

Newborn Dermatology 101

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Newborn Dermatology

- Importance of H&P
- Complications during pregnancy?
- FH of skin disorders?
- Delivery method, length of time for ROM?
- Gestational age?
- GBS+, CBC, blood culture?
- Home with mom in 48-72 h?



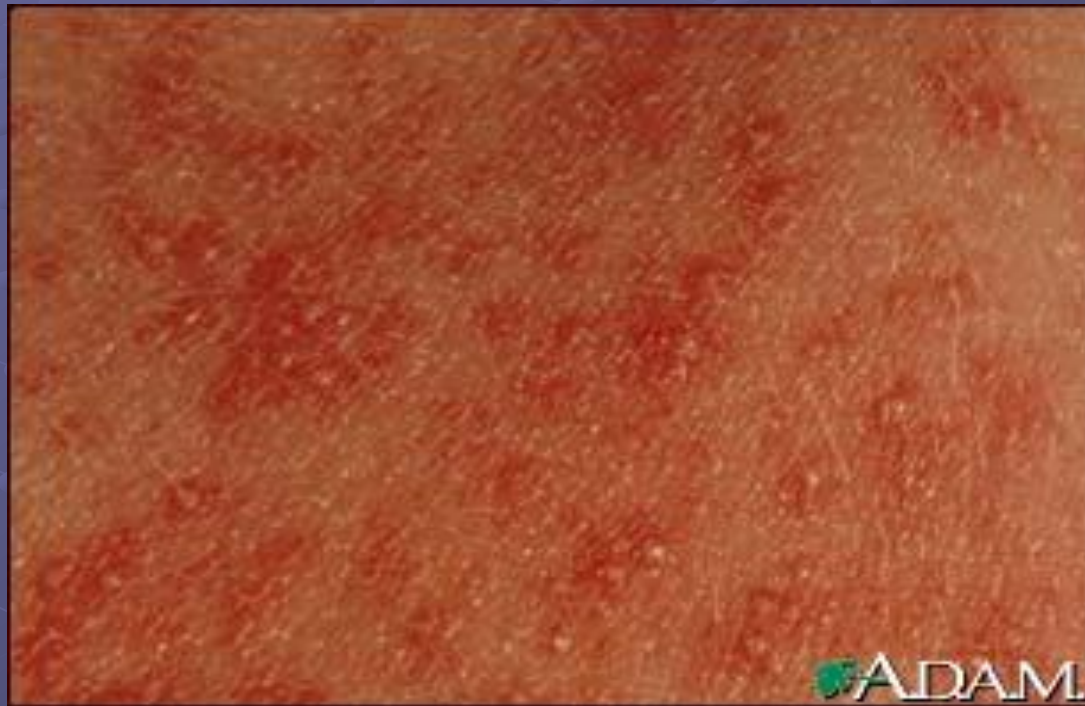




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- 1-2mm “pearly papules” found on nose, chin and forehead
- Benign, seen in ~40% of term infants
- Superficial inclusion cysts containing keratin
- No Rx. Spontaneously resolve in a few weeks
- When these occur in a baby's mouth and gums, they are called Epstein pearls

Pale papules surrounded by erythema, “flea bite” appearance







Erythema Toxicum

- 1st described by Bartholomaeus Melinger in 1472
- Named Erythema Neonatorum by Leiner in 1912
- Benign, transient, self-limiting rash

Erythema Toxicum

- Etiology: unknown, ?allergic response, may see peripheral eosinophilia
- Epidemiology: seen in ~40% of full-term newborns
- Lesions are primarily aggregates of eosinophils

Erythema Toxicum

- Description: “flea bite appearance”, pale papules surrounded by erythema, wheals, may become confluent
- Onset: between 24-72 hours of life
- Distribution: everywhere except palms and soles
- Duration: wax and wane, may last 2-3 weeks







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Mongolian Spot

- Benign transient birthmark
- During embryogenesis, melanocytes move from neural crest to epidermis. Some become arrested in the dermis
- When the melanocytes are close to the surface, they are skin-colored. The deeper they are in the skin, the more bluish they look
- Resolve spontaneously in 5-6 years

Mongolian Spot

● Seen in:

- 95% of African-American newborns
- 70% of Asian and Hispanic newborns
- 10% of Caucasian newborns

● Area:

- 90% sacrogluteal area
- 10% other







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Aplasia Cutis Congenita

- Congenital localized absence of skin
- Ddx placement of scalp electrode
- Types 1-9
- Type 1 (localized to the scalp) is most common type; child who has it is otherwise normal
- If irregular, plain film of skull to rule out underlying skull defect or intracranial communication







Port Wine Stain

- Congenital vascular malformation
- Does not resolve spontaneously
- Usually confined to skin; but if in V1 distribution (trigeminal nerve) may be associated with vascular malformation in eye and leptomeninges
- What is that syndrome?

Sturge-Weber Syndrome





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Neonatal Herpes

● Epidemiology:

- 50% of infants born to mothers with primary HSV-2 infection develop neonatal HSV infection
- Only ~5% of infants born to mothers with recurrent HSV-2 develop the disease

Neonatal Herpes

- Note that primary and recurrent infections may be asymptomatic or associated with nonspecific findings
- >75% of infants who contract HSV were born to women with no clinical findings of infection during pregnancy

Neonatal Herpes

● HSV may be acquired:

- Transplacentally
- By viremia during gestation
- Intranatally by passage through an infected birth canal
- Postnatally by direct contact with infected individuals

Neonatal Herpes

● Clinical Features: “1/3, 1/3, 1/3”

- 1/3 are localized skin, mouth, eye infection (can be seen at birth, usually DOL 3-6)
- 1/3 are disseminated infection (liver, lung)
- 1/3 are localized CNS infection (encephalitis, seizures)

Neonatal Herpes

- With disseminated disease or CNS disease, skin lesions are often absent making dx difficult
- Consider HSV in neonates with sepsis syndrome, negative bacterial culture, elevated LFTs, abn'l CSF, seizures
- Infection may occur between birth and 4 weeks of age

Neonatal Herpes

● Labs/studies:

- Viral culture (swab mouth, nasopharynx, conjunctivae, rectum, skin lesions)
- LP (HSV PCR), LFTs, CXR, CBC and blood culture

● Treatment:

- Acyclovir 60mg/kg/day IV divided q 8h x 14-21 days
- Ophthalmologic consult

Initial rash...vesicopustules



Progression to ruptured pustules with collarette of scale



Pigmented macules last 3wk-3months



Transient Neonatal Pustular Melanosis

- Benign, self-limited rash
- Often present at birth
- Seen in term neonates
- Epidemiology: ~5% of African-American newborns, 0.5% Caucasian newborns

Transient Neonatal Pustular Melanosis

- Etiology: unknown
- Onset: self-limiting lesions are present at birth
- Lab: not necessary, but if tested, lesions will show neutrophil predominance

Transient Neonatal Pustular Melanosis

- Distribution: all areas, including palms and soles
- Description:
 - Vesicopustules
 - Ruptured pustules with “collarette of scale”
 - Pigmented macules
- Duration:
 - Vesicopustules last 2-3 days
 - Pigmented macules last 3 wks to 3 months







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Salmon Patch/Stork Bite

- Small pink or red patches found on eyelids, between the eyes, upper lip, and back of the neck
- Caused by a concentration of immature blood vessels
- May be most visible when crying
- Benign, no treatment
- Most resolve spontaneously



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Neonatal Candidiasis

- Ubiquitous yeast found on skin, in mouth, GI tract and vagina
- Mild mucocutaneous infection (thrush) common in healthy newborns
- Usually seen >7 days of life
- Rx for oral thrush: Nystatin 100,000 units/ml, 1 ml PO QID
- Use x 48 hours after symptoms resolve

Neonatal Candidiasis

- 1) Beefy red rash, peripheral scaling and satellite papular lesions
- 2) Usually involves the skin folds, often well demarcated
- 3) If rash in diaper area, also check for oral thrush → often occur together

Neonatal Candidiasis

- 1) Dx clinically. If done, KOH prep shows pseudohyphae and spores
- 2) If recurs, check for sources of fungus on mother's breast, vaginal area, and pacifiers
- 3) Rx for diaper area: Miconazole type cream BID
- 4) Use 48h after symptoms resolve



Born to an unvaccinated mother from China





“Celery Stalk” appearance of long bones due to active infection



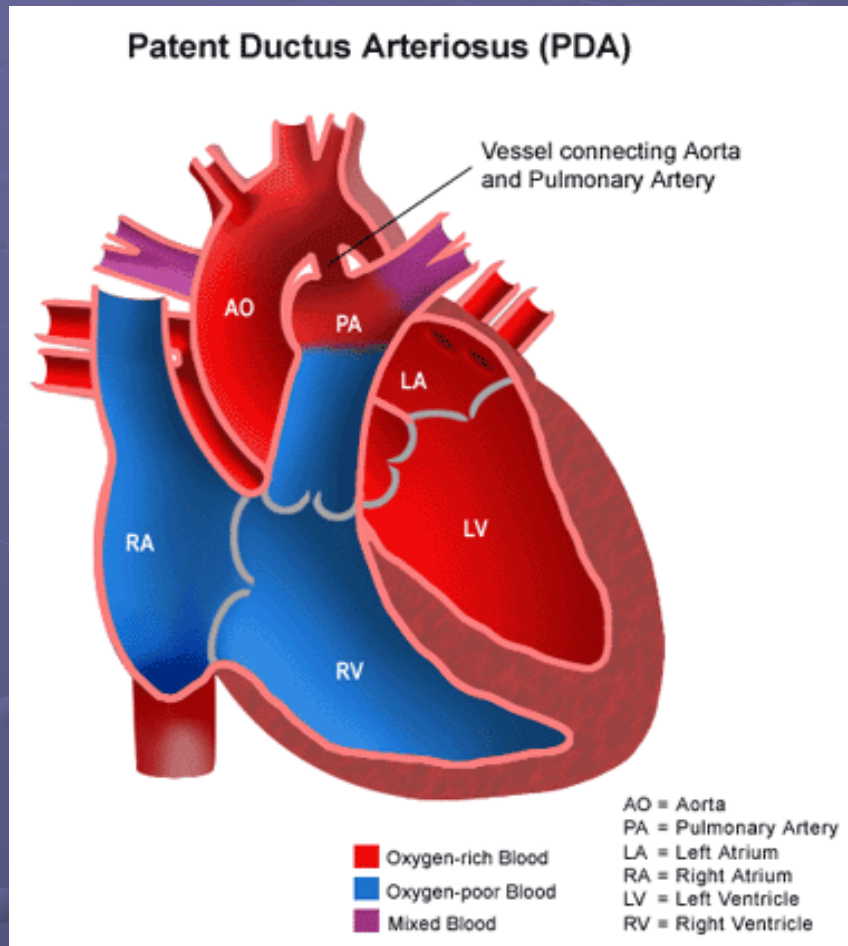
Normal head size



Microcephaly



Patent ductus arteriosus (PDA)



- Failure of the ductus arteriosus to close
- Allows blood to inappropriately flow from the aorta into the pulmonary artery

Congenital Rubella Syndrome

- Following immunization in 1969, incidence has decreased to $<1\%$
- In children and adults, rubella is a mild respiratory infection with associated rash
- However, if transmitted to neonate → “blueberry muffin” rash at birth, microcephaly, heart abnormalities (PDA), limb defects and cataracts







Capillary hemangioma

- Seen in 1-2% of population, often Caucasian
- Vascular nodule or plaque
- Develops at birth or soon after (within 1-4 weeks)
- Vast majority spontaneously resolve by age 5

Capillary hemangioma resolution

● At 6 months



● At 18 months



Capillary hemangioma

- Large, complex or function obscuring hemangiomas may need to be excised or treated with pulse-dye laser



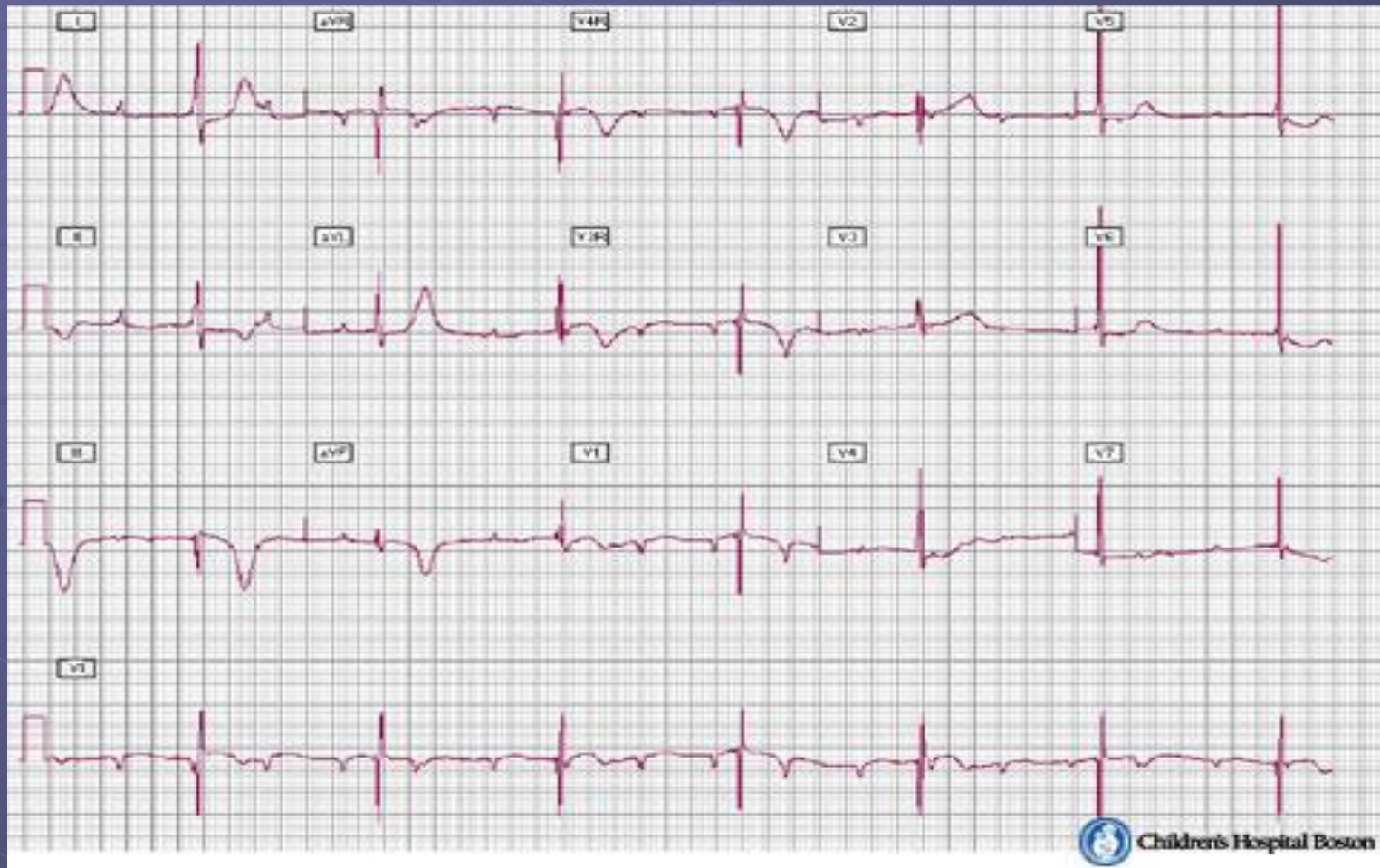




Discoid rash



EKG shows complete heart block



Neonatal Lupus (NLE)

- Etiology: caused by passively acquired maternal antibodies (SLE or other connective tissue disease)
- Infant born to a mother positive for Ro antibodies has a 1:20 chance of developing NLE
- Female > male

Neonatal Lupus (NLE)

● Labs:

- CBC (anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia)
- EKG (complete heart block)
- Ro IgG seen in 95% of patients with NLE
- La IgG seen in 70% of patients

Neonatal Lupus (NLE)

- Cutaneous findings (often periorbital, discoid lesions) seen in ~45% of cases → benign, require no treatment
- Congenital heart block (CHB) alone seen in ~45% → permanent and requires pacing
- Cutaneous and CHB together seen in 10% of patients







Neonatal Acne

- ~20% of newborns develop papules and comedones in the first month
- Usually on the cheeks, forehead
- Caused by stimulation of sebaceous glands by maternal/infant androgens
- Disappear within a few months
- Caution parents: no Rx, do not squeeze lesions, will not scar





Sucking blister

- Present at birth, most often over the dorsal and lateral aspect of the wrist, inside lips
- May appear like well demarcated bruises or may be vesicular
- May be either bilateral or unilateral
- Less often, they may be noted more proximally in the forearm

Sucking blisters

- Infant will often exhibit excessive sucking activity
- The absence of lesions in other parts of the body and the otherwise well appearance of the infant would rule out pathological disorders presenting with similar lesions



“Pink-yellow or orange-yellow with
an orange peel appearance”



Sebateous nevi of Jadassohn

- Congenital hamartoma, usually a single lesion to face or scalp
- Seen in 0.3% of newborns
- Rarely associated with systemic findings, most commonly neurologic
- Risk of development of neoplasia after puberty



Café au lait macule

- Seen in up to 15% of neonates
- Many are present at birth or develop in the first few months of life
- May increase in number and size with age
- Most often benign
- May be associated with certain genetic diseases.

Dx of Neurofibromatosis (NF1)

(any 2 of the following)

1. 6 or more café au lait macules > 5 mm diameter if prepubertal >15 mm in diameter if postpubertal
2. 2 or more neurofibromas or one plexiform neurofibroma
3. Freckling in the axillary or inguinal region
4. Optic glioma
5. 2 or more Lisch nodules (iris hamartomas)
6. A distinctive osseous lesion such as sphenoid dysplasia or thinning of long bone cortex
7. A first-degree relative with neurofibromatosis type 1 by the above criteria



Hypopigmented macule (Ash leaf spot)

- Better visualized with Wood's lamp, especially in light skinned patients
- Isolated lesions are common in the general population
- Strongly suspect Tuberous Sclerosis if 3 or more lesions present

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