



PAEDIATRIC DERMATOLOGY

DEW DROPS ON SKIN OF A NEONATE

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Neonatal vesicular eruptions, though uncommon have clinical significance. Majority are benign, however they could be part of a serious disorder. It is important to differentiate and treat these conditions to allay the parental anxiety.

CASE REPORT: A full term male baby, revealed generalised vesicles and bullae of varying sizes (1- 6mm) containing clear fluid with relative sparing of Palms and soles. Tzanck smear showed anucleated squamous cells and VDRL was non reactive. There was no evidence of sepsis. Some lesions ruptured spontaneously and by a week's time lesions dried with desquamation of skin without any residual scarring.

Antenatally mother had not taken any drugs other than routine iron and folic acid supplements. She developed fever 3- 4 days prior to delivery followed by multiple painful fluid filled lesions over the genitals. Lesions ruptured spontaneously to leave behind raw areas. Her VDRL was non reactive.

CONCLUSION: Though some neonatal diseases are benign and self-limiting condition, but pose diagnostic difficulty as they may mimic more serious conditions which need to be ruled out. History of genital ulcer in the mother of our case posed a diagnostic challenge.

