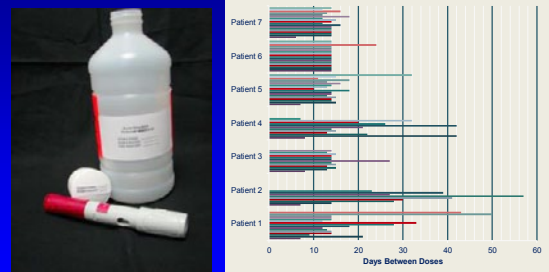


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Adherence to Biologics



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Biologic Adherence

- Assessing adherence
 - “Are you keeping the extra syringes you’ve accumulated refrigerated like you are supposed to?”
- Putting patients’ minds at ease
 - “Biologic? Yes, this is an all-natural anti-inflammatory made in living cells that complements your body’s natural healing mechanisms because I like to take a holistic approach to treating skin disease”

Comparison Table

	TNF	IL12 and/or IL23	IL17	JAK	PDE-4
	Etanercept, adalimumab, infliximab, certolizumab (golimumab)	Ustekinumab, guselkumab, tildrakizumab (risankizumab)	Secukinumab, ixekizumab, brodalumab	Tofacitinib	Apremilast
Safety	Some infection, rare MS	Clean	Candida risk Rare IBD	Possible viral reactivation	Diarrhea
Confidence	20 year safety record	3-10 years	3-5 years	Use in rheumatoid arthritis	Limited long term data
Efficacy	Moderate to high	High to highest	Highest	Moderate	Lowest
Convenience	Lots of shots	q2-3 months	Every month	Oral (BID)	Oral (BID)
Cost	Cost to patient may be low, cost to patients may be high				

Give patients the risks & benefits of treatment in writing

- The National Psoriasis Foundation has terrific resources
- The Systemic Treatment brochure offers an overview of key points on many options



https://www.psoriasis.org/sites/default/files/systemic_treatments_-_biologics_and_oral_tx.pdf

Other National Psoriasis Foundation Resources

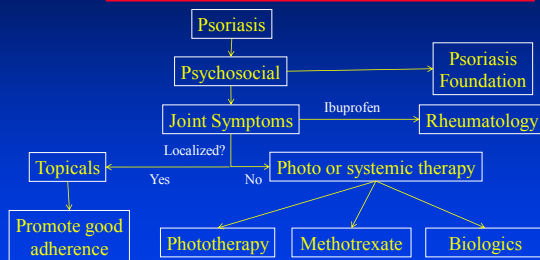
- There are Fact Sheets on each of the biologics & a comparison table of all of them
- You can download them at no cost



<https://www.psoriasis.org/about-psoriasis/treatments/biologics/resources>



Standard Model



Conclusions

- Use biologics for patients who need them
 - Offer the array of biologic options
- Statistically or clinically significant?
 - Comorbidities: demand absolute risk information
 - Efficacy differences
- Long term data: check who stays in the study
- Risk is subjective
 - Monitoring can be minimal or intensive as you see fit
- Give patients confidence & understanding
 - Have them use the medication regularly



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Introduction

Meningiomas represent the most common intracranial tumors, while cutaneous meningiomas are rare tumors most commonly occurring on the scalp.¹ Cutaneous meningiomas are thought to arise from the herniation of meningeal lining during embryonic development into the dermis and subcutaneous tissue.² They are classified into three subtypes; type I tumors arise congenitally, while type II and III tumors represent multipotent mesenchymal/ectopic arachnoid cells and direct extension of an underlying tumor of the arachnoid lining, respectfully.^{2,3}

Case

Here we report a 40-year-old female who presented with an enlarging, itchy, painful mass on the posterior mid-parietal scalp (Fig. 1). This lesion had been slowly enlarging over a 2 year period. The patient denied trauma to this area. Past medical history was significant for hypothyroidism and remote seizures. Surgical, family, and social history were non-contributory. On exam, the lesion was firm and poorly mobile with a normal appearing overlying epidermis. Initial differential diagnosis included an epidermal inclusion cyst, pilar cyst and an encapsulated lipoma. The patient elected for surgical removal. Intraoperatively, the lesion was poorly encapsulated, caseous, friable, and non-odoriferous. No communication with the galea aponeurotica or cranium was noted. The specimen was sent for pathological diagnosis.

Histology

Whorls of meningiothelial cells and few psammoma bodies were noted on 4X magnification in Figure 2. On higher magnification (10X), a psammoma body is depicted well in Figure 3. Positive staining with epithelial membrane antigen (EMA) (Fig. 4) and lack of staining with CD34, desmin, factor XIIIa, and pankeratin (AE-1/AE-3) confirmed the diagnosis of a cutaneous meningioma. Typical histology of meningiomas include meningiothelial cells whorling around focal areas of collagen, and psammoma bodies are often noted.⁴

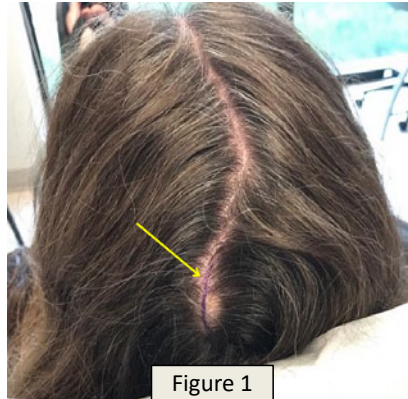


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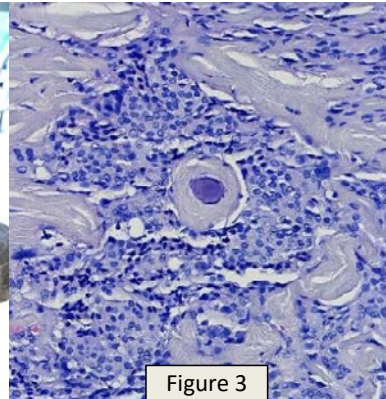


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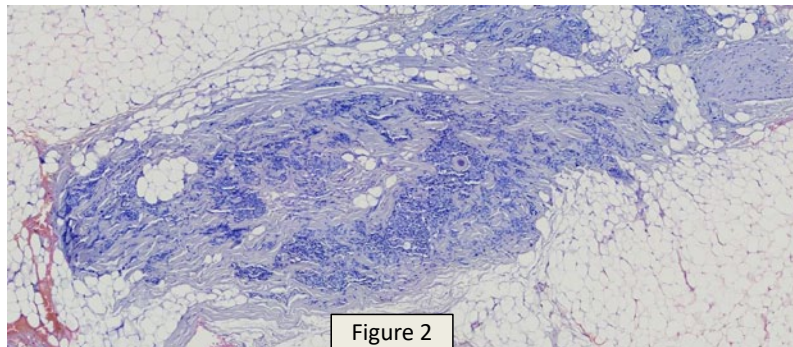


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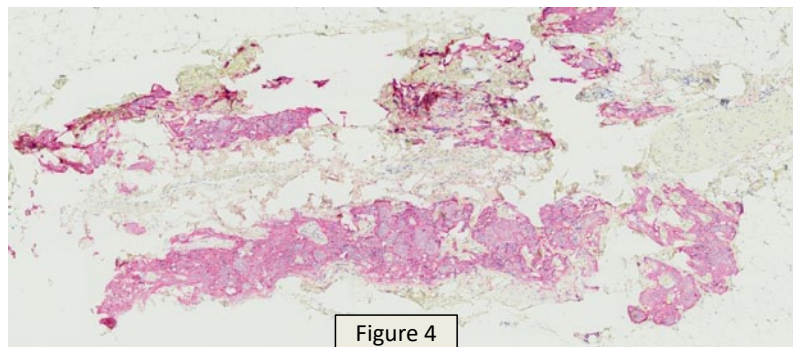


Figure 4

Discussion

Meningiomas constitute 15-25% of tumors of the central nervous system, making them the most common intracranial/intraspinal neoplasm.² They are derived from arachnoid membrane cells. Rarely these neoplasms are seen cutaneously. Differential diagnosis of cutaneous meningiomas may include an epidermal inclusion cyst, acrochordon, lipoma, pilar cyst, fibroma, or a vascular lesion. Lopez et. al subclassified cutaneous meningiomas into 3 subsets.⁵ Type I lesions occur congenitally and can be distinguished histologically as they tend to have a collagenous stroma. In addition, they tend to be located in the subcutaneous fat, while type II and III lesions typically extend into the dermis.² Type II lesions are acquired and represent ectopic arachnoid tissue. Type III tumors are also acquired and arise via direct extension of an intracranial meningioma. Distinguishing between type II and III cutaneous meningiomas cannot be made histologically. This differentiation requires neuroimaging to determine if the cutaneous lesion is an extension of an intracranial meningioma, or by lack of infiltration of the tumor to the galea aponeurotica and/or cranium on excision.³

Classic histological examination of primary intracranial meningiomas reveal psammoma bodies and meningiothelial whorls.⁴ These findings are not always appreciated in their cutaneous counterparts, and can pose a diagnostic challenge on behalf of the pathologist. Thus, positive staining with vimentin and EMA are considered diagnostic, while lack of desmin, cytokeratin, CD31, CD34, CD68, and smooth muscle antigen rule out other histological differential diagnosis; including hemangiopericytomas, giant cell fibroblastoma, squamous cell carcinoma, hemangioma, and heterotopic neuroglomas.⁶

Prognosis of cutaneous meningiomas are largely determined based on type. Type I lesions have a favorable prognosis if clear surgical margins are achieved intraoperatively.⁶ Type II and type III lesions tend to have a poorer prognosis as these lesions may lack classic histological features of congenital meningiomas as mentioned above. In addition, type III lesions may be inoperable if their intracranial direct extension abuts vital structures.

Currently imaging is recommended prior to surgical excision of known cutaneous meningiomas, as intracranial extension requires removal by a neurosurgeon. Although cutaneous meningiomas represent a rare entity, maintaining a low threshold for biopsy of atypical scalp lesions may be warranted prior to surgical removal.

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Adult onset Henoch-Schönlein Purpura, treated with Colchicine

INTRODUCTION

Henoch-Schoenlein Purpura (HSP) is a systemic, IgA mediated autoimmune small vessel vasculitis (IgAV) (1,2,3).

Clinical manifestations include nonthrombocytopenic palpable purpura, arthritis, abdominal pain and nephritis (2). The **etiology** remains unclear but is associated with bacterial infections, viral infections, medications (quinolones, clarithromycin, acetaminophen, codeine and TNF alpha inhibitors), tumors, alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency and Familial Mediterranean Fever (3).

Incidence is highest in patients 4-6 years old, however, up to 15% of cases occur in the adult population (1, 4). In adults, HSP tends to have more severe onset with a higher incidence of long term sequelae, in contrast to the more benign course that often occurs in the pediatric population (4). Regardless of age of onset there is a slight male predominance (M:F =1.2: 1.0) and Caucasian populations have the highest incidence (1).

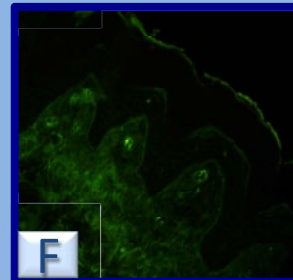
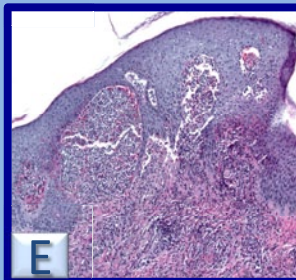
While adult onset HSP has been reported previously, it is diagnosed infrequently. Our case brings attention to the possible development of HSP in individuals utilizing **TNF-alpha inhibitors** and to the benefit of using **colchicine** as a treatment modality during the acute presentation of HSP.

CASE REPORT

50-year-old Caucasian male developed palpable purpura on his bilateral lower extremities twenty-four hours after arthropod assault in Hawaii. The patient was treated for presumed infection, with Minocycline then Doxycycline, without clinical improvement. Six days after the onset of the lesions, the patient returned from vacation and was evaluated by his dermatologist who obtained 2 punch biopsies (H&E and DIF) and a bacterial culture. At dermatologic follow-up three days later he had developed hemorrhagic bullae and plaques with central necrosis. Bacterial culture had grown group B strep. The patient was prescribed Clindamycin and advised to go to ED. One day later the patient developed arthralgia and edema in his bilateral wrists and hands but denied hematuria or abdominal pain. The following day the patient noted worsening joint pain as well as new onset abdominal pain. Labs included: +ASO, +Hematuria (UA), elevated serum IgA, CBC WNL, compliment WNL. At this point patient met EULAR criteria for Adult HSP and Colchicine 0.6mg daily was initiated. The following day the patient reported significant improvement in joint pain and moderate improvement in abdominal pain. Cutaneous lesions improved significantly over the following month. Biopsy results returned: H&E LCV, DIF: IgA vasculitis.

PMH: Psoriasis (Adalimumab), HTN (Lisinopril)

CLINICAL & HISTOLOGIC FINDINGS



Clinical: Palpable purpura and erythematous plaques with silver scale scattered on bilateral lower extremities (Fig A & B). Hemorrhagic bullae and plaques with central necrosis (Fig C). Significant improvement following treatment with Colchicine (Fig D).

Histopathology (H&E): perivascular infiltrate with neutrophils, karyorrhexis, fibrin deposition within vessel walls and erythrocyte extravasation (Fig E).

Immunohistochemistry (DIF): + vascular deposition with IgA, C3 and Fibrinogen (Fig F).

DISCUSSION

The clinical appearance and disease progression of HSP are not the same in adults and children. Virtually all patients with HSP have palpable purpura, however adults are more likely to present with hemorrhagic lesions, more severe arthritis and have more frequent renal involvement (4). The majority of patients will develop urinary abnormalities within 4 weeks of diagnosis but, it can take months for HSP nephritis to develop (4). **Patients with a diagnosis of HSP should be followed with urinalysis for one year (1).**

Recent research suggests that adult onset HSP is likely underdiagnosed, in part, due to ACR criteria for IgAV including age at onset of under 20 years. Previously unstudied in the adult population, the EULAR/PRINTO/PRES IgAV classification criteria has been shown by one study to have a higher sensitivity and specificity than the ACR criteria when evaluating adult patients for HSP (5). While etiology is often unclear, infections including streptococcal pharyngitis, medications, malignancy, alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency and Familial Mediterranean Fever have been implicated in the development of HSP (1). Recently, several cases of HSP developing in patients on TNF alpha inhibitors have been reported (6). In our case, with elevated ASO titers and use of Adalimumab, it is unclear what exactly initiated the HSP cascade.

Corticosteroids are often the chosen treatment for HSP. Given our patient's history of psoriasis we avoided steroids due to the risk of psoriatic flare upon taper. We elected to use low doses Colchicine 0.6mg daily due to its reported success in treating cutaneous vasculitis (7). The patient's joint pain and cutaneous findings rapidly improved further supporting the use of this treatment modality in acute episodes of HSP.

CONCLUSION

Adult onset HSP is an uncommon diagnosis that differs in clinical appearance and long-term management from HSP in the pediatric population. This case demonstrates the importance of considering HSP as a diagnosis for adult patients presenting with small vessel vasculitis, and further supports the use of Colchicine as a treatment for patients with HSP.

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The great imitator strikes: a chance of primary syphilis on the nipple

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Abstract

Syphilis, the “great imitator,” presents with a wide range of mucocutaneous and systemic findings. The primary chancre classically occurs in the genital region, however up to 6.33% can be extragenital. Among the extragenital chancres reported in the literature, very few occurred on the breast, and of these cases only 5% occurred in men. A 43-year-old healthy man visited our clinic complaining of drainage from the right nipple for one month. Exam was notable for a poorly defined, scaly erythematous plaque on the areola with a superficial erosion of the nipple. The rapid plasma reagin (RPR) titer was found to be 1:32, with positive anti-treponemal antibodies. Histopathological examination of the biopsy specimen revealed variable acanthosis of epidermis with dense underlying superficial, deep perivascular and interstitial infiltrate surrounding benign bundles of smooth muscle. The infiltrate was composed of abundant lymphocytes, plasma cells, and rare eosinophils. Immunohistochemical staining for *Treponema pallidum* revealed numerous spirochetes scattered within the inflammatory cell infiltrate throughout the dermis. Based on these findings, the patient was diagnosed with an extragenital chancre of primary syphilis on the nipple. With a resurgence in the incidence of syphilis, it is important to remind practitioners of the more unusual presentations of this disease.

Introduction

- Syphilis is known for its ability to mimic innumerable conditions. This condition is often misdiagnosed due to the wide variety and transient nature of cutaneous, mucocutaneous, and systemic manifestations which vary greatly depending on the stage of presentation.
- The World Health Organization estimates that each year there are over 11 million new cases of syphilis. With the incidence continuing to rise in the United States at an alarming rate, the US Preventative Task Force updated screening recommendations in 2016 to include screening asymptomatic, nonpregnant adults and adolescents at increased risk for infection.^{1,2,3}
- Primary syphilis refers to inoculation with *T. pallidum* and manifests as a localized cutaneous chancre at the site of contact, classically occurring in the genital region. However up to 6.33% of primary chancres can be extragenital. Among the extragenital chancres studied, 5.1% occurred on the breast with only 5% of those on the breast occurring in men.^{4,5,6}
- We present one of the first reported cases of a male with primary syphilis on the nipple in the United States.

Case Description



Figure 1. Right nipple and areola. Photographed 2 days after 4 mm punch biopsy of nipple and areola after partial treatment with topical ointment.

- A 43-year-old man presents as referral from outside physician with complaint of drainage from right nipple for one month (Figure 1).
- He reports mild inflammation, pruritus, tenderness to touch and an ‘odd sensation’ of warmth of the right nipple, but denies overt pain. Patient denies known history of trauma to the area or repeated microtrauma from friction. Denies personal or family history of atopy.
- At follow up, the patient’s sexual history remained ambiguous. Attempt to gain further insight into the etiology of this case was made, however patient was unable to recall any sexual encounter involving his breast or nipple.

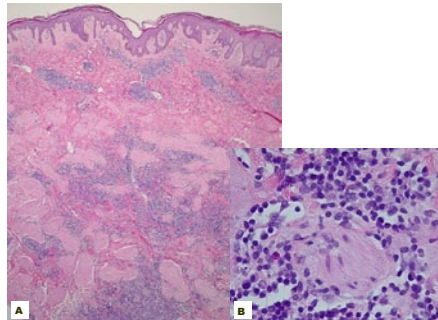


Figure 2. Cutaneous syphilis. A. Acanthotic epidermis with overlying hyperkeratosis of stratum corneum. A. Dense superficial & deep perivascular and interstitial infiltrate noted (H&E, original sections at 25X). B. Infiltrate composed of lymphocytes, plasma cells, and rare eosinophils (H&E, original sections at 640X).

- Past medical history:** Gout
- Family medical history:** Breast cancer (mother)
- Physical exam:** Erythematous, ulcerated, plaque with serosanguinous drainage and crusting at the 12 o’clock position of nipple. Tenderness with palpation noted. No palpable axillary or supraclavicular lymphadenopathy noted. No penile ulceration was found.
- Differential diagnosis:** Nipple eczema, erosive adenomatosis of the nipple, mammary Paget disease or primary breast carcinoma.
- Pathology:** Punch biopsy demonstrated hyperkeratosis of stratum corneum. The epidermis is variably acanthotic with mild spongiosis focal excystosis of few lymphocytes within spongiosis. A dense superficial & deep perivascular and interstitial infiltrate surrounding benign bundles of smooth muscle consisting of lymphocytes, plasma cells, and rare eosinophils (Figure 2) was also noted.
- Staining:** Modified Steiner and immunohistochemical staining for *T. pallidum* revealed spirochetes (Figure 3). Periodic Acid-Schiff with diastase (PAS-D) negative for fungal elements. Acid cyokeratin (CAM5.2) negative.

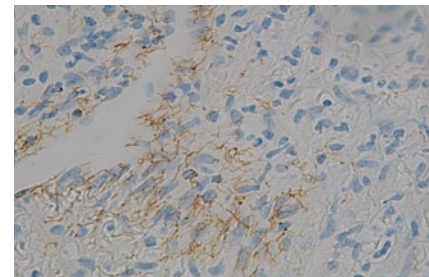


Figure 3. Cutaneous syphilis. Immunohistochemical staining for *T. pallidum* revealing spirochetes.

Laboratory results

- RPR titer: 1:32 (reactive)
- T. pallidum* antibodies: positive
- HIV screen: Non-reactive
- Chlamydia/GC DNA probe: Non-reactive
- HCV Antibody: Non-reactive
- Diagnosis:** Primary syphilitic chancre of the nipple
- Management:** Case reported to health department. Patient referred for completion of treatment with Benzathine penicillin 2.4 million units IM x1 as soon as possible due to shortage and unavailability in our clinic.

Discussion

- According to the CDC, there has been a dramatic increase in the incidence of primary and secondary syphilis in the U.S.
 - In 2016, a total of 27,814 cases reported 8.7 cases per 100,000 population spanning equally across all regions of the country.
 - An increase of 17.6% compared to 2015
 - An increase of 74.0% compared to 2012
 - Initially, increase in incidence was associated with men who have sex with men. However, most recent data reveals an increased incidence in women as well.⁷
- Extragenital chancres can occur at any site of inoculation including oral (lips, tongue, palate), perianal, breasts/nipple, conjunctiva, neck, abdomen, intrascapular region, arms, palms, fingers or thighs.^{5,6}
- Extragenital primary syphilitic chancre of the nipple is an exceedingly rare manifestation of primary syphilis.
- Historically, primary syphilitic chancre of the nipple was associated with wet nurses resulting from mucous patches in the mouths of congenitally syphilitic infants.⁴
- Fewer than 10 cases have been reported in modern literature. Most cases are associated with sexual encounter involving oral contact, especially biting, of the nipple.^{8,9,10}

Conclusion

- Patients who present to a dermatologist with syphilis are more likely to demonstrate unusual or advanced forms of this condition.¹¹
- Practitioners must be aware of unusual presentations and maintain a high index of suspicion of syphilis in order to make this diagnosis.
- Early recognition and a low threshold for testing is important to limit disease spread.¹¹

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Extra-nodal Rosai-Dorfman Disease

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Introduction

Rosai-Dorfman disease (RDD), or sinus histiocytosis with massive lymphadenopathy, is a rare, self-limiting histiocytosis, commonly presenting with bilateral painless cervical lymphadenopathy. The estimated incidence of RDD in the United States is 100 cases per year¹. The disease mainly affects adolescents and young adults with a slight predilection for males and African Americans², with a poorly defined pathogenesis. Although painless bilateral cervical lymphadenopathy is characteristic, extranodal sites are involved in about 40% of cases³. Rarely is extranodal involvement the sole manifestation of the disease⁵.

Case Presentation

A 75-year-old Hispanic female presented to a South Texas dermatology clinic for evaluation of two, asymptomatic, subcutaneous nodules that had appeared within the last six months. Review of systems was negative for malaise, weight loss, night sweats, joint pain, or recent travel. On physical exam, a 0.9 cm x 0.9 cm erythematous nodule was noted on the right inferior eyebrow. No epidermal changes were appreciated; however, a central area of yellow debris was visualized. A similar appearing 0.5 cm x 0.5 cm papule without central yellow debris was present on the left lateral orbital rim. No cervical lymphadenopathy was appreciated on palpation. CBC was unremarkable except for a Hgb of 10 g/dL. Biopsy of the right inferior eyebrow revealed a nodular infiltrate within the dermis, composed of lymphocytes, histiocytes, and plasma cells. Most of the histiocytes had abundant, clear to faint pink cytoplasm, and there was evidence of emperipolesis. GMS and AFB stains were negative for fungi and acid fast organisms, respectively. Immunohistochemical stains for CD1a were negative, while staining for S100 protein revealed decoration of the histiocytes. The morphology and immunohistochemical profile were consistent with Rosai-Dorfman disease.

Clinical Photographs



Figure 1 & 2: erythematous subcutaneous nodules visible on left and right side of face

Histology Photographs

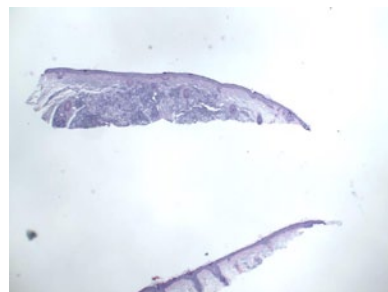


Figure 3: sea of histiocytes and lymphocytes visible on scanning magnification

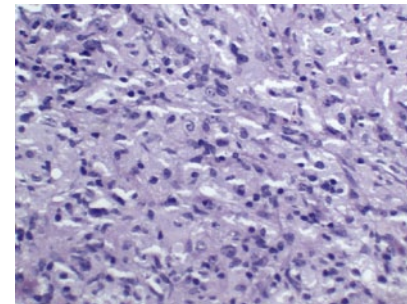
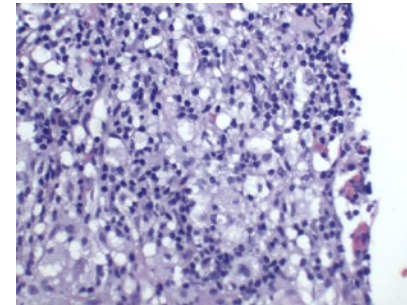


Figure 4 & 5: Numerous histiocytes and lymphocytes demonstrate emperipolesis in both specimens

Discussion

Histologically, in the lymph nodes and the skin, emperipolesis is a common feature. This is defined as the active, non-destructive engulfment of leukocytes including lymphocytes, plasma cells, and erythrocytes by histiocytes and is considered the histologic hallmark of RDD^{8,9}. The lesional histiocytes express both CD68 and S-100 protein while negative for CD1a, which helps differentiate this condition from Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH) and Erdheim-Chester disease (ECD)¹⁰. The histiocytes in LCH have a grooved nuclei and surrounding eosinophils may be present. In ECH, hemophagocytosis is present. Radiologic appearance of RDD can vary from a well-defined radiolucent lesion to a poorly defined mixed lesion with areas of sclerosis^{11,12}. The lesion may extend into the surrounding soft tissue, as it is locally destructive⁴.

Disease processes that can mimic Rosai-Dorfman disease include xanthomatous lesions, including soft tissue xanthoma and juvenile xanthogranuloma, infectious processes, such as lepromatous leprosy, and lysosomal storage disorders, such as Gaucher disease¹³⁻¹⁷. Except for leprosy, histiocytes in all of these lesions are S100 negative. The macrophages loaded with mycobacteria in lepromatous leprosy are S100 positive; however, clinical presentation and fite staining for mycobacterial organism can aid the diagnosis^{16,17}.

RDD has a protracted and indolent course. It is generally self-limiting. There is no protocol for the treatment of RDD. Surgical excision for locally destructive and persistent disease is usually curative.

Conclusions

We present a rare case of extra-nodal RDD. Dermatologists should be aware of this condition and check for lymphadenopathy to determine the extent of involvement. Awareness of histopathological findings although not unique, can be critical in establishing diagnosis.

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Fractionated Carbon Dioxide Laser Resurfacing as an Ideal Treatment Option for Severe Rhinophyma: A Case Report and Discussion

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INTRODUCTION

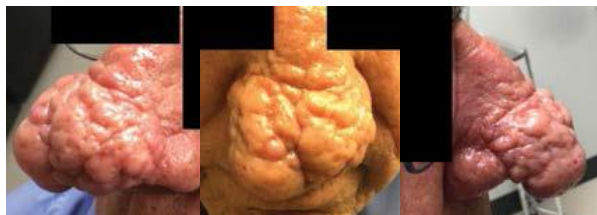
Over the past few decades, severe rhinophyma has remained one of the simplest diagnoses to make, yet is one of the most difficult conditions to treat. Rhinophyma is the progressive hypertrophy of sebaceous units and eventual distortion of facial tissue overlying the nasal region. Multiple theories have been suggested regarding the pathogenesis of rosacea, including dysfunction of the innate immune system, sensitivity to bacterial antigens produced by Demodex mites, and even chronic ultraviolet radiation exposure; however, a lack of consensus remains.¹

Various treatment modalities have been proposed to treat this disfiguring condition. Historically, topical medications and oral anti-inflammatory agents have done little to counteract its unrelenting nature. In more recent years, modern treatment modalities, such as electrosurgery and laser resurfacing, have given hope to patients with rhinophyma, as they produce significant cosmetic results with infrequent adverse effects and minimal downtime.^{1,2,4,6,7,8,12}

We present a case of a patient suffering from severe rhinophyma who underwent fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing therapy. This case was selected in an effort to highlight the striking cosmetic and functional improvement our patient experienced. The tolerability of the procedure in combination with the reasonable recovery and dramatic results support the use of fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing in future rhinophyma cases.

METHOD

A 71-year-old man with a longstanding history of rosacea presented to our clinic in search of options to improve the appearance of his enlarging nose. His initial clinical examination revealed telangiectasias, significant erythema, and scattered papules with large pores. Severely irregular contour of the nasal architecture was noted as well. Over the next few months he completed a comprehensive topical and systemic treatment regimen including combinations of the following medications: doxycycline hyclate 100mg twice daily, minocycline 105 mg daily, topical metronidazole 0.75% cream, topical ivermectin 1%, topical azelaic acid 15%. Although his overall rosacea clinically stabilized, he demonstrated impressively severe, progressive rhinophymatous changes (Figures 1A–C). He was then referred for fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing.



FIGURES 1A–C. Prior to fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing

DISCUSSION

The patient underwent initial laser resurfacing in which a dermal optical thermolysis (DOT) fractionated CO2 laser (SmartXide, DEKA Medical Inc., San Francisco, California) was utilized. The panel was set to 30 W with a dwell time ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 microseconds and a pitch of 200 micrometers. Approximately 18 to 20 passes were performed over the highly sebaceous areas of the nose, while the less sebaceous areas were treated with fewer passes. The procedure was tolerated well with no complications. The patient was seen at two weeks postprocedure. A significant improvement was noted. He restarted oral minocycline 105mg daily and topical metronidazole 0.75% cream.

He was seen again at eight weeks postprocedure. A significant improvement was noted in rhinophymatous changes and the patient reported being “very pleased” with his results. He was continued on oral minocycline 105mg daily as well as topical ivermectin. He was started on topical sodium sulfacetamide 9.5% sulfur 5% wash. He also received a single 12-mg dose of oral ivermectin.



FIGURES 2A–C. Twelve weeks after first fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing treatment



FIGURES 3A–C. Four weeks after second fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing treatment

Twelve weeks after the initial fractionated carbon dioxide laser resurfacing treatment, the patient underwent a second treatment. Images were obtained prior to the procedure (Figures 2A–C). Laser settings were as follows: power, 25 W; dwell time, 4,000 microseconds; and pitch, 350 micrometers. Ten to 12 passes were performed on the residual hypertrophic sebaceous tissue, with significant blending into the normal tissue.

At four weeks after the procedure, the healing process was complete and clinical examination revealed remarkable improvement in nasal texture and contour (Figures 3A–C). The patient was very satisfied with the results. The patient has since continued his treatment regimen of oral doxycycline monohydrate 40mg daily and topical sodium sulfacetamide 9.5%/ sulfur 5% wash. Tretinoin 0.05% cream was also added to this regimen. No evidence of unsatisfactory scarring or dyspigmentation was observed at that time.

CONCLUSION

Numerous treatment modalities have been considered to treat the debilitating aesthetic and functional changes of rhinophyma. A review of the current literature reveals a consensus that topical antibiotics, topical retinoids, and systemic antibiotics have proven largely ineffective, leaving surgical intervention, including CO2 laser surgery, as the mainstay of treatment.^{1,2,4,6,7,8,9}

The role of lasers in the treatment of rhinophyma has gained popularity throughout recent years. CO2 laser resurfacing can be performed under general anesthesia or local anesthetic, the latter of which might be preferred by the patient as an in-office treatment option. The literature suggests that laser resurfacing results in minimal bleeding, making it a favorable working environment for the user.^{2,4} Unlike many of the alternative treatment modalities, CO2 laser boasts the ability to precisely control the depth of injury.⁴ The depth of thermal damage is exact, noted to be 0.5mm below the charred zone in one study involving the use of fully ablative carbon dioxide laser; the bloodless environment also allows for the additional assurance of correct depth as sebum is released from sebaceous glands as a result of the thermal injury.

In addition to satisfactory cosmetic results, other benefits of CO2 laser therapy include rapid reepithelialization starting as early as four days post-procedure, with resolution typically occurring within 3 to 6 weeks post-procedure with relatively minimal pain.^{2,4,6,11} The wide range of reepithelialization is likely attributable to the variation in laser settings, as well as the use of fractionated ablative CO2 laser in some studies, compared with the use of fully ablative CO2 laser in others. In the previously described case series,¹² all three patients were treated with fractionated ablative CO2 laser, with complete reepithelialization occurring within one week post-procedure.¹²

Fractionated ablative CO2 lasers create microthermal zones, leaving uninjured columns of healthy tissue that aid in healing.¹ This process results in faster healing times and fewer adverse effects than traditional fully ablative CO2 laser therapy.^{10,11,12} In a study performed by Serowaka et al,¹¹ the authors reported that the fractionated ablative CO2 laser used in the study resulted in an overall “more natural” result. Despite recent significant technological advances in treatment options, rhinophyma remains a challenging condition to treat. Among a multitude of treatment modalities, fractionated CO2 laser resurfacing is an

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ABSTRACT

Achromobacter xylosoxidans is an emerging pathogen primarily seen in immunocompromised patients. It is a non-fermentative, gram negative bacterium that has developed multi-drug resistance and is capable of forming biofilms on medical products.

We present the case of a 50-year old immunocompetent, type I diabetic female with a five-month history of tender lump at an attachment site for her insulin pump. Incision and drainage of the lump produced 10 cc of purulent material that was cultured and grew *Achromobacter xylosoxidans*.

The culture was resistant to multiple antibiotics, but was susceptible to trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole. After surgical incision and drainage, extirpation of the surrounding granulomatous material, and a 10-day course of trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole the patient had no signs or symptoms of infection.

This case of a granulomatous abscess formation with *Achromobacter xylosoxidans* in an immunocompetent patient demonstrates further emergence of this bacteria as a potential pathogen, not only in immunocompromised individuals, but in any patient with an indwelling catheter.

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

A 50-year old Caucasian female presented with a five-month history of a sore, tender, red lump on her right superior buttock. Five months earlier the patient used this area to attach the infusion set for her insulin pump. The infusion set was left in place for seven days as opposed to the two or three days recommended by the device manufacturer. A firm, slightly tender lump formed, similar to previous indurations that had developed from use of her insulin pump. This lump, however, began to enlarge, became soft, and was intermittently warm and red. Although, the area was sore and tender, she never had any significant pain associated with it. She also denied any fever, malaise or other systemic symptoms.

Past medical history is significant for type I diabetes mellitus diagnosed at age 9, hypertension, asthma, gastroesophageal reflux disease, allergic rhinitis, migraines, depression, hidradenitis suppurativa that was treated with surgical excision, and recurrent vaginal yeast infections usually after taking oral antibiotics.

Surgical history is significant for hidradenitis suppurativa excisions at bilateral inguinal folds, bilateral carpal tunnel release, tubal ligation, abdominoplasty, and cholecystectomy.

Current medications include insulin aspart, mometasone furoate, inhaled fluticasone, pantoprazole, cetirizine, spironolactone, duloxetine, sumatriptan, fluconazole, toprimate, and enalapril.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Physical exam revealed a soft, tender, erythematous subcutaneous mass with no visible punctum or overlying epidermal change on the right superior buttock, measuring 5.5 by 7.0 cm in diameter.



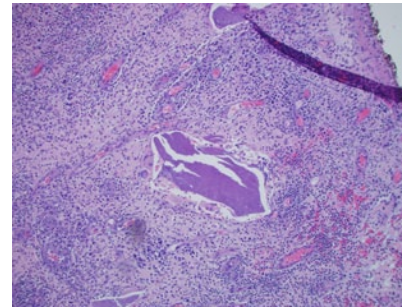
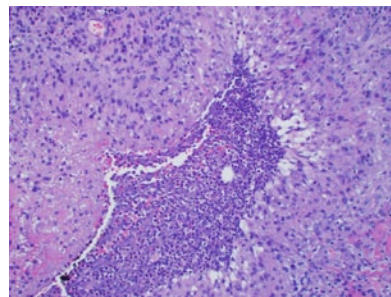
The clinical differential diagnosis included subcutaneous fat necrosis, epidermal cyst and an abscess.

MANAGEMENT & CLINICAL COURSE

The patient was scheduled for excision of the mass the day after presenting to the clinic. Upon incision approximately 10 mL of thick purulent liquid was drained from the lesion. A sample was sent for gram stain, aerobic and anaerobic culture and sensitivities. Necrotic appearing adipose and fibrotic tissue was dissected and extirpated through an elliptical incision, and was submitted for pathology.

PATHOLOGY

Histologic findings showed a subcutaneous defect with palisaded granulomatous inflammation and sclerosis. There was no detection of microorganisms with Gomori Methenamine Silver stain, tissue gram and acid-fast stains. There was a focus of acellular material embedded within the inflammation.



The gram stain of the purulent material showed few white blood cells and rare gram-negative bacilli. Culture grew moderate *Achromobacter xylosoxidans* resistant to cefepime, cefotaxime, and gentamicin; susceptible to ceftazidime, imipenem, levofloxacin, piperacillin, and trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole.

MANAGEMENT & CLINICAL COURSE CONTINUED

The patient was prescribed sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim 800 mg/160mg PO BID for 10 days. The patient tolerated the procedure and the antibiotics well. The patient had normal levels of immunoglobulin A, G and M and a negative HIV screening test. She healed well from the surgical procedure and has had no recurrence of symptoms.

DISCUSSION

A. xylosoxidans is a non-fermentative non-spore forming, motile, gram negative, aerobic, catalase and oxidase positive flagellate bacterium. It is an emerging pathogen that was first isolated in 1971 from patients with chronic otitis media.¹ Since its recognition it has been documented to cause a variety of infections including abdominal, urinary tract, ocular, pneumonia, meningitis, osteomyelitis, endocarditis, bacteremia and skin and soft tissue infections.^{2,3} Those affected are usually immunocompromised, have hematological disorders, or have indwelling catheters.⁴

Strains of *A. xylosoxidans* have shown resistance to multiple antibiotics. Among the antibiotics that *A. xylosoxidans* has shown resistance to are penicillins, cephalosporins, carbapenems, aminoglycosides, macrolides, fluoroquinolones and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole.³

A. xylosoxidans has been documented to form biofilms on plastics, including on contact lenses, urinary and intravenous catheters, and reusable tissue dispensers treated with disinfectant solution.^{4,6} A recent study has demonstrated that *A. xylosoxidans* is even capable of biodegradation of plastic using the plastic as its sole source of carbon.⁷

Our case illustrates an indolent infection with *A. xylosoxidans* forming a granulomatous abscess at the site of an insulin pump that was left in place for 7 days in an immunocompetent patient. There are numerous reports of infections with *A. xylosoxidans* in patients with urinary or intravenous catheters. To our knowledge this is the first report of an insulin pump as the source of such an infection. It is possible that the subcutaneous focus of acellular material described on the pathology report represents a partially biodegraded piece of the insulin pump catheter that broke off, and was serving as a nidus of infection for *A. xylosoxidans*. Although multi-drug resistance is common, the culture grown from our patient was susceptible to trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole, among other antibiotics, and our patient was treated successfully with surgical excision, drainage, and a 10-day course of trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole.

Physicians should recognize *A. xylosoxidans* as an emerging pathogen that is able to form biofilms on "disinfected" surfaces, may be resistant to multiple antibiotics and is capable of causing infections with various presentations.

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Focal atypical lymphoid infiltrate with CD30 positivity in a 36-year old male

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INTRODUCTION

Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL) is a term that encompasses various lymphomas derived from transformed T-lymphocytes including mycosis fungoides, CD30 positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders, and subcutaneous T-cell lymphoma. The CD30 positive T-cell lymphomas follow mycosis fungoides as the second most common category of CTCLs and account for 30% of all primary cutaneous lymphomas. As the name implies, these disorders share the expression by atypical lymphocytes of CD30, a cytokine receptor that belongs to the tumor necrosis factor receptor family and is involved in the process of tumor cell growth. Disorders in this category are primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma (PCALCL), lymphomatoid papulosis (Lyp), borderline disorders, transformed stage mycosis fungoides, and systemic anaplastic large cell lymphoma. Although they possess similar expression of CD30, these disorders can be very different in their clinical presentation and progression.

CASE

A 36-year old Caucasian male presented to the clinic for the evaluation of a new growth under his right arm. He stated the growth began one to two months prior and had progressively increased in size. He complained of tenderness surrounding the lesion but denied recent fevers, chest pain, shortness of breath, gastrointestinal discomfort, rash, and edema. The patient's past medical history was significant only for hypertension, managed with Cozaar, and his pertinent family medical history was negative.

On physical exam, a single ulcerated, erythematous nodule was observed posterolateral to the right axilla with faint erythema surrounding the lesion (Figure 1). A shave biopsy was performed and sent to dermatopathology for evaluation. The patient was prescribed oral doxycycline to treat the possibility of a localized cellulitis.



Figure 1. (Left) Lesion on initial presentation. (Right) Dermoscopic view of the lesion.

The histology revealed an atypical T-cell lymphoid infiltrate with CD30 positivity of the dermis, extensive epidermal and dermal necrosis, hemorrhage, and fibrinopurulent exudate. The differential diagnosis included type C variant of lymphomatoid papulosis (Lyp), primary cutaneous CD30 positive anaplastic large cell lymphoma (PCALCL), and metastatic visceral/nodal T-cell lymphoma. Due to the unusual nature of the lesion, the case was referred to the National Cancer Institute for further review. Their report revealed similar findings of an atypical T-cell infiltrate with superficial ulceration and necrosis (Figure 2). Multiple immunostains were performed which showed the lymphoid cells were positive for CD3 and CD4 and negative for CD8. CD20 highlighted some extremely rare B cells. CD30 showed focal and variable positivity. Stains for herpes simplex virus 1, 2, and varicella were all negative (Figure 3). Due to these findings, the possibility of a primary cutaneous CD30 positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder could not be ruled out and complete excision was recommended.

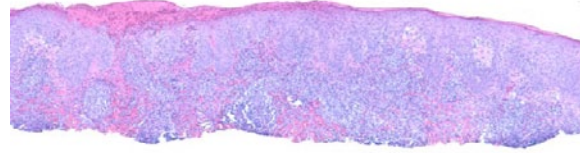


Figure 2. Histology image of the patient's lesion demonstrating focal atypical lymphoid infiltrate.

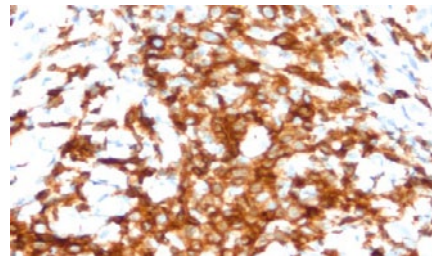


Figure 3. Pathology image showing CD30 positivity

The lesion was excised in the office with resultant clear margins found on pathology. He was then referred to oncology for further workup to rule out a systemic or node-based lymphoma. All additional testing, including full body PET CT scans, were negative. After two and a half years, the patient is doing well and is being followed by oncology for routine monitoring.

DISCUSSION

The findings in this case showed an atypical CD30 positive lymphoid infiltrate; however, the exact diagnosis was inconclusive. The differential diagnosis included primary cutaneous anaplastic large cell lymphoma (PCALCL), lymphomatoid papulosis (Lyp), borderline lesions, cutaneous metastasis from a nodal or systemic ALCL, CD30 positive transformed mycosis fungoides, rare types of CTCL that can occasionally show positivity of CD30, and reactive processes such as drug reactions, arthropod bites and viral infections. The two prominent disorders in the differential diagnosis were PCALCL and Lyp, since they have many overlapping clinical and histological features. The clinical appearance, in conjunction with histology, are used to determine a diagnosis and treatment. After vigilant longitudinal clinical evaluation of the patient, a diagnosis of PCALCL or Lyp can usually be achieved based on clinical behavior. Thus, careful clinical correlation is critical when managing a CD30 positive lymphoid infiltrate.

PCALCL accounts for approximately 12% of all CTCLs. Most patients with PCALCL present with an ulcerated, rapidly growing solitary tumor or grouped nodules. They are most common in the 6th decade of life, are twice as common in males than females, primarily affect adults, and tend to appear on the head, neck, and extremities. Histologically, the tumor is composed of large, anaplastic, pleomorphic lymphocytes with irregular nuclei and abundant cytoplasm arranged in sheets infiltrating the deep dermis and subcutaneous tissue. Over 75% of lymphocytes stain positive for CD30. Treatment for PCALCL includes excising the lesion in its entirety. If the lesion is too large to be excised, radiotherapy should be performed in conjunction. In 10% to 42% of cases, the lesion may partially or completely regress as in Lyp; however, recurrences are common and treatment is necessary for remission. The prognosis is generally favorable, with a 5-year survival rate between 76% and 96%.

Lymphomatoid papulosis (Lyp) is a chronic, recurrent, self-healing, papulonodular skin disorder with debate on whether it is a benign or malignant lymphoproliferative process. Due to its CD30 positivity, presence of abnormal T cells, and similarity to PCALCL, it is most commonly categorized as a low-grade variant of CTCL. There are five distinct (A-E) histological subtypes of Lyp all exhibiting slightly different clinical presentations. Type A is the most common variant and clinically displays the classic papulonodular lesions. Type B is uncommon and generally presents as a mycosis fungoides (MF)-type plaque. Type C presents as a solitary regressing nodule that resembles features of PCALCL. Type D and E represent more unusual variants of Lyp with Type D appearing as localized erythematous scaly lesions, resembling pagetoid reticulosis. Lastly, Type E, the newest described variant, is the angioinvasive type that has an association with EBV, similar to extranodal nasal NK/T-cell lymphoma. There are multiple treatment options such as psoralen-UVA light therapy (PUVA), low-dose methotrexate, and topical steroids that can help alleviate disseminated or stigmatizing lesions, but no treatment option alters the course of the disease. Therefore, the "wait and see" strategy is an appropriate first-line approach to these patients. Since the main concern is the development of a secondary lymphoma, patients with Lyp should be monitored for life.

CONCLUSION

Based on our patient's history, clinical presentation, and histology findings, our patient likely had a PCALCL. Close monitoring of the patient is being performed and if he develops other lesions in the future, then Lyp type C may be a consideration. Our patient's lesion was excised before adequate time could be given for regression. Regardless of the final diagnosis, this case demonstrated the importance of clinicopathological correlation in evaluating CD30 positive atypical lymphoid infiltrates. This case provides a great learning example of future CD30 positive cases in hopes that further research into the understanding of this process can be accomplished.

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Cutaneous Larva Migrans

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Case Presentation

Patient: 14 year-old Caucasian male.

History of Present Illness: The patient presents with a pruritic, red, papular eruption that began on his feet 2 weeks after he came back from a trip to Jamaica. He reports associated pruritus on his bilateral dorsal feet that is worse at night and keeps him awake. The eruption progressed to linear tracks on his feet about four days later. Other children that he was playing with, including his brother and cousin, also have similar lesions. The children report playing on the beach barefoot.

Current Treatment: Ivermectin 12mg PO for 1 day then ivermectin 12mg PO 7 days later

Medical History: None

Social History: High school student, plays basketball, lives with parents and sibling

Medications: Vitamin C 500mg

Physical Examination: Several thin, tense bullae in a serpiginous pattern on the soles, insteps, right lateral foot, left 2nd web space. Several erythematous non-scaly papules bilateral dorsal feet.

Reason for Presentation: Interest



Figure 1: Clinical image of right instep demonstrating serpiginous linear papules and plaques.



Figure 2: Clinical image of right plantar foot demonstrating a serpiginous linear plaque.

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Discussion

Cutaneous larva migrans (CLM) is a cutaneous infection which occurs most often in travelers to subtropical regions. CLM is most frequently caused by animal hookworms, including *Ancylostoma caninum* and *Ancylostoma braziliense* but can also be caused by human hookworms, *Ancylostoma duodenale* and *Necator americanus*. Adult hookworms reside in the intestines of cats and dogs. The eggs are then shed in the feces and hatch in the soil. The larvae thrive in a warm and humid environment. Thus, CLM is most commonly found in warmer climates, such as Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean region as well as the Southeast United States.

Transmission occurs with barefoot contact on damp sand or soil contaminated by animal feces. The larvae excrete protease and hyaluronidase allowing passage through the epidermis. While the larvae are able to penetrate into the lymphatic and venous system in animals, they cannot travel further than the skin in human hosts as they lack collagenase enzymes to penetrate the basement membrane zone. Depending on the larvae species, migration can be from a few millimeters to a few centimeters per day. Activity can continue for up to several weeks but the infection is self-limited.

Onset of infection begins with local pruritus and the appearance of papules at the site of entry. Some patients may recall a tingling or prickling sensation within 30 minutes of larvae penetration at the site of exposure. One to five days later, erythematous, serpiginous plaques appear which represent areas of resting larvae. In a small number of cases, vesiculobullous eruptions and folliculitis can occur. Lesions tend to occur on the feet, buttocks, and thighs as well as other exposed areas that come into contact with contaminated soil or sand.

Diagnosis is mostly clinical based on the history of travel to an endemic area and exposure to contaminated soil as well as the pathognomonic serpiginous eruption. Associated itch can be intense enough to disrupt sleep and lead to a bacterial superinfection. Labs and biopsies are generally unnecessary. Eosinophilia can be present but is not specific. Differential diagnosis includes scabies, loiasis, tinea corporis, cercarial dermatitis, and contact dermatitis. However, a good travel history will distinguish CLM from the aforementioned entities.

Treatment can be initiated with oral ivermectin at a single dose of 200ug per kilogram of bodyweight. If that is ineffective, a second dose can be given one week later. However, oral ivermectin is contraindicated in patients less than 5 years old and pregnant or breastfeeding women. Oral albendazole at 400mg daily for a week is an alternative option. Oral albendazole is pregnancy category C with data on use in pregnant women and children less than 2 years being limited. Other treatment options include topical thiabendazole. Prevention is through avoidance of barefoot contact of contaminated soil in endemic areas. Towels do not provide sufficient protection and sun chairs as well as sandals on the beach are advised.

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A Case of Nevoid Basal Cell Carcinoma Syndrome in a 9 month Infant

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DIAGNOSTIC CRITERIA FOR BASAL CELL NEVUS SYNDROME (BCNS)

Major criteria

1. More than two BCCs or one BCC before the age of 20 years
2. Odontogenic keratocysts of the jaw (proven by histology)
3. Three or more palmar or plantar pits
4. Bilamellar calcification of the falx cerebri
5. Bifid, fused or markedly splayed ribs
6. First-degree relative with BCNS

Minor criteria

1. Macrocephaly (determined after adjustment for height)
2. Congenital malformations: cleft lip or palate; frontal bossing; "coarse face"; moderate or severe hypertelorism
3. Other skeletal abnormalities: Sprengel deformity; marked pectus deformity; marked syndactyly of the digits
4. Radiographic abnormalities: bridging of the sella turcica; vertebral anomalies such as hemivertebrae and fusion or elongation of the vertebral bodies; modeling defects of the hands and feet; flame-shaped lucencies of the hands or feet
5. Bilateral ovarian fibromas
6. Medulloblastoma

Table 1. Diagnostic Criteria for BCNS. Reprinted from Jean L. Bologna, Julie V. Schaffer, and Lorenzo Cerroni. *Dermatology*. 4th edn. 2018:1875

ABSTRACT

Nevoid Basal Cell Carcinoma Syndrome (NBCCS), also known as Gorlin syndrome is an autosomal dominant genodermatosis with a prevalence of 1 in 60,000 people. [1] It can present with a multiple clinical features including musculoskeletal malformations, CNS deformities, medulloblastoma, cardiac fibroma and basal cell carcinoma. Musculoskeletal deformations include jaw keratocyst, craniofacial abnormalities, palmar/plantar pitting and bifid ribs. [2]

Most clinical features manifest in adulthood and rarely present in the pediatric population. The diagnosis can be established with a combination of two major diagnostic criteria and one minor diagnostic criterion or one major and three minor diagnostic criteria (Table 1). [3] In cases where clinical features are inconclusive, sequence analysis of the PTCH1 gene can support the diagnosis.

Management for these patients includes continuous surveillance and treatment of clinical manifestations.



Figure 2. Linear atrophic plaque with annular border and scaling on the flexor surface of the wrist.

CASE PRESENTATION

Our patient is a 9 month old hispanic male with an evolving asymptomatic linear atrophic plaque on the flexor surface of the left wrist extending to the left upper arm. Lesion presented at birth and has recently progressed into a linear pattern towards the proximal arm.

Additional findings on exam includes cleft lip, craniomegaly with frontal bossing, a supernumerary digit of the right foot, and plantar pits. See Figures 3-6.

A 4mm punch biopsy was obtained and histology demonstrated findings consistent with a basaloid neoplasm. The patient was referred to pediatric dermatology where genetic PTCH1 testing was performed and confirmed our suspicion of NBCCS. The patient was referred to pediatric neurosurgery where an MRI head was ordered to evaluate for medulloblastoma. Patient was also referred to ophthalmology and pediatric dentistry. The extra digit was excised by plastic surgery.

Due to the size of the lesion and the age of the patient, topical management was recommended over surgical excision and patient was started topical imiquimod. Strong emphasis was placed on photoprotection including sun avoidance, broad-spectrum sunscreen and ultra-violet protective clothing. The Mother was also educated on the importance of life-long skin evaluations for her child.



Figure 3. Frontal bossing.

Figure 4. Repaired Cleft Lip.



Figure 5. Polydactyly

Figure 6. Plantar Pit

DISCUSSION

Management of NBCCS involves a multidisciplinary approach. It requires continuous screening, prevention and treatment of clinical manifestations. Prevention is done by wearing protective clothing in order to minimize UV light radiation exposure, regular use of sunscreen, avoiding excessive exposure to X-rays, and close follow up with a dermatologist for screening.

Referral to dentistry or oral surgery starting at age 8 is recommended every 12-18 months for jaw keratocyst screening, [4] although prolonged X-ray exposure with the use of panoramic dental radiograph (Orthopantogram) should be limited due to increased risk of neoplasm.

Experts recommend performing a brain MRI when patients present with abnormal neurologic findings or changes in head circumference. [5] Surveillance for medulloblastoma is recommended every 4 months until age 3 and every 6 months until age 5. [4] Dermatologic screening is recommended annually until first BCC manifests, then every 6 months or sooner if needed. [3]

Treatment options for BCC in pediatric cases include topical 5-FU, imiquimod and surgical excision. The use of Mohs micrographic surgery is effective for early lesions and can be supplemented with cryotherapy and laser treatment. Radiotherapy is a feasible option when lesions are recurrent, or surgery is contraindicated. [6]

Patients who receive prompt treatment and recurrent screenings may have a favorable prognosis. [7]

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Acroangiokeratitis of Mali : A Case Report and Review

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INTRODUCTION

- Acroangiokeratitis of Mali is an uncommon vascular disease of the lower extremity
- It clinically presents as well circumscribed, slowly-evolving, red to violaceous or dusky macules, papules, or plaques on the lower extremities that mimics Kaposi sarcoma(KS), hence the moniker pseudo-KS.
- Herein, we report a case of a 71-year-old Vietnamese male who presented with violaceous papules and nodules on his lower extremity for which he had never been treated by a dermatologist.

CASE REPORT

A 71-year-old Vietnamese male presented for evaluation of multiple erythematous papules and nodules located on his bilateral lower extremity that had initially appeared 10 years prior.

- Initial treatment regimen included 3 weeks of SMZ/TMP by a prior practitioner
- After initial treatment, he returned with rapid progression of his lesions with increasing number and thickness and purulent discharge
- Physical exam: multiple erythematous and crusted violaceous nodules and plaques located bilaterally on the anterior lower extremity (Figure A)
 - Pertinent labs : CBC and CMP within normal Limits. Patient refused HIV testing.
- He underwent two 4-mm punch biopsies on the lower legs
 - Pathology: epidermal hyperplasia and hyperkeratosis with dermal fibrosis, a perivascular lymphocytic infiltrate, and small vessels with thickened vessel walls (Figure C)
 - Vascular slits and CD34 expression were notably absent (Figure D)
- Bilateral Venous Doppler studies showed no evidence of DVT or underlying vascular malformations
- Subsequent treatment
 - Topical Clobetasol applied twice a day
- Within two months of therapy, the patient had alleviation of symptoms and reduction in epidermal changes (Figure B).

CLINICAL IMAGES

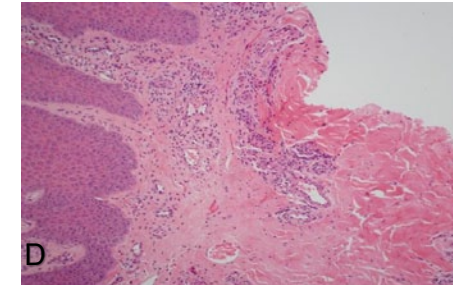
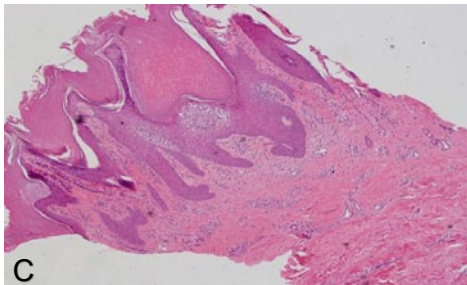


Figure 1: Clinical images of Patient prior to (A), treatment with brentuximab after 2-months (B).
Figure 2: Histologic Images at 40x (C) and 100x (D).

DISCUSSION and CONCLUSION

- AAD is an uncommon condition with less than 100 cases reported that usually occurs in males with a history of venous stasis, hemodialysis shunts, AV malformations, or prosthesis.³
- It is also referred to as pseudo-Kaposi Sarcoma due to the clinical and histological resemblance to Kaposi Sarcoma.
- It is hypothesized that AAD is due to alteration of local circulation leading to markedly increased capillary pressure with resultant edema, hypoxia, and neovascularization.²
- There is no definitive treatment for AAD. Treatment involves correction of the underlying vascular pathology with the goal of reducing inflammation as well as reducing capillary pressure.¹
- The reduction in inflammation from the topical steroids likely led to improvement of the lesions.

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Multiple Cellular Neurothekeomas

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HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS: A 69 year-old Caucasian female presents for evaluation of multiple lesions that have slowly developed on her bilateral dorsal hands and forearms for the last 30 years. The lesions are tender.

MEDICAL HISTORY/SURGICAL HISTORY: Hypertension, partial hysterectomy

FAMILY HISTORY: No family history of similar appearing lesions

MEDICATIONS: Metoprolol succinate ER, vitamin D 2000 units once daily, digoxin, topical conjugated estrogen, aspirin

CURRENT TREATMENT: Punch excisions

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION: Grouped 5-8 millimeter smooth, firm, pink, discrete papulonodules on bilateral dorsal hands and forearms. (Figures 1 and 2)

BIOPSY: Advanced Dermatology Associates LTD and University of Washington (AD18-05392, 05/25/2018). Left lateral dorsal hand, left dorsal radial wrist, left lateral distal forearm, right ulnar wrist, right radial wrist: There are similar histologic features in all specimens which are notable for a fascicular, relatively uniform, proliferation of spindled and epithelioid cells with mild atypia in the dermis associated with a myxoid background. The proliferation is relatively well delineated. Immunohistochemical stains demonstrate the cells are negative for SMA, Mart-1, CK5/6, p63, CD31, HMB-45, CD2, EMA, S100, CD45RO, and CD34. CD163 and CD68 highlight background histiocytes. The cells are variably positive for Factor XIIIa, positive for NKI-C3, and weakly positive for NSE. PGP 9.5 is equivocal. A colloidal iron stain demonstrates moderate amount of dermal mucin deposition. (Figure 3)

TABLE 1. IMMUNOHISTOCHEMICAL PROFILES OF MYXOID AND CELLULAR NEUROTHEKEOMAS.

Immunohistochemical staining pattern	Myxoid	Cellular
	S100 + Collagen type IV + Capsule EMA+	S100-Inconsistently stains for NKI/C3, PGP9.5, MITF, SMA, S100A6



Figures 1 and 2. Clinical appearance of multiple neurothekeomas.

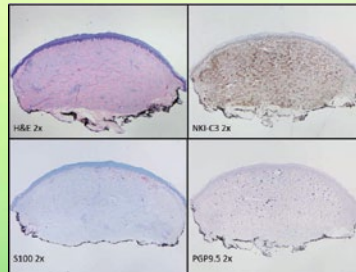


Figure 3. (H&E, 2x): A fascicular, relatively uniform, proliferation of spindled and epithelioid cells with mild atypia in the dermis associated with a myxoid background. (NKI-C3, 2x): Positive. (S100, 2x): Negative. (PGP9.5, 2x): Equivocal.

Neurothekeoma is a rare benign dermal neoplasm of debated lineage with consideration of fibrohistiocytic, neural, or smooth muscle derivation. Neurothekeomas most commonly occur in young females and develop as a solitary, slow growing, asymptomatic papulonodule on the head or neck. Multiple or agminated neurothekeomas are an unusual clinical presentation that have rarely been described.

Histopathologically, neurothekeomas are divided into three subtypes based on the degree of cellularity and mucinous stroma: myxoid, mixed, and cellular. All subtypes are poorly circumscribed plexiform dermal neoplasms that may extend into the subcutis. Myxoid neurothekeomas have abundant stromal mucin with few spindled and epithelioid cells in between fibrous septae. Cellular neurothekeomas are made up of fasciculated spindled and epithelioid cells in a stroma with minimal mucin. The immunohistochemical profile varies depending on the subtype (Table 1). Immunohistochemistry also helps exclude other histopathologic differential diagnoses including melanocytic, fibrohistiocytic, and Schwann cell tumors.

The varied histopathologic appearance and immunohistochemical staining patterns of neurothekeomas are hypothesized to be due to their existence on a morphologic spectrum directly related to nerve sheath maturation. Cellular neurothekeomas representing an undifferentiated variant and myxoid neurothekeomas representing a well differentiated variant. However, others believe that the varied immunohistochemical expression is secondary to their different cytomorphology.

Complete excision of neurothekeomas is both diagnostic and therapeutic. Although neurothekeomas may recur following incomplete removal, benignity is maintained and there are no reports of metastasis. Lastly, no known syndrome has been described in patients who have developed multiple neurothekeomas, but due to the rarity of this condition, it is suggested to follow these patients long term.

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Localized Cutaneous Leishmaniasis Treated with Observation - A Case Report

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Abstract

Leishmaniasis is a vector-borne protozoan infection transmitted by the bite of an infected female phlebotomous sandfly. The disease presents in four different forms: visceral leishmaniasis, or kala-azar; cutaneous leishmaniasis; mucocutaneous leishmaniasis; and diffuse cutaneous leishmaniasis. We report the case of a 36 year old Hispanic male trail runner with a painless atrophic plaque to the mid lateral right leg diagnosed as localized cutaneous leishmaniasis with the species identified as *L. Mexicana* on tissue culture. The patient underwent spontaneous resolution of the lesion with no pharmacologic intervention.

Clinical synopsis

A 36 years old Hispanic male presented to outpatient dermatology consult with a chief complaint of a non-painful ulcer to the mid right lateral leg of three months duration that started with itching followed by mild scaling and non purulent exudate a month later. He self-treated the area with neosporin and hebiclens unsuccessfully. He denied other systemic symptoms such as fevers, fatigue and weight loss. Apart from a trip to Cancun, Mexico two years prior, he denied any foreign travel around the time a he first noticed the lesion. His extracurricular activities involved bushy trail running and his last run before developing the lesion was in trails around Houston and Austin. He denied having any immunosuppressive condition or being on immune suppressive medication or therapy.

Case Report (con't)

Exam: Physical exam was notable for a brown solitary atrophic plaque to the right lateral leg with an erythematous center and greyish violaceous outer rim with fibrinous exudate (Fig 1). No swelling, lymphadenopathy, tenderness on palpation or anesthesia to the area was noted on exam. No other ulcers, plaques and patches were present on exam including mucosal surface. The rest of the physical exam was unremarkable.

Laboratory and Diagnostic Findings A 4mm perilesional punch biopsy was obtained from the area. Histopathology analysis of the specimen revealed numerous amastigote present within vacuolized histiocytes, consistent with Leishmaniasis on H & E (Fig 2a & 2b). A culture medium of Novy-MacNeal-Nicolle (NNN) was provided gratis from the CDC and another biopsy specimen was obtained from the lesion for invitro culture identification of leishmaniasis and PCR speciation by the CDC. Culture results were confirmatory for leishmaniasis with *Leishmania Mexicana* identified through DNA sequencing.

Intervention: The *L. Mexicana* species is not associated with an increased risk of mucosal leishmaniasis or severe disseminated leishmaniasis in otherwise health individuals. Taking into consideration that the patient's solitary lesion, non immunocompromised state and no other systemic symptoms related to the infection, clinical observation with close follow up and no pharmaceutical therapy was deemed appropriate. Intervention with cryotherapy, topical paromycin and or intralesional pentavalent antimonial was planned should no spontaneous healing of lesion be observed within 6 months.

Response to Treatment: Our patient reported via phone that area healed within three months pf visit with a scar to area. He felt satisfied with outcome and did not think he needed another dermatology visit thus refused re-examination and was lost to follow up.

Figures



Figure 1: Solitary atrophic plaque to the right mid lateral leg with dark erythematous center and pink outer rim with greyish fibrinous exudate.

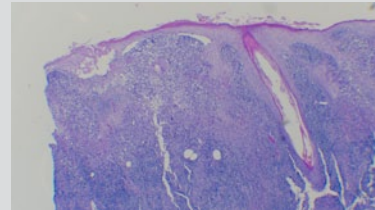


Fig 2a: On low power there was ulceration of epidermis with dense mixed granulomatous dermal infiltrate of lymphocytes, histiocytes, plasma cells, neutrophils, and multinucleated giant cells; occasional caseation necrosis.

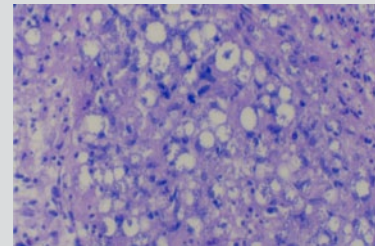


Fig 2b: On high magnification numerous leishmania amastigote organisms present within vacuolized histiocytes with margination around the edge of a clear space in the tissue like flashing lights around the edge of a dressing room mirror commonly referred to as the 'marquee sign.'

Discussion

According to the World Health Organization, leishmaniasis is one of seven most important tropical zoonoses.^{8,9} Its manifestations vary in degree of severity depending on the species involved and the immune response of patients.^{7,8} It can present as self-limited skin ulcers to the most severe form where infection can cause multisystem failure secondary to hemorrhage and thrombocytopenia. Our patient presented with the localized cutaneous variant (LCL). Cutaneous Leishmaniasis can be caused by *L. tropica* in the Eastern Hemisphere or *L. Mexicana* in Mexico and Central America. The sandfly, bites usually occur in exposed areas most commonly on ears, nose, upper extremities and ankles.¹⁰ The parasite has an incubation period of 1-4 weeks but may last several years.¹¹ Initially, it presents with erythematous papules with pruritus in some patients. The lesion size can range from 1 to 10 millimeters. After 48 hours, it converts to a vesicle then into a pustule. Eventually, it may break due to trauma, revealing an ulcer with round borders and sharp edges.⁷ The cutaneous variants can be self limiting based on the variable species of Leishmania. *L. major*, *L. mexicana* complex and cutaneous leishmaniasis associated with *L. donovani* complex are usually self-limit within 3 to 6 months; for *L. braziliensis* complex and *L. tropica*, it often takes up to 1 year; and for *L. aethiopia* this may range from 6 months to several years.

Diagnosis is usually made by clinical symptoms and epidemiological context. The protozoa can be found on skin scrapings of lesions. Histopathological studies reveal epidermal hyperplasia or atrophy with infiltration of macrophages, lymphocytes and plasma cells with localized necrotic areas.⁷ Parasites known as amastigotes, can be found intracellularly within cytoplasmic vacuoles on histiocytes during early stages. During late stages, a lympho-histiocytic infiltrate is seen within infected macrophages. PCR shows 100% specificity for CL.⁷

There is no general consensus of drug therapies.¹² Treatment options include chemotherapy, cryotherapy, systemic treatments, thermotherapy and local therapy in the form of ointment treatment.¹³ Local therapy is reasonable for patients with uncomplicated CL who are not healing spontaneously and/or those pursuing therapeutic intervention. Topical paromycin or intralesional pentavalent antimonial can be used. Some studies describe a combination of miltefosine and thermotherapy has been proven an effective alternative.¹⁴⁻¹⁶

Conclusions

Management of Leishmaniasis is dependent upon severity of clinical manifestations and strains involved. Clinical observation is a reasonable option for immunocompetent patients with uncomplicated lesions that are healing spontaneously and not associated with MCL such as our patient and should be considered especially in cases where potential side effects to medications is of greater concern and cosmetic appearance of scar is not an issue to the patient.

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Mohs Micrographic Surgery for Primary Cutaneous Ewing Sarcoma

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Abstract

Primary cutaneous Ewing sarcoma (PCES) is an exceedingly rare neoplasm with less than 100 cases reported in the literature. Herein we present a case of PCES that developed in a 45-year-old male and was successfully managed with Mohs Micrographic Surgery (MMS) and adjuvant radiation therapy without chemotherapy. The patient has had no evidence of recurrence in the past 24 months of follow-up. We believe this to be the first reported utilization of MMS in the management of PCES.

Case Report

A 45-year-old male presented with a three-month history of an asymptomatic, enlarging lesion on the left anterior shoulder. The lesion was a dome-shaped, red nodule measuring one-centimeter in diameter. Histopathology demonstrated a malignant small round cell neoplasm (Figure 1) with strong, diffuse CD99-positivity. Other immunohistochemical markers, including S100, HMB-45, CK20, CD56, chromogranin, and desmin were all negative, ruling-out entities such as melanoma, Merkel cell carcinoma, and rhabdomyosarcoma. With exclusion of other diagnoses, morphologic and immunohistochemical findings were consistent with Ewing sarcoma.

Upon follow-up (Figure 2A), no lymphadenopathy was noted on examination. Pre-operative positron emission tomography – computed tomography (PET-CT) did not detect any abnormalities in the lymph nodes or internal organs, and bone marrow aspiration was negative for involvement. After ruling-out an internal source of metastasis, the final diagnosis was primary cutaneous Ewing sarcoma (PCES).

The patient was presented with various treatment options, and ultimately Mohs micrographic surgery (MMS) with adjuvant radiation was selected as the ideal therapeutic approach. The patient underwent Mohs with clearance of tumor margins in one stage (Figure 2B). Permanent sections confirmed eradication of the tumor. The defect was repaired in a linear manner (Figure 2C) in order to preserve the architecture for future imaging and potential sentinel lymph node biopsy (SLNB).

Radiotherapy to the tumor bed was performed with a single dose of 55.80 Gy, without concurrent radiation of the ipsilateral axillary and supraclavicular lymph node basins. We elected not to pursue adjuvant chemotherapy due to a lack of systemic involvement and recent reports suggesting that risks of treatment sequelae outweigh the risk of recurrence of tumors that are adequately excised. The patient has been examined every three months and surveyed with an annual MRI for the past two years. The patient has exhibited no evidence of recurrence over the past 24-months post-operatively (Figure 2D). We report the first case of PCES successfully managed with MMS and adjuvant radiation with no evidence of recurrence.

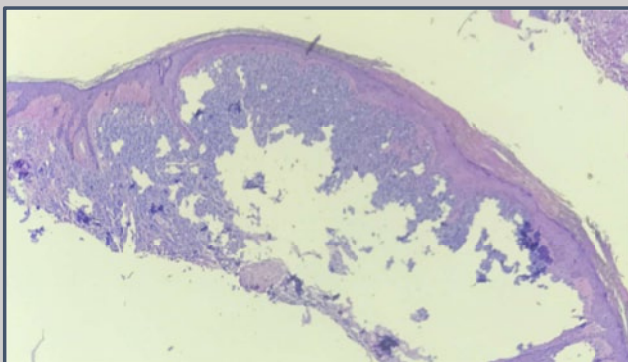


Figure 1: Small round cell tumor, H&E, original magnification X10.

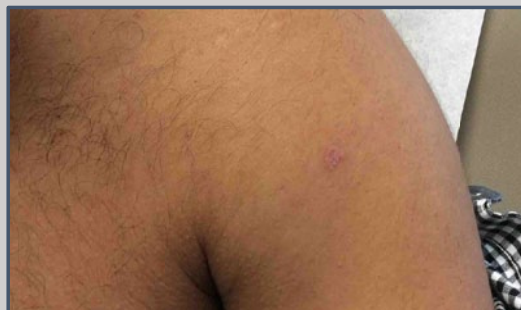


Figure 2: (A) Pre-operative, post-biopsy tumor site, (B) Intra-operative, tumor extirpation in one stage, (C) Linear closure of defect to preserve architecture, (D) Two-year follow-up with no evidence of recurrence.

Discussion

PCES belongs to the family of neuroectodermal tumors that includes Ewing sarcoma, primitive neuroectodermal tumor (PNET), and Askin tumor of the chest wall (1). The osseous form of Ewing sarcoma is the second most common primary bone tumor of children and adolescents. Despite intensive management approaches, Ewing sarcoma of the bone carries a poor prognosis, with five-year survival rates averaging 60.2% (2). In contrast, PCES, while much rarer, carries a more favorable prognosis compared to its osseous counterpart, with ten-year survival rates reaching 91% (1). This difference in prognosis can be attributed to earlier detection and a smaller tumor burden resulting in lower rates of metastasis. Recent studies also suggest that distinct cells of origin and different cooperative mutations may alter the metastatic potential of extraskeletal variants of Ewing sarcoma, though these theories require further analysis (2).

All forms of Ewing sarcoma exhibit similar biology. Tumors are composed of small round basaloid cells that express CD99 – a product of the *MIC2* gene – in a characteristic membranous pattern (3). A chromosomal translocation t(11;22) between the *EWSR1* gene on chromosome 22 and the *FLI1* gene results in a fusion oncogene (1). Notably, this translocation is not specific to Ewing sarcoma; however, after ruling-out other CD99-positive entities, Ewing sarcoma remains as a diagnosis of exclusion.

Given the rarity of PCES, management recommendations have been extrapolated from experience in treating Ewing sarcoma of the bone. First-line therapy is extensive surgical removal followed by several rounds of multi-agent chemotherapy, and adjuvant radiotherapy for inadequately excised tumors (2). Given the dearth of cases and knowledge about PCES, we questioned the utility of such an aggressive strategy in the treatment of a localized cutaneous tumor. A recent publication described a large PCES limited to the foot with no systemic involvement that was successfully excised with 1.5 cm margins and no adjuvant chemoradiation (4). Further, a review of 61 patients by Delaplace, et al. emphasized the increased morbidity and mortality in patients treated with systemic chemotherapy, and suggested a less toxic treatment approach, given the epidemiological and prognostic differences between PCES and Ewing sarcoma of the bone (1). Collier et al. found a 90% survival rate among PCES patients who received excision and chemotherapy, while patients who had excision alone had a survival rate of 85.7% (5). These new data suggest that chemotherapy may not be necessary for tumors that can be managed with local therapy. However, without adequate local control, survival dropped to 66.7% in chemotherapy patients and 0% survival in those without chemotherapy, highlighting the importance of local tumor control (5).

Given these recent data suggesting a more conservative management approach to PCES, we believed MMS to be ideal for our patient. We achieved clearance of tumor margins in one stage and permanent sections confirmed tumor eradication. In concert with oncology, we elected to incorporate a single dose of post-operative radiotherapy to further ensure local tumor suppression. We chose not to pursue chemotherapy given the recent data suggesting that the risk of long-term sequelae of chemotherapy may outweigh the risk of recurrence or metastasis for small tumors that are completely excised.

Conclusions

To our knowledge, this is the first case of PCES successfully treated with MMS. After two years of follow-up, our patient remains disease-free. We believe this confirms our hypothesis that PCES should be approached differently from its osseous counterpart. Further cases will be necessary to determine if MMS is an appropriate therapeutic modality in the management of PCES.

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An Atypical Presentation of Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis

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INTRODUCTION

Langerhan cell histiocytosis (LCH) is a rare condition occurring predominantly in children and rarely in adults. It is reported to occur in 1-2 cases per million in adults. It is a proliferation of histiocytes and is classified according to the extent systemic involvement. It may appear as a solitary bone lesion or systemic disease. Presentation varies greatly. LCH can affect any organ system and most commonly affects skin, lung and bones in adults. LCH may have a chronic course and can recur after resolution.

CLINICAL CASE

A 61 year-old male presented to the clinic complaining of a "spot". He stated that it had been present for an unknown duration of time, he had no treatment prior to this visit and he was asymptomatic. His past medical history included hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease with stent placement, hypertension, eosinophilic esophagitis, and gastroesophageal reflux disease. Current medications included ticagrelor, atorvastatin, and blood thinner of unspecified type. Social history included everyday smoker (5 cigarettes per day) and everyday drinker (1-2 glasses per day).

Physical exam revealed a 6 millimeter violaceous nodule at the left rib cage. A shave biopsy was performed and the specimen was sent for pathological examination.

Histopathological analysis revealed focal Langerhans cell and Langerhans microabscesses within the epidermis. Mixed inflammatory cell infiltrate comprised of epithelioid histiocytoid cells, lymphocytes, and many scattered eosinophils in the dermis. (FIGURE 1, 2) An S100 immunohistochemical stain was performed and labeled many Langerhans cells and Langerhans microabscesses in the epidermis and epithelioid cells within the dermis. (FIGURE 3, 4) A CD1a immunohistochemical stain was performed and labeled Langerhans cells within the epidermis and epithelioid cells within the dermis confirming their origin as Langerhans cells. (FIGURE 5, 6) A Langerin (CD207) immunohistochemical stain was performed and identified birbeck granules. (FIGURE 7, 8) Immunohistochemical staining with CD68 was performed and did not label epithelioid cells. (FIGURE 9, 10)

Patient was referred to Mayo Clinic where he received a positron emission tomography (PET) scan that revealed disease localized to the skin. Patient is not currently on any therapy for the lesions. He is scheduled to follow up at Mayo Clinic in 1 month for a bone marrow biopsy.

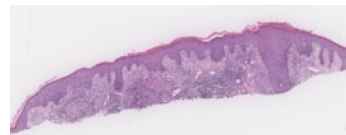


FIGURE 1: Hematoxylin and Eosin Stain at 4x Magnification

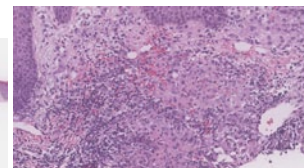


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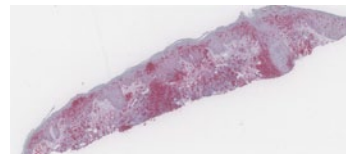


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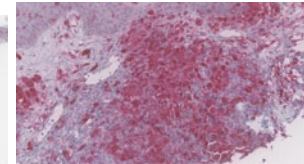


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FIGURE 5: CD1a Stain at 4x Magnification

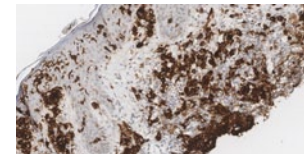


FIGURE 6: CD1a Stain at 20x Magnification



FIGURE 7: Langerin (CD207) Stain at 4x Magnification

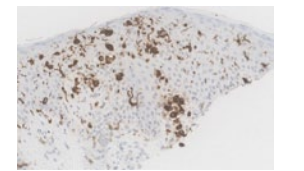


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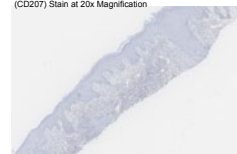


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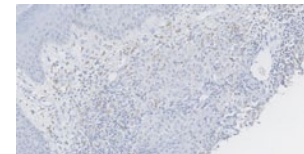


FIGURE 10: CD68 Stain at 20x Magnification

CLINICAL SIGNIFICANCE

LCH is a very rare disorder in adults. Classification is based on the number of organ systems involved with one system labeled as unifocal and two or more systems labeled as multifocal. Any organ of the body may be affected and in 33% of cases the skin is involved. Skin lesions may have many different appearances including erythematous to brown papules, nodules, plaques, vesicles, or ulcers on any cutaneous surface, however they are usually painful rather than pruritic. When LCH is detected in a skin biopsy, additional work-up is warranted to evaluate for systemic involvement. This includes complete blood count (CBC), complete metabolic panel (CMP), erythrocyte sedimentation rate (ESR), coagulation studies, full body imaging and referral to oncology. Associations with poor prognosis are mutation in the BRAF V600E gene, involvement of the liver, lungs, spleen and hematopoietic system, and failure to respond to therapy after 6 weeks. LCH may have a chronic course and recur after resolution therefore long-term follow up is imperative.

DISCUSSION

While LCH is a rare disease, it is a potentially fatal disease practitioners need to be aware of. The presentation is often non-specific, but when identified or suspected systemic involvement must be ruled out. In our case the patient had what appeared to be an isolated benign dermatofibroma, however it was LCH. A significant risk of delayed sequelae, leukemia or lymphoma, and mortality have been identified in all ages and therefore identification of the LCH and long-term follow up are vital. Due to the rare incidence of LCH, no clinical trials have been performed on how to guide practitioners. At this time, identifying the disorder and referral to oncology are the standard of practice in dermatology.

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Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm: A Cutaneous Herald

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ABSTRACT

Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm (BPDCN) is an extremely rare and aggressive hematopoietic malignancy that typically manifests with cutaneous lesions that herald the development of bone marrow involvement and fulminant acute leukemia. Diagnosis is often dependent on recognition of skin lesions, which express the characteristic immunophenotype CD4, CD56, and CD123. Patient prognosis is poor as disease tends to relapse despite initiation of intensive multi-agent chemotherapeutic regimens. Recent FDA approval of CD123-targeted therapy, tagraxofusp-erzs, in treatment-naïve and previously treated patients offers promising results per clinical trials and may improve patient survival.

CASE REPORT

A 77 year old Caucasian male presented with a 2 month history of asymptomatic nodules located to the back and a 'bruise-like' patch to the right medial knee. Lesions were reported to rapidly enlarge and disseminate within days of initial presentation. Review of systems was negative for fatigue, fever, chills, night sweats, cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, history of frequent infections, easy bruising/bleeding, or weight loss.

Physical examination was significant for multiple violaceous plaques and nodules scattered to the back and chest (Figure 1). An 8.0 x 6.7 cm infiltrative, violaceous tumor was present on the right medial knee (Figure 2). Total body surface area of involvement estimated to be 1.2%. No lymphadenopathy or hepatosplenomegaly was appreciated.

Histopathology revealed a diffuse monomorphous infiltrate of the papillary dermis composed of medium-sized cells with blastic morphology. Immunohistochemistry (IHC) demonstrated positive staining for CD4, CD56, CD123, TdT, CD43, & CD45. Staining was negative for T cell (CD3, CD5), B cell (CD20, PAX-5), myeloid (MPO), monocyte (CD68, lysozyme), and hematopoietic stem cell (CD117, CD34) lineage markers. EBER in situ hybridization was negative and Ki-67 proliferation index was 10-20%.

CBC and CMP were within normal limits. Patient was extensively worked up for extracutaneous disease including repeat blood work with serum immunofixation electrophoresis and CT Chest, Abdomen and Pelvis with contrast, which were negative for disseminated disease. Bone marrow biopsy was consistent with a concurrent myeloid neoplasm.

Patient will begin tagraxofusp-erzs transfusion therapy.



Figure 1. Multiple violaceous nodules to back.



Figure 2. Violaceous indurated tumor to R medial knee

DISCUSSION

BPDCN is estimated to represent <1% of all hematologic malignancies and cutaneous lymphomas (1-3). Less than 300 cases are described in the literature worldwide (2,4). BPDCN most commonly affects elderly, male patients. Initial presentation with solitary or multifocal cutaneous lesions is reported in greater than 90% of affected individuals (4). Lesions appear as 'bruise-like' patches or red-to-violaceous infiltrative nodules that primarily present on the upper trunk or face and rapidly progress in the absence of treatment (1,3). Frequently the disease is already disseminated to the peripheral blood, lymph nodes, and bone marrow at time of diagnosis. BPDCN often co-exists with an underlying myelodysplastic syndrome and will inevitably develop into an acute leukemia. Generally, patients are asymptomatic and rarely exhibit B symptoms (1-4). The characteristic IHC phenotype expressed by BPDCN is CD4, CD56, CD123, TCL1, and TdT (2,3,5). Lineage specific antigen markers for T-cells, B cells, cytotoxic, and myelomonocytic cells are usually negative, with the exception of a few myeloid (CD68, CD33) and T-cell associated antigens (CD2, CD7, CD43, CD45RA) detected in a substantial number of cases. EBV in situ hybridization are consistently negative (5). Overall patient prognosis is poor, with a median survival of 12-14 months. Due to the aggressive nature of BPDCN, it is imperative that patients begin systemic therapy irrespective of localized or disseminated disease. Unfortunately, there is a lack of consensus on optimal treatment guidelines and few therapeutic options exist. Sustained remission has been achieved using acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL)-like protocols followed by allogeneic stem cell transplantation (1,4). To date, bone marrow transplantation has been the only treatment to achieve long-term survival, albeit inconsistently, and many patients are not suitable candidates due to advanced age (2-3). Tagraxofusp-erzs, a diphtheria toxin conjugated to IL-3, targets IL-3 receptor (CD123) and is a promising new treatment for patients diagnosed with BPDCN.

CONCLUSION

It is critical for dermatologists to be aware of the clinicopathologic correlation of BPDCN to better facilitate early diagnosis and initiation of treatment.

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Shades of Acquired Dermal Melanocytosis

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Introduction

- ❖ Dermal melanocytoses are distinct melanocytic lesions characterized by a blue-gray discoloration of large portions of the skin.
- ❖ Subtypes include a wide variety of congenital and acquired, histologically indistinguishable entities characterized by an intradermal proliferation of fusiform pigment-bearing melanocytes in the absence of melanophages.
- ❖ The most frequent dermal melanocytoses are of the congenital type and include nevus of Ota, nevus of Ito, and Mongolian spots. These are usually present at birth and occur most frequently in Asian populations.
- ❖ Acquired dermal melanocytoses (ADM) occurring later in life and in non-Asian patients are rare. Herein, we present four unusual cases of ADM.

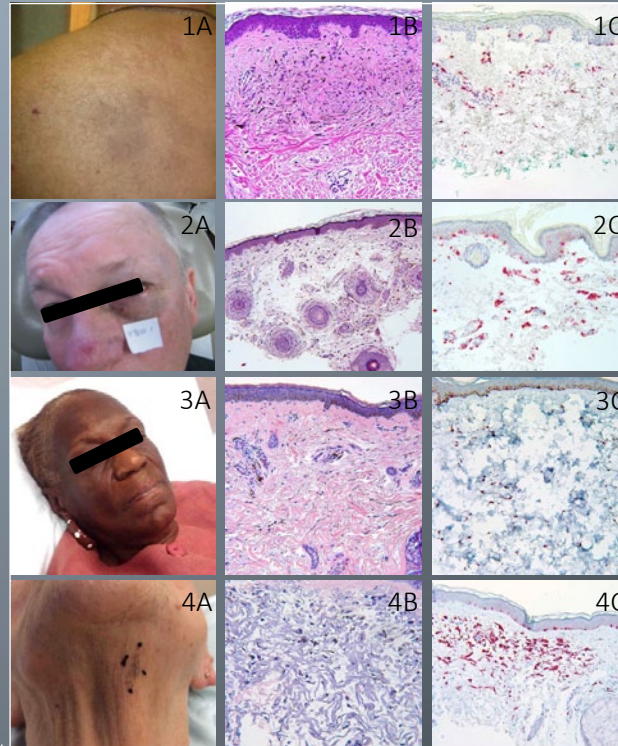
Case Series

1. 57 year-old African American male with acquired dermal melanocytoses of the upper back.
2. 62 year-old Caucasian male with acquired unilateral nevus of Ota with ocular involvement.
3. 73 year-old African American female with acquired bilateral nevus of Ota (Hori's nevus).
4. 73 year-old Caucasian male with "patch-type" blue nevus of the anterior neck.

Discussion

During embryogenesis, melanocytes are found diffusely throughout the dermis. By the end of gestation, these melanocytes have migrated to the dermoepidermal junction. Defect in migration of pigmented neural crest cells result in deep melanin in the skin and associated tyndall effect, appearing clinically as dermal melanocytoses. Such defects usually present at birth or appear within the first year of life, most commonly in Asian individuals. Congenitally acquired nevus of Ota and Ito remain stable throughout life, while Mongolian spots generally regress within a few years.

There are seldom reports of dermal melanocytoses acquired in non-Asian adults. The pathogenesis is uncertain but reactivation of ectopic latent dermal melanocytes has been suggested as a possible cause. The dormant dermal melanocytes may be reactivated by exogenous agents such as solar radiation, local inflammation, trauma, drugs, hormone therapy with estrogen or progesterone, or other yet undefined stimuli. Of note, the individuals presented here were on no medications previously reported to induce ADM.



Four non-Asian patients presented with acquired dermal melanocytosis of varying sites. Photos depict (A) clinical features; (B) H&E stain displaying very sparse but diffuse proliferation of small, spindled, dendritic melanocytes with pigmented cytoplasm splayed between collagen bundles in the dermis; (C) Melan-A stain highlighting ectopic melanocytes in dermis.

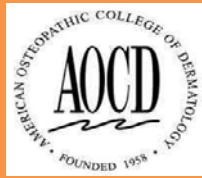
Treatment

- ❖ Therapy options are the same for congenital and acquired dermal melanocytoses.
- ❖ Laser is the treatment of choice, using selective photothermolysis to target the chromophore melanin.
- ❖ Q-switched laser surgery with an extremely high power, short pulse duration (nanoseconds) is the preferred waveform because the melanin target molecules are very small with short thermal relaxation times.
- ❖ The Q-switched ruby is preferred over the Q-switched alexandrite and Nd:Yag as it emits radiation with increased absorption and selectivity for melanin.
- ❖ Frequency of treatments depends on the pigment intensity. Overall, after 4-8 treatments skin pigmentation is reduced dramatically or removed in 90% of cases, with a less than 1% risk of scarring.
- ❖ Less successful treatment methods reported include superficial excision, bleaching agents, chemical peels, and electric cauterization.

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ALOPECIA AREATA AFTER BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT FROM ALOPECIA UNIVERSALIS-AFFECTED MONOZYGOTIC TWIN



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ABSTRACT

Alopecia areata is an autoimmune disease that leads to non-cicatricial hair loss, and clinically patients are found to have small patches of hair loss on the scalp. It can progress to loss of all the hair on the scalp (alopecia totalis) and even a total loss of hair on the body (alopecia universalis). It can be a chronic disease with relapses that can have a negative impact on the patient's self-esteem, and lead to psychiatric comorbidities.

We report on a case of a 55 year-old female diagnosed with leukemia who later developed alopecia areata after having a bone marrow transplant from her monozygotic twin sister. Her twin sister had alopecia universalis prior to the bone marrow transplant. This represents an uncommon occurrence, and one that demonstrates the frustration commonly encountered in treating alopecia areata.

INTRODUCTION

Alopecia areata is a disease which targets the hair follicles, leading to non-scarring hair loss that can involve parts of the scalp and/or the entire body. The cause of alopecia areata is not fully known, but it is believed to be an autoimmune disease leading to upregulation of inflammatory pathways and destruction of the hair follicle.¹ Alopecia areata is considered to be a T-cell-mediated process with CD8⁺ T cells being the main cell type that initiates the process. Other cells involved natural killer cells, plasmacytoid dendritic cells, and are T helper and cytolytic T cells that attack the hair follicle leading to its destruction and alopecia.² Clinically the hair loss is commonly seen as round or oval patches, and "exclamation point" hairs are often seen at the periphery of alopecia areas.³ It can progress to hair loss of the entire scalp (alopecia totalis) or to hair loss of the entire body (alopecia universalis). Alopecia areata is associated with other autoimmune and rheumatoid diseases, with atopic diseases, metabolic syndrome, *Helicobacter pylori* infection, lupus erythematosus, iron deficiency anemia, thyroid diseases, psychiatric diseases, vitamin D deficiency, and audiologic and ophthalmic abnormalities being more prevalent in these patients.⁴

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

A 55-year-old female presented with a 12-year history of hair loss of the scalp. She was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in 2003. She has a twin sister who was diagnosed with alopecia universalis years prior. Our patient underwent a bone marrow transplant in 2004 with her twin sister being the donor. A few months after the transplant, our patient began having hair loss on her scalp. She denied any pruritus, pain, redness, or rash with the hair loss. She was diagnosed by another dermatologist with alopecia areata. It progressed to involve all of her scalp to the extent of being diagnosed with alopecia totalis. She has been in remission from the leukemia for a few years, but continues to have alopecia areata. During the 14 years of having alopecia areata, she would have exacerbations of the alopecia with significant stresses in her life. She presented to our clinic initially in 2016 with diffuse non-scarring hair loss on her scalp.

Her past medical history also includes hypothyroidism, basal cell carcinoma of the left shoulder, verrucous vulgaris on the right index finger, chronic nausea, and previous surgeries of her left ankle and foot for fractures. She does not smoke, denies drug use, and drinks alcohol seldom.

MANAGEMENT & CLINICAL COURSE

At the time of her presentation to our clinic, she had tried many different therapies over the years in attempts to manage her alopecia. She had already tried topical steroids, topical minoxidil, topical immunotherapy with squaric acid dibutyl ester, and light-based therapy with unsatisfactory hair regrowth. The best response to past treatments was with intralesional injections of triamcinolone (ILIs), although recurrence occurred with significant stresses in her life. She expressed her frustration with failed past treatments and again sought ILIs of triamcinolone. She received multiple ILIs of triamcinolone 5mg/mL every four weeks over the next five months with significant hair regrowth as response to the therapy. Subsequently, there was a gap of time before she returned again with her scalp involved considerably. Again, she sought therapy with ILIs. Lab studies including complete blood count, comprehensive metabolic panel, thyroid stimulating hormone, free T4, free T3, progesterone, estradiol, c-reactive protein, vitamin D levels, lipid panel, antinuclear antibody, and iron studies were normal except for mildly elevated cholesterol level. Discussion was had of other possible treatments that included JAK/STAT pathway inhibitors and other systemic therapies. She denied any other treatments other than ILIs, to which she has a temporary positive response.

DISCUSSION

Alopecia areata prevalence in the United States is ~0.1%. A genetic component in alopecia areata is well documented, with a 10-fold increased risk in first-degree relatives.¹ It has been reported there is a 55% concordance rate in monozygotic twins, indicating both factors of genetics and environment play a role.⁵ Other reports have been presented of alopecia areata in twins.⁵⁻⁷ Similar to this one, there is another case reported of a man who had chronic myelogenous leukemia and received a bone marrow transplant from a brother who had alopecia areata, and the patient went on to develop alopecia areata.⁸ Rodriguez et al found alopecia areata concordant in 42% of 19 sets of monozygotic twins, with the average time interval between first onset of alopecia areata in one twin and onset in the second twin being 4.85 years.⁵

This case presents an uncommon presentation of alopecia areata after receiving a bone marrow transplant from the patient's monozygotic twin affected with alopecia universalis. The patient, despite periodic temporary response to ILI treatment, continues to have recurrences of the alopecia areata with significant stresses in her life.

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Background

Dermatitis artefacta (DA), also known as factitial dermatitis, is a condition whereby an individual performs self-induced skin damage as a means to consciously or unconsciously satisfy a desire to assume the role of an ill-patient. By definition, this condition should be distinguished from malingering as well as Munchausen syndrome, as those psychological entities possess other unique features and patterns. DA is more common in females, early adults, and those with underlying psychiatric diagnoses or external stressors.

Patients will rarely admit their role and are more likely to actively conceal their involvement in the development of cutaneous manifestations, thus presenting particularly unique and puzzling diagnostic challenges. Various techniques, instrumentation, and chemicals may be utilized by the patient to induce these skin changes, and multiple anatomical sites may be involved, but lesions more often appear within the background of normal skin and are usually within easy reach of the patient. Ulcerations are very common, but other morphologies can present and are only limited by each patients' level of motivation.[1,2]

Case Report

A middle-aged female presented with several large non-healing ulcers on the lower legs and left arm. The patient, who happens to be a retired nurse, stated that the lesions started over 4 months prior to presentation. On physical exam, large, deep, annular ulcerations were seen over the left arm and the bilateral lower legs. The most prominent lesions were noted on the left lower extremity (Figure 1 and Figure 2). Part of the initial work-up included venous and arterial doppler studies which were negative for evidence of vascular disease. The patient was therefore admitted to the hospital floor for non-healing ulcers with a clinical suspicion for pyoderma gangrenosum. She had asserted that in the past she had been diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease by a gastroenterologist, however, this was not able to be corroborated by the medical team. While in the hospital, she was managed by a multidisciplinary team consisting of specialists in rheumatology, dermatology, and internal medicine. Accordingly, two punch biopsies were performed on lesions revealing a dense superficial mixed cell infiltrate including neutrophils, histiocytes, lymphocytes, and eosinophils dispersed around a significant bed of ulceration. No signs of malignancy were noted on histology. In addition, direct immunofluorescence studies were negative, and a gram stain and bacterial cultures were unremarkable, presenting only mixed normal skin flora. Likewise, specific cultures for fungus including cultures for mycobacterial organisms also proved negative.

After this thorough work-up and given the fact that the histological features were not consistent with pyoderma gangrenosum, a self-inflicted skin disorder was at that time suspected. Hence, a sitter was asked to watch the patient around-the-clock while in the hospital. One week following the initialization of the sitter, the patient's skin had improved dramatically. The patient's son did ultimately discover a bottle of sodium hydroxide accompanied by several vials of suspicious and unlabelled powders in the bedside belongings of the patient. As a result, what was originally thought very likely to be a case of pyoderma gangrenosum was later diagnosed as dermatitis artefacta.

Case Report



Figure 1. Dorsal foot ulcer clearly revealing muscle tendons



Figure 2. Multiple ulcers of the left lower extremity

Key Points

- **Dermatitis artefacta should be included in the differential diagnosis when skin disorders fail to respond to conventional therapies or when histological/clinical features are atypical.**
- **Patients will likely not admit or be aware of their role in the development of cutaneous manifestations.**
- **Dermatitis artefacta is more common in females, early adults, healthcare workers, and those with underlying psychiatric diagnoses or external stressors.**
- **Treatment of DA can be incredibly difficult, lengthy, and refractory and should involve a multidisciplinary approach including psychiatry/mental health.**

Discussion

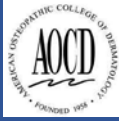
Dermatitis artefacta is a diagnosis of exclusion, and thus some index of suspicion is absolutely necessary when testing and work-up yields no viable alternative diagnosis. The patient presented in this case exhibited many insidious but classical features of dermatitis artefacta including lack of supported alternative diagnosis, female gender, morphology of the wounds, as well as experience as a healthcare worker as a retired nurse. Healthcare workers are found to have higher incidence of DA and would likely be more knowledgeable and able to evade immediate detection through more effective means of self-trauma or possess the knowledge to feign a known cutaneous disease such as pyoderma gangrenosum (PG). Not surprisingly, other case reports of DA simulating PG have been reported.[3] Although there are no specific histological features for DA, biopsy and histological evaluation of the edge of a wound will likely provide the ability to rule out other considerations. Likewise, additional testing to rule out other potential causes such as infection, malignancy, or autoimmune etiology should also be performed, but DA should at least be considered sooner rather than later under appropriate circumstances.

Once a diagnosis of DA is assumed, treatment can be incredibly challenging. A nonconfrontational approach and a multidisciplinary team involving mental health professionals is advised and has shown to have beneficial outcomes. [4] That being said, treatment of factitious disease is often unsuccessful.

Initially, patients can be managed with topical treatment modalities including bland emollients, antibiotics, or occlusive dressings which can not only provide diagnostic value, but also physical protection from disease progression. In fact, DA was able to be diagnosed in this case through simple and strict observance of a sitter, physical protection, and barrier restoration. If the patient is receptive, psychiatric medications such as SSRIs or antipsychotics in combination with cognitive behavioral therapy can provide significant value.

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Rash with Neuropathy Refractory to Medical and Surgical Therapies - a Case Report

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Abstract

Patient was a 63 year old male with an extensive history of worsening neurological symptomatology refractory to medical and surgical care presents with a collection of non-pruritic, erythematous plaques and papules distributed about the proximal upper and lower extremities. This rash had failed anti-fungal and topical over-the-counter medications in the recent past. Biopsy was performed, demonstrating a granulomatous dermatitis with numerous acid-fast bacilli. PCR studies were conducted, verifying the presence of *Mycobacterium Leprae*. Patient was started on triple therapy with rifampin, clofazimine, and dapsone. At 6-month followup, patient was responding favorably to treatment.

Physical Examination

Visual inspection was performed of the head, neck, torso, and extremities. Patient was alert, oriented, well nourished and was not in any immediately apparent distress. Multiple circinate and geometric erythematous papules and plaques were present, distributed about the proximal upper and lower extremities. Lesional distribution/density appears greater on the left upper extremity than on the remaining 3 extremities. There are no clinically appreciable hair or nail changes on exam. Sensation is intact to light touch throughout the proximal and distal extremities, and capillary refill is brisk.



Figure 1. Right proximal upper extremity

Patient Presentation

Our patient was a 63 year old caucasian male rancher, presenting to dermatology clinic complaining about a largely "asymptomatic" yet persistent rash to his bilateral proximal extremities. Patient failed attempts at home remedy with over the counter medications, so he visited his primary care provider. Patient was placed on anti-fungal medications, and there was no improvement. Pertinent history of this patient includes being diagnosed as pre-diabetic, as well as a 6 year history of steadily-worsening peripheral neuropathy. Paresthesias and radicular pain was admittedly prevalent in the upper extremities more-so than lower. Patient was seeing a neurologist for much of this time, yet the symptoms had progressed to a degree that was unmitigated by medical therapies. The patient was referred for surgical decompression of his left cubital tunnel, as well as carpal tunnel, and eventually when symptoms persisted, a single level partial laminectomy and discectomy to decompress a cervical nerve root. At time of presentation, patient already had performed routine bloodwork for his primary care physician, all within normal limits aside from a glucose of 114. Patient denies any history of immunosuppression or constitutional symptoms associated with the presenting rash. He also denies any travel outside of the country.

Diagnosis and Treatment

A 4.0 mm punch biopsy was performed of a papule on the left proximal upper extremity, and the wound was approximated with a 5-0 Chromic gut suture. Differential diagnosis included drug eruption to a recently started lisinopril, tinea corporis, psoriasis, nummular eczema, as well as granuloma annulare.

Initial dermatopathology interpretation of the biopsy demonstrated a superficial and deep lichenoid inflammatory cell infiltrate with both lymphocytes and histiocytes. GMS stain was negative for fungi, treponema immunostain was negative for presence of spirochetes, but there were numerous bacilli visible with Acid-Fast staining. The biopsy specimen was forwarded for PCR analysis to identify the organism. AFB PCR studies confirmed the presence of *Mycobacterium Leprae*.

Patient was started on multi drug therapy for leprosy, with Rifampin, Clofazimine, and Dapsone. As of 6-month followup, cutaneous lesions have greatly resolved. As is typical with disease course in leprosy, areas of hypoesthesias and neuropathic pain persist. Pain management is being explored with some degree of success. Fortunately, patient denies further progression of neurological symptoms.

Discussion

As we find is true throughout all of medical history taking, it is often times fruitless to inquire about the patient's life without making requests that are exceedingly specific. Despite being asked about traveling and exposure to exotic plants and/or wildlife, it was not until the primary biopsy results returned that the patient was asked about exposure to armadillos. Not only had the patient admitted to handling armadillos several times, he uncovered a history of leprosy in his father. His father has been deceased for over 2 decades, unfortunately, so the history was limited. But as possible as it is that our patient contracted *M. Leprae* from direct contact with an armadillo, it is equally possible that our patient had inhaled contagious respiratory droplets from his father and became inoculated. In a case such as this, where neurologic symptoms evolve alone, years before any cutaneous sign of leprosy presents, patients and physicians embark upon a frustrating sequence of trial and error.

Conclusions

Educating primary providers and specialists regarding the presentation of regional infectious disease may allow for the addition of several items to each patient's differential diagnosis. Once considered, these possible diagnoses may guide the physician to ask a specific enough question that not only solves the diagnostic mystery, but also recovers months to years of a patient's life from cycling through the health care system.



Figure 2. Left proximal upper extremity



Figure 3. Proximal lower extremities

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CASE REPORT

History of Present Illness: A 65 y/o Caucasian female presented to clinic with a two-year history of generalized chronic pruritus. Previous treatment includes Triamcinolone .1% cream and Pramoxine cream for several months without improvement. She also reported electric “shooting” pains and burning in bilateral upper and lower extremities, most severe in the evening.

Past Medical History:
Hypertension, Cholelithiasis, uncontrolled Type II Diabetes, Bladder incontinence

FINDINGS

Physical Exam: Excoriated erythematous urticarial papules and plaques on back, upper arms, and upper thighs with sparing of central back (Figures 1,2)

Diagnosis:

- Punch biopsy specimen submitted for H&E (Figure 3) revealed a superficial and deep perivascular and interstitial infiltrate with eosinophils
- Neurology performed two punch biopsies which were submitted for epidermal nerve fiber density studies. Frozen sections of the tissue was stained with PGP 9.5, an immunohistochemical stain targeting peripheral nerve fibers. The study showed significantly reduced epidermal nerve fiber density (Figures 4,5) consistent with the diagnosis of Small Fiber Neuropathy. Figure 6 demonstrates normal density of intraepidermal nerve fibers for comparison.

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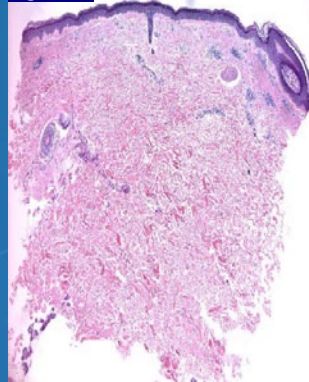


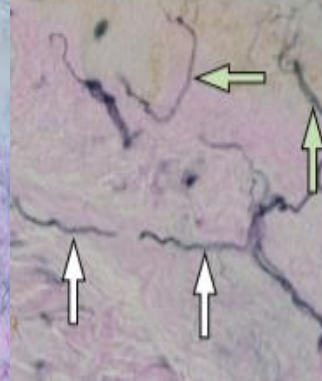
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DISCUSSION

- Small fiber neuropathy (SFN) is caused by damage to small, unmyelinated and myelinated fibers in peripheral nerves
- These nerves convey pain and temperature sensations from the skin and mediate autonomic functions. Dysfunctions in these nerve fibers can cause symptoms such as pruritus, numbness, burning, paresthesias, and dysesthesias
- Diagnosis requires examination of the small nerve fibers in the skin using staining with PGP9.5 axonal marker. The standard biopsy sites for diagnosis include the thigh, distal leg, and dorsal foot.
- Epidermal Nerve Fiber Density(ENFD) is a standardized test that measures density of small sensory nerve fibers in the skin after staining with PGP9.5.
- Underlying causes include systemic diseases, the most common being diabetes mellitus or glucose intolerance. Other causes include metabolic syndrome, hypothyroidism, autoimmune rheumatologic disorders such as lupus, vasculitis, sarcoidosis, inflammatory bowel disease, nutritional deficiency (B12,B6,B1 vitamins), celiac disease, Lyme disease, HIV/HCV infection, alcohol abuse, amyloidosis, and drug/toxin exposure. 40% of cases are idiopathic.
- Treatment is aimed at symptom control (gabapentin, topical lidocaine or capsaicin) and treating the underlying cause. Acute onset cases have responded to prednisone.
- Chronification processes may lead to refractory pruritus, thus treatment should be started as soon as possible.

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Auricular Cartilage Roll Flap

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Introduction

Surgical defects of the helical ear present unique challenges to overcome. Depending on the depth and size of your defect you may also have to take cartilage damage into consideration while planning your repair. Other aspects of the repair that require your attention include; auditory function, aesthetics, and patient convenience including hearing aid placement. The authors formulated a novel single stage approach that included a cartilage skin graft to maintain both function and cosmesis.

Case Report

An 86-year-old man presented for Mohs micrographic surgery to treat a biopsy confirmed nodular basal cell carcinoma covering the left scapha. Tumor clearance was achieved after 2 stages and required removal of a large portion of cartilage. The resultant defect was large with missing cartilage and intact posterior auricular skin (figure 1). This left the helical rim with a "sagging" appearance.

A single stage procedure was designed by first making an incision inferior to the original defect to harvest a strip of cartilage from the inferior helical rim (figure 2). A 4mm wide cartilage graft strut was subsequently sutured from the superior antihelix to the remaining helical rim cartilage with PDS sutures (figure 3). The posterior auricular skin was then rolled over the cartilage graft. This construct provided immediate rigidity and prevented collapse of the helical rim. To create a smooth contour of the helical rim, redundant skin was removed overlying the cartilage graft donor area. The helical roll and inferior donor sites were sutured in place with 5-0 Polysorb and 5-0 nylon. A full thickness skin graft was used to cover the remaining defect. (Figure 4) (figure 5). The sutures were removed at two weeks and the patient was seen at five months post op (figure 6).

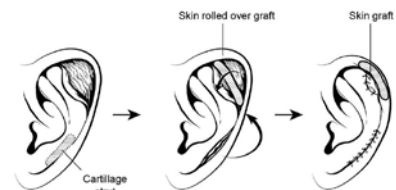


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Discussion

When approaching this repair there were several options to consider. Wedge excisions are popular options for defects of the posterior helix. This option, however, is prone to causing several appreciable aesthetic complications including butterfly deformity (pinching the helix into a bi-lobed structure), cupping and webbing¹. It is especially difficult to avoid altering pinna size, vertical height, and anatomical landmarks using a wedge resection when the defect extends beyond one-fourth of the auricular circumference². Given the size and position of our defect we opted against a wedge resection as we felt it would significantly alter the anatomical and cosmetic appearance of the ear.

A chondrocutaneous advancement flap was another consideration. Helical chondrocutaneous advancement flaps may be used in small defects limited to the helical rim³. They have the advantage of providing good color and texture match. Unfortunately, our defect was too large, and this reconstruction would have severely affected the vertical diameter of our patient's ear.

Other staged reconstructive options, including mastoid flap over cartilage were also eliminated due to patients desire to avoid a multi-step procedure.

Our single stage procedure provides an ideal option for repair of larger helical defects that extend through the cartilage but not through the posterior auricular skin. By utilizing an ipsilateral cartilage strip graft along with a skin graft, we were able to recreate the structure of the ear without sacrificing structure or function. Only mild distortion of the helical rim was caused, and overall size compared to the patient's contralateral ear was preserved. The patient reported minimal pain postoperatively and experienced no complications. Thus, this novel approach provides yet another option to dermatologic surgeons faced with the dilemma of helical repair.

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Background

R. africae is the etiological agent for African tick-bite fever (ATBF), the most common tick-borne bacterial zoonosis.[1] There are two known vectors of the disease: the *Amblyomma variegatum* ticks found in Sub-Saharan Africa and West Indies, and the *Amblyomma hebraeum* ticks found specifically in Southern Africa.[2,3]

Unlike other ticks that passively infect their host, *Amblyomma hebraeum* ticks uniquely attract other ticks to the host. Studies have shown that male ticks that are feeding on a non-human host (usually cattle) can emit an aggression-attachment pheromone that attracts other unfed ticks to the host. The presence of the pheromone allows unfed ticks to actively discriminate between hosts on which these parasites have fed successfully (suitable hosts) and those on which they have not.[4] The aggressive hunting nature of the *A. hebraeum* ticks explains the clinical presentation of having multiple eschars and affecting large groups of exposed travellers such as soldiers, leisure safari tourists, game hunters, and foreign aid workers.[2] Another South African spotted fever group Rickettsia, *Rickettsia conorii*, is the causative agent for Mediterranean spotted fever (MSF) and *R. conorii*-carrying ticks exhibit a much less aggressive hunting style than *A. hebraeum* ticks, consequently presenting with a single eschar site. [5]

R. africae has been estimated to have a very high prevalence in *Amblyomma* ticks (95.2%) and fairly high prevalence of about 4.0-8.6% in travellers coming from rural Southern Africa.[6,12] It has an incubation period of about 5-10 days after inoculation by an infected tick.[7] Clinical signs include fever, generalized maculopapular or papulovesicular rash, fatigue, headache, myalgia, and regional lymphadenopathy. The inoculation eschar, single or multiple, commonly presents on the legs and is accompanied by tender lymphadenopathy of the draining nodes[1,7] More severe symptoms such as, myocarditis and subacute neuropathy have been reported in elderly patients.[8]

Case Report

A 77-year old male presented with a pruritic maculopapular and papulovesicular rash distributed over his upper and lower extremities bilaterally that started 3 weeks prior. He noted he was on a 12-day mission trip in Limpopo, the northernmost province of South Africa, where he was constructing and installing safe toilets to replace areas using dangerous toilet pits. The patient believed he had been bitten by two ticks and noted an eschar on his left lower leg on the third day of the trip. He also noted that he developed a sudden, persistent, and pruritic rash that started on his lower extremities and spread to his upper extremities. He was seen by a US physician on the trip and was given a 7-day course of doxycycline monohydrate 100mg PO BID. About 16 days after his initial symptoms, his exam showed multiple edematous dome-shaped papules 3-6mm in size were scattered over his dorsal feet and ankles bilaterally (figure 1) and an erythematous plaque with a central eschar over the left medial leg (figure 2).

Biopsies were taken from the right shin, left volar forearm, and right fourth finger, all of which revealed histologic findings consistent with a bullous arthropod reaction without any evidence of a vasculitis. Aerobic and anaerobic bacterial cultures taken from the right shin showed no growth. Ten days after the initial biopsies, serum samples and eschar swabs were collected then sent to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for further testing. The serum Spotted Fever Group IgG IFA (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever) and African Tick-bite Fever antibodies were negative. However, the cultures from the eschar swab came back positive for *R. africae*.

The patient was given triamcinolone 0.1% cream to apply BID to pruritic lesions for up to two weeks and an additional 7-day course of doxycycline monohydrate 100mg PO BID was given. The skin lesions had fully resolved without scar 7 days after treatment was given.

Case Report



Figure 1. African tick-bites distributed over the right ankle



Figure 2. Early eschar forming over the left lower leg

Key Points

- African tick-bite fever (ATBF) is one of the most common tick-borne bacterial zoonoses.
- ATBF should be considered in those with exposure to rural area of Southern Africa in the preceding 2 weeks, particularly when presenting with multiple eschar sites
- The *R. africae*-carrying ticks are unique, given their ability to actively attract and hunt their non-human hosts via an aggression-attachment pheromone.
- Laboratory diagnosis of ATBF can be challenging due to its high cross-reactivity with *R. conorii* in serological testing and it's delay in seroconversion

Discussion

Diagnosis of rickettsiosis can occur through serology testing, in which presence of disease-specific antibodies are detected via indirect immunofluorescence assay (IFA) using disease-specific antigens. Antigens from *R. rickettsii* (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever), *R. conorii* (MSF), and *R. africae* (ATBF) are commercially available for the diagnosis of rickettsiosis. Unfortunately, antigens from *R. conorii* exhibit cross reactivity with *R. africae*, which can confound the diagnosis.[1,11] Another diagnostic dilemma is that serology IFA tests can be less sensitive when done after the initiation of antibacterial treatment. The current hypothesis is that *R. africae* is highly sensitive to doxycycline and the early exposure to the drug prevented the development of detectable titers of reactive antibodies, thus producing a negative serology test.[10] In our patient's case, early exposure to doxycycline explains his negative serology tests.

Due to *R. africae*-carrying tick's aggressive hunting nature, they are associated with multiple eschars and tend to affect a groups of people, especially in rural areas.[4,5] The infection presents with a maculopapular or papulovesicular rash, fatigue, headache, and myalgia. It responds well to tetracyclines, quinolones, and macrolides.[9,11]

ATBF is now one of the most common rickettsial infections in Africa.[12,13] Accordingly, it is incredibly important for travellers to utilize topical repellents containing at least 19.5% diethyl-3-methylbenzamide (DEET) as a preventative measure when traveling to endemic areas.[14]

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Pemphigus Foliaceus: Case Report and Review

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Introduction

Pemphigus foliaceus (PF) is a rare autoimmune blistering disease that can be difficult to diagnose and treat. The disease can be endemic or sporadic with a number of different instigating factors. We present a case of a 73-year-old male who developed PF shortly after treatment with 5-fluorouracil for actinic keratosis and with a distant history of ionizing radiation treatment. The patient proved difficult to properly treat due to his transitory and resistant nature. A short review of PF is also provided.

Case Report

A 73-year-old male presented to our clinic for evaluation of persistent superficial erosions with overlying scale on his upper extremities, trunk, neck, and lateral face that began 3 months previous (Figure 1). The patient had just recently moved and was a new patient to us. At presentation, the lesions on the patient's trunk and upper extremities had a thicker scale than those on his neck and face (Figures 2 and 3). Immediately prior to developing the lesions, the patient was treated with 5-fluorouracil for actinic keratosis on the face and scalp. The patient's medication list included aspirin, clopidogrel, tamsulosin, and atorvastatin. Past medical history is significant for radiation therapy for laryngeal cancer and abdominal aortic aneurysm repair each many years previous.

Three lesional punch biopsies were performed for hematoxylin and eosin staining on chest and upper extremities. Histopathology showed separation of the corneal layer with subtle acantholysis in the granular layer, which favored the diagnosis of pemphigus foliaceus (PF) (Figures 4 and 5). Clinical correlation supported the diagnosis of PF. Direct immunofluorescence, indirect immunofluorescence, and ELISA were not performed due to histological and clinical support of diagnosis, and particularly due to the patient's resistance to further testing.

The patient was started on high-potency topical corticosteroids and a short course of 20mg prednisone that was tapered over a month. By the end of the first month of treatment, he was cleared of nearly all lesions. However, at the next follow up, the patient had a more localized flare up on the neck and lateral face while continuing the topical corticosteroids. The patient was resistant to starting any immunosuppressant medications other than corticosteroids. The patient was started on 1mg/kg per day of prednisone with the plan to taper. The patient is transitory and was soon lost to follow up after starting the new treatment plan.

Discussion

Pemphigus foliaceus (PF) is a member of the chronic blistering pemphigus family that includes other major forms: pemphigus vulgaris (PV) and paraneoplastic pemphigus. 1 PF is a rare disease with low prevalence and incidence worldwide. 2 PF can be endemic or sporadic. The endemic form, known as fogo selvagem, is found in most commonly in regions of Brazil but can be found in a number of different locations worldwide. Fogo selvagem is believed to be caused by environmental factors. It presents in genetically susceptible children and young adults who are exposed to the bite of black flies, which are a possible vector that precipitates the disease. 1,2 Fogo selvagem presents clinically the same as the sporadic form of PF. While endemic PF presents in children and young adults, sporadic PF typically presents in adults between ages 40 and 60 years of age. 2 Both endemic and sporadic PF tend to present equally in men and women. 1,2

Pemphigus can be induced by medications, especially thiol-containing drugs such as penicillamine and captopril. 2 Our patient reported his first initial flare of PF after using 5-fluorouracil. The patient also reported a history of ionizing radiation for laryngeal cancer. 5-fluorouracil has been implicated as a possible eliciting factor of PF by at least one author but is otherwise undocumented. 3 Ionizing radiation and UV exposure have also been documented as possible instigators of pemphigus. 2,4,5

PF is an autoimmune condition in which IgG autoantibodies target desmoglein 1 (Dsg1). 6,7 The binding of autoantibodies to Dsg1 leads to loss of intercellular connections known as acantholysis. 2 Dsg1 is found in greater abundance towards the upper levels of the epidermis, and in lower levels of the epidermis, co-expression of Dsg3 is found. 7,8 For this reason, PF tends to develop more superficial bullae, especially compared to PV, which is predominately caused by Dsg3-directed autoantibodies. 7,8

PF presents clinically with shallow cutaneous erosions often with overlying scaly crust. Unlike PV, patients do not have mucosal involvement. The lesions are most often found in a seborrheic distribution. The bullae associated with PF are very fragile, often never seen by the provider intact. The Nikolsky sign is commonly positive. Generally, patients are not severely ill but can experience pain and/or burning. PF can rarely be severe, becoming an exfoliative erythroderma. Also occurring rarely, PF can transition to PV. 1,2,9,10

Pemphigus erythematosus (PE, Senear-Usher syndrome) is a localized variant of PF that presents primarily on the malar face and sun-exposed areas. PE is described as having features of both lupus and pemphigus, with some rare patients having positive anti-nuclear antibodies. 10 However, pemphigus erythematosus patients have rarely been reported to have both diseases congruently. PE presents identically to PF histologically. 1,2

The histopathology of PF consists primarily of acantholysis of the upper epidermis in the granular layer. Often the stratum corneum is missing due to the fragility of the bullae, but in early lesions can be split from the underlying epidermis. 6,11 The location of acantholysis and separation in the epidermis is helpful in distinguishing from PV. PV usually will develop separation lower in the epidermis. 6,11 Direct immunofluorescence (DIF) of perilesional skin shows IgG and C3 intercellular deposition that is more prominent in upper levels of the epidermis. Pemphigus erythematosus differs from PF with DIF showing intercellular deposition of IgG and C3 as well as at the basement membrane. 10 Indirect immunofluorescence with human skin or guinea pig esophagus substrate shows anti-Dsg1 autoantibodies. 1,11 ELISA is sensitive and specific for anti-Dsg1 without requiring skin biopsy. 8 DIF, IIF and ELISA help distinguish PF from other forms of pemphigus, bullous impetigo, subcorneal pustular dermatosis, subacute cutaneous lupus, and seborrheic dermatitis. 1 ELISA can also serve as a useful tool monitoring disease response to treatment and to help predict flares. 8

Treatment for PF can be similar to PV when the disease is widespread. In cases of widespread disease, systemic corticosteroids remain first line, usually with prednisone at 1 mg/kg/day as the initial dose. 12 Tapering the dose is based on clinical improvement as well as monitoring circulating anti-Dsg1 levels. Azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, dapsone, and cyclophosphamide as adjuvant therapy with systemic corticosteroids or on their own as steroid-sparing options have shown to reduce lesions and aid in remission. 13-16 Rituximab has proven as an increasingly effective adjuvant therapy to pemphigus. 17 Tetracycline with niacinamide has emerged as a useful corticosteroid-sparing medication, showing 90% efficacy in new flares and 60% control with occasional treatment with topical and/or oral corticosteroids. 18 In localized disease, control can be obtained with super-potent topical corticosteroids. 1



Figure 1. Erythematous plaques with erosions and crusting of the patient's right face, ear and neck.



Figure 2. White scaly plaques on patient's bilateral dorsal forearms.



Figure 3. Scattered pink eroded plaques with some overlying crust on patient's chest.

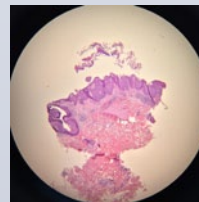


Figure 4. H&E, original magnification 4x

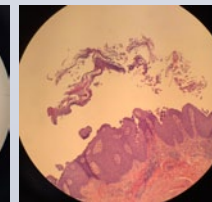


Figure 5. H&E, original magnification 10x

Conclusion

Pemphigus foliaceus is a rare disease that can be difficult to diagnose and treat. Our patient would have benefited by additional studies to confirm the diagnosis of PF and to monitor treatment response based on circulating anti-Dsg1 levels such as found with ELISA. It is also important to recognize the possible but uncommon eliciting factors of 5-fluorouracil and radiotherapy. Due to our patient's refusal for adjuvant immunosuppressive therapy, we will consider treatment with tetracyclines and niacinamide if we are able to regain contact.

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A case of herpetic sycosis: a frequently unrecognized manifestation of a common pathogen

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Clinical Presentation



Figure 1 (A, B, and C) Scattered, excoriated papules and vesicles on the bilateral cheeks, neck, and chest of a Caucasian male.

An 84 year old male presented with an eruption on the face, neck, and trunk present for several weeks. He reported itching and burning with no improvement with the use of triamcinolone acetonide cream. Past medical history significant for hypertension, hyperlipidemia, coronary artery disease, COPD, and hypothyroidism. He also reports a history of cold sores. Current medications included aspirin, carvedilol, furosemide, pravastatin, levothyroxine, tamsulosin, docusate sodium, loperamide, milk of magnesia, and an albuterol inhaler. Patient reported daily close razor blade shaving with a straight razor.

Physical examination was remarkable for scattered pink follicular-based papules and vesicles on the bilateral cheeks, neck, and chest (**Figure 1A,B,C**). There were secondary excoriations overlying the primary lesions.

At time of presentation, the differential diagnosis included folliculitis, allergic/irritant contact dermatitis, drug eruption, neurotic excoriations, arthropod assault, widespread actinic keratoses, or a photosensitive/photoallergic process. A 4-mm punch biopsy was taken from a papule on the posterior neck (**Figure 1C**).

Abstract

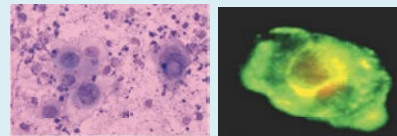
There are few reported cases of herpetic folliculitis in the literature. Herpetic folliculitis represents a rare and frequently unrecognized manifestation of a common pathogen; either varicella zoster virus (VZV) or herpes simplex virus (HSV). When affecting the beard area specifically, it is termed herpetic sycosis. Herein, we present a case of a 3 week long, pruritic and burning pink to red papulovesicular eruption with secondary erosions on the face, neck, and trunk of an elderly male with a history of cold sores. The rash was initially mistaken for an allergic or irritant contact dermatitis and was treated with low and medium potency topical corticosteroids with no improvement. Eventually, a punch biopsy was performed and upon visualizing classic histopathologic findings of a herpes virus infection the patient was diagnosed with herpetic sycosis. While this eruption commonly self-resolves, this patient experienced full recovery following treatment with oral antiviral therapy. This case illustrates the importance of histopathological evaluation and a broad clinical differential diagnosis in the setting of a nonspecific erythematous papulovesicular eruption that is unresponsive to therapy.

Discussion

- Herpetic folliculitis is most frequently caused by VZV, followed by HSV-1, then HSV-2¹
- Increased risk in men with a history of recurrent facial HSV who shave closely with a blade razor (herpetic sycosis)^{2,5}
- Virus establishes latency in dorsal root ganglia and is able to evade the immune system via several mechanisms, including down-regulating various immunologic cells and cytokines and inducing intracellular accumulation of CD1d molecules in antigen presenting cells (normally, these CD1d molecules are transported to the cell surface, where they stimulate natural killer (NK) cells, promoting an immune response)³
- Tzanck Smear (**Fig. 2**) or biopsy revealing multinucleated giant cells are commonly used for diagnosis; other options include direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) assay (**Fig. 3**), HSV serology (gold standard), or polymerase chain reaction (most sensitive and specific)³
- Healthy patients typically self-resolve within 2-3 weeks although clearance may be hastened with antiviral therapy²
- In the immunocompromised population, lesions may be widespread or purpuric⁴

Figure 2. Tzanck smear. Multinucleated giant cells present.

This study cannot differentiate between HSV and VZV.



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Figure 3. DFA assay. A keratinocyte infected with HSV fluoresces green.

This study can differentiate between HSV and VZV.

Histopathological Findings

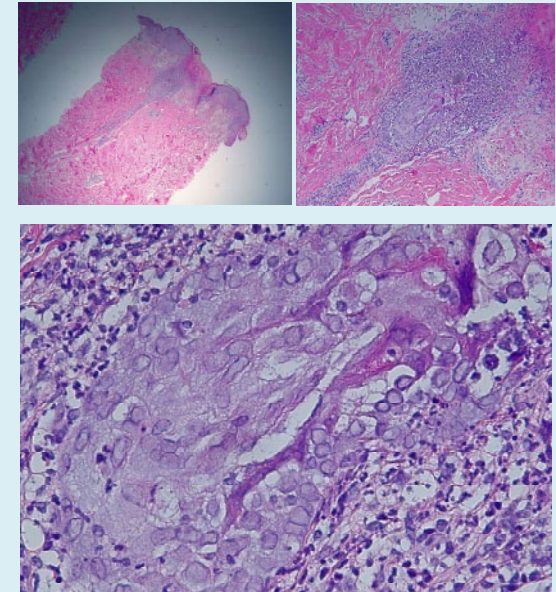


Figure 4. Multinucleated keratinocytes within an area of follicular epithelium. Some of these cells show a "ground glass" nuclear appearance and peripheral margination of chromatin. These may represent either HSV or VZV. (H&E, original sections at low, medium, and high power)

- On histopathology, partial or complete necrosis of the hair follicle with exocytosis of lymphocytes into the follicular wall and sebaceous gland may be appreciated¹
- There may be a perivascular and interstitial dermal inflammatory infiltrate that mimics pseudolymphoma or lymphoma¹
- Multinucleated giant cells, +/- Cowdry A inclusion bodies, herpetic cytopathic effect (peripheral margination of chromatin), and ballooning degeneration of keratinocytes may be seen but not always present¹ (**Fig.4**)

Treatment

A diagnosis of herpetic folliculitis was made. A 7 day course of oral valacyclovir (500mg PO TID) was prescribed with complete clearance of eruption. Alternate regimens include famciclovir 500mg PO TID for 5-10 days or acyclovir 200mg PO q4h for 5-10 days.

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The Takeaway

A diagnosis of herpetic folliculitis should be considered in a folliculitis-like dermatosis that is refractory to antimicrobial therapy or topical corticosteroids, especially when a history of prior HSV infection is present.

Successful Treatment of Congenital Oral Melanosis with a 1064/532-nm picosecond Nd:Yag Laser

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CASE PRESENTATION

Chief Complaint: Brown spots on tongue.

History of Present Illness: Patient is a 22 year old Hispanic female with a lifelong history of hyperpigmentation to the bilateral edges of her tongue. Patient denied any changes in size, color, or morphology. Patient denied any associated symptoms such as itching, burning, pain, bleeding, or tingling. Patient did not try any other treatments in the past for the brown spots on her tongue.

Past Medical History: Patient denied any significant past medical history.

Medications: Patient denied any prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, or herbal supplements.

Family History: Patient denied any significant family history. Patient specifically denied any family history of LEOPARD syndrome, Peutz-Jeghers syndrome, Addison's disease, Albright's syndrome or any other hyperpigmentary disorders in the family.

Social History: Patient denied any alcohol, tobacco, illicit drug use, oxidizing mouthwashes or recent travel.

Surgical History: Patient denied any significant surgical history. Patient denied any dental procedures other than routine dental cleaning every 6 months.

Allergies: NKDA, NKA

Physical Exam: Patient is a well-nourished, well-appearing female who presented in no acute distress. On examination, there was discrete macular hyperpigmentation to the bilateral edges of the tongue extending from tip to base (Figure 1). Focal areas of further hyperpigmentation involved scattered papillae throughout. No other oral pathology was noted. A total body cutaneous examination was unremarkable and revealed no other pigmentary abnormalities.

Dermatohistopathology: Due to lifelong history of oral pigmentation and no change in lesion, a biopsy was deferred.

Patient Course/Treatment: After a thorough history and physical a clinical diagnosis of congenital oral melanosis was reached. The patient complained of cosmetic disfigurement and she therefore elected to proceed with treatment and removal. Two treatment sessions spaced 1 month apart were performed with the dual wavelength 1064/532 nm picosecond Nd:YAG laser utilizing a 4 mm spot size, 1.6 J/cm², 532 nm wavelength, 375 picosecond pulse duration, and 125 and 83 pulses delivered at a 1-2 Hz repetition rate for the first and second treatment sessions respectively. A mild, instant whitening phenomenon was noted over all treated hyperpigmented areas with the application of each laser pulse. Areas of the tongue that were not involved with hyperpigmentation did not whiten in response to laser exposure. No anesthesia was applied and the patient noted a 2-3/10 pain score. Treatment side effects included a mild erythema and burning sensation to the treated areas that persisted for a period of 3-5 days before complete spontaneous resolution. There was no incidence of peeling, scaling, erosion, ulceration, crusting, or scabbing. Seventy percent clearance was noted after the first treatment session. Two weeks after the second treatment session, 100% resolution of the congenital oral hyperpigmentation was achieved (Figure 2).



Fig. 1



Fig. 2

Figure 1: Congenital oral hypermelanosis. Discrete hyperpigmented patches with focal papillary accentuation are noted to the bilateral edges of the tongue.

Figure 2: Complete resolution of the congenital oral hypermelanosis was achieved after two treatment sessions with the 532 nm picosecond Nd:YAG laser.

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DISCUSSION

Congenital oral hypermelanosis is a benign hyperpigmentation of the mucous membranes. There is an increase in focal melanin deposition without an increase in the number of melanocytes. It is characterized as a flat macule or patch of brown discoloration of an oral mucosal surface with uniform color and border. Due to congenital oral melanosis' benign and asymptomatic nature, removal is characteristically sought for cosmetic reasons as the hyperpigmentation can be disfiguring. In this report we demonstrate the safety and efficacy of a 1064/532-nm picosecond neodymium:yttrium aluminum garnet (Nd:YAG) laser (Picoway, Syneron-Candela) for the treatment of congenital oral hypermelanosis.

Although the 1064/532-nm picosecond laser was originally developed for tattoo removal, it has since exhibited the ability to treat a variety of benign pigmentary conditions.¹⁻² However, this is the first report of successful treatment of congenital oral hypermelanosis with this laser modality. There are several other features that make this case study unique. First, the sensitive mucosal location of the lesion raised potential treatment safety and tolerability issues. Due to the extremely short pulse duration of the 532 nm picosecond laser, much lower fluences (compared with longer pulsed nanosecond lasers) could be applied to achieve treatment efficacy and this allowed for greater treatment safety, minimal downtime and treatment-related side effects, and minimal pain even in the absence of specific anesthetic measures. Additionally, the effectiveness of this laser after just 1-2 treatment sessions highlights the efficiency of the 532 nm wavelength and majority photoacoustic effect in ablating melanin and treating benign melanotic lesions.³⁻⁴

As has previously been shown, picosecond pulsed laser enables greater fragmentation of melanosomes into melanin particles that are eventually phagocytosed as compared with the previous generation of Q-switched technologies.⁵ The 532 nm picosecond laser's high affinity for melanin coupled with its uniquely short pulse duration allows the use of lower fluences to remove melanosomes while causing less nonspecific photothermal damage.²⁻³

In summary, the 532-nm picosecond Nd:YAG laser seems to be a safe and effective treatment option for congenital oral hypermelanosis and is likely the treatment of choice for benign hyperpigmented lesions located on sensitive mucosal surfaces.

Biosurgery Utilized for Chronic Leg Ulcers in a Patient with Refractory Pemphigus Vulgaris

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Chief Complaint and History

❖ A 65 year-old female presented with a two month history of a progressively enlarging rash located over the right eyebrow and back. The patient stated that the rash initially began as a single, non-healing erosion that repeatedly scabbed over with surrounding inflammation. A new lesion near the right eyebrow appeared simultaneously. There was associated pruritis and burning of the affected areas

❖ Complete ROS was grossly negative and patient denied prior rash

❖ PMH: asthma and hyperlipidemia

❖ Physical Examination: several flaccid bullae and erosions on the mid-upper back and a single, moist, well-demarcated red plaque with overlying crust on the right eyebrow. Several erosions present on floor of the mouth

❖ Pathology: punch biopsy revealed suprabasilar intraepidermal acantholytic blister consistent with pemphigus vulgaris (PV). DIF consistent with linear/granular IgG deposition throughout the epithelial cell surfaces

Physical Examination



Several flaccid bullae and erosions on upper back; moist red plaque over right eyebrow

Initiated on prednisone 30mg and topical clobetasol 0.05% ointment, lesions progressed to abdomen, scalp, lower extremities, oral mucosa. Patient initiated on mycophenolate mofetil 3g daily and prednisone 40mg daily with little improvement

Patient developed painful, non-healing ulcers of the lower extremities. She required inpatient therapy and biopsies of ulcers showed no distinct etiology. Lesions were cultured for pseudomonas conferring diagnosis of pseudomonas-infected chronic lower extremity ulcerations

Perilesional maggot therapy, or biosurgery under occlusion was administered twice during the course of inpatient admittance. Following each 48-hour occlusion her bilateral lower extremities markedly improved. Patient continued on mycophenolate mofetil 4g and prednisone 20mg daily to manage PV.

Admission

Treatment 1

Treatment 2



Discussion

Maggot therapy or biosurgery is increasing in popularity for debridement of chronic wounds and enhancement of wound healing.

The maggots have diverse properties including anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, antibiofilm, and wound healing properties.

Antibacterial activity targets specific organisms such as *Streptococcus A* and *B*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Pseudomonas*, and methicillin resistant *S. Aureus* (MRSA).

Treatment is generally well-tolerated in patients, with reported side effects including venous bleeding

Studies on biosurgery show improvement of tissue oxygenation following debridement for 1-4 days, further elucidating a possible mode of action of this therapy

Further studies are needed to investigate the clinical effects, and possible mechanisms of action of biosurgery; however it proved to be an effective and rapid treatment for our patient's non-healing lower extremity ulcers



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Rapid intraoperative tissue relaxation of a scalp wound using a novel suture retention device

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Introduction

Scalp defects present unique reconstructive challenges. When wound edges are difficult to appose, surgeons often employ flaps or grafts. Scalp flaps can be large and result in loss of sensation.¹ Grafts from non-hair-bearing areas can result in poor cosmetic outcomes and may heal poorly if placed over exposed bone.² Intraoperative tissue expansion may circumvent large flaps and grafts. Retention sutures may be used for stress-relaxation, but high-tension suture damages underlying skin.³ We describe the use of a novel suture retention device (SRD) to protect wound edges and provide stress relaxation of wounds, which can then be closed linearly.

Case Report

A 61 year-old female presented with basal cell carcinoma of the right frontoparietal scalp. (Fig 1) The final defect after Mohs micrographic surgery was 4.1- cm by 7.7-cm. (Fig 2) The patient declined repair with a flap or graft. A SRD was used for intraoperative tissue relaxation. First, a USP 1 Nylon retention suture was placed centrally. The suture ends were fed through the SRD and secured with a surgical clamp. (Fig 3) Initial force to approximate the wound edges measured 25.0 N. The suture was incrementally tightened and re-clamped. After 30 minutes, the force reduced 66% to 8.5N. The increased laxity of the scalp skin was also illustrated by a 44% decrease in wound width to 2.1-cm. The wound edges flanking the midline SRD were still difficult to appose. Two more devices were placed on either side of the first SRD. (Fig 4) All retention sutures were incrementally tightened over the next 60 minutes until the wound edges could be easily approximated. (Fig 5) A 4-mm standing cone was removed from the forehead and the defect was closed in a linear fashion using buried 2-0 polydioxanone sutures followed by staples. (Fig 6) There was no dehiscence, necrosis, or infection over the following 14 days of healing.



Figure 1



Figure 2

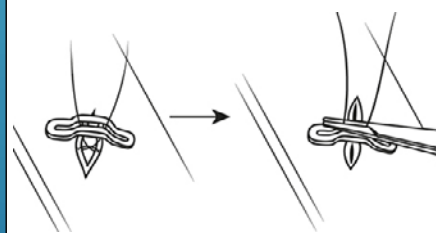


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Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6

Discussion

Skin is a viscoelastic organ which exhibits load dependent behavior. With repeated cycles of stress and relaxation, collagen fibers reorient and elastic fibers lose their elasticity. This allows for skin elongation over time, known as mechanical creep.⁴ Stress-relaxation may allow for direct linear closure of high-tension scalp wounds to avoid large flaps or grafts. This can be accomplished with retention sutures, but excess pressure from suture filaments can cause erosion or ulceration.⁵

Using a SRD may protect the skin from these forces. This device is composed of a semi-rigid insert covered with a softer shell. The core bridge-like structure allows it to withstand the forces of wound closure while protecting wound edges and dissipating pressure on the skin. Using a clamp, surgeons can incrementally place stress on the closure with up to 25N of force without apparent pressure injury to the skin.

In this case, the SRD allowed for 66% reduction in force over the first 30 minutes, and subsequent linear closure of the large defect without undermining, galeotomy, flap, or graft. Further research is necessary to quantify the rate of tissue expansion and limits of force reduction.

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White fibrous papulosis of the neck: An underrecognized benign condition



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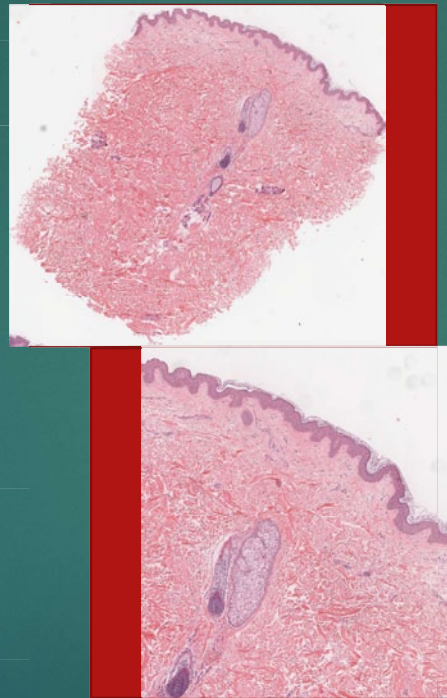


Case Presentation

A 71-year-old Caucasian female presented with a five-year history of a worsening rash on her posterior neck. The patient stated the rash started as a single raised bump and spread to include numerous bumps spanning the posterior and lateral sides of her neck. Patient denied associated symptoms including pain or pruritus and a complete review of systems was negative. Patient denied prior treatments. Past medical history included hypothyroidism. Patient denied family members with similar findings. Physical exam revealed numerous 1-3 mm discrete firm monomorphic white papules, some coalescing into plaques, and forming a cobblestone appearance distributed on posterior and lateral neck as seen below.



Pathology



4-mm punch biopsy of posterior neck showed slight thickening of collagen bundles with focal loss of elastin in the papillary dermis and normal appearing epidermis. There was a very sparse interstitial infiltrate of rare lymphocytes and histiocytes.

Discussion

White fibrous papulosis of the neck (WFPN) is a chronic benign condition characterized by isolated or coalescing flesh-colored to white papules on posterior and lateral neck and are often asymptomatic. Histologically, WFPN reveals fibrosis of the papillary and upper reticular dermis. A similar condition, **pseudoxanthoma elasticum-like papillary dermal elastolysis (PXE-PDE)**, is defined by yellow papules on the neck and other intertriginous areas and elastolysis histologically. Recent literature has combined the two conditions due to considerable overlap and renamed the entity, **fibroelastolytic papulosis of the neck (FEPN)**. FEPN is a benign condition most commonly occurring in elderly white females. The pathogenesis is unknown; however, hypotheses relate it to intrinsic skin aging, UV radiation, and free radical damage of elastic fibers. Its incidence is underestimated due to the benign, asymptomatic nature of the disease. It is important to distinguish this condition from pseudoxanthoma elasticum (PXE) which has an indistinguishable clinical presentation. PXE can be excluded by absence of cardiovascular and ocular changes, family history, and characteristic histologic findings of fragmented elastic fibers with calcium deposition. Treatment is aimed at cosmetic improvement; however, there are few reports on effective treatment. Case reports using topical steroids, topical tretinoin, and intralesional steroids have little to no effect. Laser therapy has proven to be the most effective treatment modality. Case reports using fractionated carbon dioxide laser and fractionated 1550-nm erbium laser resulted in clinical improvement.

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