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A SUPERNUMERARY NIPPLE (ABOUT 3 OBSERVATIONS)

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BACKGROUND: Accessory breast tissue is infrequent in the general population and can occur in both sexes. It can be in the form of a single nipple (polythelia), an alone areola, a complete areola-nipple plate (polymastia), or a tuft of aberrant hair (hairy polythelia). We report 3 observations of supernumerary nipples discovered in 3 female patients with different age.

OBSERVATIONS: Case 1: An 8-year-old girl with no notable pathological history consulted in pediatrics for tumefaction in her right areola that had been evolving since birth, a dermatological opinion was sought. The examination revealed the presence of a small, flesh-colored, 0.4 cm papule sitting at the outer edge of her areola painless and non-itchy corresponding to a supernumerary nipple.

Case 2: A 20-year-old patient with no significant pathological history, breastfeeding, consulted for a suspicion of nevi at the level of the 2 breasts that had been evolving for 5 years. The dermatological examination showed the presence of 2 nipples in the 2 upper quadrants with milk emission at the pressure.

Case 3: 26-year-old patient, with no significant pathological history, pregnant with 28 SA, consulted for tumefactions at the level of her 2 breasts evolving since 6 years. The dermatological examination revealed the presence of 2 supernumerary nipples at the level of her 2 breasts bilaterally. The remainder of the somatic examination was without abnormalities and the therapeutic abstention was indicated in all cases.

KEY MESSAGE: Supernumerary breast tissue, in particular polythelia, is in principle of no consequence apart from a possible aesthetic discomfort. The surgery remains debatable depending on the patient's discomfort. However a search for other associated anomalies remains essential.

