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Severe pyoderma gangrenosum: A rare clinical image

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Description

Pyoderma Gangrenosum (PG) is a very uncommon neutrophilic dermatosis that is not contagious. According to the clinical definition, it begins clinically as sterile pustules that quickly advance into painful ulcers of varying depth and size with weakened violaceous margins. The most frequently impacted area is the leg, however, other skin and mucous membrane areas may also be affected. The exact etiology has not yet been established [1,2]. The course may be chronic or relapsing, moderate, malignant, or extremely morbid. In a lot of instances, PG is linked to an underlying illness, most frequently inflammatory bowel disease, rheumatoid or hematological disease, or cancer. PG occurs most commonly on the lower legs with a preference for the pretibial area. On the other hand, less than 3% of patients with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis develop PG [3]. The history of an underlying condition, the usual clinical mani-



Figure 1: Pyoderma Gangrenosum Lesion.

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festation, the histology, and the elimination of other conditions that might manifest similarly are all used to make the diagnosis of PG. Women are more frequently affected than men and incidence peaks between the ages of 20 and 50.

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