

Chapter 10:

Psoriasis



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10.1 Clinical aspects



Psoriasis vulgaris

Erythematous form

Very extensive psoriasis. Large confluent patches, mainly erythematous, covered in fine scales. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Scaly erythematous form

Psoriasis on the knees. Well demarcated scaly erythematous patches. Thick white scales with a shiny micaceous appearance. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Plaster-like psoriasis

Extended psoriatic lesions on the trunk and the arms. In the present case the scales, which are thick and adherent, mask the erythema which appears here and there like a thin border at the edge of the lesions. The appearance of the scales is such that they are often referred to as cretaceous psoriasis or, more picturesquely "plaster-like scales".



Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Characteristic clinical symptoms

Patches resemble candle wax. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Characteristic clinical symptoms

Patches are bleeding after curettage.



Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Guttate psoriasis

Guttate psoriasis consists of innumerable small scaly erythematous patches, a few millimetres across, which in the present case are distributed all over the skin. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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Guttate psoriasis

In many cases it is an eruptive psoriasis of childhood or adolescence.



Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis vulgaris

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*Koebner's phenomenon
(isomorphic reaction)*

Psoriatic lesions appear around a surgical scar.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: Mechanical Factors



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Psoriasis vulgaris

Body

Pustular psoriasis of the flexor surface of the forearm. Large erythematous patch with distinct margins, strewn with a scatter of flattened yellowish-white pustules arranged in confluent clusters. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Pustules

Causes: None specific



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Pustular psoriasis

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Feet

Plantar pustular psoriasis. Isolated pustules appear on a scaly erythematous base with distinct borders. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Pustules; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Pustular psoriasis

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Feet

The most recent yellowish-white pustules are slightly raised, whereas the older pustules are brown and embedded in the horny layer of the epidermis.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Pustules;
Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriatic erythroderma

The erythrodermic psoriasis has spread all over the body. ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriatic erythroderma *continued*

The erythrodermic psoriasis has spread all over the body without intervals of healthy skin.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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10.2 Particular local forms



Palmoplantar psoriasis

Palmar psoriasis. Scaly erythematous patches with distinctly rounded contours. The covering scales are thick and nacreous.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Flexural psoriasis

Inverse psoriasis of an axilla. The psoriatic eruption consists of a continuous plaque which is bright red, shiny, smooth, and not very scaly, with a well-circumscribed margin.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis of the nails

The picture, which is very complete, includes distal onycholysis with yellow coloration, cup-shaped depressions in the central area, and advanced disintegration of the nail plate in the proximal area. In addition, classical psoriatic lesions have invaded the whole of the nail fold.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis of the scalp

The round, scaly erythematous patches spread beyond the hairline to invade the cervical region.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Psoriasis of the face (seborrheic psoriasis)

Psoriasis of the face is rare and is usually found predominantly in the seborrheic regions: wings of the nose, area between the eyebrows, hairline. It is often called "seborrheic psoriasis".

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule; Scales

Causes: None specific



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Mucosal psoriasis

1. Psoriasis of the tongue

Erythematous and slightly glazed plaques with distinct margins, scattered over the upper surface of the tongue. The picture is quite similar to that described by the term geographical tongue (or benign migratory glossitis or lingual erythema migrans). ▶

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule

Causes: None specific



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Mucosal psoriasis continued

2. Psoriasis of the glans penis

Large red and well-circumscribed plaques, neither infiltrated nor scaly, with a chronic course. They present problems of differential diagnosis, as they have to be distinguished from balanitis of other origins.

Basic Lesions: Erythematous Macule

Causes: None specific



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