

433 Teams DERMATOLOGY

L1: structures and functions of the skin.

(basic anatomy and physiology)

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L2: The Language of Dermatology

descriptive and morphology skills





Lecture outlines

- Function, Structure of the skin.
- Approach to dermatology patient.
- Descriptive terms and morphology of skin lesions.
- Reaction patterns.

The lecture parts

Topical therapy and others.

Mind Map

1-structure of the skin

2-Approach to dermatology patient.

3-Important signs and Investigations.

4-Reaction Patterns.

5-Topical therapy and others.

-Epidermis

-Basement membrane

-Dermis

-Subcutaneous tissue

-Skin appendages

History

Examination

Descriptive Terms

Morphology

Primary lesion:

Secondary Skin Lesions

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Doctor's Notes (Group F)

Introduction to dermatology

- The skin is a complex, dynamic organ.
- It is the largest organ of the body.
- It consist of many cell types called Keratinocytes
- Specialized structures like the Basement Membrane.
- It serves multiple functions that are crucial to health and survival.

Function:

- Barrier to harmful exogenous substance & pathogens
- Prevents loss of water & proteins
- Sensory Qorgan protects against physical injury
- Regulates body temperature
- Important component of immune system
- Vitamin D production by absorbing UVB
- Has psychological and cosmetic importance such as hair, nails

1-Skin Structure

The skin consists of:

- A. Epidermis
- B. Basement membrane
- C. Dermis
- D. Subcutaneous tissue

E. Skin appendages

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Skin Appendages include:

- 1. Eccrine/ apocrine sweat glands.
- 2. Sebaceous glands.
- 3. Hair Follicles.
- 4. Nails

A) Epidermis

Epidermal peg ($\stackrel{\iota}{\smile}$) \rightarrow Anchors it to the dermis

Epidermis: Consist of several zones (from inward to outward)

- **1. Basal layer (stratum basale)**: columnar dividing cells.
- **2. Spinous layer (stratum spinosum)**: polyhedral cells attached by desmosomes.
- **3. Granular layer (stratum granulosum)**: flat cells containing keratohyaline granules.
 - Cornified layer (stratum corneum):dead cell with no organells.

1-Basal cell layer:

- Rest on the basement membrane; divides continuously and move upwards.
- Melanocytes are dendritic cells lying between basal cells only
- The ratio of Melanocytes to Keratinocytes is 1:10 and in sun over exposed skin areas (e.g. Face) the ratio increases up to 1:5
- They synthesize melanin stored in melanosomes.

Melanosomes are transferred to adjacent cells by means of dendrites → thus forming the Epidermal Melanin Unit

Melanosomes are distributed to the adjacent keratinocyte evenly, each one keratinocyte gets 36 melanosomes (1:36) thus forming the Epidermal Melanin Unit

- The size of melanosomes and packaging differentiate white from dark skin.
- The <u>number</u> of melanocytes are <u>equal</u> in white and dark skin.
- There are 2 types of melanin in the skin and hair.
 - Eumelanin gives black or blond hair color.
 - Pheomelanin gives red hair color.
- Skin color depends on melanin and other pigments like <u>carotene</u> and <u>hemoglobin</u>.
- Melanin is photoabsorbant=photoprotective

Characteristic features	Darkly pigmented skin	Lightly pigmented skin
Stage of melanosomes	Stage IV	Stage II & III
Size (Diameter)	0.5-0.8 mm	0.3-0.5 mm
Number of melanosomes per cells	>200	< 20
Transport to keratinocytes	Single	Group of 2-20
Rate of degradation	Fast	Slow

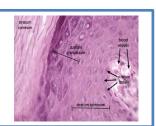
2-Spinous cell layer:

- Adhere to each other by Desmosomes (complex modification of the cell membrane).
- Desmosomes appear like spines hence the designation Stratum Spinosum.
- Langerhan cells are antigen presenting present in abundance (skin has immune function)



3-Granular cell layer:

- Diamond shaped cells. →Cytoplasm is filled with Keratohyaline granules.
- Thickness of this layer is proportional to the thickness of the stratum cornium layer .
- In thin skin it is 1 -3- cell layers and 10 cell layers in thick skin like palms and soles.



4-Stratum corneum layer: (layer of protection)

- The cells in this layer <u>have no nucleus</u>. It is 25 cell layer
 - thick & compact layer → in Thick skin
 - basket weave layer → in Thin skin
- Cells have thick envelope that resist chemicals, bacteria

Stratum lucidum is found in thick skin below Stratum cornium.

REMEMBER!

This layer is acellular, if nuclei is present it's a pathological condition called → Parakeratosis except in mucous membrane , normally we don't have stratum corneum , but we have nuclei in the outermost layer of mucous membrane

So this is → called Physiological parakeratosis and it is normal



Parakeratosis=presence of nuclei in stratum corneum layer

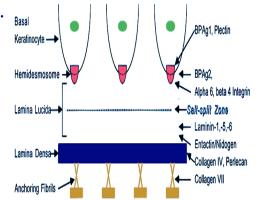
= Always it is pathological condition except in mucous membrane

B) Basement membrane

- It is a pink undulated homogenous area between the epidermis and dermis.
- It consist of number of proteins.
- It is the site of attack injury in blistering diseases.

Basement membrane Formed by:

- Plasma membrane of basal cells and hemidesmosomes
- Thin clear amorphous space (lamina lucida)
- An electron dense area (lamina densa).
- Anchoring fibrils that anchors the epidermis to dermis.



C) Dermis

Dermis is divided into

- Papillary dermis
- 2. Reticular dermis

Dermis Consists of:

1. Collagen fibers

Provides strength

- Thin fibers in papillary dermis
- thick and coarse in the reticular dermis.
- 2. Elastic Fibers.
- Provides elasticity
- Protection against
- shearing forces.
- 3. Ground substance Binds water and maintains the skin turgor.
- 4. Blood vessels. To nourish the overlying epidermis also.
- <u>5. Fibroblasts</u> Produce the above elements..

Function of dermis:

- It provides **nourishment to the epidermis** and interact with it during wound repair.
- It gives the skin its strength, elasticity, and softness.

As we get older the less ground substance, collagen fibers, and elastic fibers we have \rightarrow wrinkles and dry skin

D)Subcutaneous tissue

Subcutaneous Fat:

- Composed of lipocytes
- Inflammation of the subcutaneous fat is called <u>panniculitus</u>

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panniculitus It is either:

- Lobular panniculitis
- Septa panniculitis

E) Skin appendages

Skin Appendages include:

- 1. Eccrine/ apocrine sweat glands.
- 2. Sebaceous glands.
- 3. Hair Follicles.
- 4. Nails

1-Eccrine sweat glands

- Tubular structures open freely on the skin; not attached to hair follicles.
- Under the influence of cholinergic stimuli.
- Present everywhere except The vermilion border; nail beds; labia minora; glans
- Abundant in palms &soles.

2-Apocrine sweat glands:

- Secrete viscous material that give <u>musky odor when acted upon by bacteria</u>
- Present in the axillae; anogenital area; modified glands in the external ear canal; the eye lids (moll's glands); and areolae.
- Under adrenergic stimuli.

3-Sebaceous glands:

- Attached to hair follicles
- Or open freely. →Present in the scalp, forehead, face, upper chest except palms and soles.
 - ✓ In the areola as → Montgomery tubercles .
 - ✓ In the eye lids as → Meibomian glands.
- Sebaceous glands are under the control of androgens.

Sometimes present in abnormal location such as the lips or the mucus membrane on the inside (we don't have hair in that area so the presentation of sebaceous glands is abnormal)

So Ectopic glands in the mucous membrane are called → fordyce spots.



4-Hair follicles:

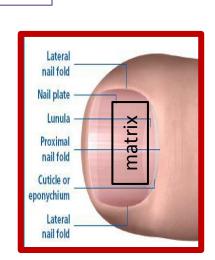
The hair follicle with it's attached sebaceous gland Form -> the Pilosebaceous Unit.



- Pilosebaceous unit = hair follicle + sebaceous gland.
- Acne is a disease of Pilosebaceous unit.
- Apocrine and sebaceous glands open in the hair follicle

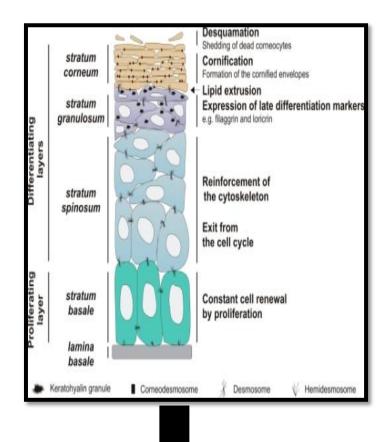
5-Nails.

- The nail plate is formed of hard keratin.
- Proximal nail fold morphology can be altered in connective tissue disease.
- The lunula is the visible part of the matrix.
- The matrix covers the midportion of the distal Phalanx.
- ✓ Fingernails grow 3mm/month.
- √ Toenails grow 1mm/month.



Nails can be affected in systemic and skin diseases. → Next slide





Cornification (keratinization)

- The viable cell in the basal cell layer passes upwards and becomes a dead cell.
- The terminal differentiation of keratinocytes into dead horny cell (corneocyte).
- The total process takes approximately 2 months. → if the process duration shortens it will causes abnormal scaly skin.
- Abnormalities in this process secondary to abnormal immune response such as in psoriasis leads to roughness and scaling of the skin.
- It involves the formation of keratin polypeptides.

2-Approach to Dermatology Patient

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    Step 1: Start with basics → Age ,Race ,Sex ,Occupation → ask about it in any case of contact allergy
    Step 2: → Present complaints. → History of skin lesion
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- Onset when?
- Where? site of onset.
- Extension of lesions.
- Evolution. → mean the lesion changes over time
- Itchy/ painful
- Provocative factors (sun, cold, friction).
- Treatment.
- Past medical history.
- Family history.
- Drug history.
- Recreational and social history.

Step3 → Examination

- Use good light when examining a patient.
- Examine nails & mucous membrane.

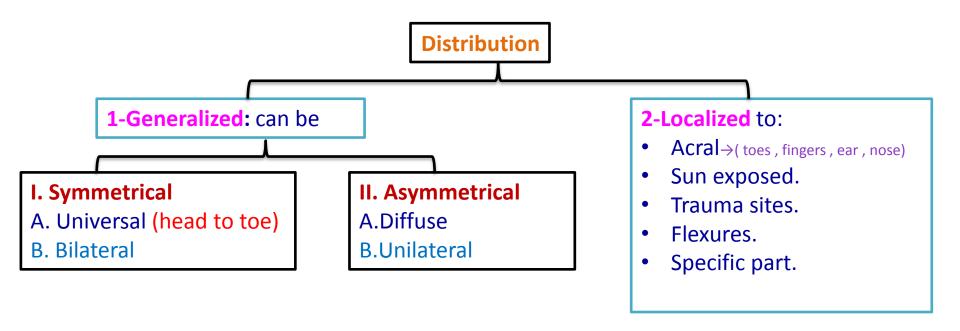
Examination

A)Describe

- Describe the general appearance of patient
- Describe distribution of lesions
- Describe arrangement of Lesions (configuration) relation of lesions to each other
 Describe the type of the lesion
- Describe the shape.
- Describe the color, size.

B)Palpation

- Look for
- Consistency
- Mobility
- depth
- tenderness.



Descriptive Terms (Arrangement)

Photodistribution:

Lesions occurring over sun exposed skin.

Protected areas remain free of lesions.

Linear:

Forms a line.

Dermatomal

Occurring within the distribution of nerve

Annular

Ring like.

Herpitiform/Grouped

Lesions grouped in a manner similar to

herpes simplex lesions

Reticular

Net like.

Verrucous, warty, papillomatous:

Surface consisting of finger like projections.

Nummular/discoid:

Refers to round, coin like lesions.

Guttate:

Drop like, "en gouttes".

Targetoid:

(Iris like)

Round lesions with concentric border and a dark center.

Umbilication:

Round depression in the center.



Photodistribution



<u>Linear</u>



<u>Annular</u>



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Herpitiform (Grouped)



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Umbilication

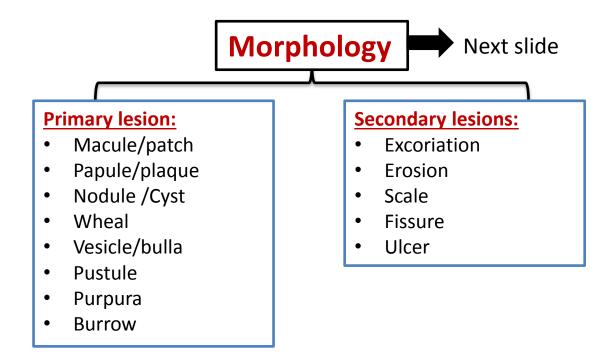
Morphology

Skin lesions are divided :into

- Primary =Basic lesion.
- 2. **Secondary= Develop** during evolution of skin disease or created by scratching or infection
- There are two steps in establishing the morphology of any given skin condition:
 - 1. Careful visual and tactile inspection
 - 2. Application of correct description

Morphology includes:

- The type of the lesion.
- The shape of lesion (oval. round, bizarre, geographic)
- The margination of the Lesion (well defined, ill defined)
- Color of the lesion.
- Configuration (relation of lesions to each other.)
- Distribution.



1-Primary Skin Lesions

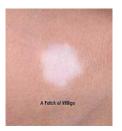
1-Macule: only change in color **no elevation no depression**

- Flat circumscribed discoloration
- that lacks surface elevation or depression.
- less than 1 cm in size.
 - Vitiligo.
 - Freckle.



2-Patch: only change in color <u>no elevation no depression</u>

- Flat circumscribed discoloration;
- a large macule more than 1cm.
- Vitiligo.
- Melasma.



3-Papule:

Elevated, Solid lesion

< 0.5cm in diameter.

Notice

- color
- and surface changes (like \rightarrow

e.g

- Papillomatous
 - Flat topped.

Umblicated

Keratotic

- Molluscum Contagiosum.
- Acne.





4-Plaque:

Elevated, solid confluence or expansion of papules, > 0.5 (lacks a deep component).

A flat topped palpable lesion more than 1 cm in size. e.g. Psoriasis.





5-Nodule:

A solid, circumscribed elevation whose greater part lies beneath the skin surface.

> 0.5 cm in diameter; with deep component (elevation+depth)

- Erythema Nodosum.
- Basal cell carcinoma



6- Cyst:

Nodule that contains fluid or semisolid material.



7-Vesicle (Describe The Base Of Lesions and content of lesion)

Elevation that contains clear fluid.

A small less than 5 mm in diameter e.g. Dermatitis Herptiformis. Herpes.

8-Bulla:

- Localized fluid collection. >0.5cm in diameter
- a large vesicle.
- · e.g. Bullous Pemphigoid



11-Wheal:

Firm, edematous plaque that is <u>evanescent</u> (short lived)and pruritic also called a hive.

with a pale center and a pink margin.

less than 24 h e.g. Urticaria.



9-Burrow: (specific only for scabies) Linear tunnel in the epidermis induced by scabies mite.



12-Pustule:

Elevation that contains purulent material.

- Pustular Psoriasis.
- Acne.



10-Purpura:

Extra-vasation of red blood cells giving non-blanchable erythema → Doesn't turn white when you press on it



2- Secondary Skin Lesions

Scale:

Thick stratum cornium

Crust: (also called scab)

A collection of cellular debris, dried serum and blood.

Antecedent primary lesion usually a vesicle, bulla, or pustule.

Erosion:

A partial focal loss of <u>epidermis</u> that heals without scarring.

Erosion= the dermis not involved

Excoriation:

Linear erosion induced by scratching.

Fissure:

Vertical loss of epidermis and dermis with sharply defined walls: crack in skin.

Ulcer:

A full thickness focal loss of epidermis and dermis; heals with scarring.

Scar:

A collection of **new connective tissue**; **may be** Hypertrophic or atrophic. Implies dermoepidermal damage scar happen→ when dermoepidermal junction damage

Lichenification:= Acanthosis(histological term)

Increased skin markings secondary to scratching

Acanthosis

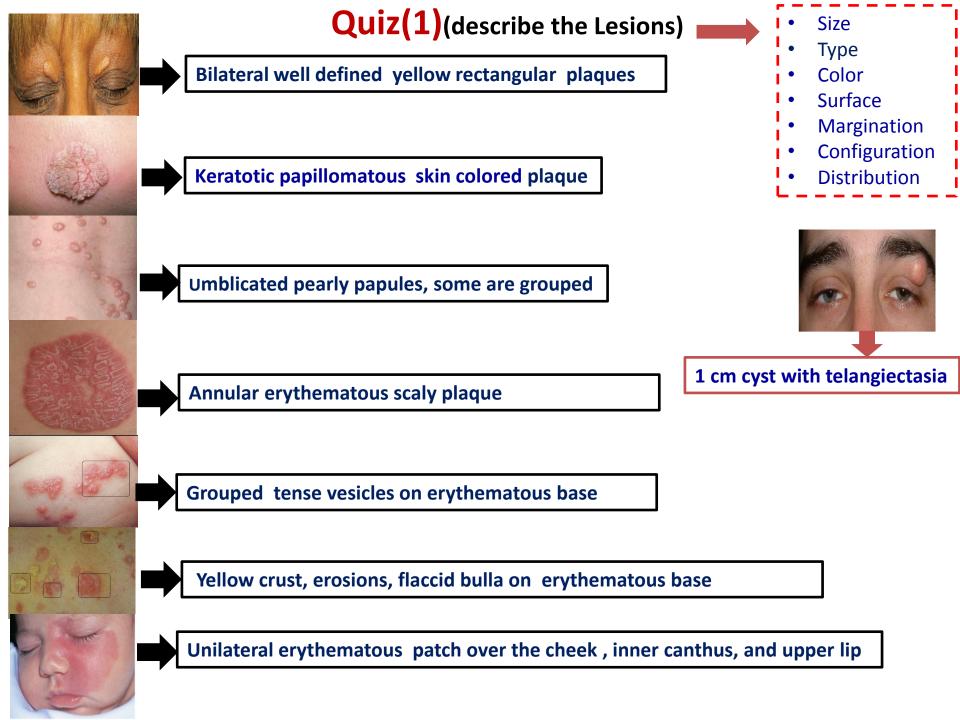
histological term used to describe epidermal thickening due to increase keratinocytes in the spinous layer.



**Specialized Terminology

Sclerosis:

Hardening of the skin .(Skin is un-pinchable).



3-Important signs and Investigations.

1-Important signs

1-Nikolsky Sign:

Rubbing of apparently normal skin induce blistering.

Seen only in pemphigus vulgaris and toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN)

2-Auspitz Sign

forceful removal of scale on top of a red papule produces bleeding points Seen in <u>psoriasis</u>

3-Koebner's phenomenon:

Trauma to the skin re- produce certain diseases like

- A. Psoriasis
- B. Vitiligo
- C. Lichen planus.
- D. Warts. Ask patients not to shave

4-Dermatographism:

Firm stroking of the skin produces → erythema and wheal.

Seen in physical urticaria.

In patient with atopy, stroking produces white dermatographism rather than red.



Nikolsky Sign



Auspitz Sign



Koebner's phenomenon



Dermatographism

3-Important signs and Investigations.

2-Investigations.

1-Wood's lamp:

- Produces long wave UVL (360 nm)
- Useful in:
 - Tinea Versicolor -yellowish green flourescence
 - Tinea Capitis -yellow green flourescence in M.canis, M. andouini
 - Vitiligo Milky white depigmentation
 - Erythrasma –coral red flourescence.
 - Melasma becomes more intensefied.

2-KOH preparation → for fungus (used for scaly lesions not vesicular)

- Cleanse skin with alcohol Swab.
- Scrape skin with edge of microscope slide onto a second microscope slide.
- Put on a drop of 10% KOH.
- Apply a cover slip and warm gently

Examine with microscope objective lens. (Will show the fungal elements more clearly because KOH will digest the keratin)

3-Tzank smear: → (used in <u>vesicular</u> lesions):

- Important in diagnosing
 - Herpes simplex or VZV (multinucleated giant cells)
 - Pemphigus Vulgaris (acantholytic cells).
- Select a fresh vesicle. → De-roof and scrape base of the vesicle. → Smear onto a slide. → Fix with 95% alcohol.
- → Stain with Giemsa stain. → Examine under microscope.

4-Prick test:

Put a drop of allergen containing solution

A non bleeding prick is made through the drop.

After 15-20 min the antigen is washed and the reaction is recorded.

Positive test shows

- urticarial reaction at site of prick.
- <u>Detects</u> immediate-type IgE mediated reaction. (<u>type 1</u> hypersensitivity reaction).

Emergency therapeutic measures should be available in case of anaphylaxis. (Resuscitation cart)

5-patch Skin Test

- Important in contact dermatitis. (Type 4 cellular immunity)
- Select the most probable substance causing dermatitis.
- Apply the test material over the back.
- Read after 48 & 72 hr. Look for (erythema, edema, vesiculation)
- Positive patch test showing
 - erythema and edema.
 - In severe positive reaction vesicles may be seen.

6-skin Punch Biopsy

- Clean skin with alcohol.
- Infiltrate with 1-2% xylocaine with adrenaline.
- Rotate 2-6 mm diameter
- punch into the lesions.
- Lift specimen and cut at base of lesion.
- Fix in 10% formalin
- For Immunoflourescence →Put in normal saline. (to keep the tissue fresh).
- Suture if 5 mm is used.(if less the 4 mm we do not need to suture it but if more the 4 mm we need to suture)

Ask patient to keep it and not to remove it.

Then read it after 48 hours (first reading) then remove the patch. Look for any redness.

The red lesions are then followed up

after 24 hours (72 hours since the patch was applied)

is the second reading.

If the redness increased or there is vesicle formation this is a positive test for allergic contact dermatitis. But if theredness subsided it is irritant contact dermatitis

7-Direct immunoflouresence DIF

- ☐ Used to diagnose autoimmune diseases e.g.
 - Pemphigus Vulgaris
 - Bullous pemphigoid
- **Detects** immunoglobulin and complement deposits in skin.
- ☐ The deposits will give a green fluorescence

Fluorescence will be noted if

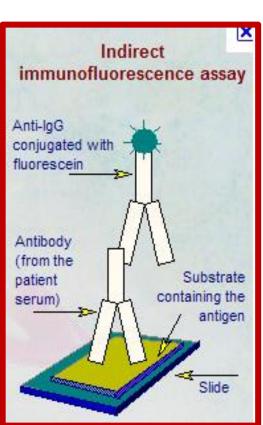
- immunoglobulin deposits are found intercellular between the epidermal cells as in pemphigus vulgaris
 OR
- the Basement membrane zone as in bullous pemphigoid.

8-Indirect ImmunoFluorescence: IDIF

Detect <u>auto antibodies</u> in the serum.

It is used:

- To confirm a diagnosis
- To differentiate between bullous diseases
- To monitor disease activity.



4-Reaction Patterns.

- Skin has limited number of responses to stimuli whether inflammatory or neoplastic.
- These responses are called reaction patterns.
- Reaction patterns aid in <u>formulating differential diagnoses</u>.



1-Psoriasiform:

Well defined erythematous Papules or plaques with <u>thick scale</u>. Differential diagnosis

- Psoriasis.
- Lichen simplex chronicus

2-Pityriasiform:

Papules and plaques with <u>delicate or thin scales</u>. e.g Pityriasis rosea

3-Lichenoid:

Flat topped polygonal papules.

Differential diagnosis

- Lichen planus
- Lichenoid drug reaction

4-Bullous:

Differential diagnosis:

- Pemphigus Vulgaris
- Bullous Pemphigoid

5-Pustular:

Differential diagnosis:

- Folliculitis
- Varicella
- Pustular psoriasis



Psoriasiform



Lichenoid



Eczematous



Pityriasiform



Bullous



Pustular

6-Eczematous:

Pruritic, ill defined erythematous edematous, vesicular eruption.

Differential diagnosis

- Atopic dermatitis.
- contact dermatitis.

Difference between eczema and psoriasis?

- -Eczema is ill defined while psoriasis is well defined.
- -Eczema in acute phase form edematous papules.

5-Topical therapy and others.

- A wide variety of topical agents are available.
- Delivers the drug to target site.
- (Golden rule).
 - IF the lesion is dry -wet it → How to wet it? Creams, ointments
 - IF wet -dry it → How to dry it? Using compressors (cloth of water) will cause it to evaporate

Topical drugs consist of

1-Active substance: →like steroids, antimicrobial agents.

2-Vehicle: → Is the base in which the active ingredient is dispersed

Guidelines regarding steroid use:

- Avoid use for extended periods of time.
- Avoid high potency steroid on flexures and face.

 except in case of discoid lupus, Patients usually start with a potent topical steroid because it is very scarring disease
- Avoid high potency steroid in children.

Wet compresses - dries wet lesions.

- Like acetic acid, KMNO4 —
- Wet compresses are: →
- Antibacterial.
- Cause debridement.
- Suppress inflammation.

Topical steroids side effects:

- Atrophy and striae.
- Telangiectasia and purpura.
- Masking the initial lesion.
- Perioral dermatitis and rosacea or acne.
- Systemic absorption. (Adrenal suppression)
- Tachyphylaxis. (sudden loss of response)
- Hypertrichosis and hypopigmentation.

Creams are mixture of oils and water in which the active substance is dispersed.

- Creams <u>are white</u> in color- useful in folds.
- Creams are applied to wet lesions.

Ointments are primarily grease.

- •They are useful in dry lesions.
- They Preserve moisture.
- Like petrolatum jelly andmineral oil.
- •Ointments are applied to dry skin.
- Are translucent.

Gels are mixtures of propylene glycol and water.

Sometimes they contain Alcohol.

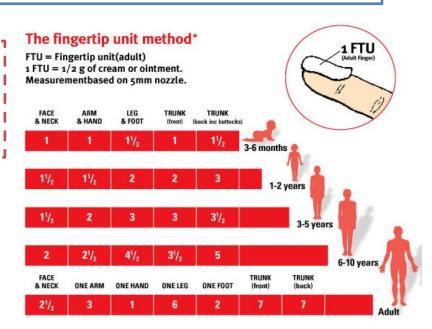
They are **translucent** and are best used in wet disorders and hairy regions.

How much to use?

Finger tip unit:

The amount of cream/ointment expressed from 5mm nozzle.

• It weighs 0.5g →It covers 2 hand units.



Other therapeutic modalities

1-Phototherapy machine/NBUVB



Vitiligo treated by NBUVB **Other indications include**

- psoriasis
- Lichen planus
- Eczema

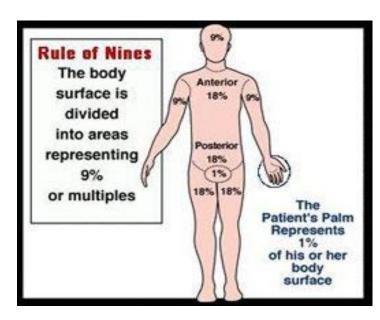
2-Hand and feet narrow band UVB



3-Liquid nitrogen gun.(Cryotherapy)
Used to treat warts.



How to calculate the disease surface area?



4-Electric cautery

Used to destroy skin tags(Malignant tumors).



Quiz(2)(describe the Lesions)



Linear nodules with ulceration



Multiple erosions



Erythematous papules



Erosions, crusts, annular bullae



Scales, plaques, scars, erosion, hyperpigmentation



Confluent flat topped papules forming plaques

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