



INFECTIOUS DISEASES (BACTERIAL, FUNGAL, VIRAL, PARASITIC, INFESTATIONS)

PROGRESSIVE DISSEMINATED HISTOPLASMOSIS IN AN HIV-POSITIVE 26-YEAR-OLD MALE FROM QUEZON CITY, METRO MANILA, PHILIPPINES: THE POSSIBILITY OF ENDEMICITY

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Background: Histoplasmosis is a systemic mycoses caused by *Histoplasma capsulatum* var. *capsulatum* wherein infection results from inhalation of microconidia found in the environment of endemic regions. The Philippines is not known to be a major area of endemicity for the said fungal disease. There has only been one reported case of Histoplasmosis for the past 20 years.

Observation: We present a case of Progressive Disseminated Histoplasmosis in a 26-year-old male from Quezon City presenting with painful ulcerative necrotic lesions on the face, spreading to the trunk and extremities. Patient has no history of travel to Histoplasmosis endemic regions. Histopathologic findings are consistent for the said fungal disease.

Key message: Given the rise of HIV in this country, this diagnosis deserves consideration in immunocompromised patients presenting with painful ulcerative necrotic skin lesions. Increasing awareness of the disease outside the well-known endemic areas will be helpful in determining the actual extent of this infection, with the Philippines as a possible area of endemicity.

