

Atypical Painful Swelling of Right Labium

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Figure 1: Swelling of the labium minu and majus on the right side with erythema and dark skin changes.

DESCRIPTION

Here we present a 17-year-old girl that presented with swelling of the right labia majora and minora during her treatment for acute lymphoblastic leukemia. The episode started with acute pain in her right labia followed by a fast swelling. During clinical examination, dark skin changes were observed. There were no clear vesicles. Because of the typical asymmetric localization in one dermatome, the diagnosis herpes zoster is considered. After taking cultures, treatment was started with intravenous acyclovir

for one week, followed by oral valacyclovir. The diagnosis herpes zoster was confirmed by PCR. The skin lesions improved within days. The presentation of a herpes zoster in immunocompromised patients can be very atypical and needs rapid treatment, therefore the recognition is of clinical importance (Figure 1).

CONFLICT OF INTRESTS

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