Erythematous, Concentric Rash Resembling Wood Grain

Placas Eritematosas Concêntricas Tipo Superfície de Madeira

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Figure 1 – Concentric skin lesions resembling a wood grain pattern, with desquamation localized to the trunk and arms

A 53-year-old man presented with a 10-month history of pruritic erythematous rash and scaling of the scalp, which spread to his trunk and limbs (Fig. 1). He had no relevant medical history nor was he on any medication. On examination, he had erythematous, concentric skin lesions resembling a wood grain pattern, with desquamation (Fig. 2). These lesions affected mainly the trunk and extremities. He also had enlarged lymph nodes in the left inguinal region and thickening of the palmar skin. Biopsy of the skin and excisional biopsy of a lymph node were nonspecific. Malignant and infectious diseases were excluded.

Erythema gyratum repens is a rare, but clinically specific and representative erythema associated with malignancy.1–4 It can precede, occur concurrently, or appear after a diagnosis of a neoplasm.1,3–5 It is considered the most specific paraneoplastic syndrome.4

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