

Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)

2nd most common form of skin cancer (after BCC) arising in sun exposed areas in elderly; due to malignant keratinocytes with metastatic potential.

■ Etiology : Chronic UV-damage is the primary cause, immunosuppression, burns leg ulcers, chemical carcinogens (e.g., tar), HPV; can occur in discoid lupus, lichen sclerosus, & any scarring processes.

■ History : Slow-growing, nonhealing scaly papule on sun-exposed area of head, neck, dorsal hands, and forearms; also affects mucous membranes (lower lip: M >> F, smokers, 10% - 15% metastatic rare); rare in dark skin.

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