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Aging: A natural process or a disorder?

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Aging is a continuous and irreversible process which affects skin and other organs. Skin aging which is the result of changes in the function and structure of the dermis is characterized by thinning, drying and loss of elasticity. It results in significant morbidity in elderly, particularly if associated with other comorbid systemic diseases. In comparison with young skin, geriatric skin is more prone to different dermatoses, so that 13.3% of skin disorders are seen in elderly persons over 60 years of age. On the other hand, there is association between systemic disorders and skin problems in general population. Herein, we talk about cutaneous ageing in terms of definition, epidemiology, histopathology, ethiopathogenesis, prevention and management.

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Pityrosporum folliculitis presenting as targetoid lesions in polycythemia vera: A case report in a 52 year old Filipino male

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Yeasts of the genus *Malassezia*, also known as *Pityrosporum* are opportunistic, basidiomycetous lipophilic yeasts that are constituents of the normal human skin flora responsible for a wide spectrum of clinical manifestations. *Pityrosporum* folliculitis is a typically a benign disorder that results from an overgrowth of *Pityrosporum* yeasts that usually presents as dome-shaped papules and superficial pustules on the upper back, shoulders and chest. However, rare overt cutaneous manifestations may be observed in severely immunocompromised individuals. We report a rare case of a 52 year old male Filipino patient with polycythemia vera presenting as targetoid lesions. Histopathologic examination and special staining showed *Pityrosporum* folliculitis with subsequent successful treatment with Fluconazole.

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