



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

## UNUSUAL CLINICAL PRESENTATION AND DERMATOPATHOLOGICAL STUDIES OF PRURIGO NODULARIS-LIKE LEPROMATOUS LEPROSY

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Background: Leprosy is a chronic granulomatous infection which majority affects the skin and peripheral nerves. The clinical cutaneous manifestation varies from localized hypopigmentation to generalized erythematous plaques.

Observation: A 68-year-old man presented with generalized, itchy papules on all extremities and trunk for two years. A physical examination showed multiple, scattered, erythematous to hyperpigmented, papules and nodules with some central erosion and crusts. Two skin biopsy on the right arm were performed. The first was classic histology of lepromatous leprosy. However, another section revealed an atypical pattern of histoid leprosy variant.

Key message: Lepromatous leprosy can be presented with clinically mimicking prurigo nodularis, and can have more than one dermatopathological subtype in the same patient.

