

Skin Disorders (Dermatosis)

Infections are common, as skin is first defense

1. Impetigo- contagious bacterial infection (reddish erythema)
2. Tinea (fungal infections)- ringworm, jock itch, athlete's foot
3. Warts- viral neoplasms
4. Boils- infections of hair follicles
5. Scabies- skin mites that cause papules

Vascular/Inflammatory Disorders

1. Bedsores (decubitus ulcers)- caused by lack of blood flow
2. Hives (urticaria)- wheals, often allergic response
3. Scleroderma- skin becomes hard & inflexible
4. Psoriasis- Cutaneous inflammation causing scaly plaques
5. Eczema- common response to a series of causes

Skin Cancer

1. Squamous Cell Carcinoma- slow growing, malignant
 - can metastasize if untreated
 - most common skin cancer
2. Basal Cell Carcinoma- less malignant, start as papule that erodes into ulcer
3. Melanoma- most serious skin cancer, start as pigmented nevus
 - ABCD rule of mole examination- Asymmetry, Border, Color, Diameter
 - often associated with exposure to sun's UV radiation
4. Kaposi's Sarcoma- rare, but associated with HIV/AIDS