

Growing the Ability to Deliver Quality Healthcare to American Indian and Alaska Native People.

Rosacea

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Objectives



- I. Clinical Presentation/Diagnosis
- II. Treatments
- III. Case Discussions

Rosacea



- More common in lighter skin types, but has been reported in all ethnicities/races
- ~5-10% of the population
- More common in women
- Usually appears after age 30
- Ocular rosacea may occur in 50% of patients with rosacea

Rosacea

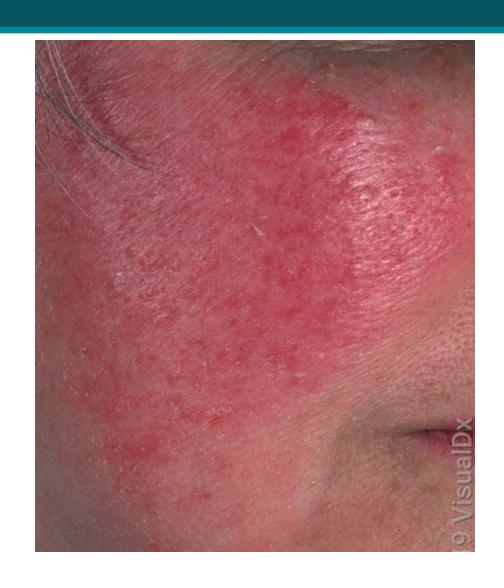


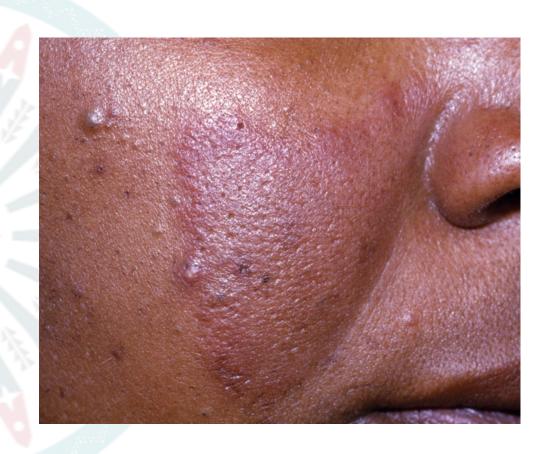
- Etiology: Unknown
- It is classified as an inflammatory skin disease with an underlying neurovascular connection and association with demodex mites.



- Erythematotelangoiectatic (most common)
- Papulopustular (second most common presentation)
- Phymatous
- Ocular
 - May present before any cutaneous signs of symptoms



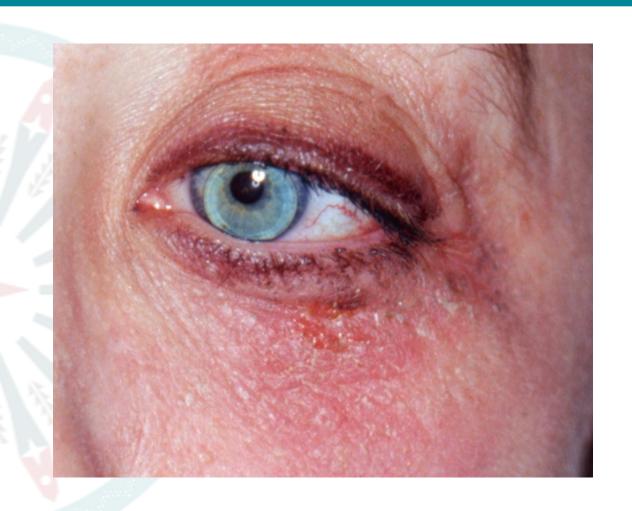


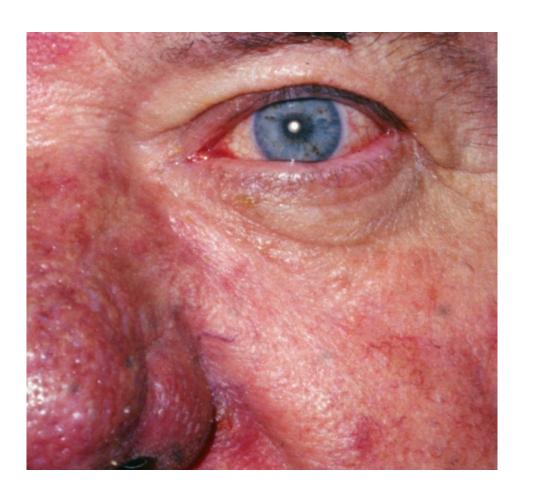












Diagnosis



- Persistent facial erythema, phymas, papules, pustules, telangiectasia, flushing
- Fixed centrofacial erythema in typical pattern that may intensify at times
- Phymatous changes
 - 1.Rhinophyma –nose
 - 2.Gnathophyma -chin
 - 3.Metaphyma -forehead
 - 4. Otophyma (ear), blepharophyma (eyelid)

Diagnosis

Differentiating Rosacea from Acne

Acne

- Comedones
- Cysts
- Involvement of trunk
- History/timing of onset

Rosacea

- Redness
- No true Comedones
- Phymatous changes
- Ocular symptoms
- Flushing









Closed comedones



Open comedones



Inflamed papules, pustules, or nodules





Centrofacial erythema



Telangiectasia



Inflamed papules and pustules

SKIN OF COLOR

Erythema and telangiectasias may be subtle in highly pigmented skin.



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Diagnosis



Differential Diagnoses:

- SLE
- Perioral dermatitis
- Folliculitis
- Lupus miliaris disseminates facei

General Management Principles



- Lukewarm water and soap free cleansers
- Sunscreens
- Avoid abrasive exfoliants, heavily scented, drying agents
- Avoid environmental triggers: alcohol, spicy foods, hot beverages, etc.

Management of Rosacea



- Management of papules and pustules:
- Topicals:
 - Metronidazole
 - Ivermectin
 - Azelaic acid
- Oral therapy:
 - Doxycycline 50mg once or twice daily
 - Isotretinoin for severe cases

Management of Rosacea



- Management of redness:
- Laser is most effective (PDL, IPL)
- Brimonidine gel 0.33% or oxymetazoline 1% daily as needed
 - As needed to avoid rebound redness seen in with overuse.

Management of Rosacea



- Management of rhinophyma:
 - Surgery
 - Isotretinoin
- Management of ocular symptoms:
 - Antibiotics (tetracyclines)
 - Ophthalmology referral

Case # 1

45 yoF patient presents with 6 months of persistent redness and bumps on the face



Case # 2

40 yoF patient presents with 'rosacea' not responding to treatment



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