

CHILDHOOD SKIN DISEASES

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skin rash: well visible X similar appearance

HISTORY and **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

- **WHAT?** type of lesion
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LESIONS
- **WHERE?** localization and distribution
PREDILECTION SITES
- **WHEN?** duration, changes, age of manifestation
TEMPORAL COURSE
- **HOW?** other symptoms

FURTHER EXAMINATION?

SYSTEMIC TREATMENT?

CONSULT A SPECIALIST?

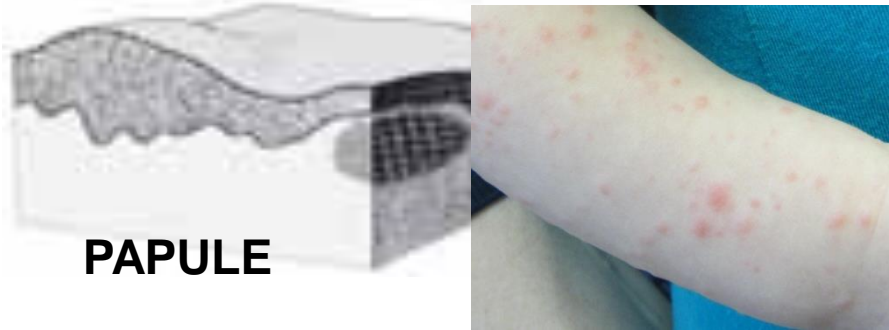
PRIMARY LESIONS



MACULE



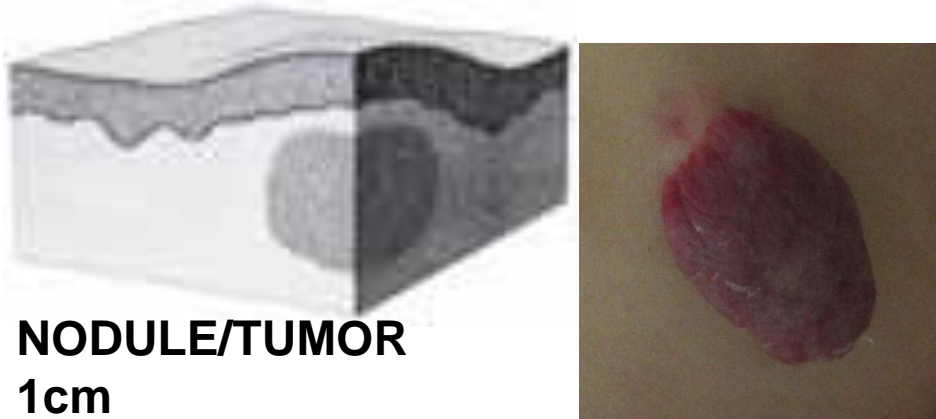
URTICA/ WHEEL
less than 24h



PAPULE



VESICLE/BULLA
1cm

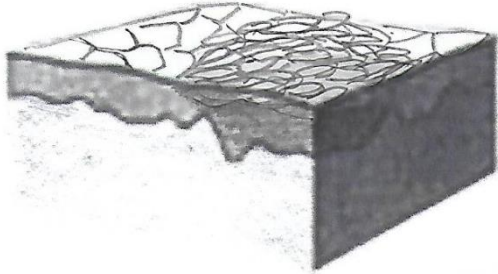


NODULE/TUMOR
1cm



PUSTULE

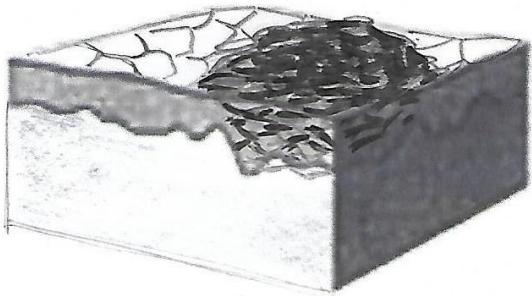
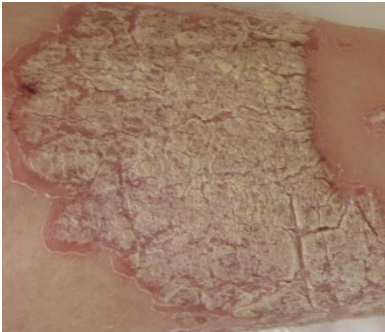
SECONDARY LESIONS



SCALE



**EROSION
EXCORIATION
ULCER**



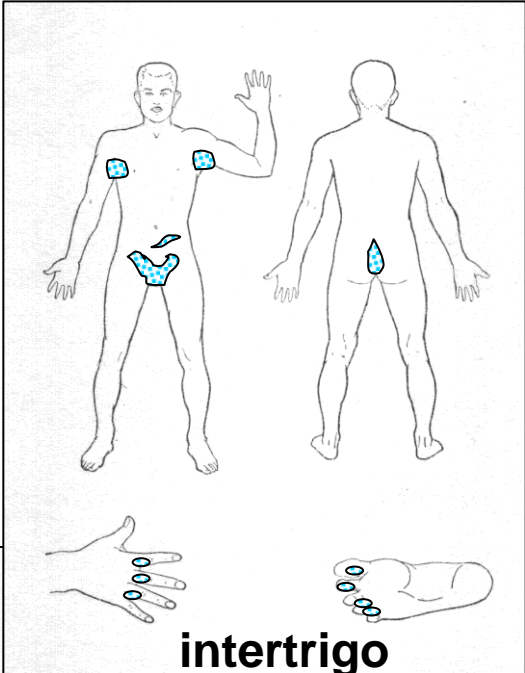
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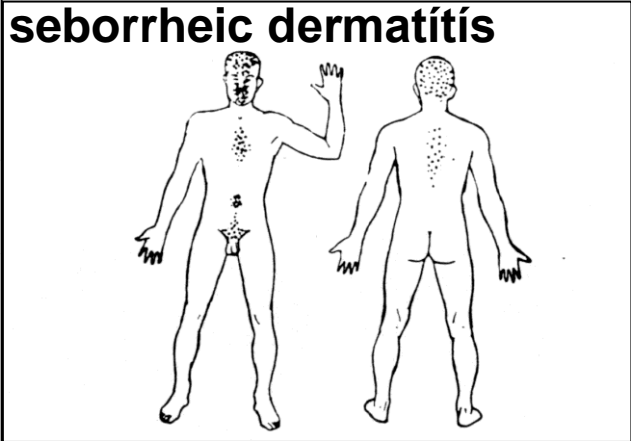
**RHAGADE
FISSURE**



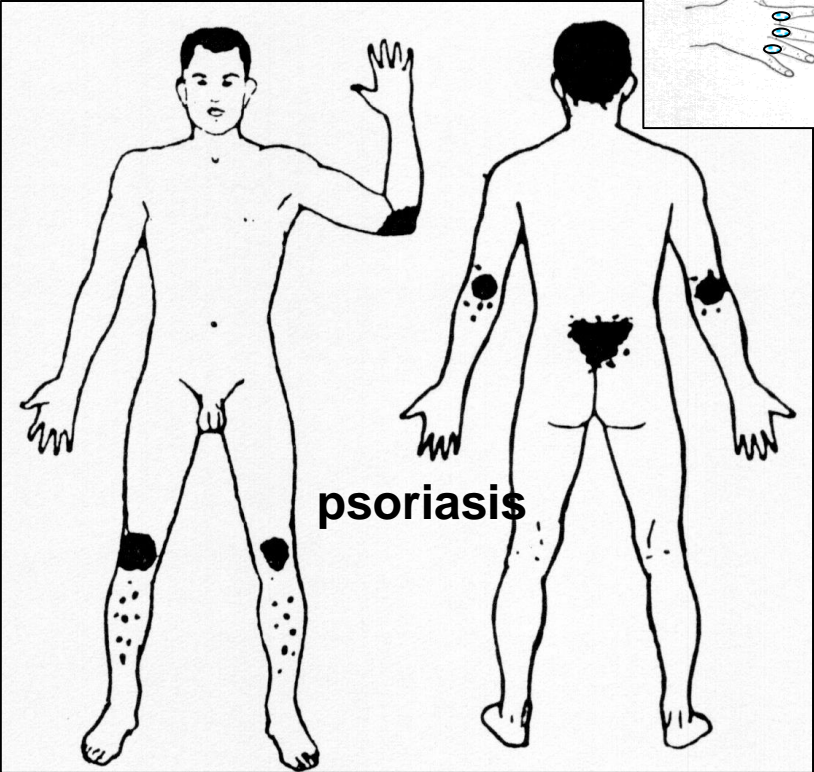
DISTRIBUTION PATTERNS



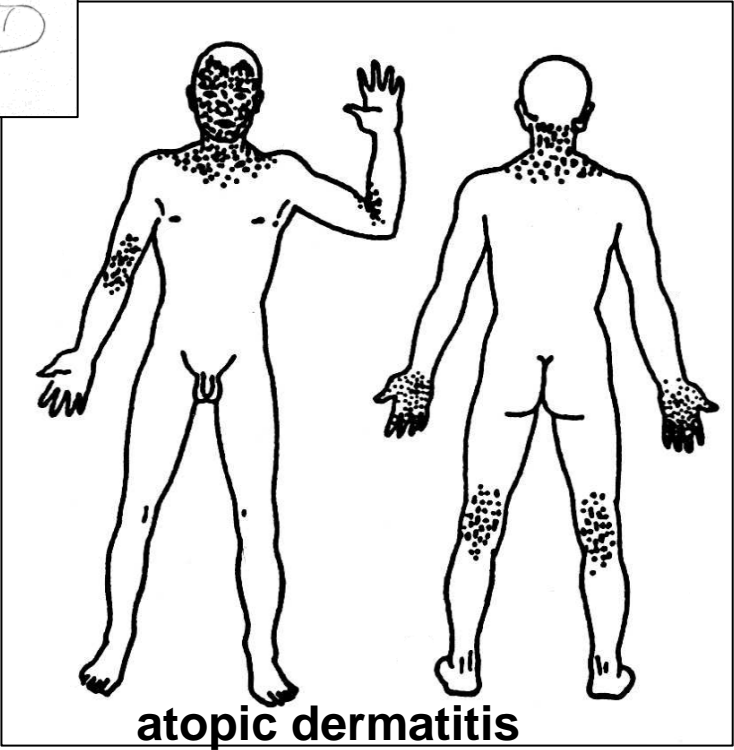
intertrigo



seborrheic dermatitis



psoriasis



atopic dermatitis

ATOPIC DERMATITIS

chronic inflammatory disease

increasing incidence

PATHOGENESIS

multifactorial inheritance

Skin barrier
dysfunction



abnormal
inflammatory
response



Dysbiosis of
microbiome

DIAGNOSIS

clinical picture, family history,
other symptoms of atopy

atopy – IgE mediated
immunopathologic reaction
(allergic reaction with ↑IgE)

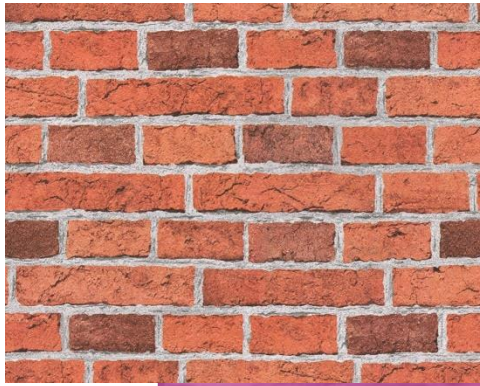
associated food allergy
(infants 30%) – extrinsic type

atopic triad:

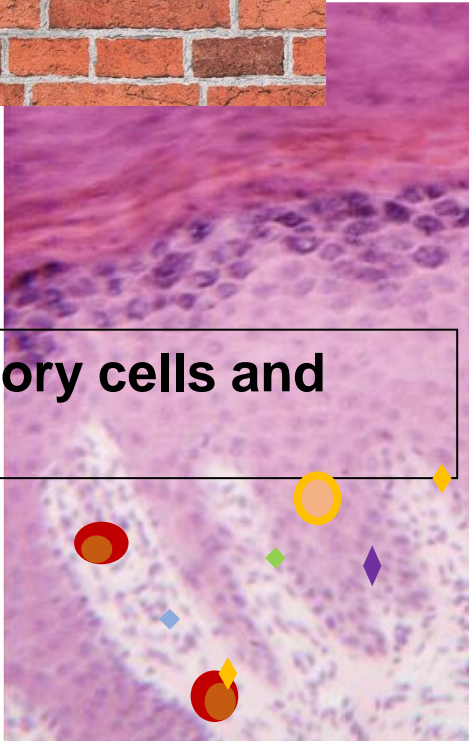
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allergic rhinitis and
conjunctivitis
allergic asthma

ETIOPATHOGENESIS

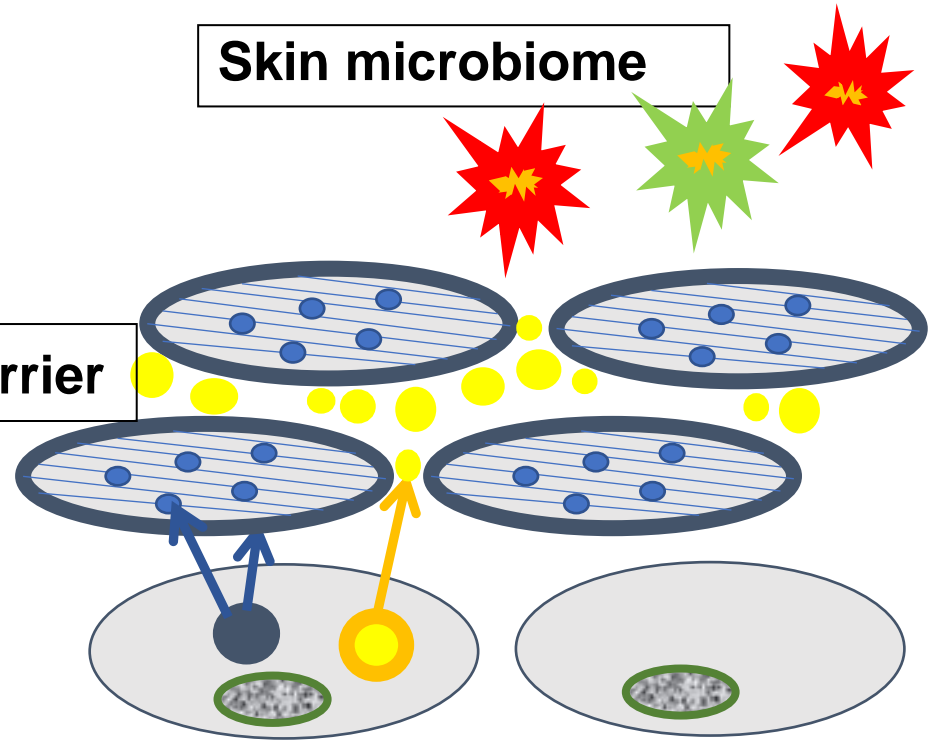


Epidermal barrier



Inflammatory cells and cytokines

Skin microbiome



- keratohyaline granules - PROFILAGGRIN
- Odland bodies – LIPIDS
- cornified envelope - covalent PROTEIN bonds
- natural moisturizing factor-NMF
- keratin bundles

CLINICAL PICTURE

Chronicity

Pruritus

Xerosis



TRIGGERS

food allergens

weather

infection (extracutaneous)

stress

vaccination

insufficient skin care

Infant since 3m
30%

**preschool and
school child**
10-20%

**adolescent and
adult 1-3%**

face, scalp
trunk
extensor limbs
~~diaper area~~

neck
antecubital and
popliteal fossae
(flexural eczema)
wrists
dorsal hands

face, neck
trunk
antecubital and
popliteal fossae
wrists
dorsal hands





**erythroderma,
white dermographism**



Excoriated papules, lichenification



scales, painfull fissures



postinflammatory hypopigmentation

COMPLICATIONS

IMPETIGINIZATION

mainly *S. aureus*, *S. pyogenes*

Weeping, pustules and crusts



systemic ATB therapy sometimes necessary

COMPLICATIONS

ECZEMA HERPETICUM

often fever, malaise

systemic therapy ALWAYS!



risk of keratoconjunctivitis,
meningoencephalitis

COMPLICATIONS

MOLLUSCA CONTAGIOSA – POX VIRUS

often recurrent

local corticoids and topical immunomodulators contraindicated



THERAPY

Active, proactive

- **LOCAL**

corticosteroids (CS)

topical immunomodulators

antimicrobials and antiseptics

tar

- **PHYSICAL**

(balneo)phototherapy

- **SYSTEMIC**

antibiotics, antiviral drugs

severe cases

CS short course

cyclosporine, MTX,

biologic therapy

Maintenance and preventive

- **LOCAL**

emollients

avoiding infection

- **SYSTEMIC**

avoiding trigger factors

Emollients

prevent water loss

repair skin barrier

reduce pruritus

reduce need of antiinflammatory
treatment

prevent flare ups of eczema

LOCAL TREATMENT OF ATOPIC DERMATITIS

WHY	WHAT	HOW
Barrier dysfunction Xerosis Pruritus	emollients	- Also non-lesional skin - <u>continuously</u>
Inflammation Pruritus	corticoids topical immunomodulators tar, zinc	- Only lesional skin - <u>temporary</u> - <u>continuously</u> – specific regimes
Microbiome	antiseptic antibiotic, antiviral drugs	- Only lesional skin - <u>temporary</u>

SEBORRHEIC DERMATITIS

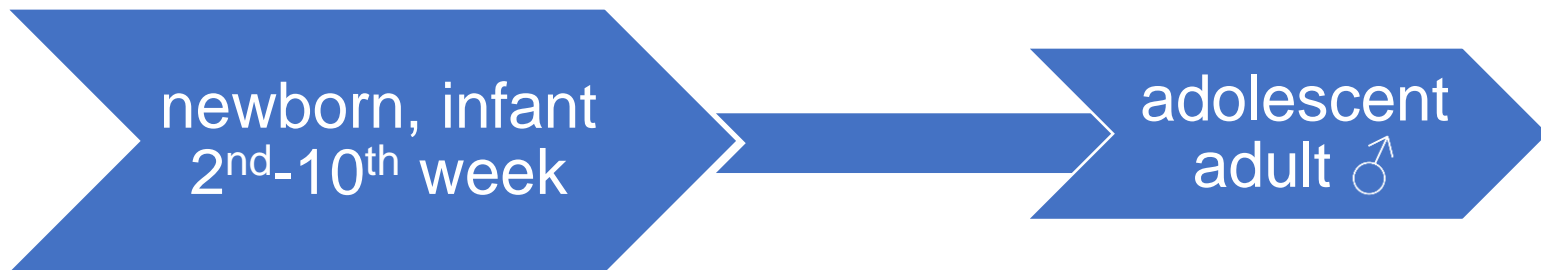
ETIOPATHOGENESIS

increased activity of sebaceous glands

pityrosporum ovale

dysregulation of non-specific immunity

external and psychological factors, inheritance



scalp – cradle cap
forehead, eyebrows

intertriginous, including diaper area

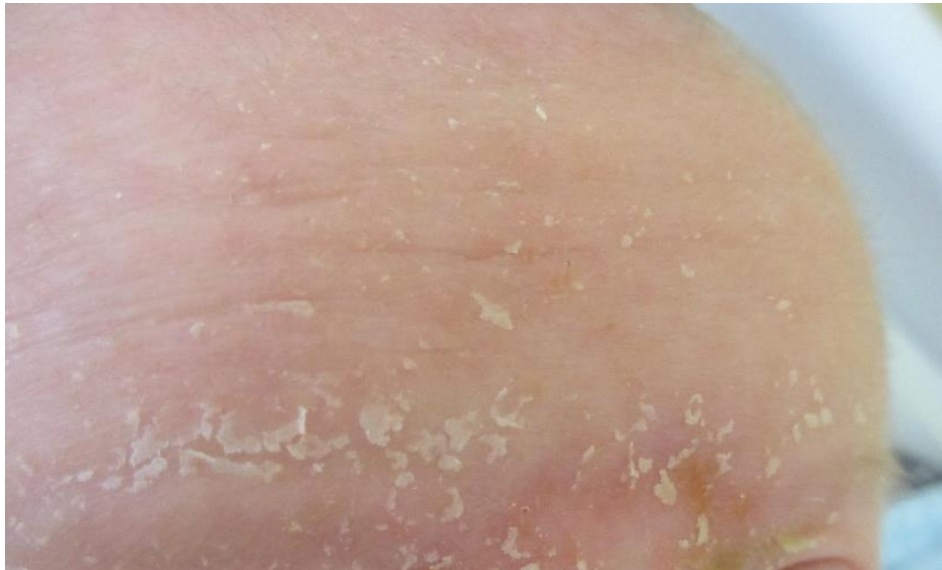
last up to 1 year

scalp
eyebrows, nasolabial folds
retroauricular, external meatus
intertriginous
presternal

chronic recurrent

CLINICAL PICTURE

yellowish usually greasy scales (rarely dry)
orange-red plaques



DIFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Atopic dermatitis

Diaper dermatitis

Psoriasis

Intertrigo

Histiocytosis from LC – the same distribution pattern!

THERAPY - local

antifungals

mild keratolytics – urea 2-5%, (salicylic acid contraindicated in infants)

zinc pyrithion

corticosteroids and topical immunomodulators

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INTERTRIGO

ETIOPATHOGENESIS

dampness, warmth, friction

CLINICAL PICTURE

sharply demarcated,
moist red areas
in folds



SUPERINFERENCECTION COMMON

Candida

S. aureus

DIAPER DERMATITIS

> 50% toddlers, 9-12thm

ETIOPATHOGENESIS

friction, alkaline pH,
urine and faeces, bacteria,
enzymes, cosmetics



CLINICAL PICTURE – W shape

favours convex surfaces, ~~spares folds~~
erythema, desquamation

COMPLICATIONS

CANDIDOSIS

papulopustules, desquamation
peripheral whitish scale



DIFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Seborrhoeic dermatitis

Psoriasis

Contact dermatitis

Acrodermatitis enteropathica – Zn deficiency

LC Histiocytosis

THERAPY

avoidance of causative factors: **keep clean, dry, airy**

wash with pure water

soothing Zn paste, emollients

IMPETIGO

SUPERFICIAL BACTERIAL INFECTION

- **STREPTOCOCCUS PYOGENES**

(source – skin lesions)

- **STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS – bullou impetigo**

(source – airways – 30% 3-6 y. o. children - carriers)

- **COMBINED – BOTH PATHOGENS**

THERAPY

ATB mostly local (fusidic acid), antiseptic compresses

systemic : extensive skin lesions, lymphadenopathy, fever

COMPLICATIONS - rare: arthritis, pneumonia, sepsis

CLINICAL PICTURE



Face
Limbs
Diaper areas

Papules, pustules
Bullae
Erosions
Honey coloured crusts



CHILDHOOD EXANTHEMS

CONSIDER

SKIN: character and distribution of rash

OTHER SYMPTOMS:

fever

enanthema

conjunctivitis

lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly

muskuloskeletal/

gastrointestinal symptoms

Incubation period

Typical age / season

Epidemiological situation

CHILDHOOD EXANTHEMS

careful **HISTORY** and **CLINICAL EXAMINATION**

because of

ATYPICAL/NONSPECIFIC MANIFESTATION

COMPLICATIONS

CNS, pneumonia, myokarditis

Fetal damage

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS

Drug exanthems

Kawasaki disease

Bacterial infection

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CLASSIC EXANTHEMS

1. MEASLES, RUBEOLA
2. SCARLET FEVER
3. GERMAN MEASLES,
RUBELLA
4. fourth disease
5. FIFTH DISEASE,
ERYTHEMA INFECTIOSUM
6. SIXTH DISEASE,
EXANTHEMA SUBITUM,
ROSEOLA INFANTUM

preschool and school age,
exanthema subitum < 3 years

ETIOLOGY

Paramyxovirus

β hemolytic streptococcus

Togavirus

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Parvovirus B19

HSV 6,7

Disease	SCARLET FEVER	GERMAN MEASLES	MEASLES
Vaccination	no	yes	yes
Incub. period	2-5d	2-3w	1-2w
Fever	yes	mild	yes
Typical signs	flushed face/perioral palor – Filatov´s sign pharyngitis, tonsilitis	often mild or asymptomatic course	3C : cough, coryza, conjunctivitis -
Lymphadeno pathy	neck	occipital, retroauricular, neck	not typical
Enanthema	strawberry tongue	erythematous small spots on the soft palate Forscheimer spots	Koplik spots : gray white papules on buccal mucosa
Exanthema	4-5d:1mm red papules, sand paper , prominent in folds (neck, inguinal, elbow, popliteal, armpits), inner thighs peeling finger tips, toes	3d: pink red maculopapular 1-3mm, non- confluent appears and fades in cephalocaudal direction	7d: red purple >3mm, maculopapular, confluent darkens to copper colour, fades in cephalocaudal direction
Other		arthralgia, myalgia	
Complications	pneumonia, pericarditis, meningitis, glomerulonephritis	encefalitis, arthritis, embryopathy (heart, cataract, deafness)	pneumonia, otitis, encephalitis, SSPE † in developing countries

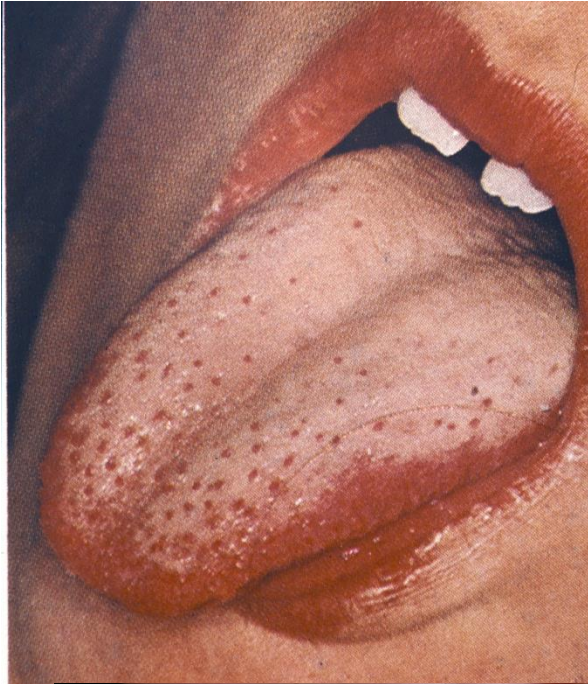
MEASLES

KOPLIK SPOTS



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SCARLET FEVER



GERMAN MEASLES

infection before 16w
embryopathy! –induced
abortion recommended



ERYTHEMA INFECTIOSUM

Parvovirus B19



ERYTHEMA INFECTIONOSUM

Vaccination	no
Incub period	4d-2w
Fever	low grade , mild prodromes
Enanthem	not typical
Exanthem	1w after fever– erythema - slapped cheeks +4d lacy reticulate erythema limbs (trunk) 1-3w
Other symptoms	arthralgia, arthritis, more adult women
Complications	embryopathy : RBC – anemia, hydrops <6% risk of † up to 20 th gestational w

EXANTHEMA SUBITUM

HSV 6,7



Vaccination	no
Incubation period	1-2w
Fever	high , 3-5 d without other symptoms, sometimes periorbital edema
Enanthem	sometimes red papules soft palate, uvula Nagayama spots
Exanthem	after cessation of fever – trunk, limbs 1-3d
Other symptoms	diarrhea, lymphadenopathy
Complications	febrile seizures , encephalitis, encephalopathy

OTHER EXANTHEMAS

- CHICKEN-POX/VARICELLA
- HAND-FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

ETIOLOGY

varicella zoster virus

coxsackie virus (A16)

DIAGNOSIS CLINICAL AND SEROLOGICAL

THERAPY MOSTLY SYMPTOMATIC

in complicated varicella ACYCLOVIR

CHICKEN POX – VARICELLA

Vaccination	yes
Incubation period	2-3t
Contagiosity	-1-2d to skin lesion crusting
Fever	yes, chills, myalgia, arthralgia
Enanthema	painfull erosions mouth, conjunctiva
Exanthema	SCALP, FACE, WHOLE BODY– except palm, soles papule – vesicle – pustule- crust- scar
Complications	bacterial superinfection including pneumonia CNS, PNS Athritis Hepatitis
Recurrence	Herpes zoster



HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

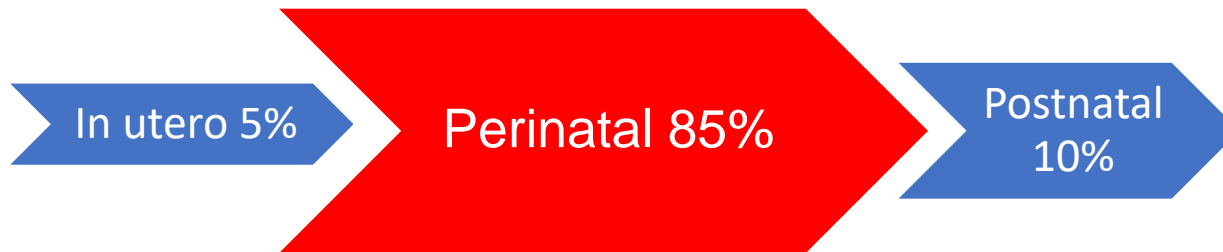
Coxsackie virus (A16)

Vaccination	no
Incubation period	2-3t
Contagiosity	-1-2d to skin lesion crusting
Fever	yes, chills, myalgia, arthralgia
Enanthema	painfull erosions MOUTH, conjunctiva
Exanthema	PALMS and SOLES papulo-vesicle whitish with red border
Complications	dehydration meningitis encephalitis



SELECTED NEONATAL INFECTIONS

HERPES SIMPLEX



- in mother primo-infection 50% risk for fetus

MOTHER INFECTION MIGHT BE ASYMPTOMATIC!!!

no symptoms but virus present in body secretions

NEONATAL HERPES SIMPLEX

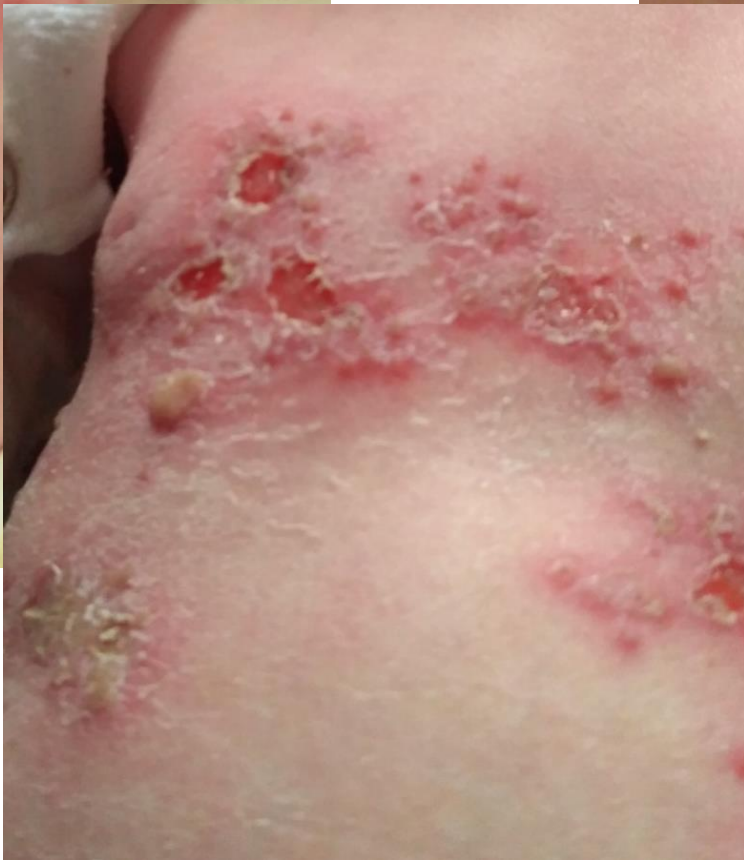
1. Localized: Skin Eyes Mouth – **SEM**
2. CNS with/without SEM
3. Disseminated systemic with/without SEM

7th do 28th day after delivery



40% begins on skin

ALWAYS RULE OUT 2 and 3!!!



DIAGNOSIS

PCR, viral culture

serology: IgM non specific

suspicious CNS damage : EEG – earlier than MRI (3rdd)

THERAPY

ALWAYS SYSTEMIC i.v. acyclovir

LOCAL THERAPY

Skin – Zn, antiseptic, antibiotic – gel, paste

Eyes - antiviral

DIFERENCIAL DG

- Bacterial sepsis
- Enteroviral infection (vesicles)
- Varicella – sepsis, disseminated

- Noninfectious vesicular skin diseases
(incontinentia pigmenti, epidermolysis bullosa...)

CONGENITAL HERPES SIMPLEX

Child is not in sepsis

- ASCENDENT via genital tract
- HEMATOGENOUS viremia in mother primoinfection

Different outcomes:

Death in utero

Skin – **vesicles, scars**

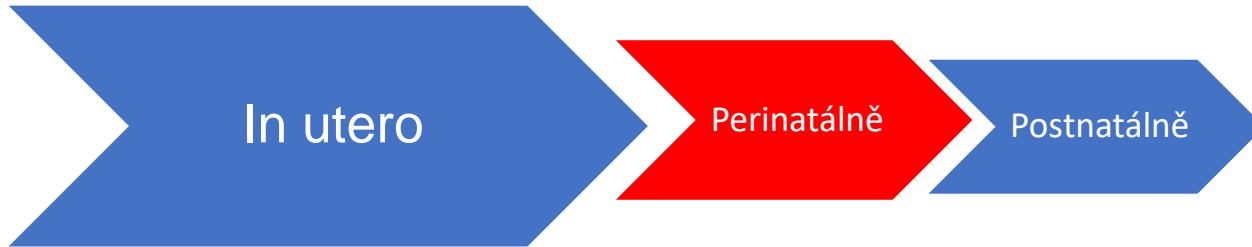
- in site of infection

- visible within 12h

CNS - microcephaly, chorioretinitis, cramps

Limbs – atrophy

VARICELLA-HERPES ZOSTER



PERINATAL INFECTION – the most serious

Mother **symptoms-5/+2d** around delivery

Child symptoms **5-10th d** after delivery

VARICELLA-HERPES ZOSTER IN UTERO

max. risk up to 20thw of pregnancy

fetal damage up to **1%** - induced abortion not indicated

- **CONGENITAL VARICELLA SYNDROM**
not in mother herpes zoster
- **SHINGLES IN CHILDHOOD**

CONGENITAL VARICELLA SYNDROM

Skin – erosions/scars 70%

Muskuloskeletal - hypoplasia

Eyes - chorioretinitis, microphthalmia, caratact

Neurologic - paresis, microcephaly, epilepsy,
ment. retardation



DIAGNOSIS

Amniocentesis, chorionic villus biopsy - PCR

Sonography 20-22nd w

Serology not reliable

NEONATAL CHICKEN POX

IN UTERO manifests up to 12d after delivery

PERINATAL later manifestation

SKIN 1-2w after mother symptoms

various extent : solitary/disseminated – papules, vesicles,
(hemorrhagic/necrotic)

PNEUMONITIS

HEPATITIS

ENCEPHALITIS

Premature baby –
more serious course



VARICELLA-HERPES ZOSTER

POSTNATAL

- From mother
- From other contacts

Mostly respiratory spread

Lower viral load - lower mortality compared to in utero transfer

DIAGNOSIS

Fluid from vesicles, liquor, biopsy

- PCR
- viral cultivation

THErapy ALWAYS SYSTEMIC

i.v. aciclovir

- not treated: mortality 10-30%

Prophylaxis: VZ immunoglobulin i. m. - 72h

- newborn : if mother symptoms -5/+2d
- premature in contact with varicella
- mature in contact with varicella if mother seronegative

Isolation

- child 7d after contact
- child with mother symptomatic 3w before delivery
- no contact with mother skin lesions

PREVENTION

- Serology screening and fertile women vaccination
- non-vaccinated exposed pregnant women – serology negative - prophylaxis VZ immunoglobuline 48(96h) after contact
- **Symptomatic pregnant women (3rd trimester) – systemic treatment**
- Symptoms around delivery– postpone delivery 5-7d (transfer of Ig)
- Varicella in pregnancy - neurologic and eye examination in a child

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

60 pregnant women a year during **COMPULSORY** screening v 3rd and 7thm of pregnancy

Infection of fetus

- Any stage of pregnancy
- Any stage of mother infection
- The longer time after mother infection, the lower risk of transmission to fetus - 30-100%
- **13 cases of syphilis congenita in Czech Republic 1994-2004, 1-5 cases a year**



Infection during delivery?

Up to 3m **chancre**, not congenital syphilis

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

Mother infection in 1st trimester

- treated up to 4thm - placental changes from 3rd m – **healthy child**
- not treated – **abortion/late term stillbirth in 2nd trimester/**

Secondary syphilis in mother – **syphilis congenita recens**

Syphilis tarda in mother – healthy child or **syphilis congenita tarda**

Not diagnosed/not treated/maltreated infection- **syphilis congenita tarda**

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS EARLY (RECENTS)

Manifestation up to 2 years after delivery!

early: more serious infection, worse prognosis

- fully asymptomatic at birth
- premature delivery, low birth weight
- nonspecific sepsis
- hepatomegaly – jaundice, lymphadenopathy
- cytopenia
- skin lesions 30-70%
- osteochondritis – long bones – Parrot pseudoparalysis
X- ray 90% x clinical 15%, periostitis – frontal bones
- meningitis – worse prognosis

SKIN LESIONS IN S.C. RECENS

Rhinitis –coryza syphilitica: first week: mucous to bloody
septum perforation

Exanthema: **papulosquamous, vesicles** predilection PALMS,
SOLES- spontaneous resolution up to 3m

PALMS, SOLES: erythema, infiltration, shiny – **fissures**

Periorificial: nose, mouth, anus:

flat papules and infiltrates –

condylomata lata – **fissures and scars**

Mouth mucosa: erythematous plaques



Congenital syphilis in 2 children in a Bolivian prison, 2013

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SYPHILIS CONGENITA

LATE (TARDA)

Manifestation after 2nd year of life

SKIN: rhagades – Parrot scars periorificial, gumma

BONES: caput quadratum, saddle nose, sabre shin

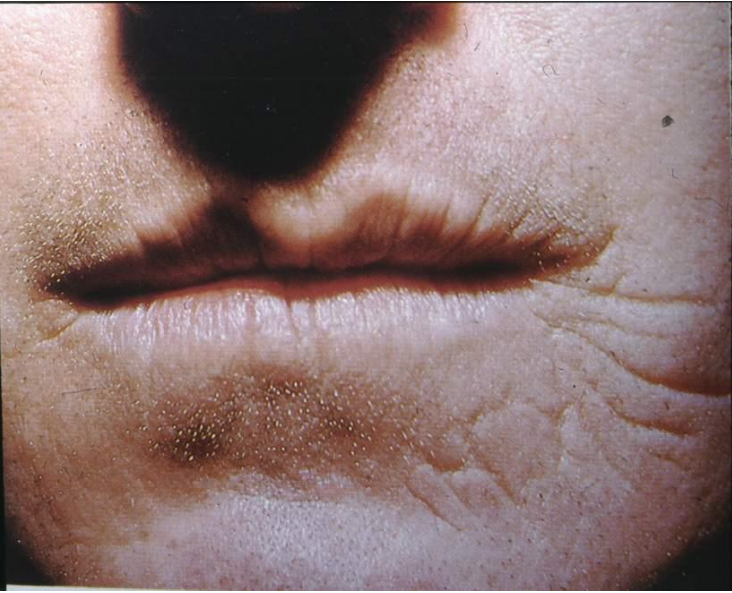
1. TEETH: notched upper incisors.....

2. EYES: **keratitis**, optic atrophy

3. EAR: **deafness**

Hutchinson trias – rarely complete

CNS: neurosyphilis



CONGENITAL SYPHILIS DIAGNOSIS

Serology: cord blood, serum newborn

- non-specific tests: TITRES

- specific tests: IgM positivity

IgG are from mother

Dark field or direct immunofluorescence:

cord blood, skin and mucosal secretions

PCR: from lesions/secretions

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS THERAPY

Systemic : PNC

10d – 3w according to manifestation

FOLLOW UP:

LIFE LONG

child with congenital syphilis

2 YEARS

child from mother with congenital syphilis

SKIN SIGNS OF FOOD ALLERGY

ALLERGEN INTAKE

- ORAL
- SKIN
- AIR
- Cross-reactivity (pollen + food, skin + food)

MECHANISM

IgE

non-IgE

DIAGNOSIS

HISTORY !!!

serology IgE, prick-tests

epicutaneous patch tests

GOLD STANDARD: exposition/elimination test

CLINICAL PICTURE

Timing – according to MECHANISM

(IgE: min-hours, non-IgE: days to weeks)

- Worsening of atopic dermatitis – h/d
- Urticaria – min-h
- Toxoallergic exanthema – often maculopapular – d/w
- Oral allergic syndrome - min-h

Serious: ANAPHYLAXIS

GIT, RESPIRATORY, CARDIOVASCULAR



acute urticaria

(infection? drugs?-
combination?) – short course



toddler with serious atopic
dermatitis

dg. multiple food allergy

on diet: significant reduction of
skin rash



solitary wheels disappear up to 24 h

- if longer than 3m – chronic urticaria
- If more symptoms: fever, arthritis – different diagnosis!!!

THERAPY: ELIMINATION OF TRIGGERS
! NOT ALWAYS EASILY IDENTIFIED!

Antihistamines

Corticoids local and systemic

Anti IgE

Infant most common food allergy **COW'S MILK**
(serious dermatitis, itching, diarrhea, bloody stool)
- often disappears after 1st year

1/4 IgE test positive

3/4 non IgE (serum IgE negative)

Treatment

ELIMINATION DIET – effect after 3-4 weeks

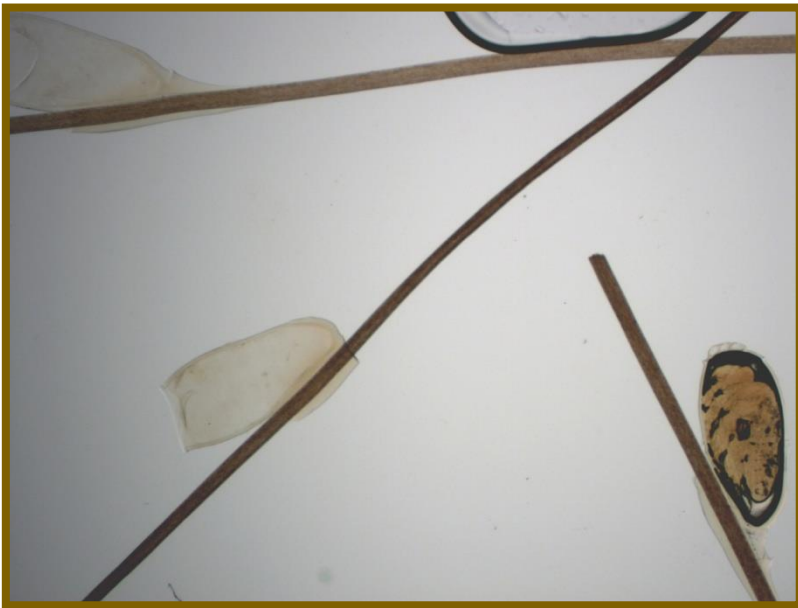
PEDICULOSIS CAPITIS

fresh nits close to head
hatch in 8-12 d
dead nits fixed to hair, move as
hair groves

itchy papules,
hemorrhages



Complication:
bacterial infection



SCABIES



Incubation period - 6w!
In children – head !

Burrows – patognomonic sign



SCABIES

Symptoms:
itch, scratching
irritability
poor feeding

Signs:
papules, vesicles
nodules
excoriation
eczema: erythema+scales

bacterial superinfection

