



SKIN CANCER (OTHER THAN MELANOMA)

MARJOLIN'S ULCER: A HISTORICAL CASE

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Background: Marjolin ulcer means the degeneration of a chronic inflammatory skin lesion. It is most often a burn scar that complicates in 1 to 2%.

We report a historical case of a giant Marjolin ulcer on old burn scar.

Observation: A 55 years old man presented with a large chronic ulceration of the right lower limb that had appeared two years earlier on a 14-year-old thermal burn scar. On clinical examination we note the presence of a painful ulcer-budding tumor, large in size about 60 cm long, with raised margins, a friable and hemorrhagic base, sitting on the lateral and posterior faces of the right lower limb. There are no loco-regional lymph nodes. The rest of the clinical examination was normal.

The skin biopsy revealed a well-differentiated squamous cell carcinoma.

Magnetic resonance imaging showed dermo-hypodermic thickening of the posterolateral side of the thigh and of the leg infiltrating the iliotibial tract and the lateral gastrocnemius muscle.

The patient had amputation of the right lower limb due to the depth of the injury (the joint is involved).

Key message: Good management of chronic wounds, regular monitoring and skin biopsy if there is the slightest doubt are necessary to avoid the occurrence of Marjolin ulcer.

