

Dermatology Potpourri: Interesting Cases

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Session Objectives

- Name common contacts in phytophotodermatitis
- List two common causes of Majocchi Granuloma
- List two treatment options for Granuloma Annularae

31 YEAR OLD MALE

- Two day history pruritic, tender papules and vesicles
- Recent camping trip
- Recent fever, headache, lethargy, “flu symptoms”
- Developed rash on trunk day two
- Day three increased lesions spreading to entire body with increased lethargy and fever



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DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Rocky Mountain
Spotted Fever
- Lyme Disease
- Varicella

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

- 2-4 days after infected tick bite
- Fever
- Headache
- Nausea, Vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Muscle pain



RMSF

- Rash appears 2-5 days after onset of symptoms
- Macular, erythematous
- Begins on extremities, spreads to trunk
- Petechiae appear on sixth day or later



Lyme Disease

- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Rash at site of tick bite
 - circular outwardly expanding rash (erythema migrans)
 - innermost portion dark red, indurated (bull's eye)



Varicella

- Prodrome nausea, anorexia, myalgias, headache
- Vesicles and pustules
- Begins on head and trunk, spreads to extremities
- Lesions at various stages of healing



VARICELLA TREATMENT

- Valacyclovir (Valtrex) 1 gm
TID x 7 days
- Famciclovir (Famvir) 500
mg q8h x 7 days
- Acyclovir (Zovirax) 800
mg qid x 5 days
- Symptomatic care
- IMMUNIZE



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10 year old female

- Developed blisters and itching on legs and hands while on vacation
- Lesions have not spread
- Slight itching



Differential Diagnosis

- Burns
- Atopic Dermatitis
- Contact Dermatitis
- Child Abuse
- Berloque Dermatitis



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Berloque Dermatitis

- Redness and blisters in bizarre shapes
- Exposure to plants, especially those in celery, citrus, and grass family
- Plants produce psoralen on the skin
- Exposure to sunlight produces photodermatitis with blister formation, followed by intense stimulation of melanin



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Berloque Dermatitis Causes

- Citrus and Lime found in drinks and food
 - Figs
 - Celery
 - Lemon and Lime oil
 - Queen Anne's lace
 - Giant Russian hogweed
- Bergapten
 - Component of bergamot oil
 - Found in cosmetics, perfumes, lotions, sunscreens and household products

Workup

- Clinical suspicion
- Photopatch test if photoallergy suspected:
 - Occlusive application of test chemical(s)
 - Irradiation with UV light at several intervals
 - Phototoxicity: controls positive
 - Photoallergy: controls negative

Treatment

- Remove offending substance
- No treatment necessary if asymptomatic
- Topical corticosteroids if pruritic
- Analgesics
- Sunscreen
- Treat resulting PIH

23 YEAR OLD MALE

- Multiple pits on soles of feet
- Feet, socks, and shoes damp
- Malodorous
- Asymptomatic





DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Tinea
- Warts
- Pitted Keratolysis
- Dyshidrosis



PITTED KERATOLYSIS



- Superficial bacterial infection of the soles of the foot, lateral toes, occasionally palms
- Asymptomatic erythematous plaques and shallow pits; occasionally painful
- Often misdiagnosed as tinea
- Hyperhidrosis, moist socks, humid environment, occlusive shoes and prolonged immersion in water are predisposing factors

PITTED KERATOLYSIS MANAGEMENT

- Remove environment, promote dryness
- 20% aluminum chloride BID
- Alcohol-based benzoyl peroxide
- Topical erythromycin or clindamycin



8 year old female

- Developed red, pruritic rash
- Began as small cut at oral commissure
- Spreading to chin and cheeks



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Neosporin Contact Dermatitis

- Neomycin: 2010 Allergen of the Year (American Contact Dermatitis Society)
- Remove offending agent



5 YEAR OLD MALE

- Erythematous plaque in bizarre shape on upper right arm
- Pruritic
- Recent travel to Mexico



DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Sunburn
- Atopic dermatitis
- Contact dermatitis
- Irritant dermatitis



CONTACT DERMATITIS TREATMENT

- Topical
corticosteroid BID x
2 weeks
- Moisturizer
- Sunscreen



58 year old Female

- Annular plaques on upper back
- Red borders with scale
- Central clearing
- Recent vacation with sun exposure



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Differential

- Tinea corporis
- Nummular Dermatitis
- Psoriasis
- Sarcoidosis
- Lupus
- Syphilis
- Drug eruption
- Photodermatitis



Diagnostics

- ANA, CBC with Differential, ESR (sedimentation rate)
- UA
- Biopsy
 - Hematoxylin and eosin staining (H & E)
 - Direct immunofluorescence (DIF) on lesional and perilesional skin

Lupus Management

- **Refer to rheumatology and dermatology for co-management**
- Sunscreen
- Topical and intralesional steroids
- Oral steroids
- Azathioprine
- Cyclophosphamide
- Cyclosporine
- Plaquenil
- Mycophenolate
- Methotrexate
- Benlysta



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63 Year Old Male

- Long standing history of folliculitis on hips, buttocks, and lower back
- Coincidental history of tinea cruris: untreated
- Treated with oral antibiotics and topical corticosteroids without relief





DIFFERENTIAL

- Folliculitis
- Acne Keloidalis
- Scabies
- Kaposi Sarcoma
- Nodular Vasculitis
- Majocchi Granuloma



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MAJOCCHI GRANULOMA

- Deep suppurative granulomatous folliculitis
- Common in females who frequently shave
- Commonly occurs as result of use of potent topical steroids on tinea
- Most commonly due to *Trichophyton rubrum*



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DIAGNOSIS

- KOH usually negative
- Tissue biopsy
- Gram stains
- Periodic acid-Schiff (PAS) stains reveal fungal hyphae in tissue, surrounded by granulomatous reaction

TREATMENT

- Systemic antifungals:
terbinafine x 6 weeks
- Remove exacerbating
factors: topical steroids
- Antibiotics for secondary
bacterial infections



28 YEAR OLD MALE

- 2-3 cm enlarging non-tender violaceous ulcer with rolled edges on right forearm.
- Tender adenopathy with erythema in antecubetal fossa.
- Visibly enlarged node above the fossa.
- Tender shoddy subcutaneous nodes along lymphatic drainage proximal arm to axillary node.



Past History

- Previously healthy, and currently no acute distress. No recent travel. Family members well.
- Ulcer developed 4 weeks ago.
- Chopping wood 3 weeks prior to ulcer development.
- PCP treated with Keflex 1 week ago without response.



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Differential Diagnosis

- Cellulitis
- Sporothrix
- Norcardia
- Brown recluse spider bite



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SPOROTRICHOSIS

- Granulomatous fungal infection
- Occurs in all ages in patients exposed to contaminated soil or vegetation
- Usually follows a wound inflicted by a contaminated object (splinter, thorn, straw, grain, rock, glass, cat bite, or cat scratch)



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Treatment

- Itraconazole (Sporonox) 100-200 mg/day
- Terbinafine (Lamisil) 250 mg/day
- Fluconazole (Diflucan) 100-200 mg/day
- Amphotericin B 0.25mg/kg- to 1.0 mg/kg by slow IV infusion



26 year old Female

- Developed tender, warm nodules on lower extremities
- No change in activities
- No recent illness
- Started OCP 4 months ago



Erythema Nodosum

- 1 to 5 mm red tender subcutaneous nodules
- Extensor surfaces of lower legs
- Occasionally involving arms
- May be self-limiting, resolving in 3-6 weeks
- Onset may be associated with fever, generalized arthralgias, leg swelling, joint pain



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Erythema Nodosum

Epidemiology



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- Any age, sex, or ethnicity
- Most common in young adults
- Female: Male 4:1

Erythema Nodosum: Infections

- Strep infections, esp. upper respiratory
- Ulcerative colitis
- Histoplasmosis
- Syphilis, Leprosy
- Sarcoidosis
- Fungal infections: coccidioidomycosis, histoplasmosis



Erythema Nodosum

Underlying Medical Conditions

- Pregnancy
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease: ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease
- Sarcoidosis
- Lymphoma
- Leukemia



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Erythema Nodosum: Drugs

- Oral contraceptives
- Estrogens
- Antibiotics:
sulfonamides, penicillins
- Iodides
- Bromides



Erythema Nodosum Treatment

- Supportive: can be self-healing
- Rest, elevation
- NSAIDS
- Oral or intralesional steroids
- Remove/treat underlying cause

37 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Annular pink/red papule on dorsal right foot
- Light pink/brown plaques on posterior legs
- Slightly itchy; mostly cosmetically bothersome
- Present for most of past winter



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DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Tinea
- Lichen Planus
- Nummular dermatitis
- Granuloma Annulare
- Erythema Migrans of Lyme disease
- Lupus
- Rheumatoid nodules



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GRANULOMA ANNULARE



- Benign inflammatory dermatosis
- Occurs in all age groups, all races; rare in infancy
- Female: Male 2 : 1
- Often asymptomatic, occasionally pruritic
- Most resolve spontaneously without adverse sequelae

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TREATMENT

- Intralesional corticosteroid injections
- Topical corticosteroid
- Cryotherapy
- UVB



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9 Year Old Male

- Swimming off the coast of Spain
- Presented at ER with hives and lesions on medial right thigh
- Intense stinging and pain
- No SOB



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Jellyfish

- Free-swimming non-aggressive gelatinous marine animals surrounded by tentacles
- Tentacles covered with nematocysts filled with venom
- Found near the water surface at dusk



Jellyfish Symptoms

- Intense stinging, pain, rash
- Progressive symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, adenopathy, muscle spasms
- Severe reactions cause difficulty breathing, coma, death

Jellyfish Sting Treatment

- Benadryl and acetaminophen or ibuprofen
- Soak area in acetic acid (vinegar), sea water, or 70% isopropyl alcohol 15-30 minutes (fresh water will cause nematocysts to continue to release toxins)
- Remove tentacles with tweezers
- Apply shaving cream or paste of baking powder, shave area with razor or credit card

10 Days Post-Injury



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2 Weeks Post-Injury



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6 Weeks Post-Injury



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36 Year Old Female

- Developed rash on 4th day of vacation in Costa Rica
- Developed papular, pruritic rash after swimming in ocean
- Now spreading on trunk



Seabather's Eruption

- Pruritic dermatitis
- Hypersensitivity reaction to nematocysts of larval-stage thimble jellyfish
- Sometimes called “sea lice”



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Seabather's Eruption

- Small red papules on areas covered by water-permeable clothing during ocean swimming
- Upon leaving the ocean, organisms stuck against skin die, discharge nematocysts



Treatment

- Scratching causes intense itching and swelling
- Prompt removal of swim clothing while wet
- Warm sea-water shower
- Diphenhydramine, topical corticosteroids



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54 Year Old Female

- Congenital lesion on right cheek
- Multiple laser treatments in past 18 months with minimal results



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43 Year Old Male

- Separation of proximal nail plate on several fingernails
- Toe nails not involved
- Painless
- Cosmetically bothersome



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Onychomadesis

- Painless spontaneous separation of proximal nail plate



Onychomadesis

- Trauma (e.g. subungual haematoma)
- Inflammation or infection (fever, HFM disease)
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Raynaud's
- Familial trait



37 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Tender area on right scapula x 2 weeks
- Developed red blisters 3 days ago after working in yard
- Rapidly developed blisters to axilla and chest
- Very tender to touch and with movement





HERPES ZOSTER

- Pre-eruptive phase
 - Sensory phenomena along dermatome: itching, tingling, burning, pain
 - 1-10 days
- Acute eruptive phase
 - Grouped vesicles on erythematous base along a dermatome
 - Pain, often severe; itching
 - 10-15 days
- Chronic phase
 - Persistent or recurring pain lasting 30 days or more, weeks to years

58 Year Old Female

- Annual Skin Exam
- Lesion on posterior L shoulder, scapula, axilla, neck, extending to anterior L upper chest and L upper arm
- Present since early childhood
- Increased slightly in size during teen years
- No problems with lesion



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Linear Epidermal Nevus

- Definition:
 - # of mature epidermal cells, hair follicles, or sebaceous glands
 - Appear at birth or develop in adolescence



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Linear Epidermal Nevus

Epidermal Nevi

- Appear anywhere on the body
- Often linear or oval
- Warty surface
- Majority lesions present at birth
- DDx: Warts, ichthyosis, dermatitis, lichen striatus
- Treatment: Excision, keratolytics, patient education



6 month old male

- Large congenital lesion
- Increasing in size with growth
- Lesion crosses mid-line



Congenital Hairy Nevus

- Lie in the distribution of a dermatome
- Vary in size to cover large areas
- Uneven pigment brown→black
- 95% have hairy component
- Numerous pigmented nevi co-exist in lesion
- Consult neurology if lesion is large or crosses the midline





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21 Year old Female



- Nevus on dorsal foot
- Present since childhood
- Recently increasing in size
- Developing red ring around lesion

- Tattoo in and around lesion 5 years ago
- Lesion has always been cosmetically bothersome; patient thought tattoo would help



Dysplastic Nevi

- 2-5% Of Caucasian population
- Type A: no family member with dysplastic nevi or melanoma: lifetime risk of developing melanoma ~6%
- Type B: Dysplastic Nevus Syndrome:
 - 100/more moles
 - 1/more moles 8 mm
 - 1/more atypical moles
 - FAMMM (familial atypical multiple mole melanoma syndrome):
1/more first or second degree relatives with melanoma
 - lifetime risk of melanoma 500 x general population

Dysplastic Nevi

- Continue to appear throughout adult life
- Variegated color: shades of dark brown to tan and pink
- Irregular borders
- Often larger 6-15 mm
- Appear as young as 5 years
- Cobblestone appearance, or small dark central papule surrounded by lighter brown macule (fried egg)
- Higher incidence with sunburns before 20 years of age



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Dysplastic Nevi Treatment

- Grading:
 - Mild: Observe, annual exam
 - Moderate: Conservative excision, annual exam
 - Severe: Excision 5 mm margins, annual exam
- Biopsy of changing nevi
- Annual Skin Exam
- Self Exams
- Sunscreen
- Protective clothing

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