

Blistering, Papulosquamous, Connective Tissue and Alopecia

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Objectives

- Identify examples of papulosquamous disease and state treatment options
- Identify examples of connective tissue disease and state treatment options
- Identify examples of blistering diseases and state treatment options
- Identify examples of alopecia and state treatment options

Papulosquamous

Psoriasis

- Latin means “itchy plaque”.
- In truth it is less itchy than yeast and eczema
- Variable
- Painful in high friction spots

Psoriasis Plaque



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Psoriasis



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The clue to the vaginal pic



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Plantar Psoriasis



Palmar Psoriasis



Nivolumab induced Psoriasis



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Psoriasis and its many forms

- Plaque..85%
- Scalp
- Palmoplantar
- Guttate
- Inverse
- Erythrodermic
- Psoriatic arthritis
- Psoriatic nails

Cause

- Affects 2 to 5% of the population
- Many mediators including the T cell lymphocyte.
- Many chemicals downstream including TNF alpha, PDE, IL 12, 23, 17 as well as a variety of inflammatory cytokines
- These chemicals are distributed throughout the body
- Imbalance between pro inflammatory and anti-inflammatory chemicals
- Can be triggered by strep, HIV, Hepatitis, and a wide variety of infectious organisms

Psoriasis causes

- Koebner phenomenon after surgery or trauma
- Drugs such as beta blockers, lithium, antimalarials
- The cytokines result in proliferation of keratinocytes and angiogenesis (resulting in the Auspitz sign)
- May be mild to severe and location of scalp, genitalia, face may trump degree of psoriasis (BSA-

Comorbidities

- Reviewed in the cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease
- Range from depression to MI, psoriatic arthritis, malignancy, Dm
- Future treatments may be based on how they treat the comorbids

- Diagnose with visual or biopsy

Treatment

- Topical corticosteroids..caution to not over use particularly in high risk areas.
- Vitamin D analogs eg. Vectical and dovonex
- Combination of above eg., Taclonex and Enstillar
- If thick scale use potent retinoid e.g, Tazarotene gel (Tazorac)
- Control itch if present
- Consider light box or sunlight

Systemic Treatments:

- Small molecules:
 - MXT with folic acid
 - Acitretin
 - Apremilast (Otezla)

Injectable

- TNF Alpha..remicade, humira, enbrel, cimzia,
- IL12/23.. Stellara
- IL17..Seliq, Cosentyx, Taltz
- IL 23.. Tremfya
- There have been many to keep up with and most derm providers feel very safe
- Important to seek treatment for your patients

Seborrheic Dermatitis

- May occur on the face, scalp, ears, chest
- Occurs more frequently with Parkinsons, Downs, immune compromised and post stroke
- Lipophilic yeast *Malessezia* is increased in seb derm skin
- Diagnosis is visual and rarely requires biopsy
- If not responsive to routine therapy consider HIV
- Treat with topical azoles or selenium, may use orals to gain control for short term

Lichen Planus

- Have five qualities: pruritic, purple, planar (flat topped), polygonal, papules. Fine white lines called Wickham's striae
- Occur in genitalia, mouth and body
- TAC moist soaks, antihistamines and occasionally immune suppression

Lichen Planus



Parapsoriasis

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- Treatment follows either path

Parapsoriasis



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Blistering Disease

Arthropod Bite Blisters



Pemphigus Vulgaris

- Intraepidermal or cell to cell disease
- IGG desmogleins 1 and 3
- May involve skin and all of mucous membranes through conjunctiva, mouth and entire GI system
- Positive Nikolsky and Absoe-Hansen sign
- Treatment Rituximab, mycophenylol, Imuran, Dapsone, IVIG,

My dentist told me I have lichen planus now
my hair is falling out



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Pemphigus Vulgaris

- One of the blistering disease. We will discuss this afternoon
- Far more serious than bullous pemphigoid
- Softer blisters with positive Nikolski and Absoe Hensen sign
- Imperative to refer fairly urgently.
- Treated with steroids (topical and oral), mycophenolol, niacin, cyclins
- High risk for infection. High risk for underlying illness.
- Rituximab

Bullous Pemphigoid



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Bullous Pemphigoid

- Blister formation occurs when hemidesmosomes (BP180 and 230) are targeted by autoantibodies
- Linked with Parkinsons, CVA, diuretics, antibiotics, neuroactive drugs and antihypertensives
- Because the bullae are deep the blisters are firm and difficult to rupture
- May have an urticarial phase only and never develop blisters\
- Need ENT, Opthamology, GI referral
- Monitor the serum 180 and 230

Treatment

- Antihistamines
- Topical steroids
- Mycophenolol
- Niacin
- Doxycycline

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Blistering Impetigo



Treat the Impetigo

- Never treat without culture

My hands blister and I have blisters elsewhere....



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Another pic of the same



Porphyria Cutanea Tarda

- Blistering rash frequently seen in hepatitis C patients.
- Patient had been treated for some time by PCP with steroids
- Hep C study positive for genotype type 1, after referral to hepatitis C treatment with Sovaldi had complete remission of cutaneous symptoms
- Need workup for hemochromatosis and liver imaging
- Generally referral to liver specialist to be co-managed with dermatology and primary

Common Connective Tissue Disease

Livedo Reticularis



Livedo Reticularis

- Lacy rash
- May be normal
- Ask about arthralgias

Lupus Erythematosis



Lupus Erythematosus

- Assessment: erythematous patches on skin frequently on the malar area
- Always question if stiff in am Look for systemic involvement
- May be cutaneous alone and modest..genetics, female (10 times higher risk), smoking, infection
- Work up can be limited in primary care to ANA and UA
- Refer to rheumatology and dermatology
- Biopsies for all connective tissue disease are routine with a DIF

Treatment

- Plaquenyl
- Immune Suppression
- Benlysta
- Short term topical and oral steroids

Have had this rash for a year been to dermatology and told it was lichen planus.



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Diagnosis, Treatment

- Dermatomyositis
- Shawl sign, Gottron's papules, violaceous hues on eyelids, capillary folds at nail beds
- Frequently rash flares with sun, fatigued with muscle pain
- Dependent upon different genetic mutations may have cancer or pulmonary and cardiac risk.
- This patient was treated with plaquenyl

Morphea

Differentiating Routine Alopecia...pearls

- Anagen effluvium
- Telogen effluvium non-scarring diffuse hair loss, normal scalp, last 1 to 6 months, affects less than 15%
- Catagen sudden and near 85% or total loss of hair with thin broken hair
- Trichotillomania irregular patches with variable hair growth
- Androgenic Male pattern, Christmas Tree
- Tinea Capitis round patches with broken hairs

Diagnostics

- Ferritin, TSH, thyroid antibodies, RPR
- Is suspect androgenic: free and total testosterone for females, DHEAS, prolactin
- If scalp is abnormal do punch biopsy with routine and DIF
- If infection suspected to tissue culture

Alopecia Aerata over PWS



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Alopecia Aerata



Alopecia Aerata



Dissecting Cellulitis vs Folliculitis Decalvens



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Rash oozy and my hair is falling out.



Folliculitis Decalvens of Dissecting Cellulitis of the Scalp

- Scalp situations that must be referred immediately as early treatment with cyclins, and intralesional and topical steroids may prevent permanent scarring and hair loss.
- Oral cyclins and immune suppression may be used
- When a scalp is tender, erythematous and boggy...REFER....do not wait

A little brain fog yet?



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