

“I have a rash!”

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# Disclosures

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- none



# Goals:

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- Compare and contrast some common dermatological conditions
- Present some less common conditions that are mimickers of common conditions

# Case #1:

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- 25 year old healthy female with a new rash x 4 weeks.
  - It is mildly itchy and covers most of her trunk
  - She is feeling well currently, but notes a cold and sore throat prior to the eruption of the rash that has resolved without treatment
  - She recently started a new job that includes public speaking. Due to her anxiety over this she has started prn propranolol.
  - No other medications or chronic medical conditions
  - Family history significant for an uncle that had “skin problems”, no details known
  - Social history: she is single and actively dating. Does admit to recent unprotected intercourse with more than one male partner.



## Clinical exam:



# Differential diagnosis:

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- Guttate psoriasis
- Syphilis
- Pityriasis rosea
- Extensive tinea corporis



## A little more history...

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- She does feel that the rash started with one plaque on her right anterior hip about a week before it exploded all over her body

# Diagnosis:

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- Pityriasis rosea!
- Should you get an RPR?



# Treatment:

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- Topical steroids if needed to help with itching
- Consider biopsy if does not resolve within 12 weeks

# Considerations:

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- What if she had strep throat prior to the eruption of the rash?
- What if she had erythematous macules on her palms?
- What if you saw her the first week, when she only had one lesion?
- Is the addition of propranolol important?





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## Case #2

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- 40 year old female with new onset hair loss first noticed by her hair dresser, however it is progressing quickly.
  - She is relatively healthy with history of Raynaud's phenomenon and mild psoriasis affecting her elbows and knees, no other chronic medical conditions
  - She is on no new medications, however she takes a variety of vitamins and supplements
  - Family history significant for a sister with psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis
  - Social history: she plays roller derby and does cross fit
  - ROS: fatigue, although notes she has not decreased her activity level



# Clinical exam:



# Differential diagnosis

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- Alopecia areata
- Flaring scalp psoriasis
- Lupus
- Lichen planopilaris



# Treatment

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- Treatment with intralesional kenalog and topical clobetasol scalp solution are initiated in addition to the recommendations of start Minoxidil
- At follow up she is showing significant improvement

# Considerations

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- What if she had diffuse redness and scaling in addition to the alopecia?
- What if her systemic symptoms continued/progressed?





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## Case #3

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- 63 year old obese male following up after a visit to the ER the day before. He notes bilateral leg swelling with itching and pain. Notes several blisters and oozing as well. Notes this started a few weeks ago.
  - Afebrile, generally feeling well
  - Diagnosed with bilateral leg cellulitis and started on Keflex at the ER
  - Past medical history significant for hypertension and hyperlipidemia
  - Medications: several, recently started amlodipine about 6 weeks ago



# Clinical exam



# Differential diagnosis

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- Cellulitis
- Bullous pemphigoid
- Stasis dermatitis



# Treatment

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- Slather legs in triamcinolone 0.1% ointment and place unna wrap or profore dressing. Remove in 1 week and replace if needed.
- Or have patient apply triamcinolone at home then wrap with wet gauze/cloths and soak for 20 minutes daily x 2 weeks. Compression stockings during the day are a must.







# Case #4

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- 36 year old obese female with acne in her arm pits, under her breasts, and in her groin. Present for several years. Worsening with time although waxes and wanes.
  - Current daily smoker
  - Otherwise healthy on no prescription medications, IUD for contraception
  - Family history of severe acne and diabetes





# Differential diagnosis

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- Acne vulgaris
- Recurrent furunculosis
- Hidradenitis suppurativa



# Treatment

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- Benzoyl peroxide wash
- Topical clindamycin
- Oral antibiotics (doxycycline) for flares
- Intralesional Kenalog injections
- Punch derroof with curettage
- Isotretinoin
- TNF inhibitors
- Surgery
- Stop smoking!!!







## Case #5

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- 47 yo male with new onset itchy rash on his forearms, seems to be appearing within his tattoos, but is also on non-tattooed skin. He has applied over the counter hydrocortisone with some relief of his itching.
  - PMHx: atopic dermatitis, asthma
  - Fhx: unremarkable
  - Meds: triamcinolone, albuterol





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# Differential diagnosis

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- Sarcoidosis
- Granuloma annulare
- Tinea corporis



# Treatment

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- Biopsy if unsure
- High potency topical steroids +/- occlusion
- Intralesional injections
- Phototherapy







# Eczema or psoriasis?

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# Intertrigo?

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Thank you!!!

