

# Fever and rash in children

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## Introduction

- Many disease have cutaneous findings( infectious, allergic, rheumatologic, skin, ...)
- Difference in age, type of rash, distribution of rash, other findings such as fever, and course of disease guides to the diagnosis
- Wide spectrum of findings
- At the end of this class You should know the common causes and the important notes in the diagnosis of fever and rash

## **Types of Rash**

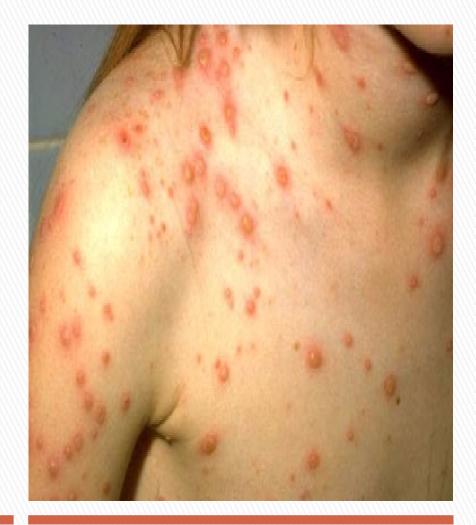
- Vesicular
- Petechial
- Maculopapular
  - Morbiliform
  - Rubelliform
  - Scarlatiniform
  - Nonspecific

## Fever and vesicular rash

- Chicken pox
- Hand foot mouth disease
- Insect bite and other infection

## Chicken pox

- History of exposure 14–16 days age
- Croups of macula, papula, vesicule, pustule, and crusted papula in 4 days
- Mostly on face, head, neck, trunk; and proximal extremities
- Severe pruritis
- Fall of crusts within 1– 2 wks. and temporary hypopigmentation



## Chicken pox



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## Hand foot mouth disease

- Coxsakievirus A serotypes
- Fecal oral rout
- Usually no or mild fever
- Macules and vesicles on faucial pillars, tongue, buccal mucosa and sometimes gingiva, and lips
- Macules, papules and vesicules 1–10 mm on the hands, feet, buttocks and upper thighs
- Sometimes painfull
- Resolve in about 3-4 d.



## Hand foot mouth disease





## Fever and petechia

- Thrombocytopenia (Immune, malignancy, ...)
- Coagulation disorders
- Meningococcemia
- Viral infections
- Pressure petechia
- Henoch-shoenlein purpura

## Meningococcemia

- Neisseria meningitides
- Petechia mostly on trunk, lower portion of body, soft palate, and palpebral conjunctiva
- Rapid progression to purpura and ecchymosis within 6 hrs.
- Generally ill, hypotensive and meningeal signs
- Abnormal CBC, CRP, PT, PTT, BS, VBG



## Meningococcemia





## Viral and pressure petechial

- Enteroviruses, respiratory viruses, measles, EBV, CMV, parvovirus
- Nonprogressive, mostly on face and upper trunk
- Well-appearing with normal vital signs
- Normal CBC, CRP, BS, ABG, and Coagulation tests



## Henoch-Schönlein purpura

- Age 3–10 yr.
- Symmetrical croups of petechiae, palpable purpura, and ecchymosis in pressure dependent area and buttocks
- Palpable purpura+ arthritis/ abdominal cramp /proteinuria or hematuria / suggestive biopsy
- Localized subcutaneous edema in dependent and periorbital areas
- Sometimes fever
- NL CBC, PT, PTT



## Henoch-Schönlein purpura



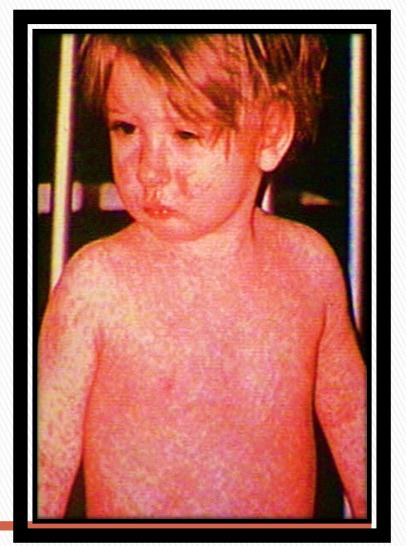


## Fever and morbiliform rash

- Measles
- Drug eruption
- Other viral diseases with severe rash
- Kawasaki disease

## Measles

- Incubation: 6–21 day
- Unvaccinated child
- 1<sup>sT</sup> stage (2-4 d): fever+ cough, conjunctivitis, coryza+ koplic spot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> stage: high fever (3-4 d.) +erythematous maculopapular confluent rash on face then neck, upper trunk, lower trunk and extremities, sparing palms and soles for 2-4 d.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> stage: darkening and brownish color of rash then fade and fine desquamation after 6-7 days
- Continue of cough for 1–2 wks.



#### Koplic spot: Gray-white, sand grain-sized dots on the buccal mucosa opposite the lower molars



### Drug reaction with eosinophilia and systemic symptoms (DRESS)

- Extensive maculopapular and coalescing erythematous rash on face, trunk and extremities, sometimes pruritis
- Fever, malaise, lymphadenopathy, sometimes visceral involvement( liver, kidney, lung)
- 2-6 wks. After the initiation of drug
- Antiepileptics, Allopurinol, Antibiotics



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## DRESS



## Fever and rubelliform rash

- Rubella
- Roseola
- Erythema infectiosum
- Enteroviruses rash
- Kawasaki disease

## Rubella (3-day measles)

- Eliminated after vaccination
- 2-3 wks. after exposure in unvaccinated individuals
- Pin point maculopapular rash on face then trunk then extremities
- Disappearance after 3-5 d.
- Posterior occipital lymphadenopathy
- Low grade fever
- Sometimes mild conjunctivitis and small red spots on soft palate( Forchheimer)



#### Erythema infectiousum (Fifth disease)

- Prvovirus B19, mostly 5–15 yr
- Infectious phase: fever, malaise, myalgias, and headache, Aplastic crisis in hemolytic anemias,for 7– 10 d
- Post infectious phase( fifth disease): 7 to 10 d. after infectious phase)
- > Fever, coryza, diarrhea
- > 3 stage rash in 1-2 weeks:
  - 1. Fiery red rash on the cheeks (slapped-cheek appearance)
  - 2. Symmetric, maculopapular, truncal rash after 1-4 days on trunk and extremities
  - 3. Fading of rash as central clearing and a lacy, reticulated rash for 1-6 wks (mean, 11 d)
  - Sometimes recurrence of rash with exercise, bathing, rubbing, or stress
  - mildly pruritis, No desquamate, Often no fever, Sometimes arthralgia, arthritis



## Fifth disease



## Roseola infantum (exanthema subitum)

- Human herpes virus 6 & 7
- Peak age: 6-13 mo., mostly <2 yr.</p>
- Transmission by saliva of asymptomatic adults
- 3 stages:
  - Abrupt high fever(>40° C)+ fussiness+ occipital lymphadenopathy for 3-5 d.
  - Abrupt resolve of fever
  - Rose-colored faint pink rash on neck and trunk then on face and extremities for 1-3 d.
- Sometimes eyelid edema, uvulopalatoglossal junction macule (Nagayama spots), bulging fontanelle, upper respiratory or gastrointestinal symptoms during fever
- Leukopenia, neytropenia, thrombocytopenia, sterile pyuria



## Roseola infantum







## Enteroviruses

- More than 90 serotypes
- Sometimes fever 1–2 d.
- Generalized maculopapular, sometimes urticarial rash sometimes after decline of fever





## Scarlatiniform rash

- Scarlet fever
- Arcanobacter hemolyticum infection
- Kawasaki disease

## Scarlet fever

- Erythrogenic toxin of streptococcus group A(> 20 serotypes)
- Mostly in 5–15 yr.
- High fever+ Sand-paper like (fine papular that fade on pressure) on neck the trunk and extremities for 5-7 day
- Exudative or erythematous pharyngitis, White then red strawberry tounge, Pastia sign (accentuated rash on elbow, axilla, and groin), cervical lymphadenopathy
- Desquamation period : 1-3 w, from face then downward, sometimes sheet like in palms and soles
- Treatment : benzatine penicillin G
- Complications: Acute rheumatic fever, Post streptococcal glomerulonephritis



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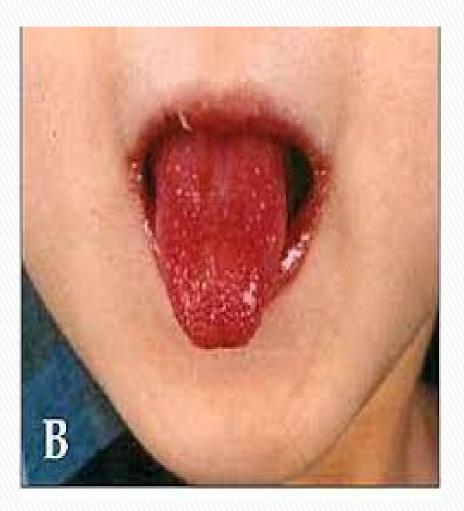


## Kawasaki disease

- Unknown etiology
- All rash except petechial and vesicular/pustular/bulla rash
- High fever>3-5d.
- 5 Clinical criteria: rash, bilateral bulbar conjunctivitis, oral erythema, extremity edema/ erythema/ desquamation, unilateral cervical lymphadenopathy
- 6 Laboratory criteria: Elevated WBC, PLT, ALT, urin WBC, decreased Hb, albumin
- Risk of Cardiac involvement: coronary aneurysm/ dilatation/ loss of tapering, decreased LV function, MR, pericardial effusion
- Complete form: fever+ 4 of 5 criteria
- Incomplete form: fever+ 2 or 3 criteria + elevated ESR/CRP + 3 of six laboratory criteria / cardiac involvement



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