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# Clueless: Fungal and Viral Skin Infections

#### Objectives of lecture in Clueless

#### **BE CLUEFUL:**

RECOGNITION

MANAGEMENT

## Superficial fungal infections

- Dermatophytes ("Tinea")
  - a. Trichophyton sp. (hair, skin and nails)
  - b. Microsporum sp. (hair and nails)
  - c. Epidermophyton sp. (skin)
- 2. <u>Yeasts</u>
  - a. Pityrosporum ovale (skin)
  - b. Candida sp. (skin and mucus membranes)

## **Fungal Infections**

First Clue: Are there predisposing factors?

- Trauma to the skin or constant rubbing
- Increased moisture (sweating) and warmth, poor hygiene
- Use of prolonged antibiotics, steroids
- Immunocompromised state

### Dermatophytes: Recognition

TINEA CORPORIS (Ringworm of the body): may appear on any part of the glabrous skin

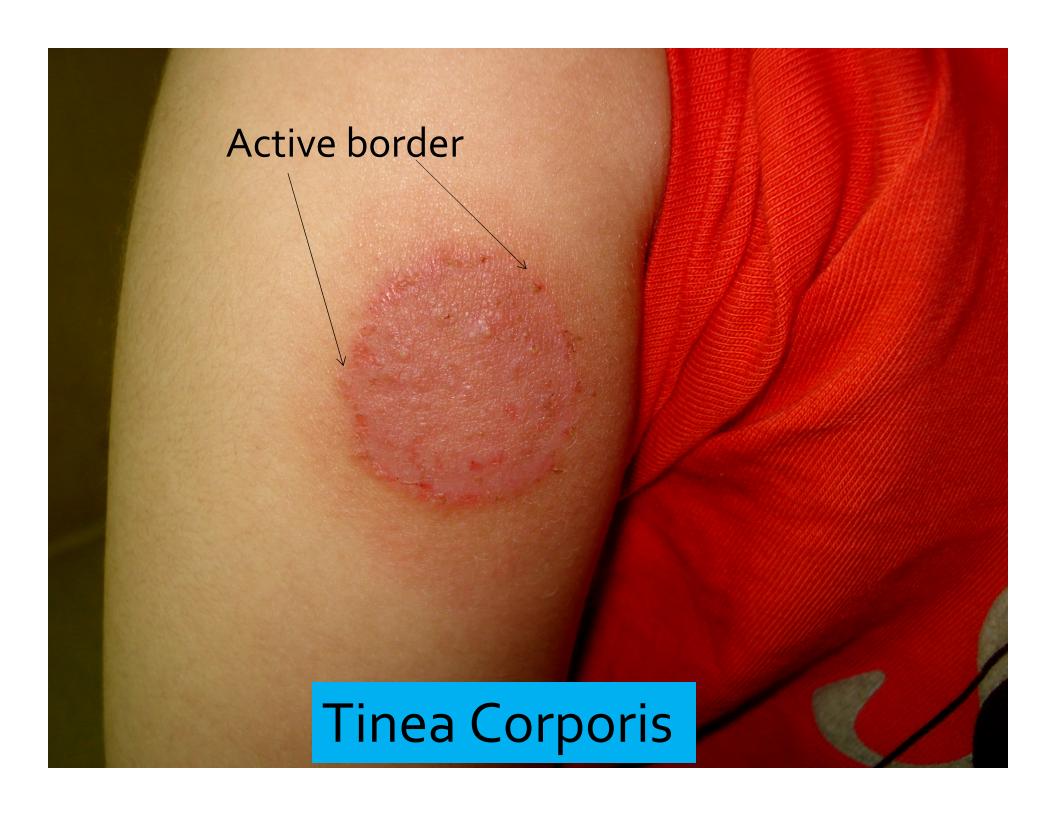
- ➤ Red, scaly papules that spread peripherally: activity is in the BORDER (SLOW GROWING)
- Papules coalesce and lesion becomes annular
- Itchy if very inflammatory especially in the groin area

#### **Recognition: CLUES**

## LOOK FOR AN ADVANCING BORDER:

sharp contrast between normal and affected skin

**SLOW GROWING** 

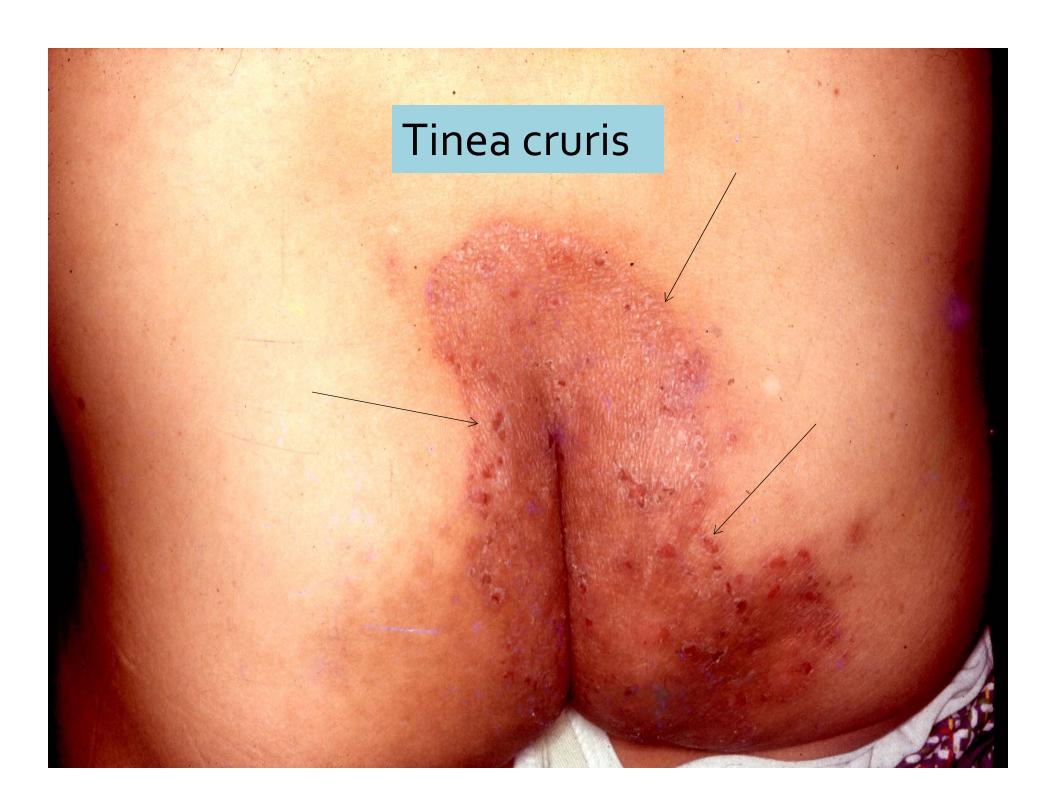












#### **Please Note:**

## Not all rings are

Ringworm

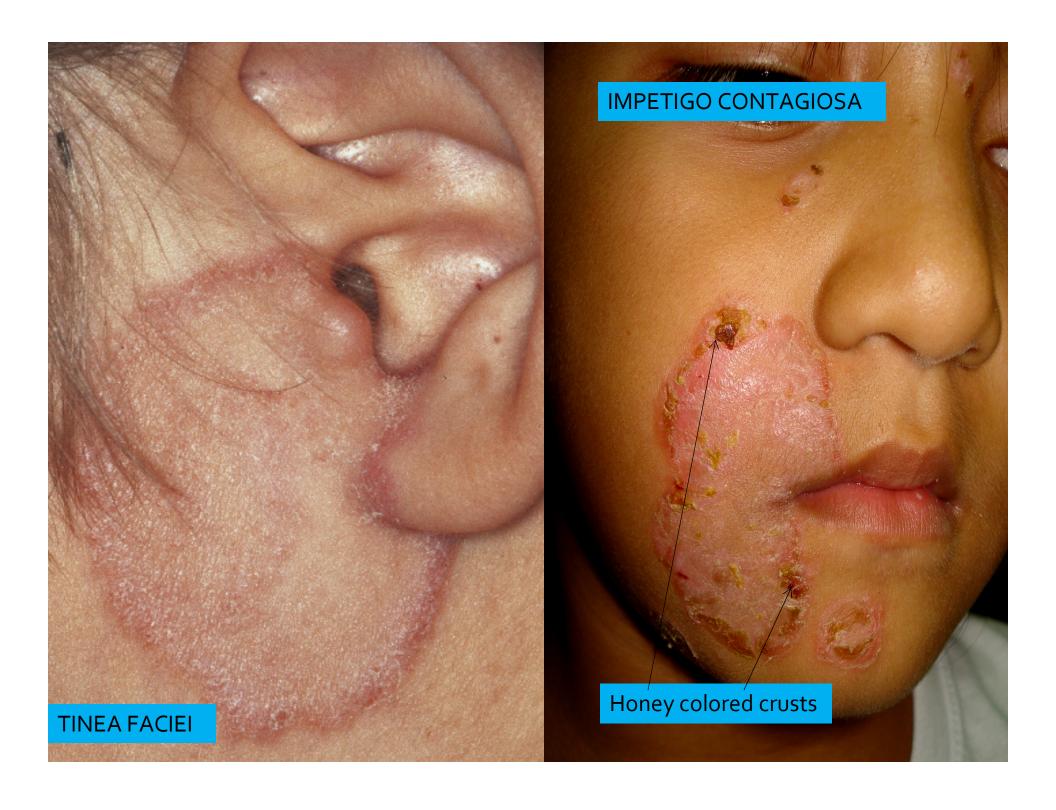


Urticaria: multiple coalescing evanescent lesions





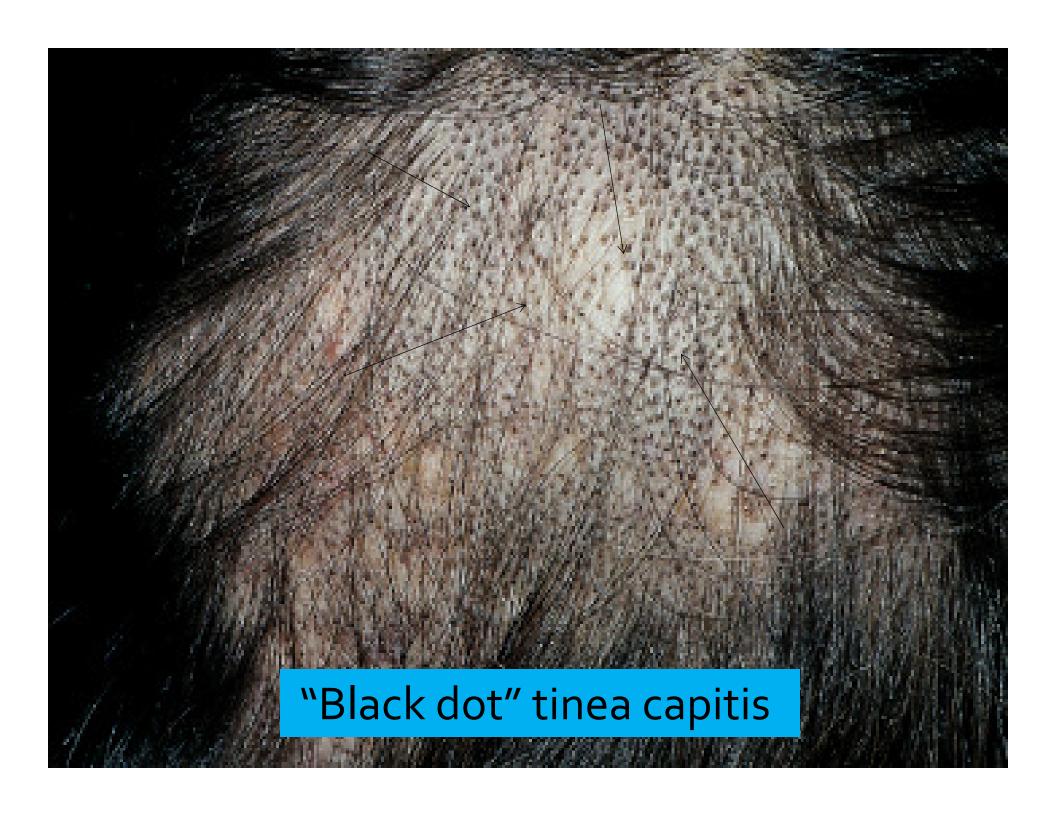




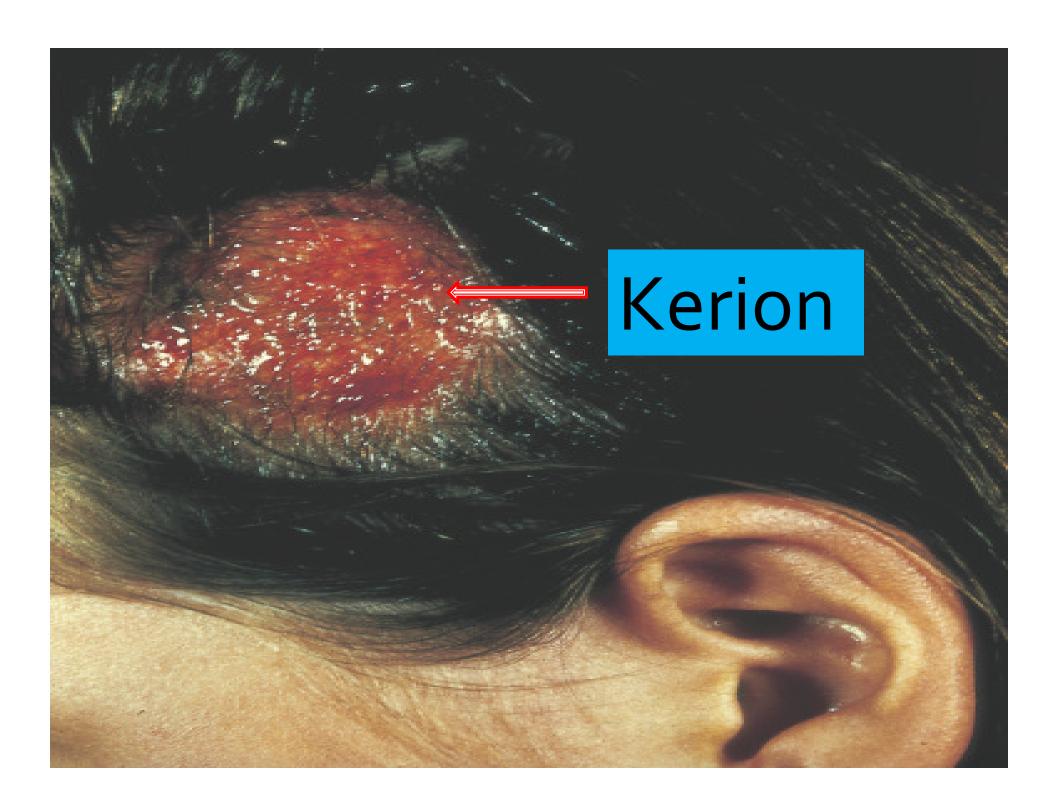
## Dermatophytes: Recognition

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TINEA CAPITIS
     prepubertal child with a scaly
        scalp (low sebum – low
        antifungal properties)
          : patchy hair loss with scales
      : or inflammatory papules and
       pustules (may be severe with
       cervical lympadenopathy)
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### Dermatophytes: Recognition

TINEA UNGIUM

Not common in children

usually associated with Tinea pedis:
toenails much more commonly
involved than

fingernails



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Not all dystrophic nail changes are caused by fungus!



## Nail pitting in Psoriasis



### Beau's lines/Onychomadesis



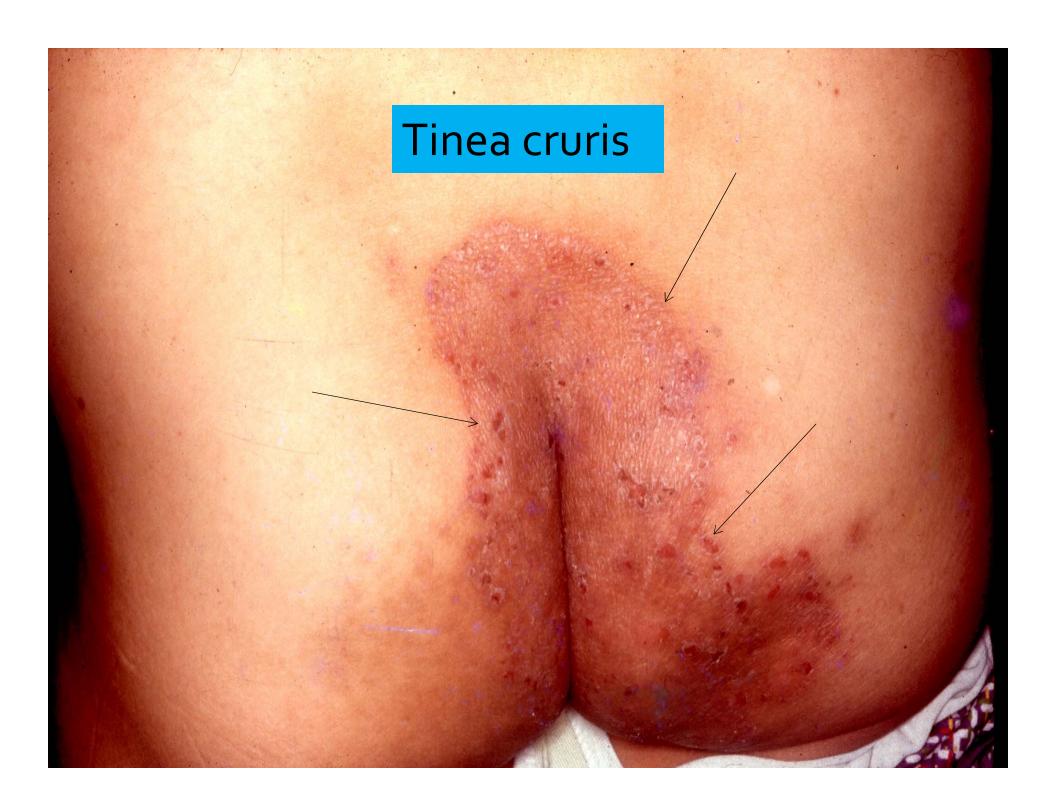


## Dermatophytes: Diagnosis

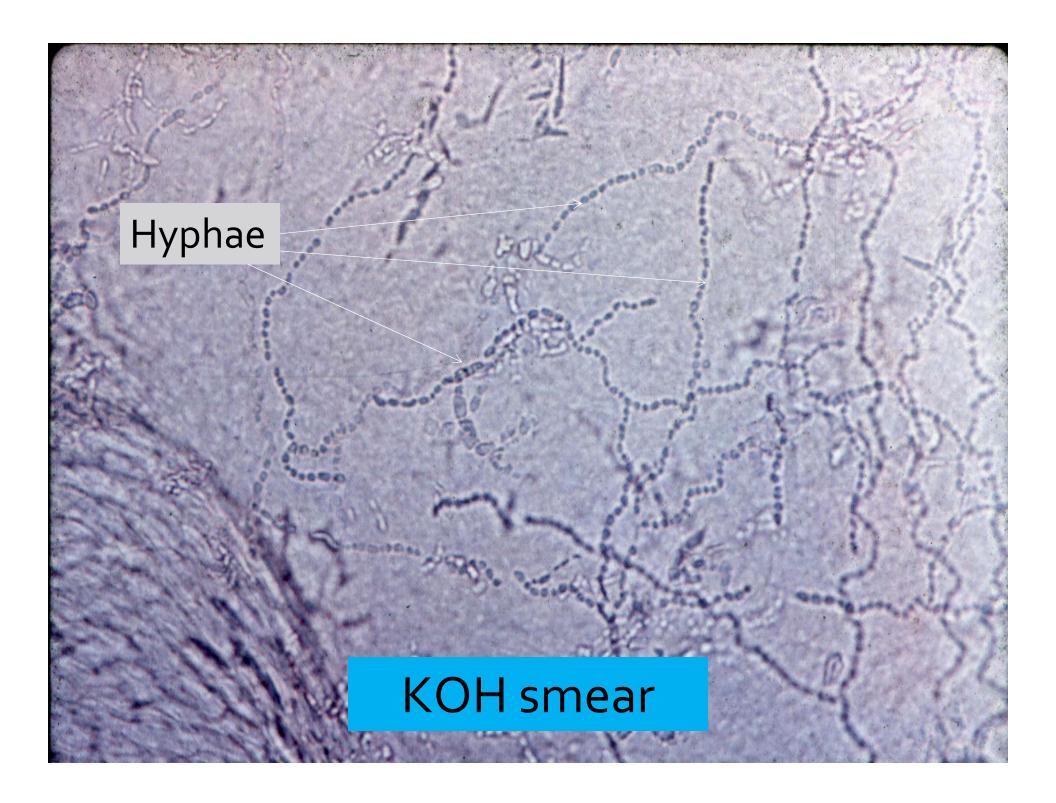
Clinical picture : often distinctive

Laboratory (skin scrapings):
 KOH smear: long, branching
 septate hyphae
 Fungal culture











### Dermatophytes: Management

Topical anti-fungals (Azoles, Terbinafine):
 2-4 weeks of treatment (usually continue for 1 week after lesions clear up)

- Oral anti-fungals:
  - 1. Not responding to topicals
  - 🌟 2. Hair bearing areas
  - \*3. Nail involvement

### Dermatophytes: Management

Oral anti-fungals:

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1. Griseofulvin: 15-25 mkd (max: 1 g/d)
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face/body: 4-6 weeks

scalp: 6-12 weeks

nails: 3-12 months

2. Terbinafine: 3-6 mkd

face/body/scalp: 2-4 weeks

nails: 6-12 weeks

### Dermatophytes: Management

#### Oral anti-fungals:

3. Itraconazole: 5 mkd face/body/scalp: 2-4 weeks nails: 6-12 weeks

Note: Ketoconazole has been withdrawn

#### 4. Fluconazole:

scalp: 6 mkd x 2-4 weeks

nails: 6 mg/kg/week x 12-26 weeks

### **Superficial Yeast Infections**

Pityriasis versicolor

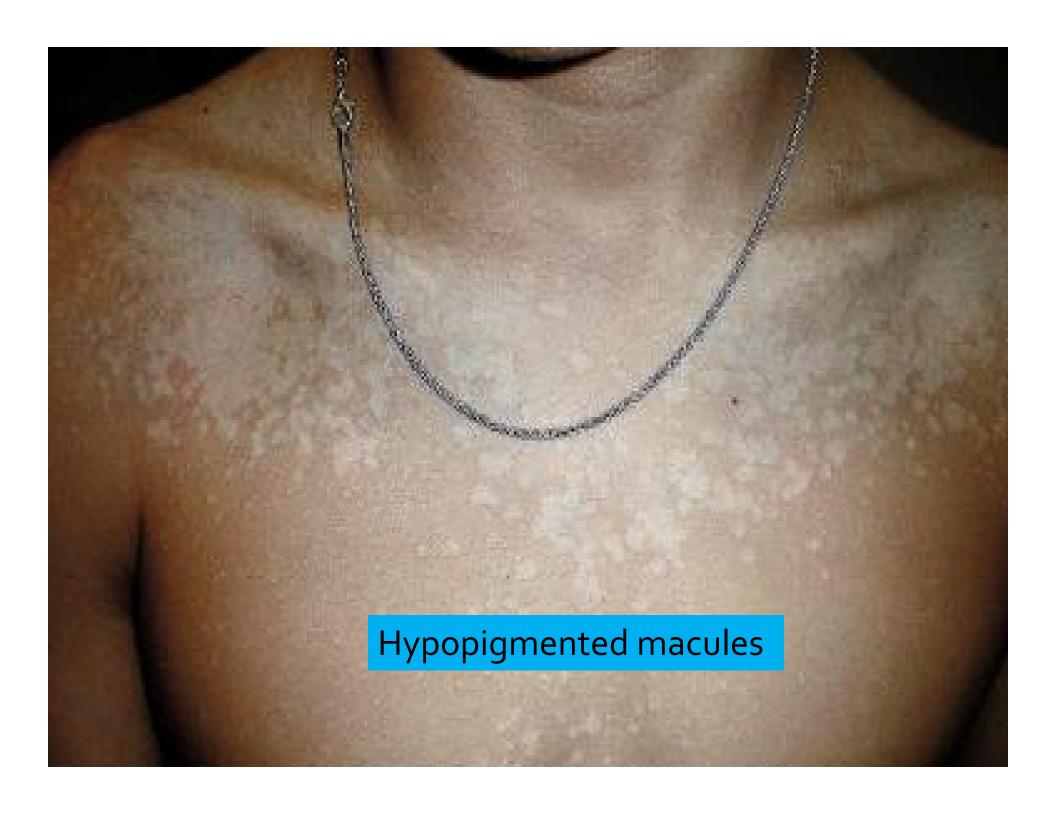
Candidiasis

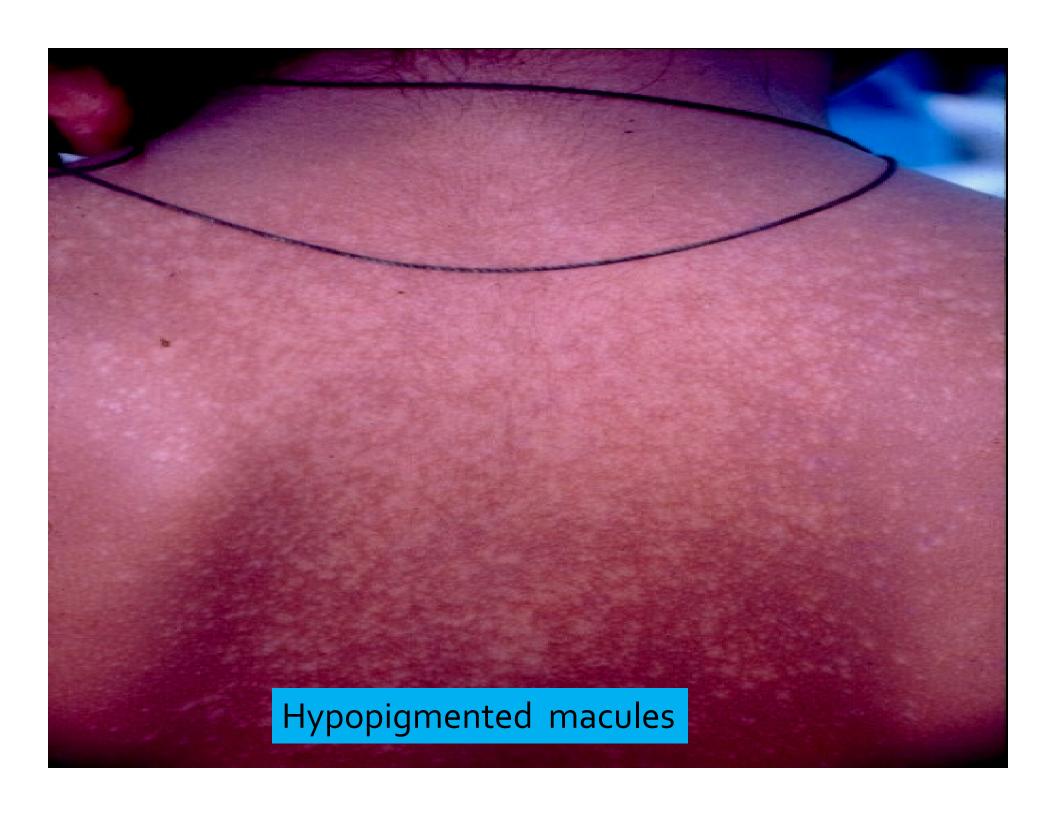
## Pityriasis versicolor

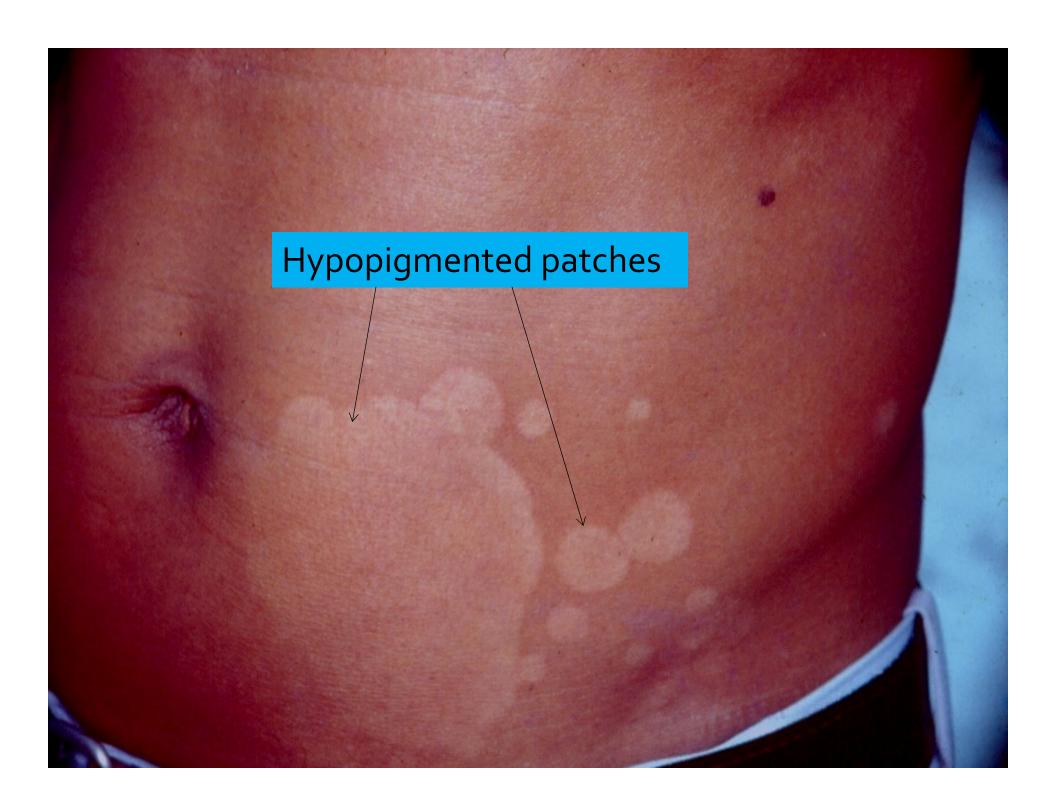
- Etiologic agent: Malassezia furfur or Pityrosporum ovale
- Factors which make it pathogenic:
  - 1. high temperature and humidity
  - 2. hyperhidrosis
  - 3. increased sebum production
  - 4. steroid therapy
  - 5. immunodeficiency
  - 6. hereditary factors

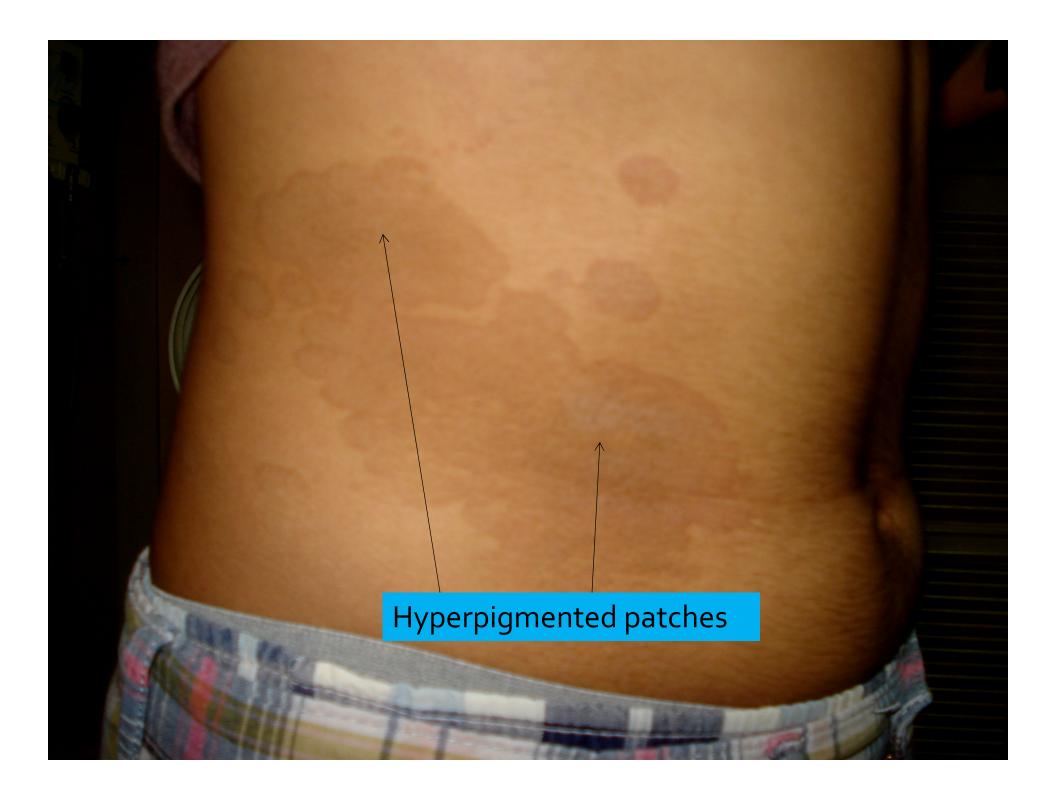
# Pityriasis versicolor: Recognition (Multicolored)

- Hypopigmented to faint pink/red to tan/ dark brown skin lesions: discrete and coalescent ovoid macules
- CLUE: (+) Fingernail Sign scratching causes fine or branny desquamation (fungal debris)
- Areas of predilection: upper back, chest, arms and face (forehead and temples)



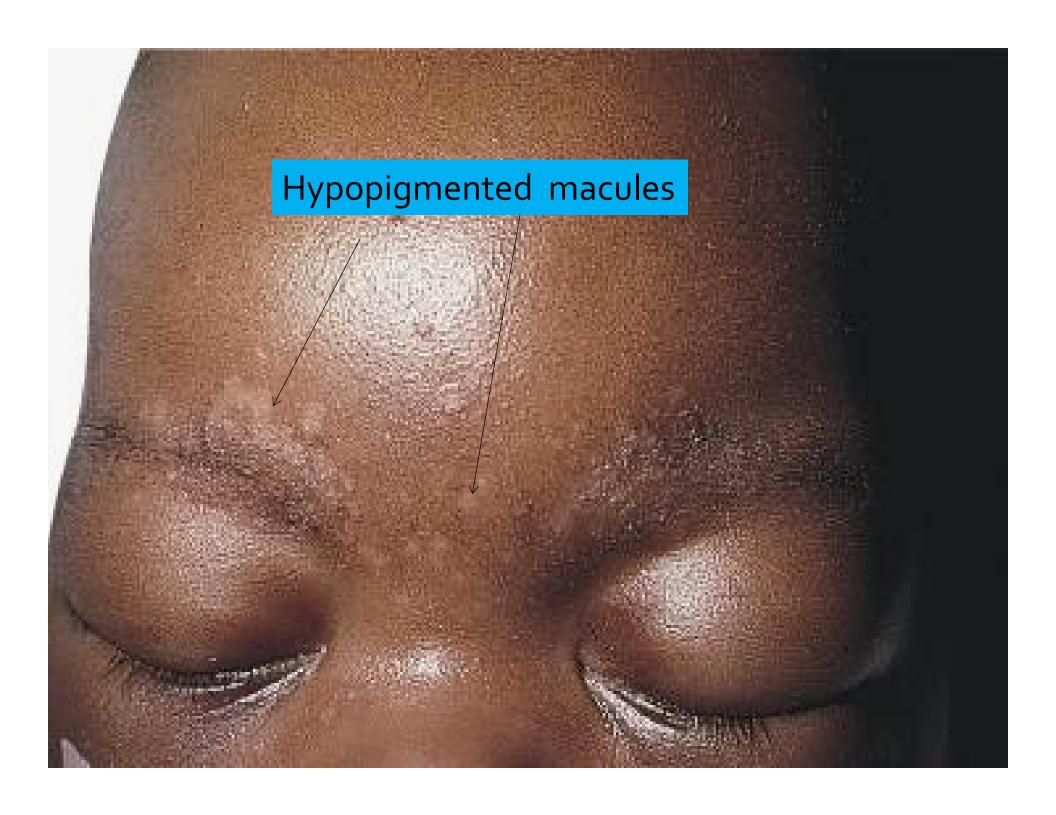




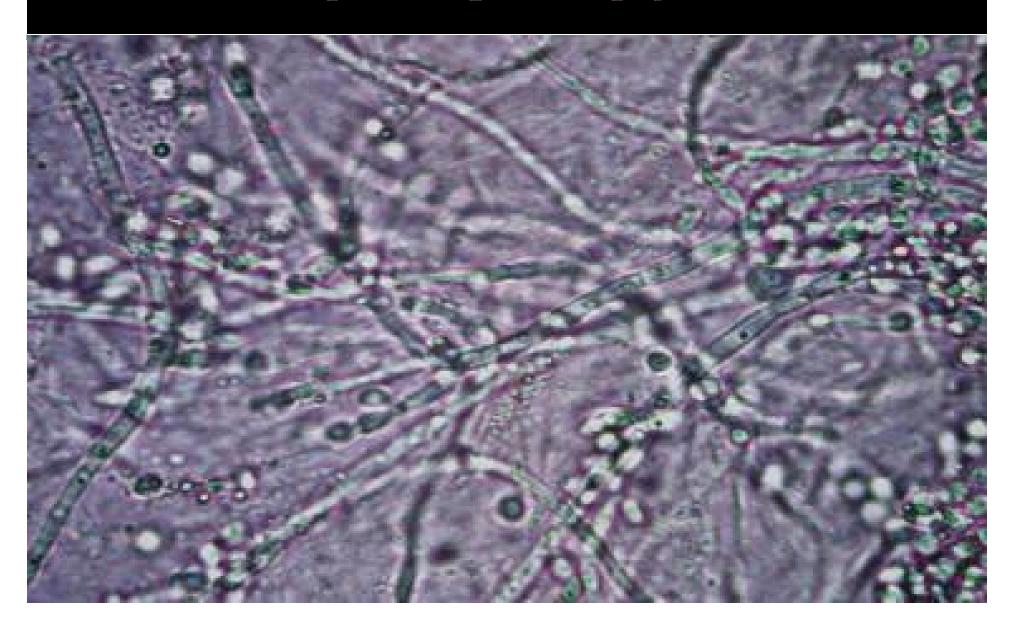








# KOH Smear

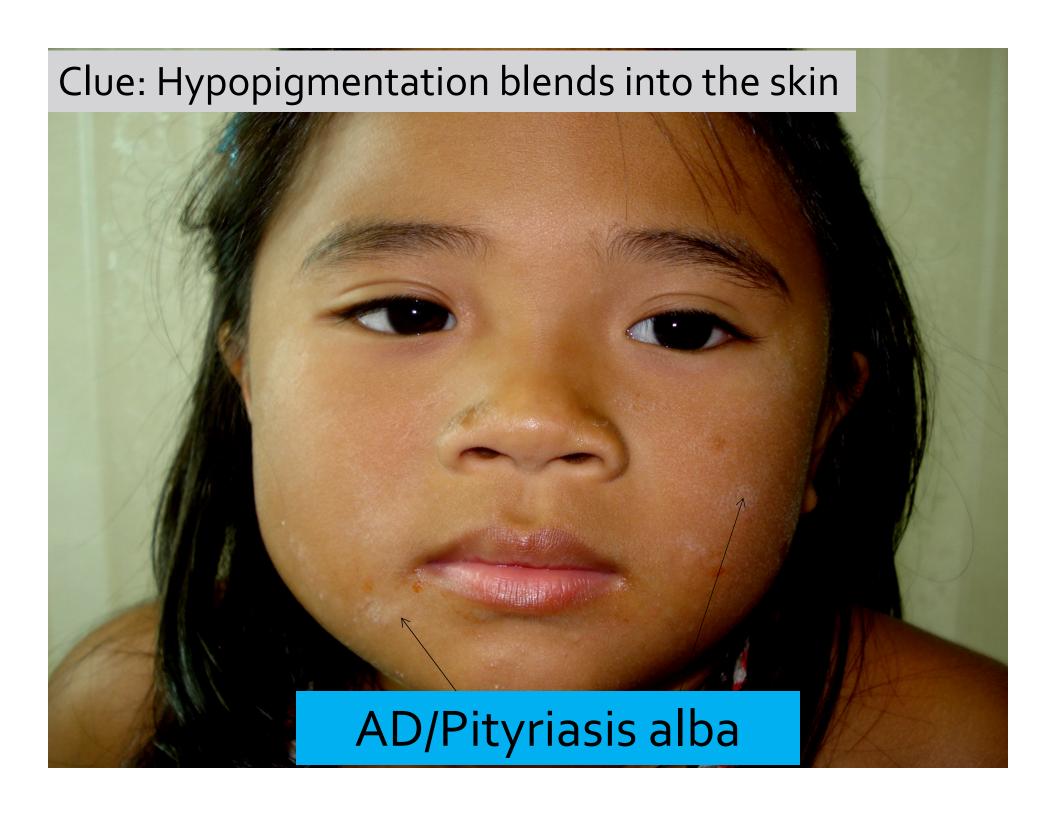


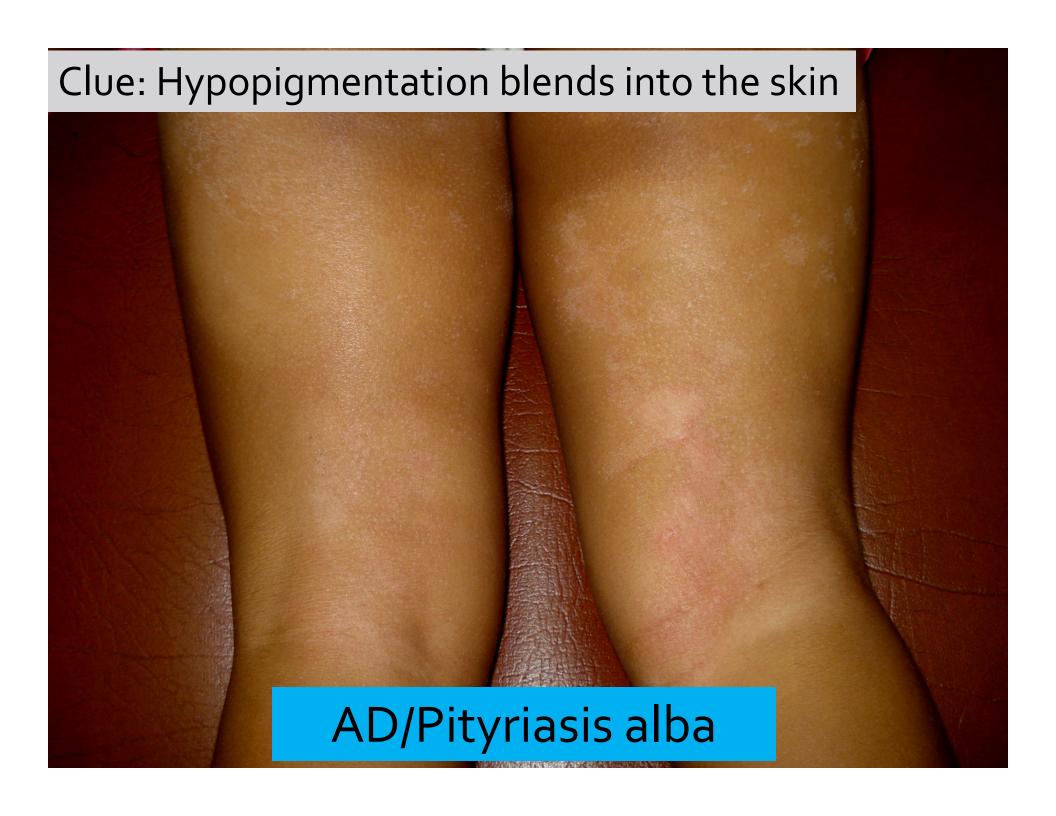
### Pityriasis versicolor: Management

- Zinc pyrithione shampoo 10 mins daily for 1-2 weeks (other antidandruff shampoos
- 2% Ketoconazole shampoo 5 mins daily for 3 days (other antifungal shampoos)
- Ketoconazole cream
- In young adults: Oral azoles (Itraconazole, Fluconazole) may be used for extensive lesions resistant to topicals or for frequent relapsers
- Note: Oral ketoconazole tabs withdrawn from market because of liver toxicity

# Remember:

Not all hypopigmented lesions are "an-an" or pityriasis versicolor





### Yeasts: Candida

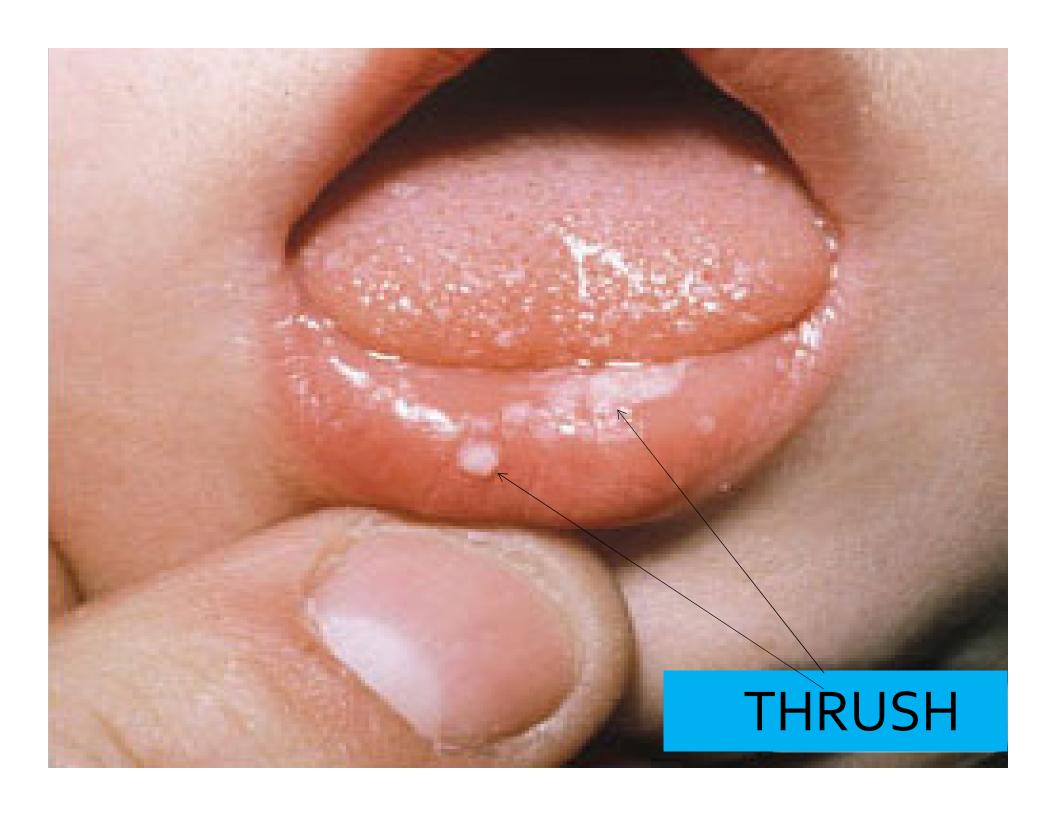
- Limited to skin and mucous membranes when barrier function is disrupted or compromised
- At risk: macerated, damaged, inflamed skin
- KOH smear: pseudohyphae with ovoid yeast cells

# Oral Thrush: Recognition

"Thrush": Acute Pseudomembranous Candidiasis

Clue: white to gray, "cheesy" looking colonies (pseudomembranes): gentle removal reveals a raw red base





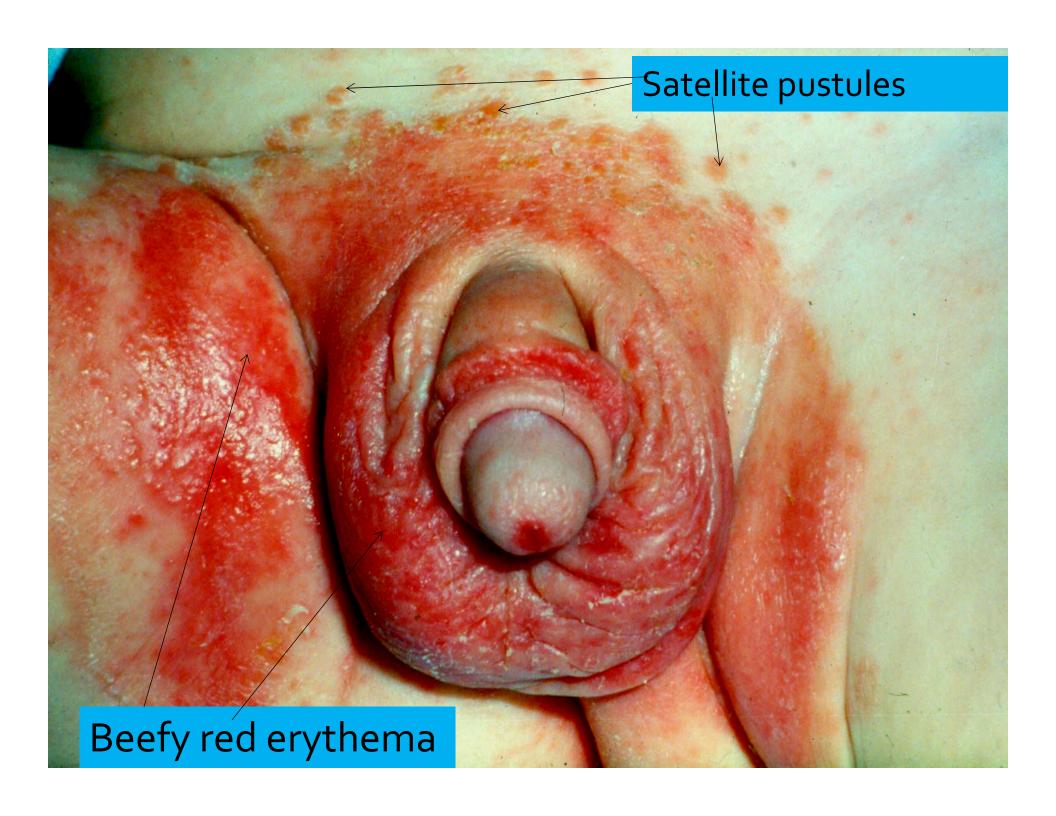
### Diaper Candidiasis: Recognition

#### Clues:

Well demarcated erythema with peripheral scale

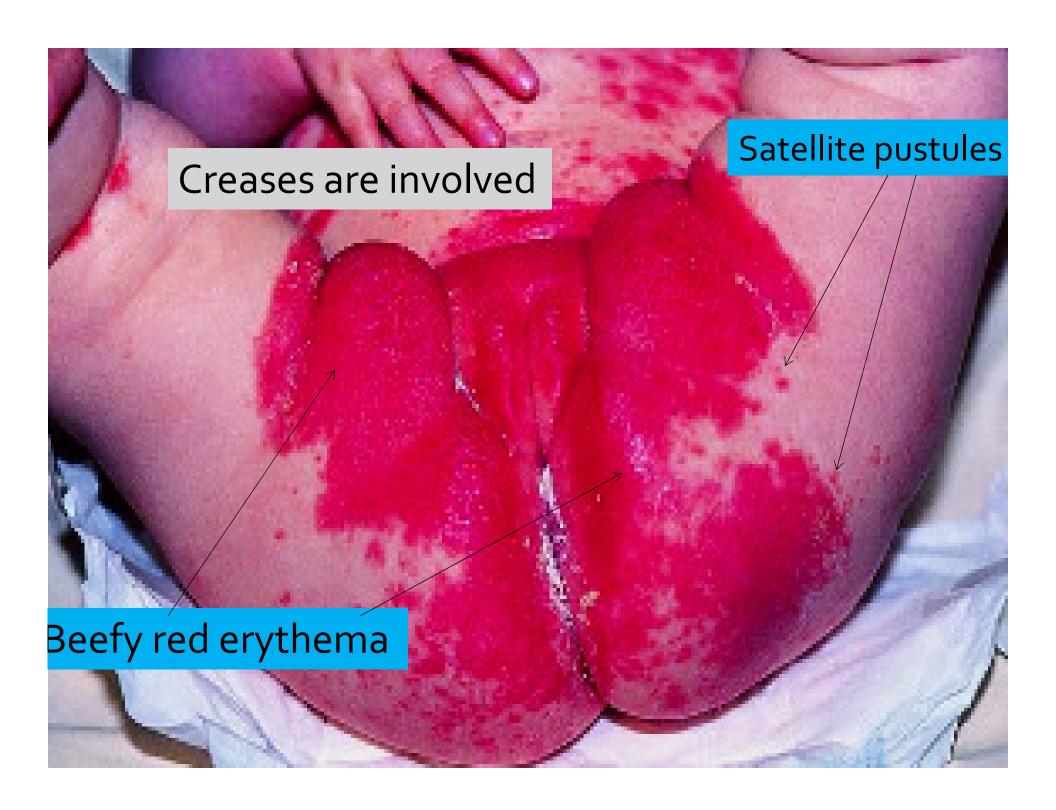
Satellite papules/pustules
Inguinal creases are involved
"Beefy red" erythema





### Irritant contact diaper dermatitis





### Diaper Candidiasis: Management

- Topical anti-candidal agent (nystatin or an azole preparation) +/topical steroid
- Once cleared, continue for three more days
- Oral mycostatin or fluconazole

Note: Keep area dry. Use barrier creams e.g. zinc oxide paste

### **Common Viral Infections**

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

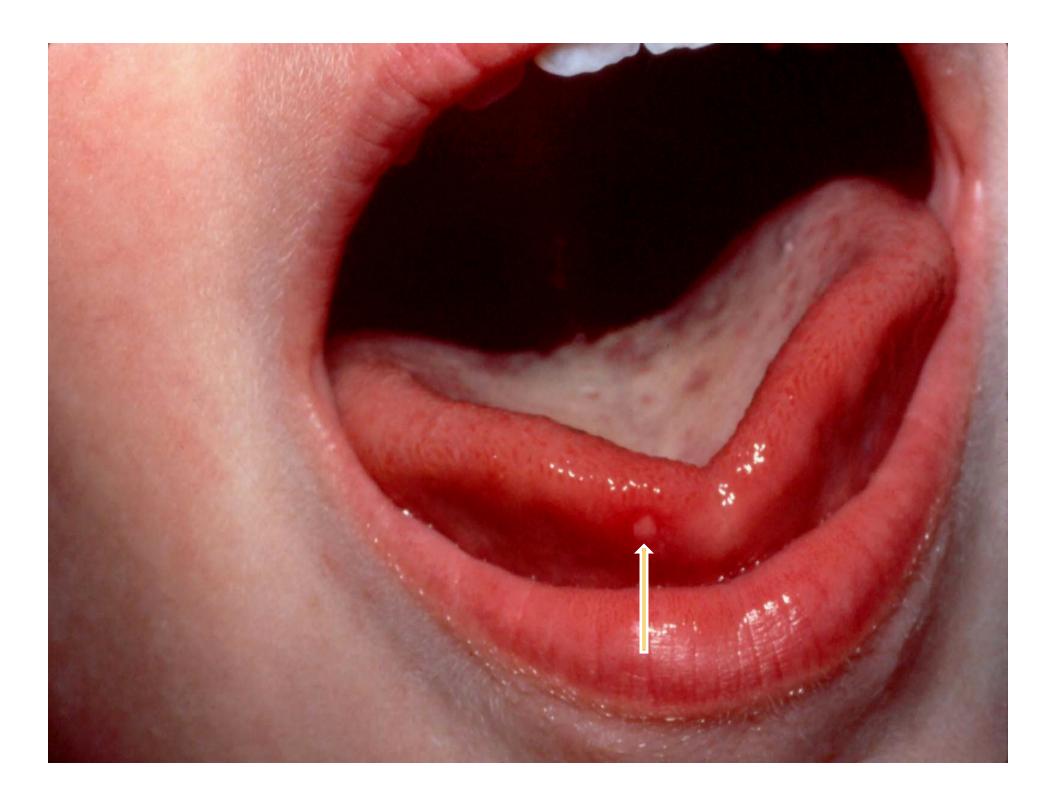
Molluscum Contagiosum

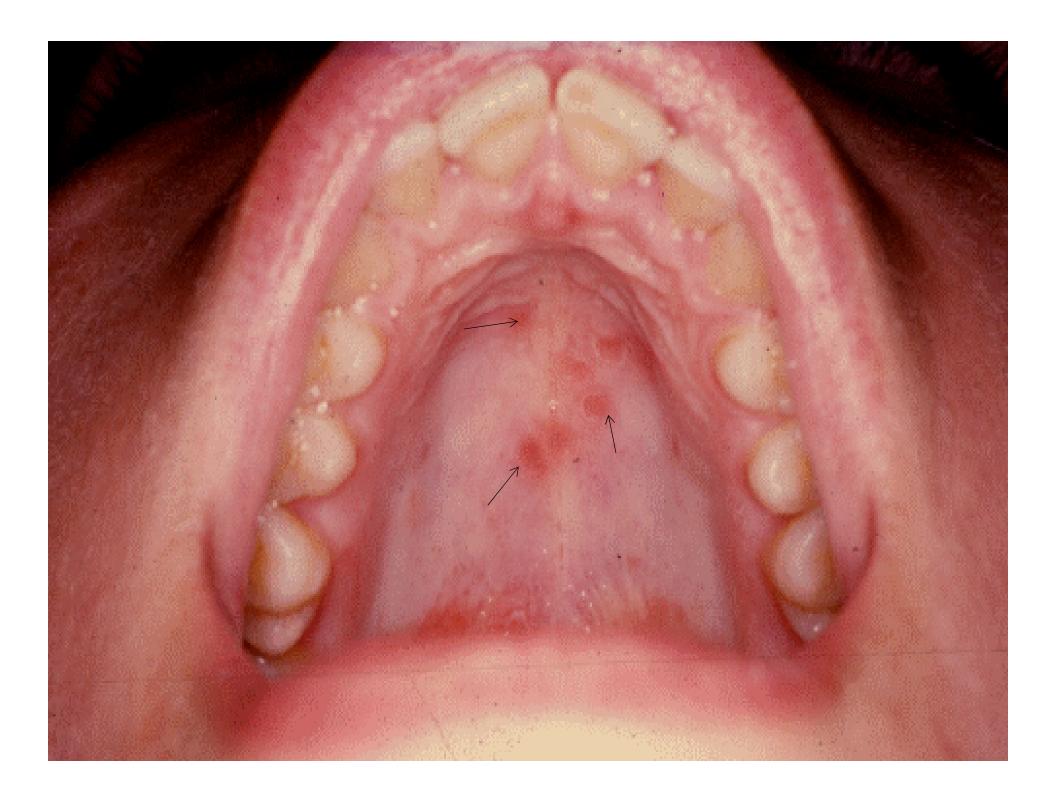
Verruca Vulgaris

#### Coxsackie A 16 Virus

### Recognition: Hand, Foot and Mouth

- Areas involved:mouth, hands and feet, buttocks (may also be seen on face and extremities)
- Rash usually lasts for 2-7 days
- (+/-) fever, sore mouth, anorexia, malaise, abdominal pain









#### **Hand Foot and Mouth Disease**

#### **Clues:**

Areas involved: mouth, hands and feet, buttocks; may also be seen on face and extremities (elbows, knees)
Rash usually lasts for 2-7 days
(+/-) fever, sore mouth, anorexia, malaise, abdominal pain
Management: Symptomatic



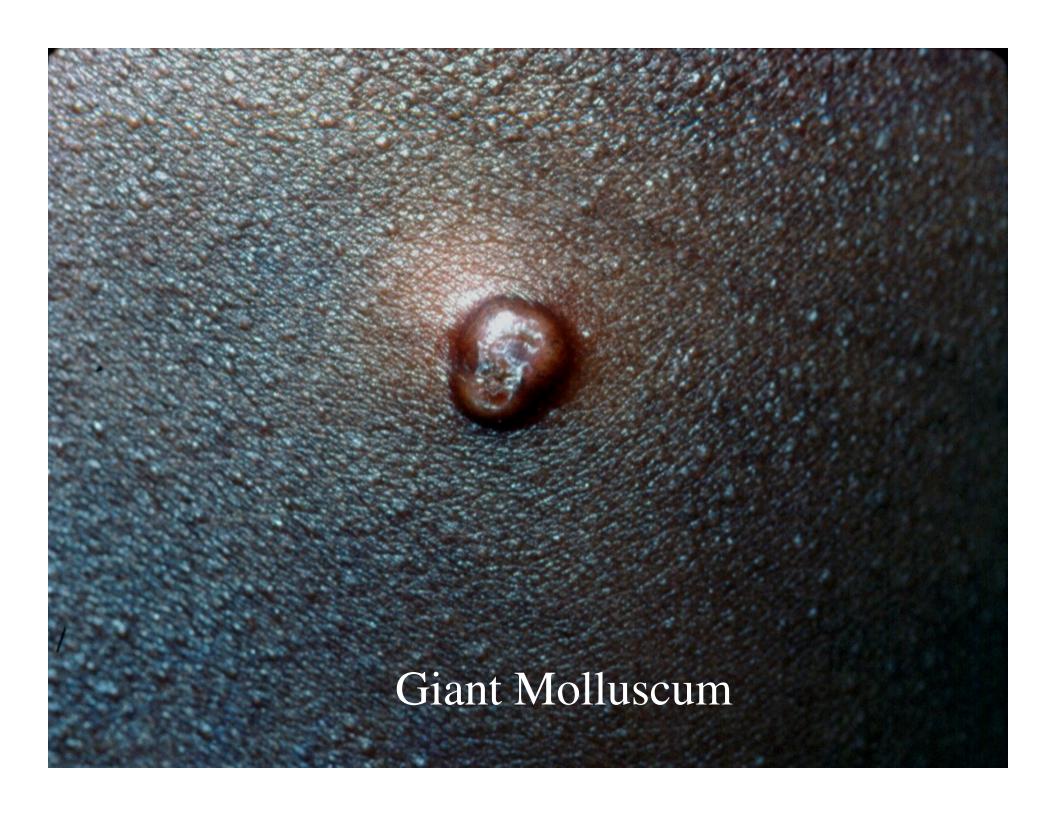












#### Molluscum contagiosum

- Flesh colored to pinkish to pearly white discrete papules with central umbilication
- Most common areas: axillae, lateral trunk, lower abdomen, thighs, face
- May have a dermatitis in 10% of cases
- Etiologic agent: Molluscipox virus

# Molluscum contagiosum

- "Benign neglect": spontaneous resolution in 6-9 months
- May have a more persistent, progressive course

#### Treatment options:

- 1. Curettage
- 2. topical Cantharidin
- 3. Tretinoin cream
- 4. Imiquimod cream

# Molluscum contagiosum: What can the Pediatrician do?

- Recognize
- Refer
- Please do not give topical steroids
- May try:
  - 1. Tretinoin or Imiquimod
  - 2. nail polish??!!



# **VERRUCA VULGARIS**



## Verruca Vulgaris

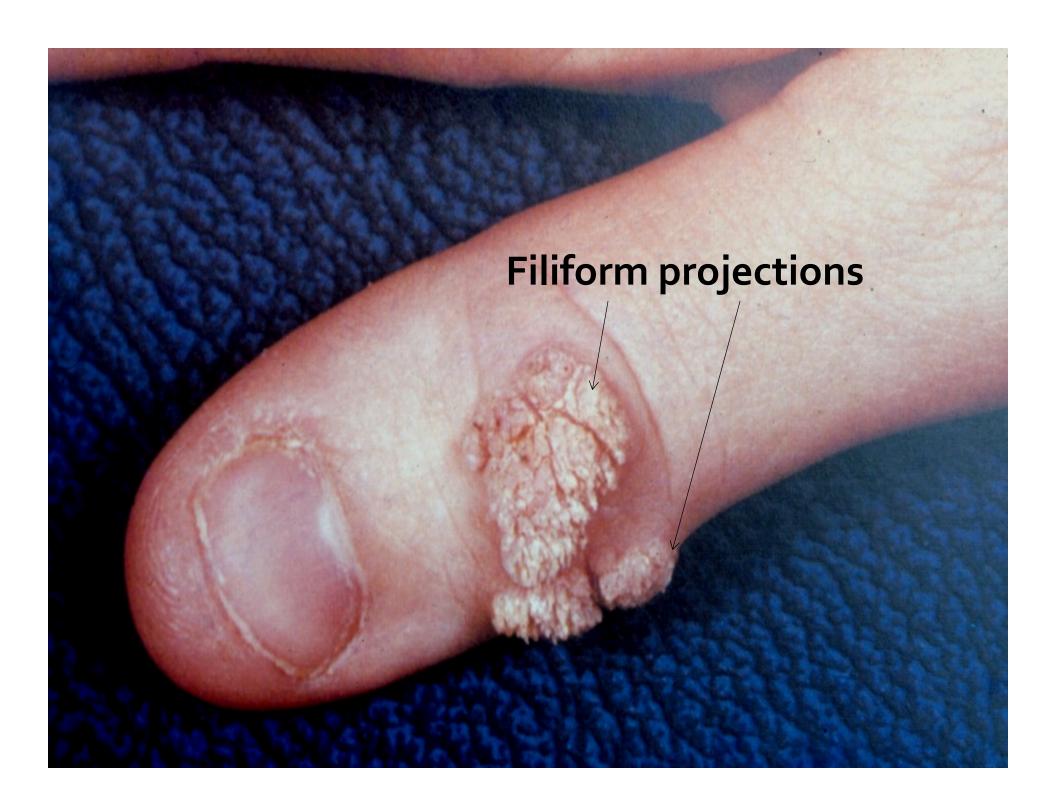
Verruca: rough, hyperkeratotic

Vulgaris: common

Etiologic Agent: Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Types 1, 2, 4, 7

## Verruca Vulgaris: Clues

Look for:
Filiform (fingerlike) or
Verrucous projections

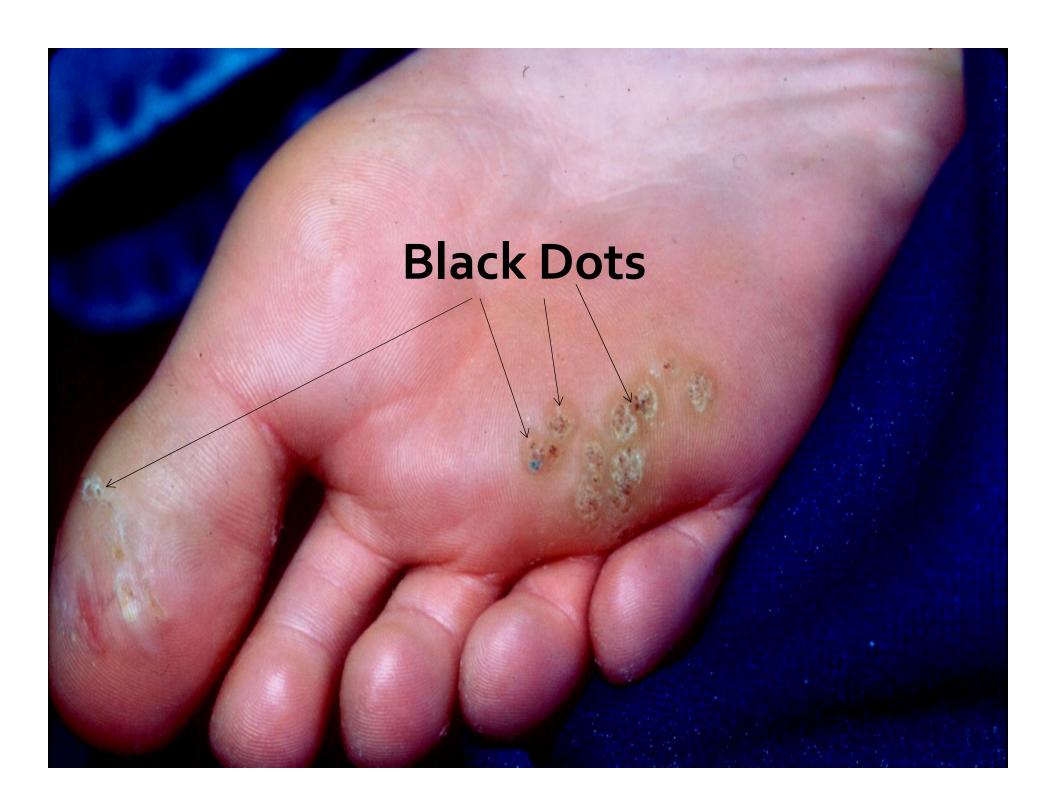


#### Verruca Vulgaris: Clues

Look for:

THROMBOSED BLOOD VESSELS!
(Black dots)





#### Verruca vulgaris: Management

Spontaneous resolution in 40% of cases after 2 years

If persistent or multiplying , strongly consider intervention (Individualize therapy)

- 1. Cryosurgery
- 2. Dessication and curettage
- 3. Chemical destruction: cantharone plus, 40% salicylic acid (Duofilm)

#### DERMATOLOGICAL INFECTIONS

**FUNGAL** 

**DERMATOPHYTOSIS: Ringworms** 

YEAST: TINEA VERSICOLOR

**CANDIDA** 

**VIRAL** 

HAND FOOT and MOUTH DISEASE MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM VERRUCA VULGARIS

# WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE PHILIPPINES?????



