

DESQUAMATIVE GINGIVITIS

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Learning Objectives:

Introduction

Definition

History

Epidemiology

Classification

Conditions associated with desquamative gingivitis and their management

Special considerations in periodontal care

Diagnostic Algorithm

Summary

- Desquamation - latin word *dequamare* (*scraping fish flakes*)
- Desquamation – loss of epithelium in small & large amounts, peeling of skin & exfoliation.
- Chronic Desquamative gingivitis

DEFINITION

“Desquamative gingivitis” is a descriptive term, that indicates the presence of erythema, desquamation, erosion, and blistering of the attached gingiva and marginal gingiva.

Prinz 1932

Unusual, unique, nonplaque associated gingivitis characterized by intense diffuse erythema and desquamation (peeling) of surface epithelium. It is often associated with ulceration of the marginal and attached gingiva. It is not a specific disease entity but a clinical manifestation of a variety of conditions.

HISTORY

First recognised and reported by **Tomes and Tomes in 1894**

Term Chronic Desquamative gingivitis coined by **Prinz** in 1932
“ peculiar condition characterised by intense erythema, desquamation & ulceration of free & attached gingiva.”

Early investigators – single cause (estrogen deficiency, hypothyroidism, nutritional deficiency).

Foss et al and **Glickman & Smulow** – degenerative disease

McCarthy et al 1960- Not a specific disease entity but a gingival response associated with a variety of conditions.

Epidemiologic features

- Highest prevalence - lichen planus and mucous membrane pemphigoid

Disorder	Number of cases of desquamative gingivitis
Mucous membrane pemphigoid	35-48%
Oral lichen planus	24- 45%
Pemphigus vulgaris	3-15%

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGICAL FEATURES

4TH & 6TH DECADE
OF LIFE

FEMALE PREDILICTION
(EM exception)

CLINICAL APPEARANCE

- Fiery red & Glazed
- B > L
- Atrophic/Eroded
- Loss of stippling
- **Desquamate with minimal trauma**
- Painful/burning sensation - exacerbated – spicy food
- **Attached gingiva**
- Clinical appearance - Not altered by conventional trt

CLASSIFICATION

BASED ON ETIOLOGY(McCarthy et al)

1) Dermatoses

- a) Benign mucous membrane pemphigoid
- b) Pemphigus
- c) Lichen Planus
- d) Erythema Multiformae
- e) Lupus Erythematosus
- f) Linear IgA disease

2) Hormonal influence

- a) Estrogen deficiency following oophorectomy & in post menopausal women
- b) Testosterone imbalance
- c) Hypothyroidism

3) Abnormal response to irritation

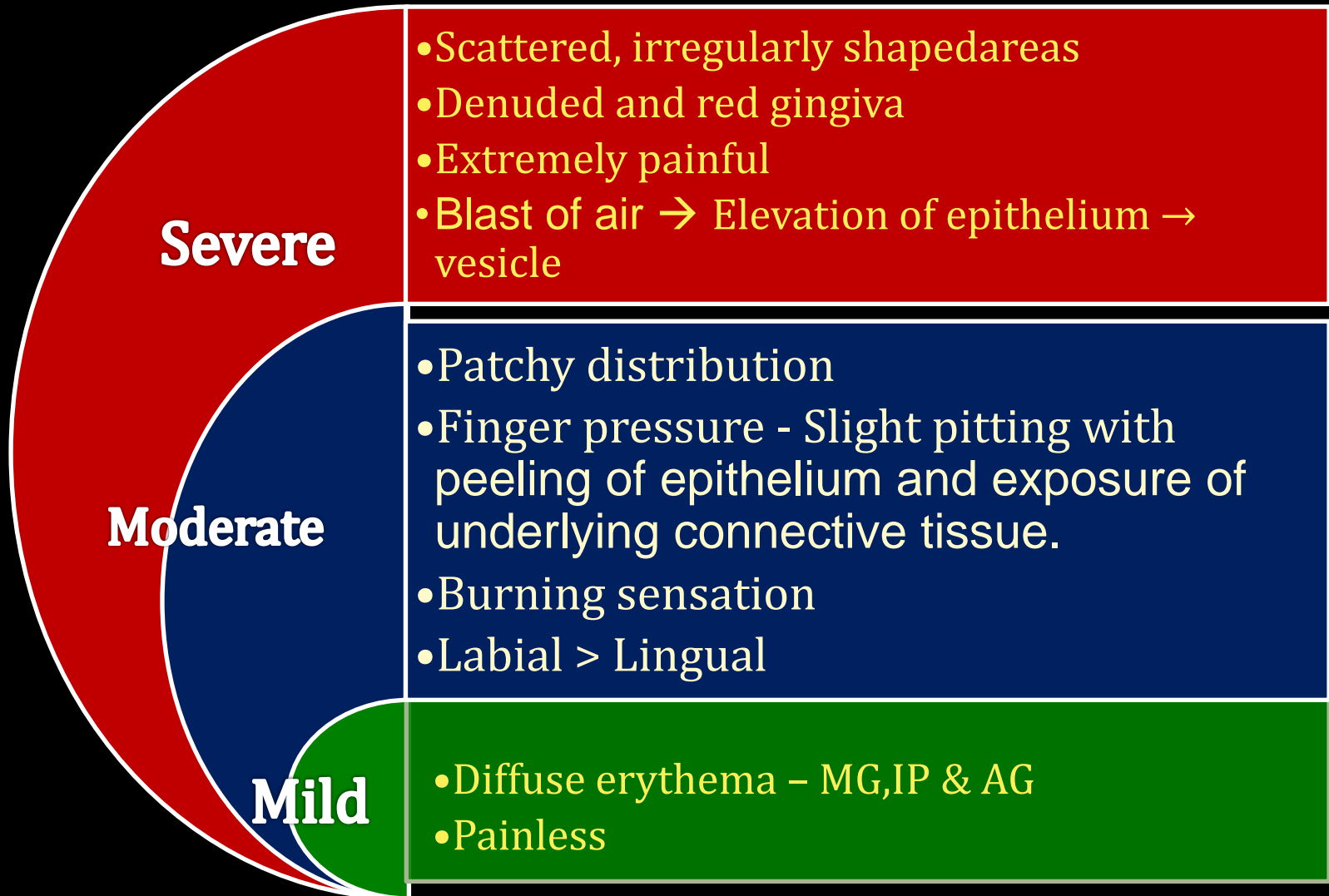
4) Chronic infection

- a) Tuberculosis
- b) Chronic candidiasis
- c) Histoplasmosis

5) Idiopathic causes

6) Aging

BASED ON CLINICAL FEATURES: (GLICKMAN AND SMULOW)



**CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED
WITH DESQUAMATIVE
GINGIVITIS**

Oral lichen planus

Pemphigus vulgaris

Mucous membrane pemphigoid

Bullous Pemphigoid

Erythema multiforme

Lupus erythematosus

Chronic ulcerative stomatitis

Linear IG A disease

Dermatitis herpetiformis

Epidermolysis bullosa

Graft versus host disease

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LICHEN PLANUS

- Lichen planus (LP) - a chronic **inflammatory mucocutaneous disease**.
- First described in 1869 by the British physician **Erasmus Wilson**

- It is primarily a disease affecting the skin and **mucosal surfaces** including the **oral cavity**
- Can also involve **other sites** like the scalp and nails.

Approx 0.1 – 4%
of population.

Prevalence of OLP in
India - 2.6%.

40% of lesions occur on both
oral and cutaneous surfaces,

35% occurs on cutaneous
surfaces alone

25% occur on oral mucosa
alone

- Chronicity
- Symmetrical appearance
- Multi – site involvement

PATHOGENESIS

Expression of a
keratinocyte-derived
antigen

Induced by
systemic drugs,
contact allergens,
physical trauma,
viral or bacterial

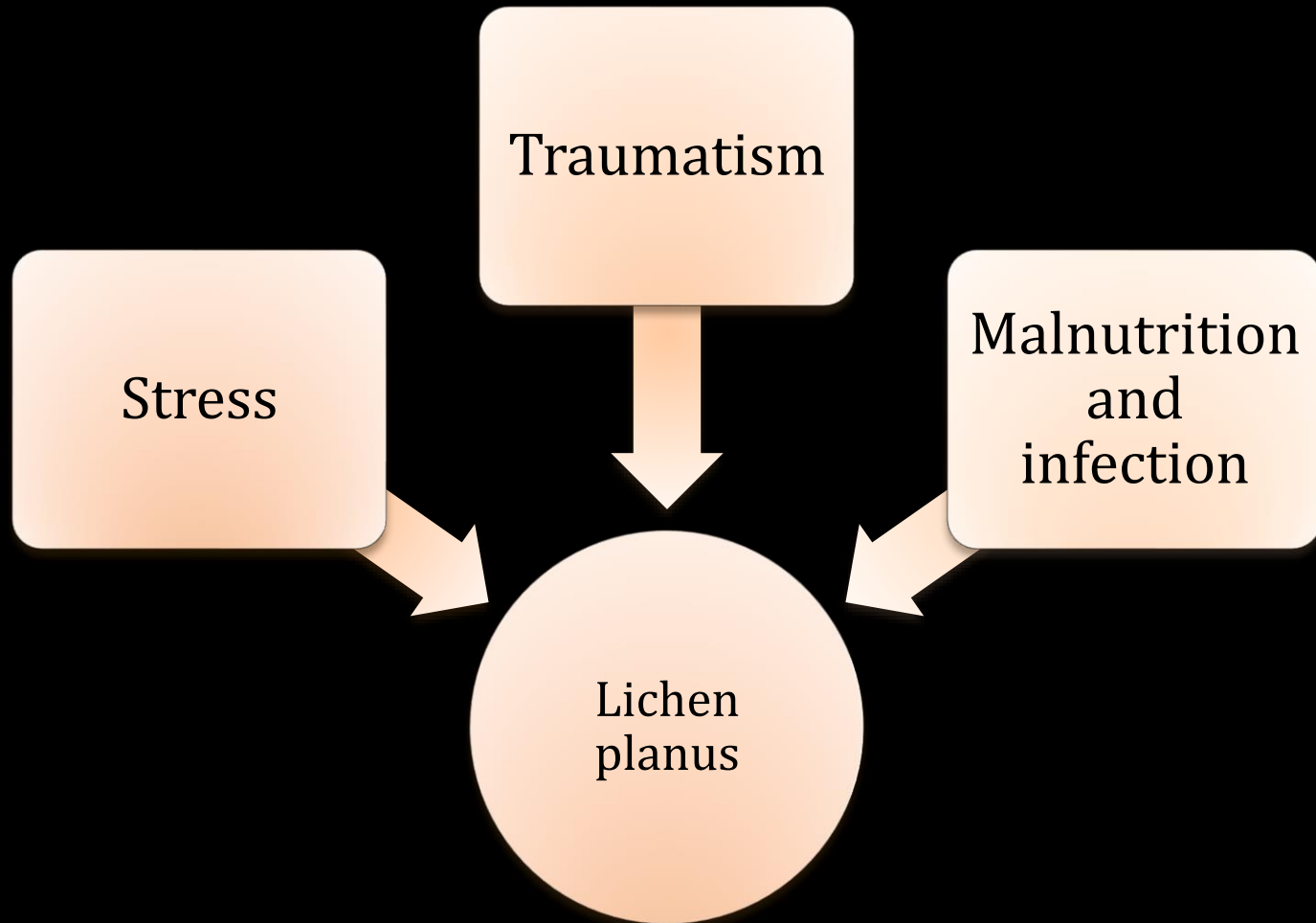
T-cell recognition

cytokine expression, including
TNF-alpha, IL, and upregulation of
MMP

apoptosis of
keratinocytes

keratinocyte
death

➤ Exacerbation



ORAL LICHEN PLANUS

T cell mediated auto immune response

inflammatory mediator nuclear factor kappaB

transforming growth factor control pathway

the hyperproliferation of keratinocytes,

white lesions in OLP

T cell mediated auto immune response

autocytotoxic CD8+ Tcells

apoptosis of oral epithelial cells

Chronic inflammation

CLINICAL FEATURES

SKIN LESION:

- Classic appearance-
 - pruritic erythematous to violaceous papules that are flat topped that have a predilection for the trunk and flexor surfaces of arms and legs

Other sites :

- nails, scalp, genital mucosa



- **ORAL LESION:**
- Majority of the patients- **Oral Lichen Planus precede Cutaneous LP**
- 65% women affected in the age range of 40 -70 yrs.
- common site: buccal mucosa & lateral borders of tongue & Gingiva
- Appear as **radiating , white / grey velvety thread like papule- Bilaterally symmetric**
- At the intersection of this white line, tiny white elevated dots are frequently present-**WICKHAMS STRIAE**
- Presenting symptom- Burning sensation.



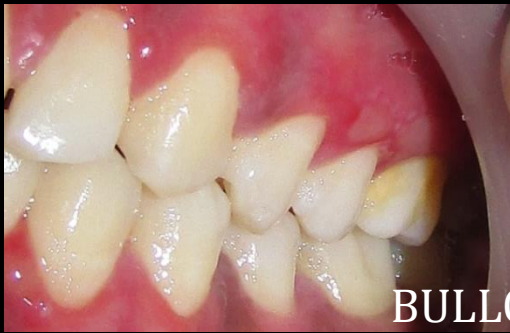
6 CLINICAL SUB
TYPES OF OLP



RETICULAR



PAPULAR



BULLOUS



PLAQUE- like



ERYTHEMATOUS



ULCERATIVE

Andreassen (1968)

- Reticular
- Papular
- Plaque – like
- Bullous
- Erosive /
Ulcerative
- Atrophic/
Erythematous

Eisen 1993

GINGIVAL LESIONS

- Upto 10% of patients with oral lichen planus have lesions restricted to gingival tissue
- 4 distinctive patterns noted:
 - **Keratotic lesions**
 - **Erosive or ulcerative lesions**
 - **Vesicular or bullous lesions**
 - **Erythematous/Atrophic lesions**



KERATOTIC

EROSIVE

BULLOUS

ATROPHIC

- Gingiva : **erythematous**, occasional areas of erosion, white striae at periphery
- Pt C/O persistent **soreness**
- **Worsened** by spicy food/ daily oral hygiene procedure
- c/f confused with PI gingivitis
- DG due to LP does not result in **clinical attachment loss & periodontitis**
- **Diagnosis : difficult if gingiva is the only site of involvement**

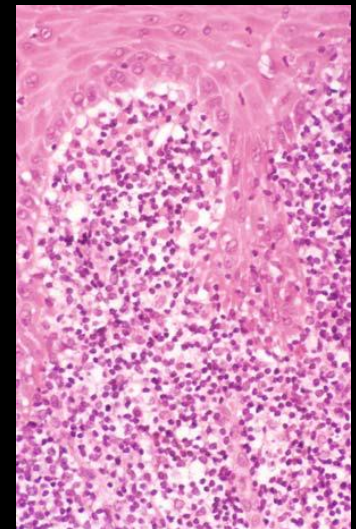
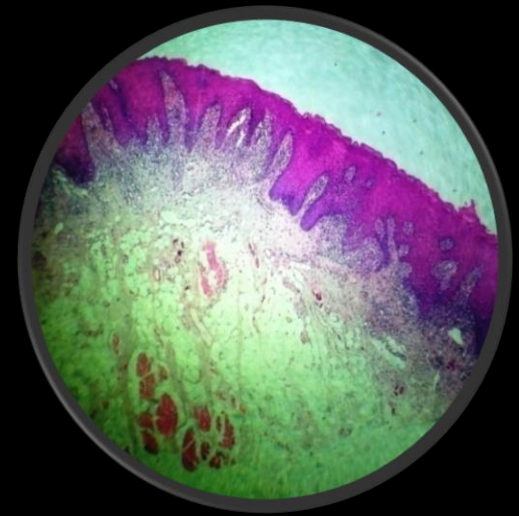
HISTOLOGICAL FEATURES

- ¶ Hyperparakeratosis or Hyperorthokeratosis.
- ¶ **Acanthosis** with intercellular edema
- ¶ Thickening of granular cell layer.
- ¶ **Saw tooth appearance** of rete peg.
- ¶ gingival lesion – thinning / flattening of epithelium
- ¶ **Liquefaction degeneration/ necrosis of basal layer**, often replaced by an eosinophilic band & dense subepithelial band of lymphocytes.
- ¶ Characteristic presence of **Civette Bodies**

(Krammer & Griffin)

Electron microscopic studies shows

1. Irregularity of the nuclear membrane
2. Increased thickening and granularity of tonofibrils



Treatment

**Keratotic,
asymptomatic
lesions – no R_x.**
Regular follow-up

**erythematous/bullous/
ulcerative lesions -**
topical steroids such as
0.1% triamcinalone
acetonide, 0.05%
fluocinonide ointment,
0.05% clobetasol
propionate

In more severe cases,

Intralesional injections of
triamcinolone acetonide
(10mg/ml or 40mg/ml)

- Topical Pimecrolimus- 1%
- Topical tacrolimus- 0.1%

Systemic:

40 mg of prednisone OD for
5 days, followed by 10-20
mg OD for an additional 2
weeks

Elimination of
mechanical trauma or
irritants such as sharp
filling margins

**Superimposed fungal
infection-**
Clotrimazole 1%

Alternative to Corticosteroids -

- Cyclosporine
- Levamisole
- Topical human interferon – β
- Systemic isotretinoin
- Dapsone
- PUVA

Non-Drug Therapy

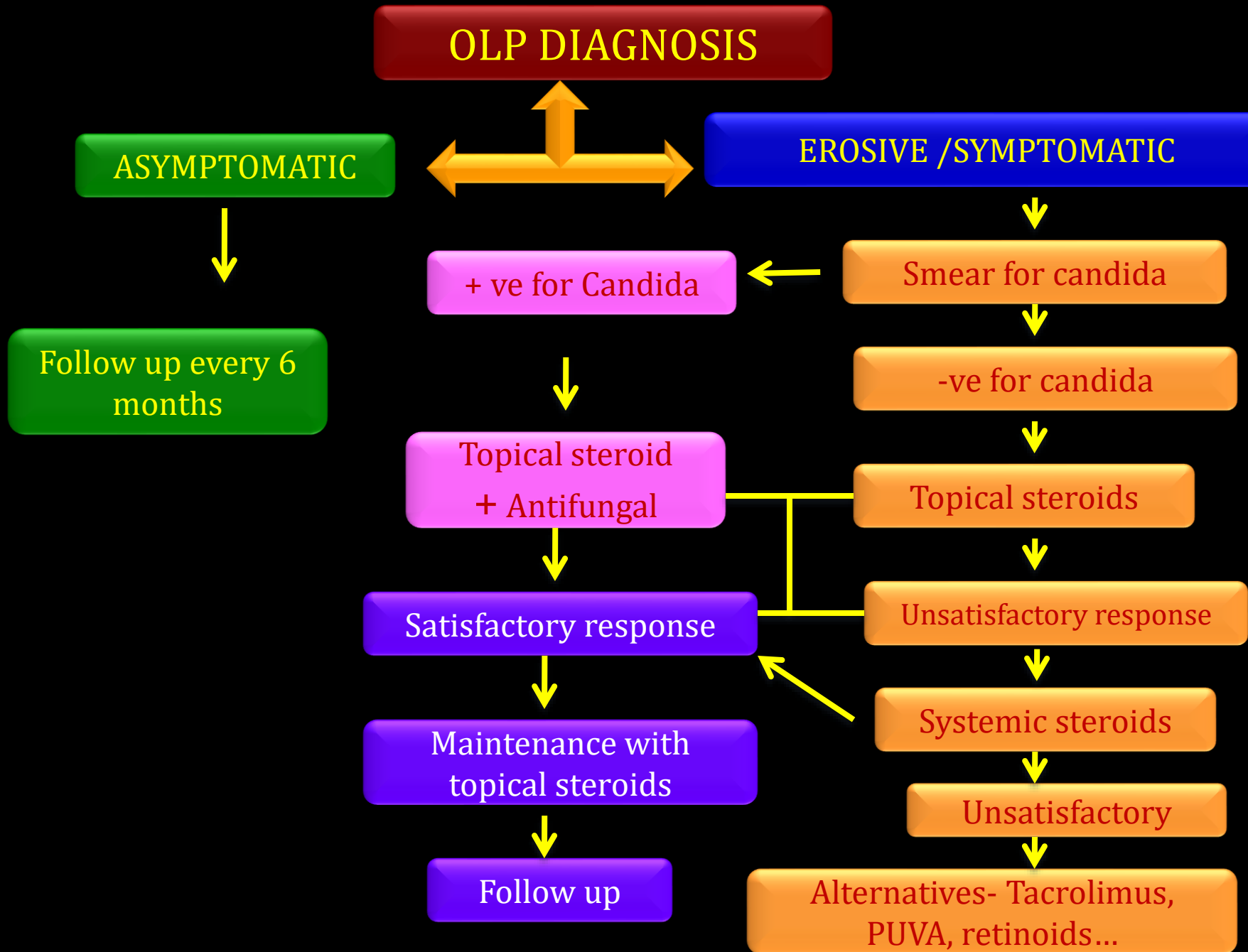
- Surgical excision
- Cryosurgery
- CO₂ laser
- Ultraviolet radiation

Gingiva

- atraumatic oral hygiene
- Topical corticosteroids – main stay of trt
- Vacuum formed custom trays / gingival veneers
- Applied to the fitting surface – worn overnight

POTENTIAL NEW TREATMENT:

- Tacrolimus capsule 1mg dissolved in 1000 ml sterile water
 - Rinse with 1 tsp 4 times daily
 - One report describes 20% complete remission, 70% improvement



PEMPHIGUS

Pemphigus

- *Greek pemphix, meaning bubble or blister*
- Group of **auto immune** disorders characterized by **autoantibodies targeting the desmosomes.**

Types

- Pemphigus Vulgaris
- Pemphigus Vegetans
- Pemphigus Foliaceous
- Para Neoplastic Pemphigus

Pemphigus Vulgaris

- 3rd -5th decade.
- M=F.

80-90% PV pts develop
oral lesion

60% cases,
oral lesions – first sign

Early lesions- classic bulla –
noninflamed base

rupture easily -ragged
erosions which ulcerates.



Epithelium peels in irregular
pattern leaving a denuded
base

- Common site : buccal mucosa often on areas of trauma
 - Palate
 - Gingiva : **Desquamation**
- Pain,
- difficulty in eating,
- ↑ tendency for bleeding, bad breath.
- New lesions may develop following trauma.



Asboe-Hansen sign

Nikolsky's sign.

Skin lesions appear initially on head and neck and later spreads to involve trunk and extremities.

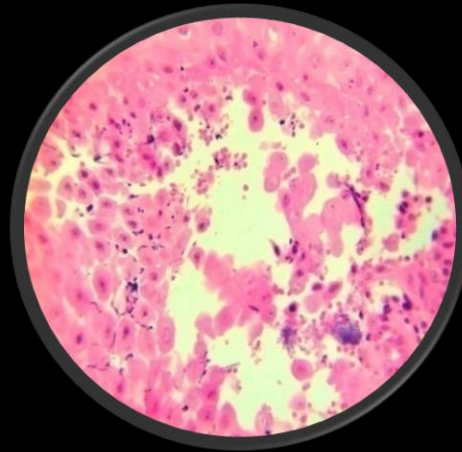


If not treated promptly it may be fatal due to loss of fluids and secondary infection.

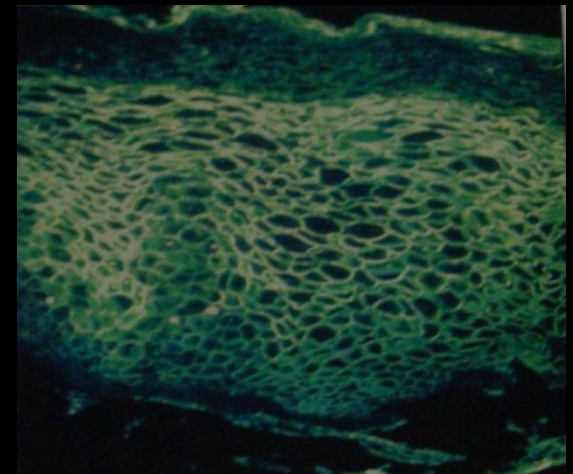
- Diagnosed by
- Cytology- Tzank smear- **Acantholytic cells**
- Antibody Titre evaluation to monitor the progress of treatment.
- ELISA-To distinguish bet. anti DSG-1 antibodies and anti DSG-2



Intra Epithelial Separation with basal cells attached to the basement membrane



Acantholytic cells in tzank smear



DI :intercellular deposits of IgG - fish net pattern

Treatment

- PV death rate: 65-90%
- With syst corticosteroids reduced by 10%
- Current mortality reduced by 6.2%

Systemic Corticosteroids	T. Prednisolone	0.5-1mg/kg/d. Dose tapered by 25% biweekly
Topical Corticosteroids	Clobetasol-0.05%, Fluocinonide- 0.05%, Triamcinolone- 0.1%,	Applied thin bid
Calcineurin inhibitor	Topical Pimecrolimus- 1% Topical tacrolimus- 0.1%	
Immuno Suppressives	T.Methotrexate T.Mycophenolate mofetil T.Dapsone	10-20 mg/week 2g/d 100mg/d
Monoclonal anti-CD20 antibody (recalcitrant cases)	T.Rituximab	1000mg IV/2weeks
Intravenous Immunoglobulins		2 g/kg/cycle. IV administered over 2–5 consecutive days, monthly.
Plasmapheresis	plasma exchange-selective removal of Ig's	
Immunoabsorbtion	Rapid removal of circulating autoantibodies	

- Application of **topical steroids** : safe and effective
- initial prednisolone dose should not exceed 0.75 mg/kg/d

- **Monotherapy of pemphigus** with oral corticosteroids causes frequent side effects, including systemic infections
 - (25% are lethal),
 - diabetes mellitus(45%),
 - osteoporosis (30%),
 - thromboses (15%), and
 - gastrointestinal ulcers (15%)
- Thus, in the treatment of pemphigus, systemic corticosteroids are **given in combination with other immunosuppressive drugs** such as azathioprine, mycophenolate mofetil, mycophenolate sodium, cyclophosphamide and methotrexate

Therapy:

Defn: A short, intensive course of pharmacotherapy, given at intervals such as weekly or monthly

- **Phase I:** Dexamethasone 100 mg in 5% dextrose slow IV infusion over 2 hours for three consecutive days along with Cyclophosphamide 500 mg infusion on one of the days. Such pulses are repeated every 28 days till no new lesions are seen between pulses. Cyclophosphamide 50 mg/day given orally.
- **Phase II:** Patients were in remission but monthly DCP therapy and daily oral cyclophosphamide were continued for 9 months.
- **Phase III:** Only oral cyclophosphamide 50 mg/day given for 1 year
- **Phase IV:** All the drugs are withdrawn and the patient followed as long as possible.

PEMPHIGOID

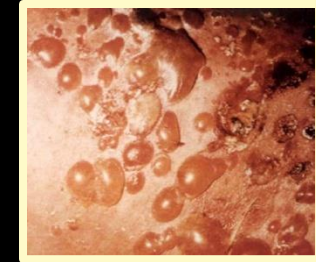
PEMPHIGOID

- The term ' **PEMPHIGOID** ' applies to a number of cutaneous, immune mediated, subepithelial bullous disease.
- Includes: **MUCOUS MEMBRANE PEMPHIGOID**
BULLOUS PEMPHIGOID

Mucous membrane pemphigoid (MMP)

- Heterogeneous group of **chronic, autoimmune subepithelial blistering diseases** that predominantly involves the **mucous membranes** and occasionally the skin.

MMP -heterogeneous -several different antigens implicated



PATHOGENESIS

Ag-Ab complexes IgG BM zone

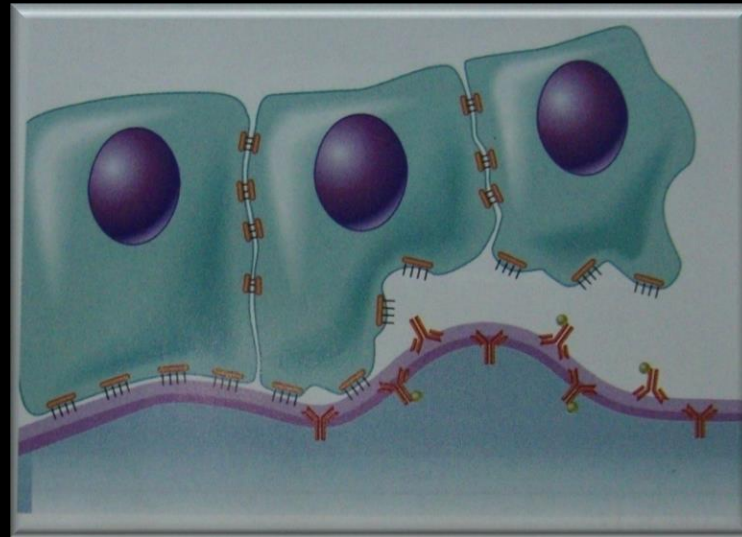
directed against hemidesmosomes & basement membrane zone (BP 180, BP230, laminin 5)

Complement activation

Leukocyte recruitment

Proteolytic enzymes released

Dissolves / cleaves BM



MUCOUS MEMBRANE PEMPHIGOID

Also called
CICATRICAL
PEMPHIGOID

Chronic
vesiculobullous
autoimmune disorder.

Unknown cause.

Predominantly affects
Women.

5th decade of life.

Involves oral cavity,
conjunctiva, &
mucosa of nose,
vagina, rectum,
esophagus and
urethra.

Skin involvement—
20% of patient

ORAL LESIONS

Oral lesion :
90% with MMP

DESQUAMATIVE GINGIVITIS

Erythema, **desquamation**,
ulceration & vesiculation of
attached gingiva.



Bulla has thick
roof.

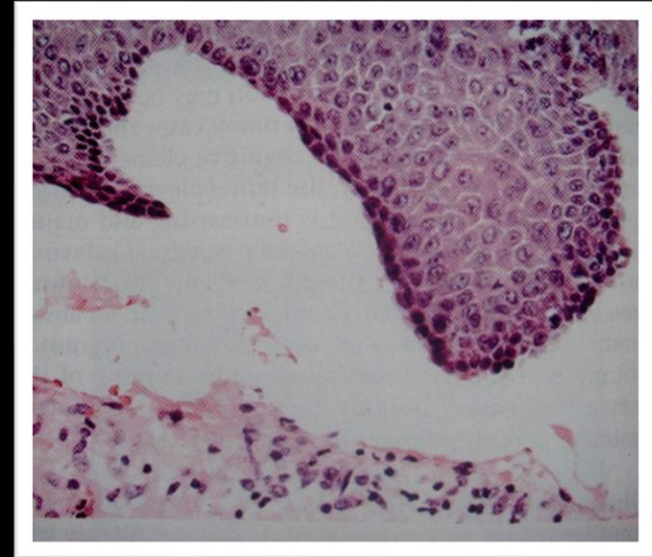
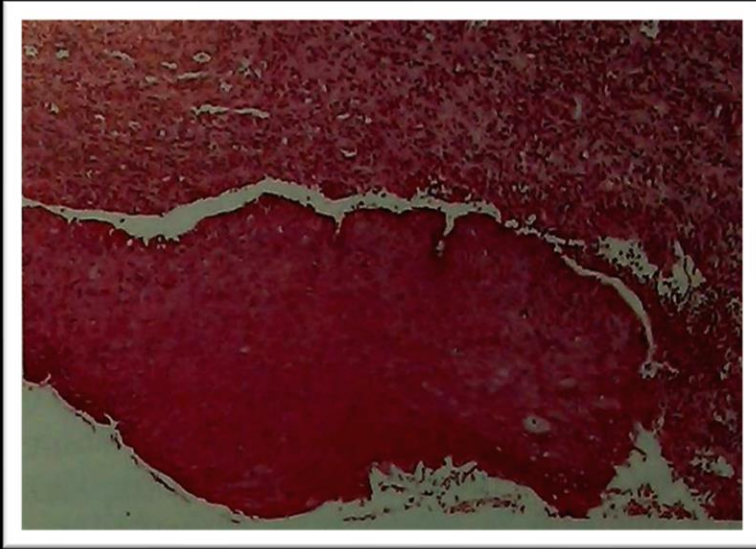
Ruptures in 2-3 days
→ irregular shaped
ulcers.

Heals in 3
weeks/ longer
duration.



HISTOPATHOLOGY

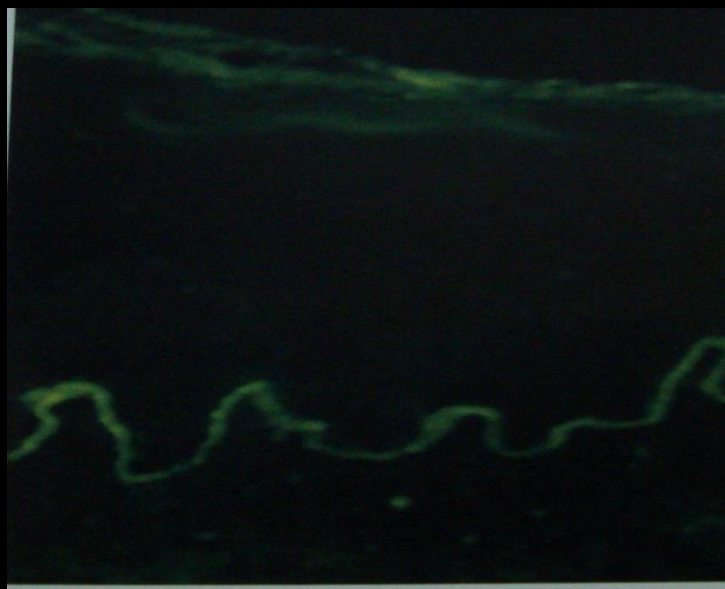
- **Subepithelial vesiculation.**
- Epithelium separated from underlying lamina propria.
- Separation occurs at BM.
- Mixed inflammatory infiltrate in CT.



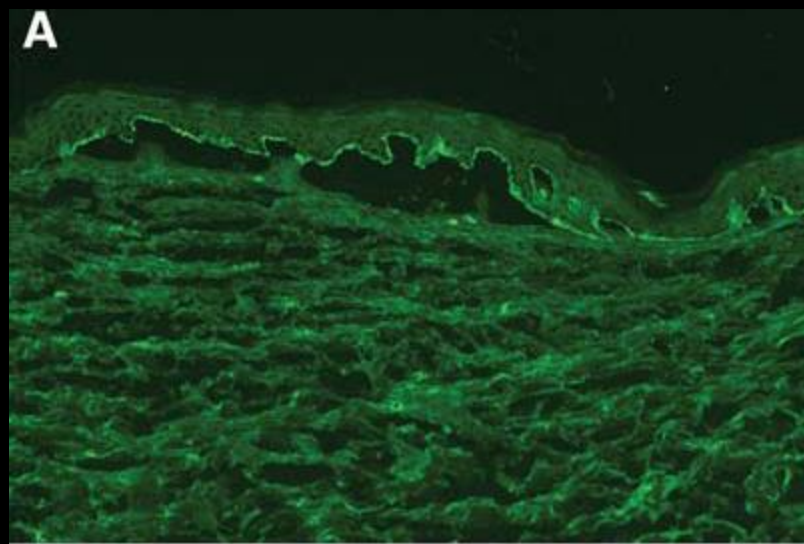
Mucous membrane pemphigoid

Direct immunofluorescence	Indirect immunofluorescence	Autoantigens
Linear IgG, and C3 at the dermal-epidermal junction	Epidermal or dermal IgG – basement membrane zone	BP180, Laminin 5

DI



IDI



Mild cases

1) Topical steroids-Fluocinonide (0.05%)

Clobetasol propionate (0.05%) -3 times a day- 6 months.

2) Tetracycline 1500-200mg/day or minocycline- 50 to 100mg/day.

Can be combined with nicotinamide 500-2500mg/kg/d

3) Dapsone- initial dose 50mg, increase by 25 mg every 7 days upto

100 to 200 mg/day

4) Systemic steroid- Prednisolone 0.5-1mg/kg/day

Severe disease

- 1) Systemic steroid : Prednidolone- 1-2mg/kg/day or Dexamethasone 100mg/day for 3 days(Pulse therapy) or i.v pulse therapy 0.5 to 1gm for 3days.
- 2) Mycophenolate mofetil 35-45mg/kg/d
- 3)Azathioprine- Initially 1-2mg/kg/day, can be raised upto 5mg/kg/d
- 4)i.v immunoglobulin 2mg/cycle every 4 weeks
- 5) others: Methotextrate, cyclosporin,

Gingival lesion

In lesion confined to gingiva – topical corticosteroid in vacuum formed custom trays / veneers.

Bullous Pemphigoid

- Sub epithelial blistering disease
- Self limited

PATHOGENESIS

- Autoantibodies of IgG type (and less commonly
- IgA, IgM and IgE) attack components of the **adhesion complex of the basement membrane zone (BMZ)** and result in subepidermal blistering.
- The two main autoantigens are BP230 (BPAg1) and BP180 (BPAg2, collagen XVII)

Occurs chiefly in adults
over 60 years of age.

Skin lesion : blister on
an inflammed base.
involves scalp arms legs
axilla & groin

Tense subepithelial bullae -
affects whole thickness of
epithelium- persists longer.

Oral lesions smaller, less painful.

**Desquamation of gingiva –
COMMON FINDING**

**Can sometimes be the only
oral finding**

The gingival lesions consist of
generalized edema,
inflammation, and
desquamation with localized
areas of discrete vesicle
formation.

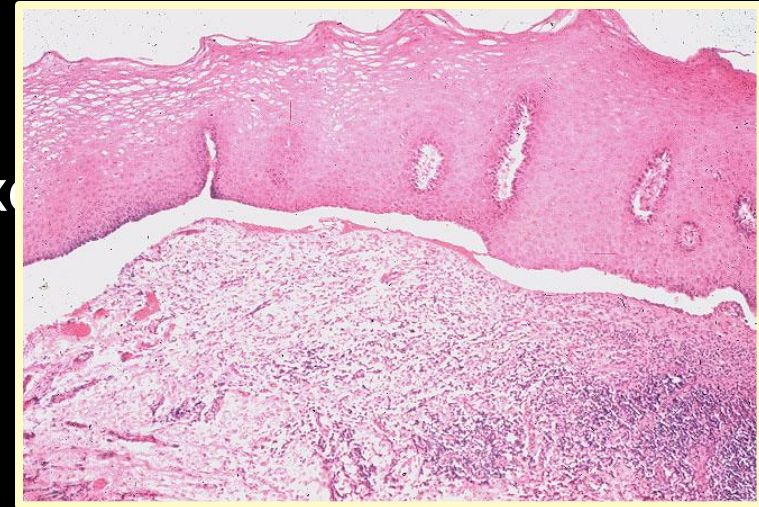
Bulla do not extend peripherally
to form large denuded areas like
pemphigus.

HISTOLOGICAL FEATURE

- Bullae are **subepidermal**.
- No acantholysis.
- Vesicle contain fibrinous exudate admixed with occasional inflammatory cell.

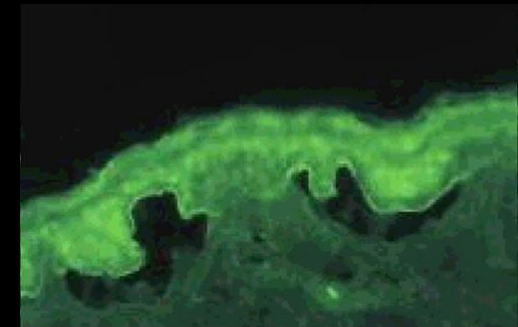
ELECTRON MICROSCOPY:

- Split beneath basement membrane
- Blood vessels show alteration in their permeability.
- BM show thickening.



IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE

- **DIRECT:**
- Tissue bound anti- basement membrane zone antibodies IgG class.
- **INDIRECT:**
- Positive in 80% of the patient.



Bullous pemphigoid

Figure 19-09 B. Bullous pemphigoid. Indirect immunofluorescence study performed on salt-split normal human skin substrate with the serum from a patient with bullous pemphigoid detects immunoglobulin G (IgG) class circulating autoantibodies that bind to the epidermal (roof) side of the skin basement membrane.

British Association of Dermatologists' guidelines for the management of bullous pemphigoid 2012

- Topical corticosteroids
- use of topical steroids as **first-line treatment for both localized and moderate** disease

British Association of Dermatologists' guidelines for the management of bullous pemphigoid 2012

- Systemic steroids are the best established treatment for BP : prednisolone of 0.75-1mg/kg daily in widespread BP are effective within 1–4 weeks in about 60–90% of cases.

- It is not possible to identify a starting dose of prednisolone (or prednisone) that would be maximally effective and minimally toxic for all patients with BP.
- Doses which might meet these criteria for a majority of patients are:
 - 0.75-1mg/kg -severe cases
 - 0.5 mg/kg : for moderate cases
 - 0.3 mg/kg for mild or localized disease.

- If new inflammatory or blistered lesions are few or absent within 4 weeks - gradually reduced
- Reduction of the daily dose of prednisolone -about 1/3rd to 1/4 down to 15 mg daily, then down to 10 mg daily, is suggested.
- The dose could then be reduced by 1 mg each month

- In about **50% of cases relapse** will occur at some point during the dose-reduction period, indicating that the **previous dose is likely to be the minimal effective dose** for that patient

ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME

Acute self limiting
inflammatory
mucocutaneous
disease.

Erythema multiforme
minor <10% skin

Erythema multiforme
major (extensive skin
+oral)

Fulminant forms.

Stevens-Johnson
syndrome (SJS)

Toxic epidermolysis
necrosis syndrome
(TENS)

Erythema multiforme usually occurs in adults 20 to 40 years of age

Hypersensitivity to infectious agents such as **HSV**, drug reaction – NSAIDs /anticonvulsants

EM with HSV :
65-70%

HSV Ag incite T-cell mediated delayed hypersensitivity reaction.

Cytotoxic T cells, natural killer cells and cytokines destroy epithelial cells.

Erythema Multiforme

- Skin lesion – **multiforme**
- **Target or iris lesion**

Oral involvement **70%**

- vesicles or bullae -rupture - thick white or yellow exudates.
- The lips may exhibit ulceration with bloody crusting
- Severe form : large ulcer- coalesce
 - Difficulty in eating,swallowing
 - Drool blood tinged saliva



- Erythema multiforme **resolves spontaneously** in three to five weeks without sequelae, but it may recur
- **Erythema multiforme is diagnosed clinically.**
- In patients who have target lesions with a preceding or coexisting HSV infection, the diagnosis can be made easily

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PRACTICE

- Oral acyclovir (Zovirax) should be given early in herpes-associated outbreaks of erythema multiforme to lessen the number and duration of lesions

MANAGEMENT	Drug	Dosage
HSV associated EM	T.Acyclovir T.Valacyclovir T. Famcyclovir	400mg/bd 500 mg/bd 250mg/bd
Mild EM	Systemic, Topical Analgesics, supportive care	
Severe EM <u>Top. Corticosteroids</u>	Clobetasol, Fluocinonide, Triamcinolone, Fluocinolone, Hydrocortisone acetate	0.05% 0.05% 0.1% 0.05%
Systemic Corticosteroids	T. Prednisolone	1-2mg/kg/day
Mouth wash	•Equal parts of viscous lidocaine 2%, diphenhydramine-12.5mg/5ml •Maalox- Aluminium hydroxide and magnesium hyroxide mixture	Swish and spit 4 times/day
Recurrent EM	T. Dapsone Azathioprine	100-150mg/day 100-150 mg/day

LUPUS

ERYTHEMATOSIS

- **Heterogeneous** autoimmune disorder
- Involves the oral cavity along with the skin and internal organs
- Wide spectrum of symptoms

Lupus is strongly associated with defects in apoptotic clearance.

Endogenous nuclear antigens are characteristic of SLE
Autoantigens released by apoptotic cells are presented by dendritic cells to T cells

Failure of phagocytes to remove apoptotic material efficiently

Fragments of nuclear particles -captured by antigen presenting cells

Interact with T and B cells
Development antinuclear antibodies that are typical of the disease.

PATHOGENESIS

Oral lesion : 40% of pts

Prevalence in Indian population – 3.2%

F > M F:M =10:1
30 to 40 yrs

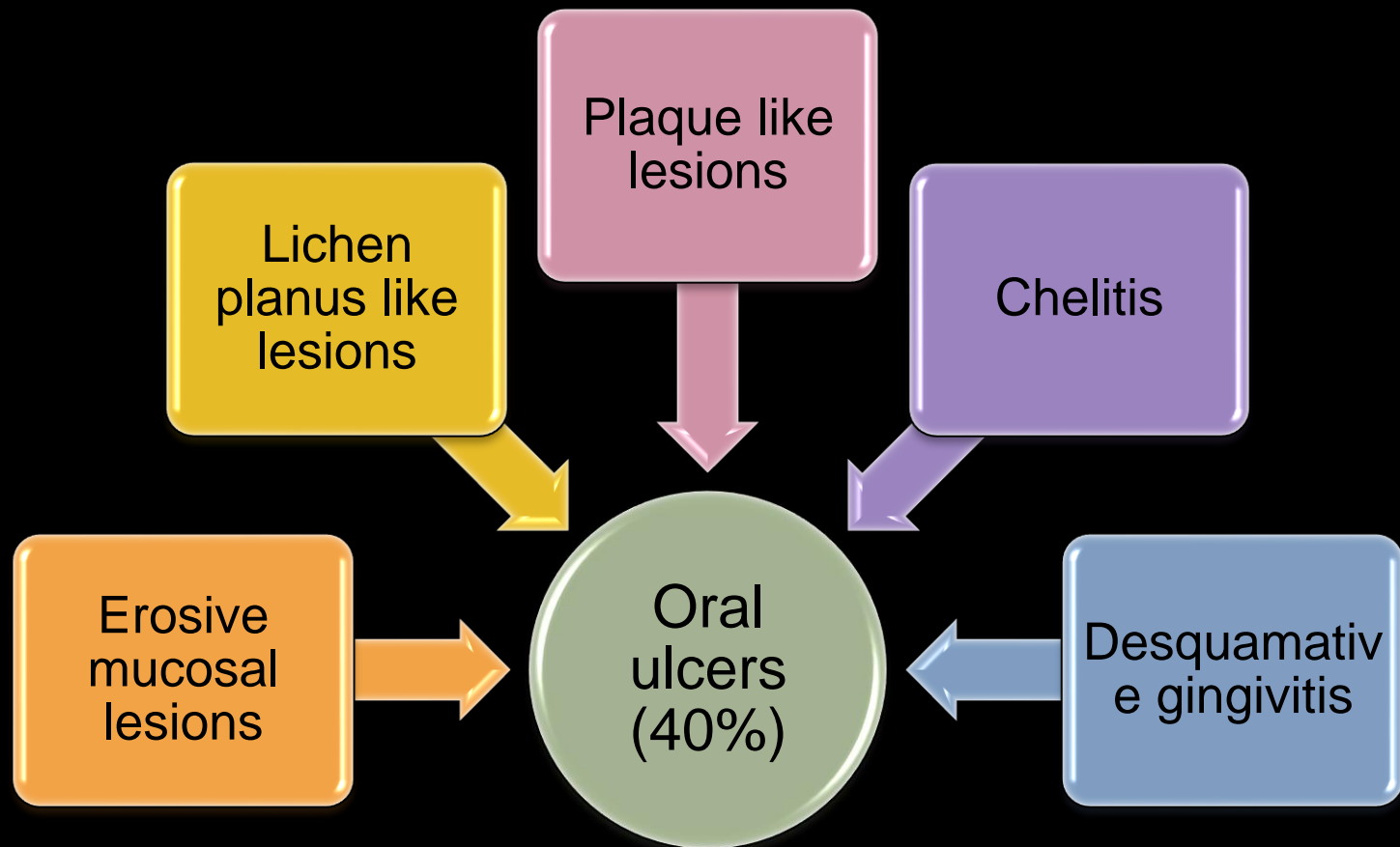
Type III
hypersensitivity-
immune complex IgG
and IgM

Types:
Cutaneous LE,
Discoid LE,
Systemic LE

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- **Oral lesions** are characterized by the presence of a **central erythematous erosion or ulceration** surrounded by a white rim with **radiating keratotic striae** “brush border”
- Frequent sites : hard and soft palate, buccal mucosa, and the vermilion border of the lips.
- The gingiva : desquamative appearance,
- burning or soreness.
- Other mucosal surfaces :oropharyngeal mucosa,nares, larynx, and epiglottis





Hard palate (89%) > Buccal mucosa > Lips > Gingiva

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DIAGNOSIS

Box 1. American College of Rheumatology criteria for systemic lupus erythematosus*

1. Malar rash
2. Discoid lesions
3. Photosensitivity
4. Presence of oral ulcers
5. Nonerosive arthritis of two joints or more
6. Serositis
7. Renal disorder
8. Neurologic disorder (seizures or psychosis)
9. Hematologic disorder (hemolytic anemia, leukopenia, lymphopenia, or thrombocytopenia)
10. Immunologic disorder (anti-DNA, anti-Sm, or antiphospholipid antibodies)
11. Antinuclear antibody

* SLE diagnosis with 4 or more of 11 criteria present at any time.

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Treatment recommendations for systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) with no, mild, and/or moderate organ manifestations (e.g., skin, joints, serositis),

First line and basic treatment

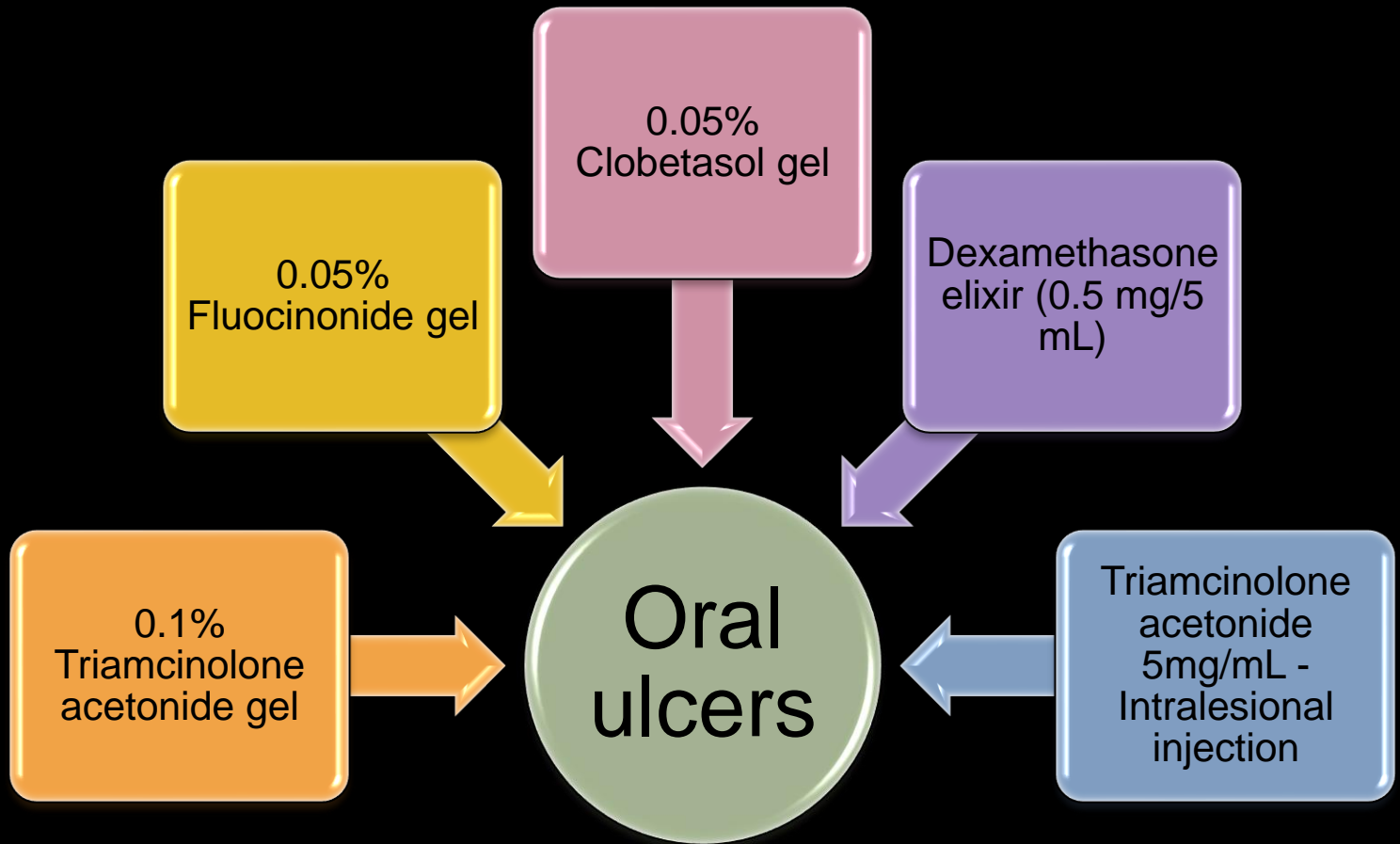
Hydroxychloroquine or Chloroquine
Initial nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory
Drugs and/or
glucocorticoids

If no response

Azathioprine
or
methotrexate
or
mycophenolate mofetil

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CHRONIC ULCERATIVE STOMATITIS

- Rare mucocutaneous disease
- Primarily involves mucosal surfaces.

First reported in 1990. (Jaremko et al)

Predilection for women.

Lesions predominantly seen in oral cavity.

ORAL LESION: - Painful solitary, small blister & erosion with surrounding erythema.

- Tongue
- Buccal mucosa
- Gingiva - desquamation



- **TREATMENT**

Mild case: Topical steroid

Topical tetracycline

Severe: High doses of systemic corticosteroid

Treatment of choice for complete long lasting remission:

Hydroxychloroquine 200 – 400 mg/ day

Linear IgA Disease

Sub Epithelial disease with deposition of IgA in the basement membrane.

Affects children below the age of 10.

Etiology - Unknown.

- 1) Might be drug induced (ACE inhibitors)
- 2) systemic disease (hematological malignancies, dermatomyositis)

Skin Lesions- Annular pruritic papules and blisters “cluster of jewels” appearance.

Oral lesions are common-
Blisters, erosions and ulcers of
oral mucosa with
Desquamative Gingivitis.



H/P- Sub Epithelial
Clefting.

DIF-Linear deposition
of IgA.

TREATMENT

1) Combination of sulfone & dapsonе.

2) Prednisone 10-30mg – if initial response inadequate.

3) Tetracycline (2g / day) + Nicotinamide (1.5g / day)

Epidermolysis bullosa

Blistering of skin & mucous membrane.

Acquired subepithelial fragile blisters affecting skin and mucosa.



Painful ulcerations preceded by collapse of vesicles/bullae.

Resembles bullous pemphigoid.

Ig G Antibodies against Type VII Collagen

DIF-Linear IgG and C3 basement membrane zone

Treatment:
High dose of Corticosteroids.
Immunosuppressants

DRUG ERUPTIONS

Eruptive skin and oral lesions are attributed to drugs acting as an allergen, either alone or in combination → sensitizing the tissues and causing allergic reaction.

Eruption in oral cavity from sensitivity to drugs taken by mouth/ parenterally →

**STOMATITIS
MEDICAMENTOSA**

Local reaction →

**STOMATITIS VENENATA /
CONTACT STOMATITIS.**

Due to: Irritating local action

Drug sensitivity

Lesion Morphology	Drugs
Lichenoid lesions	Antimalarials (chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine, quinacrine, quinidine), antihypertensives (β -blockers), NSAIDs, methyldopa, penicillamine, lithium, lorazepam, isoniazid, ketoconazole, amphotericin B, carbamazepine, streptomycin, tetracycline, cimetidine, flunarizine*
Pemphigoid-like	Antirheumatics (ibuprofen, penicillamine, and phenacetin), captopril, carbamazepine, furosemide, clonidine, practolol, antibiotics (penicillins and sulfonamides)
Pemphigus-like	Penicillamine, captopril, thiol drugs (containing sulfhydryl radical: -SH), diclofenac, ibuprofen, piroxicam, propranolol, ACE inhibitors, theobromine, ampicillin, rifampin, interferon
EM	NSAIDs, allopurinol, barbiturates, penicillin, cephalosporins, sulfonamides, phenytoin, quinolones, carbamazepine, furosemide
Lupus-like	Hydantoins, carbamazepine, lithium, chlorpromazine, ethosuximide, reserpine, griseofulvin, methyldopa, isoniazid, procainamide, quinidine, primidone, streptomycin, thiouracils, trimethadione

**DRUGS
ASSOCIATED WITH
DESQUAMATIVE
GINGIVITIS**

- Appear as either:
 - Vesicle or bullae
 - Pigmented / nonpigmented macule
 - Erosions
 - Ulceration with purpuric lesion
- Gingival lesions can be seen due to:
 - Mercurial compounds
 - Pyrophosphates & flavoring agents
 - Cinnamon compounds

TREATMENT

- Elimination of offending agent
- Oral antihistamines
- anti-inflammatory mouth rinse of benzydamine hydrochloride
- severity of the lesion - steroids



DERMATITIS HERPETIFORMIS

- Chronic condition
- Young adults (20-30 years)
- Slight predilection for males.
- Bilateral and symmetric pruritic papules/vesicles





EXTRAORAL: skin , GI tract ,
gluten sensitivity

EXTRAORAL: extremely
pruritic erythematous , urticarial
plaques papules with vesicles .

CLINICAL COURSE : chronic

INTRAORAL: range from
painful ulcerations, preceded
by the collapse of vesicles or
bullae to erythematous lesions.
DESQUAMATIVE GINGIVITIS

Treatment:

- 1) Dapsone
- 2) Gluten free diet

GRAFT vs HOST DISEASE

Etiology- HSCT

Oral manifestation: Any oral site, Lesions similar to OLP. Manifest as lichenoid Reaction



Skin
mild maculopapular rash
Severe-skin sloughing

Clinical course:

- Acute: within 100 days after transplantation
- Chronic: >100 days. Relapsing, remitting course.



Treatment:

- Same as olp
- Topical steroids
- Opportunistic infections mgt



SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS IN PERIODONTAL CARE

Non traumatic periodontal supportive care.

Plaque control

Recognition of early signs of disease onset.

Surveillance for relapses

Avoid triggering factors

BIOPSY SITE SELECTION

Choose an area of intact epithelium

Include perilesional tissue- H&E

Select normal appearing tissue for immunofluorescence testing.

If lesion is also present elsewhere in the mucosa, avoid gingival biopsy and prefer mucosal biopsy.

TRANSPORT

•Formaldehyde

for histopathologic evaluation

•Ambient

temperature

transport media

(Michelle's

solution) for DIF

Steroid Carrier Trays/ customised carrier trays



Soft maxillary and mandibular trays usually made of silicone.

Customised to the patients dental arch.

For **High potency steroids** and **immunomodulators** when used for topical application

INSTRUCTIONS:

Coat all the inner surface of tray with topical medicament

Insert the tray 3 times a day(After breakfast, lunch and dinner).

Tray to be worn 20 minutes each time

Ask the patient to expectorate excess saliva after application and not to swallow atleast for 1 hour..

Continue the procedure for 2 weeks.

If lesion subsides, taper the dose to alternative days for the next week and then discontinoue

Steroid Carrier Trays/ customised carrier trays



ADVANTAGES:

- Increased period of contact of drug with the lesion

DISADVANTAGES:

- Insertion and removal may initiate gingival desquamation
- Risk of increased systemic uptake
- Risk of gingival epithelial thinning

ALGORITHM

PATIENT WITH DESQUAMATIVE GINGIVITIS

SPECIFIC MUCOCUTANEOUS
VESICULOBULLOUS/EROSIVE DERMATOSES
OTHER ORAL & / EYE & / SKIN LESIONS

HORMONAL/ IDIOPATHIC (NO SKIN, EYE OR MUCOSAL LESIONS)

BIOPSY WITH OR WITHOUT IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE

BIOPSY WITH OR WITHOUT IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE

EYE & / OTHER MUCOSAL LESIONS

SKIN & / OTHER ORAL MUCOSAL LESIONS

SKIN & / OTHER ORAL MUCOSAL LESIONS

SKIN, LIPS & / OTHER ORAL MUCOSAL LESIONS

SKIN, FACE, EYES, PERINEUM LIPS & / OTHER ORAL MUCOSAL LESIONS

GINGIVAL LESIONS ONLY

SUBBASAL SPLIT; LINEAR BASEMENT MEMBRANE DEPOSITS OF IgG, C3

SUBBASAL SPLIT; BAND LIKE LYMPHOCYTIC INFILTRATE; GLOBULAR BASEMENT MEMBRANE DEPOSITS & COMPLEMENT C3 AND FIBRINOGEN

SUPRAABASAL EPITHELIAL SPLIT; INTRACELLULAR IgG DEPOSITS

SUBBASAL AND SUPRABASAL SPLIT (NON SPECIFIC); NEGATIVE IMMUNOFLUORESCENCE

SUBBASAL SPLIT; LINEAR BASEMENT MEMBRANE DEPOSITS OF IgA AND FIBRIN

SUBBASAL SPLIT; NEGATIVE IF

BENIGN MUCOUS MEMBRANE PEMPHIGOID

EROSIVE/ BULLOUS LICHEN PLANUS

PEMPHIGUS VULGARIS

ERYTHEMA MULTIFORME

LINEAR IgA DISEASE

NON SPECIFIC CHRONIC DESQUAMATIVE GINGIVITIS

ESTROGENS & / SYMPTOMATIC TREATMENT ONLY

TREAT WITH TOPICAL & / TRANSIENT SYSTEMIC STEROIDS

TREAT WITH TOPICAL STEROIDS

TREAT WITH LONG TERM SYSTEMIC STEROIDS & / IMMUNOMODULATORY AGENTS

TREAT WITH SHORT TERM SYSTEMIC STEROIDS & /

TREAT WITH LONG TERM SULFAPYRIDINE WITH OR WITHOUT SYSTEMIC STEROIDS

Decision making in Periodontology- Walter B Hall- 3rd edition

- Detailed history
- Systemic symptoms
- Presence of similar lesions at other sites
- Medication used
- Contact with chemical material
- Family history

- Suspicious of allergy : patch test against dental materials
- Definitive diagnosis : HP, IF, + auto Ab in blood

Summary...

List common and rare disorders that encompass this term

Review the clinical, histological and serological findings commonly associated with Desquamative Gingivitis

Identify treatments suggested for disorders associated with Desquamative Gingivitis.

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