

PAPULOSQUAMOUS DISORDERS

Lichen planus

- A common pruritic inflammatory disease of the skin & /mucosa, nail & hair follicles that resemble lichen.

Pathogenesis

- Thought to be an auto immune process with unknown trigger

If the trigger is known then it is called **lichenoid reaction**

- Exposure to medicines, dyes, other chemicals as gold, antimalarials, antibiotics, diuretics.
- Diseases such as hepatitis C



Epidemiology

- Race: no racial predisposition
- Sex: Female to male ratio 3:2
- Age: more than 2/3 are 30-60 years age, although can occur at any age



Clinical presentation

- 3 types of lesions
- 1- skin lesions
- 2- mouth lesions
- 3- other manifestations hair & nail lesions

Skin lesions

- Characteristic; almost pathognomonic primary lesions: small, violaceous, flat-topped, polygonal papules.
- Described as the 5 Ps disease:
- Pruritic, polygonal, purplish, plane, papules
- The surface is dry, shiny with whitish streaks or puncta called Wickham's striae
- Sites: flexor wrists, med. thighs,
- trunk, shins, dorsal hands & glans penis
- Positive Koebner phenomenon
- prominent itching





Mucosa

Mucous membrane involvement: 50% of patients, asymptomatic
 White lacy lines & dots, or small plaques
 Usually inside cheeks, lips
 Sometimes may be the sole manifestation (oral LP)
 Genital mucosa may show same picture



Hair

70-80% are females leading to scarring alopecia



Nail

In 5-10% of patients
 May be the only manifestation esp. children
 Longitudinal ridging, splitting, onycholysis, red lunula
 Pterygium formation is characteristic of LP



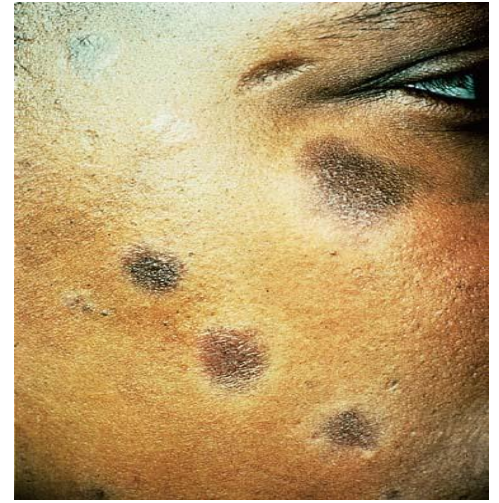
Actinic lichen planus

mostly middle east, sun exposed skin, in spring or summer.

Adolescents & young adults

Face is target organ; forehead, cheeks, & lips

Annular, hyperpigmented plaques with hypopigmented margin, & minimal itching



Diagnosis

- 1- Clinical
- 2- histopathology

Prognosis

Individual lesions may last months

The disease itself may last for 1 year

Hyperpigmentation usually follow resolution

Recurrence rate is 1 in 6

Treatment

May be difficult

1) Limited lesions by superpotent topical or intralesional steroids

2) Indications of systemic steroids:

Extensive lesions

nail destruction

painful erosive oral lesions.

3) phototherapy: PUVA+ narrow-band UVB

4) Retinoids: in hypertrophic types

5) Antihistamines to relieve itching

Pityriasis rosea

Mild inflammatory exanthem characterized by pinkish, macular & papular lesions; begin as discrete, then become confluent.



Epidemiology

Mainly children & young adults.

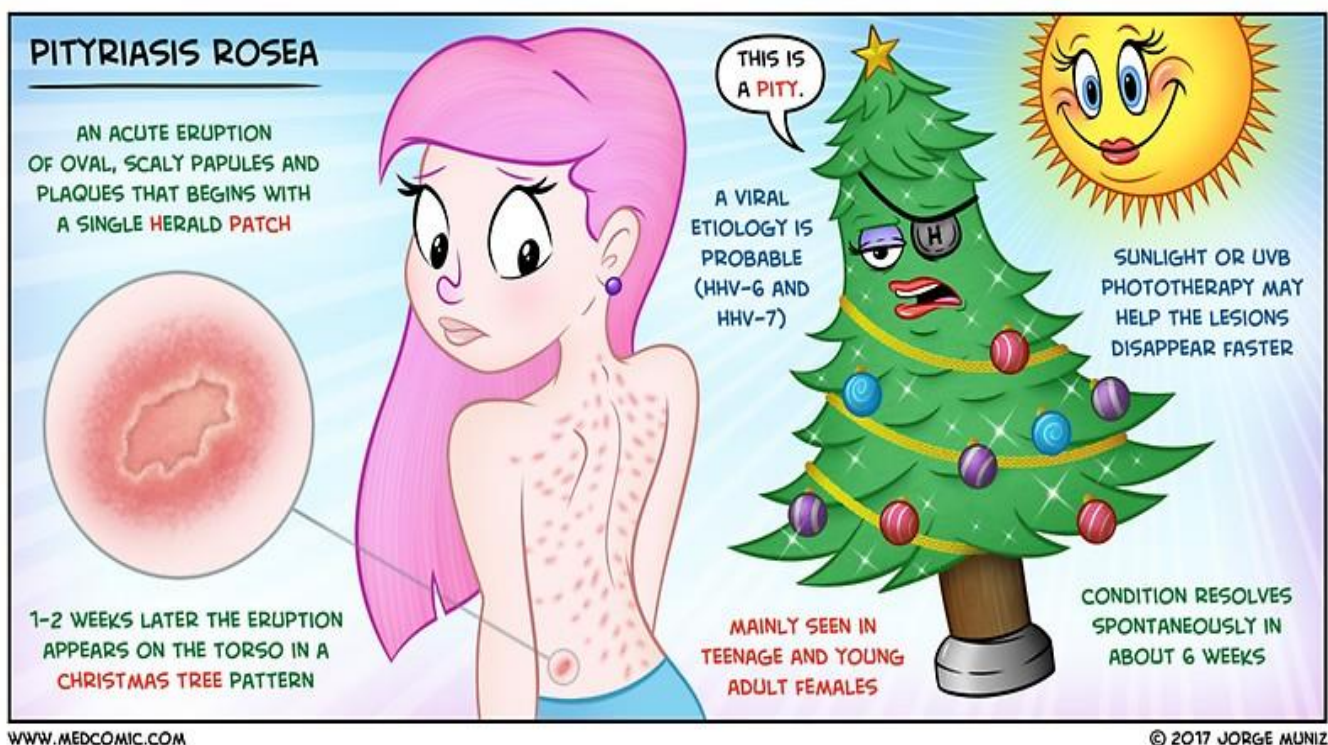
More in spring & autumn

Women more than men

Herpes virus 6 & 7 implicated in etiology

Not contagious, 2% recurrence rate

Begin with herald patch
 which is larger, redder, more
 scaly than remaining rash;
 Which consist of oval or
 circinate patches covered with dry, crinkled, surface,
 desquamates leaving a collarette scale
 Mainly trunk, extremities, neck
 Inverted Christmas tree pattern
 Mild pruritus & constitutional symptoms



Prognosis

- Last 6-8 weeks & resolve spontaneously
- Sometimes they leave post inflammatory hyperpigmentation

Treatment

Most cases no treatment is required

To shorten the course or decrease itching:

- 1- UVB in erythema doses
- 2-Corticosteroids are the standard therapy
- 3-Oral antihistamines
- 4-Emollients to relieve dryness & irritation
- 5-Erythromycine 250mg q.d.s for 2 weeks

REACTIVE ERYTHEMA

ERYTHEMA MULTIFORMI

A reaction pattern of multiform erythematous lesions.

ETIOLOGY

- 1-Viral: preceding oral herpes 1-2 weeks previously, also orf, mycoplasma, hepatitis A,B,C.
- 2-bacterial, fungal, & parasitic infection.
- 3-Drugs: sulfa, NSAID, anticonvulsants, & others
- 4-Pregnancy
- 5-Malignancy or its treatment with radiotherapy

Start as sharply marginated, erythematous macule.

Become raised edematous papules over 24-48 hours.

A ring of erythema forms around the periphery, with flatter, purpuric dusky center, giving "target lesions" of 3 zones



Bilateral, symmetrical, & acral distribution

Mostly starting on dorsa of hands

Sites of predilection are extensor limbs, face, elbows, knees, palms & soles

Steven johnson syndrome

a severe variant with bullous lesions, fever & extensive mucosal involvement.

May be complicated by:

asphyxia, blindness



Treatment

Most cases are self-limited with symptomatic treatment.

Remove precipitating factors.

Recurrent HHV infection may be prevented by oral acyclovir 200mg 3-5 times/day.

Steven-Johnson may require aggressive treatment: I.V. gamma globuline, good nutrition, fluid & electrolyte balance, prevent secondary infection,+ high dose short course systemic steroids & good nursing care for eyes & mouth.

Erythema nodosum

Inflammation of subcutaneous fat (panniculitis), elicited by many factors:

- 1) Bacterial infection: as T.B, strept., brucella, leprosy, yersinia.
- 2) viral, mycoplasma, rickettsia,& chlamydia
- 3)Fungal as coccidiomycosis
- 4)malignancy, sarcoidosis, ulcerative colitis, Behcet disease
- 5)drugs: sulfa & oral contraceptives.

Clinical features

Characteristic lesion is a tender red nodule , alone or grouped on shins or forearms.

Other areas as thighs, face, breast.

Bilateral, symmetrical lesions.

Mostly in young adult women

Acute onset, frequently with constitutional symptoms

Resolve within few days leaving bruise like

The whole course last 6-8 weeks



Diagnosis

Thorough history

physical examination

Chest x-ray

Throat culture

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Treatment

Simple consisting of bed rest, NSAID as aspirin, indomethacin, ibuprofen

Systemic steroids not used

Potassium iodide in a dose of 400-900 mg/day but not for more than 6 months

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