

Grand Rounds in Dermatology



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Disclosures

- I have no relevant disclosures
- Off label discussion of medications will be discussed

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Case

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- 11-year-old boy with no notable past medical history
- 6-week history of intermittent "prickling" rash
- ROS: Fevers, fatigue, anxiety, weight loss, photophobia, oral ulcers, chest pain, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, myalgias and arthralgias

Medications: none

Family medical history: no autoimmune disease

Social history: no pets

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Physical Exam

- Coalescing, annular, erythematous and dusky patches
- Bilateral conjunctival injection
- Tachypneic
- Anxious



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DDx



Tinea Corporis



Subacute Cutaneous Lupus Erythematosus

Dermatology, 3rd edition, Bologna, Jorizzo, and Schaffer, 2012
V. Werth, Dermatology Advisor.



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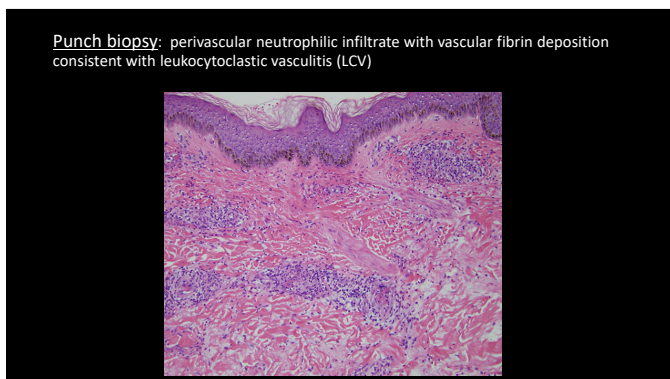
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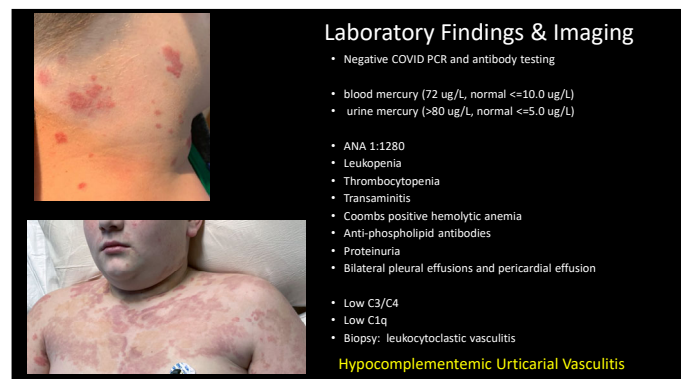
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Hypocomplementemic Urticarial Vasculitis (HUV)

- Associated with renal, pulmonary, musculoskeletal, and GI involvement
- Uncommon diagnosis
- **Low C1q** is the most sensitive marker
- In a recent study of 54 children with HUV, all were diagnosed with **Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE)** at presentation or developed SLE within a range of 1-24 months



DeAmicis T, et al. JAAD 2002;47(5):5273-5274.

Al Musalhi B, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2020

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SLICC criteria for SLE (7 criteria and + ANA)

Requirements: ≥ 4 criteria (at least 1 clinical and 1 laboratory criteria)
OR biopsy-proven lupus nephritis with positive ANA or Anti-DNA

Clinical Criteria	Immunologic Criteria
1. Acute Cutaneous Lupus*	1. ANA
2. Chronic Cutaneous Lupus*	2. Anti-DNA
3. Oral or nasal ulcers *	3. Anti-Sm
4. Non-scarring alopecia	4. Antiphospholipid Ab *
5. Arthritis *	5. Low complement (C3, C4, CH50)
6. Serositis *	6. Direct Coombs' test (do not count in the presence of hemolytic anemia)
7. Renal *	
8. Neurologic *	
9. Hemolytic anemia	
10. Leukopenia *	
11. Thrombocytopenia (<100,000/mm ³)	

*SLICC: Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics

ACR/EULAR criteria for SLE: + ANA, serositis/pericarditis (6), low C3/C4 (4)=10

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Mercury Toxicity

- Home toxicology inspection revealed mercury contamination in the patient's bed
- Mercury exposure can induce or exacerbate systemic autoimmune disease or a lupus-like syndrome in genetically-susceptible strains of mice
- Mercury-exposed gold miners have a higher prevalence of ANA titers and increased autoinflammatory cytokines
- Potential elevated risk of SLE with self-reported occupational mercury exposure



Pollard KM, et al. Environ Health Perspect. 1999;107 Suppl 5:729-735
Gardner RM, et al. Environmental Research. 2010;110(4):345-354
Cooper GS, et al. J Rheumatol. 2004 Oct;31(10):1928-33
Crowe W, et al. Autoimmun Rev. 2017;16(1):72-80

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Conclusions

- HUV and SLE arising in the context of mercury poisoning in a pre-teen
- Although animal data and epidemiological studies support the possibility of mercury exposure triggering SLE/autoimmunity, no prior descriptions of this phenomenon in humans have been reported in the literature
- Stable with improving labs on hydroxychloroquine (s/p prednisone taper, IVIG x 3, mercury chelation therapy)

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Case

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8-day-old baby

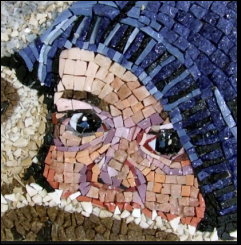


- Healthy FT infant
- Red lesion noted at birth
- Sometimes darker red sometimes lighter
- Erythematous vascular patch extending from forehead to cheek and chin, involving upper and lower eyelid

Biggest concerns on DDx?

- Large facial capillary malformation
- Sturge Weber Syndrome

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Capillary malformations
GNAQ mosaic genetic mutation

- If occurs earlier in development:
→ syndromic (Sturge Weber syndrome)
- If occurs later in development:
→ Isolated facial port wine stain

Shirley MD, et al. NEJM 368: 1971-1979, 2013


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Sturge-Weber Syndrome

- Neuroectodermal syndrome
- Sporadic

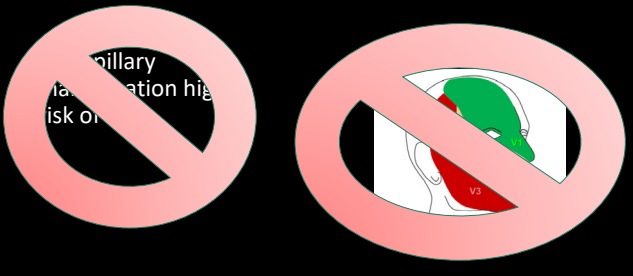
Diagnostic criteria

- Capillary malformation on face
 - involving forehead and upper eyelid
 - If bilateral higher risk
- Glaucoma
 - Increased intraocular pressure
- Leptomeningeal vascular malformations (leptomeningeal angiomas)
 - May manifest as seizures



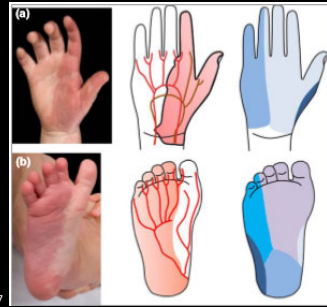
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Sturge-Weber Syndrome: Old Dogma



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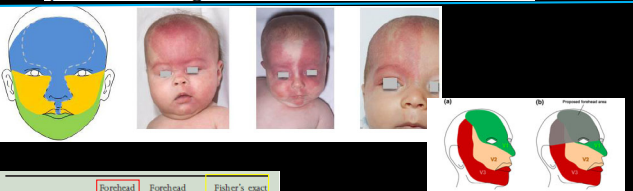
Observation:
Capillary malformations on extremities appear to follow vascular anatomy and not nerve distributions



Waelchli R, et al. Br J Dermatol. 2014 Oct;171(4):861-7

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New vascular classification of port-wine stains: improving prediction of Sturge-Weber risk




	Forehead involved	Forehead not involved	Fisher's exact P-value
Seizures	36/111	0/33	< 0.001
Abnormal neurodevelopment	42/93	0/30	< 0.001
Glaucoma	45/92	0/15	< 0.001
Abnormal magnetic resonance imaging scan	69/94	0/4	0.002

Patterns correspond to **vascular development patterns** and **not** to trigeminal nerve distribution

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Dutkiewicz AS, et al. J Am Acad Dermatol. 2015 Mar;72(3):473-80

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- Refer to pediatric neurology
- Refer to pediatric ophthalmology

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Consensus Statement for the Management and Treatment of Sturge-Weber Syndrome: Neurology, Neuroimaging, and Ophthalmology Recommendations

Sara Sabeti, BS¹, Karen L. Ball, MS², Sanjoy K. Bhattacharya, MTech, PhD³, Elena Birjari, MD⁴, Lauren S. Blieden, MD⁵, James D. Brandt, MD⁶, Craig Burkhardt, MS, MPH, MD⁷, Harry T. Chugani, MD⁸, Stephen J. Falchek, MD⁹, Badal G. Jain, MD¹⁰, Csaba Juhasz, MD, PhD¹, Jeffrey A. Loeb, MD, PhD¹, Aimee Luat, MD^{1,2}, Anna Pinto, MD, PhD¹, Eric Segal, MD¹⁰, Jonathan Salvin, MD¹⁰, Kristen M. Kelly, MD^{4,5}

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- Expert consensus (2021)
- Patients with high-risk facial port-wine birthmarks
 - Refer to pediatric neurologist
 - Refer to pediatric ophthalmologist (glaucoma monitoring and treatment)
- For newborns with no history of seizure or neurological symptoms, **routine imaging for brain involvement is not recommended**
- **Routine follow-up neuroimaging is not recommended** in children with stable neurocognitive symptoms

Sabeti S, et al. *Pediatr Neurol.* 2021 Aug;121:59-66

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Capillary malformation : ~3/1000 newborns (port wine stain, nevus flammeus)



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CASE REPORT

Successful treatment of facial port-wine birthmark in a premature infant

Chechea Tidal, MD^a and Roy G. Geronemus, MD^{a,b}
New York, New York



JAAD Case Rep. 2021 May 4;13:33-35

- Started pulsed dye laser at 2 weeks of life
- Treatment every 2 weeks x 14 treatments
- No anesthesia
- Stainless steel corneal shield used



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At age 13 days, baby presents at ED with difficulty breathing



- No fever
- Congestion x 2 days
- Respiratory distress
- Stridor

New diagnostic concern?

PHACE(s) syndrome
Airway hemangioma

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PHACE(s) syndrome

P Posterior fossa malformations

H Hemangioma

A Arterial anomalies

C Cardiac anomalies and aortic coarctation

E Eye abnormalities

(S) Sternal clefting and supraumbilical abdominal raphe

Dandy-Walker malformation; cerebellar atrophy; hypoplasia or agenesis of various CNS structures
Extensive facial; plaque-like; segmental; occasional airway involvement

Mainly head and neck; aneurysms, anomalous branches, aberrancy, hypoplasia, stenosis, tortuosity; increased risk of AIS

Coarctation, PDA, VSD, ASD, PS, others

Horner syndrome, increased retinal vascularity, microphthalmia, optic atrophy, cataracts, coloboma, others

Ventral midline developmental defects



• Laryngoscopy



• MRI/A

- Dandy Walker malformation
- Hypoplastic right vertebral artery
- Aberrant right subclavian artery

• Echocardiogram

- Within normal limits

• Ophthalmologic exam

- Within normal limits

• Treatment: escalation of oral propranolol to 2 mg/kg/day–to up to 3 mg/kg/day (if not responding well)

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Evaluating the Safety of Oral Propranolol Therapy in Patients With PHACE Syndrome


Gerilyn M. Olsen, BA¹, Leanna M. Hansen, BS¹, Nicole S. Stefanko, MD¹, et al.
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 JAMA Dermatol. 2020;156(2):186-190. doi:10.1001/jamadermatol.2019.3839

- multicenter retrospective, n= 76
- No reports of serious adverse events (ie, stroke, transient ischemic attack, or cardiovascular events) during treatment with oral propranolol
- 38 % nonserious adverse events:
 - sleep disturbance
 - minor gastrointestinal tract symptoms
 - minor respiratory tract symptoms
- Lowest possible dose recommended; TID dosing


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Hemangiomas at birth

Most infantile hemangiomas are NOT present at birth, sometimes a precursor lesion is present
 Most appear ~2 weeks of life
 Proliferation is expected



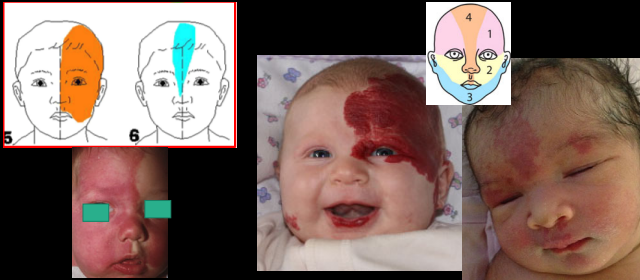
Congenital hemangiomas are "fully formed" at birth
 May involute or may not



Leung AKC, Lam JM, Leong KF, Hon KL. Infantile Hemangioma: An Updated Review. Curr Pediatr Rev. 2021;17(1):55-69

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Conclusion: Sturge Weber Syndrome capillary malformation facial patterning is reminiscent of segmental patterning of hemangiomas in PHACE syndrome



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Motry DW, et al. American J Medical Genetics 2006

Singhkar SP, et al. Indian Dermatol Online J 2014;5:1313-9

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Conclusions: PHACE syndrome

- In the first 2 weeks of life, a segmental infantile hemangioma may mimic facial capillary malformation
- Propranolol appears to be safe in PHACE syndrome
 - Caution advised
 - Use lowest dose necessary
 - Start with dose divided three times daily

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THANK YOU

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