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Learning objectives

- Identify common rashes seen in Urgent Care based on pattern-recognition
- Discuss treatment for the rashes commonly seen in Urgent Care
- Recognize skin findings which accompany serious or life-threatening illness requiring urgent referral
- Describe a strategy for diagnosing “unknown” rashes



Skin in a nutshell

Largest organ of the body

Barrier and a “Window”

Indirect (inside-out rash) and direct (outside-in)

- Inflammation
- Immune/allergic
- Infection/infestation
- Neoplasia
- Trauma – sun/UV, heat, cold, mechanical trauma



Dermatology challenges

- Very few diagnostic tests
- Clinical diagnosis
- Pattern-recognition requires experience/practice/repetition
- Time-course of disease
- “Uncommon presentations of common diseases are more common than uncommon diseases”



Pattern recognition



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Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Dry, peeling, red-pink

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Dry, peeling, red-pink

Diagnosis?

Eczema *aka* Atopic Dermatitis



Exception.....



Dyshidrotic eczema

General Dermatology Treatment

- If it's wet, dry it
- If it's dry, moisten it
- If the patient is not on steroids, start them
- If the patient is on steroids, stop them



General Dermatology Treatment

- If it's wet, dry it
 - Calamine (ferric oxide) – avoid topical diphenhydramine
 - Colloidal oatmeal
- If it's dry, moisten it
 - Petroleum jelly – “occlusive” – Aquaphor[®], Vaseline[®]; also lanolin, liquid paraffin
 - Other emollients and moisturizers – “humectant” – glycerine, hyaluronic acid, PG, urea



UC Treatment – Eczema

- Emollients/moisturization
- Antihistamines, anti-pruritics prn
- Topical steroids or calcineurin inhibitors
 - Pimecrolimus (Elidel®) 1% cream BID
 - Tacrolimus (Protopic®) 0.03% or 0.1% ointment BID
- Avoid known allergens, consider allergy testing
- Reassess diagnosis if no better in 4-6 weeks



More Advanced Treatment – Eczema

- UV radiation with Psoralens - PUVA or PUVB
- Immunosuppressive treatments (< 2%) – methotrexate, azathioprine, cyclosporine
- Biologicals (anti-cytokine) – dupilumab (Dupixent[®]), tralokinumab, etc
- Small molecules (block JAK/STAT pathway, pre-cytokine) – upadacitinib (Rinvoq[®]), baricitinib, etc



Topical steroids - Formulations

Ointments

- most potent - use for thickened/hyperkeratotic lesions
- moisturizing/occlusive - may result in folliculitis when used in hairy areas

Creams

- less potent than ointment
- drying (use for moist rashes, intertriginous areas)
- no residue

Lotions and gels

- less occlusive and greasy; work well in hair-bearing regions

Foams

- best for the scalp but usually more expensive



Topical steroids – Potency/Classes

Potency	Class	Topical Corticosteroid	Formulation
Ultrahigh	1	Clobetasol propionate	Cream, 0.05%
	High	2	Betamethasone dipropionate
		Fluocinonide	Cream, ointment, or gel, 0.05%
Moderate	3	Betamethasone dipropionate	Cream, 0.05%
		Betamethasone valerate	Ointment, 0.1%
		Triamcinolone acetonide	Ointment, 0.1%
	4	Desoximetasone	Cream, 0.05%
		Fluocinolone acetonide	Ointment, 0.025%
		Hydrocortisone valerate	Ointment, 0.2%
		Triamcinolone acetonide	Cream, 0.1%
	5	Betamethasone dipropionate	Lotion, 0.02%
		Betamethasone valerate	Cream, 0.1%
		Fluocinolone acetonide	Cream, 0.025%
Hydrocortisone butyrate		Cream, 0.1%	
Hydrocortisone valerate		Cream, 0.2%	
Low	6	Triamcinolone acetonide	Lotion, 0.1%
		Betamethasone valerate	Lotion, 0.05%
	7	Desonide	Cream, 0.05%
		Fluocinolone acetonide	Solution, 0.01%
		Dexamethasone sodium phosphate	Cream, 0.1%
		Hydrocortisone acetate	Cream, 1%
		Methylprednisolone acetate	Cream, 0.25%

^aAdapted from World Health Organization.⁷



Topical steroids – the Propylene Glycol issue

Catanzaro and Smith. Propylene glycol dermatitis. *J Am Acad Dermatol*. 1991 Jan;24(1):90-5.

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<https://www.personalhealthfacts.com/carcinogens2.pdf>

TABLE III. Propylene glycol-free topical corticosteroids

	O	G	C	L	S
Amcinonide					
Cyclocort				X	X
Betamethasone dipropionate				X	X
Alphatrex	X				
Diprosone	X				X
Maxivate	X		X		
Betamethasone valerate					
Betatrex	X		X	X	
Desowen	X				
Tridesilon	X		X		
Valisone	X			X	
Desonide					
Desowen	X				
Tridesilon	X		X		
Desoximetasone					
Topicort		X	X		
Topicort LP			X		
Diflorasone diacetate					
Florone	X				
Maxiflor	X				
Fluocinolone acetonide					
Synalar	X				
Flurandrenolide					
Cordran	X			X	
Halcinonide					
Halog	X				X
Hydrocortisone					
Hytone	X				
Lacticare HC				X	
Nutracort				X	
Hydrocortisone acetate					
Pramosone	X			X	
Hydrocortisone butyrate					
Locoid	X		X		
Triamcinolone acetonide					
Aristocort	X				
Aristocort A			X		
Kenalog	X				

O. ointment; G. gel; C. cream; L. lotion; S. solution



Topical steroids – Potential side effects

TABLE 3

Adverse Effects of Topical Corticosteroids

Cutaneous effects

Atrophic changes
 Easy bruising
 Increased fragility
 Purpura
 Stellate pseudoscars
 Steroid atrophy
 Striae
 Telangiectasias
 Ulceration
 Infections
 Aggravation of cutaneous infection
 Granuloma gluteale infantum
 Masked infection (tinea incognito)
 Secondary infections

Cutaneous effects (continued)

Miscellaneous
 Contact dermatitis
 Delayed wound healing
 Hyperpigmentation
 Hypertrichosis (hirsutism)
 Hypopigmentation
 Perioral dermatitis
 Photosensitization
 Reactivation of Kaposi sarcoma
 Rebound flare-up
 Steroid-induced acne
 Steroid-induced rosacea
 Ocular changes
 Cataracts
 Glaucoma
 Ocular hypertension

Systemic effects

Endocrine
 Cushing syndrome
 Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal suppression
 Metabolic
 Aseptic necrosis of the femoral head
 Decreased growth rate
 Hyperglycemia
 Renal/electrolyte
 Hypertension
 Hypocalcemia
 Peripheral edema

Adapted with permission from Hengge UR, Ruzicka T, Schwartz RA, et al. Adverse effects of topical glucocorticosteroids. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2006;54(1):5.



“Steroid Stewardship” pointers

- Rx smallest amounts (15 g, 30 mL) and shortest duration – AFP reference longer
- “45, 90, 180.” 45g is often enough for 2 weeks of topical treatment of the face or arms, 90g for an extensive percentage of the legs, and 180g for the trunk.
- Rx as “FTU”s – finger-tip units
- Use low and medium potency (classes 4-7)
- Reserve high potency (class 3) for contact dermatitis/poison oak; taper after ≤ 2 weeks
- Defer decision re: systemic steroids for other than contact derm to dermatology









Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

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Dry, red, whitish-gray-green-scaly

Diagnosis?



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Dry, red, whitish-gray-green-scaly

Diagnosis?

Psoriasis



“Exception”



Treatment – Psoriasis

- Emollients/moisturization
- Antihistamines, anti-pruritics prn
- Topical steroids or calcineurin inhibitors
 - Pimecrolimus (Elidel®) 1% cream BID
 - Tacrolimus (Protopic®) 0.03% or 0.1% ointment BID
- Keratolytics - coal tar, dithranol, salicylic acid
- Similar (and other) advanced treatments to eczema





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Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

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Moist/oily, flaky, pink

Diagnosis?



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Moist/oily, flaky, pink

Diagnosis?

Seborrheic dermatitis



Treatment – Seborrheic dermatitis

- Mild keratolytics – salicylic acid, urea ointment/gel/cream, propylene glycol
- Topical steroids or calcineurin inhibitors
 - Pimecrolimus (Elidel[®]) 1% cream BID
 - Tacrolimus (Protopic[®]) 0.03% or 0.1% ointment BID
- Consider topical antifungals
- Selenium shampoo for scalp involvement













Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Slightly raised, dry/flaky, faint red



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Slightly raised, dry/flaky, faint red

Torso-predominant, Christmas tree pattern, herald patch

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Slightly raised, dry/flaky, faint red

Torso-predominant, Christmas tree pattern, herald patch

Diagnosis?

Pityriasis rosea



Treatment – Pityriasis rosea

- Self-limited, 6-8 weeks (post-viral/med/vaccine) – 69% flu-like prodrome
- Cautious sun exposure
- Emollients/moisturization
- Antihistamines, anti-pruritics prn (25% severe)
- Steroids rarely needed
- Consider acyclovir for severe cases (HHV 6 and 7?)









Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Inflamed, moist → weepy, vesiculobullous

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

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Inflamed, moist → weepy, vesiculobullous

Diagnosis?

Poison oak, ivy, sumac

Rhus or Toxicodendron dermatopathy



Treatment – Poison oak, etc

- Drying agents
 - Calamine (ferric oxide) – avoid topical diphenhydramine
 - Colloidal oatmeal
- Anti-pruritics
 - Antihistamines – H1 (diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine), newer generation (cetirizine, fexofenadine, loratadine, desloratadine); H2 blockers less effective (pruritis = H1)
 - Consider doxepin for cases refractory to antihistamines
- Sun avoidance
- Topical or PO steroids (usually ≥ 2 weeks)







Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Diagnosis?



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Inflamed, moist → weepy, vesiculobullous

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Inflamed, moist → weepy, vesiculobullous

Diagnosis?

Contact dermatitis









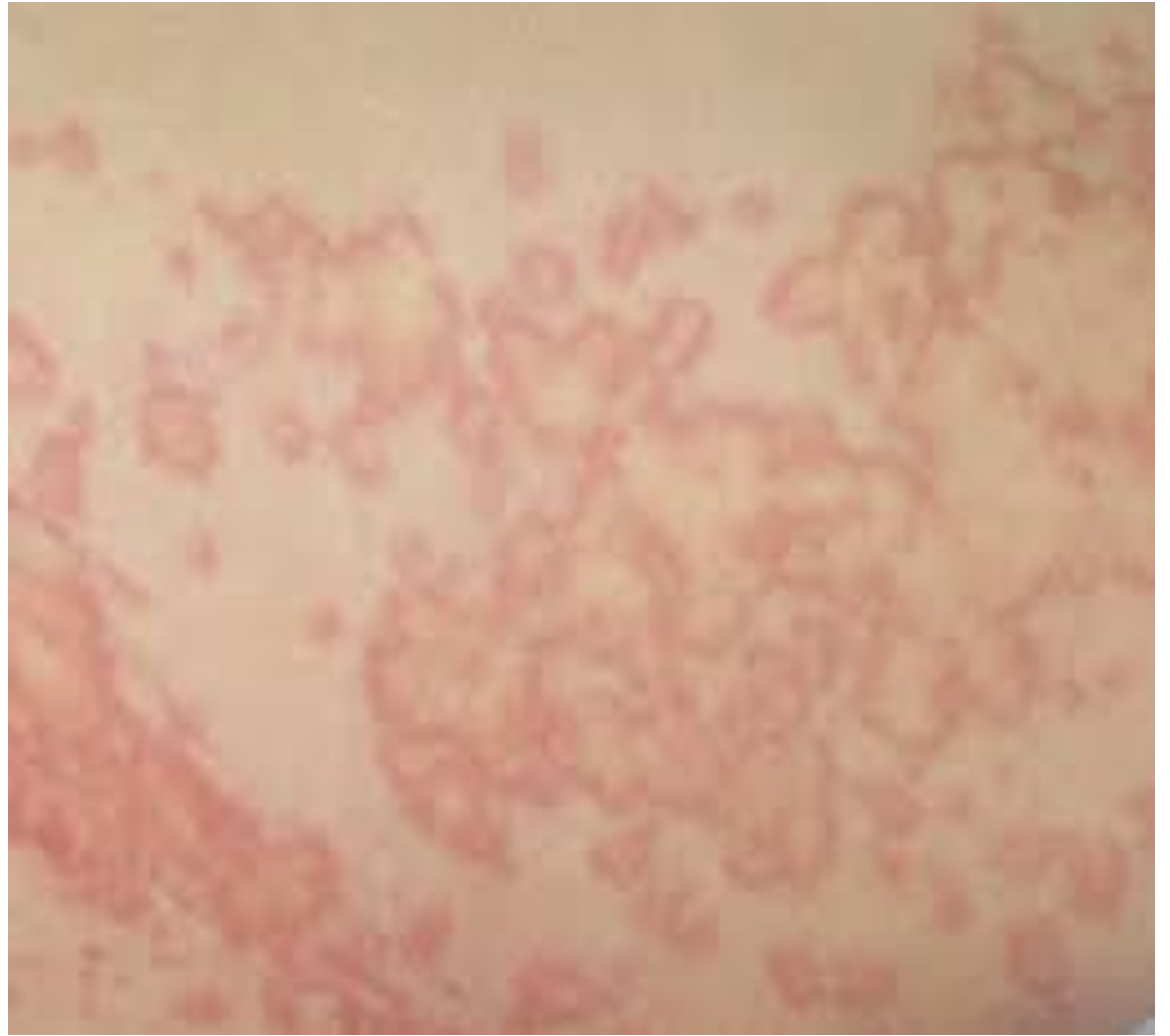


Treatment – Contact dermatitis

- Stop contact with offending substance
- Drying agents
 - Calamine (ferric oxide) – avoid topical diphenhydramine
 - Colloidal oatmeal
- Anti-pruritics
 - Antihistamines – H1 (diphenhydramine, hydroxyzine), newer generation (cetirizine, fexofenadine, loratadine, desloratadine); H2 blockers less effective (pruritis = H1)
 - Consider doxepin for cases refractory to antihistamines
- Topical or PO steroids (usually ≥ 2 weeks)









Diagnosis

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Diagnosis

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Dry, raised “wheals”, pink → red

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Dry, raised “wheals”, pink → red

Diagnosis?

Urticaria (hives)



Treatment – Urticaria/allergic reactions

- Topicals?
- Anaphylaxis → epinephrine SQ
- H1 blocker antihistamines
 - First generation
 - Second and later generation
- H2 blocker antihistamine (famotidine 20 mg BID)
- Corticosteroids?









Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Annular, target-like, pink/red/dusky

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Annular, target-like, pink/red/dusky

Diagnosis?

Erythema multiforme



Etiology – Erythema multiforme

- Classically HSV-1, HSV-2, and *M. pneumoniae*
- Also adenovirus, flu, EBV, hepatitis viruses, Coxsackie, parvo B19, HIV, streptococci, and TB
- Penicillin, cephalosporins, macrolides, sulfa, TB meds, antipyretics
- Contact with herbals products, heavy metals and poison ivy



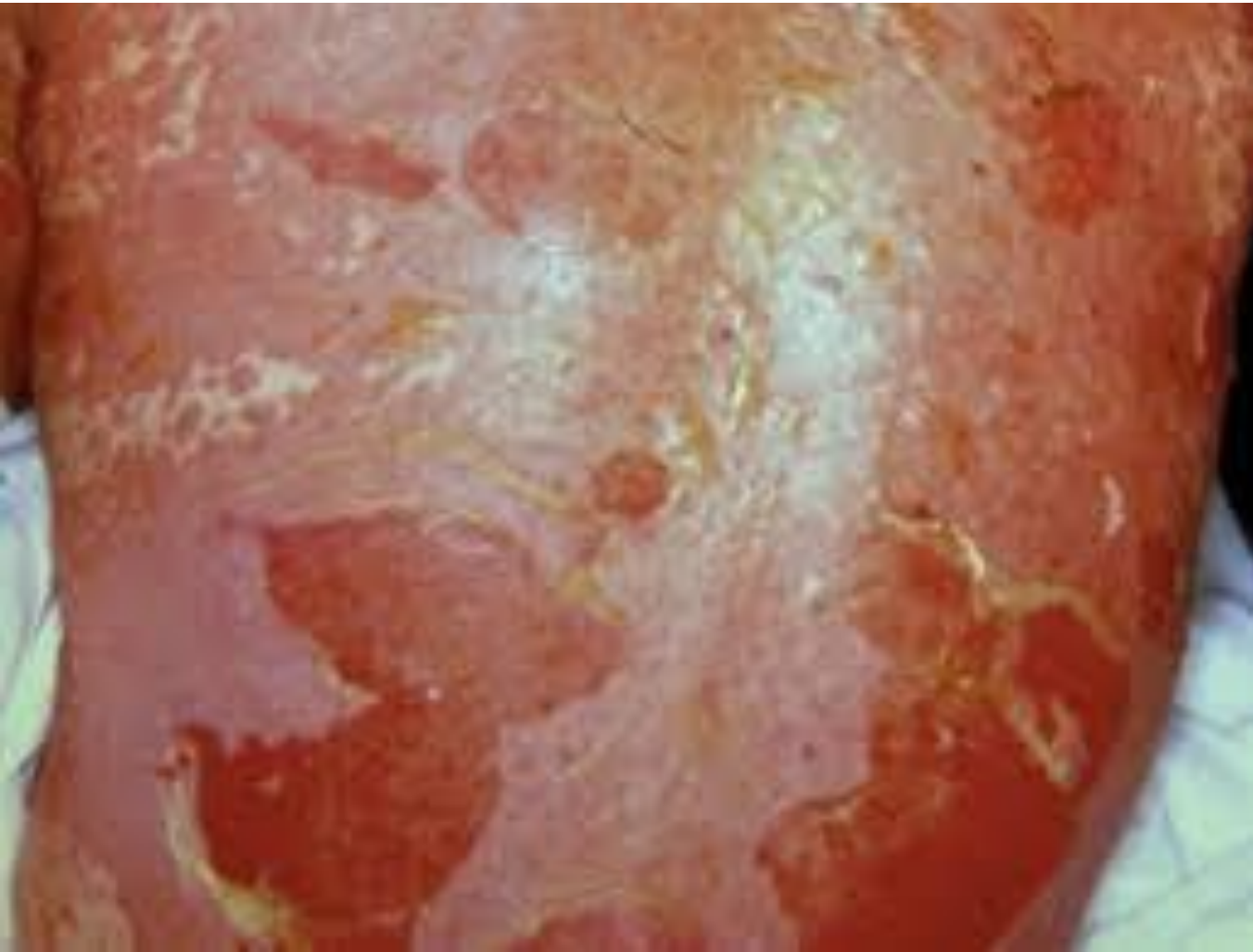
Erythema multiforme

- Immunosuppressed (steroids, CA, BM transplant, SLE) patients are more susceptible
- EM minor – none/minimal mucosal involvement
- EM major – 1 or more mucous membranes, still < 10% skin involvement
- EM DDX – Steven's Johnson syndrome, Toxic epidermal necrolysis
 - More bullous in nature, + Nikolsky's sign
 - face/torso > acral/limb involvement
 - $\geq 30\%$ skin involvement defines TEN









Treatment – Erythema multiforme

- STOP ANY OFFENDING SUBSTANCE
- Treat any associated infection
- Symptomatic treatment
- Wound care, as needed
- Consider ED referral/admission
 - difficulty taking POs
 - extensive involvement/worsening course





Erythema nodosum

- Panniculitis of SQ fat
- Many similar etiologies to EM
- A bit higher correlation with connective tissue diseases and leukemia and lymphoma
- 2-5% cases associated with pregnancy
- PO steroids sometimes used at dermatology follow-up









Medication reactions

- “Fixed”
- Urticarial
- Angioedema
- Morbilliform



Viral exanthems

- Inside-out rash – pink, non/minimally raised, and blanchable...usually
- Look in the mouth
- Some specific patterns – rash, illness/syndrome
- Recognize the important ones – isolation, +/- treatment
 - Measles (pregnancy; encephalitis/immunosuppression → IV ribavirin)
 - Chickenpox (pregnancy, immunosuppression → IV acyclovir)









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Other infectious “exanthems”



Scarlet fever – GAS toxin-mediated



Other infectious “exanthems”



Staph “scalded skin” syndrome – exotoxin-mediated

Other infectious “exanthems”



Syphilis











Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Vesicular, umbilicated

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Vesicular, umbilicated

Diagnosis?

Molluscum contagiosum



Treatment – Molluscum contagiosum

- Laser or cryotherapy
- Podophyllin
- Salicylic acid/wart paint
- Cantharidine (less scarring)
- Hydrogen peroxide or povidone iodine
- Berdazimer gel under FDA review









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Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

+/- Clustered, vesicular → crusted, dermatomal

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

+/- Clustered, vesicular → crusted, dermatomal

Diagnosis?

Varicella-Zoster (Shingles)



Treatment – Shingles (Varicella-Zoster virus)

- Acyclovir 800 mg PO 5 times/day x 7-10 days
- Valacyclovir 1g PO q8 hr x 7 days
- Famciclovir 500 mg PO q8 hr x 7 days
- Tip of nose → ophthalmic involvement
- Add PO steroids for Ramsay Hunt Syndrome (VZV causing Bells Palsy – CNVII)







Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Vesicular/clustered → ulcerative

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Vesicular/clustered → ulcerative

Diagnosis?

Herpes simplex



Treatment – Herpes labialis

- Valacyclovir 2 g PO q12 hr x 1 day
- Famciclovir
 - *Initial* 250 mg PO q8 hrs x 7-10 days
 - *Recurrent* 1500 mg PO once (within 1 hour of symptoms)
 - *Suppression* 250 mg PO q12 hrs x 12 months
- Penciclovir 1% cream AAA q2 hrs while awake for 4 days (start ASAP)



Treatment – Genital herpes

- Initial episode
 - Acyclovir 200 mg PO 5 times/day x 10 days or 400 mg PO q8hr x 7-10 days
 - Valacyclovir 1g PO q12 hr x 10 days
 - Famciclovir 250 mg PO q8 hr x 7-10 days (off-label)
- Recurrence (initiate ASAP at signs/sxs or recurrence)
 - Acyclovir 200 mg PO 5 times/day x 5 days
 - Valacyclovir 500 mg PO q12 hr x 3 days (no efficacy data > 24 hours after onset)
 - Famciclovir 1000 mg PO q12 hr x 1 day (initiated within 6 hours)







Dyshidrotic eczema

Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Moist, bubbly (vesicular → pustular/crusty)



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Moist, bubbly (vesicular → pustular/crusty)

fingers only

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Moist, bubbly (vesicular → pustular/crusty)

fingers only

Diagnosis?

Herpetic whitlow



UC Treatment – Herpetic whitlow

- Be mindful of paronychia, felon
- No incision and drainage
- Limit further contagion
- Consider antiviral treatment similar to other HSV infections if within 48 hours of onset







Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Dry, peely, red, burrows/inclusions, excoriated

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Dry, peely, red, burrows/inclusions, excoriated

Diagnosis?

Scabies (*Sarcoptes scabiei* var. *hominis*)



A: Confirmed scabies is diagnosed if there is at least one of:

A1: Mites, eggs or faeces on light microscopy of skin samples

A2: Mites, eggs or faeces visualized on an individual using a high-powered imaging device

A3: Mite visualised on an individual using dermoscopy.

B: Clinical scabies is diagnosed if there is at least one of:

B1: Scabies burrows

B2: Typical lesions affecting male genitalia

B3: Typical lesions in a typical distribution and two history features.

C: Suspected scabies is diagnosed if there is one of:

C1: Typical lesions in a typical distribution and one history feature

C2: Atypical lesions or atypical distribution and two history features.

History features are:

H1: Itch

H2: Positive contact history with an individual who has an itch or typical lesions in a typical distribution.

from: <https://dermnetnz.org>



Burrow Ink Test for Scabies
Daan Rauwerdink, M.D., and
Deepak Balak, M.D., Ph.D

August 17, 2023

N Engl J Med 2023; 389:e12

DOI: 10.1056/NEJMicm2216654



Treatment –

- Topical permethrin (5% cream, 1% liquid or lotion), from jawline to toes, between toes/fingers, under nails; leave on 8-12 hours
 - Infants, elderly and immunosuppressed – treat the face and scalp
 - May repeat in 7-10 days (itching may last for weeks)
- Alternatives: Lindane, topical sulfur, crotamiton
- Ivermectin 200 micrograms/kg PO dose once, repeat in 1 week
- Treat the household at the same time, launder clothes and bedding









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Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Scaly pink-red, border is often prominent, +/- nail changes

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Scaly pink-red, border is often prominent, +/- nail changes

Diagnosis?

Tinea (corporis, manum, cruris, pedis, barbei, etc)



Treatment – Tinea cruris, corporis, manum, pedis

- Topical imidazoles - clotrimazole, miconazole, econazole, ketoconazole
OTC (Oxiconazole)
- Terbinafine OTC (butenafine, naftifine)
- Cicloprox (Loprox[®], Penlac[®])
- Oral therapy – failure of topicals, extensive infection or hairy areas
 - Terbinafine (off-label)
 - Itracozole, ketoconazole, fluconazole (off-label)





Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Pale/whitish, scaly, dry

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Pale/whitish, scaly, dry

Diagnosis?

Tinea (or pityriasis) versicolor



Treatment – Tinea versicolor

- First-line: Selenium sulfide shampoos and other products
- All of the dermatophyte therapies







Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Moist, red/inflamed, clear border, “satellite” lesions

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Moist, red/inflamed, clear border, “satellite” lesions

Diagnosis?

Candida dermatitis



Treatment – Candidiasis

- Any of the dermatophyte therapies
- Nystatin





Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Honey-colored, moist → crusty

Diagnosis?

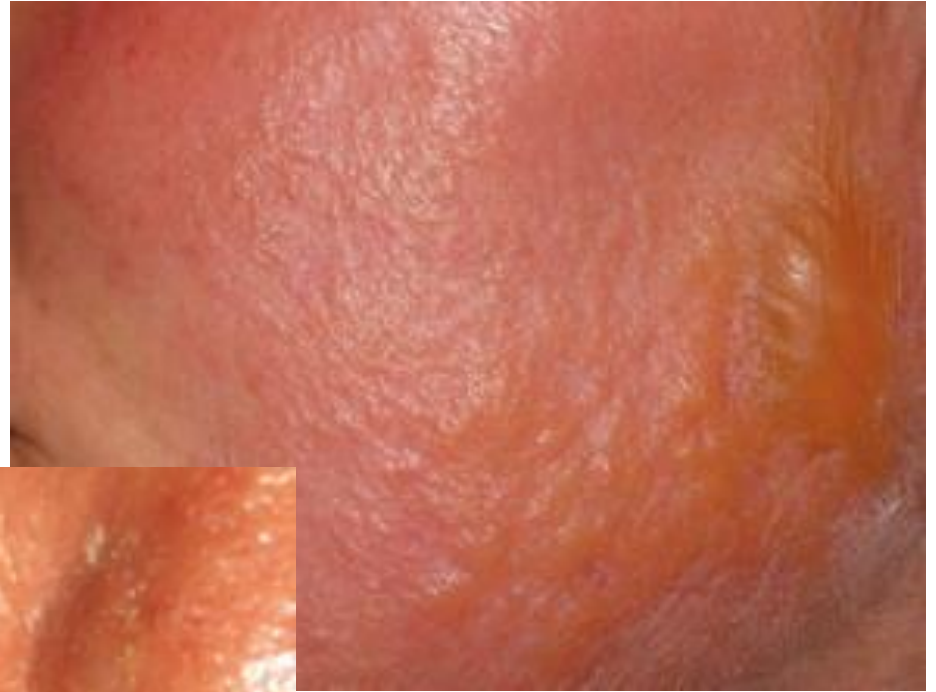
Impetigo



Treatment – Impetigo

- Topical mupirocin
- Oral therapy similar to cellulitis for extensive or bullous impetigo





Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Red/orange, edematous, usually facial

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Red/orange, edematous, usually facial

Diagnosis?

Erysipelas (mostly GABHS)





Cellulitis – Masqueraders and Variants

- Necrotizing fasciitis – “pain out of proportion” if no necrosis obvious
- Stasis dermatitis – bilateral/symmetric
- Shingles – dermatomal, vesicular/bullous
- Contact dermatitis – vesicular, topical exposure
- Panniculitis/EN – multifocal
- Vasculitis - petechial
- “Spider bite”, insect bites



Cellulitis – Masqueraders and Variants



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Cellulitis – Masqueraders and Variants



Cellulitis – 80-90% Over-diagnosis?

ALT-70 Prediction rule:

- Asymmetric – 3 pts
- Age \geq 70 – 2 pts
- WBCs \geq 10k – 1 pt
- HR \geq 90 – 1 pt
- Score 0-2 ~82% pseudo-cellulitis
- Score 5 82% cellulitis

<https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/3998/alt-70-score-cellulitis>







Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Small pustules

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Small pustules

Diagnosis?

Folliculitis





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Diagnosis

What does it look like?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Larger pus-containing areas in the skin

Diagnosis?



Diagnosis

What does it look like?

Larger pus-containing areas in the skin

Diagnosis?

Abscess



Skin and soft tissue infections - treatment

Non-purulent

- Mild – PO penicillin, cephalexin, dicloxacillin, clindamycin
- Moderate (systemic sx) – IV penicillin, ceftriaxone, cefazolin, clindamycin

Purulent

- Mild – I&D
- Moderate I&D, C&S; empiric tx: TMP/SMX, Doxycycline



Derm “Danger Zone”

- Ill patient with any rash
- Excessively painful cellulitis/rash
- Petechiae below the nipple line
- Non-traumatic true purpura
- > limited desquamating rash
- + Nikolsky’s sign
- Rash and severe stomatitis
- Diffuse erythroderma – TSS, anaphylaxis



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Referral/follow-up +/- labs

- Palmar/plantar rash
- Bullous rash
- Worsening rash despite treatment



Pattern recognition

- Eczema/atopic dermatitis
- Psoriasis
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Pityriasis rosea
- Poison oak, ivy, sumac
- Contact dermatitis
- Urticaria/angioedema
- Erythema multiforme
- Stevens Johnson Syndrome/TEN
- Erythema nodosum
- Fixed drug reaction
- Morbilliform drug reaction
- Viral exanthems
- Syphilis
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Shingles
- Herpes simplex
- Scabies
- Tinea manum/pedis/cruris etc
- Candida
- Tinea versicolor
- Impetigo
- Erysipelas
- Cellulitis
- Stasis dermatitis
- Folliculitis
- Abscess

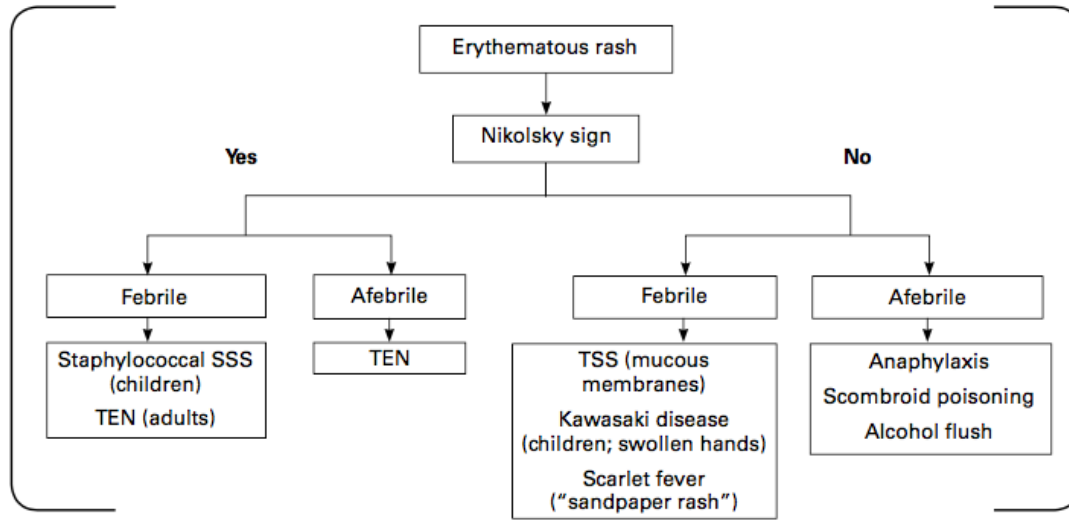


Approach to the “Unknown Rash”

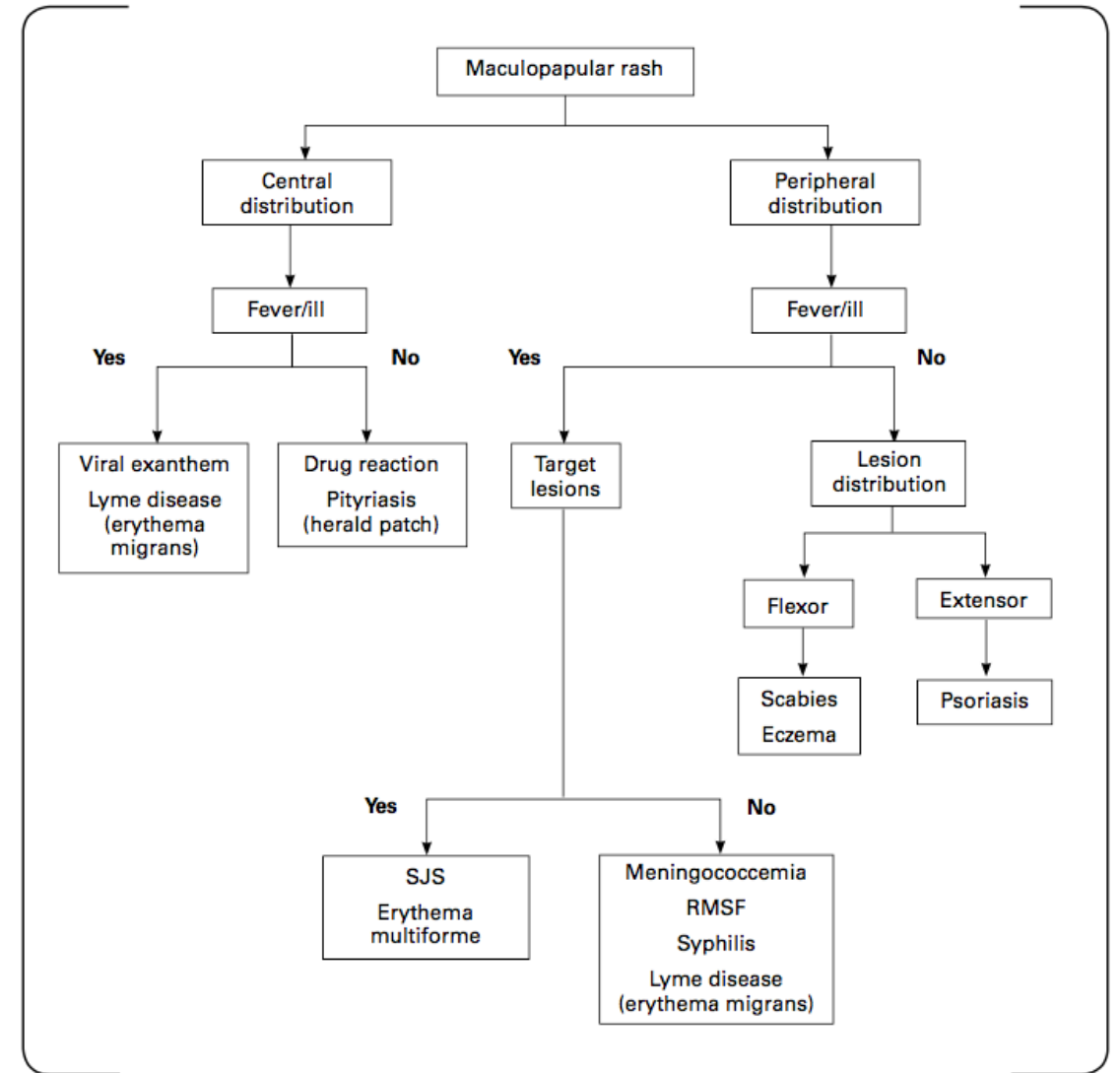
- Usually because it’s not common
- Know your map geography – travel history
- Ask more questions – new meds, food, sexual history
- Know your bodily geography – bodily rash patterns
- Algorithm



Approach to the “Unknown Rash”



SSS = scalded skin syndrome; TEN = toxic epidermal necrolysis; TSS = toxic shock syndrome.



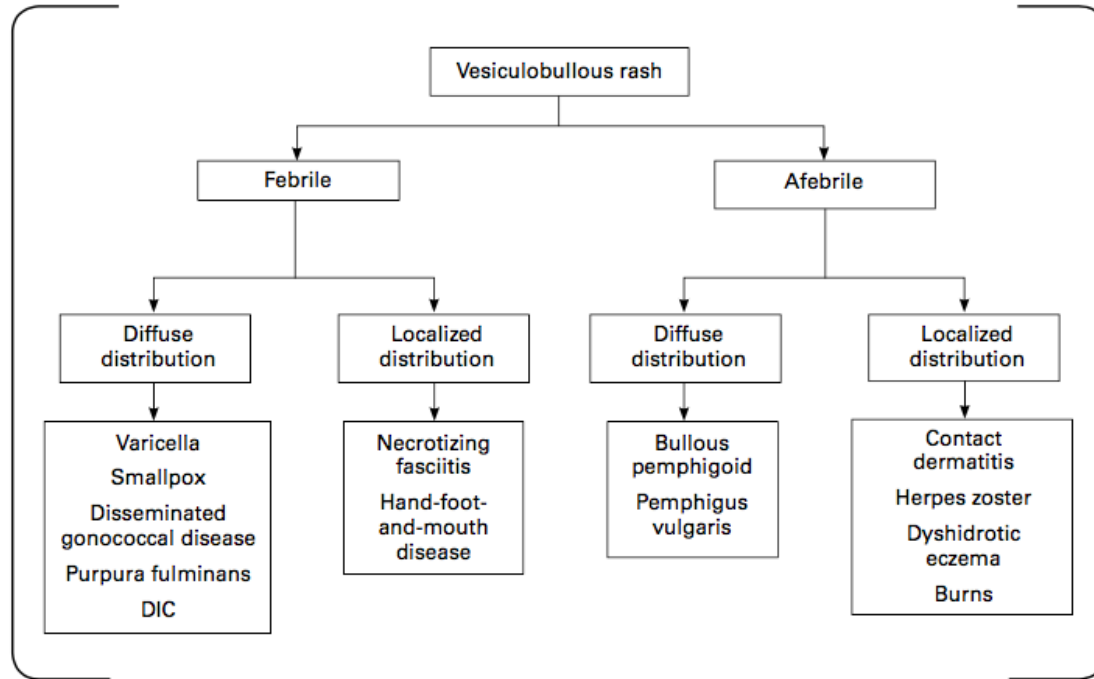
SJS = Stevens-Johnson syndrome; RMSF = Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

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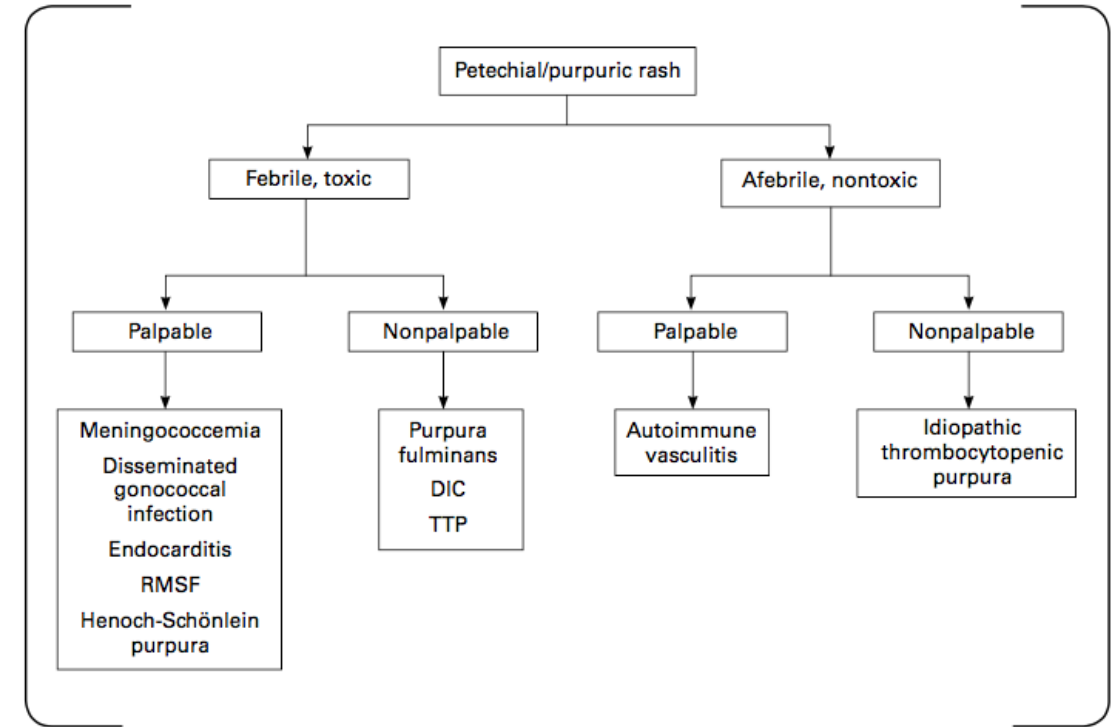
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Approach to the “Unknown Rash”



DIC = disseminated intravascular coagulopathy.



RMSF = Rocky Mountain spotted fever; DIC = disseminated intravascular coagulopathy; TTP = thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura.

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