CUTANEOUS TUBERCULOSIS

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TUBERCULOSIS

- M TUBERCULOSIS WAS FIRST DESCRIBED BY ROBERT KOCH IN 1882- "TUBERCLE BACILLUS"
- TERM "MYCOBACTERIUM" WAS GIVEN TO A LARGE GROUP OF BACTERIA PRODUCING MOULD LIKE PELLICLES WHEN GROWN ON LIQUID MEDIA IN 1896.
- M TUBERCULOSIS- AEROBIC, NON SPORE FORMING, NON MOTILE, FACULTATIVE, INTRACELLULAR, CURVED ROD LIKE, MEASURING 0.2-0.4MM
- ACID FAST BACILLUS RED COLOR.
- M TUBERCULOSIS DIVIDES EVERY 15-20 MINS.



CUTANEOUS TUBERCULOSIS

- CAN BE ACQUIRED ENDOGENOUSLY OR EXOGENOUSLY
- 1.5% OF EXTRAPULMONARY TB
- CAUSATIVE ORGANISMS- MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS, MYCOBACTERIUM BOVIS, BACILLE CALMETTE AND GUERIN VACCINE
- 70% DEVELOP DISEASE DESPITE BEING VACCINATED WITH BCG
- M:F=1.3:1
- MOST PATIENTS DEVELOP DISEASE WITHIN THE FIRST 3 DECADES OF LIFE



TUBERCULIDS

• HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTIONS THAT TYPICALLY DEVELOP IN PATIENTS WITH MODERATE TO HIGH LEVELS OF IMMUNITY TO THE TUBERCLE BACILLUS.

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	Presentation
Classification system based	
on route of infection ^[17]	
Exogenous route	Tuberculous chancre, LV, and TVC
Endogenous route	
Contiguous spread	Scrofuloderma, Orificial tuberculosis
Hematogenous spread	Acute miliary TB, metastatic
	tuberculous abscess (gummatous
	TB), tuberculids, and LV
Lymphatic spread	LV
Classification system	
based on bacillary load ^[18]	
Multibacillary	Tuberculous chancre, scrofuloderma,
	orificial TB, acute miliary TB, and
	gummatous TB
Paucibacillary	TVC, LV, and tuberculids
LV - Lupus vulgaris; TVC - Tuberculosis verrucosa cutis;	
TB - Tuberculosis	

True cutaneous tuberculosis

Tuberculid

Primary

TB chancre

Miliary TB

Secondary

Scrofuloderma

Lupus vulgaris

Tuberculosis verrucosa cutis

Tubercular gumma (metastatic

abscess)

Orificial tuberculosis

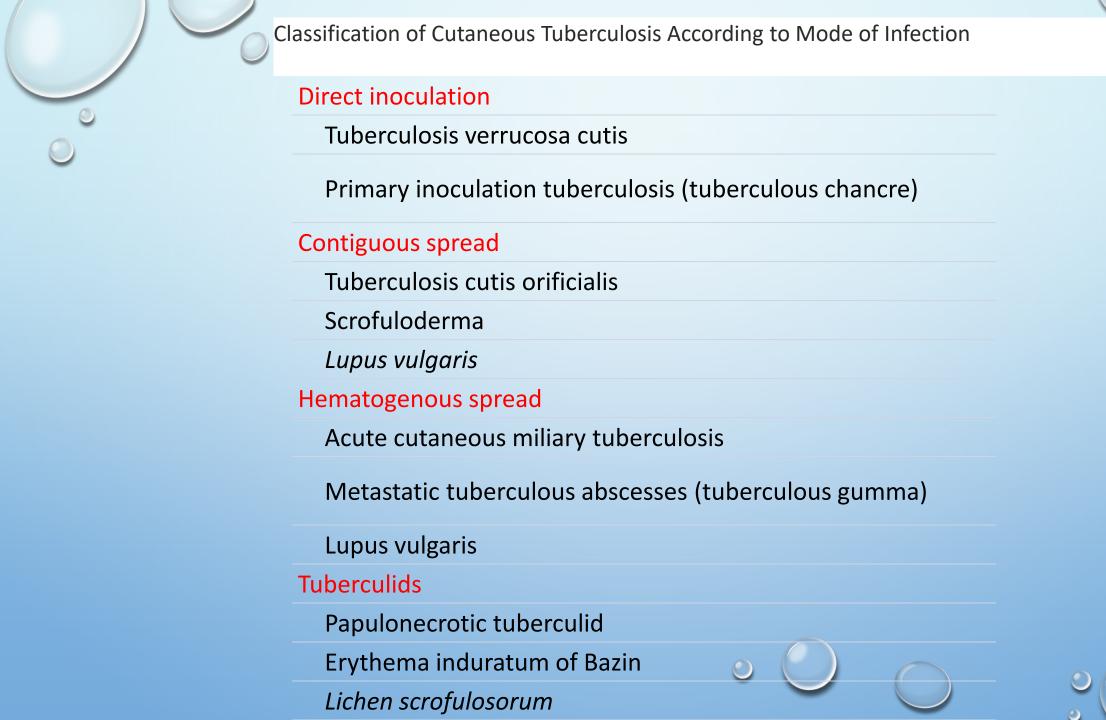
Lichen scrofulosorum

Papulonecrotic tuberculid

Erythema induratum

Others

Erythema nodosum





TUBERCULOSIS VERRUCOSA CUTIS (PROSECTOR'S WART)

- ERUPTION OF SMALL, RED PAPULES AND NODULES ON THE SKIN, 2-4 WEEKS AFTER INOCULATION, IN A PREVIOUSLY INFECTED AND IMMUNOCOMPETENT HOST
- OCCURS IN PREVIOUSLY SENSITIZED HOST
- ENTRY POINT IS USUALLY THE SITE OF TRAUMA, WOUND OR PUNCTURE IN THE SKIN. MOST FREQUENT SITE ARE THE HANDS
- DIAGNOSIS- POSITIVE BIOPSY AND CULTURE OF AFB
- MANTOUX MAY BE POSITIVE



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TUBERCULOUS CHANCRE

- DIRECT INFECTION OF THE SKIN OR MUCOUS MEMBRANES FROM AN OUTSIDE SOURCE OF MYCOBACTERIA
- THE CHANCRES ARE FIRM SHALLOW ULCERS WITH A GRANULAR BASE.
- APPEARS ABOUT 2-4 WEEKS AFTER MYCOBACTERIA ENTER THROUGH BROKEN SKIN. A FIRM,
 PAINLESS, REDDISH-BROWN, SLOW GROWING PAPULE OR NODULE ARISES, WHICH MAY DEVELOP
 INTO AN ULCER
- IT DEVELOPS IN INDIVIDUALS NOT PREVIOUSLY SENSITIZED TO THE MYCOBACTERIUM, OCCURRING MOST OFTEN IN CHILDREN IN ENDEMIC AREAS OF LOW VACCINATION COVERAGE



TUBERCULOUS CHANCRE





LUPUS VULGARIS

- MOST COMMON FORM OF CUTANEOUS TB IN ADULTS.
- STARTS AS PAINLESS REDDISH BROWN NODULES, SLOWLY ENLARGES TO BECOME IRREGULAR PAINFUL PLAQUES
- MOST OFTEN ON THE FACE AROUND NOSE, EYELIDS, LIPS, CHEEKS, EARS AND NECK
- PERSISTENT AND PROGRESSIVE FORM OF CUTANEOUS TB, CAUSED BY HEMATOGENOUS,
 LYMPHATIC, OR CONTIGUOUS SPREAD FROM ELSEWHERE IN THE BODY.
- CAN APPEAR AT THE SITE OF BCG VACCINATION
- DUE TO INADEQUATELY TREATED PRE- EXISTING TUBERCULOSIS
- DIASCOPY- "CHARACTERISTIC APPLE- JELLY NODULE"



LUPUS VULGARIS

- BIOPSY- TUBERCULOID GRANULOMA WITH FEW BACILLI; MANTOUX- POSITIVE
- CAUSES SIGNIFICANT DESTRUCTION AND DISFIGUREMENT
- SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA CAN DEVELOP, 25-30 YEARS LATER IN \sim 10% OF PATIENTS



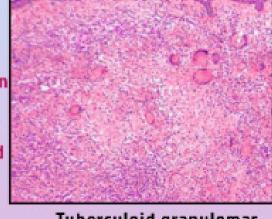
Lupus Vulgaris

Common form of cutaneous reinfection with Mycobacterium tuberculosis

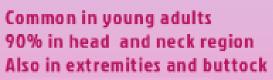




Soft reddish brown nodules which enlarge to form irregularly shaped plaques

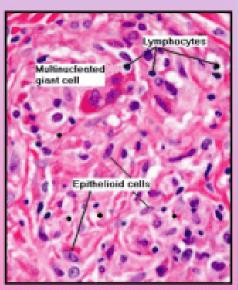


Tuberculoid granulomas





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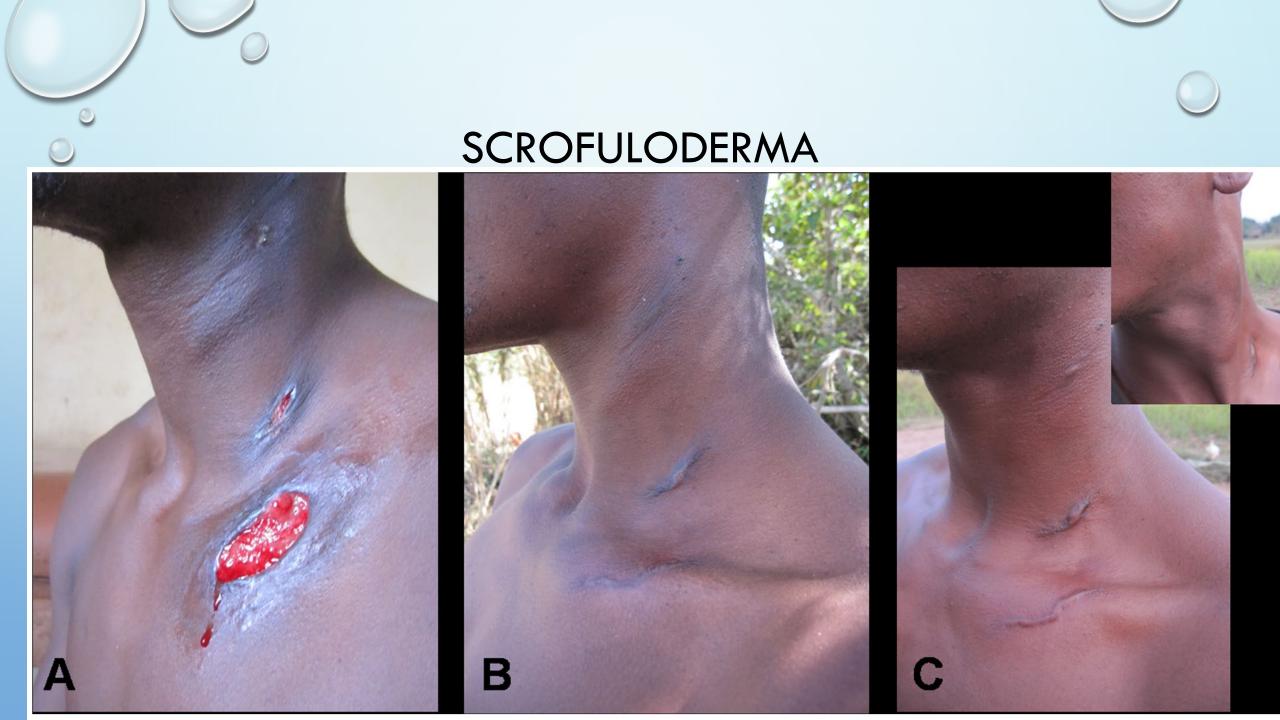
LUPUS VULGARIS





SCROFULODERMA

- CAUSED BY TUBERCULOSIS INVOLVEMENT OF THE SKIN BY DIRECT EXTENSION, USUALLY FROM UNDERLYING TUBERCULOUS LYMPHADENITIS.
- AN ASYMPTOMATIC REDDISH SWELLING, WHICH BREAKS DOWN TO FORM SINUSES, FISTULAE
 OR TUBERCULOUS ULCERS
- CHARACTERISTIC CASEOUS MATERIAL DISCHARGES FROM LESIONS
- MOST COMMON SITES- NECK, CHEST







TUBERCULOSIS CUTIS ORIFICIALIS

- CONTIGUOUS SPREAD OF TB FROM VISCERA
- OCCURS AT THE MUCOCUTANEOUS BORDERS OF THE NOSE, MOUTH, ANUS, URINARY MEATUS, AND VAGINA, AND ON THE MUCOUS MEMBRANE OF THE MOUTH OR TONGUE.



ORIFICIAL TUBERCULOSIS



Figure 1. Large fungating lesion on the upper lip.





TUBERCULIDS

• HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTION TO M TUBERCULOSIS OR ITS PRODUCTS IN PATIENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT IMMUNITY.

CRITERIA

- -SKIN LESION MUST SHOW TUBERCULOID HISTOPATHOLOGY
- -M TUBERCULOSIS MUST NOT BE DEMONSTRATED IN THE LESION
- -TUBERCULIN TEST MUST BE STRONGLY POSITIVE
- -TREATMENT OF UNDERLYING TB FOCUS MUST LEAD TO RESOLUTION OF SKIN LESION



LICHEN SCROFULOSORUM

- SECOND MOST COMMON PATTERN OF CUTANEOUS TB IN CHILDREN
- RARE TUBERCULID- PRESENTS AS A LICHENOID ERUPTION OF MINUTE PAPULES IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
 WITH TUBERCULOSIS
- THE ERUPTIONS ARE USUALLY ASYMPTOMATIC, CLOSELY GROUPED, SKIN- COLORED TO VIOLACEOUS/REDDISH BROWN PAPULES, OFTEN PERIFOLLICULAR
- MAINLY FOUND ON THE ABDOMEN, CHEST, BACK, AND PROXIMAL ASPECTS OF THE LIMBS
- DIFFERENTIAL- LICHEN PLANUS, PAPULAR SARCOIDOSIS
- A SUPERFICIAL INFLAMMATORY REACTION ABOUT HAIR FOLLICLES AND SWEAT DUCTS WHICH MAY INCLUDE TUBERCULOID GRANULOMAS. ACID-FAST ORGANISMS ARE NOT USUALLY SEEN OR CULTURED FROM THE LESIONS. CASEATION IS RARE



LICHEN SCROFULOSORUM







PAPULONECROTIC TUBERCULID

- CROPS OF RECURRENT, CRUSTED, SYMMETRIC ERUPTION OF NECROTIZING SKIN PAPULES
- INVOLVING PRIMARILY THE BUTTOCKS AND EXTENSOR SURFACES OF THE ARMS AND LEGS
- HEAL WITH VARIOLIFORM AND PITTING SCARRING AFTER ABOUT 6 WEEKS.





ERYTHEMA INDURATUM OF BAZIN

- IT OCCURS MAINLY IN WOMEN,
- PRESENTS AS RECURRING NODULES OR LUMPS ON THE BACK OF THE LEGS THAT MAY ULCERATE AND SCAR.
- IT IS A TYPE OF **NODULAR VASCULITIS**/ PANNICULITIS.

ERYTHEMA INDURATUM







MILIARY TUBERCULOSIS

- IT IS A RARE HAEMATOGENOUS DISSEMINATION OF TB
- USUALLY AFFECTS-
 - YOUNG CHILDREN
 - IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PATIENTS
 - CONCURRENT HIV INFECTION
 - FOLLOWING VIRAL INFECTION
- PATIENT DEVELOPS
 - CROPS OF BLUISH PAPULES, VESICLES, PUSTULES
 - ERYTHEMATOUS NODULES
 - HEMORRHAGIC LESIONS



MILIARY TUBERCULOSIS

- SKIN LESIONS ARE SMALL (MILLET-SIZED) RED SPOTS THAT DEVELOP INTO ULCERS AND <u>ABSCESSES</u>
- THE PATIENT IS GENERALLY SICK
- PROGNOSIS IS POOR (MANY PATIENTS DIE EVEN IF DIAGNOSED AND TREATED)



MILIARY TUBERCULOSIS





TUBERCULOUS GUMMA

- HEMATOGENIC DISSEMINATION FROM A PRIMARY FOCUS
- ALSO KNOWN AS METASTATIC TUBERCULOUS ABSCESS
- FIRM, SINGLE OR MULTIPLE NON-TENDER ERYTHAEMATOUS NODULES
- OFTEN PRESENT IN MALNOURISHED CHILDREN OR IMMUNE DEFICIENT ADULTS
- OCCASIONALLY, THE LESIONS BREAK DOWN AND DISCHARGE THEIR CONTENTS OR PERSIST AND FORM SINUSES



TUBERCULOUS GUMMA





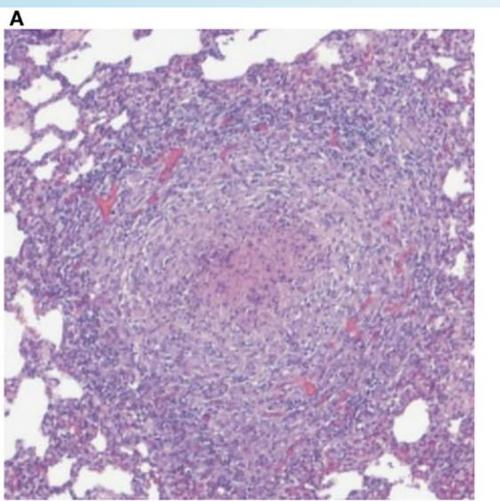


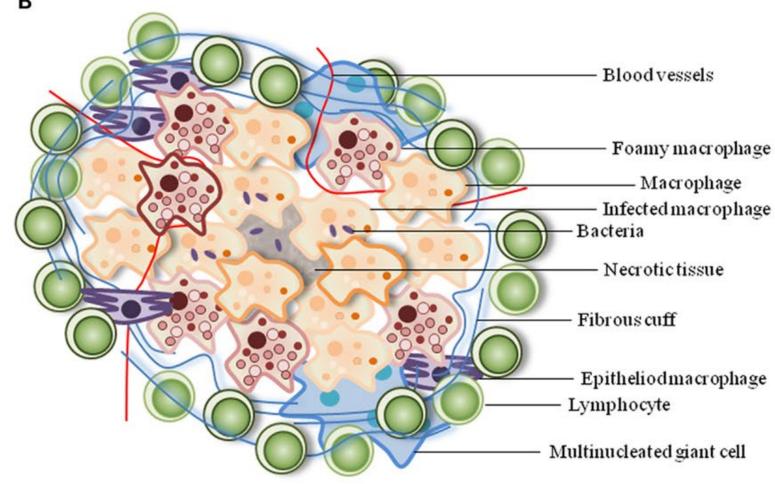
DIAGNOSIS

- SKIN BIOPSY- TYPICAL TUBERCLES ARE CASEATING EPITHELOID GRANULOMAS CONTAINING ACID FAST BACILLI. THESE ARE DETECTED BY TISSUE STAINING, CULTURE AND PCR.
- TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST
- QUANTIFERON GOLD
- X RAY
- SPUTUM CULTURE

TUBERCULOID GRANULOMA

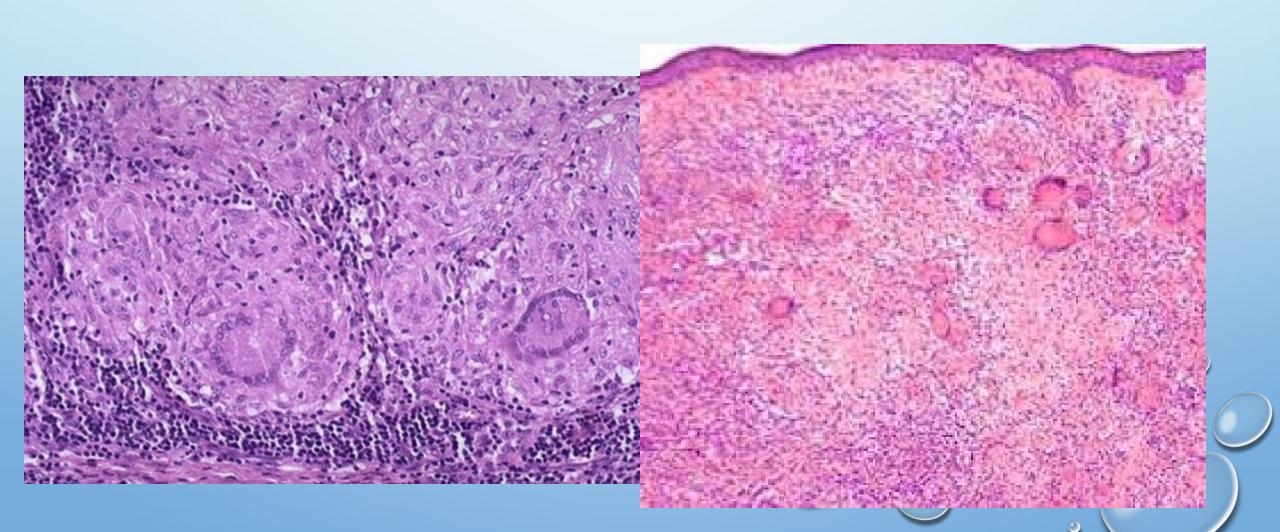
 AN EPITHELOID GRANULOMA COMPOSED OF A CENTRAL ZONE CONTAINING GIANT CELLS, WITH OR WITHOUT CASEATION AND A PERIPHERAL ZONE OF LYMPHOCYTES AND FIBROBLASTS
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TUBERCULIN TEST

- THE MANTOUX TUBERCULIN SKIN TEST- STANDARD METHOD OF DETERMINING WHETHER A
 PERSON IS INFECTED WITH M TB.
- TUBERCULIN IS MADE FROM PROTEINS DERIVED FROM INACTIVE TUBERCLE BACILLI
- 0.1 ML OF 5 UNITS OF TUBERCULIN INJECTED UNDER THE SKIN
- THE SKIN REACTION SHOULD BE READ BETWEEN 48 TO 72 HOURS AFTER INJECTION
- THE REACTION SHOULD BE MEASUREMENT OF INDURATION IN MILLIMETRES (NOT ERYTHEMA)



TUBERCULIN TEST INTERPRETATION

- POSITIVE TEST > 10MM DIAMETER
- > CLINICAL OR LATENT TB
- > CONTACT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL MYCOBACTERIA/ VACCINATION
- LOW SENSITIVITY (FALSE NEGATIVE)
- > IMMUNOCOMPROMISED
- > PATIENTS WITH SEVERE ILLNESS
- > ACTIVE TB
- > HIV PATIENT
- ❖ SENSITIVITY- 58.9%
- ❖ SPECIFICITY-62.5%



TREATMENT

- SAME AS THAT FOR SYSTEMIC TB- LONG, MULTIDRUG THERAPY
- TREATMENT DIVIDED INTO 2 PHASES
- AN INTENSIVE OR BACTERICIDAL PHASE, DESIGNED TO RAPIDLY REDUCE THE TOTAL BODY BURDEN OF M TB. (2MONTHS USUALLY)
 - A CONTINUATION OR STERILIZATION PHASE (4 MONTHS)
- MAIN DRUGS USED- ISONIAZID, RIFAMPICIN, PYRAZINAMIDE, AND EITHER ETHAMBUTOL OR STREPTOMYCIN



DOTS

- CURRENT STRATEGY- DIRECTLY OBSERVED TREATMENT SHORT COURSE
- MOST DOTS HAVE THRICE WEEKLY SCHEDULES
- FOR CUTANEOUS TUBERCULOSIS- CATEGORY III IS RECOMMENDED- 2H3+R3+Z3 AND 4H3+R3

RIFAMPICIN (R-450MG), ISONIAZID (H-600MG), PYRAZINAMIDE (Z-1500MG)- 3 DAYS/ WEEK FOR 2 MONTHS, THEN

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- INFECTIONS CAUSED BY A SPECIES OF MYCOBACTERIUM OTHER THAN MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS AND M LEPRAE
- MYCOBACTERIUM AVIUM-INTRACELLULARE
- MYCOBACTERIUM KANSASII
- MYCOBACTERIUM MARINUM
- MYCOBACTERIUM ULCERANS
- MYCOBACTERIUM CHELONAE
- MYCOBACTERIUM FORTUITUM
- MYCOBACTERIUM ABSCESSUS



MYCOBACTERIUM MARINUM

- SWIMMING POOL/ FISH TANK GRANULOMA
- DUE TO RECREATIONAL OR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINATED FRESHWATER OR SALTWATER
- USUALLY, A SINGLE LUMP OR PUSTULE THAT BREAKS DOWN TO FORM A CRUSTY SORE OR ABSCESS
- CAN HAVE SATELLITE LESIONS IN A SPOROTRICHIOD DISTRIBUTION
- COMMON SITES- FINGERS, KNUCKLES, FEET, KNEES, ELBOWS
- RARELY CAUSES RED, SWOLLEN AND TENDER JOINTS (BURSITIS, TENOSYNOVITIS, ARTHRITIS, OSTEOMYELITIS)







MYCOBACTERIUM ULCERANS

- ALSO KNOWN AS <u>BURULI ULCER</u>, KUMASI, <u>BAIRNSDALE ULCER</u>
- MOST COMMON IN CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICA AROUND AREAS OF LUSH VEGETATION AND SWAMPS, ALSO SEEN IN AUSTRALIA
- SOLITARY, PAINLESS AND SOMETIMES ITCHY NODULE OF 1–2 CM DEVELOPS ABOUT 7–14
 DAYS AFTER INFECTION THROUGH BROKEN SKIN
- OVER ONE TO TWO MONTHS THE NODULE MAY BREAK DOWN TO FORM A SHALLOW ULCER THAT SPREADS RAPIDLY AND MAY INVOLVE UP TO 15% OF THE PATIENT'S SKIN SURFACE





DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT

- BIOPSY, CULTURE, PCR
- M MARINUM- TETRACYCLINES, FLOROQUINOLONES, MACROLIDES (CLARITHROMYCIN), RIFAMPICIN, SULPHONAMIDES (COTRIMOXAZOLE)
- TREATMENT -4-6 WEEKS/ 2 MONTHS
- TREATMENT OF MYCOBACTERIUM ULCERANS IS MOST SUCCESSFUL IF TREATMENT IS STARTED IN LESIONS LESS
 THAN 6 MONTHS OLD WITH A DIAMETER LESS THAN 10 CM.
- RIFAMPICIN AND STREPTOMYCIN RECOMMENDED
- SURGERY IS USED AS AN ADJUNCT TO ANTIBIOTIC TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH SEVERE INFECTION



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