

Guess That Rash

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Rhus Dermatitis



Poison Ivy



Poison Oak



Poison Sumac

Sporotrichosis

Subacute to chronic infection caused by fungal genus *Sporothrix*

Introduced into the skin by “traumatic inoculation” (e.g., prick by rose thorn)

Can involve other organs in immunocompromised patients



Primary Cutaneous Nocardiosis

- Painful skin lesions
- May be associated with regional lymphadenopathy and mild systemic symptoms
- Occurs in patients with cell mediated immunodeficiency





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Atopic Dermatitis

- **An eczematous cutaneous eruption often referred to as “eczema”**
- **More common in children than adults**
- **Can be triggered by allergens**
 - inhalant
 - food

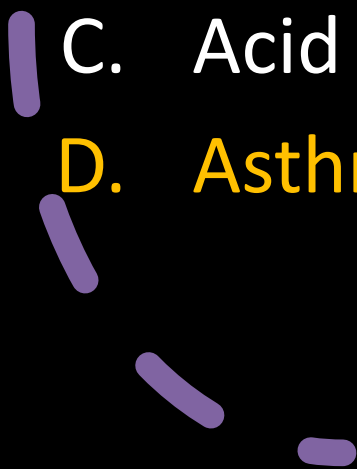
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Atopic Dermatitis

**One of the 3 genetically related
atopic diseases:**

- 1. Asthma**
- 2. Atopic dermatitis**
- 3. Allergic rhinitis**

“Atopic March”

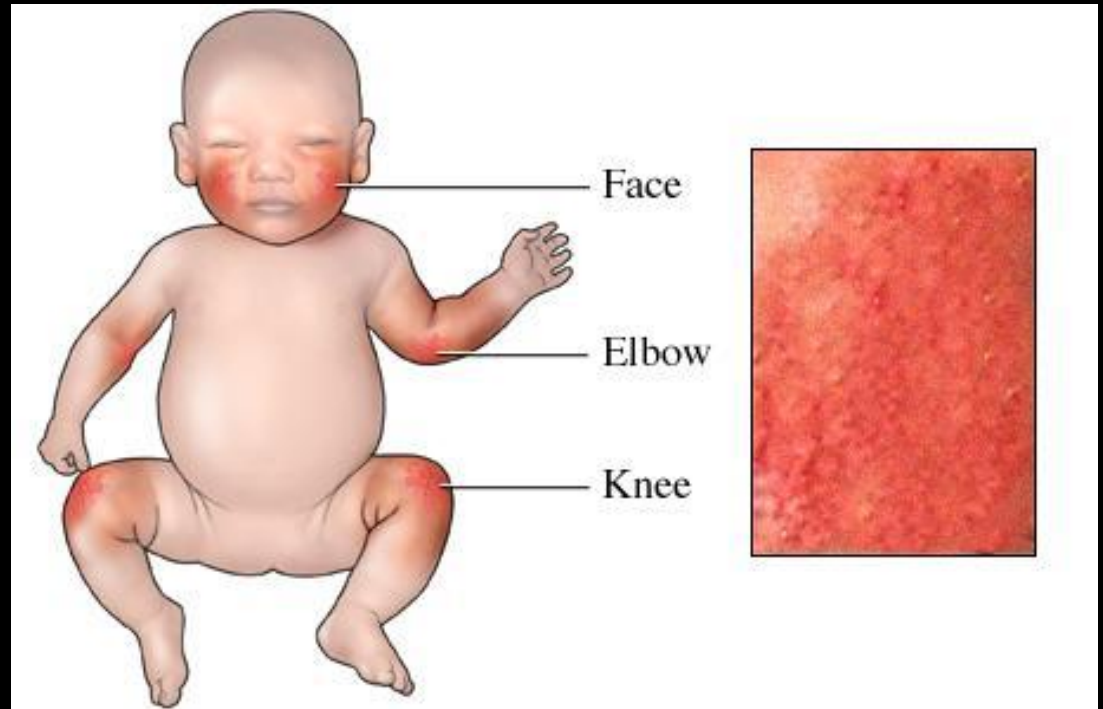
**Suggestions have been made to
include Eosinophilic Esophagitis
as a 4th component**

Atopic Dermatitis: History

- **ITCHING!!!**
- **Rash**
- **May be associated with certain allergen exposure (but development of rash may take hours)**
- **Very steroid responsive**



Atopic Dermatitis: Physical

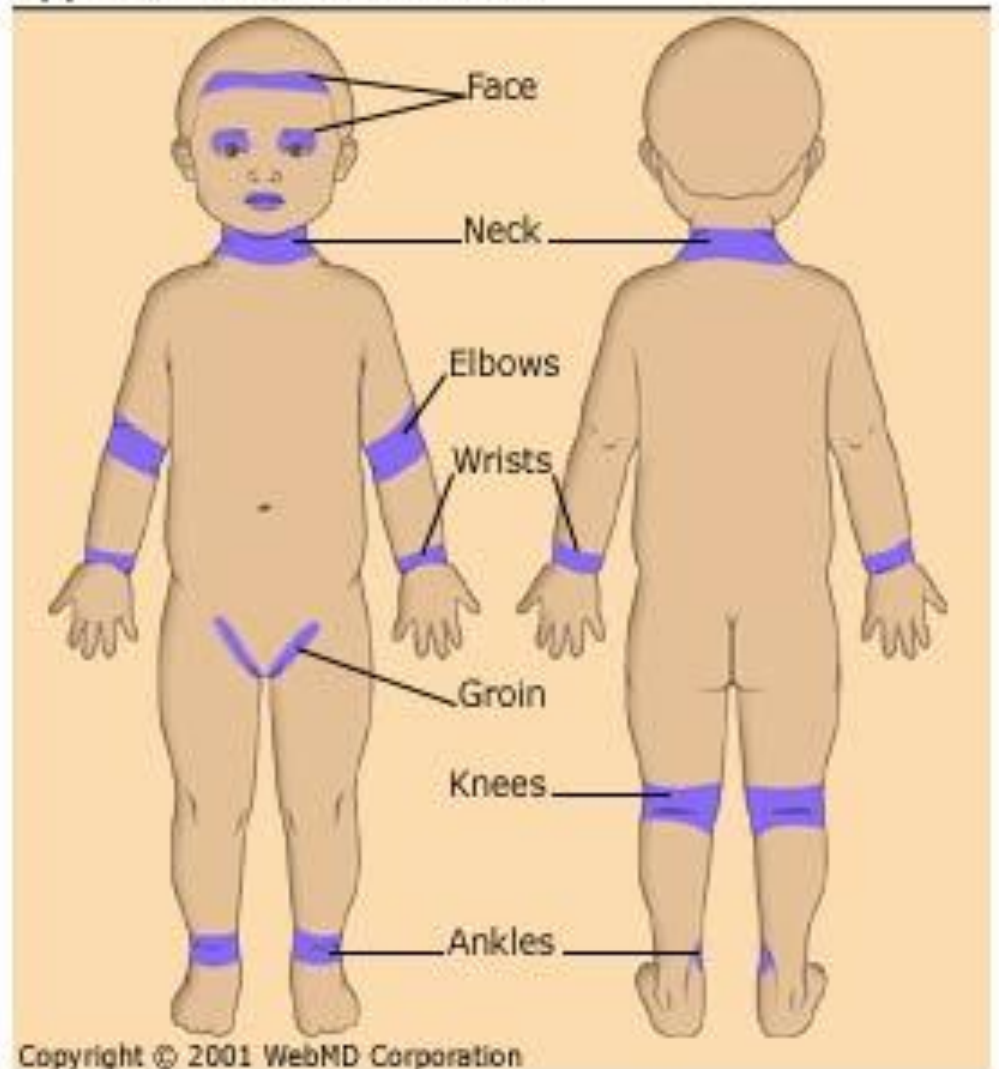


- In infants, can occur on scalp/face, diaper area

Atopic Dermatitis: Physical

In older children
& adults, AC
fossae, behind
knees, ankles,
wrists, neck

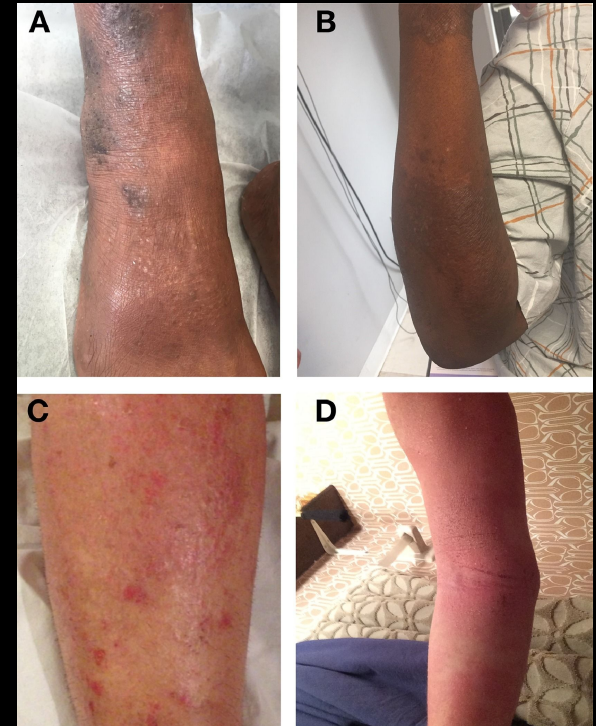
Typical Sites of Eczema



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Nummular eczema

- Most often affects extremities, occasionally lower trunk
- May be idiopathic, but other possibilities include atopic dermatitis, contact dermatitis





Nummular eczema

May be mistaken for tinea corporis

Lichen Simplex Chronicus

- Chronic localized pruritus with secondary dermatitis
- Etiology often elusive
- Consider work up for pruritus



Pruritus – Systemic Causes

Chronic renal disease

Cholestatic liver disease

Hyper or hypothyroidism

Diabetes mellitus

Polycythemia vera

Iron deficiency anemia

Lymphoma

Myelodysplastic Syndrome

HIV

Medications



Prurigo Nodularis

- Uncommon
- Affects older adults
- Chronic itching
- Frequently associated with history of atopic dermatitis or h/o itching
- Results from frequent scratching over a period of time



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Skin Atrophy due to topical steroids



- Explain how to use topical steroids
- Use for no more than 7 consecutive days on face, neck, skin folds and 14 days elsewhere
- Start at onset of rash
- Caution with prescribing “PRN”

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Systemic Contact Dermatitis

- Occurs with ingestion, intravenous/subcutaneous administration, or inhalation in a previously sensitized patient
- Less common than contact dermatitis caused by direct contact with the skin
- Presents as vesicular hand dermatitis, generalized or diffuse eczematous eruptions, or possible isolated eyelid dermatitis

Top 3 causes of Systemic Contact Dermatitis

Nickel

**Balsam of Peru
(myroxylon pereirae
oleoresin)**

Propylene glycol

Nickel

- Natural element
- Commonly found in jewelry, metal buttons, belt buckles, etc.
- Legumes (beans, peanuts, soy) tree nuts, chocolate, oatmeal
- Metal utensils, cooking pots/pans, storage containers
- Medical implants



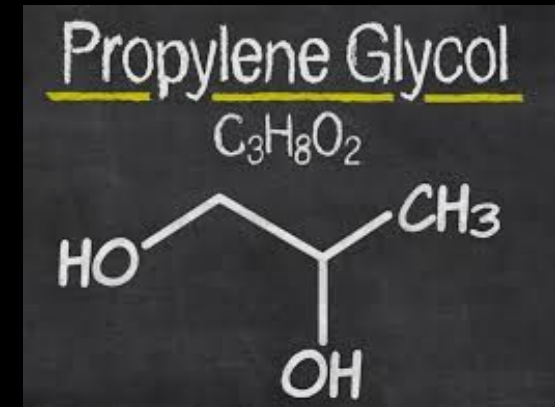
Balsam of Peru



- shampoo/conditioner, topical creams (including medical products), dental medicines/cement, air freshener, lip treatments
- Chocolate, beer, cola, flavored drinks, citrus, ice cream, tomatoes, wine, vanilla, cinnamon, cloves

Propylene Glycol

- Emulsifier, preservative, and excipient
- Added to foods as a humectant and glazing agent
 - Prepackaged bread and flour products, desserts and snacks
 - Ice cream
 - Fast foods and pre-prepared meals
- Topical medicaments (including steroids)
- Oral medicines (including liquid cetirizine, diphenhydramine, and loratadine)



Allergic Contact Dermatitis

Thousands of potential allergens identified

Plants

- Poison ivy, oak, sumac
- Weeds
- Wood

Metals

- Nickel
- Chromium
- Gold

Rubber & plastic agents

Organic dyes

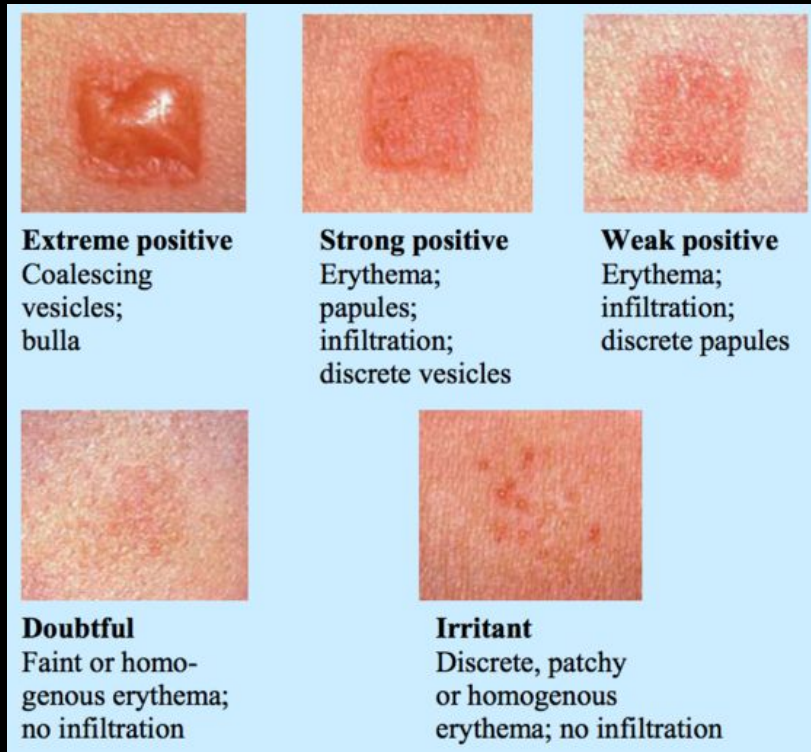
Preservatives

- Thimerosal

Allergic Contact Dermatitis

Diagnosis

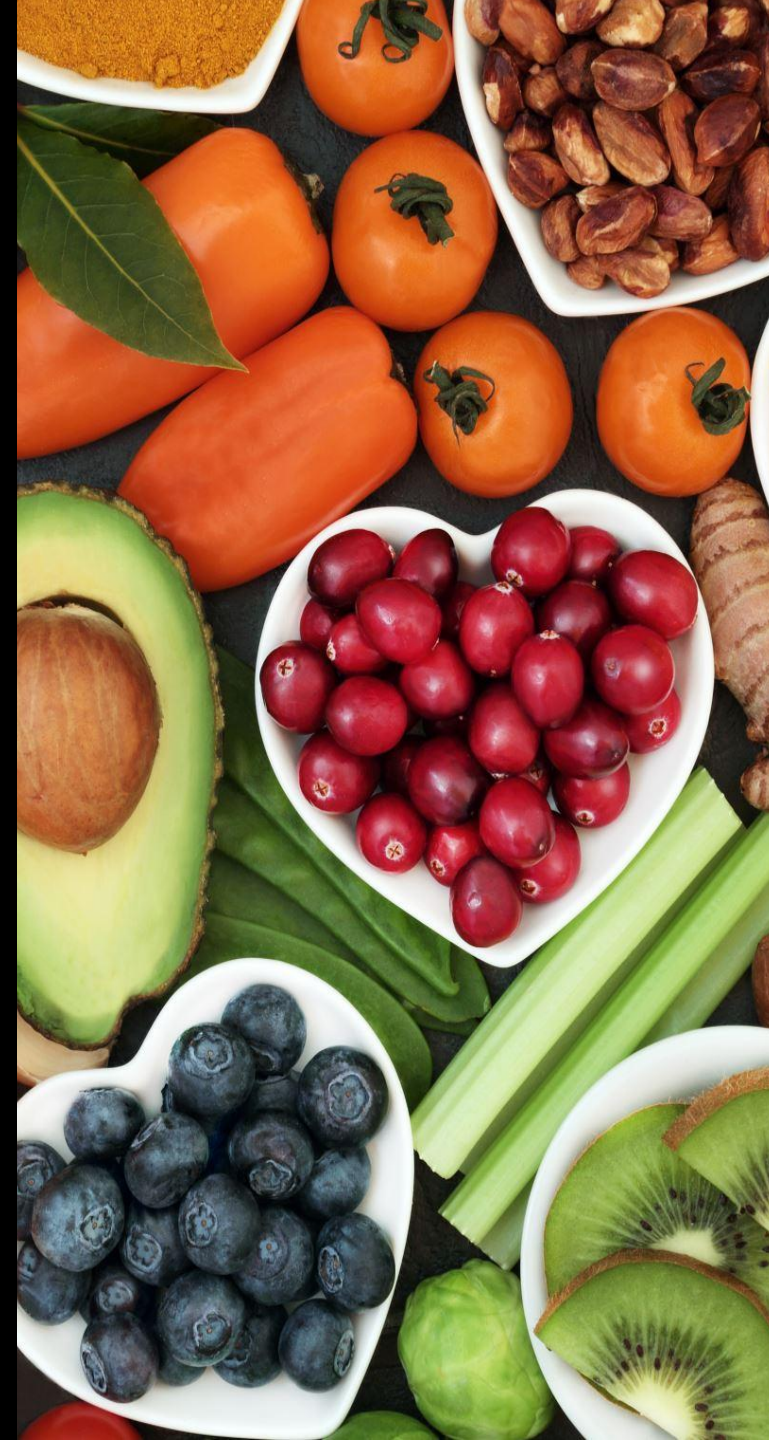
- History
- Patch tests



Treatment of Systemic Contact Dermatitis

Avoid the offending allergen, if possible

- Could be in medicines or supplements
- Provide diet information
 - Patient can try avoiding all relevant foods for 3 months
 - If symptoms clear, they may be able to add small amounts into their diets



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Subacute Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus (SCLE)

- Most patients have photosensitivity
- 48 to 50% have systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)
- c. 10 to 15% will subsequently develop SLE
- Can be drug induced



ACE inhibitors (captopril, cilazapril)
Antiarrhythmics (procainamide)
Antiseizure medications (phenytoin, lamotrigine)
Antifungals (griseofulvin, terbinafine)
Antihistamines (cinnarizine/thiethylperazine)
Antineoplastics (docetaxel, paclitaxel, anastrozole, gemcitabine, doxorubicin, tamoxifen, leuprorelin)
Beta blockers (acebutolol, oxprenolol)
Calcium channel blockers (diltiazem, nifedipine, nitrendipine, verapamil)
Diuretics (hydrochlorothiazide, spironolactone)
Immune modulators (leflunomide, interferon-alpha, interferon-beta)
Lipid-lowering agents (pravastatin, simvastatin)
NSAIDs (naproxen, piroxicam)
Proton pump inhibitors (omeprazole, lansoprazole, pantoprazole)
Sulfonylureas (glyburide)
TNF-alpha inhibitors (etanercept, infliximab, adalimumab, golimumab)
Others (D-penicillamine, bupropion, ticlopidine, ranitidine*)

Drugs associated with SCLÉ

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