East of England – Emergency Medicine Dermatology Dr D Vijayasankar HST Training Day 20th Sept 2019

Objectives

- Understand common terminology
- · Common exanthems
- Tips

For Exam Preparation

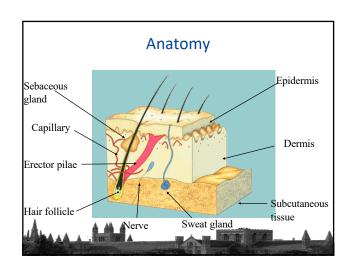
- Common terminologies in Dermatology
- Criteria's in diagnosing skin/systemic conditions presenting with dermatological problem
- Differential diagnosis of common and life threatening conditions
- Aetiology
- Causative organism

Know the difference

- Erythema Multiforme, Marginatum,
 Nodosum
- SSS/TEN/Necrotising Fascitis
- Pemphigoid and Pemphigus
- Common viral exanthems



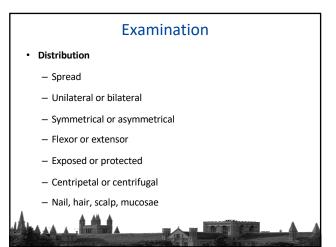
Why is it Important? • Extra ordinary structure • Skin diseases are very common • Everyone will have suffered • 10-15% of GP work • Second commonest cause of loss of work.



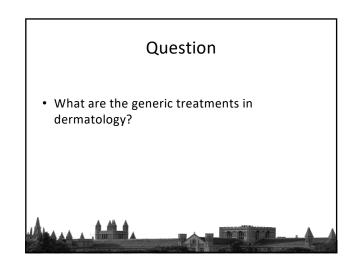
Question • Enlist four things you would elicit in Dermatology history? • Why history is important in dermatology?

History and Why it is necessary Primary skin disease or manifestation of systemic disease Onset, duration, spread,phasic Pruritis Wet or dry Exacerbating factors Medication PMH, FH, SH (occupation)

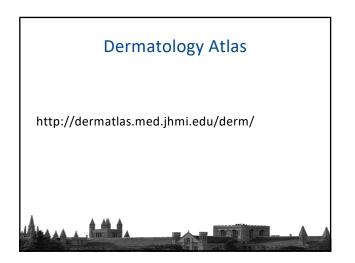
Question • List six categories in distribution examination?

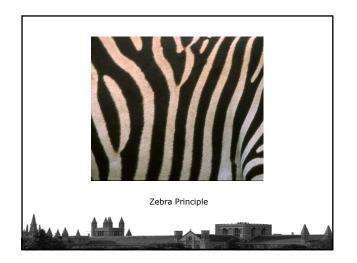


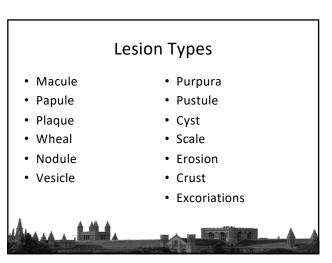
Examination • Morphology - Monomorphic or pleomorphic - Bizarre shapes, ring, linear - Palpate - Common terms • Other exam as required, e.g hepatosplenomegaly, LN



Treatments • Dressings • Emollients • Antibiotics • Antihistamines • Analgesia • Steroids • Other, PUVA, counselling

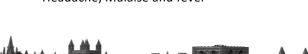






Erythematous Exanthems

- Rash
- Usually viral in origin
- Could be secondary to toxin produced by organism
- Systemic symptoms
 - Headache, Malaise and fever



History Clue's – Erythematous Exanthems

- Starts on Face
 - Measles, Rubella, Infectiosum
- Starts on Trunk
 - Roseola, Scarlet
- Papulo vesicular
 - Chicken pox
- Extremities
- Hand, foot and mouth

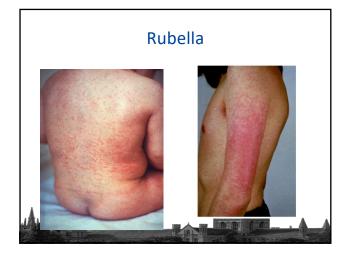


Measles

Measles (Rubeola)

- RNA paramyxovirus
- 7 18 days incubation period
- Preceded by fever, cough and red eyes (look unwell)
- Rash lasts 4 7 days
- Koplik's Spots
- Typically begins at the hairline and spreads caudally
- Lasts 4 7 days
- From prodrome till 4 days after rash onset (Infectivity)





Rubella (German Measles)

- RNA virus
- Young children though adolescents and adults can get infected
- Seven days before and four days after (Infectivity)
- Prodrome may not be present
- Rash from face to whole body in 24hrs
- generalized, tender lymphadenopathy that involves all nodes

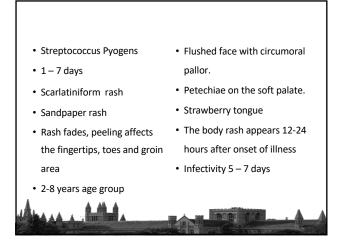


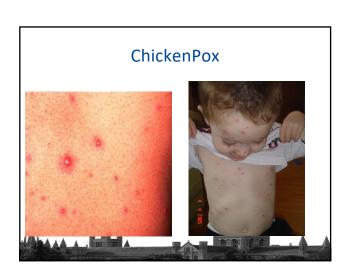


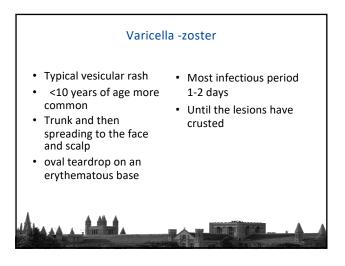
Human parvovirus B19
 Primarily is a disease of children aged 3-15 years
 Not infectious once rash appears
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 A benign self-limited disease
 oral analgesics and antihistamines or topical antipruritic lotions
 prognosis is excellent for typical childhood cases

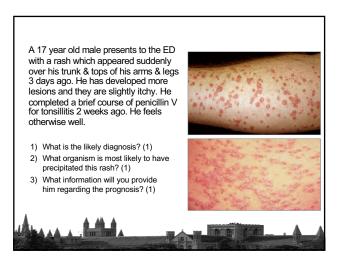














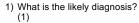


Erythema Multiforme

Management:

- Majority if cases no Rx required; resolves over 2-3 weeks
- Rx cause → HSV aciclovir PO; Mycoplasma antibiotics (e.g. erythromycin)
- · Stop offending drug
- Supportive Rx → PO antihistamines; topical corticosteroid; mouthwashes
- Eye involvement requires specialist ophthalmologist assessment
- Erythema multiforme major may require admission for supportive Rx

A 32 year old male with ulcerative colitis presents with a rash. His temperature is 37.8 but other observations are normal.



Except for inflammatory bowel disease give 2 other causes of this skin disorder?
 (1)

 Name one other symptom that may be associated with this skin disorder (1)





Erythema Nodosum

- Hot, tender, ill-defined nodular erythematous eruption typically pretibial area of lower legs, can also affect forearms/ trunk
- Inflammation of subcutaneous fat (panniculitis) with involvement of adjacent vasculature
- · Immunological reaction affecting all age groups
- · Can be associated with arthralgia & fever
- Clinical diagnosis
- Lasts 3-8 weeks → tends to leave bruised appearance
- · Management according to cause

SAQ 3:

A 17 year old male presents to the ED with a rash. He describes having a cold sore 1 week ago followed by the abrupt onset of the rash. The rash started peripherally & spread centrally. He is unwell, febrile, tachycardic and complaining of a headache. He also has a sore mouth, gritty eyes & haematuria on dipstick testing.

- Describe the key features of this rash?
 (1)
- 2) What is the likely diagnosis? (1)
- 3) What is the most likely infective agent that has precipitated the rash? (1)





Erythema Evanescent, nonpruritic rash usually on the trunk and extremities; occurs with rheumatic fever

Erythema Bull's-eye appearance; central erythema and necrosis; expands rather than migrans migrates

Erythema Maculopapular rash usually on the palms and feet; often pruritic and blanches away slowly

Erythema Erythematous macules usually on the shins; no central clearing; often painful nodosum

A 14 year old boy attends the ED with a sore left nostril. He has recently had a coryzal illness & his nose became cracked & sore after wiping it so much. He presents to the ED with his mother, 6 year old sister & 2 month old brother. They are attending as the affected area seems to be spreading.

1) What is the likely diagnosis? (1)
2) Name the causative microbe? (1)
3) What important advice will you provide prior to discharge home? (1)

<u>Impetigo</u>

- Superficial infection of skin caused by Group A Streptococci or Staphylococcus aureus.
- Initially ulcerative erythematous area → exudes serous fluid → golden brown crust.
- Highly contagious, spreads rapidly advice re: prevention of spread
- · Bullous impetigo caused by S.aureus
- Local infection → topical fusidic acid.
- Extensive → oral or IV antibiotics



A 52 year old woman presents with a swollen & exquisitely tender left lower limb. She recalls scratching her ankle a few days ago with her fingemail whilst putting her trousers on. She is a diet controlled type 2 diabetic. The leg is erythematous, hot to touch & very tender. She is nauseous, lost her appetite and has a temperature of 38.4 degrees.

1) What is the likely diagnosis? (1)
2) Name the causative microbe? (1)
3) Detail 2 components of your management plan? (1)

Erysipelas

- · Superficial form of cellulitis
- Area of intense redness, heat & clearly defined margins
- Very tender
- Typically caused by group A Strep (streptococcal infection)
- Usually associated with systemic upset
- Treated with antibiotics e.g. phenoxymethylpenicillin
- Analgesia



Cellulitis

- Bacterial skin infection (usually streptococcal, occasionally stanh).
- Can occur in association with wounds or in the absence of skin breach.
- Area warm, erythematous, tender, poorly defined margins ± lymphadenopathy.
- · Treatment depends on severity
- Local infection oral antibiotics (Pen V/ fluclox/ co-amox or erythro)
- Systemically unwell Admit + IV antibiotics.
- Cellulitis of the face risk of IC complication (CST)



Cellulitis

Necrotising Fasciitis

- · Rare but severe bacterial infection of soft tissues
- Can occur with/ without trauma
- May follow illicit IM heroin injection ("muscle popping")
- Typically Strep pyogenes, sometimes with Staph aureus or other bacteria
- · Often both aerobic & anaerobic organisms.
- Infection involves fascia & subcutaneous tissues with gas formation & development of gangrene.
- Infection may spread to adjacent muscles causing myonecrosis or pyogenic myositis.



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Necrotising Fasciitis

- Fournier's gangrene affects abdomen & groin.
- Initial symptoms vague: severe pain but little to find on examination.
- Tenderness, swelling, erythema, crepitus, pyrexia.
- Rapid spread of infection marked swelling, discolouration, haemorrhagic blisters, skin necrosis.
- Toxic shock may occur very high mortality.
- X-ray may show gas in soft tissues, but may be normal
- Treatment: Resuscitation, IV antibiotics (pen + clinda), urgent debridement, ITU.



A 45 year old female re-presents to the ED. She was in the ED 2 days ago with pain over the left side of her forehead. She has now developed a rash over the same area. 1) What is the name of this specific condition & what is the causative microbe? (1) 2) What potential complication would you specifically check for? (1) 3) Give 2 steps you would take in your management plan? (1)

<u>Shingles</u>

- Shingles → reactivation of VZV that has remained dormant in dorsal root ganglion following primary infection
- Usually in elderly
- Erythema → vesicular rash in a dermatomal distribution → crusting
- Can affect any dermatome
- Initially presents as pain (diagnostic difficulty), rash develops 1-4 days later



Shingles

- Unilateral distribution over 1-2 dermatomes
- Ophthalmic shingles → via long ciliary nerves; risk of corneal ulceration
- Oral lesions → maxillary & mandibular shingles
- Ramsay-Hunt syndrome Infection of geniculate ganglion causes facial palsy with lesions in pinna of ear, side of tongue & hard palate



Shingles

- Antiviral treatment: If given early can reduce risk of post-herpetic pain (within 72 hours of start of rash)
- · Aciclovir 800mg 5 times daily for 7 days
- Analgesia
- Specialist referral & antiviral treatment for ophthalmic shingles & immunodeficient patients with shingles
- Antibiotics for secondary bacterial infection.



A 75 year old female is sent to ED by her carer. She has developed large, itchy tense blisters on her ankles and feet. The skin in that area was previously normal but she had complained of itching + burning sensation.

1) Apart from those detailed in question 2 give two differential diagnoses for this type of skin change? (1)
2) Give 2 features that differentiate pemphigus vulgaris from bullous pemphigoid? (1)
3) Give 2 possible complications of this disorder (1)

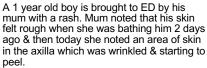
Pemphigoid	Pemphigus
Generalised mucocutaneous blistering disease	Generalised mucocutaneous blistering eruption
Rare	Rare
Autoimmune	Autoimmune
Affects elderly most commonly	Affects 50-60 years of age most commonly
IgG + activated T-lymphocytes attack basement membrane, hemidesmosomal proteins → separation of keratinocytes from dermis	IgG binds to desmoglein protein → separation of keratinocytes from each other
Below epidermal basement membrane - sub-epidermal (deep)	Intraepidermal (superficial)
Tense blisters (up to 10cm diameter) – associated with pruritus + burning	Clear vesicles or bullae (varying in size) → turbid + flacci blisters (2-3 days)
Ulceration with tissue loss (less painful)	Rupture → painful denuded areas (slow to heal)
Originate from normal skin or atop erythematous/ urticarial plaque	Originate from normal skin or atop erythematous/ urticaria plaque
Nikolsy's sign negative	Nikolsky's sign positive
Intertriginous & flexural areas	Head, trunk & mucous membranes
Mucosal ulceration 10-25% of cases (less severe)	Mucous ulceration 95% of cases (more severe)
Oral steroids	Oral steroids & immunosupression
Good prognosis	Poor prognosis without treatment

Bullous pemphigoid vs Pemphigus vulgaris

Diagnosis: Skin biopsy from edge of blister & direct immunofluorescence *Complications:* Protein, fluid & electrolyte losses through involved skin → hypoalbuminaemia, hypovolaemia & electrolyte disturbances

Treatment:

- PV: Admission usually required; high dose corticosteroid, bisphosphonate (long term steroids), Antibiotics for secondary infection, Analgesia, IV fluids/ electrolyte replacement, immunosuppressant therapy, IV immunoglobulin
- BP: Admission if severe/ widespread, High dose steroids initially >
 maintenance dose, topical steroids if localised disease, bisphosphonate
 (long term steroid), antibiotics for secondary infection, Analgesia, IV
 fluids/ electrolyte replacement, immunosuppressive agents, IV
 immunoglobulin





- 1) Give the likely diagnosis & 1 other differential diagnoses for these skin changes? (1)
- 2) What is the responsible organism for this condition? (1)
- 3) Give 2 points of your management plan for this patient? (1)



Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome (SSSS)

- Develops in patients with clinically inapparent staphylococcal infections (nasopharynx, conjunctiva, umbilicus)
- Exotoxin produced by staph aureus causes acantholysis
 intraepidermal cleavage of the skin
- Occurs primarily in infants & young children & immunosuppressed adults
- 3 phases: Initial (tender diffuse erythroderma) →
 exfoliative (2nd day skin wrinkles & peels Nikolsky sign
 +) → desquamation (3-5 days large flaccid vesicles &
 bullae rupture & shed in large sheets)
- Underlying tissue resembles scalded skin & rapidly desiccates

No mucous membrane involvement

Staphylococcal Scalded Skin Syndrome (SSSS)

- Differential diagnoses: TEN; TSS; exfoliative drug eruptions; burns; bullous impetigo, pemphigus vulgaris
- Management: fluid resuscitation, correction of electrolyte disturbances, identification + treatment of source of toxigenic staphylococcal infection with antibiotics
- Corticosteroids NOT recommended



A 24 year old female with cerebral palsy has presented to the ED with a 2 week history of lethargy, loss of appetite, generalised arthralgia & itchy skin. She subsequently developed tender red areas around her eyes & mouth which spread. She now has blistering around her lips & mouth ulcers are making it difficult for her to drink. She has recently been diagnosed with epilepsy.



- 1) What is the likely diagnosis? (1)
- 2) What is the likely cause for this condition in this patients case? Name 1 other potential cause of this condition (1)
- 3) Give 2 points of your management plan for this patient? (1)

Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN)

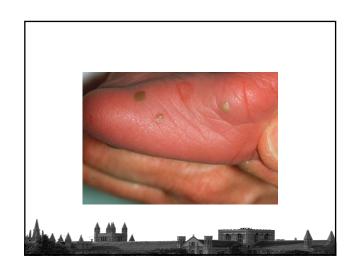
- Explosive dermatosis characterised by: Tender warm enythema (initially eyes, nose, mouth, genitalia + becoming generalised) → bullae formation (flaccid, ill-defined between epidermis + dermis) → exfoliation (Nikolsky sign +, epidermis sheds in sheets leaving raw denuded areas of exposed dermis)
- Associated with systemic illness → 1-2 week prodrome of malaise, anorexia, arthralgia, fever, URTI
- Concomitant skin tenderness, pruritus, tingling or burning may occur during this prodrome
- Affects all age groups, no predilection to sex
- Poorly understood pathogenesis thought to be partly immunologic + genetic predisposition

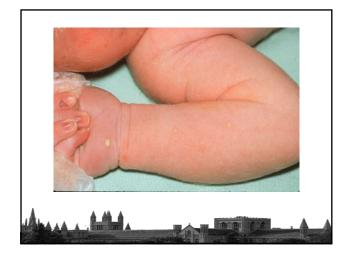


Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) Multiple causes – medications most common cause Average onset after inciting agent ~2 weeks Cutaneous extension follows an unpredictable time course (1-15 days) Mucous membrane involvement → oral, ocular, anogenital, Gl, urinary, respiratory tracts Peri-labial blistering + erosive lesions → disfigurement; poor oral intake with hypovolaemia Ocular complications → purulent conjunctivitis, painful erosions, blindness 2 major complications + leading causes of death in TEN: 1) hypovolaemia with electrolyte disturbance; 2) infection (Staph + Pseudomonas)

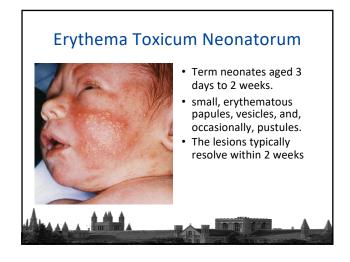
Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis (TEN) Mortality 25-30% Causes: Management: Sulfa + penicillin antibiotics, rifampicin/ Admission - critical care/ burn unit anti-TB agents Anticonvulsants Airway assessment + control if required → sloughing of airway/ respiratory epithelium can occur (carbamazepine/phenyto Barbiturates Hypovolaemia + electrolyte NSAID's/ allopurinol abnormality correction Malignancy HIV Prompt+ aggressive antibiotic therapy if infection Idiopathic

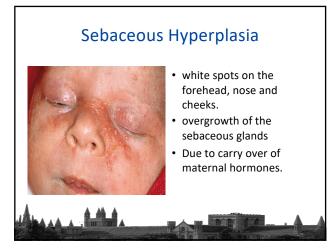
Lesion Morphology	Differential considerations
Macule	Viral exanthem/ erythema multiforme/ meningococcaemia/ Drug erution/ naevus/ lice infestation/ trauma/ vitiligo/ cellfulitis (early) tinea versicolor
Papule	Acne/ BCC/ melanoma/ naevus/ warts/ molluscum contagiosum/ skin tags/ atopic dermatitis/ urticaria/ eczema/ folliculitis/ insect bites/ vasculitis/ psoriasis/ scables/ erythema multiforme/ varicella (early)
Plaque	Eczema/ pityriasis rosea/ tinea corporis/ tinea versicolor/ psoriasis/ seborrhoeic dermatitis/ urticaria/ erythema multiforme
Nodule	BCC/ SCC/ Metastatic carcinoma/ melanoma/ erythema nodosum/ furuncle/ lipoma/ warts
Wheal	Urticaria/ angioedema/ insect bites/ erythema multiforme
Pustule	Acne/ folliculitis/ hydradenitis suppurative/ HSV/ HZV/ VZV/ impetigo/ psoriasis/ rosacea/ pyoderma gangrenosum
Vesicle	HSV/HZV/VZV/ impetigo/ thermal burm/ friction blister/ TEN/ bullous pemphigoid/ pemphigus vulgaris/ toxicodendron dermatitis
Bulla	Bullous impetigo/ toxicodendron dermatitis/ thermal burn/ friction blister/ TEN/ bullous pemphigoid/ pemphigus vulgaris
Scales	Psoriasis/ pityriasis rosacea/ dermatophytic infections/ thermal burn
Crusts	Eczema/ dermatophytic infection (tinea)/ impetigo/ contact dermatitis/ insect bite
Erosions	Candidiasis/ dermatophytic infections/ eczema/ TEN/ erythema multiforme/ bullous pemphigoid/ pemphigu vulgaris
Ulcers	Apthous lesions/ chancroid/ thermal/ pressure ulcer/ friction injury/ ischaemic ulcer/ malignancy/ chancre/ bullous pemphigoid/ pemphigus vulgaris/ pyoderma gangrenosum



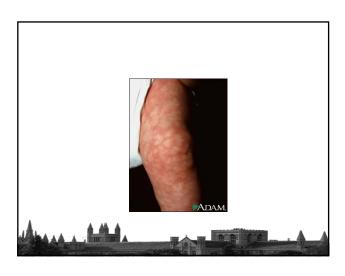


Benign Pustular Melanosis of the Newborn Present from birth Sterile, neutrophils only Pustules last 24 hrs, hyperpigmented lesions for weeks







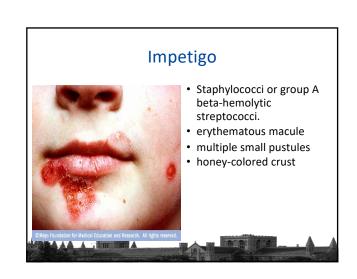


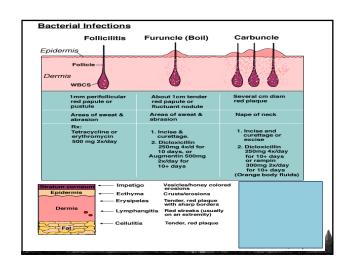
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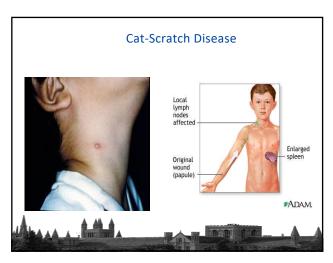
- exposure to cold but also sepsis and dehydration
- immature vascular tone
- improves with age
- Peripheral cyanosis

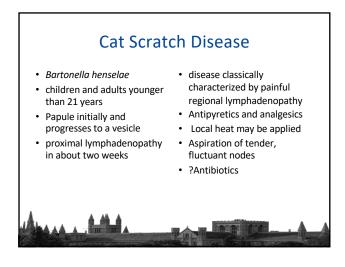


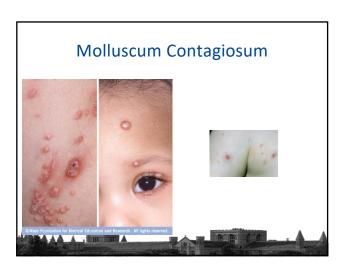
Coxsackie A16 common childhood illness Mouth sores, fever, and a rash Fever and a sore throat small red spots on the tongue, gums, or mucous membranes. They may blister or form ulcers. The spots are often found on the palms and soles Rash does not itch 1 week Pain relief and plenty of fluids





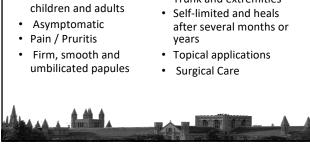






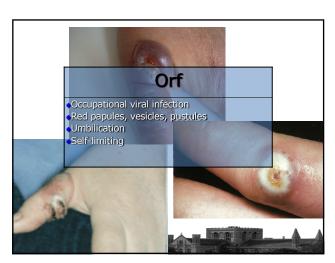
Molluscum Contagiosum

- cutaneous infection caused by DNA poxvirus that affects both children and adults
- Become confluent to form a plaque
- Trunk and extremities

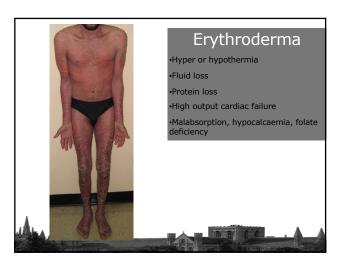




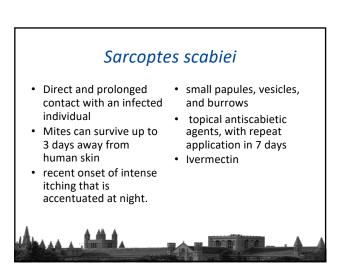






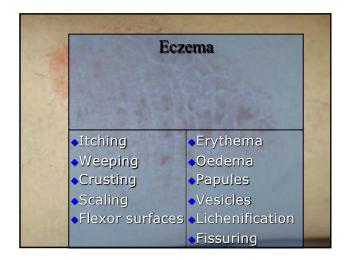


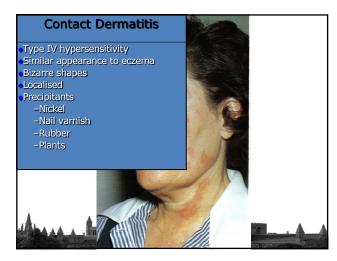


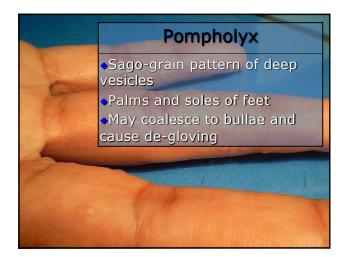


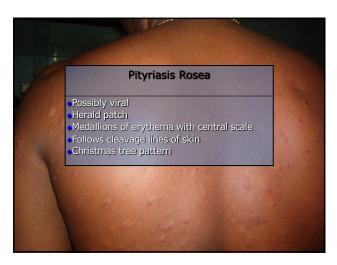


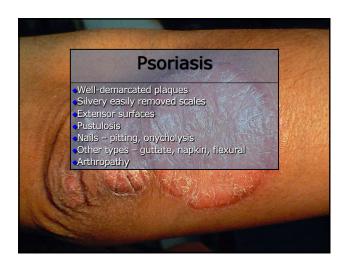
Kawasaki Disease • Fever, lasting more than 5 Acute febrile vasculitic Polymorphous erythematous syndrome of early childhood. rash 90-95% of cases occur in Nonpurulent bilateral children younger than 10 conjunctival injection years Oropharyngeal changes • Classical 5 criterions for • Peripheral extremity changes diagnosis Nonpurulent cervical lymphadenopathy











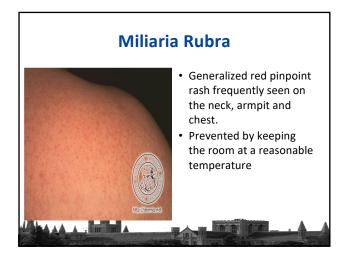


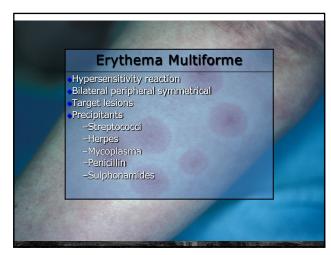


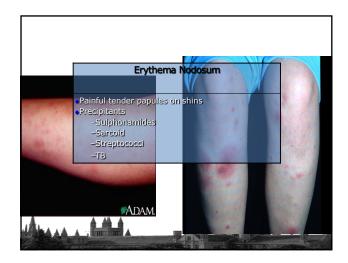


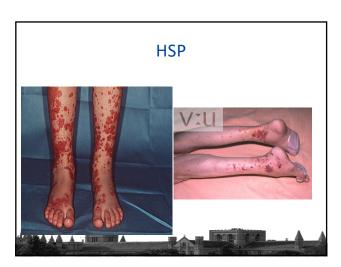












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