

Differential Diagnosis in Pediatric Dermatology

Angiofibroma/Trichoepithelioma.

Angiofibromas of tuberous sclerosis, which in the past were known as sebaceous adenomas due to their location in the middle of the face, may be not associated to neurological symptoms and signs. Due to their location, after puberty angiofibromas may be misdiagnosed as acne. Before puberty angiofibromas may be confused with multiple trichoepitheliomas.

ANGIOFIBROMA



Fig. 1

TRICHOEPITHELIOMA

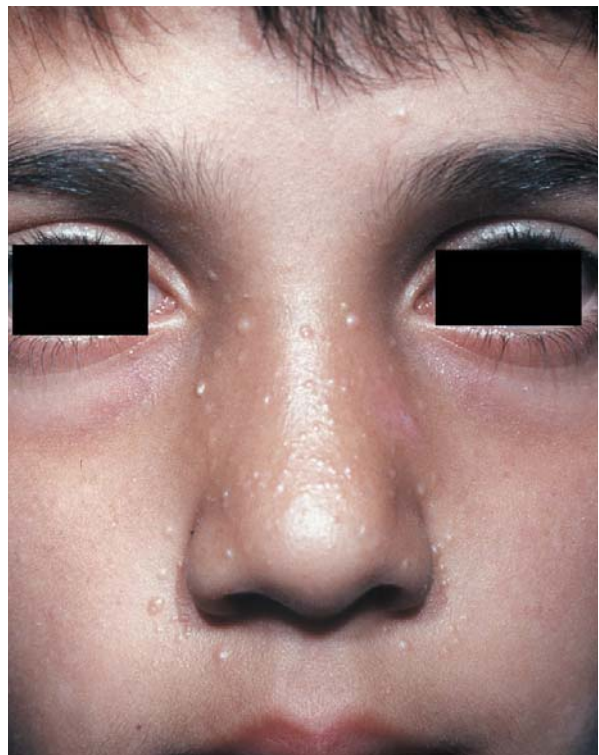


Fig. 2

ANGIOFIBROMA

Tuberous sclerosis.

Autosomal dominant.

In children or teens.

NAME OF DISORDER

INHERITED MECHANISM

AGE OF ONSET

TRICHOEPITHELIOMA

Brooke's syndrome.

Autosomal dominant.

In children or teens.

ANGIOFIBROMA

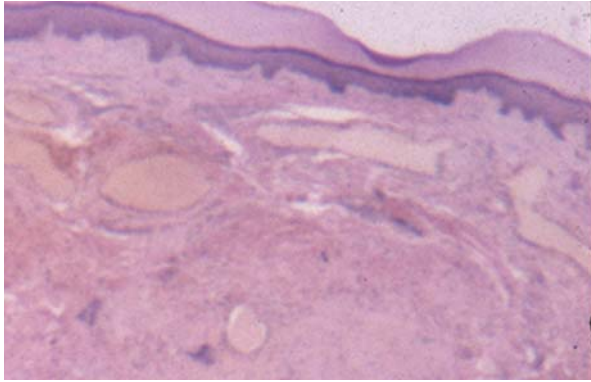


Fig. 3

TRICHOEPITHELIOMA

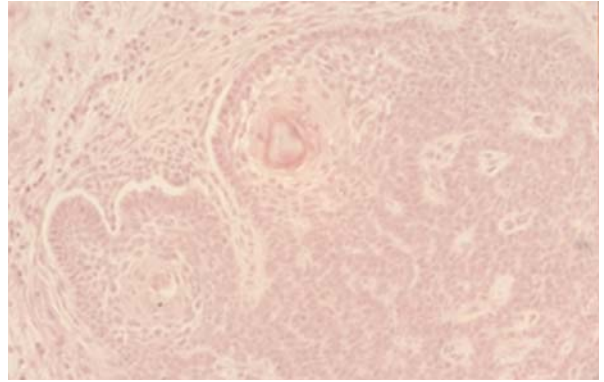


Fig. 4

ANGIOFIBROMA

TRICHOEPITHELIOMA

Increase in number with time.

CLINICAL COURSE

Increase in number with time.

Lacking.

SYMPTOMS

Lacking.

Perinasal.

SITE OF LESIONS

Perinasal.
They can affect trunk and limbs.

1-3 millimeters.

SIZE OF LESIONS

1-5 millimeters.

Skin-colored or reddish.

COLOR OF LESIONS

Skin colored or whitish.

Rarely, even when the lesions are very close to each other.

TENDENCY TO MERGING

The lesions can rarely merge forming large plaques.

Dilated vessels, dermal fibrosis, atrophy or down location of hair follicles and sebaceous adnexal glands.

PATHOLOGICAL FINDINGS

In the dermis islets of basal cells separated from the epidermis, differentiation towards hairy structures such as primordial follicles and cysts filled in with keratin, reminiscent of follicle infundibula.

Responsive to dye laser.

TREATMENT

Not very responsive to dye laser.