

# Common Pediatric Dermatologic Disorders

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# Learning Objectives

- Recognize features of several common skin conditions in children.
- Describe the features that support the correct diagnosis.
- Understand the recommended therapy for each condition.

# Case #1

- 2 yr old female
- History of atopic dermatitis
- Flare worsening despite use of topical steroids
- Fever, malaise



# Diagnosis?

- a) Eczema exacerbation
- b) Impetigo
- c) Eczema herpeticum
- d) Viral exanthem

# Eczema Herpeticum

- HSV infection
- atopic dermatitis, other skin disease
- fever, malaise, widespread vesicles and erosions
- Complications:
  - keratoconjunctivitis
  - bacterial superinfection

# Eczema Herpeticum

- Diagnosis
  - History and physical appearance
  - HSV culture
  - PCR

# Eczema Herpeticum

- Inpatient Management:
  - IV Acyclovir: 10 mg/kg/dose q 8 hr
  - antibiotic as indicated (bacterial cx!)
  - hydration, pain and fever control
- Outpatient management (po)
  - Acyclovir: 20 mg/kg/dose four times a day
    - Max dose = 800 mg four times a day

# Eczema Herpeticum

- Topical
  - No topical steroids!
  - Domeboro's soaks
    - 10 min each bid-tid
  - Bland emollients
- Lesions on eyelids
  - OPHTHO consult!



# Cutaneous HSV



# Beware Impetigo!





# Case #2

- Previously healthy 2 mo old female
- 1 month of “worsening rash”
- treated with unknown oral antibiotic
- ? Mild itch
- No fever or other signs of illness
- No known sick contacts
- No contacts with rash





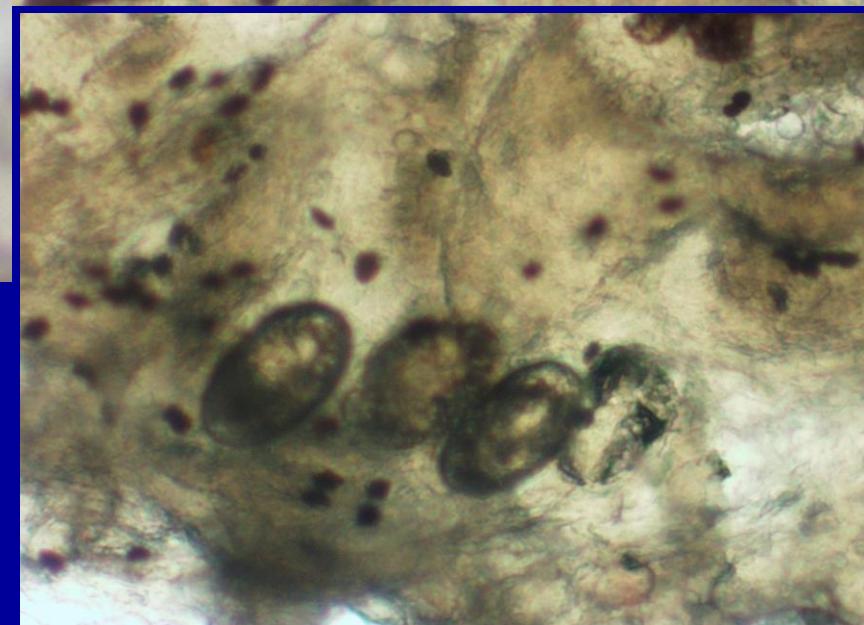
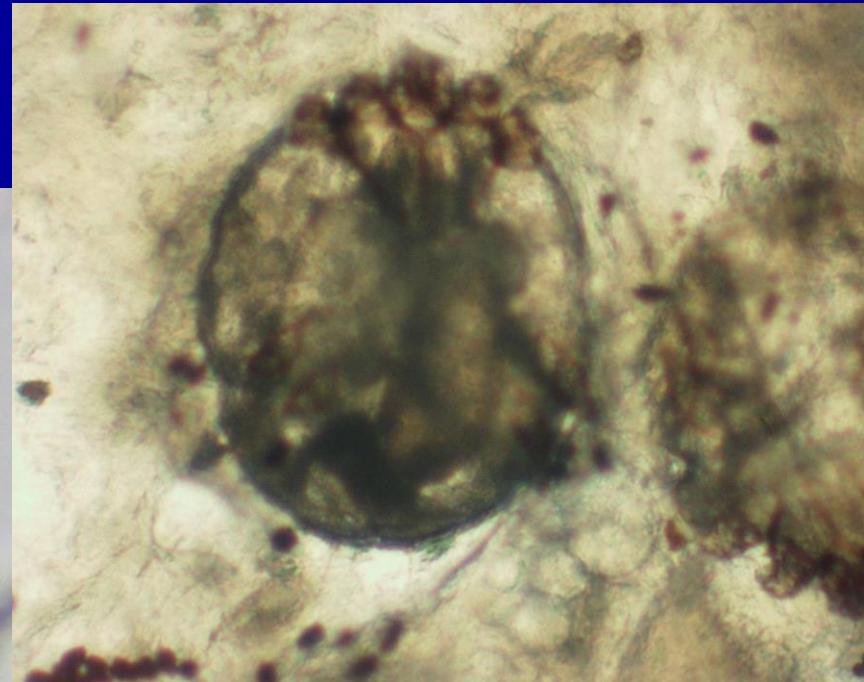
# Diagnosis?

- a) Langerhans cell histiocytosis
- b) Leukemia cutis
- c) Viral exanthem
- d) Scabies



# Burrows





# Scabies

- Treatment (off label for <2 mos or pregnant/BF)
  - Permethrin cream 5% (Elimite)
    - Neck down for children/adults
    - **Include scalp/face for infants**
    - Leave overnight (8-14 hours)
    - Wash off in a.m.
    - Repeat treatment in one week
  - Launder clothing/bedding
    - Hot water, hot dryer
    - Large items: dry-clean or seal in bag for 1 week

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Modi et al. Dermatol Online J 2018 May 15; 24(5).

# Scabies

- Education!
  - Treat all household members/close contacts at least once
    - Even if asymptomatic!
  - Treat twice if itch/rash
  - Itching/rash may take several weeks to clear
    - Antihistamines
    - Mild topical steroid

# Case #3

- 2 mo old FT healthy male
- Rhinorrhea/congestion
- Fussiness
- Red/tender skin
- Crusting around mouth
- Blisters and “peeling” of skin







# Diagnosis?

- a) Impetigo
- b) Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS)
- c) Staph Scalded Skin Syndrome (SSSS)
- d) Toxic Epidermolysis Necrosis (TEN)

# Staph Scalded Skin Syndrome (SSSS)

- *Staph aureus*
  - Exfoliative toxin
  - Cleavage at superficial epidermis
    - Stratum granulosum
  - Pathogenesis:
    - Target Desmoglein 1
  - Why neonates and young kids?
    - Lack of antitoxin antibodies
    - Low renal excretion of toxin

# SSSS

- Source?
  - Eyes, nares, perioral, perineum, umbilicus
- Clinical
  - Fever, malaise, irritability
  - Tender erythema, fragile bullae, erythematous erosions
  - Flexural creases
  - + Nikolsky sign

# SSSS

- Diagnosis
  - Clinical
  - Culture? Where?
- TEN?
  - Mucosal involvement
  - Sub epidermal split

# SSSS

- Treatment
  - Clindamycin
  - PCNase resistant PCN
  - Cephalosporin
  - MRSA: vancomycin
- Supportive care
  - IVF's
  - Pain control
  - Wound care
    - Gentle cleansing, soaks, emollient





# Case #4

- Previously healthy 14 yr old male
- Hospitalized for three days for “facial cellulitis”
- After d/c, rash/swelling of face recurred
- Returned to the ED and was referred to dermatology



# Diagnosis?

- a) Cellulitis
- b) Eczema herpeticum
- c) Allergic contact dermatitis
- d) Pustular psoriasis

# ACD

- Acute lesions
  - Erythema, edema, papules, vesicles/bullae, oozing
  - Sharply defined
  - Intense pruritus
  - Multiple areas
  - Secondary bacterial infection possible
    - More purulent
    - More tender

# Bacterial Cellulitis

- Factors that may be helpful
  - Tenderness/pain prominent
  - Borders less sharply defined
  - Malaise/fever
  - Elevated wbc
  - Child looks sicker
    - Especially if facial

# Treatment of ACD

- Systemic steroids
  - 1-2 mg/kg/day (max of 60 mg/day)
  - Slow taper
    - 10-14 days
  - Domeboro's soaks
  - Bland emollient

# ACD



# Facial Cellulitis



# Case #5

- Previously healthy 14 mo old female
- 2 day history of fever, URI
- Seen by PMD yesterday and started on Augmentin for OM



# Diagnosis?

- a) Erythema multiforme
- b) Stevens Johnson syndrome
- c) Urticaria
- d) “Serum sickness”

# Urticaria

- Transient, erythematous wheals
- Small, localized vs. large, generalized areas
- SQ involvement- giant urticaria, acute annular urticaria
  - Swelling of face, distal extremities
  - Acrocyanosis
  - Central duskiness
    - “urticaria multiforme”





# Urticaria

- Etiology
  - Acute <6 weeks
    - Children, viral infection
    - Other infection(s)
    - Foods
    - 10% drug-related
      - » Penicillins
  - Chronic >6 weeks
    - Less common in children
    - 80% idiopathic

# Urticaria

- Treatment
  - Eliminate trigger
  - Symptomatic
    - Antihistamines
      - sedating/non-sedating H1 and H2
    - Other
      - Cool baths, cool compresses
      - Cooling lotions (Sarna®, Eucerin® Calming)
    - ? Steroids

# Erythema Multiforme



# Erythema Multiforme

- Triggers
  - HSV
  - *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*
  - Drugs

# Erythema Multiforme

- Eruption is symmetric
  - Any area of body
  - Often on palms/soles
- Appears over 3-7 days
- Fixed for several days
- Usually asymptomatic
  - Slight burning/itching

# Erythema Multiforme

- Up to 50% with oral lesions (mild)
  - Swelling/crusting of lips
  - Erosions on tongue/buccal mucosa
    - Must have 2 or more mucous membranes for SJS!
- Lesions heal over 2-3 weeks
  - Post-inflammatory pigmentary changes

# Erythema Multiforme

- Treatment is largely symptomatic
  - Oral antihistamines
  - Domeboro's soaks
  - Bland emollient
- Close monitoring for progression
- Steroids not indicated

# Stevens Johnson Syndrome (SJS)



# Case #6

- 2 yr old healthy male
- Spent his first week at daycare
- Now has a fever and diffuse rash of small erythematous macules and papules on the lower face, trunk, arms, and legs







# Diagnosis?

- a) Eczema herpeticum
- b) Varicella
- c) Atypical HFM
- d) Impetigo

# Atypical HFM

- Classic HFM
  - CV A16, EV 71
  - Fever, malaise, herpangina
  - Rash
    - Papules, vesicles
    - Palms, soles, distal extremities, buttocks

# Atypical HFM

- Coxsackie A6
  - Mild viral illness
  - Rash
    - Papules, vesicles, bullae, petechiae/purpura
    - Gianotti Crosti-like distribution
      - Cheeks, buttocks, extensors
    - “Eczema coxsackium”

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# Atypical HFM

- Transmission
  - Fecal/oral, oral/oral, respiratory
- Incubation
  - 3 to 6 days
- Viral shedding
  - Stool
  - 4 to 8 weeks

# Atypical HFM

- Course
  - 1 to 2 weeks
- Treatment
  - supportive

















# Case #7

- 2 yr old female
- 2 month history of recurrent crops of pruritic erythematous papules, primarily on arms and legs
  - Few lesions on neck, waist
- Has been treated for impetigo and scabies







# Diagnosis?

- a) Scabies
- b) Varicella
- c) Papular urticaria
- d) Impetigo

# Papular Urticaria

- Hypersensitivity reaction to insect bites
- Chronic/recurrent papular eruption
- Erythematous, edematous papules
  - Grouped, clustered
  - Distal extremities

# Papular Urticaria

- Pruritic
  - excoriated, eroded
  - crusted
  - secondary bacterial infection

# Papular Urticaria

- Insect repellent
  - Picaridin vs. DEET
    - Off Family Care™ with picaridin
- Antihistamines
  - Cetirizine in am
  - Benadryl/Hydroxyzine qhs prn

# Papular Urticaria

- Potent topical steroid
  - Wet wraps
- Topical antibiotic
- Education!

# Case #8

- 6 yr old healthy female
- 1 month history of rash on lower face, neck, and chest
- Mildly itchy
- New guinea pig at home



# Diagnosis?

- a) Psoriasis
- b) Subacute cutaneous lupus
- c) Tinea corporis
- d) Nummular eczema

# Tinea Corporis

- Superficial fungal infection of skin
- Transmission via contact with infected person or animal
- Dermatophytes
  - *Microsporum*
  - *Trichophyton*

Paller A, Mancini A. 2006. Hurwitz Clinical Pediatric Dermatology. Philadelphia: Elsevier.  
pp. 449-463.

# Clinical Manifestations

- Classic: one or more well-defined annular scaly erythematous plaques with central clearing and a scaly, vesicular, papular, or pustular border



# Tinea Corporis (cont.)

- Use of topical steroids may alter appearance
  - Tinea incognito



# Majocchi's Granuloma

- Granulomatous folliculitis
  - Erythematous plaques or patches studded with papules and/or nodules
  - Deeper infection of follicles
  - Systemic therapy



# Diagnosis

- Clinical presentation
  - History and physical examination
- KOH prep
  - Scrape active border
- Fungal culture

# Treatment

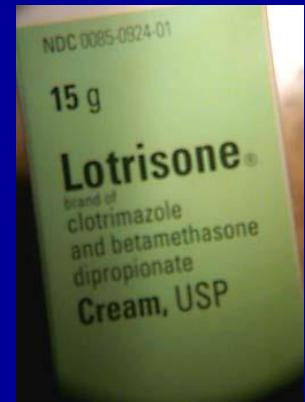
- Topical for superficial/localized
  - bid for at least 2-4 weeks
  - Treat affected area and rim of “normal” skin
- If no improvement
  - Reconsider diagnosis
  - If culture +, proceed to oral therapy
    - Griseofulvin, terbinafine

Agent	Dermatophyte	Yeast	Tinea versicolor
Butenafine	+		
Ciclopirox	+	+	+
Clotrimazole	+	+	+
Econazole	+	+	+
Ketoconazole	+	+	+
Miconazole	+	+	+
Naftifine	+		
Nystatin		+	
Oxiconazole	+		
Terbinafine	+		
Tolnaftate	+		+



# Combination Products

- Combination antifungal/topical steroid
  - Lotrisone®
    - clotrimazole and betamethasone propionate
  - Mycolog II®
    - nystatin and triamcinolone acetonide
- Often result in persistent/worsening infection
- Relatively strong topical steroids
  - Atrophy, striae, telangiectasias
- Generally not recommended



# Nummular Atopic Dermatitis

- Not annular!
- Very pruritic



# Psoriasis

- “dull pink” erythema
- silvery or white micaceous scale
- nummular lesions
- distribution



# Case #9

- 15 yr old healthy female
- 6 month history of “rash” on chest and back
- Asymptomatic



# Diagnosis?

- a) Confluent and reticulated papillomatosis
- b) Subacute cutaneous lupus
- c) Tinea corporis
- d) Tinea Versicolor

# Tinea versicolor

- Pityriasis versicolor
- Common superficial fungal disorder of skin
- Caused by yeast forms of dimorphic fungus  
*Malassezia furfur*
  - *Pityrosporum orbiculare*, *Pityrosporum ovale*
- Normal skin flora
- Usually presents in adolescence

# Clinical Manifestations

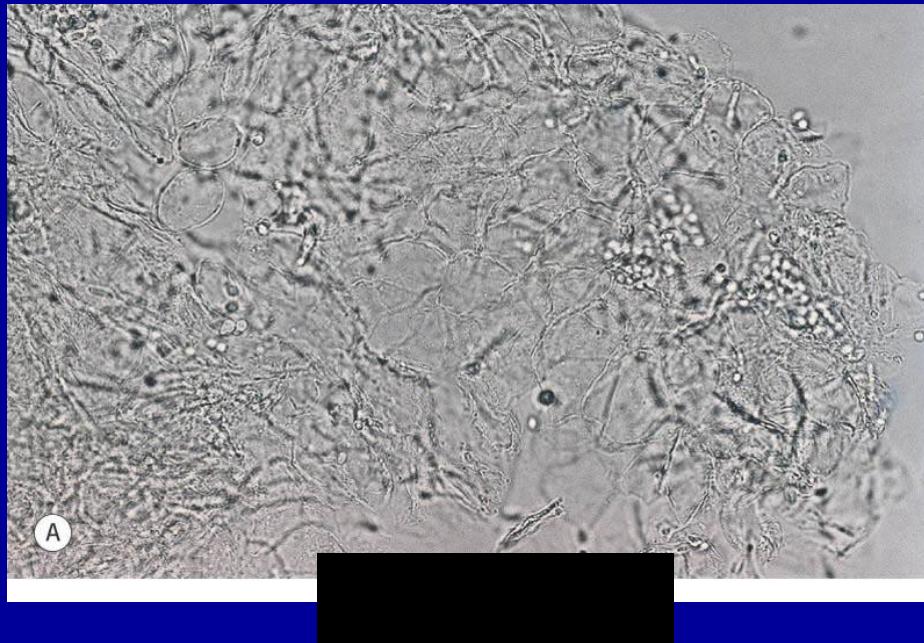
- Multiple scaling, oval macules, patches and thin plaques over upper trunk, proximal arms, sometimes peripheral face and neck
- Hyper- or hypopigmented
  - Azelaic acid production
- More prominent in summer

# Tinea versicolor



# Making the Diagnosis

- KOH prep
  - “spaghetti and meatballs” (hyphae and spores)



# Treatment

- Education
  - Tends to be chronic
  - Recurrences common
- Topical therapy
  - Selenium sulfide lotion/shampoo 2.5%
  - Ketoconazole shampoo 2%
    - Applied for 10 min. daily for 1-2 weeks, then 2-3 times per week for maintenance

# Treatment

- Severe, recurrent, fails topical therapy
  - Systemic therapy (adult dosing)
    - Fluconazole 200-400 mg po x 1
      - May repeat in 1 week if severe
    - Should still use topical for maintenance

# Pityriasis alba

- Most common on face
- Usually atopic background
- Less extensive
- Blotchy, poorly defined



# Thank You!

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