



SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, HIV/AIDS

USUAL AND UNUSUAL IN SYPHILIS –A CASE SERIES.

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Introduction: Syphilis being a sexually transmitted disease reaches all social strata's and presents with myriad clinical manifestations, thus aptly known as the great imitator.

Secondary syphilis has varied clinical presentations thus posing a diagnostic challenge at times. Lesions of secondary syphilis are more aggressive and varied in patients co infected with HIV. Corymbose lesions though classical are rare. This may sometimes simulate other dermatological conditions, Hansen's disease is not an exception.

Case Report: We present 3 cases of secondary syphilis with usual and unusual presentations. One case presented to us with corymbose lesion, second presented as atypical PR and the third presented as borderline tuberculoid like Hansen disease posing a diagnostic challenge

Conclusion: Syphilis has made reappearance in recent past presenting with varied manifestation leading to diagnostic dilemma. The co infection with HIV is adding to its difficulty. At times investigations like biopsy may be misleading, thus a good clinical acumen and high level of suspicion may help in diagnosing and treating these cases.

