

Dermatology/ Ophthalmology
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Rash and Fever

Meningococemia

Initially flu like, URI
coryza, pharyngitis, fever, malaise, headache, vomiting, myalgias,
arthralgias
Rash very rapid - hrs to days
Diffuse mottling, Petechia, purpura
Hypotension

Treatment

Resuscitation
Vancomycin, Ceftriaxone (PCeph3), Pen G, Chloramphenicol
Monitoring, Supportive Care

Prophylaxis -Close contacts

Rifampin, Ceftriaxone, Cipro

Meningococemia

MENIGOCOCCAL VACCINE

Approved for use March, 2005

Conjugate vaccine

Covers 4 of 5 major serotypes

Minimum age is 2 years old

Recommend give to pre-teens at ages 11-15, and high schoolers; and for everyone up to age 55 (Booster at 16-18)

All going to colleges or dormitories

Other high-risk (military etc.), no spleen, travel

Herpes Simplex (HSV-1, HSV-2)

Infections resolve without treatment
Recurrent infections often asymptomatic
Long term suppressive therapy greatly improves the quality of life if recurrent
Recurrence rate is affected by daily therapy (also reduces HIV2 progression)
Topical – reduces healing time, expensive
Oral–first sign or symptom, best within 72 Hours
Herpetic Whitlow

Gonococemia

Neisseria gonorrhoeae
1-2% pts with gc
Mainly women/ homosexuals
Fever, tenosynovitis, migratory polyarthralgias
Septic vasculitis
A distinctive characteristic is both Palpable purpura as well as pustular lesions
Periarticular, distal ext.
Treatment
3rd gen cephalosporin

Toxic Shock

Toxigenic strain of staph aureus
women using tampons
Nasal packing
Major clinical criteria
Fever > 102
Erythroderma
Late desquamation of skin
Mucous membranes
Hypotension
Multisystem affected
Weakness, myalgias, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, abnormal labs
Volume resuscitation, Penicillinase Resistant Synthetic penicillin, antibiotics, supportive care

Conjunctivitis Generalities (low specificity)

<u>Discharge/Node type</u>	<u>Etiology</u>
Purulent	Bacterial
Serous or clear	Viral
Stringy, white	Allergic
Preauricular lymph node enlargement	Viral/G.C.

Bacterial Conjunctivitis

Bacterial Conjunctivitis (uncomplicated/simple)

Bilateral or unilateral

Mucopurulent discharge of lids and lashes

Visual acuity good

Treatment: Antibiotic ointment or drops (Erythromycin, Sodium Sulfacetamide), fluoroquinolones

GC Conjunctivitis

Gonococcal Conjunctivitis

Purulent conjunctivitis

Pre-auricular adenopathy (like viral)

Neonates: Usually bilateral, 3-5 days post vaginal delivery

Adults: Usually unilateral

Treatment: Topical antibiotics are inadequate. Ceftriaxone IM/IV and topical ATB

Concern is corneal perforation

Chlamydia Conjunctivitis = Trachoma

Chlamydia trachomatis Infection

Obligate intracellular parasite

Trachoma: Leading cause of preventable blindness

Causes inclusion conjunctivitis of newborn between 5-14 days of delivery

Characterized by lymphoid follicles in the conjunctiva

Treatment: Adult:

Systemic Tetracycline

Systemic Azithromycin

Erythromycin Topical

Neonatal: Systemic and topical erythromycin, 40-50 mg/kg/day for 2-3 weeks

Staphylococcal Allergic conjunctivitis

Red eye

Thick discharge

Sterile Ulcers at Limbus

Allergic reaction to staph toxin

Topical ATB (Sulfacetamide)

Tobramycin

Ophthalmology may add steroids

Viral Conjunctivitis

Difficult to distinguish from bacterial

more frequently is bilateral
there is preauricular adenopathy
Tx = topical antibiotics to cover for superinfection
note despairing of redness in the area adjacent to the Iris

epidemic keratoconjunctivitis

very contagious
adenovirus type VIII
epidemics are frequent
TX.
Ophthalmology referral
Topical ATB
Trifluorothymidine
Steroids by Ophthalmology

allergic conjunctivitis

characterized by cobblestone appearance under the lid
may have marked CHEMOSiS
treatment
topical antihistamines
vasoconstrictor's
cool compresses
allergen avoidance

Herpes Simplex Keratitis (HSK)

Localized pain/foreign body sensation
Fluorescein stain: dendritic pattern
Treatment: Antiviral agents cycloplegics, Refer Ophtho

Herpes Zoster Conjunctivitis

Almost always unioocular
5th cranial nerve
Cornea may be involved alone or nasociliary nerve which supplies tip of nose and cornea. If tip of nose is involved, suspect corneal involvement
Hutchinson's Sign – If Tip nose
Corneal dendrite is classic finding
Treatment: Ophthalmology referral, no steroids except with ophtho, antiviral agents

Staph Scalded Skin Syndrome(SSSS)

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Etiology

Toxigenic strains Staph aureus
Type II phage
Clinical picture
Sudden onset fever, irritability w/ skin tenderness
Nikolsky positive
Flaccid blisters, erosions, desquamation of skin
Fluid and electrolytes loss
Heat loss
Portal for infection
Treatment
Burn Unit Care
Systemic antibiotics
Supportive care
No steroids
Excellent prognosis usually

Nikolsky's sign

Ready separation of the outer layer of the epidermis from the basal layer with sloughing of the skin produced by minor trauma, such as by exerting a sliding or rubbing pressure on the area involved, which may occur in
Pemphigus
Staph scalded skin syndrome
Toxic epidermal necrolysis (TENS)
Thermal burns.

KAWASAKI'S DISEASE (MCLNS)

M-F : 1.5 to 1;

Most under 5 years

Highest in Asians

Criteria: Fever (10 days (5-25 days)

plus 4 of 5:

Rash

Conjunctivitis

Distal extremity redness, swelling, desquamation

Strawberry tongue

Lymphadenopathy

KAWASAKI'S DISEASE

Etiology: unclear, maybe exotoxin

Coronary artery aneurysms! = 20% if untreated

Admit

IV Immune globulin, (Gammagard, Gamimune

Not in ED

ASA

Varicella/ Chickenpox

10 – 14 d incubation

Highly contagious in prodrome

circumoral pallor
denuded tongue
Antecubital, inguinal erythema
Viral exanthem may mimic
Complications
 Rheumatic fever – 0.3% untreated
 Nephritis (APSGN)
 Abscess
Treatmen
 PCN
 Cephalosporin

Roseola Infantum(Exanthum subitum)

Abrupt high fever 2 - 4 days
Periorbital edema
posterior cervical lymphadenopathy
6 months – 2 years
Human Herpes Virus 6,7
Child “looks good”
When fever subsides rash begins
Rose pink maculopapular first on trunk, lasts 1-2 days
No therapy needed

Episcleritis

focal localized lesion
poorly understood
may be associated with systemic disease or local irritation or allergy
treatment
 artificial tears
 possibly steroids
 refer to ophthalmology for follow-up

Scleritis

Possibly Infective – syphilis, TB, Zoster, leprosy
Possibly Autoimmune (Inflammatory) – RA, WG, SLE, PN, Goodpasture’s,
Crohn’s, Sarcoid
possibly Metabolic - gout
Can be necrotizing
Untreated – thinning, scleral defects, anterior uveitis, keratitis, cataract,
glaucoma
Posterior uveitis – proptosis, visual loss
Treatment:
 REFER
 High dose systemic steroids
 Systemic NSAID
 Topical cyclosporin
 Methotrexate

Scleral grafting

Corneal Ulcer secondary to contact lens

associated Hypopyon

Pseudomonas, Klebsiella

Immediate Ophthalmology referral

Culture

Atb - Cipro

Cycloplegics

Steroids

Etc..

Chemical Conjunctivitis/ Burn

Alkali Burn = **ABSOLUTE EYE EMERGENCY**

Sodium hydroxide (lye or other alkali e.g. cement, drain cleaner, fertilizer, sparklers, and firecrackers)

Liquefaction necrosis (versus coagulative with acid)

Treatment: Immediate tap water at scene

In ER: Continuous saline irrigation, ophthalmology consult, irrigate ringer's lactate at 500cc's/30 minutes, pH should be between 6.8 – 7.4

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever

Rickettsia rickettsia

Wood tick

Dog tick

Widespread south central Atlantic coast

Clinical 2–4 ds post bite

Initially non specific

Headache, fever, chills, malaise, nausea, vomiting, anorexia, abdominal pain, photophobia

Rash starts on extremities

Maculopapular rash

Petechial (classic 35-60%)

Begins in extremities wrists and ankles spreads to trunk

Involves palms and soles

GI: Jaundice, hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, acute abdomen

Pulm: cough, SOB, hypoxia

Neuro: confusion, SZ, coma

Renal: pre renal Azotemia ATN

Cardiac: minor EKG changes

“Black Measles

Lone Star tick, the American dog tick, and the deer tick, which can also cause [Lyme disease](#).

Treatment

Early Tx decreases mortality 25% to 50%

Antibiotics

Adults

Doxycycline 100 mg BID x 5-7 days

Children < 8 yo

SAME - Doxycycline

Supportive care

Cat Bite

Staph/ Strep and Pasturella multocida

Augmentin

Doxycycline

Ceftriaxone – moderate

Amp/ Sulbactam – severe

Rabies coverage

Tetanus

Look for Foreign body – tooth

Hordeolum - Stye

Internal

Meibomian gland

Staphylococcus aureus

Treatment

warm compresses

topical and/or oral antibiotics

incision and drainage if needed

external

infected eyelash area

Staphylococcus aureus

Treatment

warm compresses

topical antibiotics possibly PO antibiotics

pull the eyelash to drain

incision and drainage if needed

ophthalmology referral for both

Chalazion

External – blocked meibomian
Localized – inflammatory
Not usually infected
More chronic/ indolent
Topical atb/ PO atb
Warm compresses
Curretage

Pterygium

UV light exposure/dust
Not emergent
Refer

Dacryocystitis

Painful, swollen, red, medial unilateral mass
Lacrimal duct
Staph/ strep
Massage duct
Topical ophthalmic drops
Systemic antibiotics

Dacryoadenitis

Swelling & tenderness temporalupper eyelid
Lacrimal gland
Adults: bacterial
Children: viral (mumps most common cause)
Cool compresses/oral antibiotics

Cellulitis

Skin/ subcutaneous tissue
S. Aureus/ Strep
Rx – PRSP
Consider CA-MRSA

Erysipelas

Group A b-hemolytic strep
More superficial
Sharp Demarcation
Face
Adults, diabetics,
Treatment
PCN G
Macrolides
Cephalosporins

MRSA

Hospital MRSA

- Resistant
- Hospital associated
- Dialysis/ surgery/ catheters
- Instrumentation

CA-MRSA (increasing)

- Community associated
- SSTI/ Pneumonia
- Crowded living
- Sensitive to

- Doxycycline
- Bactrim
- Rifampin
- Clindamycin

Impetigo

Superficial skin infection

- Vesiculo-pustular, honey crusted “stuck on”
- lymphadenopathy

S. aureus, S. pyogenes, Group A Strep

Some strains can cause glomerulonephritis (rare)

Augmentin, Azithromycin, Erythromycin, Keflex

Mupirocin Topical/ Nasal

Gentle scrubbing

Bullous Impetigo

Clinical

- Staph, phage II
- Fragile bulla
- Straw colored fluid
- Genital, perioral, perinasal, extremities
- Children,
- Preceding URI

Treatment

- Mupirocin topical
- Oral anti staph – diclox
- MRSA?

Ecthyma

deeper infection similar to impetigo
Poor nutrition/ hygiene
Alcoholics

Erythrasma

Corynebacterium
Humidity/ hygiene/ diabetes
Coral color under woods lamp
Treatment
Information
Hygiene
alternates cephalosporin or penicillin

necrotizing fasciitis

involves deep tissues to the fascia
may be gas forming
rapid spread
often aerobic and anaerobic organisms
predisposing factors include diabetes mellitus, malignancy, alcoholism,
etiology-group a streptococcus, staph aureus, Bacteroides, Proteus,
Pseudomonas, Klebsiella, and others

Fourniers gangrene

necrotizing fasciitis in the perineal region
diabetics and immunocompromised patients
rapidly spreading
often requiring broad-based debridement
is often mixed bacteria needing broad-based in about a coverage

Ocular Preseptal Cellulitis

infection appears to be superficial
child does not appear toxic
eye exam is normal
extraocular movements intact and not painful
infection appears to be limited to the eyelid and surrounding skin only
treatment
 warm compresses
 antibiotics
 very close follow-up

consider strongly CT scan to rule out subtle deep infection follow-up

Orbital Cellulitis

significant ocular and periorbital infection
unilateral proptosis
swelling and erythema of lids and surrounding tissues
this is a deep infection
CT scan to delineate spread
Treatment
 admission to the hospital
 IV antibiotics like Unisys or Cefoxitin
 possible surgical drainage

Uveitis

Signs and symptoms very red eye
 Decreased visual acuity,
 intraocular pressure decreased
 Consensual photophobia

Slit Lamp: Flare and cells in anterior chamber

Treatment:

 Mydriatics and
 Topical steroid

 Cyclopentolate or homatropine (reduction of ciliary spasm and pain)

Complications: Posterior synechiae/anterior synechiae-subsequent secondary