



Neonatal Varicella: Clinical Image

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Clinical Image

A 15-day-old girl was brought to the hospital with a 3-day history of rash. Two days before baby's birth, her mother had received a diagnosis of varicella, through clinically characteristic of varicella. She had been born at 36 weeks of gestation by cesarean section owing to her mother's unbearable itching. On examination, she had vesicles involving the face (Figure 1) and extensive maculopapular rash on her entire body (Figure 2). Considering history and clinically presentation, a diagnosis of neonatal varicella was made. Three days later, the rash evolves into crusts (Figure 3). After supportive treatment and aggressive care, the girl's rash resolved completely with 1 week. Neonatal varicella is a



Figure 1: Vesicles on the face.



Figure 2: Maculopapular rash on the trunk.



Figure 3: Crusted varicella rash.

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rare disease, yet the early recognition and intervention are important as it could be fatal in newborns [1]. Awareness of neonatal varicella can lead to early diagnosis and acyclovir treatment, then prevent the baby from serious complications and shorten the clinical course.

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