

"Skin in the Ring: Common Dermatoses and Infections in Wrestlers"

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 - A Phase 3, multi-center, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study to assess the efficacy and safety of apremilast in pediatric subjects from 6 -17 years with moderate to severe plaque psoriasis
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 - A Phase 3 Multi-center, Long Term Extension Study Investigating the Efficacy and Safety of PF-04965842, with or without Topical Medications, Administered to Subjects Aged 12 Years and Older with Moderate to Severe Atopic Dermatitis
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Objectives

- Identify common dermatologic conditions in wrestlers and other athletes
 - Infectious
 - Non-infectious
- Review over the counter treatment options
- Discuss when to refer to dermatology

Today's Topics

- Infectious

- Impetigo
- Folliculitis
- Herpes Simplex
- Pityriasis rosea
- Tinea (capitis, cruris, pedis)
- Tinea versicolor
- Verruca vulgaris
- Molluscum

- Non-Infectious

- Atopic dermatitis
 - Pityriasis alba
 - Contact dermatitis
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Perioral dermatitis







Impetigo

- Seen in infants through school age children
 - Bullous type more common (*Staph aureus*)
- Highly infectious
 - *Staph* more common than *strep* (historically GABHS)
- Treatment
 - Topical antibiotics (prescription mupirocin, OTC double antibiotic) if limited
 - Oral antibiotics
 - Penicillinase-resistant penicillin
 - 1st or 2nd generation cephalosporin, clindamycin, etc
 - Aluminum acetate soaks (to help with crusting)





Folliculitis

- Inflammatory reaction involving the hair follicle
- Typically related to bacteria on the skin and occlusion
- Can exist on a spectrum with acne
- Treatment
 - Benzoyl peroxide wash/gel (over-the-counter)
 - Topical antibiotics – clindamycin (prescription)
 - Oral antibiotics:
 - doxycycline, minocycline (if older than 8 years)
 - Cephalexin, clindamycin
 - Dilute bleach baths
 - Chlorhexidine wash





Herpes simplex

- Grouped red vesicles, “punched-out” erosions, crusting
 - Often painful, prickly, tingling
 - May have prodromal response (fevers, myalgias, etc)
- Location (anywhere!)
 - Facial lesions
 - Scalp
 - Buttocks
- Herpetic whitlow
 - Fingers
 - Toes
- Genital lesions
 - Not always sexual abuse, but does raise concern
- Gingivostomatitis

Herpes simplex

- Primary infection may go unnoticed
- Secondary re-infection usually with clinical findings
- Diagnosis
 - Tzanck preparation
 - HSV PCR
 - Culture (only for sensitivities)
- *Treatment should be prescription*
- Acyclovir (or valacyclovir)
 - Acyclovir x 7 to 10 days for initial
 - Valacyclovir 2 g x 2 doses in 1 day teens and adults
- Chronic immune suppression
 - 30 mg/kg/day divided q8h acyclovir
 - 1000 mg daily valacyclovir

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Eczema Herpeticum

- HSV PCR can be helpful
- Secondary bacterial infection is common
 - Do bacterial culture
- May need hospitalization, particularly if fevers
- Treatment
 - Systemic Antivirals
 - Systemic Antibiotics (+/-)
 - Topical steroids









Pityriasis rosea

- Common in teenagers
- Due to HHV-6 or HHV-7
- Clinical
 - ? Viral prodrome
 - May develop larger “herald patch” up to one week before
 - Scaly red-brown-violet plaque
 - Numerous other smaller plaques appear in “fir-tree” pattern on back/torso/buttocks
 - Present for 2-6 weeks
- No treatment required
- If persistent, refer to specialist for consideration of other etiologies



Tinea capitis

- Common in young and school age children
- Patchy hair loss
 - Inflammation and pustules to some degree
 - “Black dots”
 - Often have positive cervical lymphadenopathy (LAD)
- Diagnosis
 - Fungal culture – grows dermatophytes (*Trichophyton*, *Microsporum*)
- Treatment
 - Topicals are not enough!
 - Oral therapy (griseofulvin at 20-25mg/kg/day BID x 8 weeks)
 - Terbinafine x 4 to 6 weeks
- Antifungal shampoo



Tinea Cruris

- Favors folds
- Typically can use a topical OTC antifungal aimed at dermatophytes
 - Clotrimazole (will also cover candida)
 - Terbinafine
 - 2 to 4 weeks for treatment
- Check the feet!
- May need oral antifungals depending on severity
- Antifungal powder can be helpful for prevention



Tinea corporis

- Typically can use a topical OTC antifungal aimed at dermatophytes
 - Clotrimazole (will also cover candida)
 - Terbinafine
 - 2 to 4 weeks for treatment
- Check the feet!
- May need oral antifungals depending on severity or lack of response to above





Tinea Pedis

- Scaling and maceration between the toes
- Typically can use a topical OTC antifungal aimed at dermatophytes
 - Clotrimazole (will also cover candida)
 - Terbinafine
 - 2 to 4 weeks for treatment
- May need oral antifungals depending on severity
- Prevention?
 - Dry feet well
 - Change socks often
 - Clean shoes and shoe lining





Tinea Versicolor

- *Malassezia spp.*
 - Common commensal yeast
 - Also component of seborrheic dermatitis and cradle cap
- Topical antifungals
 - OTC
 - Topical pyrithione zinc or selenium sulfide in the shower
 - Prescription
 - Ketoconazole 2% cream twice daily for a few weeks
 - Ketoconazole 2% shampoo three times weekly in shower







Verruca vulgaris

- Common wart
- Several common subtypes
- Treatment
 - Benign neglect
 - Topical salicylic acid for several months (OTC)
 - Clinic treatments/specialist
 - Cryotherapy
 - Immunotherapy (candida yeast protein injections)
 - Topical imiquimod
 - Topical 5 Fluorouracil (5FU) *off-label*







Molluscum Contagiosum

- Poxvirus family
- Very common, spreads through skin-skin contact
 - Swimming pools, bath tubs
 - Sharing clothes/towels
- Can last few months to few years
- Treatment depends on number present and patient preference
 - Immunotherapy (candida antigen injections)
 - Cryotherapy (if only a few papules)
 - Topical retinoids
 - Benign neglect
 - Curettage*

Non-Infectious Dermatitis

- Atopic Dermatitis
 - Pityriasis alba
 - Contact Dermatitis
- Seborrheic dermatitis
- Perioral dermatitis

Atopic Dermatitis

- One of most common skin findings in infants and children
- >85% of affected individuals will have it by age 5
- Up to 20% of children in USA
 - Has increased steadily over decades
 - Similar to asthma
- Children with AD are more at risk for:
 - Asthma
 - Seasonal Allergies
 - Food Allergies

Atopic Dermatitis

- Clinical features
 - Xerosis
 - Very pruritic
 - Excoriations
 - Lichenification







Restoring and Maintaining Skin Barrier

Moisturize!

- Ointments or creams are best
- Twice daily
- Fragrance-free

Baths/Showers

- Daily to every other day
- Less than 10 minutes
- Moisturize within 3 minutes of bath

Soap

- If needed, fragrance-free





Pityriasis Alba

- Mild dermatitis
 - With non-specific post-inflammatory hypopigmentation
 - Often asymptomatic
 - Often seen in patients with AD
 - Typically most noticeable after sun exposure (summer/early fall)
- Treatment
 - Moisturizer
 - Sun protection to prevent
 - Topical steroids for 2 to 3 weeks (low-potency)
 - Calcineurin inhibitors





Contact dermatitis

- Irritant (think caustic soaps, hand sanitizers)
- Allergic
 - Many causes
 - Look for patterns on the skin that may clue you in to product or potential cause

Common Allergens

- Nickel
- Topical antibiotics
 - Neomycin
- Propylene glycol
- Cocamidopropyl betaine
- Lanolin
- Benzalkonium chloride
- Fragrance and Balsam of Peru
- Methylchlorisothiazolinone (MCI)/methylisothiazolinone (MI)







Seborrheic Dermatitis

- ▶ Related to sebum-production and commensal yeast *Malassezia*
- ▶ Clinical features
 - ▶ Occurs in sebum-rich areas
 - ▶ Scalp
 - ▶ Face (forehead, eyebrows, upper eyelids, nasolabial and melolabial folds)
 - ▶ Neck and central chest
 - ▶ Intertriginous areas (retroauricular creases, under breasts, groin)
 - ▶ Sharply demarcated, greasy, pink-yellow to red-brown patches/plaques with bran-like scale
 - ▶ Chronic, relapsing course

Seborrheic Dermatitis

- Treatment depends a bit on age and whether you see inflammation (erythema)
- Scale
 - Antifungal agents, anti-dandruff shampoo
 - Ketoconazole 2% shampoo (prescription)
- Erythema
 - Topical steroids, low potency
 - Calcineurin inhibitors (non-steroid prescription)

Treatment

Infants

- Body
 - Low-potency topical steroids
 - Emollients
- Scalp
 - Oil-based products to reduce/remove scale
 - Fluocinolone oil – low potency topical steroid

Children/Teens

- Body
 - Topical steroids/ CI
 - Emollients
- Face
 - Topical steroids (if inflamed)
 - Topical antifungals (if scaly)
- Scalp
 - Topical steroids
 - Antifungal shampoo
 - Antidandruff shampoo

Perioral Dermatitis (Periorificial Dermatitis)

An inflammatory condition on the face

Usually made worse with fluorinated topical steroids or fluoride toothpaste

Spares vermilion border

Can involve perinasal and periocular skin

+/- pruritic







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Perioral Dermatitis Treatment

- Remove offending agents
 - Ointment-based products
 - Fluoride toothpaste (if possible)
- Gentle, fragrance-free moisturizer lotion or cream
 - Unlike Atopic Dermatitis, avoid ointment!

Perioral Dermatitis Treatment

Topical

- Metronidazole 0.75% cream or gel
- Erythromycin 2% gel
- Calcineurin inhibitors
- Avoid steroids!

Oral

- For severe cases
- Erythromycin (expensive, hard to find)
- Doxycycline (>8 years old)

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Questions

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