

Top Dermatologic Issues in Primary Care

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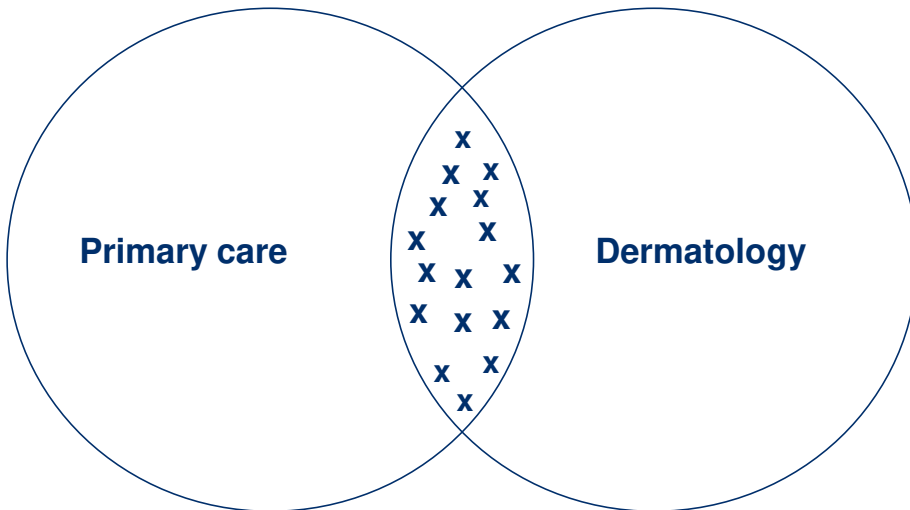


Goals of today's talk

- Emphasize dermatologic diagnoses in primary care setting
- NOT to review the entirety of relevant dermatology
- Emphasize the essential role of a biopsy in making a diagnosis



Scope of this talk



Our why:

- “Skin conditions are the most common reason for a new presentation to a primary care physician”*



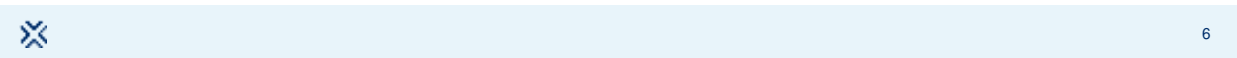
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A quick tour through the world of dermatologic morphology



What are the most common derm diagnoses in primary care?

Study in 2022: on the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) between 2007 and 2016, the most recent years available:

- The NAMCS is an ongoing survey which provides objective information about the use of ambulatory medical services in the United States.
- The survey is conducted annually by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- The NAMCS surveys a large, generalizable sample of physicians and non-physician providers and has achieved high response rates of up to 77%.

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The most common skin diagnoses in primary care

- In the population-based, cross-sectional analysis using the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey between 2007 and 2016:
 - The five most common skin diagnoses among all medical specialties were
 - contact dermatitis
 - acne vulgaris
 - actinic keratosis
 - “benign neoplasm” of the skin
 - epidermoid cyst



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Other “Top” Dermatologic Issues *for* Primary Care

- Identify a skin malignancy
 - Identify eczematous, psoriasiform, lichenoid, and drug-induced conditions
 - Identify potential autoimmune connective tissue diseases
 - Identify autoimmune bullous dermatoses
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- Barriers to sampling the skin in primary care
 - Requires proper set up, equipment for procedures, photography/triangulation of lesions, proper sample containers (ex. Michels media for direct immunofluorescence).
 - Delay in referral / wait times for patients to be seen by dermatology
 - Delay in diagnosis and treatment



A bit of a deeper dive into

The most common issues

- Acne vulgaris
- Epidermoid cyst
- “Benign” neoplasms of the skin
- Actinic keratosis
- Contact dermatitis

Other top issues

- Cutaneous malignancy
 - Basal cell carcinoma
 - Squamous cell carcinoma
 - Melanoma
- Refractory inflammatory dermatoses
 - Eczematous
 - Psoriasiform
 - Lichenoid
- Autoimmune connective tissue diseases
 - Ex. cutaneous lupus
- Autoimmune bullous diseases
 - Ex. bullous pemphigoid



Acne vulgaris vs rosacea – diagnosis

The infographic is titled "Acne Vulgaris vs. Rosacea" and is divided into two main sections: "Acne Distribution" and "Rosacea Distribution".

Acne Distribution: Shows a human figure with a blue dot on the face. Below it are three circular skin patches: "Closed comedones", "Open comedones", and "Inflamed papules, pustules, or nodules".

Rosacea Distribution: Shows a human figure with a green dot on the face. Below it are three circular skin patches: "Generalized erythema", "Telangiectasia", and "Inflamed papules and pustules".

SKIN OF COLOR: A central section with a blue dot on a human figure. Below it are six circular skin patches representing different skin tones: "Closed comedones", "Open comedones", "Inflamed papules, pustules, or nodules", "Generalized erythema", "Telangiectasia", and "Inflamed papules and pustules".

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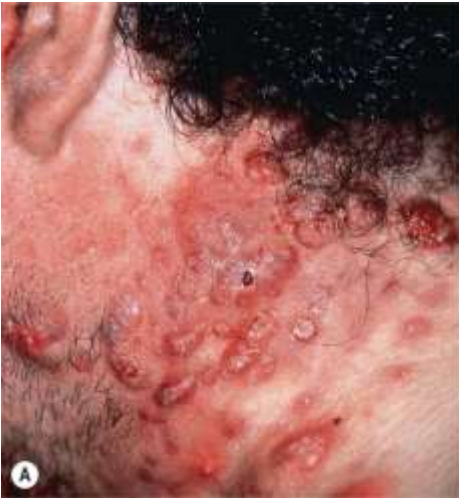
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Acne – severe, cystic



Acne

- Multifactorial of pilosebaceous unit
- Psychosocial impact
 - likelihood of self-consciousness, social isolation, anxiety disorders, depression, and even suicidal ideation
- Acne vulgaris affects ~40–50 million individuals each year in the US alone, leading to an estimated annual cost in the US of at least \$2.5 billion
- peak incidence during adolescence, acne affects ~85% of young people between 12 and 24 years of age



Dermatology. Bologna, 5th edition.



Risk factors for more severe acne

- Individuals at increased risk for the development of acne include:
 - those with an XYY karyotype
 - or endocrine disorders
 - Polycystic ovarian syndrome
 - Hyperandrogenism
 - Hypercortisolism
 - Precocious puberty
- Patients with these conditions tend to have more severe acne that is less responsive to standard therapy



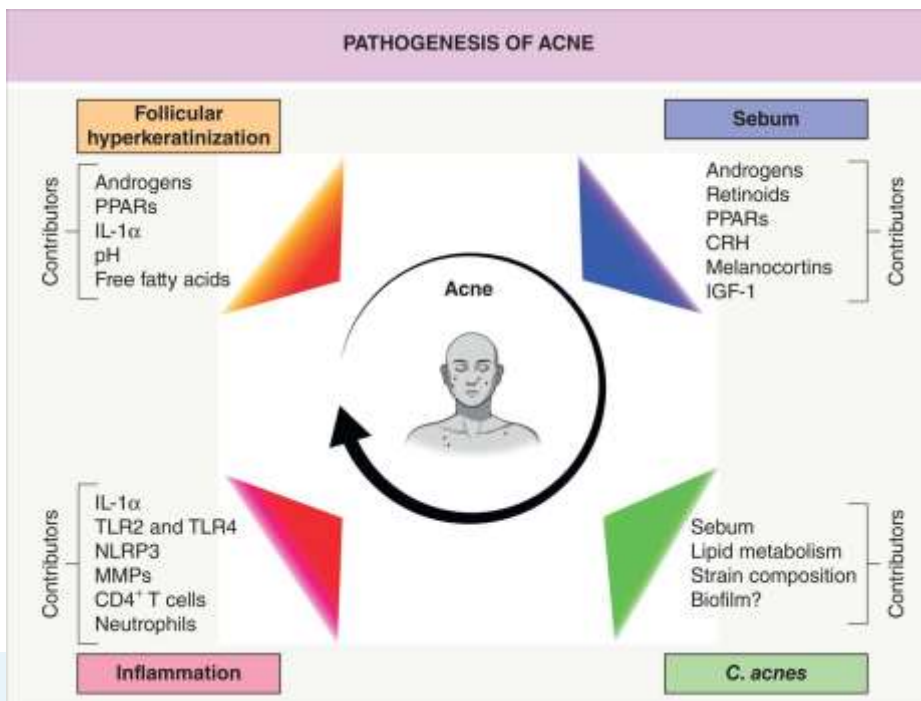
Genes found to have a possible link to acne via genome-wide association studies (GWAS) and other methods include those encoding components of the tumor transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β) pathway, other inflammatory mediators, and regulators of androgen metabolism

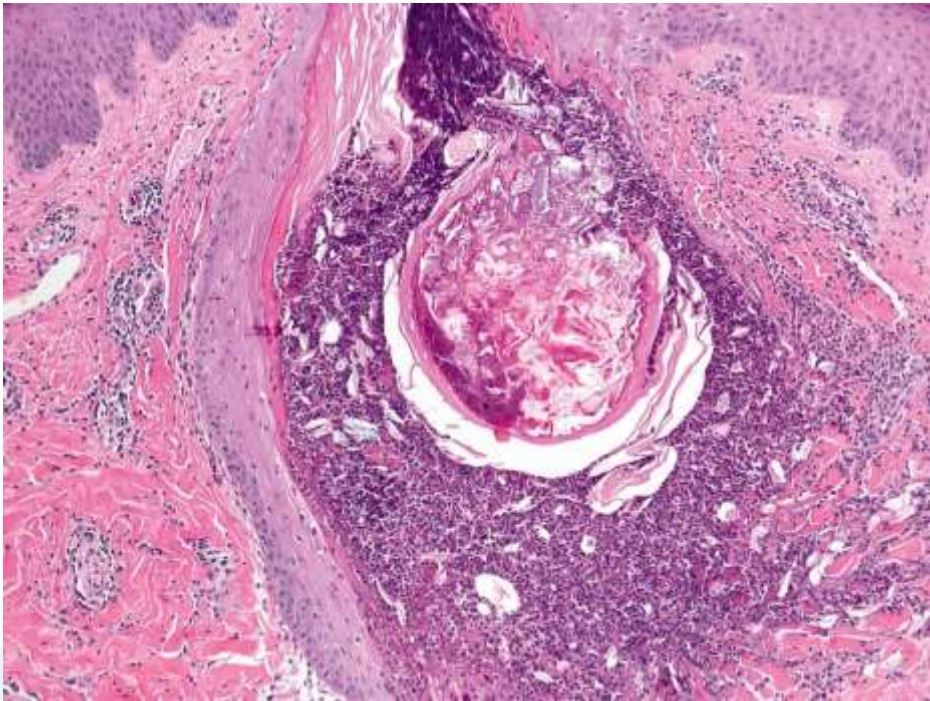


Dietary factors for acne?

- The relationship between diet and acne remains controversial.
- Several observational studies in different ethnic groups have found that the intake of milk, especially **skim milk**, is positively associated with acne prevalence and severity.
- Exacerbation of acne with the use of **whey protein supplements for bodybuilding** has also been reported.
- **Vitamin B12 supplementation** can potentially trigger the development of acne or an acneiform eruption by altering the transcriptome of skin microbiota, leading to increased production of proinflammatory porphyrins by **Cutibacterium acnes**.







Treatment of acne

| Acne activity | Treatment | |
|---|--|---|
| | Initial | Follow-up |
| <p>Mild: Several papules, pustules, and/or comedones; no nodules.</p>  | <p>First-line</p> <p>Topical retinoid</p> <p>or</p> <p>BPO ± topical antibiotic[†]</p> <p>or</p> <p>Topical retinoid + BPO ± topical antibiotic[†]</p> <p>Alternative topicals</p> <p>Dapsone</p> <p>Clascoterone</p> <p>Azelaic acid*</p> | <p>For additional control:</p> <p>Increase strength of topical retinoid</p> <p>or</p> <p>Change from wash to leave-on BPO</p> <p>or</p> <p>Add or replace with another topical agent</p> |



Treatment of acne

Moderate: Multiple papules and pustules; few scattered nodules; variable comedones



First-line

Topical retinoid + BPO

± topical antibiotic, oral antibiotic[§], and/or oral hormonal therapy[¶] (female patients)

Alternative topicals

Dapsone

Clascoterone

Azelaic acid*

For additional control:

See above for topical options

Add oral antibiotic[§]

and/or hormonal therapy[¶] (female patients)

or

Change to isotretinoin



Treatment of acne

Severe: Numerous papules and pustules; multiple nodules; variable comedones



First-line

Topical retinoid + BPO + oral antibiotic[†]

± hormonal therapy[†] (female patients)

or

Isotretinoin

Consider alternative topical (see above)

For additional control:

Change to isotretinoin



Treatment of acne

Very severe: Numerous nodules with conglobate or hemorrhagic lesions; \pm systemic symptoms (acne fulminans)



Prednisone \pm isotretinoin (low-dose initially)

Isotretinoin (slow dose escalation)



Birth control and acne

Roles of commonly used contraceptives for acne.

| ROLES OF COMMONLY USED CONTRACEPTIVES FOR ACNE | |
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| Oral contraceptive® | Estrogen mcg/progestin mcg |
| FDA-approved as treatment for acne vulgaris | |
| Ortho Tri-Cycleo, Tri-Estarylla, Tri-Linyah, Tri-Sprintec, Tri-Previfem, Trinessa | Ethinyl estradiol 35/norgestimate 180, 215, 250 |
| Estrostep, Tilia, Tri-Ligest | Ethinyl estradiol 20, 30, 35/norethindrone 1000 |
| Yaz, Gianvi, Jasmiel, Loryna, Lo-Zumandimine, Nikki, Vestura, Beyaz* | Ethinyl estradiol 20/drospirenone 3000 |
| Clinical data to support use for acne (selected products) | |
| Alesse, Aubra, Aviane, Lutera, Orsythia, Vienva | Ethinyl estradiol 20/levonorgestrel 100 |
| Diane-35† | Ethinyl estradiol 35/cyproterone acetate 2000 |
| Yasmin, Ocella, Syeda, Zarah, Zumandimine, Safyral* | Ethinyl estradiol 30/drospirenone 3000 |
| Natazia | Estradiol valerate 1000, 2000, 3000/denogest 2000, 3000 |
| May worsen acne | |
| Combined oral contraceptives containing more androgenic progestins (e.g. norgestrel, levonorgestrel) Progestin-only depot injections, subdermal implants, and progestin-containing intrauterine devices | |

*Also contains levomefolate calcium for protection against neural tube defects.

†Not available in the US.



Summary pearls (acne)

- Topical Rx (most common) – benzoyl peroxide, topical clindamycin, retinoid (adapalene, tretinoin, tazarotene)
- Oral Rx (most common) – Doxycycline, spironolactone or isotretinoin
- Prior to referral to dermatology
 - If isotretinoin candidate, discuss abstinence or birth control methods for people who can get pregnant
 - If suspect strong hormonal component, consider referral to endocrinology
 - Polycystic ovarian syndrome, Hyperandrogenism, Hypercortisolism, Precocious puberty



Acne vs Rosacea

OTHER FEATURES: Acne Vulgaris

- Most prevalent in adolescents and young adults
- Variable distribution on face
- Frequent shoulder, chest, and/or back involvement
- Sequelae of postinflammatory hyperpigmentation, postinflammatory erythema, and scarring
- Association with hyperandrogenic disorders (eg, polycystic ovarian syndrome)

OTHER FEATURES: Rosacea

- Most prevalent in adults >30 years old
- Centrofacial distribution (cheeks, nose, chin)
- Ocular involvement (eg, symptoms of eye irritation, eyelid erythema, conjunctival injection, crusting, recurrent hordeolum or chalazion)
- Sensitive skin
- Flushing

KEY CONCEPTS

Acne vulgaris and rosacea are common causes of inflamed papules or pustules on the face. Recognition of other characteristic features is helpful for distinguishing these conditions. Patients may exhibit some or all of the displayed features.

Distinguishing between acne vulgaris and rosacea is important because of differences in the approach to patient evaluation and treatment. For example, an assessment for signs of associated hyperandrogenism (eg, menstrual irregularity, hirsutism, virilization) is an important component of the initial evaluation of female patients with acne vulgaris, particularly in the presence of severe, sudden-onset, or recalcitrant acne. In patients with rosacea, an assessment for signs or symptoms of ocular involvement is important for identifying patients who may benefit from ophthalmologic examination.

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Acne vulgaris vs rosacea – treatment

Acne



- Daily wash with benzoyl peroxide-containing wash (Ex. CeraVe with benzoyl peroxide) or salicylic acid wash
- Topical clindamycin solution, gel, or lotion
- Daily retinoid (ex. OTC adapalene gel, or tretinoin creams) – a pea-sized amount only across entire face at night
- Oral medications: doxycycline 100 mg BID (or minocycline) for up to 1 month, can consider refills for flares
- Hormonal driven: start with spironolactone 50 mg daily, increase to 100 mg daily as tolerated (consider checking potassium; warn of side effects; not for use in woman trying to get pregnant)
 - Also consider topical Winlevi (clascoterone) – androgen receptor inhibitor

Rosacea



- Start topical metronidazole gel
 - If fails, consider topical ivermectin (Soolantra)
- Dermatologist: can perform lasers (example PDL to target hemoglobin in telangiectasias)
- Wash with sensitive skin cleaners (Cetaphil, CeraVe, Vanicream, etc).
- Can consider long-term, low dose doxycycline 50 mg daily, or 40 mg Oracea (slow-release)
- Can consider vasoconstrictors (topical brimonidine – α_2 adrenergic receptor agonist)
- Identify and reduce triggers as much as possible (alcohol, spicy foods, heat, stress, etc)
- Refer to ophthalmology if ocular involvement

✘ Isotretinoin for severe cases

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Epidermoid inclusion cysts - diagnosis



Beware of the "cyst" – if deeper with no punctum, it may not be a "cyst"



Epidermoid inclusion cysts - differential

Pilar cyst



Pilomatrixoma



Lipoma



Ganglion cyst



Dermoid cyst



Cysts? Unfortunately not.



✘ Pajaziti, L., Hapçiu, S.R., Dobruna, S. et al. Skin metastases from lung cancer: a case report. BMC Res Notes 8, 139 (2015). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13104-015-1105-0>

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Benign neoplasms of the skin (examples)

Acrochordon/skin tag



Intradermal nevus



Dermatofibroma



Neurofibroma



Seborrheic keratosis



Seborrheic keratosis



“Pyogenic granuloma” (lobular capillary hemangioma) vs other?



Lobular capillary hemangioma



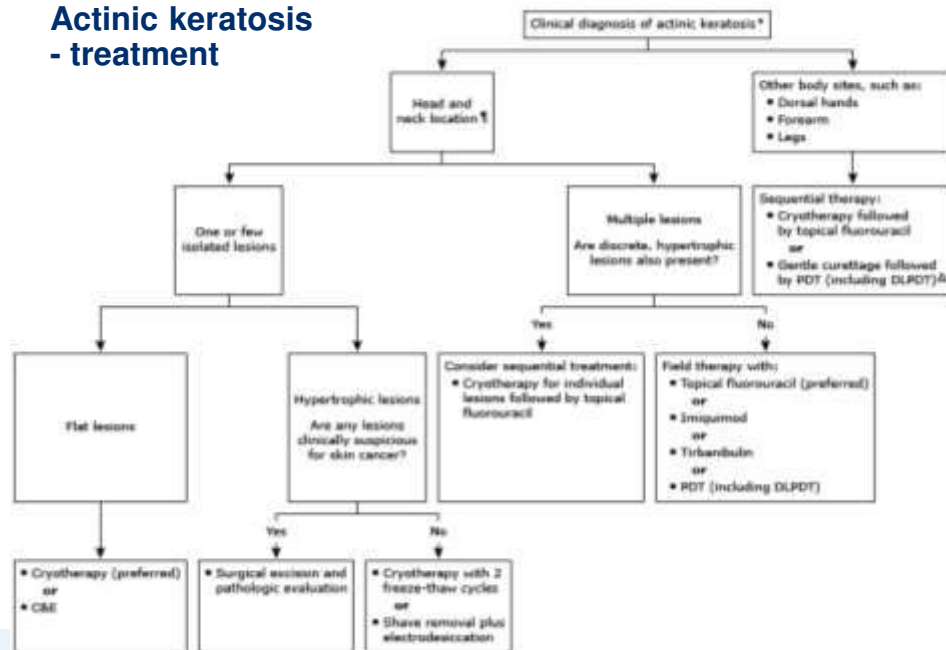
Spitzoid melanoma



Actinic keratoses



Actinic keratosis - treatment



In office treatment with liquid nitrogen

freezing time 5 to 10 seconds or more, depending upon lesion size and thickness, with the "ice ball" extending at least 1 mm beyond the clinical margin of the lesion

single freeze-thaw cycle is adequate for thin lesions, while a double freeze-thaw cycle is required for thicker lesions

Contact dermatitis - diagnosis



- Common contact allergens include plant allergens, metals, fragrances, acrylates, medicaments, and preservatives.

History and geometric distribution are important

Useful resource: Contact Dermatitis Institute (www.contactdermatitisinstitute.com)




Contact dermatitis – treatment/ avoidance



www.contactdermatitisinstitute.com



The other “Top” issues

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Skin cancer – The “big 3” – diagnosis - clinical

Basal cell carcinoma



Squamous cell carcinoma



Melanoma



Skin cancer – The “big 3” – diagnosis - dermatopathology



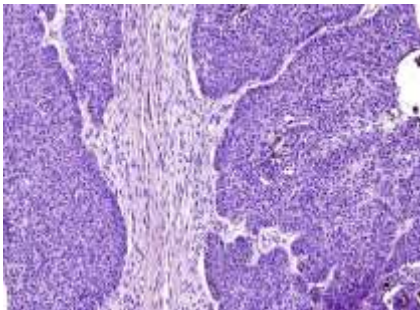
Basal cell carcinoma



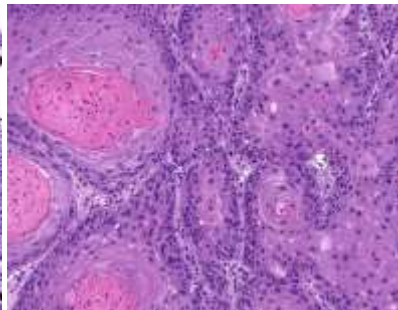
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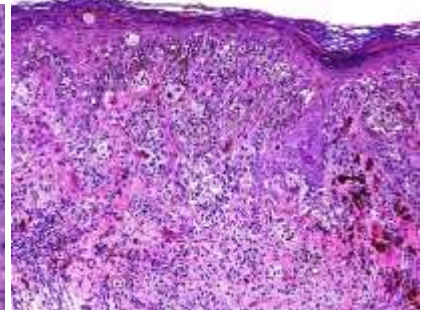
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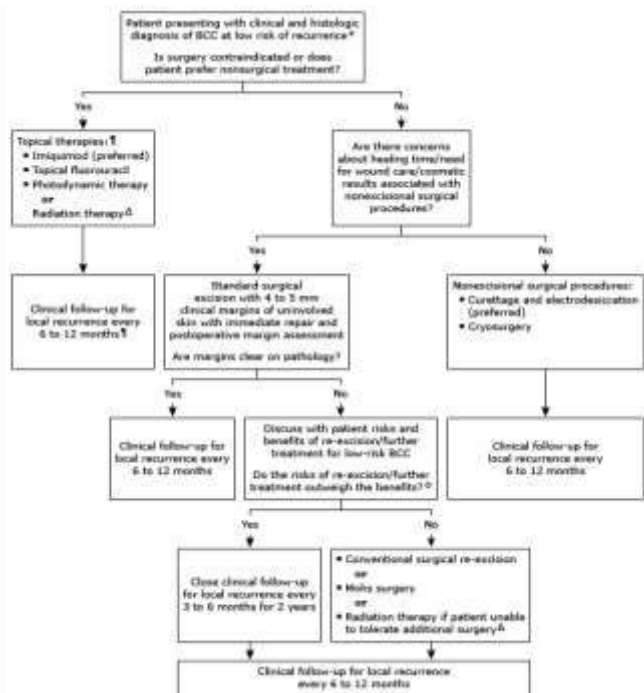


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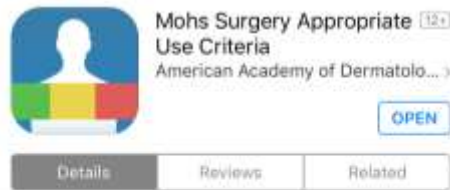


Sox-10+, PRAME+

Skin cancer/BCC - treatment



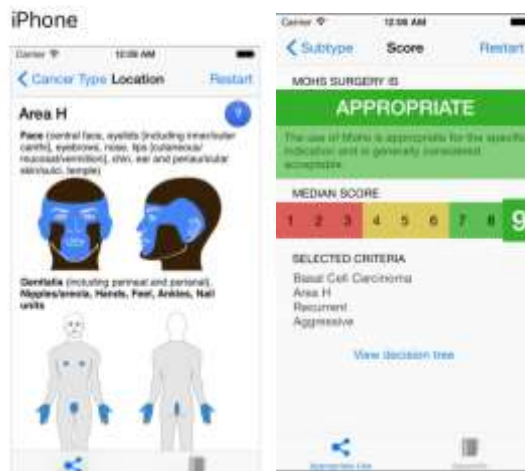
Appropriate Use Criteria for Mohs



Mohs Surgery Appropriate Use Criteria ¹²⁺
American Academy of Dermatolo... >

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Area H

Face (central face, eyelids (including inner/outer canthi), eyebrows, nose, lip (labial/lipular mucosal/verruccal), chin, ear and periauricular skin/alo, temple)

Dermatite (including perineal and perianal), Nipples/areola, Hands, Feet, Ankle, Nail units

MOHS SURGERY IS

APPROPRIATE

The use of Mohs is appropriate for the specific indication and is generally considered appropriate.

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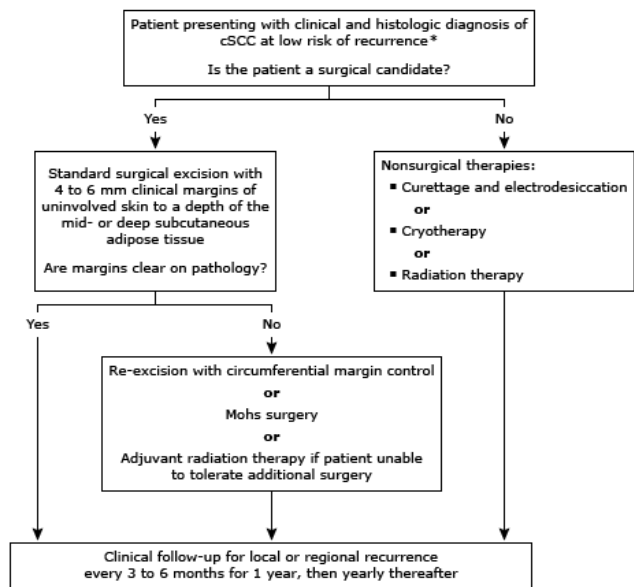
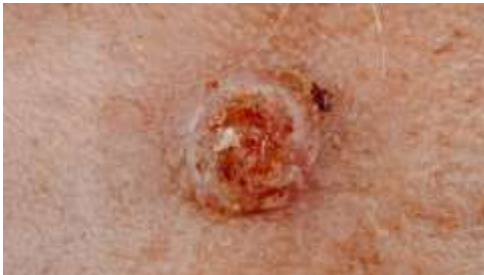
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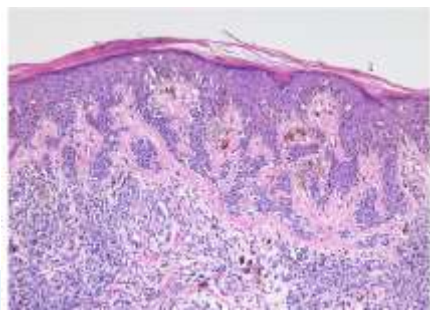
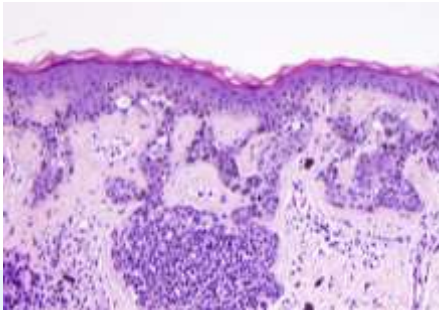
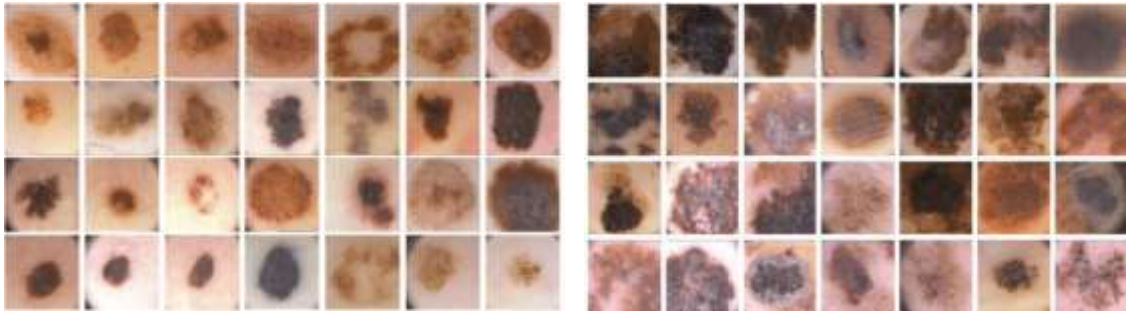
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- Area H
- Recurrent
- Aggressive

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Skin cancer/SCC - treatment



The melanocytic diagnostic dilemma



Melanoma- staging



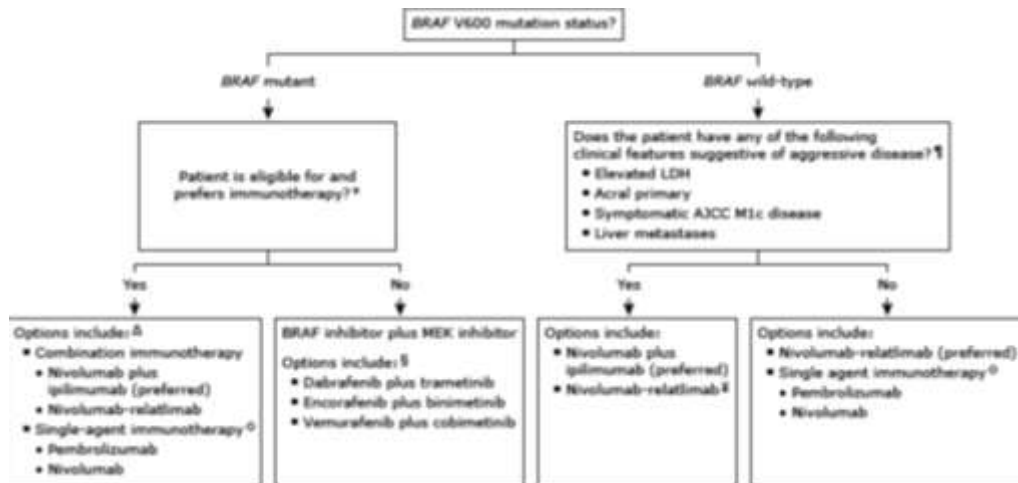
Definition of Primary Tumor (T) - AJCC 8th Edition

| T Category | Thickness | Ulceration status |
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| Tis (melanoma <i>in situ</i>) | Not applicable | Not applicable |
| T1 | ≤1.0 mm | Unknown or unspecified |
| T1a | <0.8 mm | Without ulceration |
| T1b | <0.8 mm 0.8–1.0 mm | With ulceration With or without ulceration |
| T2 | >1.0–2.0 mm | Unknown or unspecified |
| T2a | >1.0–2.0 mm | Without ulceration |
| T2b | >1.0–2.0 mm | With ulceration |
| T3 | >2.0–4.0 mm | Unknown or unspecified |
| T3a | >2.0–4.0 mm | Without ulceration |
| T3b | >2.0–4.0 mm | With ulceration |
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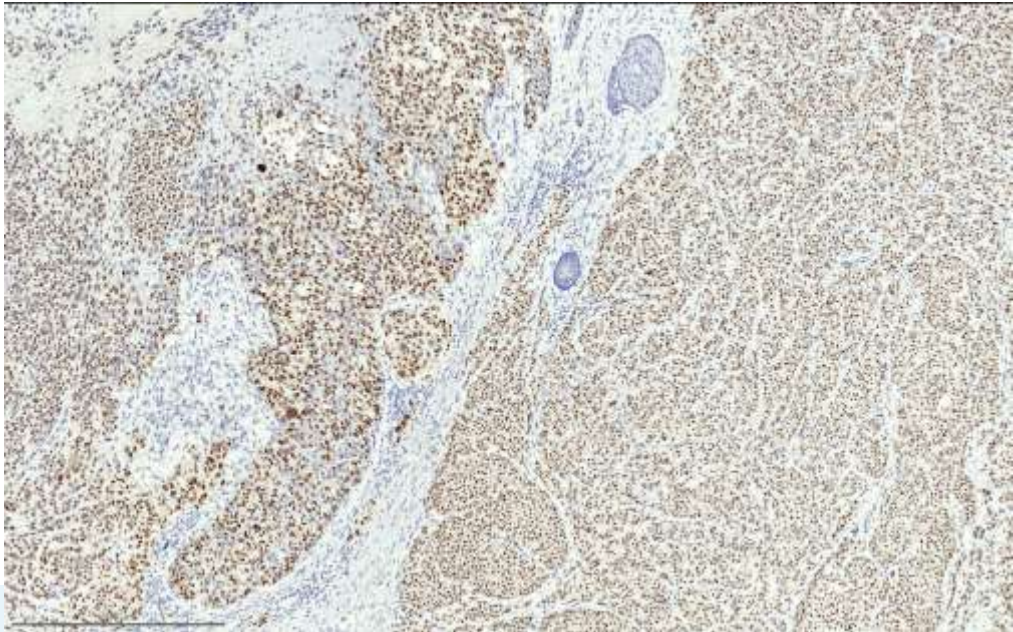
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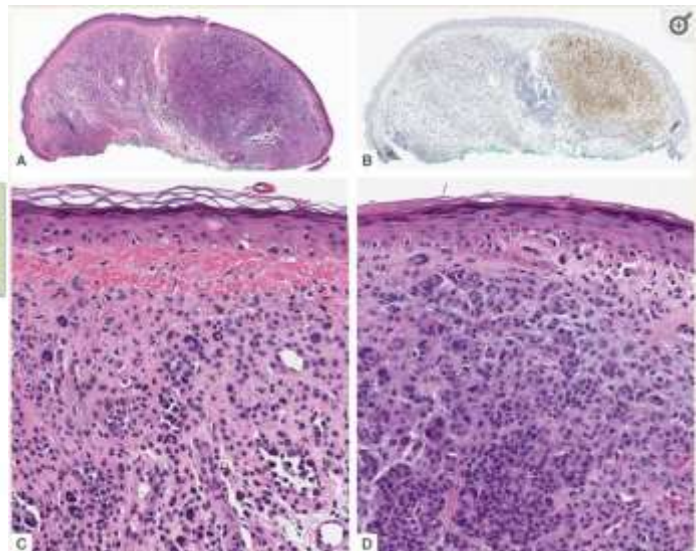
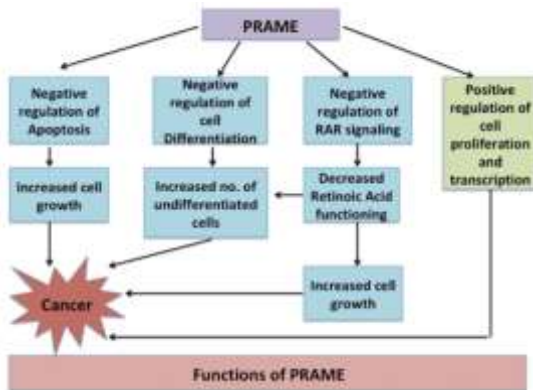
Melanoma- treatment



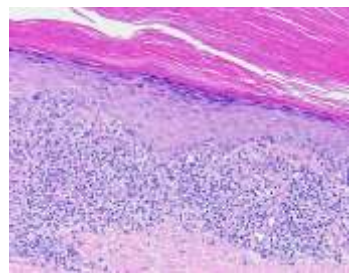
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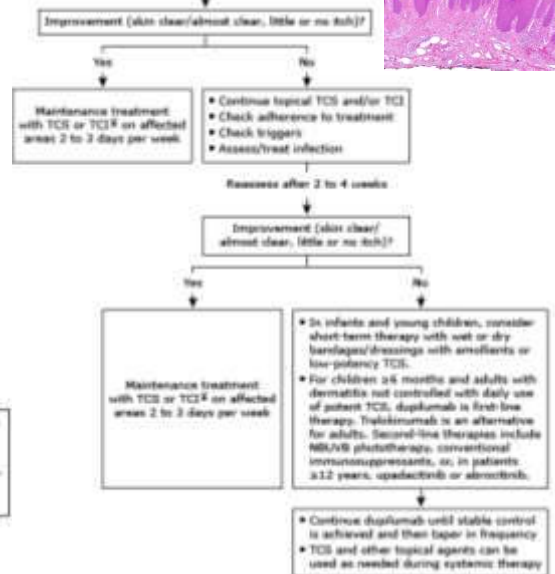
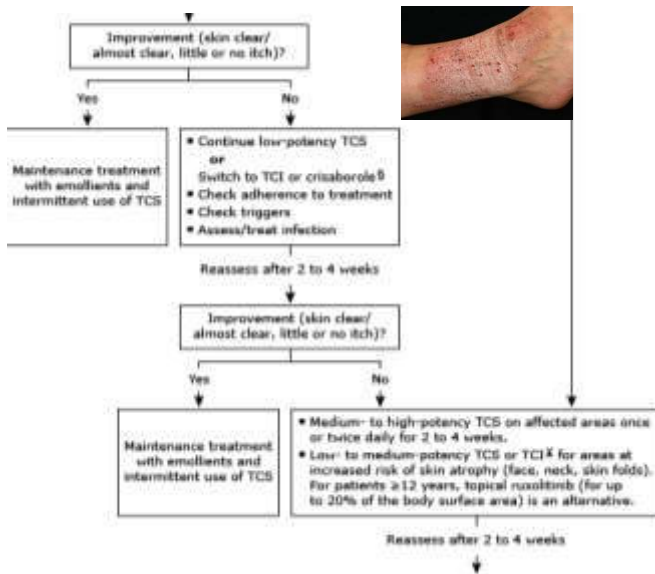
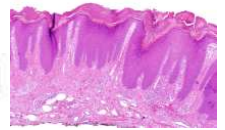
PRAME in melanoma



Eczematous vs psoriasiform vs lichenoid - diagnosis



Eczema / atopic dermatitis - treatment



Top pediatric dermatology issues

Chronic or Severe Eczema (Atopic Dermatitis)

Chronic or Difficult-to-Treat Acne

Psoriasis

Chronic Urticaria

Vascular Birthmarks and Hemangiomas

Pigmented Lesions and Nevi

Suspected Skin Infections

Rare or Unusual Skin Conditions:

- Uncommon genetic or autoimmune skin disorders (e.g., epidermolysis bullosa, ichthyosis, lupus).

Alopecia (Hair Loss):

Hyperpigmentation or Hypopigmentation Disorders:

Genodermatoses



Atopic dermatitis



Trimodal distribution in atopic dermatitis

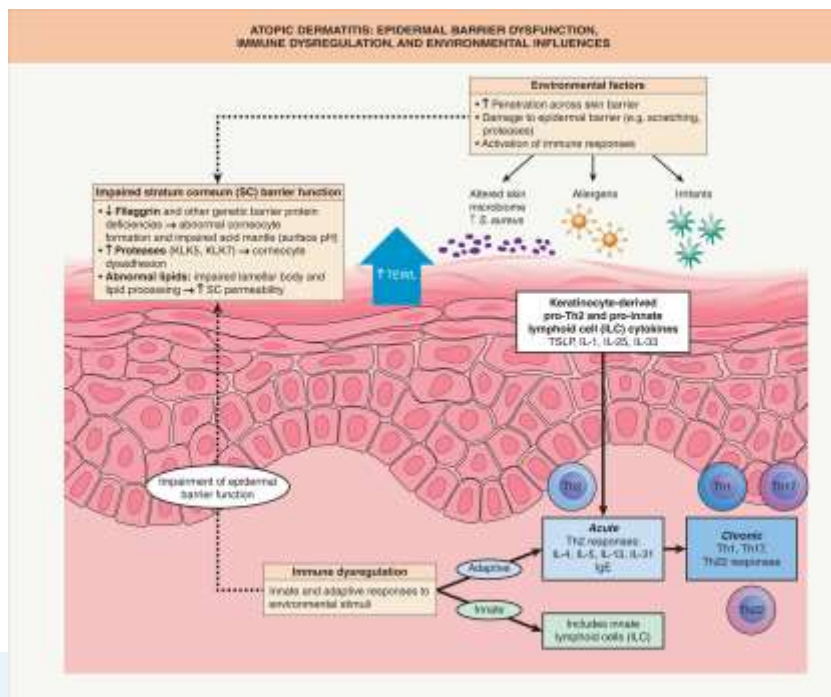
- early-onset AD:
 - defined as AD beginning in the first 2 years of life
 - most common type of AD - first 6 months of life in 45% of affected individuals, during the first year of life in 60%, and before 5 years of age in 85%.
 - Approximately half of children with disease onset during the first 2 years of life develop allergen-specific IgE antibodies by 2 years of age
 - About 60% of infants and young children with AD go into remission by 12 years of age, including a group with resolution by 4–6 years of age
- late-onset AD: starts after puberty
 - Approximately 30% of AD patients overall are in the non-IgE-associated category
- AD in the elderly: a subset of AD that begins after 60 years of age



Atopic dermatitis (“eczema”)

- Atopic dermatitis (AD) is the most common chronic inflammatory skin disease, and its increasing prevalence presents a major public health problem worldwide
- Characteristic features of AD include pruritus and a chronic or chronically relapsing course, usually beginning during infancy (early onset) but occasionally first developing in adulthood (late onset)





Staph in atopic dermatitis

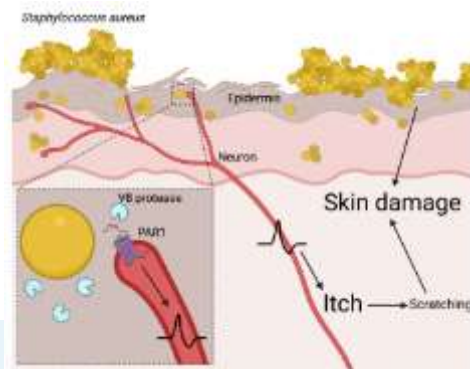
- IL-31 is a Th2 cytokine that is highly expressed in lesional skin and serum of patients with AD as well as in other pruritic skin disorders such as prurigo nodularis.
- Cutaneous exposure to staphylococcal superantigen rapidly induces IL-31 expression in atopic individuals, establishing a link between staphylococcal colonization of the skin and pruritus.
- The heterodimeric receptor for IL-31 is expressed by keratinocytes, eosinophils, activated macrophages, cutaneous C nerve fibers, and dorsal root ganglia
- *Staphylococcus aureus* *colonization* of the skin affects lipid composition and contributes to epidermal barrier impairment
- The *S. aureus* extracellular V8 protease, which has a sequence similar to those of *S. aureus* exfoliative toxins, is also thought to degrade Dsg1



S. aureus drives itch and scratch-induced skin damage through a V8 protease-PAR1 axis

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Microbiome in atopic dermatitis

- More than 90% of patients with AD have skin colonized with *S. aureus*, compared to about 5% of unaffected individuals, presumably reflecting the disrupted acid mantle, decreased antimicrobial peptides (e.g. cathelicidins, defensins), and altered cytokine milieu of AD skin.
- During AD flares, bacterial diversity decreases and the proportion of the microbiome accounted for by *Staphylococcus* spp. increases from ~35% to ~90%. Conversely, normalization of the microbial population correlates with clinical improvement in AD.
- Superantigens can promote the development of a Th2 immune response, and exotoxins with superantigenic properties are produced by up to 65% of the *S. aureus* strains that colonize AD patients.
- Compared to unaffected controls, an IgE response to the *S. aureus* superantigens enterotoxin A and enterotoxin B occurs more frequently in patients with AD. The *S. aureus* δ -toxin also stimulates mast cell degranulation and Th2 inflammation.

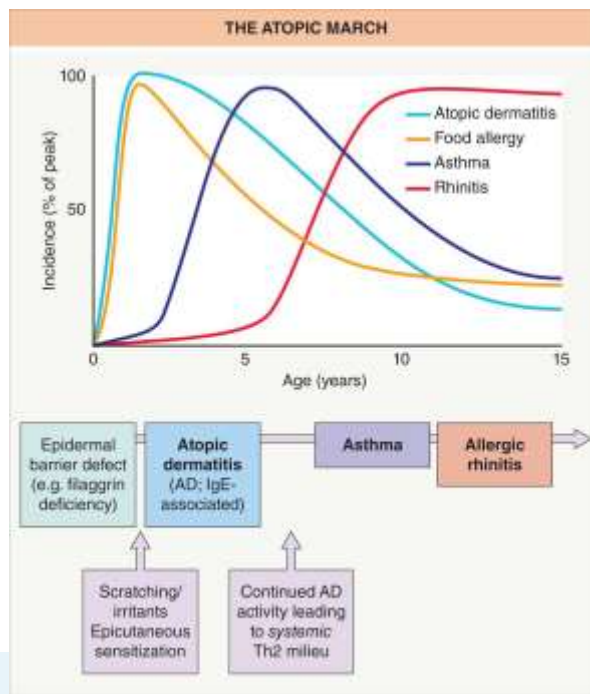


Microbiome in atopic dermatitis

- In addition, filaggrin deficiency increases the susceptibility of keratinocytes to *S. aureus* α -toxin-induced cytotoxicity. Lastly, *Malassezia* spp. may also contribute to inflammation in AD, and adults with severe head and neck disease often display IgE reactivity to *Malassezia* antigens.
- Alterations in the skin microbiome of AD patients related to the use of cleansers and topical immunomodulatory or antimicrobial agents may have potential effects on cutaneous inflammation and barrier function.
- Topical administration of coagulase-negative *Staphylococcus* strains with antimicrobial activity or the Gram-negative commensal *Roseomonas mucosa* has been shown to markedly reduce *S. aureus* colonization in AD patients.
- *R. mucosa* application was also associated with decreased AD severity and topical corticosteroid requirement, providing the basis for bacteriotherapy as a potential AD treatment.

- In addition, treatment with UVB has been shown to reduce *S. aureus* colonization of the skin in AD patients.





Genetics and AD

| SELECTED CANDIDATE GENES FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS | |
|--|--|
| Candidate gene(s) | Defective protein(s) |
| Genes encoding epidermal proteins | |
| <i>FLG</i> | Filaggrin (loss-of-function variants; see text) |
| <i>FLG2</i> | Filaggrin family member 2 |
| <i>SPINK5</i> | Serine protease inhibitor LETKI |
| <i>KLK5/SCTE, KLK7/SCCE</i> | Kallikrein-related peptidases 5 & 7/stratum corneum tryptic & chymotryptic enzymes |
| <i>CLDN1</i> | Claudin-1 |
| <i>SPRR3</i> | Small proline-rich protein 3 |
| <i>TMEM79</i> | Transmembrane protein 79 (mattrin) |
| <i>KIF3A</i> | Kinesin family member 3A |
| Genes encoding immunologic proteins | |
| <i>FCER1A</i> | Fc fragment of high-affinity IgE receptor I, α chain |
| <i>TLR2, 4, 6, 9</i> | Toll-like receptor-2, -4, -6, and -9 |
| <i>IRF2</i> | Interferon regulatory factor 2 |
| <i>IL4, 5, 12B, 13, 18, 31</i> | Interleukin-4, -5, -12B, -13, -18, and -31 |
| <i>IL4RA, IL5RA, IL13RA</i> | Interleukin-4, -5, and -13 receptors, α subunits |
| <i>GM-CSF</i> | Granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor |
| <i>CD14</i> | Monocyte differentiation antigen CD14 |
| <i>DEFB1</i> | β -defensin 1 |



Genetic associations with atopic dermatitis (continued)

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| <i>GSTP1</i> | Glutathione S-transferase P1 |
| <i>CMA1</i> | Mast cell chymase |
| <i>CCL5/RANTES</i> | Chemokine (C-C motif) ligand 5/RANTES |
| <i>TSLP</i> | Thymic stromal lymphopoietin |
| <i>CARD11, CARD14</i> | Caspase recruitment domain family members 11 and 14 |
| <i>RETN</i> | Resistin |
| <i>MIF</i> | Macrophage migration inhibitory factor |
| <i>VDR</i> | Vitamin D receptor |
| <i>CYP27A1, CYP2R1</i> | Cytochrome p450 family members 27A1 and 2R1 |



Common presentation in atopic dermatitis



Variation in clinical presentation



Atopic dermatitis



Chronic atopic dermatitis, lichenification



Atopic dermatitis - lichenification

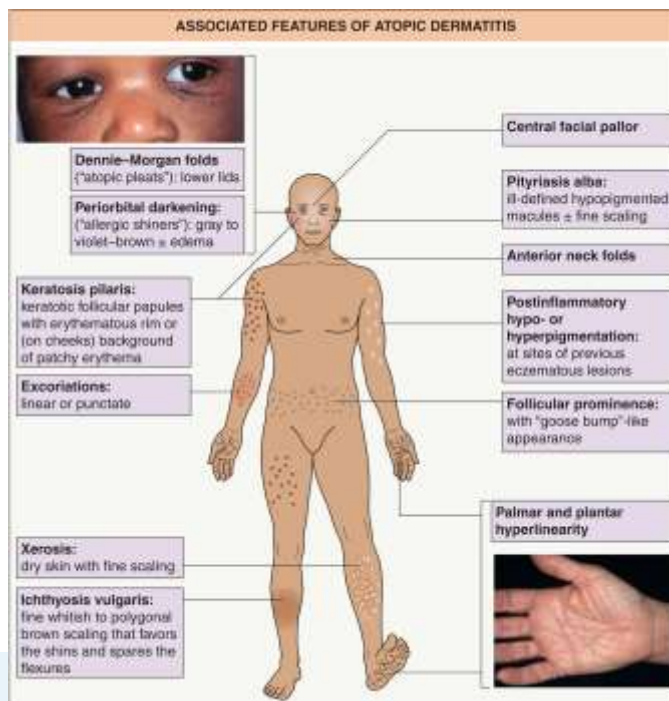


Variation in atopic dermatitis



Other common sites of involvement





Triggers/exposures in atopic dermatitis

Triggers

- *Climate*: extremes of temperature (winter or summer), low humidity
- *Irritants*: wool/rough fabrics, perspiration, detergents, solvents
- *Infections*: cutaneous (e.g. *Staphylococcus aureus*, molluscum contagiosum, herpes simplex) or systemic (e.g. URI)
- *Environmental allergies*: e.g. to dust mites, pollen, contact allergens
- *Food allergies*:
 - Trigger in small minority of AD patients, e.g. 10%–30% of those with moderate to severe, refractory AD
 - Common allergens: egg > milk, peanuts/tree nuts, (shell)fish, soy, wheat
 - Detection of allergen-specific IgE (via blood and skin prick tests) does *not* necessarily mean that allergy is triggering the patient's AD



**Keratosis pilaris
co-existence with atopic dermatitis**



Pityriasis alba

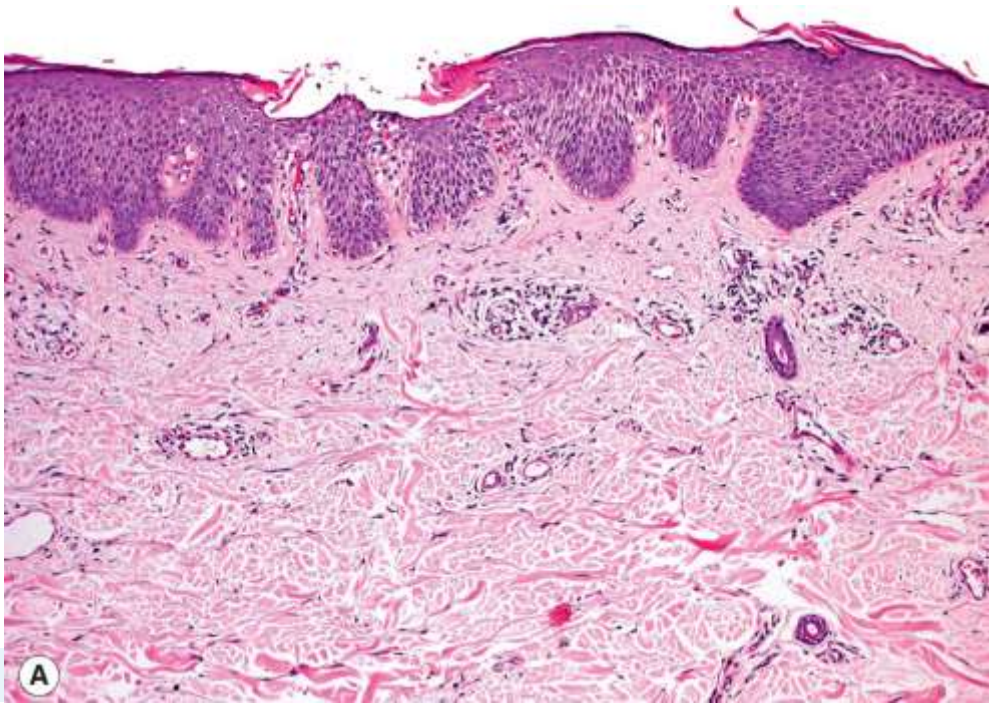


Superinfection



Eczema herpeticum





MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS (AD)

**Treatment of active eczema**

Daily use of topical CS of appropriate strength until "clear" (e.g. smooth skin; 10 days–4 weeks)

- Higher potency (class 1–2) for thick/lichenified plaques, nummular lesions, or eczema on the hands/feet
- Medium potency (class 3–4) for moderate eczema, e.g. in the antecubital and popliteal fossae
- Low potency (class 5–6) for mild eczema, especially on the face or in skin folds

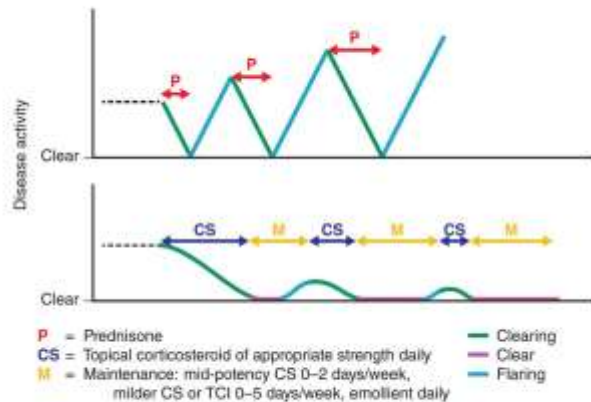
High-level maintenance to usual "hot spots"

Intermittent use of mid-potency topical CS (e.g. 2 days/week) and/or topical calcineurin inhibitor (e.g. 3–5 days/week)

Low-level maintenance (all patients)

Daily use of a bland emollient cream or ointment to all skin
Avoidance of triggers

A *For acute flares, consider wet wraps following CS application



| Rx | |
|--|----------|
| THERAPEUTIC LADDER FOR ATOPIC DERMATITIS (AD) | |
| Topical therapies | Evidence |
| Moisturizers | 1 |
| Corticosteroids | 1 |
| Calcineurin inhibitors | 1 |
| Crisaborole | 1 |
| JAK inhibitors e.g. ruxolitinib (FDA-approved), delgocitinib (approved in Japan) | 1 |
| Phototherapy | |
| Narrowband UVB, UVA–UVB, UVA ₁ | 1 |
| Systemic therapies | Evidence |
| Dupilumab | 1 |
| IL-13 inhibitors, e.g. tralokinumab, lebrikizumab | 1 |
| JAK inhibitors, e.g. upadacitinib, abrocitinib, baricitinib | 1 |
| Cyclosporine (short-/intermediate-term) | 1 |
| Azathioprine | 1 |
| Mycophenolate mofetil/enteric-coated mycophenolate sodium | 1/2 |
| Methotrexate | 1/2 |



| | |
|---|----------------|
| Systemic corticosteroids (short-term for severe acute flares; "rebound" exacerbations often occur upon discontinuation) | 2 |
| Omalizumab | 2* |
| Nemolizumab [†] (anti-IL-31 receptor A; not currently FDA-approved) | 1 [‡] |
| Rituximab | 2 |
| Interferon- γ | 4 |
| IVIg | 2* |
| Adjunctive therapies | |
| Wet wraps, open wet dressings, or soaks combined with topical corticosteroids for acute flares | |
| Dilute sodium hypochlorite (bleach) baths | |
| Treatment of associated bacterial, viral, or fungal infections | |
| Oral antihistamines for associated conditions (e.g. dermographism, rhinoconjunctivitis) and sedative effects | |
| Leukotriene antagonists ⁵ | |
| Sodium cromoglycate (topical or oral) ⁴ | |

Key to evidence-based support: (1) prospective controlled trial; (2) retrospective trial or large case series; (3) small series or individual case reports.

*No significant benefit was found in a small controlled trial.

[†]Benefit for pruritus in patients with moderate to severe AD.

[‡]Although found to be effective in one randomized controlled trial, results of other studies have been inconsistent (see **Ch. 128**).

⁴Inconsistent demonstration of efficacy in controlled trials.

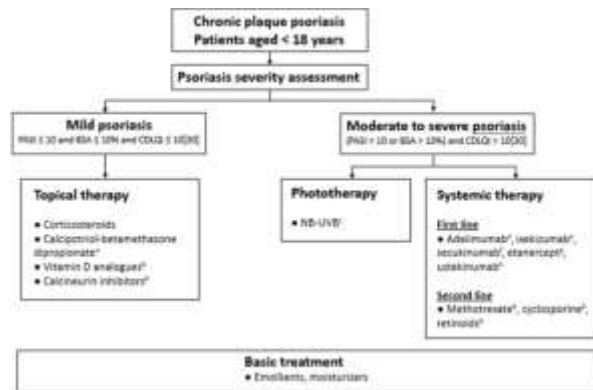


My checklist in atopic dermatitis treatment

- 1. Skin cleanser
- 2. Detergent type
- 3. Anti-staph/bacterial strategy; “microbiome” strategy
- 4. Anti-inflammatory strategy
- 5. Emollient strategy
- 6. Anti-itch/pruritus strategy



Psoriasis

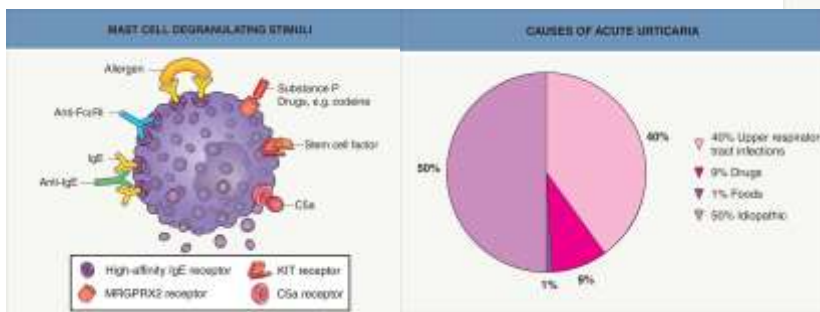


Labs: CBC, CMP, Hep panel, Quant TB

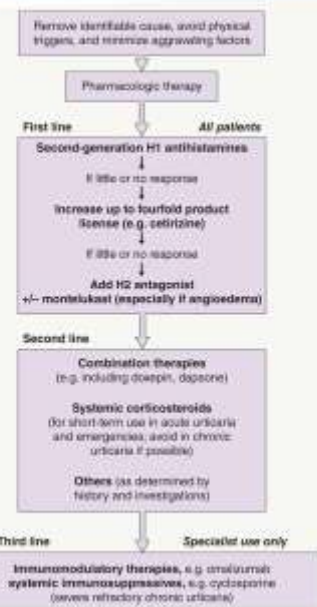
Biologics

- Etanercept (anti-TNF): Approved for people 4 years and older
- Ustekinumab (anti-IL-12/23): Approved for people 12 years and older
- Secukinumab (anti-IL-17): Approved for people 6 years and older
- Ixekizumab (anti-IL-17): Approved for children 6 years and older
- FDA Approves Arcutis' ZORYVE® (roflumilast) Cream 0.3% for Treatment of Psoriasis in Children Ages 6 and older

Chronic Urticaria



MANAGEMENT OF CHRONIC SPONTANEOUS AND INDUCIBLE URticARIAS

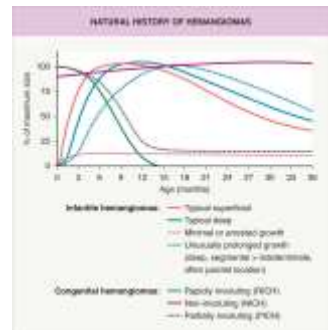


Labels: IgE levels; tryptase levels

Vascular Birthmarks and Hemangiomas



| DIFFERENTIAL BETWEEN INFANTILE HEMANGIOMAS AND VASCULAR MALFORMATIONS | |
|---|--|
| Infantile hemangiomas | Vascular malformation |
| Clinical - Usually absent at birth or only present before parent, only minimally well formed - Rapid proliferation in first 6-9 months of life - Spontaneous involution over years | - Usually evident at birth - Flare response, mild increase in size proportional to the child's growth - Persist into adulthood |
| Pathogenesis - Hypoxia-mediated - Onset 10, 11, 12 - Proliferation and/or low birth weight factors - Infection along vascular axis, embryonic abnormality, other sampling, or bad growth factors | - In case of genetic proliferation |
| Pathology - Proliferating: endothelial cell hyperplasia, lobular transition, inner cells, pericytic basement membrane - Involuting: fibroblasts cause regression, decreased size with white fibro connective | - Dependent upon type, often benign vascular channels |
| Genetic/epidemiology - Pathway for GATA1, Lysyl 1 oxidase, Notch1, and FGFRL1, Mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) | - Pathway for GATA1, Lysyl 1 oxidase, Notch1, and FGFRL1, Notch |



Oral Administration by Parents and Caregivers

PRIMARDEN (primidone) oral solution is a 20 mg/mL solution intended to treat 6 weeks to 2 years of age with infantile hemangiomas.

PRIMARDEN is indicated to reduce the size of infantile hemangiomas. Avoid grapefruit or grapefruit juice as they may increase the concentration of PRIMARDEN in the blood. Avoid alcohol as it may increase the risk of drowsiness. Avoid other drugs that may interact with PRIMARDEN.

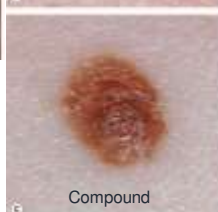
Recommended Dosing

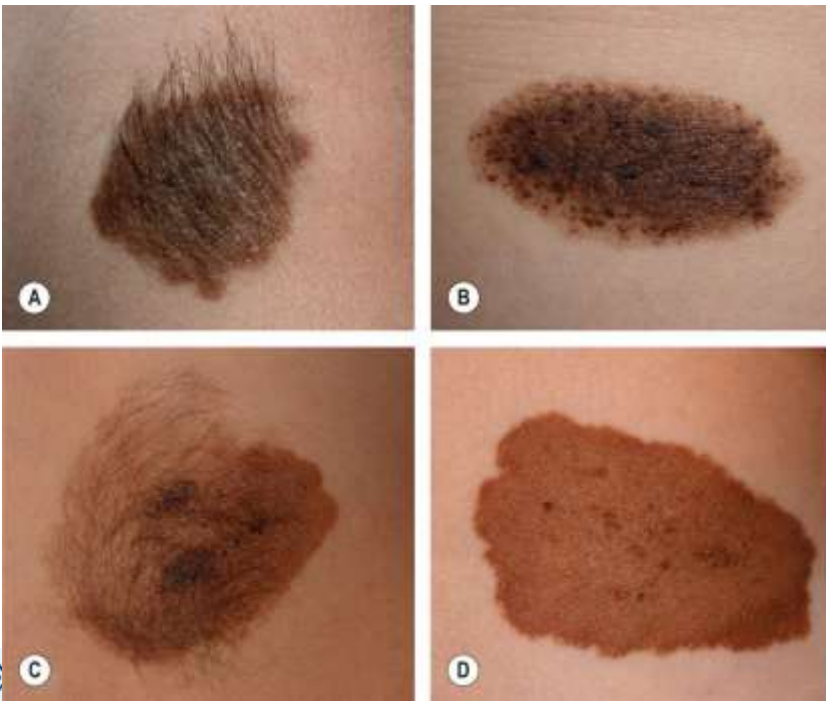
- Prescribed dose for children under 2 years of age
- Administer once daily, once at least 8 hours apart through or after feeding
- To reduce the risk of drowsiness, administer during or right after a feeding. Do not give PRIMARDEN to a sleeping child.
- Physician should not start dose or increase it if more than the first dose is necessary.
- Duration of treatment 6 months
- **Week 1:** starting dose is 0.5 mg/kg (0.1 mg/kg for infants under 6 months)
- **Week 2:** increase dose to 1 mg/kg (0.2 mg/kg for infants under 6 months)
- **Week 3:** increase to a maximum concentration of 2 mg/kg (0.4 mg/kg for infants under 6 months)

PRIMARDEN is a schedule II drug and should be stored and dispensed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. If necessary, PRIMARDEN may be stored in a small amount of milk or formula, ground in baby formula.



Pigmented Lesions and Nevi





Small: Less than 1.5 cm
Medium: 1.5–19.9 cm
Large or giant: 20 cm or more

Risk 6-20 % - MM

Alopecia (Hair Loss):

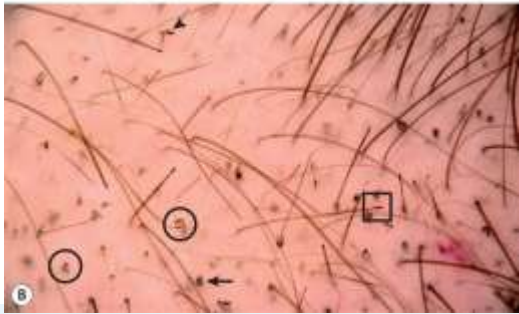


Alopecia areata



JAK inhibitors are making waves.
Ritlecitinib (Liftulo) has been drastic in improving in our patient population

*Beware of syphilis



trichotillomania

Discoid lupus

Pigmentation disorders



- ruxolitinib cream or by its brand name Opzelura, is the first and only FDA-approved topical JAK inhibitor for treating vitiligo in people ages 12 and older.



Linear nevoid hypopigmentation



Nevus depigmentosus

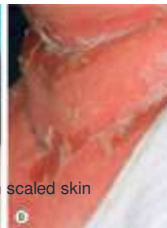




Cutaneous infections



impetigo



Staph scalded skin



Staph scalded skin



Paronychia (staph)



abscess



Peri-anal strep



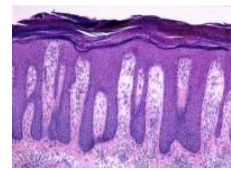
Necrotizing fasciitis (Grp A b-hem strep)

Overall pearls prior to referral

- History in referral (duration, associated symptoms, previous treatments, family history)
- Photography in referral (far away and close up); measurement of sizes of lesion serves as comparison and can help determine growth
- Treatments: including OTC or at-home remedies, along with Rx treatments
- Consider hormonal imbalance as contributing factors (endocrinology)
- Birth control discussion prior to isotretinoin referral vs abstinence



Psoriasis – treatment - biologics



| Biologic | Other Compatible Conditions | Contraindications | Dosing | Approx. Cost (First Year) | Common Adverse Reactions (>10%) | Efficacy - Primary Outcome and Long-term Outcome* |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------|---|---|
| Adalimumab (Humira) TNF | Psoriasis Dermatologic PA Crohn's CD ^{1,2,3} | Active TB or other serious infections Malignancy Hepatitis B Demyelinating disease Heart failure ⁴ | Every 2 wks (SC) ⁵ | \$21,500 ⁶ | Injection site rxn Headache Skin rash Arthralgia Development of IBD ⁷ Other infections ⁸ | PSA 75% at Week 16; 71-79% Loss of adequate response ⁹ at Week 52: 55% |
| Certolizumab pegol (Cosentyx) TNF | Crohn's Disease PA Psoriasis Dermatologic ^{1,2,3,4} | Active TB or other serious infections Heart failure ⁵ | Every 2 wks (SC) ⁶ | \$18,275 ⁷ | Headache Nausea Arthralgia Development of IBD ⁸ Other infections ⁹ | PSA 75% at Week 16; 73-88% % of PSA 75 responders maintained until Week 52: 80-86% ¹⁰ |
| Etanercept (Enbrel) TNF | PA Psoriasis Dermatologic ^{1,2,3,4} | Approximately to etanercept Patients at risk of sepsis syndrome ⁵ | Twice weekly for 3 mos, then once weekly (SC) ⁶ | \$21,800 ⁷ | Injection site rxn Headache Skin rash IBD ⁸ Other infections ⁹ | PSA 75% at Week 12: 47-69% PSA 75% at Week 56: 53% ¹⁰ |
| Infliximab (Remicade) TNF | Crohn's CD PA Psoriasis Dermatologic ^{1,2,3,4} | Serious infections ⁵ Heart failure ⁶ | IV infusions at 0, 2, and 6 wks, then every 8 wks after ⁷ | \$30,800 ⁸ | Infection rxn Headache Arthralgia Development of IBD ⁹ Gastrointestinal symptoms Development of IBD ¹⁰ Other infections ¹¹ | PSA 75% at Week 16: 73-80% PSA 75% at Week 56: 53-61% ¹² |
| Secukinumab (Cosentyx) TNF | Crohn's CD PA/MSDA ¹ | Serious infections Heart failure Psoriasis Dermatologic ² | IV infusions at 0, 2, and 6 wks, then every 8 wks after ³ | \$21,800 ⁴ | Infection rxn Headache Arthralgia Development of IBD ⁵ Gastrointestinal symptoms Development of IBD ⁶ Other infections ⁷ | Not reported (due to withdrawal) ⁸ |



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Psoriasis – treatment - biologics

| Biologic | Other Compatible Conditions | Contraindications | Dosing | Approx. Cost (First Year) | Common Adverse Reactions (>10%) | Efficacy – Primary Outcome and Long term Outcome* |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|--|---------------------------|---|--|
| Brodalumab (Siliq) §. 17 | PsA Hepatitis B/C Pregnancy Breastfeeding ⁶ | Celiac Disease Hypersensitivity to brodalumab ⁶ | Weekly for 3 wks, then every 2 wks (SC) ⁷ | \$16,660 ⁸ | URTID Other infections ⁶ | sPGA 0/1 at Week 12: 79.48% % of sPGA responses maintained until Week 52: 79.48% ⁹ |
| Sekukinumab (Siliq) §. 13 | PsA Hepatitis B/C ¹⁰ | Hypersensitivity to secukinumab Pregnancy ¹⁰ | Every two wks until week 12, then every 4 wks (SC) ¹⁰ | \$20,820 ¹¹ | URT Injection site rxn ¹⁰ | sPGA 0/1 at Week 12: 71.43% % of sPGA responses maintained until Week 48: 71% ¹² |
| Secukinumab (Cosentyx) §. 13 | PsA Hepatitis B/C Pregnancy Breastfeeding ⁶ | Hypersensitivity to secukinumab HIV TB Chronic Infection ⁶ | Loading dose weekly for 4 wks, then every 4 wks after (SC) ¹³ | \$26,520 ¹⁴ | URTID Other infections ⁶ | PsA 75 at Week 12: 75.47% % of PsA 75 responses maintained until Week 52: 91.44% ¹⁵ |
| Guselkumab (Tremfya) §. 28 | PsA (Phase II RCT) Breastfeeding ⁶ | Hypersensitivity to guselkumab Active infection Unresolved hepatitis B Hx of lymphoproliferative malignancy HIV Pregnancy ⁶ | Three at wks 0 and 4, then every 8 wks after (SC) ¹⁶ | \$11,140 ¹⁷ | URTID Other infections ⁶ | PsA 96 at Week 16: 79.77% % of PsA 96 responses maintained until Week 48: 96% ¹⁸ |
| Ustekinumab (Stelara) §. 12/28 | PsA Celiac Disease Pregnancy Breastfeeding ⁶ | Active infection Unresolved hep B Hx of lymphoproliferative malignancy Hypersensitivity HIV ⁶ | Three at 0 and 4 wks, then every 12 wks after (SC/IV) ¹⁹ | \$23,960 ²⁰ | Arthritis development URTID Other infections ⁶ | PsA 75 at Week 12: 67% % of PsA 75 responses maintained until Week 52: 89% ²¹ |
| Sarilumab (Olmicep) §. 29 | Celiac Disease (Phase II RCT) ²² | Hypersensitivity Pregnancy ⁶ | Three at wks 0 and 4, then every 12 wks after (SC) ²² | \$26,670 ²³ | Arthritis development URTID Other infections ⁶ | sPGA 0/1 at Week 26: 94.49% sPGA 0/1 at Week 52: 87% ²⁴ |



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Drug-induced lichenoid dermatitis – treatment

1. Eliminate potential drug causes



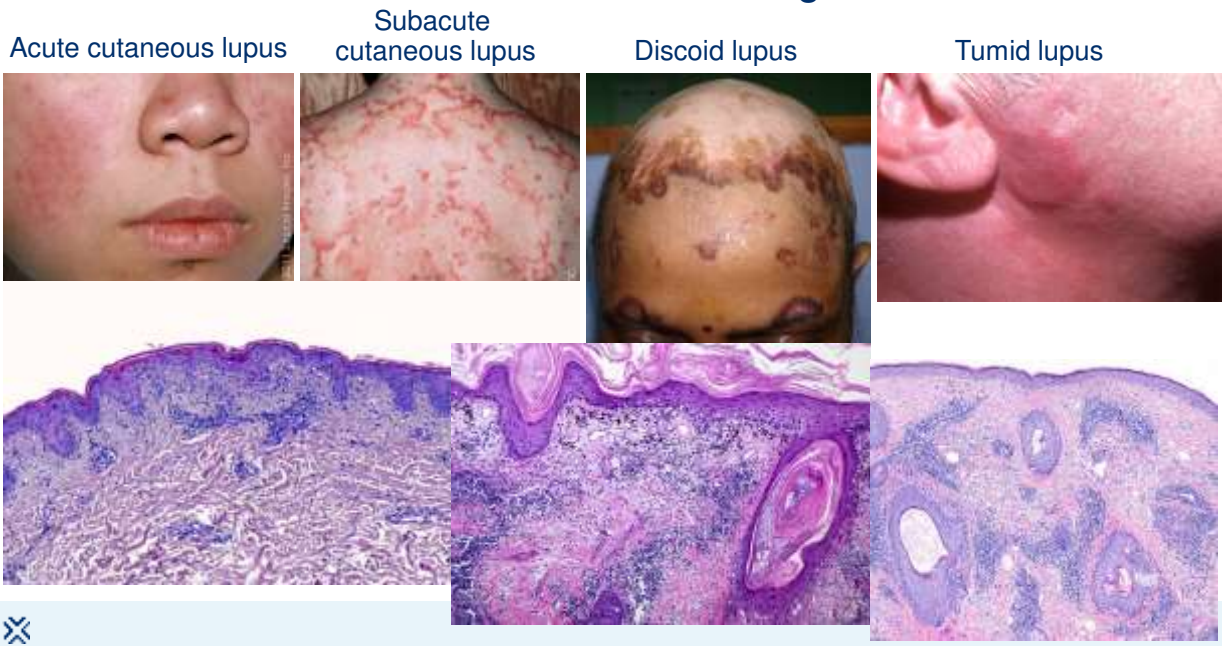
2. Topical steroids
3. Wide range of immunosuppressives

| Group of drug | |
|---|---|
| Antimicrobial substances | Aminosalicylate sodium, ethambutol, giseofulvin, ketoconazole, streptomycin, tetracycline, trovafloxacin, isoniazid |
| Antihistamines (H ₂ -blocker) | Ranitidine*, roxatidine |
| Antihypertensives/antiarrhythmics | ACE inhibitors (captopril, enalapril), doxazosin, beta blockers (propranolol, labetalol, sotalol), methyldopa , prazosin, nifedipine, quinidine |
| Antimalarial drugs | Chloroquine , hydroxychloroquine , quinine |
| Antidepressives/anti-anxiety drugs/antipsychotics/antiseizure medications | Amtriptiline, carbamazepine, chlorpromazine, levomepromazine, methopromazine, imipramine, lorazepam, phenytoin |
| Diuretics | Thiazide diuretics (chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide), furosemide, spirolactone |
| Antidiabetics | Sulfonylureas (chlorpropamide, glibenclamide, tolazamide, tolbutamide, gliburide) |
| Metals | Gold salts , arsenic, bismuth, mercury, palladium, lithium |
| Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs | Acetylsalicylic acid, benoxaprofen, diflunisal, fenclufenac, flurbiprofen, ibuprofen, indomethacin, naproxen, sulindac |
| Proton pump inhibitors | Omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole |
| Lipid lowering drugs | Pravastatin, simvastatin, gemfibrozil |
| Tumor necrosis factor-alpha antagonists | Infliximab, adalimumab, etanercept, leincept |
| Checkpoint inhibitors | Nivolumab, pembrolizumab, atezolizumab, ipilimumab |
| Miscellaneous | Allipuntol, bleomycin, cinnazine, cyanamide, dapsone, hydroxyurea, hepatitis B vaccine, imatinib, immunoglobulins, interferon alfa, l-thyroxin, levamisole, mesalamine, methycran, penicillamine , procainamide, pyrimethamine, pyritoxime, quinacrine , sildenafil, sulfasalazine, terbinafine, trihexyphenidyl, uracodeoxycholic acid |

The **bolded** drugs are the ones most frequently implicated.



Autoimmune connective tissue disease - diagnosis



Autoimmune connective tissue disease - treatment

Management of discoid lupus erythematosus and subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus in adults



Autoimmune bullous dermatoses, examples - diagnosis

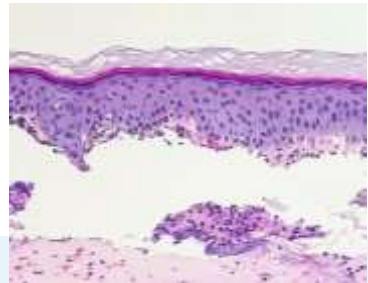
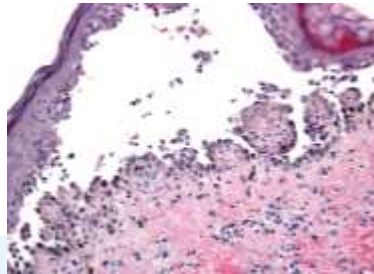
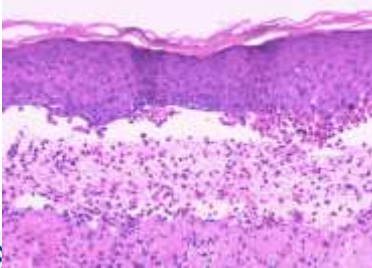
Bullous pemphigoid



Pemphigus vulgaris



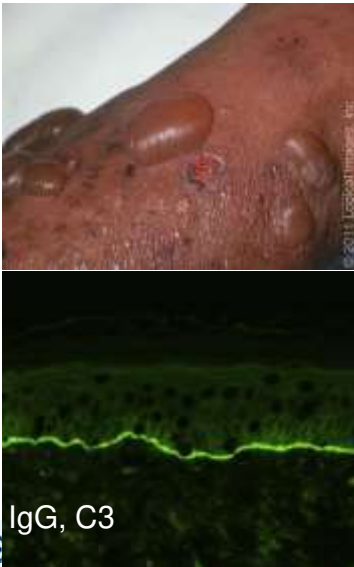
Bullous lupus



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Autoimmune bullous dermatoses, examples - diagnosis

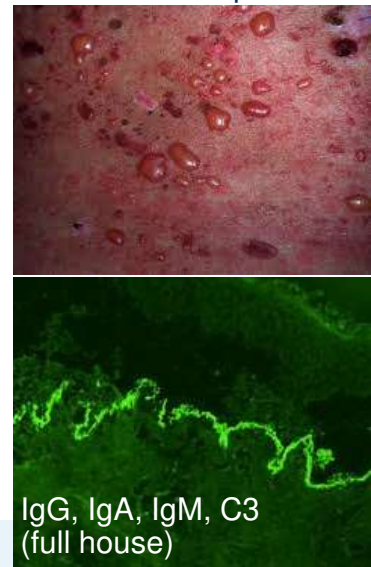
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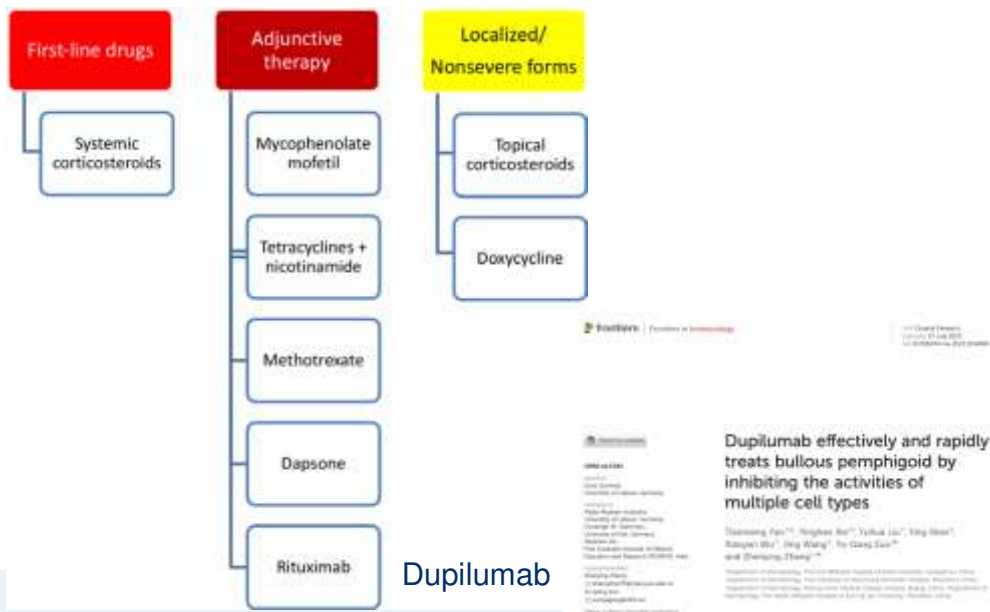
Pemphigus vulgaris



Bullous lupus



Treatment – autoimmune bullous disease – BP as an example



Basic dermatologic procedures

Shave biopsy



Punch biopsy



Types of Biopsies and Indications



- Pedunculated lesions (skin tags)
- Dome-shaped nevi
- NMSC (BCC/SCC)
- Pigmented lesions (ruling out melanoma)



- Connective tissue diseases (Lupus/ Dermatomyositis)
- Papulosquamous disorders (psoriasis)
- Blistering disorders (pemphigus)
- Granulomatous diseases (sarcoid)
- Vasculitis (HSP)
- NMSC (infiltrating tumors)



- Subcutaneous or deep dermal tumors (can do a "punch-within-a-punch")
- Panniculitis (also "punch-within-a-punch")
- Melanoma
- Atypical pigmented lesions





Biopsy Site Selection

| BIOPSY SITE SELECTION | |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Lesion/disorder | Appropriate site |
| Tumor | Thickest portion; avoid necrotic tissue |
| Blister | Edge of lesion, including perilesional skin (see Fig. 0.11) |
| Ulcerated/necrotic lesion | Edge of ulcer or necrosis plus adjacent skin |
| Generalized polymorphous eruption | Characteristic lesion of recent onset (\pm more developed lesion) |
| Small vessel vasculitis | Characteristic lesion of recent onset |



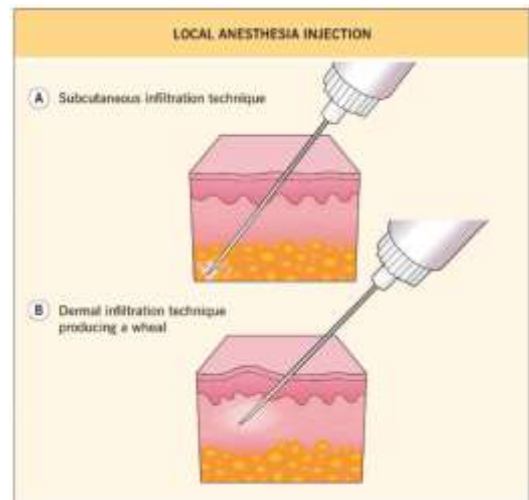
Patient Preparation

- Determine the type of biopsy
- Informed consent: bleeding, discomfort, infection, and scarring
- Site preparation:
 - Identification and marking
 - Time Out
 - Photograph
 - Close up for lesional details
 - Distant for identification of landmarks



Anesthesia Techniques

- Lidocaine 1% with or without epinephrine
- Small lesions: direct infiltration of anesthetic into lesion
- Larger lesions: a field block by placing a ring of anesthesia around surgical site
- Bevel up
- Use small gauge needle (30), insert quickly at a 45° angle
- Slow injection to create an intradermal wheal, then may proceed to subcutaneous injection depending on shave vs. punch
- Additional sticks should be done through areas that are already numb
- Use smaller syringes – require lower pressure for injection
- Warm anesthetic to body temperature
- Slow injection
- Verbal and tactile distraction



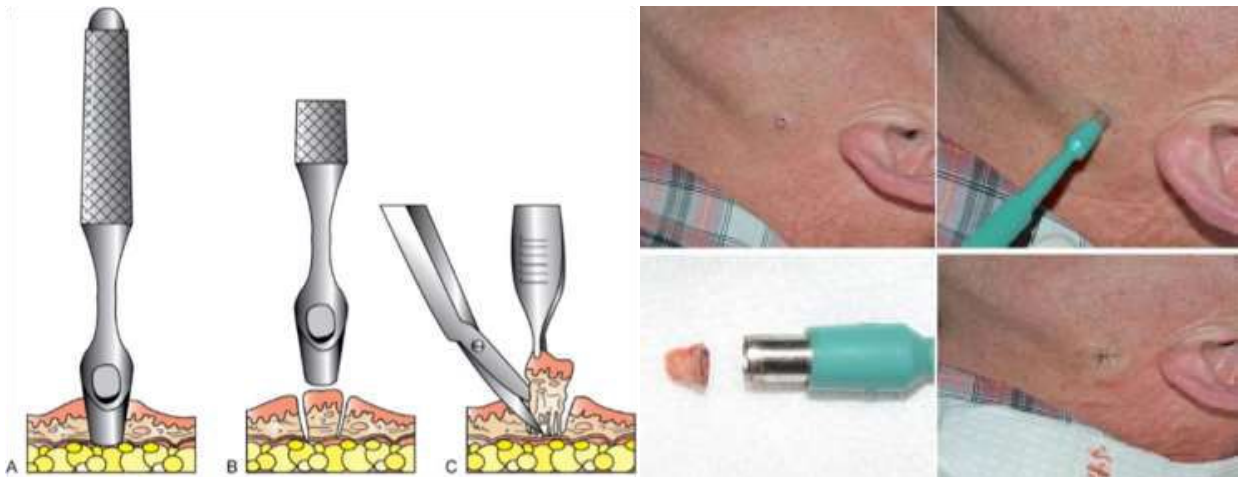
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Patient Preparation Continued

- Prep
 - ETOH swab
 - Iodine
 - Chlorhexidine
- Anesthesia
 - Plane of injection
- Procedure
 - Hemostasis: Aluminum chloride, hemostatic sponge, compression, cautery, suture, ferric subsulfate
 - Label specimen bottle with formalin

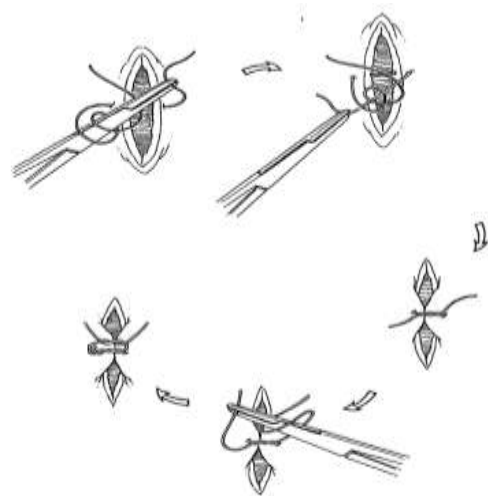


Punch Biopsy

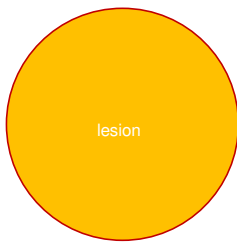


Instrument tie

- Needle holder is held parallel to the wound incision
- Needle end of suture is looped twice around the holder before grasping the free end of suture
- The free and needle end of the suture exchange sides across the wound
- Additional throws are done in a similar manner, except with one loop



Biopsy for direct immunofluorescence

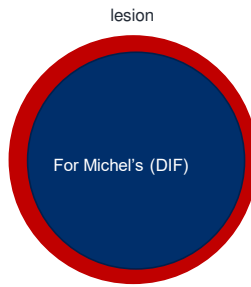


Bullous disorder

lesional



perilesional



Vasculitis

lesional



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Skin biopsy

Biopsy issues in specific diseases

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Table 1. Suspected disease entities with recommended biopsy type, site, and requested laboratory tests

| Disease | Recommended biopsy technique | Comments |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| Autoimmune bullous diseases | H&E—Superficial removal of intact bulla if possible, or broad excisional biopsy of bulla DP—Perilesional skin <1 cm from bulla Immunofluorescence removal of intact bulla if possible, or broad excision of periphery of bulla | Avoid lower extremity when possible because of delayed healing and greater risk of false-negative results Blisters <1 cm in size should be avoided; a fresh biopsy can be induced in clinically uninvolved skin, near a site where the patient usually lesions. Topical anesthetics should be avoided because they may induce artificial blistering. |
| Urticaria | H&E—Punch or deep shave of well-established suspect lesion (>72 hrs old) DP—Punch or deep shave of acute lesion (<24 hrs old) | IG4 vasculitis is more likely to retain positive DP findings in established lesions. |
| Fungal | Deep excisional biopsy | Punch biopsy specimens tend to fracture, leaving inflamed or necrotic fat behind. An electric rotary power punch can minimize this limitation. A 5-mm punch is the smallest size that should be utilized for culture and H&E. The edge of a necrotic focus provides a high yield for culture and special stains. The skin surface should be prepped with alcohol and allowed to evaporate. Obtain the culture specimen in the dark that handles fungal and AFB specimens. |
| Lupus and dermatomyositis | H&E—Punch biopsy of an established lesion (>6 months old) that is still active DP—Punch biopsy of residual skin disease as established lesion (>6 months old) that is still active | |
| SISTON or SSIS | Shave or punch biopsy including the full thickness of the epidermis | Disparaging sheets of skin may constitute an adequate specimen |
| Scarring alopecia | H&E—2-4-mm punch biopsy of an established lesion (>6 months old) that is still active DP—2-4-mm punch biopsy of lesional skin; choose an established lesion (>6 months old) that is still active | For all forms of alopecia, avoid the active advancing border. Established lesions are preferred. One specimen can be bisected transversely 1 mm above the dermal/SC junction, or it can be submitted intact for the laboratory to section transversely or with the Hovion or Tyler techniques. One specimen can be bisected vertically—half submitted in alcohol medium for DP and half added to the formalin bottle containing the transversely bisected or intact specimen. |
| Non-scarring alopecia | For pattern alopecia or telogen effluvium—2-4-mm punch biopsy of an established area of alopecia For alopecia areata or cyclops—2-4-mm punch biopsy of an active lesion of scalp (scalp is preferred) | If pattern alopecia or telogen effluvium is suspected, the specimen can be bisected transversely 1 mm above the dermal/SC junction, or it can be submitted intact for the laboratory to section transversely or with the Hovion or Tyler techniques. For other forms of non-scarring alopecia, the specimen should be submitted intact. |
| BCC/CC | Shave or punch biopsy of adequate depth to show the invasive pattern and direct peripheral invasion if present | In cosmetic sites or thin facial skin, more superficial shave biopsy specimens may be appropriate. The skin should be pulled taut to provide greater control over depth. Avoid creating contour defects in sebaceous skin. |
| Suspected melanoma (DP) | Complete excisional removal whenever possible Deep incisional biopsy | This may take the form of a scarification. |



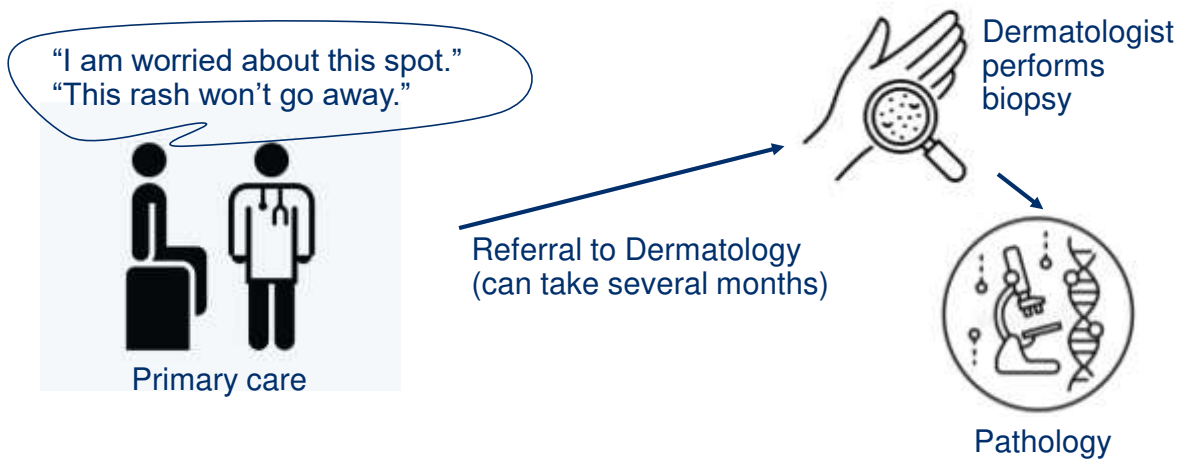
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| Code | Description |
|--------|--|
| 11102 | Tangential biopsy of skin (e.g., shave, scoop, saucerize, curette) single lesion |
| +11103 | each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) |
| 11104 | Punch biopsy of skin (including simple closure, when performed) single lesion |
| +11105 | each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) |
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| +11107 | each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure) |



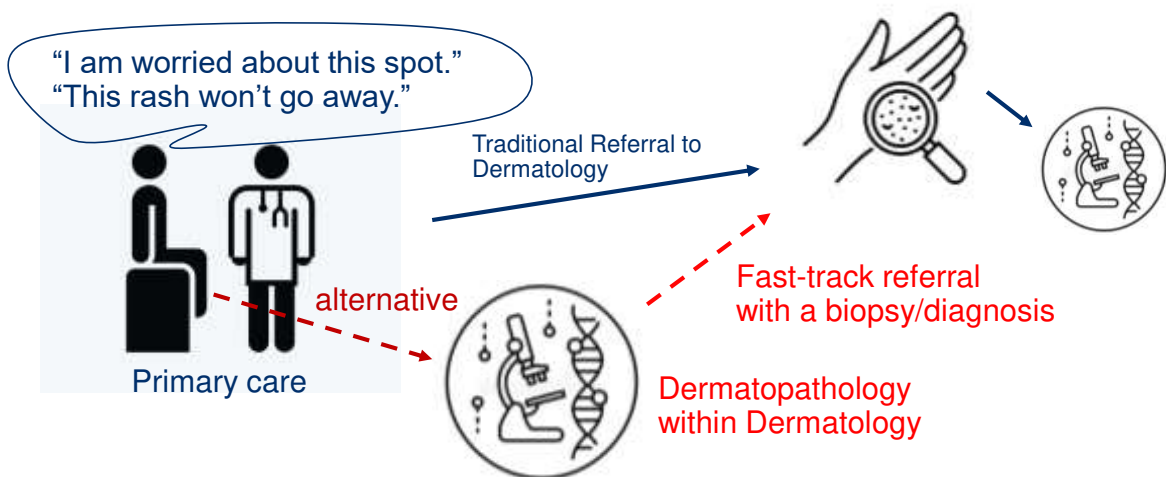
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