



# Practical Assessment and Management of Common Cutaneous Disorders in People with HIV

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# Objectives

In PWH, we will...

Review inflammatory and infectious skin disorders

Describe common and uncommon presentations

Select the safest biologic medications for psoriasis and eczema

Discuss real cases from the inpatient dermatology service focusing on assessment and management pearls



# Outline

Introduction/Epidemiology

Review topical steroids

Inflammatory dermatoses

Xerosis cutis

Psoriasis

Atopic dermatitis/eczema

Seborrheic dermatitis

Infections

Viral (HSV, VZV, HPV, MCV, Mpox)

Fungal (dermatophytosis/tinea/onychomycosis)

Key Points

SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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# Dermatological manifestation of HIV infection: systematic review and meta-analysis

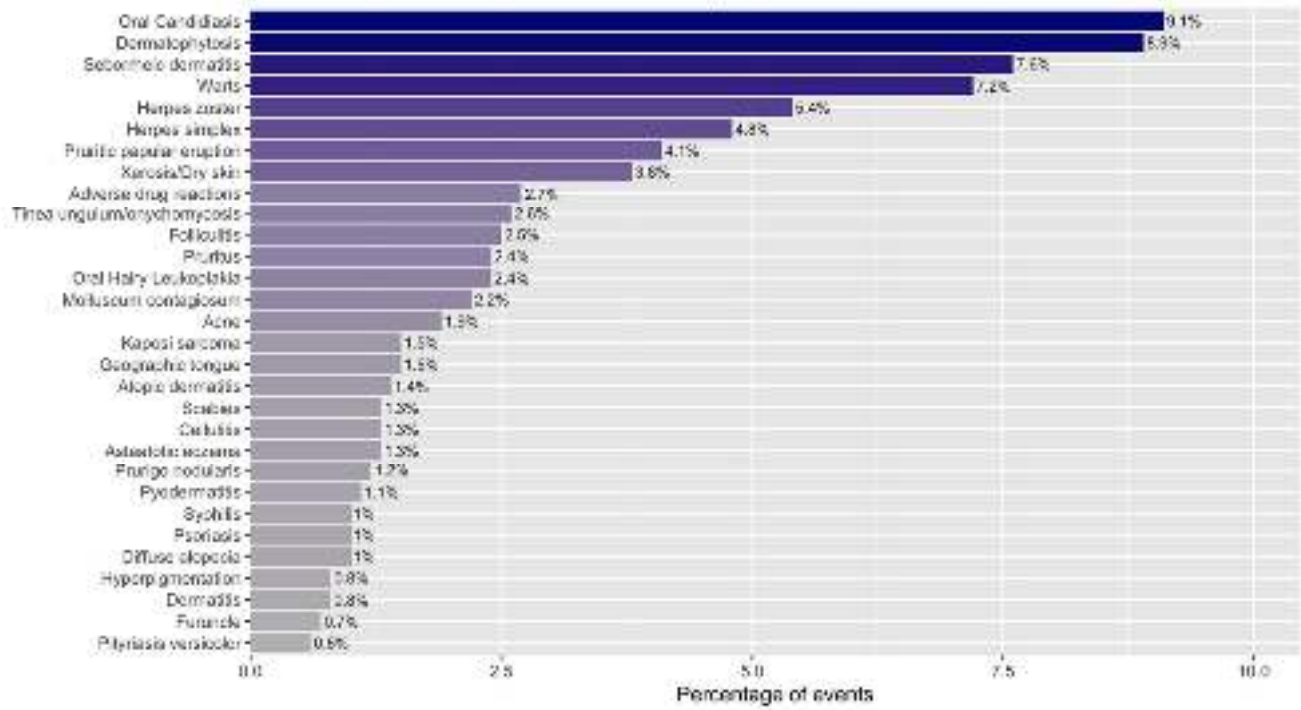
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# Epidemiology

Table 1. Baseline characteristics of included studies and samples

| Parameter                                   | Total (n, %)  |
|---|---------------|
| <b>Baseline Characteristics</b>             |               |
| <b>Parameters</b>                           |               |
| Total (n, %)                                | 41 303        |
| HIV patients (n, %)                         | 8479 (20.5)   |
| 187 patients without dermatological disease | 1395 (31.2)   |
| <b>Sex (n, %)</b>                           |               |
| Male  | 27 943 (67.6) |
| Female                                      | 13 360 (32.4) |
| <b>Age (n, %)</b>                           |               |
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Top 30 Diseases



# CD4+ Count Matters

| CD4+ Count                    | Inflammatory  | Infectious  | Neoplasm              |
|-------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| 350-499 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> | Recurrent oral ulcerations, pruritic papular eruption, <u>seborrheic dermatitis</u> | <u>Herpes zoster</u> , <u>onychomycosis</u> , angular cheilitis                                       | -                     |
| 200-349 cells/mm <sup>3</sup> | -   | Oropharyngeal candidiasis, oral hairy leukoplakia (EBV)   | -                     |
| <200 cells/mm <sup>3</sup>    | -   | <u>Chronic herpes simplex infection</u> , disseminated endemic mycoses, extrapulmonary cryptococcosis | <u>Kaposi sarcoma</u> |

# Topical Steroids - Ointments > Creams/Lotions

## POTENCY RANKING OF SOME COMMONLY USED TOPICAL GLUCOCORTICOSTEROIDS

### Class 1 (superpotent)

- Clobetasol propionate gel, ointment, cream, lotion, foam, spray and shampoo 0.05%
- Betamethasone dipropionate gel\* and ointment\* 0.05%
- Diflorasone diacetate ointment\* 0.05%
- Fluocinonide cream 0.1%
- Flurandrenolide tape 4 mcg/cm<sup>2</sup>
- Halobetasol propionate ointment and cream 0.05% and lotion 0.01%

### Class 2 (high potency)

- Aminoionide ointment 0.1%
- Betamethasone dipropionate cream\*, lotion\*, gel and ointment 0.05%
- Clobetasol propionate solution (\*scalp application\*) 0.05%
- Desoximetasone ointment and cream 0.25% and gel 0.05%
- Diflorasone diacetate ointment and cream\* 0.05%
- Fluocinonide gel, ointment, cream and solution 0.05%
- Halcinonide ointment, cream and solution 0.1%
- Mometasone furoate ointment 0.1%
- Triamcinolone acetonide ointment 0.5%

### Class 3 (high potency)

- Aminoionide cream and lotion 0.1%
- Betamethasone dipropionate cream, lotion, and spray 0.05%
- Betamethasone valerate ointment 0.1%
- Diflorasone diacetate cream 0.05%
- Flucicasona propionate ointment 0.005%
- Triamcinolone acetonide ointment 0.1% and cream 0.5%

## POTENCY RANKING OF SOME COMMONLY USED TOPICAL GLUCOCORTICOSTEROIDS—cont'd

### Class 4 (medium potency)

- Betamethasone valerate foam 0.12%
- Desoximetasone cream 0.05%
- Fluocinolone acetonide ointment 0.025%
- Flurandrenolide ointment 0.05%
- Hydrocortisone valerate ointment 0.2%
- Mometasone furoate cream and lotion 0.1%
- Triamcinolone acetonide ointment (Kenslog<sup>®</sup>) and cream 0.1% or spray 0.2%

### Class 5 (medium potency)

- Betamethasone dipropionate lotion 0.05%
- Betamethasone valerate cream and lotion 0.1%
- Clobetolone pivalate cream 0.1%
- Fluocinolone acetonide cream 0.025% or oil and shampoo 0.01%
- Flucicasona propionate cream and lotion 0.05%
- Flurandrenolide cream and lotion 0.05%
- Hydrocortisone butyrate ointment, cream and lotion 0.1%
- Hydrocortisone probutate cream 0.1%
- Hydrocortisone valerate cream 0.2%
- Prednicarbate ointment and cream 0.1%
- Triamcinolone acetonide ointment 0.025% and lotion 0.1%

### Class 6 (low potency)

- Aclometasone dipropionate ointment and cream 0.05%
- Triamcinolone acetonide cream 0.1% (Aristocor<sup>®</sup>)
- Betamethasone valerate lotion 0.1%
- Desonide gel, ointment, cream, lotion and foam 0.05%
- Fluocinolone acetonide cream and solution 0.01%
- Triamcinolone acetonide cream and lotion 0.025%

### Class 7 (low potency)

- Topicals with hydrocortisone, dexamethasone and prednisolone

\*Approved vehicles

# Topical Steroids - Vehicles

**Table 40-4** Considerations for choosing a vehicle for the topical corticosteroid

| Preparation | Composition                           | Skin hydration versus drying          | Preferred dermatoses or site of use              | Preferred location of use  | Cosmesis    | Potential for irritation        |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--|-------------|---------------------------------|
| Ointment    | Water in oil emulsion                 | Very good skin hydration              | Best for thick, lichenified, or scaly dermatoses | Best for thick palmar or plantar skin; avoid with naturally occluded areas | Very greasy | Generally low                   |
| Cream       | Oil in water emulsion                 | Moderate in skin hydrations potential | Best for acute, subacute or weeping dermatoses   | Good for moist skin and intertriginous areas                               | Elegant     | Variable; require preservatives |
| Gel         | Cellulose cut with alcohol or acetone | Drying                                | Scalp or dermatoses in dense hair areas          | Best for naturally occluded areas, scalp, and mucosa                       | Elegant     | Higher                          |
| Lotion      | Oil in water                          | Drying                                | Scalp or dermatoses in dense hair areas          | Best for naturally occluded areas and scalp                                | Elegant     | Higher                          |
| Solution    | Alcohol                               | Drying                                | Scalp or dermatoses in dense hair areas          | Best for naturally occluded areas and scalp                                | Elegant     | Higher                          |

# Topical Steroids - Severity & Location

**Table 40-3** Considerations for choosing a topical corticosteroid product

| Potency (Class)       | Type of dermatosis                                       | Extent of dermatoses                                  | Duration of TCS Usage                                   | Location of dermatoses   | Usage in infants and children                           | State of the epidermis   |
|-----------------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| Superpotent (I)       | Dermatoses resistant to intermediate or high potency TCS | Avoid extensive application (>50 g weekly)            | For short term use only, ideally 2-3 weeks at a time    | Do not use on the face, axillae, submammary area or groin            | Avoid use in infants and children under 12 years        | Best for thick, lichenified or hypertrophic skin; avoid with thin skin |
| High (II & III)       | Severe   | Avoid extensive application (>50 g weekly)            | For short term use only, ideally 2-3 weeks at a time    | Do not use on the face, axillae, submammary area or groin            | Avoid use in infants and children under 12 years        | Best for thick, lichenified or hypertrophic skin; avoid with thin skin |
| Intermediate (IV & V) | Moderate   | Best for short term treatment of extensive dermatoses | Avoid extended use (>1-2 weeks) in infants and children | Best on trunk and extremities  | Avoid extended use (>1-2 weeks) in infants and children | Safer for short term use on thin skin; less effective on thicker skin  |
| Low (VI & VII)        | Steroid sensitive  | Preferred for treatment of large areas                | Best if long term treatment is required                 | Best choice for face, axilla, groin, and other moist, occluded areas | Infants and children                                    | Best for thin skin; not effective on thicker skin                      |



# Inflammatory Skin Disorders

Xerosis cutis

Atopic dermatitis

Psoriasis

Seborrheic dermatitis

## Xerosis cutis / Asteatotic eczema

Clinical: dry, cracked, fissured skin with scaling; m/c affect the lower legs

At risk for allergic or irritant contact dermatitis, infections

Chronic scratching → lichen simplex chronicus





# Xerosis cutis / Asteatotic eczema - MANAGEMENT

Basic labs: thyroid function, renal and liver function, zinc level, malabsorption

Lifestyle changes: avoid freq and hot baths/showers - use mild soaps or non-soap cleansers - humidifier

Treatments: if there is redness/erythema (low to mid-potency topical steroids) → ointment > creams

Recs: triamcinolone 0.1% or hydrocortisone 2.5% → BID x 2 weeks - combine with intense moisturizing regimen with cream or petrolatum-based emollients (CeraVe cream, Vaseline) on arms and legs after shower/bath

\*if pt has recurrent erythema, can use topical steroids M/W/F indefinitely, combine with emollient

# Acquired Ichthyosis / Xerosis



## Treatment

Amlactin 2% lotion + Ebanel urea 40%/salicylic acid 2% cream

Mix the two together in a large jar and apply to affected areas daily after shower

Get Ebanel on Amazon (\$15 USD)





# Psoriasis

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Background            | 60% psoriasis patients have genital lesions<br>Remains undertreated<br>Itch is a common symptom   |
| Clinical              | Plaque psoriasis: scaly red/pink/violaceous scaly plaques<br>Inverse psoriasis: less scaly affecting the body folds, umbilicus, foreskin, scrotum and glans<br>Nails: pitting, oil spots, onycholysis |
| PLWH                  | Severe erythrodermic or widespread plaque psoriasis<br>Flare of psoriasis during IRIS   |
| Diagnostics           | Clinical (examine nails); skin biopsy   |
| Management            | Topical steroids, topical non-steroidals (tapinarof, roflumilast), phototherapy, biologics (IL-17 or IL-23 inhibitors)  |
| Special consideration | Genital lesions impair quality of life and sexual function  |

# Genital Psoriasis + Nail Psoriasis

## Final Diagnosis

A. Skin, Scrotum, Shave Biopsy

- PSORIASIFORM DERMATITIS CONSISTENT WITH PSORIASIS

Note: A PAS-D stain is negative for fungi.

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## Clinical Information

scaly plaques of the scrotum for 10+ yrs, KOH negative, treat psoriasis



# Erythrodermic Psoriasis

CD4: 279; VL: 38 copies/mL



# Erythrodermic Psoriasis

## Cyclosporine + Guselkumab (IL-23 inhibitor)



# Psoriasis Biologics and HIV



|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Number of articles | 22   |
| Number of patients | 34   |
| Biologics (n)      | TNF (8), IL-17 (11), IL-23 (11)  |
| Biologic           | Observations   |
| TNF inhibitors     | Decreased CD4, increased VL  |
| IL-17 inhibitors   | Opportunistic infections: <u>candidiasis</u> (VL and CD4 count stable) |
| IL-23 inhibitors   | <u>No serious adverse reactions</u> , no changes to VL and CD4 count   |



# Atopic Dermatitis

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Background            | 30-50% of PLWH vs 2-20% in seronegative<br>Mediated by Th2 cytokines → eosinophilia and elevated IgE                            |
| Clinical              | Pruritic scaly red/pink/violaceous papules and plaques  |
| PLWH                  | Th1/Th2 cytokine imbalance predisposes atopic manifestations  |
| Diagnostics           | Clinical; skin biopsies to exclude T-cell lymphoma<br>Consider serum IgE level  |
| Management            | Topical steroids; emollients; phototherapy; biologics (IL-4/13 or IL-13 inhibitor)  |
| Special consideration | Severe cases may require hospitalization and referral to dermatology<br>Must consider cutaneous T-cell lymphoma/Sezary syndrome |

# Atopic Dermatitis



# Atopic Dermatitis



Severe Atopic Dermatitis  
Cyclosporine + Dupilumab




# Atopic Dermatitis: Biologic and HIV



SHORT PAPER

## Safe and effective treatment of atopic dermatitis using dupilumab over 23 months in a patient with HIV

Michael Lor , Natalia Villa, Vanessa Holland

First published: 03 September 2020 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/dth.14271> | [VIEW METRICS](#)

**Dupilumab:** IL-4/13 inhibitor

Lebrikizumab: IL-13 inhibitor

Tralokinumab: IL-13 inhibitor

**TABLE 2** Summary of HIV+ patients treated with dupilumab in the literature to date<sup>4-6</sup>

| Patient number  | 1   | 2    | 3    | 4       | 5   | 6   | 7 (current patient) |
|---|-----|------|------|---------|-----|-----|---------------------|
| Diagnosis   | PN  | PN   | AD   | AD      | AD  | AD  | AD                  |
| Months of follow-up   | 9   | 6    | 4    | 4       | 4   | 15  | 23                  |
| Pre-dupilumab CD4 T cell count (cells $\mu\text{L}^{-1}$ )            | 227 | 1058 | 860  | 77      | 665 | 688 | 1026                |
| CD4 T cell count during dupilumab therapy (cells $\mu\text{L}^{-1}$ ) | 188 | 1206 | 1012 | 92      | 860 | 738 | 905                 |
| Pre-dupilumab viral load (copies $\text{mL}^{-1}$ )                   | 168 | UND  | UND  | 276 000 | UND | UND | UND                 |
| Viral load during dupilumab therapy (copies $\text{mL}^{-1}$ )        | UND | UND  | UND  | 121 000 | UND | UND | UND                 |

Abbreviations: AD, atopic dermatitis; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; PN, prurigo nodularis; UND, undetectable.



# Seborrheic Dermatitis

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Background            | Affects 40% of PLWH; up to 80% of AIDS patients<br>3% of the seronegative population<br>Hypersensitivity reaction to <i>Pityrosporum</i> yeast   |
| Clinical              | Erythema and scaling of the central face, nasolabial folds, eyebrows, ears, and scalp;<br>pigmentary changes (hypo and hyper)  |
| PLWH                  | Worsens as the CD4+ counts decline   |
| Diagnostics           | Clinical   |
| Management            | Topical, scalp: fluocinolone scalp oil (apply to wet scalp before bed, wash off in the morning)<br>Topical, face: ketoconazole cream twice daily<br>Shampoo: ketoconazole 2%, salicylic acid (Neutrogena T/Sal shampoo)<br>Oral: fluconazole tablets |
| Special consideration | Useful as a marker for HIV progression   |

# Seborrheic Dermatitis










## Infectious conditions

Viral (HSV, VZV, HPV, molluscum, Mpox)

Fungal/yeast (dermatophytes/tinea, onychomycosis)



# Herpes Simplex (HSV-1 / HSV-2)

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Background            | HSV seroprevalence of >90% (reduce the stigma)!<br>HSV-1 > HSV-2 → genital HSV infections                                    |
| Clinical              | Clustered vesicles on an erythematous base → painful erosions with <u><i>scalloped borders</i></u>                           |
| PLWH                  | Verrucous and ulcerative subtypes  |
| Diagnostics           | Herpes viral polymerase chain reaction (PCR)   |
| Management            | Episodic treatment: valacyclovir 2 g once<br>Suppressive therapy: valacyclovir 1 g daily                                     |
| Special consideration | Safe sex counseling: HSV-2 incites 3-fold increase in HIV acquisition<br>Acyclovir-resistant HSV → IV foscarnet or cidofovir |

# Herpes (Simplex + Zoster)



## Diagnostic Testing

Serologies (HSV/VZV IgG) does not test for current/active infection

Gold standard confirmatory test: HSV/VZV PCR from lesion

- 1) Use red top viral swab
  - 2) Break open a blister/vesicle and swab the lesion's base - include the fluid
- Pearl: wet the tip of the swab with media fluid if the lesion is crusted

# Viral Infections - Vesicles, Pustules, Ulcers



Mpox + HSV



Mpox

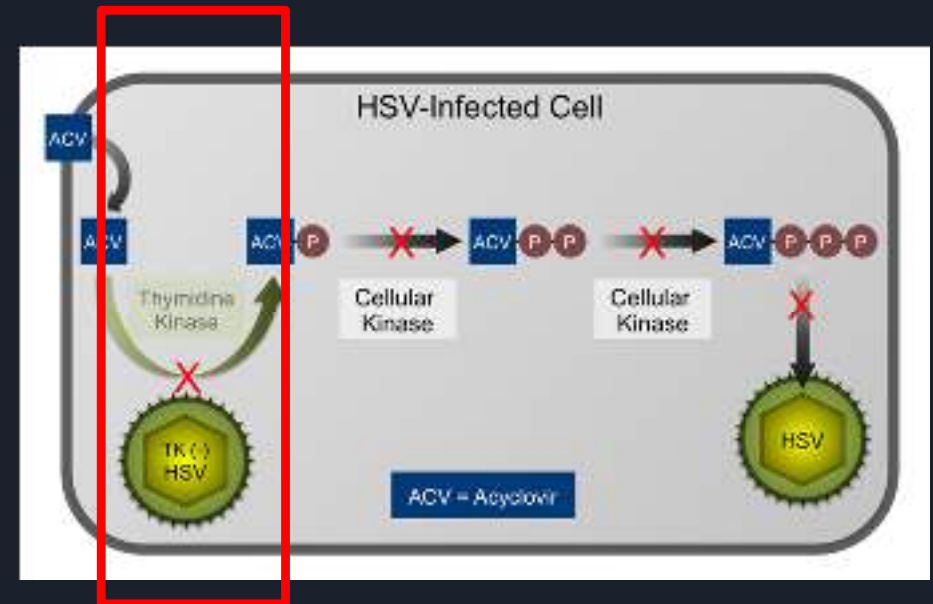
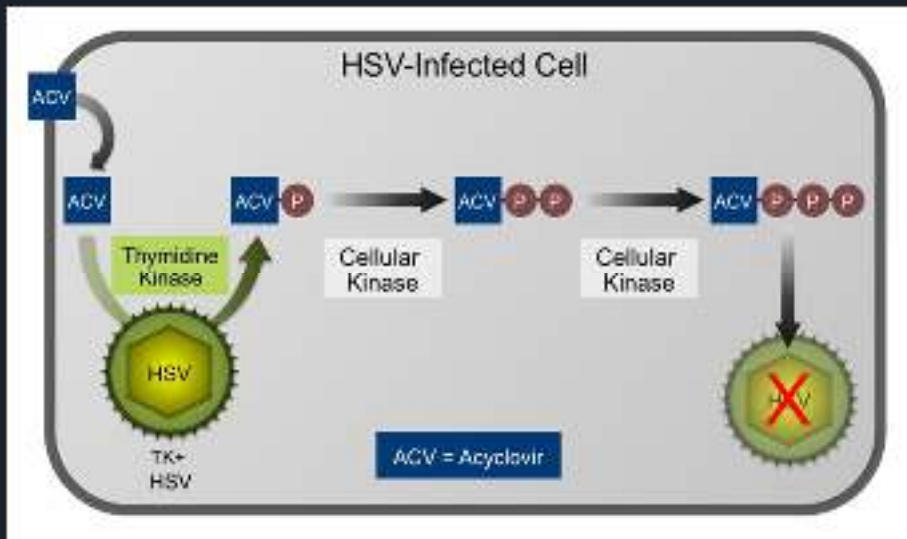


HSV

# Acyclovir Resistance in HSV/VZV

Viral *thymidine kinase* mutation → NO drug activation

Preferred treatment: IV foscarnet





Verrucous HSV



Ulcerative HSV



# Varicella Zoster (VZV)

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Background            | Human herpesvirus 3 (HHV3), herpes zoster, disseminated zoster   |
| Clinical              | Grouped or confluent vesicles with <u>scalloped</u> borders<br>Herpes zoster: confined to a dermatome and does not cross the midline<br>Disseminated zoster: >20 vesicles outside of the primary and adjacent dermatomes |
| PLWH                  | Increased risk of disseminated; multidermatomal, necrotic, recurrent, hyperkeratotic, or ulcerative subtypes   |
| Diagnostics           | Varicella viral polymerase chain reaction (PCR)  |
| Management            | IV acyclovir, oral valacyclovir  |
| Special consideration | Acyclovir-resistant VZV → IV foscarnet or cidofovir  |

# Herpes Zoster / VZV



# Primary Varicella



# Giant VZV Renal Transplant



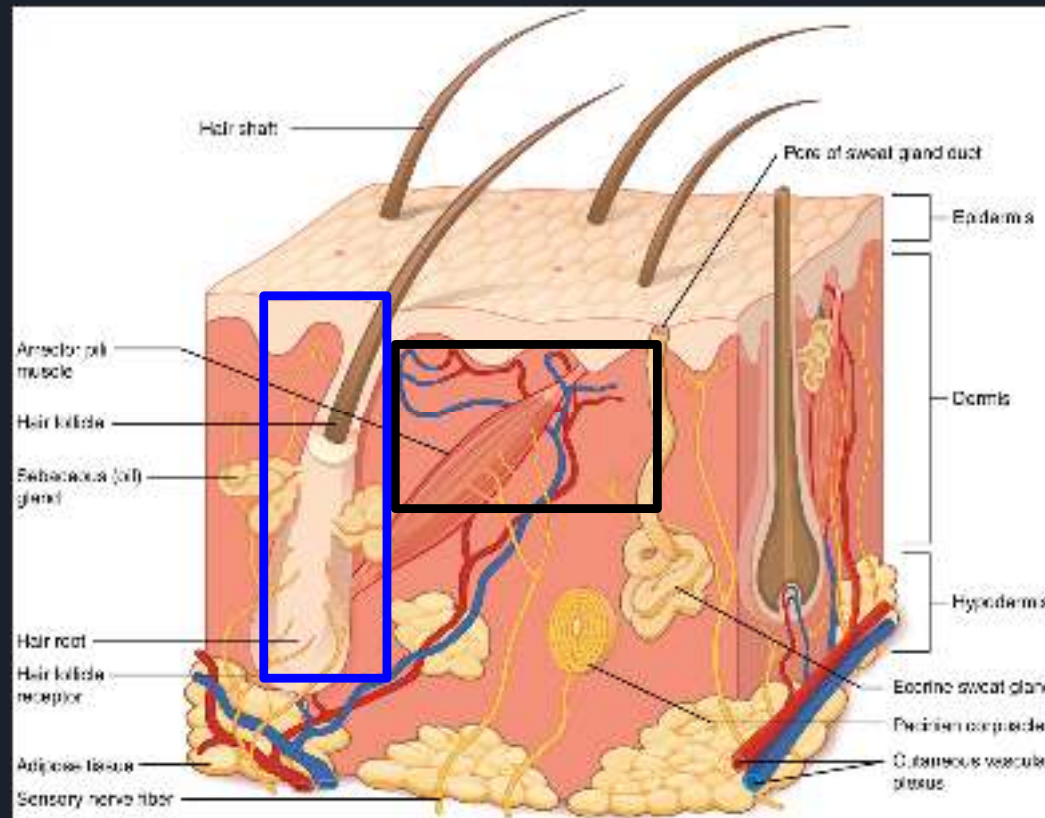
# Purpuric Herpes Zoster



# Purpuric Herpes

Blue box: herpes infecting hair follicle

Black box: adjacent blood vessels





# Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

## Genital Warts / Condyloma Acuminata

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Background            | HPV vaccination rates remain low despite expanded indication to age 45<br>6.2 million new HPV infections annually<br>HPV 6 and 11 most common; coinfection with high-risk strains 16 and 18 |
| Clinical              | Single or multiple flesh-colored verrucous papules and plaques  |
| PLWH                  | Transformation to SCC   |
| Diagnostics           | Clinical; biopsy if considering squamous cell carcinoma   |
| Management            | Destruction (cryotherapy, trichloroacetic acid, surgery)<br>Topical (imiquimod, cidofovir)<br>HPV vaccination!  |
| Special consideration | Screen for additional STIs  |



# Molluscum Contagiosum (MC)

|                       |   |
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| Background            | Molluscipoxvirus  |
| Clinical              | Umbilicated, single to multiple yellow to white papules<br>3-5 mm in diameter                 |
| PLWH                  | May become large (<100 CD4+ cells)<br>Lesions >10 mm in diameter                              |
| Diagnostics           | Clinical  |
| Management            | Observation; cryotherapy; topicals (tretinoin, berdazimer 10.3% gel, cidofovir 0.3 or 3% gel) |
| Special consideration | Severity of infection inversely related to CD4+ count   |



Herpes

Molluscum

# Mpox

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Background            | <i>Orthopoxvirus</i> similar to smallpox; clade IIb in the 2022 global outbreak<br>Primarily in MSM or anyone in close/personal contact   |
| Clinical              | Incubation period of 7-14 days; +/- preceding systemic symptoms<br>Proctitis/anorectal pain; oropharyngeal, ocular lesions<br><10 papules, vesicles, pustules, or ulcers affecting genitals or perianal region<br>Generalized exanthematous eruption in those with systemic manifestations (mimic viral/syphilis)                               |
| PLWH                  | Advanced or inadequately treated HIV: risk for severe and prolonged illness and death   |
| Diagnostics           | PCR from lesions<br>Consider mpox even if other tests are positive (other STIs, HSV/VZV)  |
| Management            | Vaccinia vaccination protective against mpox (2-dose JYNNEOS); not indicated in people who recovered from mpox infections<br>PEP: best if given b/w 4-14 days after exposure (reduces sx's but not dz prevention); best if given within 4 days of exposure<br>Supportive care<br>Tecovirimat: did not reduce time to resolution of mpox lesions |
| Special consideration | Severe cases: extracutaneous effects (pulm, neurologic, cardiac, ocular and urologic complications)   |

## Distinguishing monkeypox from its mimickers

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TABLE 1 Infectious diseases that present with fever and vesiculopustules

| Disease (agent)  | Typical population affected   | Route of transmission   | Characteristic symptoms, and morphology and distribution of lesions   | Systemic symptoms  | Respective diagnostic and confirmatory tests   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| Monkeypox (Monkeypox virus)  | Most individuals are children or HIV-positive individuals                   | Close contact (skin contact, contact, large respiratory droplets) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painful, pustular lesions</li> <li>Polymorphic, 1–2 cm firm, vesiculopustules with central umbilication surrounded by erythematous halo</li> <li>Geographical distribution: Central and Eastern, predominantly in tropical regions</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malaise, prothrombocytopenia, lymphadenopathy</li> <li>Rarely respiratory symptoms</li> </ul> | PCR from vesicles, electron microscopy, immunohistochemistry from skin biopsy, serology and genotyping                             |
| Varicella (chickenpox) (varicella zoster virus (VZV); human herpesvirus 3) | Children and adults (underused); Elderly, immunocompromised (herpes zoster) | Respiratory droplets, direct contact                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painful, pustular lesions</li> <li>Polymorphic 2–4 mm vesicles in various stages of progression (i.e. “dew drop on a rose petal”)</li> <li>Crociopara; does not precede viraemia (i.e. less febrile disease)</li> <li>Monomorphic diffuse 2–4 mm vesicles with keratized scabs (classical zoster herpes zoster)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malaise</li> <li>Rarely hepatitis, pneumonia, encephalitis</li> </ul>                         | PCR from vesicles or fluid; Tzanck preparation; DFA of skin scraping; virus culture; serology and antibody testing                 |
| Disseminated herpes simplex (herpes herpesvirus 1)                         | Immunocompromised; underlying skin diseases                                 | Direct contact, fomites   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Painful, pustular lesions</li> <li>Monomorphic, 2–4 mm umbilicated vesicles, well-punctated out ulcers; herpetiformic vesicles</li> <li>Lesions local; neck, upper trunk, upper extremities</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leucocytopenia; meningitis, encephalitis, hepatitis</li> </ul>                                | PCR; Tzanck preparation; DFA of scraping; virus culture from vesicles or base of ulcers  |
| Molluscum contagiosum (molluscum contagiosum virus)                        | Children, immunocompromised   | Direct contact; skin-to-skin contact during sexual activity       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic or painful, umbilicated</li> <li>Monomorphic, 2–5 mm, dome-shaped to umbilicated, poorly related to pink macular papules and plaques</li> <li>Lesions local; genital</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic</li> </ul>   | Tissue biopsy, histology   |
| Hand-foot-and-mouth disease (Coxsackievirus A16, 68 and enterovirus 71)    | Children, immunocompromised   | Hand-to-hand; fomites; droplets                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic or painful, pustular, ulcer</li> <li>Monomorphic, 2–4 mm grey or red vesicles with surrounding erythema</li> <li>Lesions primary: palm, sole, oral cavity, buttocks</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Malaise/fevering, stomatitis</li> <li>Rarely myocarditis, myelitis, pneumonia</li> </ul>      | PCR from vesicles or nasopharyngeal swab; viral culture from vesicles fluid or stool; sedimentation; serology and antibody testing |

Note: The clinical characteristics and diagnostic tools for monkeypox as well as its mimickers are listed here.

Abbreviations: DFA, direct fluorescent antibody; EM, electron microscopy; NANT, nucleic acid amplification test; PCR, polymerase chain reaction; PRR, rapid plasma reagin; VZV, varicella zoster virus.



# Kaposi Sarcoma (KS)

|                       |  |
|-----------------------|--|
| Background            | Malignant neoplasm from <u>lymphatic endothelial cells</u><br>Due to <u>HHV-8</u><br>AIDS-defining illness   |
| Clinical              | Deep red, maroon or purple patches, plaques, tumors and nodules<br>Golden yellow to green color (bruise-like)<br><u>Local lymphedema</u>   |
| PLWH                  | Trunk and central facial lesions   |
| Diagnostics           | Skin biopsy, bronchoscopy, endoscopy, ultrasound or CT scan (HSM)  |
| Management            | 1st line: antiretroviral therapies<br>Local therapies: cryotherapy, surgical excision; topicals: imiquimod, timolol, alitretinoin, intralesional bleomycin<br>Systemic: chemotherapies, TKIs, proteasome inh, mAb VEGF inh bevacizumab |
| Special consideration | 20% have visceral involvement → hemorrhage: GI, cardiac tamponade, pulmonary obstruction<br>Oral KS ~ GI involvement → FOBT for GI blood loss<br>KS-IRIS (incidence: 6-21%)  |





## Keloid-like









# Dermatophytosis

|                       |   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Background            | Causes tinea of the body and onychomycosis of the nails   |
| Clinical              | Annular red/pink/brown scaly plaques with expanding border and central clearing<br>Can have papules, nodules, and crust             |
| PLWH                  | Trichophyton mentagrophytes genotype VII: emerging strain spread through close contact/sexual contact                               |
| Diagnostics           | KOH prep; fungal culture for speciation and sensitivities   |
| Management            | Topical allylamines (terbinafine, naftifine)<br>Topical imidazoles (clotrimazole, ketoconazole)<br>Oral terbinafine or itraconazole |
| Special consideration | When tinea infects the hair follicles → Majocchi granuloma  |

# Tinea Infections



## Referral: Nail Problems 2 Feet 1 Hand Syndrome





# Majocchi Granuloma + VZV!



**Montefiore**

**Diagnosis: Fungal Culture**

QUESTIONS: 1. What is the most likely organism causing the infection? (Select all that apply.) (100%)

Options Information: Not Final

Basophilus

Gram Negative Stain

Gram Positive Stain

Growth

Histopathology

KOH - Microscopic Exam

Potassium Hydroxide

System Details: 10/20/2014 10:42 AM

**Montefiore**

**Diagnosis: VZV DNA DETECTION (SWABS)**

QUESTIONS: 1. What is the most likely organism causing the infection? (Select all that apply.) (100%)

Options Information: Not Final

Histopathology

KOH - Microscopic Exam

Potassium Hydroxide

Growth

Histopathology

KOH - Microscopic Exam

Potassium Hydroxide

System Details: 10/20/2014 10:42 AM

# Majocchi Granuloma





2 for 1  
Majocchi Granuloma + ?





Majocchi Granuloma



VZV



**Addendum**  
**SURGICAL PATHOLOGY ADDENDUM 12/15/23**

This report is issued to provide additional results/findings on this case. All contents in the original report remain otherwise the same.

- A PASD stain highlights fungal hyphae in the stratum corneum and budding yeast are also seen in the suppurative dermal inflammation, which could represent tinea corporis with Majocchi granuloma. This finding is seen in addition to the viral changes.  
 - No bacteria are seen on a gram stain.

Addendum signed at MOSES

Addendum electronically signed by Digt Amin, MD on 12/15/2023 at 1203

**Final Diagnosis**

A. Skin, Right Thigh, Punch Biopsy:

- VIRAL VESICULAR DERMATITIS (HERPES SIMPLEX, ZOSTER, VARICELLA) AND SUPPURATIVE GRANULOMATOUS DERMATITIS SECONDARY TO A RUPTURED FOLLICULAR UNIT.

Note. PASD and gram stains are pending and will be reported in an addendum.

**Varicella DNA Detection (Swabs)** Order: 1444771528

Status: Final result. Visible to patient: No (scheduled for 12/13/2023 10:00 AM)

0 Result Notes

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Component               | 2 d ago           |
| Ref Range & Units       |                   |
| Varicella DNA Detection | <b>DETECTED !</b> |
| Not Detected            |                   |
| Resulting Agency        | MOSES             |



# Onychomycosis

Best cure rate is with oral terbinafine

Topicals are not effective

Pulsed terbinafine protocol as effective as continuous

Pulsed = 500 mg terbinafine daily x 7 days, repeat 4 weeks later x 3 months total

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26087080/> (pulsed protocol)

Topicals: ciclopirox 8% nail lacquer (daily x 48 weeks); efinaconazole 10% solution (daily x 48 weeks)

# Terbinafine - Liver Monitoring

Renal clearance

Potential consequences: dysgeusia, aggravate anorexia in frail patients

\*Baseline LFTs for PO options

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamadermatology/fullarticle/2707781> (In this study, the rates of alanine aminotransferase elevations, aspartate aminotransferase elevations, anemia, lymphopenia, and neutropenia in adults and children taking terbinafine or griseofulvin were low and equivalent to the baseline rates of abnormalities in this population. **Routine interval laboratory test result monitoring appears to be unnecessary in adults and children without underlying hepatic or hematologic conditions taking terbinafine or griseofulvin for dermatophyte infections.** Abandoning frequent laboratory monitoring can decrease unnecessary health care spending, decrease patient psychological angst associated with blood draws, and allow for expanded use of these effective oral medications.)

[https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622\(20\)32588-3/fulltext](https://www.jaad.org/article/S0190-9622(20)32588-3/fulltext) (**In adults with onychomycosis and well-controlled preexisting liver or hematologic conditions and/or grade 1 LFT or CBC abnormalities, treatment with terbinafine appears to be safe.** Mild baseline (grade 1) laboratory test result abnormalities or past medical history of liver and hematologic conditions are not necessarily contradictions for terbinafine therapy. **Baseline and monthly laboratory monitoring are recommended in this patient population.** If terbinafine is being considered for the treatment of patients with grade 2 or higher laboratory abnormalities, we recommend consultation with a primary care doctor, hepatologist, or hematologist.)

## Case - Onychomycosis + Tinea Pedis

Referral from PCP for treatment-resistant **contact dermatitis or eczema**

Treatment: topical steroids + antifungals

Yellow nail plates + subungual debris

### Management

KOH nail debris and nail plate

Terbinafine pulse x 3 months

Ketoconazole 2% cream nightly to feet and in between toes x 1 month → 3 nights/week



## Case - Onychomycosis + Tinea Pedis



04/08



05/13



06/17



09/07



## Key Points

- >50% PWH have dermatologic diseases
- CD4 count matters → expands treatment options
- Psoriasis: IL-23 inhibitors > TNF and IL-17 inhibitors
- Atopic dermatitis/eczema: IL-4/13, IL-13 inhibitors
- Acyclovir resistant herpes: IV foscarnet > cidofovir
- Terbinafine safe with most ARTs
- Consider multiple diagnoses simultaneously (tinea+VZV, HSV+mpox)
- Swab vesicles/pustules/erosions/ulcers for HSV/VZV PCR +/- Mpox (clinical context)
- Swab pustules for wound culture
- Kaposi sarcoma: look inside the mouth → GI and pulm
- Refer to dermatology → lack of treatment response or consider alternative diagnosis

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