



SKIN MANIFESTATIONS OF INTERNAL DISEASE

HODGKIN'S LYMPHOMA: UNUSUAL AND ATYPICAL SKIN LESIONS

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Hodgkin's lymphoma (LH) is a relatively rare cancer, accounting for about 0.5% of all diagnosed cancers. There are two age classes considered to be most at risk: young people between the ages of 20 and 30 and older people over the age of 70, but there are also cases in infancy. In general, LH is divided into two large groups: the classical one - which represents about 95% of all LH - and the predominantly lymphocytic nodular (the remaining 5%). The classic LH is characterized by the presence of Reed-Stenberg cells and is in turn divided into four subtypes: a nodular sclerosis: the most common type (60%), typical of young adults; predominantly lymphocytic: it is less frequent (5-10%); a mixed cellularity: it is the second in frequency among the classical LH (15-30%) and is more common in the elderly; a lymphocyte depletion: it is the least common of classical LH (about 1%) and is typical of old people. The authors describe the case of a 30-year-old man who came to our observation for the appearance of nodules and plaques located at the level of the sternum and of the left breast region, for about 3 months. Some skin lesions were ulcerated and covered with purulent-like material, wrongly interpreted as furunculosis of the sternum. The authors describe this case for the rare and unusual cutaneous localization of a classic Hodgkin's lymphoma of a nodular sclerosis type.

