

# DERMATOLOGY CASE STUDIES THROUGH THE LIFESPAN

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## OBJECTIVES

- List one treatment option for treating adult atopic dermatitis
- Identify one causative agent for Henoch-Schonlien purpura
- Discuss the difference between treating adolescent and adult acne

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## ACNE MEDICATIONS

- Keratolytics
- Antibiotics
- Antibacterials
- Anti-inflammatory
- Hormones
- Isotretinoin

## KERATOLYTICS MECHANISM OF ACTION

- Soften keratin
- Loosen cornified epithelium
- Cause swelling and softening of viable cells
- Epidermis desquamates, making underlying layers accessible to medication

## RETINOIDS MECHANISM OF ACTION

- Decrease cohesiveness of follicular epithelial cells
- Promotes detachment of cornified cells
- Increases turnover rate of thin, loosely adherent corneocytes
- Decrease comedone formation

# ***RETINOIDS***

- Azelex: Azelaic acid 20% antibiotic/keratolytic
  - Molecular weight 188
  - Pregnancy Category B
- Differin: .1% gel, cream, solution, pledgettes
  - Molecular weight 412
  - Pregnancy category C
- Retin A: .025%, .05% cream, .1% cream
  - .01%, .025 gel
  - .05% liquid
  - .1% aqueous gel (Micro)
  - Molecular weight 300
  - Pregnancy Category C
- Tazorac: .05%, .1% aqueous gel, cream
  - Molecular Weight 351
  - Pregnancy Category C



## TOPICAL ANTIBIOTICS

- Antibacterial and anti-inflammatory effects
- Indirect effect on comedogenesis (by reducing *C acnes*, which would otherwise activate the immune system and intensify comedogenesis)
- Should not generally be used as monotherapy
  - Strains of *C acnes* may develop that are resistant to the antibiotic
  - Resistance prevented by using in combination with BPO

# *TOPICAL ANTIBIOTICS*

- Erythromycin 2%: solution, lotion, gel, pledgettes
  - Pregnancy Category B, Molecular weight 733.94
- Sulfa: lotion, cream, wash
  - Molecular weight 214.243
  - Pregnancy Category C
- Sulfacetamide: Klaron, Ovace
  - Molecular weight 214
  - Pregnancy Category C
- Clindamycin: Cleocin solution, lotion, gel, foam
  - Molecular weight 461
  - Pregnancy Category B
- Minocycline Foam 1.5% (Amzeeq, Zilxi)
  - Molecular weight 457.483
  - Pregnancy Category D

Mild Acne

Retinoid

Tretinoin  
Azelaic Acid  
Adapalane

Topical Antibiotic

Clindamycin  
Erythromycin  
Sulfa

Combination

BPO/Clindamycin  
Duac, Aacanya  
Benzacilin  
BPO/Erythromycin  
Benzamycin  
Retinoid/Clindamycin  
Ziana, Veltin  
BPO/Retinoid  
Epiduo

Aczone

# CURRENT TREATMENT OPTIONS

## Topical

Retinoids  
Benzoyl Peroxide (BPO)  
Antibiotics  
Azelaic Acid  
Salicylic Acid  
Topical hormones:  
    Winlevi  
    (Clascoterone)  
Combination Products  
(eg, BPO + Antibiotic  
BPO + Retinoid)  
Aczone (Dapsone)

## Oral

Antibiotics  
Isotretinoin  
Hormones  
Corticosteroids

## Other

Laser and Light  
Therapies  
Intralesional  
Corticosteroids  
Dermal Fillers (for  
scarring)  
Dermabrasion (for  
scarring)  
Chemical Peels

# Inflammatory Acne

## Topical Meds

Retinoids  
BPO  
Antibiotics  
Topical Hormone

## Oral Antibiotics

Erythromycin  
Tetracycline  
Doxycycline  
Minocycline

## Hormonal Treatment

Oral Contraceptives  
Spironolactone

## Isotretinoin

Accutane  
Amnesteem  
Claravis  
Sotret  
Absorica

Aczone

# SPIRONOLACTONE

- Oral: 25 mg, 50 mg, 100 mg

## Mechanism

- Blocks androgen receptors
- Inhibitor of  $5\alpha$ -reductase

## Clinical

- Women with therapy-resistant acne  
(not FDA approved for acne)

## Safety

- Menstrual irregularities, breast tenderness/enlargement, lethargy, headache
- Menstrual irregularities prevented when taken with oral contraceptive
- Pregnancy Category C; feminization of male fetus if taken while pregnant

Topical Spironolactone  
5%:

(Winlevi)

Safe for males and  
females

Molecular Weight 416

Pregnancy Category C

## 57 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Papules and plaques of hair loss on vertex and frontal scalp
- Mostly asymptomatic; occasionally very tender
- Few retention hairs
- Present for 6 months
- PMH: Breast CA successfully treated with lumpectomy and radiation 3 years ago



## Differential Diagnosis

- Alopecia Areata
- Discoid lupus
- Central centrifugal cicatricial alopecia
- Sarcoidosis
- Cyst
- Alopecia Neoplastica



## Tests

- Punch biopsy



# ALOPECIA NEOPLASTICA

- Cutaneous metastatic disease
- Rare
- Metastatic spread through lymphatic and/or hematogenous systems
- Invasion of tumor into deep dermis
- Hair regrowth not globally seen
- More common in females, Northern European descent



## ALOPECIA NEOPLASTICA TREATMENT

- Treat underlying malignancy
- Co-manage with oncology
- Alopecia may or may not resolve with treatment of underlying cancer



## 30 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Areas of hair loss with thick sticky yellow scale
- Non-tender
- No adenopathy
- No one else in family with symptoms



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# DIFFERENTIAL

- Atopic dermatitis
- Psoriasis
- Pityriasis Amentacea
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Tinea capitis



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## PITYRIASIS AMIANTACEA

- Distinct scalp disorder
- Female predilection: young adults, adolescents, and children
- Clinical diagnosis: Adherent thick silver, gray, or yellow scales which surround and bind down hair tufts. Scale attached to hair shaft and scalp
- Fungal cultures usually negative
- Staph most common



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## PITYRIASIS AMENTACIA TREATMENT

- Keratolytic shampoos:  
2% salicylic acid  
shampoo
- Urea 20% or 40% cream
- Topical steroids in oil  
base (fluocinolone oil  
0.01%)
- Antibiotics if cultures  
positive



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## 80 YEAR OLD MALE

- Developed friable nodule on R lateral trunk 6 weeks ago
- Occasionally tender
- Bleeds
- PMH: hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, lung CA diagnosed 5 years ago
- Cutaneous metastases usually poor prognosis:  
~75% one year mortality



## DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS TESTS AND PEARLS

- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Melanoma
- Leukemia cutis
- Lymphoma\Kaposi sarcoma
- Extramammary Paget disease
- Sarcoidosis
- Biopsy: **Caution: have very low threshold for biopsy on skin nodule or tumor that is atypical for known dermatologic disorders, esp in elderly and those with history of carcinoma**
- Histologic exam of biopsied skin metastasis may indicate site of previous undetected tumor
- Involvement of medical and/or surgical oncology



PEARLS: PRIMARY MALIGNANCIES OFTEN  
HAVE CHARACTERISTIC PRESENTATION IN  
THE SKIN

- Breast: pink nodules most common presentation
- Melanoma: Hyperpigmented papule or nodule most common presentation
- Lung: Pink or violaceous nodules on the chest most common presentation
- Renal Cell Carcinoma: Single nodule appears on scalp; tendency to bleed
- Metastases from breast, lung, genitourinary most common on scalp
- GI tract carcinoma most common on skin of the abdominal wall
- Sister Mary Joseph nodule: metastatic carcinoma to umbilicus from intraabdominal carcinoma; often easier to palpate
- Patient history of malignancy raises index of suspicion for metastasis

# 3 MONTH OLD MALE



## RASH X 1 WEEK



Assessment: atopic dermatitis with secondary prob. Bacterial infection

Plan: culture pustules on soles of feet

Tub soaks bid, lukewarm water, Cetaphil or CeraVe cleanser

Triamcinalone 0.025% bid to red areas

Mupirocen bid to infected areas

Nystatin oint qid to groin at diaper changes

Cephalexin 250mg 3.2 ml po bid x 7 days

CeraVe lotion/cream, Cetaphil lotion/cream, Vaseline, or Aquaphor immediately after baths bid

Wet-dry wraps x 30-60 minutes daily before sleep; do not sleep in wet wraps

Re-check 1 week

# 1 WEEK FOLLOW-UP

- Plan: culture pustules on soles of feet
- Tub soaks daily
- CeraVe lotion/cream, Cetaphil lotion/cream, Vaseline, or Aquaphor immediately after baths bid



3 weeks later



- Mom returns with AD flare over entire body. Baby fussy, poor sleep; mom reports moisturizers not applied daily, baths 2-3 x/week; eating well; requests consultation with Children's Hospital, wants rash to go away for good

## CONSULTATION

- Explained chronicity of atopic dermatitis
- Explained treatment options for flare
- Explained in detail maintenance routine; emphasize importance of moisturizers bid, tub soaks; explained skin is “thirsty”
- Cephalexin 250 mg/ 3.1 ml bid x 7 days
- Re-start Triamcinalone 0.025% bid, avoid face, armpit and groin
- Referral to Children’s Hospital Dermatology, appt. 1/16/2024
  
- \*\*\*Consultation note:
  - Discussed with PCP this baby is good candidate for Crisaborale (approved 3 months and up)
  - Families take extra time to understand chronicity of AD

# 6 MONTH CHECK



Medication	Mechanism of Action	Approved Age	Pediatric Dosing
Pimecrolimus (Elidel) cream 1%	Calcineurin Inhibitor Molecular weight: 810	>= 2 years	Apply to affected skin twice daily; rub in completely Second line therapy, short-term, non-continuous use; avoid occlusive dressings
Tacrolimus (Protopic) ointment 0.03% or 0.1%	Calcineurin Inhibitor Molecular weight 822	0.03%: 2-15 years 0.1%: >15 years	Apply to affected areas twice daily, rub in completely Second line therapy, short-term, non-continuous use, avoid occlusive dressings
Crisaborole (Eucrisa) ointment 2%	Phosphodiesterase-4 (PDE-4) Inhibitor Suppress release of TNF $\alpha$ , interleukin-12 Molecular weight 251	>= 3 months	Apply to affected areas twice daily, rub in completely
Ruxolitinib (Opzelura) cream 1.5%	Janus kinase (JAK) Inhibitor Ease itching and inflammation Molecular weight 306	>= 12 years	Apply to affected areas twice daily, rub in completely (up to 20% BSA for up to 8 weeks) Short-term, non-continuous use



## SYSTEMIC THERAPIES FOR MODERATE-TO-SEVERE AD

Medication	Mechanism	Administration	Pediatric dosing
Dupilumab	IL-4R inhibitor	SC injection	5 to <15 kg: 200 mg every 4 weeks 15 to <30 kg: 300 mg every 4 weeks 30 to <60 kg: 200 mg every 2 weeks ≥60 kg: 300 mg every 2 weeks <i>[has loading dose for ages ≥ 6 yrs]</i>
Tralokinumab	IL-13 inhibitor	SC injection	150 mg every 2 weeks <i>[has loading dose]</i>
Abrocitinib	JAK1 inhibitor	Oral	100-200 mg once daily
Upadacitinib	JAK1 inhibitor	Oral	15-30 mg once daily

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## SYSTEMIC TREATMENTS FOR AD

### The Old...

- Traditional systemics<sup>\*</sup>
  - Methotrexate
  - Cyclosporine
    - Approved for  $\geq 16$  y.o. in Europe, Australia, Japan
  - Azathioprine
  - Mycophenolate mofetil

<sup>\*</sup>None are FDA-approved for AD

### ...and the New

- Biologics
  - Dupilumab (anti-IL-4R $\alpha$ )<sup>a</sup>
  - Tralokinumab (anti-IL-13)<sup>b</sup>
- Oral JAK inhibitors
  - Abrocitinib (JAK1)<sup>b</sup>
  - Upadacitinib (JAK1)<sup>b</sup>
  - Baricitinib (JAK1/2)<sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> FDA-approved for  $\geq 6$  months old

<sup>b</sup> FDA-approved for  $\geq 12$  years old

<sup>c</sup> Not FDA-approved but EMA-approved for  $\geq 2$  years old

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## 58 YEAR OLD FEMALE

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



## 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 peri-lesional 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



## 10 YEAR OLD FEMALE



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

# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Atopic Dermatitis
- Burns
- Contact Dermatitis
- Child Abuse
- Phytophoto Dermatitis





# PHYTOPHOTO 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



# PHYTOPHOTO 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

# DIAGNOSTICS

- 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

# 58 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Thick scale
- Fissures and Bleeding
- Only on the soles of feet
- Previously treated with topical anti-fungal creams and topical steroids
- Long-standing history



# DIFFERENTIAL

- Tinea Pedis
- Atopic Dermatitis
- Contact Dermatitis
- Psoriasis

# PSORIASIS

- 1-3% of the population
- 25-45 & after age ten
- one-third of adults with psoriasis developed before age 16
- Both sexes affected equally in adults
- Familial tendency
- Up to 42% have psoriatic arthritis

# PHYSIOLOGY

- Chronic, inflammatory, systemic disease
- Epidermis thickened, silver-white scale
- Transit time from basal cell layer to surface of skin in 3-4 days, compared to normal cell transit time of 20-28 days
- Itching variable



# PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

- T-cell mediated disorder
- Over-active inflammatory response
- Tumor necrosis factor *α* levels elevated in the skin and synovium of patients with psoriasis

## TREATMENT OPTIONS

- Light therapy
  - Ultraviolet B (UVB)
  - Ultraviolet A (UVA)
  - PUVA (psoralens with UVA)
  - Home UVB
- Adjunct Therapies
  - Topical Steroids
  - Vitamin A and D derivatives
  - Topical calcineurin inhibitors
  - Intralesional steroid injections
  - Coal Tar (Scytera®)
- Systemic Drugs
  - Acitretin (Soriatane®)
  - Methotrexate (MTX)
  - Cyclosporine (CsA)
  - Apremilast
  - Biologic Medications

# BIOLOGICS

- TNF alpha inhibitors
  - Adalimumab
  - Certolizumab
    - Preferred in pregnancy
  - Etanercept
  - Infliximab (infusion)
- IL-17 inhibitors
  - Brodalumab (REMS monitoring)
  - Ixekizumab
  - Secukinumab
- IL-12/23 inhibitor
  - Ustekinumab (weight-based dosing)
- IL-23
  - Guselkumab
  - Tildrakizumab
  - Rizankizumab

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# HENOCH-SCHONLEIN PURPURA

- Hypersensitivity vasculitis: mainly in children
- History: URI, 75% group A Strep
- Palpable purpura
- Bowel angina: abdominal pain worse after meals
- Bowel ischemia, bloody diarrhea
- Kidney: hematuria
- Arthritis
- 5% long-term morbidity, renal disease



# HSP

- Ages 2-10
- Palpable purpura legs and buttocks, occasionally arms, face, ears---spares trunk
- Abdominal pain GI bleeding, arthralgia, hematuria, leukocytoclastic vasculitis
- Degree of renal involvement determines prognosis
- Preceded by strep or viral URI infection 1-3 weeks prior
- Usually benign, long-term prognosis excellent



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# HSP TREATMENT

- Bed rest, supportive care
- Appropriate antibiotics
- Serial UA
- Corticosteroids debatable: helpful for short periods with GI complications or chronic glomerulonephritis



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## MEASLES (RUBEOLA)

- Prodrome: fever, malaise, cough, conjunctivitis. Child appears quite ill
- Koplik's spots: bluish-white elevations on buccal mucosa
- Exanthem: erythematous maculopapular eruption, from scalp to forehead, posterior ears, face, neck, to trunk and extremities. Fades in same progression
- Incubation: 10-12 days



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# MEASLES (RUBEOLA) DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Other morbilliform eruptions: Rubella, erythema infectiosum, pityriasis rosea, infectious mono
- DRUG
- Papulosquamous disorders: psoriasis, guttate psoriasis



# MEASLES: TREATMENT AND PREVENTION

- Symptomatic and supportive
- Appropriate treatment of secondary bacterial infections: otitis media, bronchopneumonia
- **IMMUNIZE!**



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- Those born before 1957 are considered immune
- Those born between 1957-1967 may have been given a killed vaccine and should be re-immunized
- Those born after 1967 should be covered unless parents opted out of vaccinations
- The majority of those who got measles were unvaccinated
- In 2019 there were 1249 reported cases of measles nationally. So far, in 2020, there have been 700 cases reported
- Studies suggest “compelling evidence” that measles affects the immune system for 2-3 years
  - When vaccine is introduced to developing countries, where infectious diseases are high, the reduction in mortality has been up to 80%
  - Children who contracted measles appear to be predisposed to all other infections for several years

## DERMATOMYOSITIS

- Erythema of the cuticles
- Palmar erythema
- Cutaneous calcinosis—generally a favorable prognosis in children



Gottron Papules over joints of hands and fingers



Heliotrope rash:  
erythema around  
eyes, especially upper  
eyelids



- Autoimmune disease
- Inflammation of skin, muscles, joints, other organs
- Periungual erythema, dilated capillaries with cuticular overgrowth
- 10 years, adults over 40 years
- Female: Male 2:1
- Infections and drug-induced
- Underlying malignancies



## DERMATOMYOSITIS

- Photo-exposed areas develop pigmentary changes and telangiectasias
  - “Shawl sign” on shoulders
  - “V” sign on chest



## DERMATOMYOSITIS

- Hallmark  
Heliotrope rash:  
erythema  
around eyes,  
especially upper  
eyelids





## DIAGNOSIS

- Skin biopsy of lesional and perilesional skin
- Muscle biopsy/ MRI
- Serologic: ANA, creatine kinase, SGOT, ALT, LDH, AST, 24-hour urine for creatine
- ECG myocarditis, atrial ventricular irritability, atrioventricular block

X-ray:

Chest  $\pm$  interstitial fibrosis.

Esophagus: reduced peristalsis

# DERMATOMYOSITIS MANAGEMENT

Goal of treatment is to reverse weakness

- Careful evaluation during first 5 years for malignancy
- Pt. education: report new symptoms, photo exposure can exacerbate
- Prednisone. Taper when muscle enzyme levels approach normal. Best combined with azathioprine
- Alternatives: MTX, cyclophosphamide, cyclosporine, TNF agents
- Physical therapy, rest



## 45 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Swollen tender joints on hands and elbows, progressively worse through the day
- Low-grade fever, headache and muscle aches, macular lacy rash on trunk



## DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Allergic-hypersensitivity reaction
- Viral exanthem
- Epstein-Barr Virus
- Hepatitis
- Rheumatologic disorder

## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISEASE (ERYTHEMA INFECTIONOSUM)

- Clinical presentation
- IgM assays: Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay (ELISA), radioimmunoassay (RIA)
- CBC
- Maternal alpha-fetoprotein levels for pregnant patients

## 5<sup>TH</sup> DISEASE

- More common in children
- Parvovirus B19
- Usually benign, self-limiting
- Oral Analgesics, NSAIDS
- 50% adults have antibodies
- Adults:
  - More common in women
  - Higher risk of developing joint pain
  - Arthralgia lasts 3 weeks or longer
  - Hydrops fetalis and fetal death in first trimester



## 16 YEAR OLD MALE

- Wart under right first toe
- Previously treated with LN2 by PCP
- OTC home therapies including salicylic acid



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# SUBUNGUAL EXOSTOSIS

## Differential Diagnosis

- Subungual fibroma
- Subungual wart
- Osteosarcoma
- Pyogenic granuloma
- Osteochondroma
- Glomus tumor
- Subungual exostosis

## Treatment

- Surgical excision
- Referral to Orthopedics or Podiatry



# DIAGNOSTICS

## Diagnostics

- X-ray
- Biopsy/Excision

## Diagnosis

- Subungual exostosis: benign osteochondilaginous proliferation of normal bone or calcified cartilage of distal phalanx
- Most common in R great toe (80%)
- Usually painless, but occasionally tender
- Pearl: may show porcelain white hue with telangiectasia on surface

## 55 YEAR OLD MALE

- 5 day history of dysesthesias of forehead and brow
- Fatigue
- Eye pain
- Developed unilateral vesicular exanthem on day 5 involving scalp, forehead, ocular area
- Nose and lower face not involved



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## DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- HSV keratitis
- Corneal erosion
- Herpes zoster ophthalmicus

## DIAGNOSTICS

- **History**
- Slit lamp examination
- Choice testing: Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing
- Tzanck smear, direct fluorescent antibody (DFA) testing, and viral culture have lower degree of sensitivity
- Skin biopsy: may also be submitted for PCR

## THERAPEUTICS

- Oral antiviral medications
- IV antiviral medications for immunocompromised
- Ophthalmic antibiotic ointment
- Ophthalmology consult
- Gabapentin 300-500 mg for post-herpetic neuralgia
- Prednisone 40mg x 5 days, 20 mg x 5 days, 10 mg x 5 days
- \*\*\*CDC recommends new zoster vaccine Shingrix in patients age 50 and over; patients previously vaccinated with Zostavax should be revaccinated with Shingrix

## SEQUELAE

- Post-herpetic neuralgia
- Ocular hypertension
- Glaucoma
- Cataract
- Progressive corneal scarring

## 12 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Multiple warts on both hands
- Embarrassed
- Multiple OTC treatments
- Laser treatments







# WARTS TREATMENT

- Cryotherapy
- Cantharone
- Curette excision
- Laser
- Electrocautery
- Podophylin
- Bleomycin
- Candida
- Cimetidine
- Salicylic acid
- Condylox
- Aldera
- Tretinoin
- Tazoratine
- OTC

## 18 MONTH OLD FEMALE

- Fever 101F
- Runny nose, cough
- Just finished Amox for OM; irregular use; gave some this AM
- Rash started yesterday



# DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

- Stevens-Johnson
- Urticaria  
multiforme
- Erythema  
multiforme
- Erythema annulare  
centrifugum



# ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME

- Self-limited hypersensitivity reaction of skin & mucous membranes
- Fixed lesions
- Concentric color change (target lesions)



## ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME TREATMENT

- Treat secondary lesions
- Self-limited
- Symptomatic treatment: cool compresses, NSAIDs, Oral antihistamines
- Viscous lidocaine/ diphenhydramine for oral ulcers
- Topical corticosteroids for severe itching

## 16 YEAR OLD FEMALE

- Reticulated macular eruption on thighs
- “Redness from fire”
- Hyperpigmentation from prolonged exposure to heat
- Pruritus, burning
- Repeated/prolonged exposure may lead to hyperpigmentation
- Females > Males



## ERYTHEMA AB IGNE TREATMENT

- Remove heat
- Cool Compresses
- Sunscreen
- Pt education





# INTERESTED IN DERMATOLOGY?

Regis University Post-master NP  
Dermatology Fellowship

Remote 3 Semesters

One weekend on-site procedures  
workshop

Applications now being taken

## INTERNET RESOURCES

- American Academy of Dermatology, [www.aad.org](http://www.aad.org)
- American Academy of Pediatrics, [www.aap.org](http://www.aap.org)
- American Lyme disease Foundation, [www.aldf.com](http://www.aldf.com)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [www.cddc.gov](http://www.cddc.gov)
- DermNetNZ, [www.dermnetnz.org](http://www.dermnetnz.org)
- Mayo Clinic: diseases and conditions, [www.mayoclinic.com/health/DiseasesIndex](http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/DiseasesIndex)
- Medscape:dermatology; <http://emedicine.medscape.com>
- National Eczema Association, [www.nationaleczema.org](http://www.nationaleczema.org)
- National Collegiate Athletic Association  
[www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)
- National Federation of High School Sports  
<https://www.nfhs.org/>
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