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Anetodermic pilomatricoma in a 14-year old boy

The anetodermic pilomatricoma, also known as bullous pilomatricoma is a special very rare variant of pilomatricoma which we saw in a 14-year old boy. The tumors occur later (adolescence, young adult) compared to the classical form (3-8 years) and are characterized by a red dome-shaped nodule with a superficially soft (anetodermal-like) and a very firm deep portion of the tumor. The diagnosis is verified by histology, which shows edematous tissue overlying a deep otherwise typical pilomatricoma consisting of typical anucleate eosinophilic squamous cells (ghost cells) in the center, foreign body giant cells and basaloid cells with basophilic nuclei of the periphery. The presence of calcifications with foreign body giant cells is common within the tumors. Therapy of choice is complete excision of the tumor.

Biography

Regina Fölster-Holst is Professor at the Department for Dermatology, Venereology and Allergology at the Universitätsklinikum Schleswig-Holstein, Campus Kiel, Germany. She obtained her medical degree at the Christian-Albrechts-Universität, Kiel and is board certified in dermatology and allergology. She is a member of the German Dermatology Association (DDG), where she leads the Society of Pediatric Dermatology. She is executive board member of the European Society of Pediatric Dermatology (ESPD), a member of the Institute for Medical and Pharmaceutical Examination (IMPP) and engaged in the occupational union of the German Dermatologists e.V. (BVDD). Her scientific focuses are paediatric dermatology, allergic diseases and parasitoses, whereas the main trust of her research is in atopic dermatitis, with special research expertise in immunological and biochemical activity markers, prognostic criteria, epidemiological researches and new therapeutical strategies. Prof. Dr. Regina Fölster-Holst has received numerous awards, such as the Hans-Karrer-Förderpreis (medical brochure for children) in 1997, the "Preis der Hensel Stiftung" (1998), the Teaching Award of the Medical Faculty of Kiel (2003), the German scientific award for communication and the Perle-Award.

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