

Advanced Pediatric Dermatology: When Hydrocortisone and Dermatology Referral Aren't Enough



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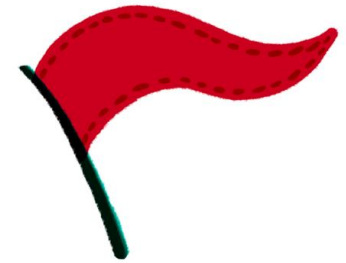
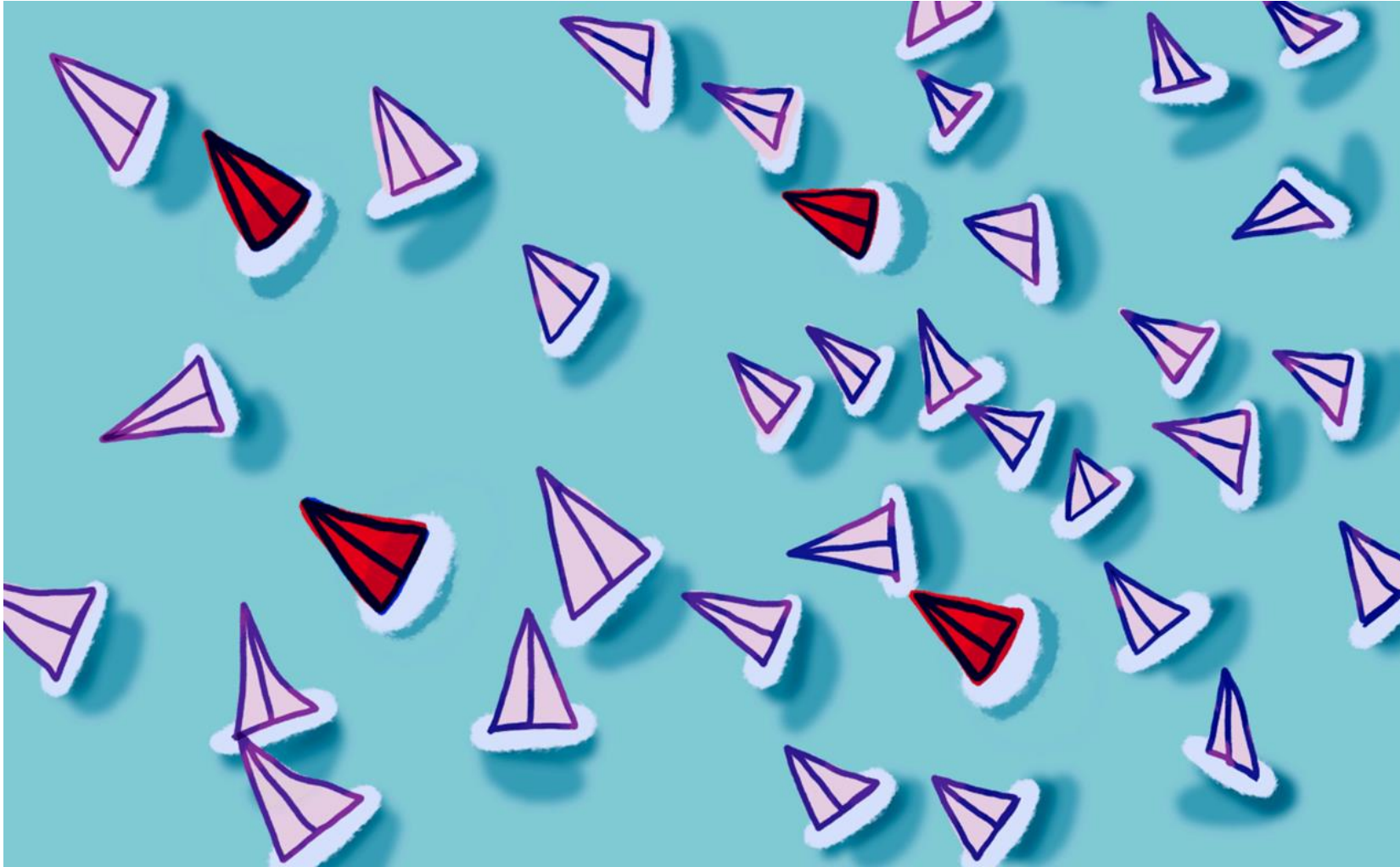


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Objectives

- Identify red flag signs and symptoms in pediatric dermatology
- Diagnose the high-risk illnesses associated with these red flag signs and symptoms
- Develop management strategies for urgent and emergent pediatric rashes

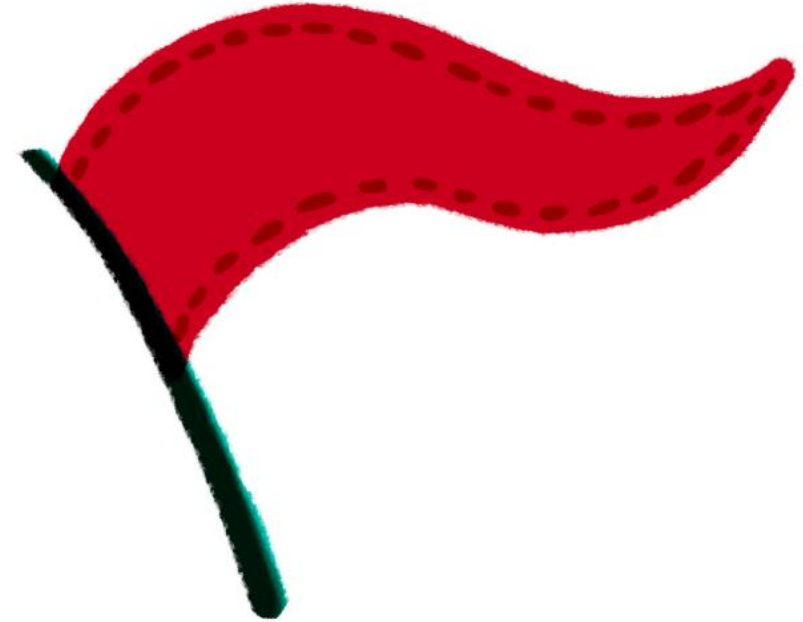


Red Flags in Rashes

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- Ill Appearing
- Mucous Membrane Involvement
- Palms and Soles
- Nikolsky's Sign
- Non-blanching
- Exposure
- Vesicular
- Tender/Painful



Mucous Membranes

Palms and Soles

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Case 1

14 mo male with fever,
URI symptoms for 4 days, with
conjunctivitis, maculopapular rash
spreading from face to
trunk, pinpoint white spots on
buccal mucosa. Irritable
but consolable, nontoxic.



What's Your Diagnosis?

- A. Staph Scalded Skin
- B. Erythema Multiforme
- ➔ C. Measles
- D. Roseola

Measles

- Incubation ~10 days
- Airborne Transmission
- Stage 1 Prodrome. Lasts 2-4 days
 - Fever + Cough, Coryza, Conjunctivitis* (3C's)
 - **Koplik spots mouth – pathognomonic!**
- Stage 2. Lasts 5-6 days
 - Rash spreads from face down to hands/feet
- Contagious 4 days before symptoms to 4 days after rash



Measles

- Isolate the patient, mask
- Call DOH – send screening labs:
 - Blood - Measles IgM
 - Urine – PCR
 - Nasopharyngeal swab

Urgent Care Management - Contain the spread - Don't transfer unless toxic



Complications of Measles

- AOM
 - Pneumonia
 - Bacterial superinfection (5%)
 - Encephalitis (0.1%)
 - Hearing or vision loss
 - Later: Subacute sclerosing panencephalitis
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- **Case Fatality rate 4-10% worldwide**
 - **US fatality rate ~1/1000**
 - Usually due to PNA or encephalitis



Measles – like Rashes

- Epstein Barr Virus (Mono)



- Human Herpesvirus 6 (Roseola)



Other Pediatric Viral Illness with Enanthem

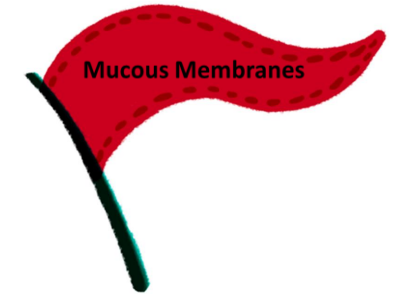
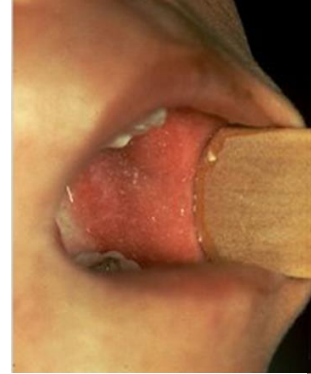
- Measles 

- Rubella 

- Enteroviruses (Coxsackie virus)

- Herpes simplex virus

- Varicella +/-



Another Common Infection with Enanthem – Group A Strep

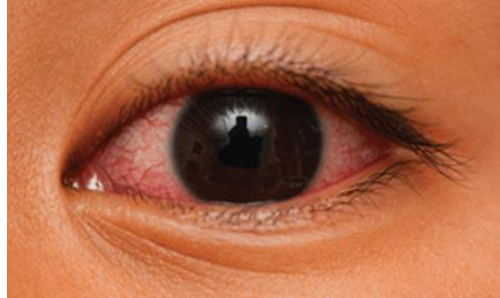
- Fine scarlatiniform rash
- Starts on trunk, spreads outwards to extremities and head/neck, usually spares palms and soles
- **Most marked in skin folds = Pastia's lines**
- +/- Fever, pharyngitis
- Rapid strep test



Urgent Care Management - Amoxicillin

Case 2

3 yo male with 5 days of fever,
fussiness, cervical lymphadenopathy.
Additional findings on exam:




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What do you suspect?

A. Scarlet Fever

 B. Kawasaki Disease

C. Enteroviral infection

D. Measles

Kawasaki Disease

- Diagnosis: Child with fever ≥ 5 days and at least 4 of the 5 following criteria:
 - Bilateral bulbar conjunctival injection
 - Oral mucous membrane changes
 - Injected/fissured lips, injected pharynx, strawberry tongue
 - Peripheral extremity changes
 - Erythema of palms/soles, edema of hands/feet, periungual desquamation
 - Polymorphous rash
 - Cervical lymphadenopathy (at least 1 node ≥ 1.5 cm diameter)

Urgent Care Management - Transfer to hospital (IVIG, aspirin, cardiology), if does not meet criteria but concerned, may begin outpatient workup:

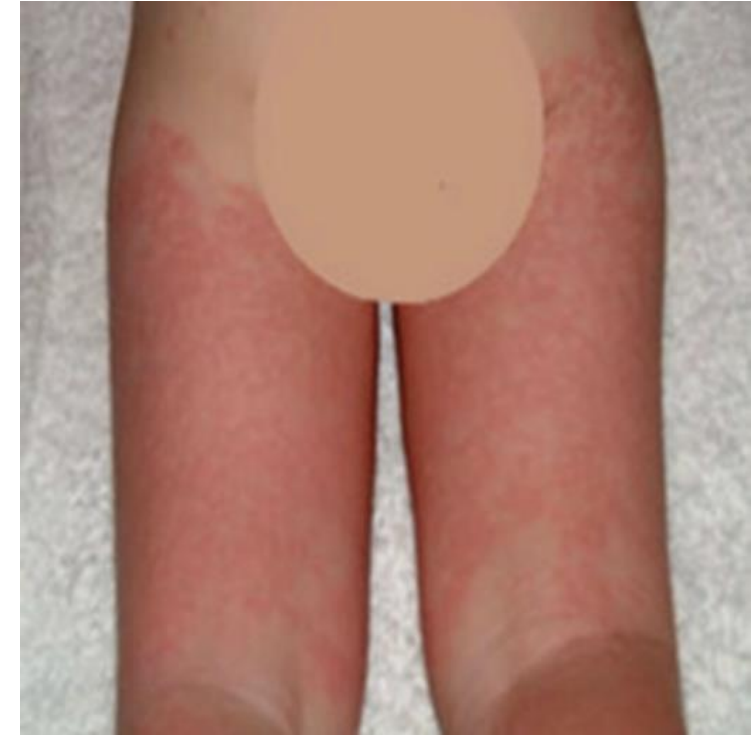
If <3 criteria present, or if child is <6 mos old with ≥ 7 days of unexplained fever, consider laboratory work-up for incomplete/atypical disease



Case 3

16 yo female with 2 days of fever to 39C, body aches, abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. Yesterday developed rash over her whole body that resembled a sunburn. Today, she almost fainted when she tried to get out of bed because she was light-headed.

On exam: T 34C, HR 160, RR 30, BP 70/50. She is ill-appearing, with injected conjunctivae. She has total body erythroderma, worse on inner thighs, palms and soles, with oral mucosal hyperemia. Cap refill ~5 sec.



What's the Organism?

- A. Strep pyogenes
- B. Rickettsia rickettsii
- C. Borrelia burgdorferi
- ➔ D. Staph aureus

Toxic Shock Syndrome

Epidemiology

- 50% menstrual (highly-absorbent tampons)
- 50% other (post surgical, wound infxn)

Diagnosis = Clinical + Labs

- **TRIAD = Fever, hypotension, rash**
- Diffuse erythroderma (like sunburn), including palms and soles
- Desquamation 1-2 weeks later
- 3 organ involvement
- Labs – Wound and MM culture



Toxic Shock Syndrome

Erythroderma of skin & mucous membranes

- 1-2 wks → pruritic maculopapular rash
- 1-3 wks → desquamation of palms & soles

Urgent Care Management

- Early transfer to ED
 - Early IV Antibiotics – Clindamycin + Vancomycin
 - Early Aggressive fluid management
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- Mortality = 5% non-menstrual, 1.8% menstrual



Case 4

3 yo male with fever, irritability.
Sandpaper-like rash which has
begun to peel around mouth.
Lesions peel off with
pressure. Oropharynx is clear.



Staph Scalded Skin

- Children < 6 years old, newborns especially susceptible
- Exfoliative toxins
- Initial pharyngitis, conjunctivitis, rhinorrhea, or impetigo
- Fever & irritability followed by rash
- Nontoxic appearing



Nikolsky's Sign

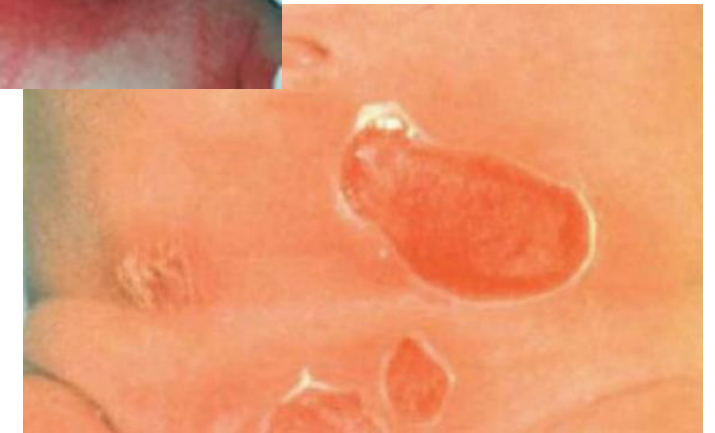


Staph Scalded Skin

- Erythroderma
- Blisters form 1-2 days later, perioral and creases, mucous membrane involvement rare
- Early desquamation
 - Skin peels off in sheets (Nikolsky's sign) → Like a burn

Urgent Care Approach - Transfer for inpatient management:

- Parental antibiotics
 - Fluid management
 - Wound care
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- Mortality = 1-5% infants, 20-30% adults



Nikolsky's sign is pathognomonic for all of the following except...

A. Staph Scalded Skin

 B. Herpes Simplex Dermatitis

C. Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis

D. Pemphigus

Stevens-Johnson Syndrome - Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis

- Idiosyncratic reactions, usually triggered by medications or infection (mycoplasma, HSV)
- **Fever and mucocutaneous lesions, then necrosis and sloughing of epidermis**
 - Prodrome fever & malaise, followed by rapid onset of erythematous/purpuric macules & plaques, pain, with progression to epidermal necrosis and sloughing
 - Mucosal involvement in > 90% of cases
- Distinguished by severity & percentage of BSA:
 - SJS: Sloughing < 10% of body surface
 - TEN: Sloughing > 30% of body surface



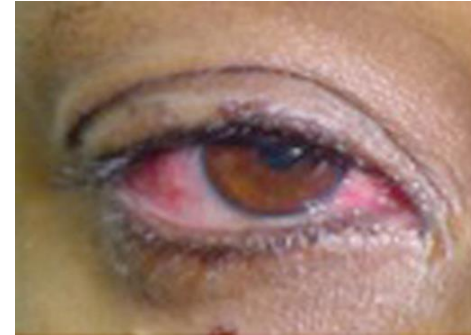
SJS - TEN Spectrum

Diagnosis:

- based on history & clinical findings

Urgent Care Management - Transfer to hospital

- Wound care
- Fluid & electrolyte management
- Pain control & supportive care

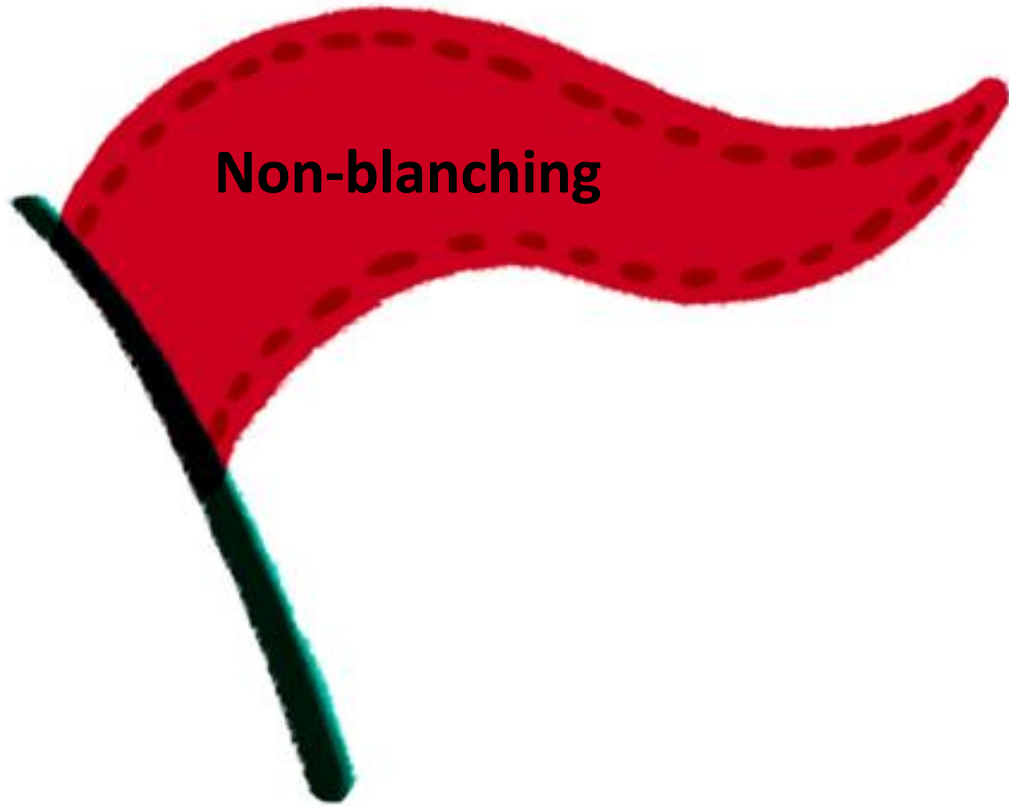


Case 5

18 yo female presents with 6 hour history of fever and rash. Patient states she feels ill and complains of dizziness.

Initial vitals: T 40.3C, HR 120, BP 90/60. The rash is concentrated on the extremities, purplish-red in color, non-blanching.

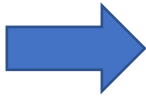




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What do you suspect?

-  A. Meningococcal infection
- B. Henoch-Schonlein Purpura
- C. Gonococcal Infection
- D. Toxic Shock Syndrome

Meningococemia

- *Neisseria meningococcus*
- Sudden onset fever, nausea, vomiting, headache, and myalgias
- About ¼ of patients with fever, neck stiffness, and altered mental status
- **Petechial rash** on trunk and lower body
- Progression into larger **purpuric and ecchymotic lesions**
- Eventually purpura fulminans = acute onset of cutaneous hemorrhage and necrosis due to vascular thrombosis/DIC



RASH- EARLY STAGES



RASH- FINAL STAGES

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Meningococccemia

Rapid progression within hours: hypotension, tachycardia, shock, DIC

Urgent Care Management - Transfer to hospital

- Administer ceftriaxone while awaiting transfer
- Report to DOH within 24 hours



Petechiae & Purpura - Differential Diagnoses

- Neisseria meningococcus
- Sepsis – bacterial or viral
- Henoch-Schonlein purpura
- Immune Thrombocytopenic purpura
- Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Leukemia
- Aplastic anemia
- Disseminated intravascular coagulation
- Vomiting or Coughing – above the nipple line



Henoch-Schonlein Purpura

Epidemiology

- 3-15 yrs
- 50% preceded by URI

Diagnosis = Clinical

- **Palpable purpura (~100%)**
- Joint pain (50-75%)
- Colicky abdominal pain (20-30%)
 - If severe, need to r/o intussusception!
- Nephritis(20-50%)



Urgent Care Management

- UA – blood, protein
- Check blood pressure
- Consider BMP to r/o renal disease
- Consider screening CBC, PT/PTT/INR
- Close follow up

Immune Thrombocytopenic Purpura

Sudden appearance **petechiae and purpura** +/- bleeding

- 60% cases: prior infection
- Usually well appearing

Diagnosis:

- Isolated thrombocytopenia
- No associated conditions that can cause thrombocytopenia

Labs:

- CBC – platelets usually < 20,000
- Peripheral blood smear

Risk of bleeding:

- Platelets < 30,000
- Mucosal bleeding



Urgent Care Management

- Consult Hematology
- Hospital Transfer

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

- *Rickettsia rickettsia* – South/Midwest but across US

- Transmitted by Ticks (*Dermacentor* sp).
- Incubation period 2-14 days from tick bite

- Clinical Presentation:

- Early: fever, headache, malaise, myalgias, abdominal pain, nausea/vomiting
- Rash develops between 3rd & 5th days:
 - Maculopapular initially, then becomes petechial due to small vessel vasculitis
 - Starts on ankles and wrists, spreading both centrally and to palms and soles



- Diagnosis is clinical - serologic testing not helpful in early stage

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Urgent Care Management

- If treated within 5 days, mortality decreased
- Suspect if fever, headache with Hx tick bite
 - Endemic areas → Don't wait for rash!
 - Doxycycline (all ages)
 - Serology: IFA assay – paired testing

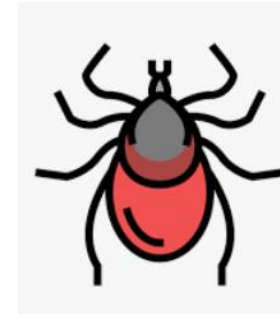
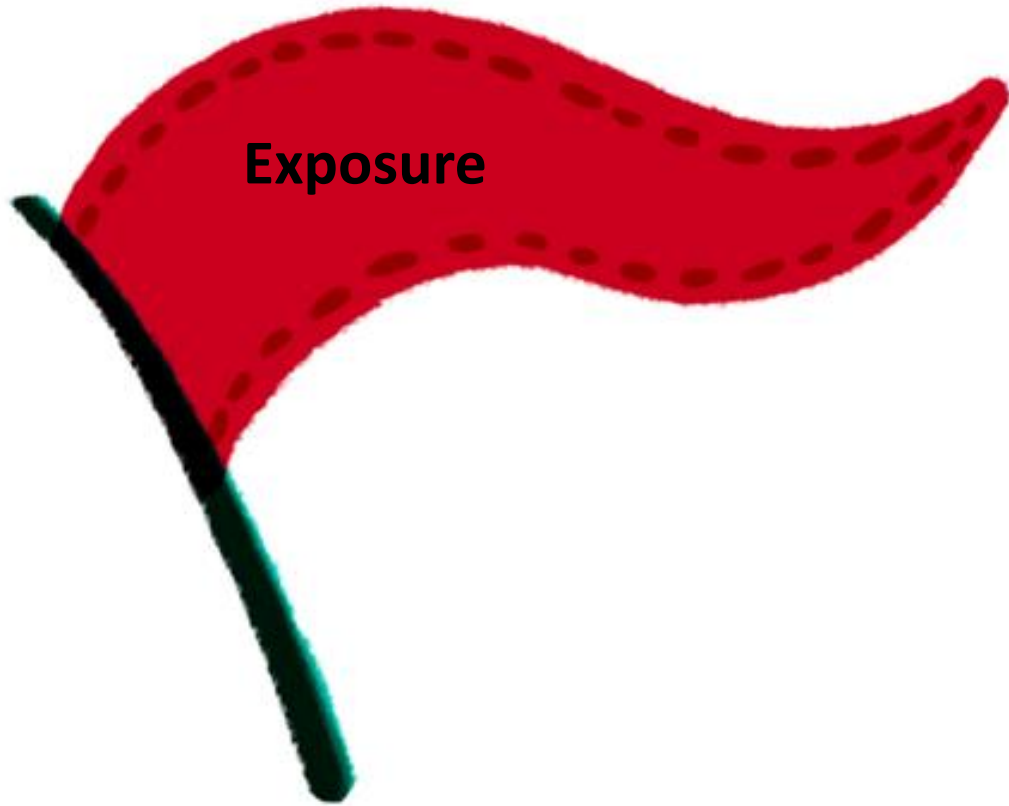
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever



Transfer to ER if ill appearing, non-blanching rash

- IV Doxycycline (all ages)
- IV Ceftriaxone to cover for Meningococemia





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Exposure - Sexually Active

Patient 1: 19 yr old M with 2 days of fever, achy knees and wrists, and a few skin lesions. He has no urogenital symptoms.



Patient 2: 20 yr old M with 3 days of fever, fatigue, headache, and 2 days of multiple scattered skin lesions.



Patients 1 and 2 have rashes due to...

- A. Syphilis, Gonorrhea
- B. Trichomonas, Chlamydia
- C. Mpox, Coxsackievirus
- ➔ D. Gonorrhea, Mpox

Disseminated Gonorrhea

Clinical Presentation, two types:

- Purulent arthritis without skin lesions
- **Tenosynovitis, dermatitis, polyarthralgia syndrome**
 - Fever, chills, malaise
 - Multiple tendons involved
 - Cutaneous manifestations:
 - Pustular or vesicopustular, hemorrhagic pustules
 - Painless, few in number (<40), transient



Urgent Care Management -

- Transfer to hospital (IV ceftriaxone)

Mpox

Orthopoxvirus (along with Smallpox)

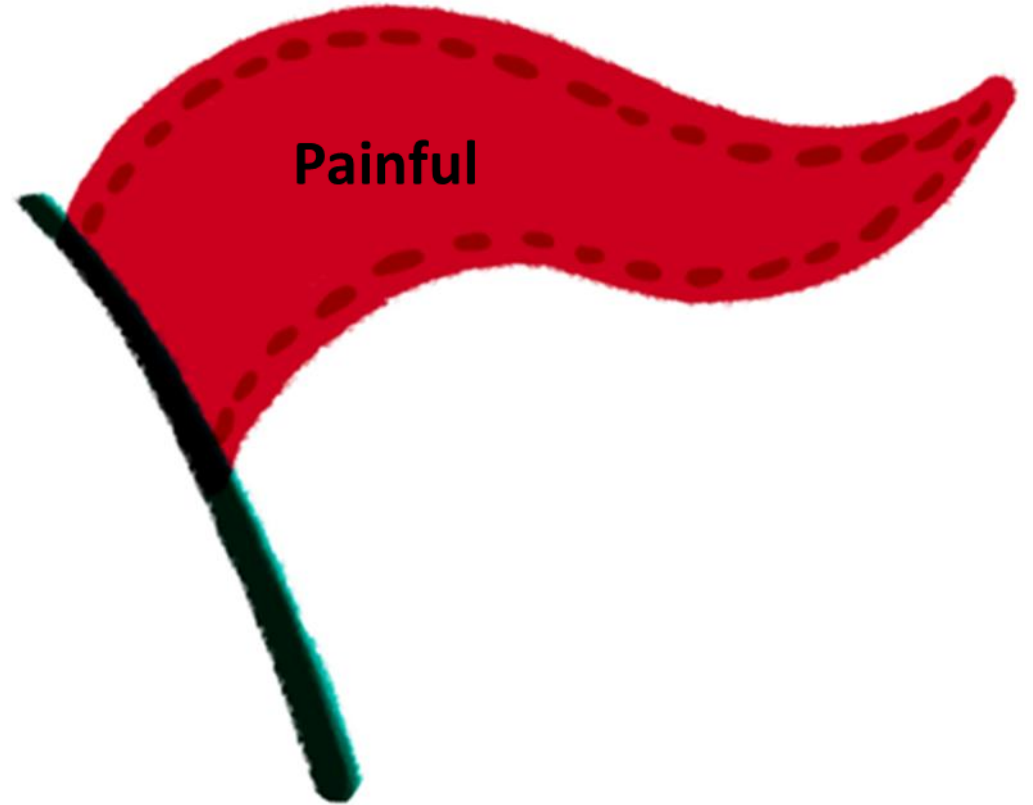
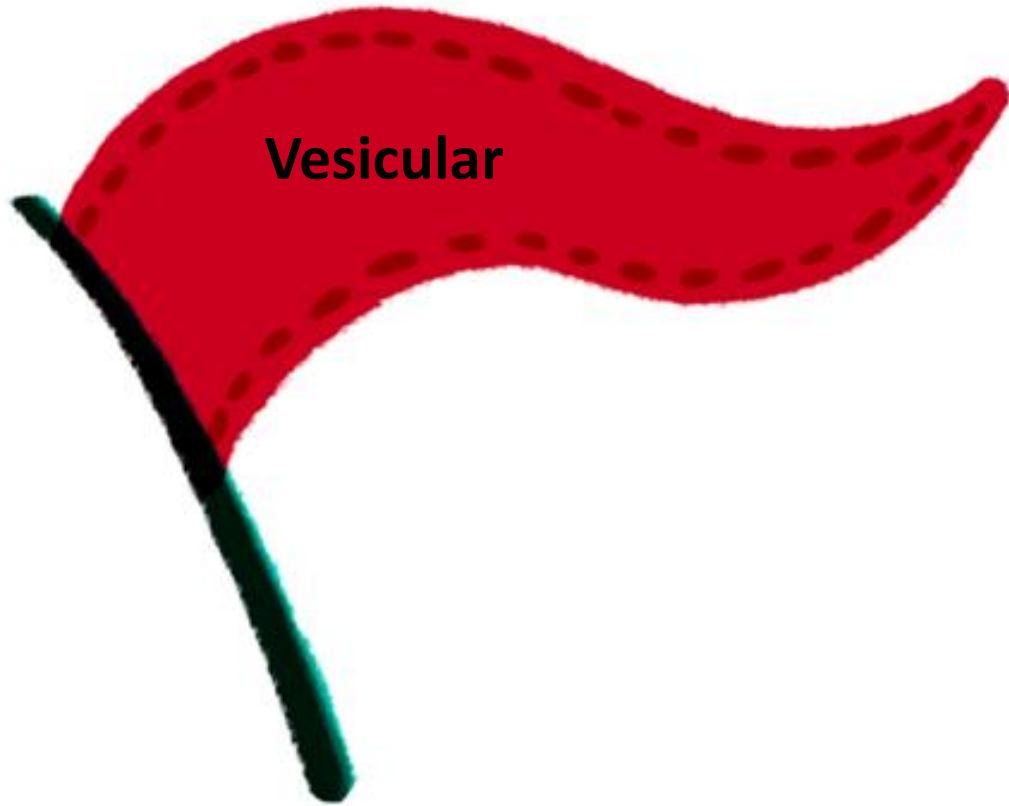
Clinical Presentation:

- Flu like illness – fever, myalgias
- Rash progression: macular-papular-vesicular-pustular
- Lymphadenopathy
- Mucosal ulcers



Urgent Care Management:

- Labs: unroof and swab 1-2 lesions for PCR testing
- Screen for other STIs
- Supportive care, isolation



Varicella Virus



• Clinical Presentation:

- Abrupt onset of crops of lesions
- Progression: faint macules – edematous papules – vesicles – crusts – erosions

Urgent Care Management:

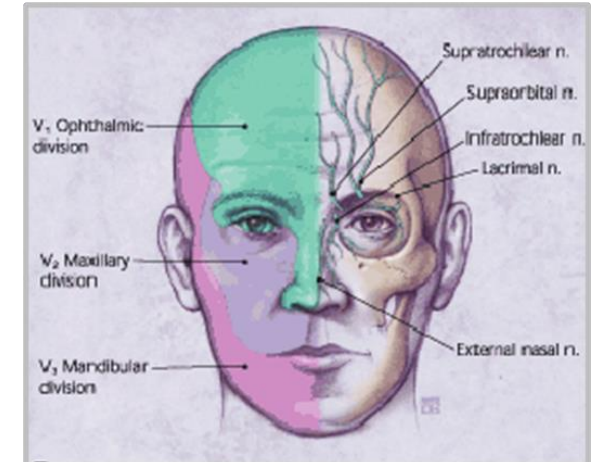
- Isolate
- Supportive care
- Antivirals for high-risk groups

Varicella - Zoster Virus

Vesicular lesions on the nose are associated with herpes zoster ophthalmicus (Hutchinson's sign)

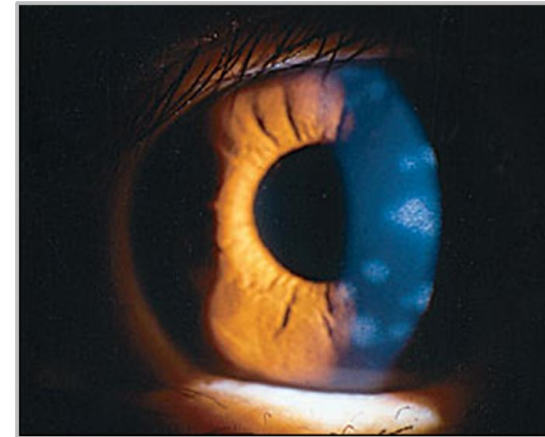
Urgent Care Management:

- Urgent Ophthalmology consult
- Hospital Transfer



Zoster Ophthalmicus

- Sight Threatening
- Rash in dermatome associated with the ophthalmic division of trigeminal nerve (CN V)
- If the cornea is affected, a slit-lamp exam must be performed to look for the presence of dendrites.



Urgent Care Management - Ophthalmology consult:
Treatment includes oral antivirals, topical steroids,
and pain control initiated within 72 hrs of rash onset

Herpes Simplex Virus - Herpetic Facialis

- Also sight threatening due to scarring
- Rash is not dermatomal
- Painful!
- Look for **conjunctival injection** – suggests ocular penetration



Urgent Care Management - Urgent
Ophthalmology consult and treatment

Eczema Herpeticum

Herpes simplex infection in a child with underlying eczema

- Crops of hemorrhagic vesiculopustular lesions in areas of preexisting dermatitis
- Lesions rupture and crust
- Impaired skin barrier allows virus to penetrate



Urgent Care Management - Hospital transfer for most, IV Acyclovir



How you can drive change:

- Recognize the “red flags” of pediatric rashes
- Learn the high-risk disorders associated with these red flags
- Develop strong consult and transfer relationships to manage these patients safely in the urgent care setting

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