# **Differential Diagnosis for leprosy**

## Differential Diagnosis of Flat Lesion

### **BIRTH MARK OR NAEVUS**



- Present since birth.
- Edges sharply defined saw tooth appearance
- Normal sweating.
- Sensations intact.
- Triple response normal
- Along line of Blaschko

#### **VITILIGO**



- Depigmented lesion
- Sweating normal.
- Sensations intact.
- White hairs on lesion.

## **CONTACT DERMATITIS**



- Itching common.
- Sensations intact.
- On exposed-contacting part
- History of acute oozing phase

#### LICHENOID DERMATITIS



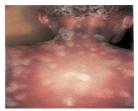
- Sensation normal
- Patch itchy
- Hypo-pigmented to violaceous
- Small lesions coalescing

#### TINEA VERSICOLOR



- Sensations normal.
- Patches have variable mild itchy ness
- Seasonal.
- Fungus can be demonstrated.
- Start around hair follicle opening
- In seborrhoeic sites

## **SEBORRHOEIC DERMATITIS**



- Sensations normal.
- Sever itching on patches.
- Scalp commonly involved.
- Oily yellowish scales

### **SCAR TISSUE**



- present

## **Differential Diagnosis of Raised Lesions**

## GRANULOMA ANNULARE



- Annular (ring shaped orientation) in extremities
- No sensory impairment or nerve changes
- History/family H/o Diabetes

## GRANULOMA MULTIFORME



- Large –dramatic geographic patches
- without skin sensory changes
- nerve involvement absent

## **RING-WORM**



- Sensations normal.
- Scaly appearance at periphery if untreated
- Itchy patches.
- Superficial look.
- Fungus can be demonstrated (if untreated)

#### **LYMPHOMA**



- Sensations normal
- Long standing lesion
- Associated lymphadenopathy hepato- splenomegaly
- Nerves normal

## LUPUS VULGARIS (Skin TB)



- Sensations usually normal
- Lymph node involvement
- Area of healing with scar
- Area of activity erythematous

## **PSORIASIS**



- Silvery- Scaly lesions on extensor surface
- Sensations normal
- On scraping leaves bleeding points (Auspitz sign)
- Increases during winter/ summer (seasonality)
- Joint involvement may be present

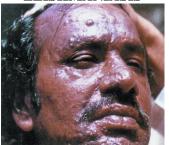
# Differential Diagnosis of Nodular Lesions

### **NEUROFIBROMATOSIS**



- Coffee-ground coloured macules
- Soft multiple nodules, painful on pressure (sometimes)
- Skin smears negative for M. leprae.
- Iris lesions (Refer to eye specialist
- Familial
- Present since birth/early childhood

## DERMAL LEISHMANIASIS



- Nodules/ infiltration on face on even ear like LL
- History of kala-azar.
- Skin smears negative for M. leprae.
- No sensory changes
- No nerve abnormalities

## **XANTHOMATOSIS**



- Skin coloured to yellow nodules papules plaques on tuberosities (bony prominences)
- Uncommon condition
- Skin smears negative for M. leprae.
- Blood cholesterol level high.
- No nerve lesion

## **Differential Diagnosis of Neurological Conditions**

### DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES OF NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS:

- 1. Post infectious (viral)
- 2. Diabetic Neurophathy
- 3. Alcoholic Neuropathy
- 4. Syringomyelia
- 5. Tabes-dorsalis

## POST INFECTIONS (VIRAL) Sensory/motor peripheral neuropathy.

- 1. Acute/sub-acute onset
- 2. Correlation (temporal) with recovery from viral illness
- 3. Neuritic symptoms heralds onset, may quieter later
- 4. Variable sensor/motor loss-different from leprosy
- 5. No nerve thickening/skin patch

#### **DIABETIC NEUROPHATHY**

- 1. Distal bilateral neuropathy.
- 2. 'Glove & stocking' type of anaesthesia.
- 3. 'Burning feet' syndrome.
- 4. Knee and ankle reflexes lost.
- 5. High blood sugar level.
- 6. Peripheral nerves normal

### ALCOHOLIC NEUROPATHY

- 1. Patient has alcoholic history
- 2. Face that of an alcoholic
- 3. Red-angry tongue
- 4. Cheilitis present. (Inflammation of the lips)

#### **SYRINGOMYELIA**

- 1. Uncommon condition
- 2. Disease of CNS
- 3. Cause unknown
- 4. Heat and pain sensation lost
- 5. Touch sensation present
- 6. Peripheral nerves not enlarged

#### **TABES - DORSALIS**

- 1. A variety of neurosyphilis.
- 2. Intense, recurring lightening pain in legs.
- 3. Stamping type of gait.
- 4. Romberg's sign positive (Inability to stand erect with eyes closed & feet together)
- 5. Knee reflexes absent.
- 6. Common Peroneal nerve normal