



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, HIV/AIDS

SECONDARY SYPHILIS IN GIRL, FIRST MANIFESTATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE

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BACKGROUND: Acquired syphilis is an infection shortly reported in children in the world literature, with estimated prevalence of 1% and due legal implications with little tendency to be informed, by inexperience of evaluator failures frequent occur on documentation of sexual abuse. Symptomatic acquired syphilis occurs with a wide clinical spectrum: rash maculo-papular with span condition plantar, Condyloma lata, alopecia in moth-eaten, mucous patches among others.

Case is presented because of characteristic presentation and to show findings of sexual abuse that might be useful in management of these patients.

OBSERVATION: Female 11-year-old who presents palm-soles eruption of 1 month of evolution, requested laboratory tests and it is referred to our Unit of STDs. Living with mother and stepfather, they live for 5 years; a year ago, adopted by him, it bears his name; as it concerns months ago was sexually abused by foster parent, under threats got silence of girl. Physical examination present: Palm-sole maculo-papular rash with typical scales in collaret, mucous patch on palate, opening hymeneal > 6 mm with scarce tissue clef in anterior and posterior ring also in hour 9. In addition presented avascular area of scar aspect rear fork, lips and supra fold with partial effacement of anus folds, hypotonic sphincter (fecal incontinence), infiltrated papule in margin that disappeared with treatment (Condyloma lata). She presented VDRL 64 dil, treatment was applying with Benzathine penicillin and development medico-legal report for activation of procedure.

KEY MESSAGE: Acquired syphilis in children

