

# COMMON PEDIATRIC RASHES

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# Objectives

- Visual recognition of common rashes
- Distribution
- Treatment and anticipatory guidance

# Atopic Dermatitis

- Lichenification with scratching
- Associated with:
  - Allergic Rhinitis
  - Asthma
  - Food Allergies
  - Eosinophilic GI disorders
- Tx:
  - Emollient
  - Avoid hot baths
  - Steroids
  - Wet wrap therapy



## Infantile type

Face, scalp, trunk,  
extensor surfaces  
of extremities



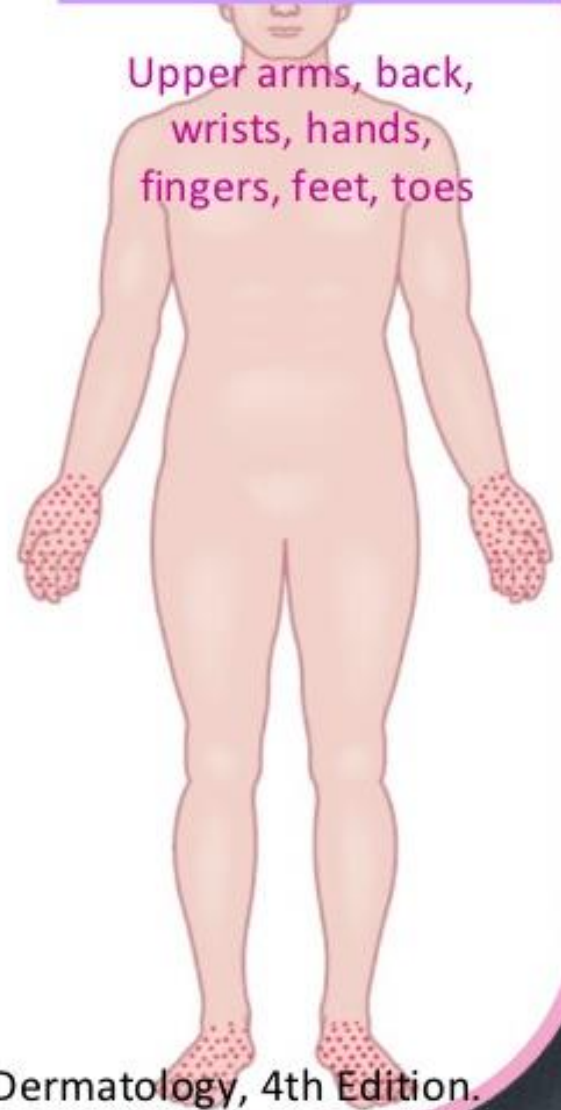
## Childhood type

Flexural folds of ext  
(antecubital, popliteal fossa)  
neck, ankles



## Adult type

Upper arms, back,  
wrists, hands,  
fingers, feet, toes



# Super-infection

- Predilection for increased colonization
- **Staph aureus**
  - Honey-colored crusting, weeping, and pyoderma
- **Eczema Herpeticum**
  - Vesicles, punched out lesions, crusted erosions
  - On the face or thumb (suckers!)



# Contact Dermatitis (Allergic)

- Delayed hypersensitivity reaction (Type IV) from multiple exposures
- Jewelry (nickel, cobalt) - “they’ve worn this for years”
- Poison Ivy
  - Linear vesicles and papules
  - Slow appearance in areas with milder exposure
  - The rash is not contagious



# Contact Dermatitis (Irritant)

- Exposure to substances that irritate the skin
- Immediate reaction
  - Diaper dermatitis
  - Dry Skin dermatitis (xerosis)
  - Soaps and detergents
  - Wet-to-dry episodes (lip licking, thumb sucking, playing in water)



# Cellulitis

- Infection of the deep dermis and subcutaneous tissue
  - **Red**
  - **Hot**
  - **Tender**
  - **Swollen**
- GAS and Staph aureus
  - Keflex or Augmentin
  - If MRSA risk factors, consider Clindamycin, Bactrim, or Doxycycline





# Impetigo

- Contagious superficial bacterial infection
- Staph aureus
  - **Non-Bullous Impetigo**
    - Pustules break down to form thick honey crusts
  - **Bullous Impetigo**
    - Vesicles enlarge to form flaccid bulla with clear yellow fluid
- Group A Strep
  - Tx does not prevent post-strep GN
- Tx: Mupirocin ointment



# Diaper Dermatitis - Candida

- Inguinal regions with areas of confluent erythema with discrete erythematous papules and plaques, superficial scale, and satellite lesions



# Non-specific Vulvovaginitis

- Risk factors
  - Bubble baths, shampoos, deodorant soaps, irritants
  - Obesity
  - Foreign bodies
  - Clothing (leotards, tights, blue jeans)
- Anticipatory guidance
  - Cotton underpants. No fabric softeners for underwear.
  - Skirts and loose-fitting pants
  - No bubble baths
    - Soak (without soap) for 10 mins
    - Limit use of soap on genital areas
    - Rinse genital area well and pat dry
  - Wiping front-to-back after BM

# Seborrhea Dermatitis

- Erythematous plaques with greasy yellow patches in areas rich in sebaceous glands on the scalp (cradle cap), face, behind the ears, skin folds
- Tx: self-limited
  - Emollient to scalp, removal of scale with soft brush
  - Topical steroid if persistent



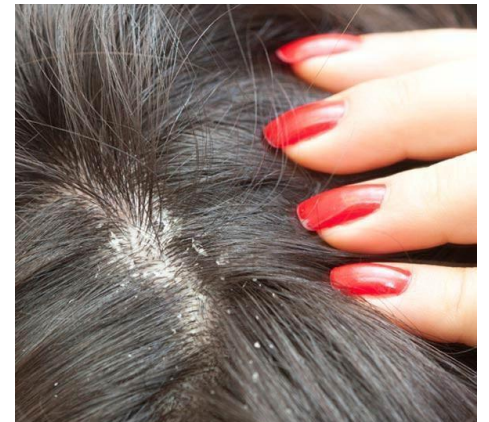
# Urticaria “Hives”

- Circumscribed, raised, erythematous plaques often with central pallor and are intensely itchy
- Degranulation of mast cells and basophils
- Meds (Penicillin) or infection (URI)
- Angioedema is common and resolves slowly
- Progression to anaphylaxis is rare
- Dermatographism – stroking skin results in urtication
- Tx: Self-limited, H1-antagonists, no steroids



# Lice

- Intense scalp itching with excoriation on the nape of the neck and behind the ears
- Nits on the hair shafts
- Can last 36 hours w/o blood
- Tx: Permethrin cream rinse
  - Treat family members
  - Classmates don't need tx
  - No school restrictions



# Scabies

- Intensely pruritic linear lesions that are papular or pustular
  - Burrows
  - Involvement between the digits
- Dx: Clinical
- Tx: Permethrin 5%
  - Highly contagious - family members need treatment



# Measles

- Erythematous, maculopapular, blanching rash that spreads cephalocaudally and centrifugally
- 2-4 days after onset of fever
- Early on blanching, later is not
- Extent of rash and confluence correlate with severity
- Palms and soles not involved





# Rubella

- Pinpoint pink maculopapules
- Rash spreads cephalocaudal to trunk and extremities then generalized
- Rapid
- Rash does not coalesce



# Roseola “Sixth Disease”

- Usually due to HHV-6
- Erythematous, blanching, macular or maculopapular
- 5 days of high fevers that resolves abruptly, followed by rash
- Starts on neck and trunk and spreads to extremities

