

DO YOU WANT STEROIDS WITH THAT?

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STERIODS ARE WONDERFUL

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THIS IS AN INTERACTIVE PROGRAM

- VERY SIMPLE TASK
- CASE IS PRESENTED
- THE KWIK KWESTION IS SIMPLE:
- DO YOU WANT A STEROID WITH THIS CASE?
- Grads from 2012-present
- Grads 1996-2005
- Grads 1985 - 1995

POSSIBLE ANSWERS:

- 1. = A- FOR ALWAYS INDICATED!
- 2. = B- YES, BUT ADJUNCTIVE TX – NOT PRIMARY TX
- 3. = C = CONTRAINDICATED IE NEVER!

RULE #1

- UNDERSTAND THAT ALL TREATMENTS HAVE SOME RISK
- KNOW RISK VS BENEFIT OF THERAPY
- ALWAYS EVALUATE PATIENTS FOR SIDE-EFFECTS AND ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THERAPY

RULE # 2

- YOU MUST HAVE A DIAGNOSIS BEFORE YOU TREAT
- TREATMENT IS EASY
DIAGNOSIS IS TOUGH

RULE #3

- TREAT MECHANISMS, NOT NAMES.
- RECOGNIZE PRESENCE OF INFLAMMATION, INFECTION, TRAUMA. THEY CAN EXIST INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER.

Mechanisms: Know the (6) I's

- INFECTION
- INFLAMMATION
- ISCHEMIA
- INJURY
- IDIOPATHIC
- IATROGENIC



STEROID PHARMACOLOGY

- INDICATIONS?

INFLAMMATION

- ADVERSE EFFECTS
- WARNINGS
- DOSAGES
- DOSAGE FORMS



INFLAMMATION -THE GOOD

- The Good
- Destroy invading pathogens
- Remove dead tissue
- Replace damaged tissue with scar tissue-fibrosis

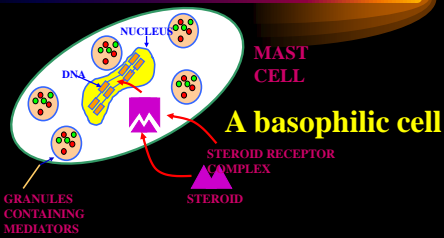
INFLAMMATION-THE BAD

- **The Bad**
Primary inflammation or inflammation secondary to trauma, infection or autoimmune disorders must be controlled to minimize **damage and loss of function ie corneal scarring**
- Always TX underlying cause of inflammation.

STEROID PHARMACOLOGY

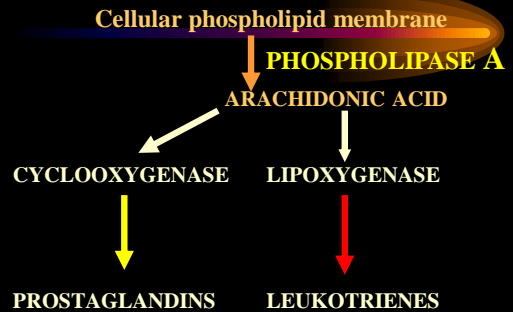
- **Mechanism of action @@@@**
Inhibit EVERYTHING
- The major cytokines:**
leukotrienes and prostaglandins-
- Inhibit WBC migration
- Inhibit fibroblasts

Stabilization of the Mast Cell by Modulating Gene Expression*



* V.H.J. van der Velden, Carfax Publishing LTD, 1998

THE INFLAMMATORY CASCADE



REMEMBER :KNOW YOUR ABC's

- **A: Always use**
- **B: use BUT with certain conditions and exceptions**
- **C: Contraindicated-Never use**

Let's start with a KWIK KASE
21 days old, bilateral conjunctivitis
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Lesson: Always look at ALL sides of the problem

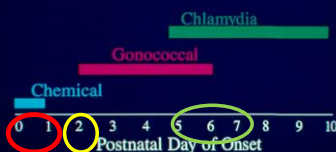


Epidemiology of Ophthalmia neonatorum J. Clin and Exp Ophthalmology

- In the US:
- Chlamydia = 32% incidence = 8.2/1000 births
- N. gonorrhoea = 1-5%
- Prophylaxis: 10% silver nitrate (CREDE)
- Topical erythromycin/azithromycin
- Povidone iodine

Timeline of Diagnosis

Approximate Time of Onset of Neonatal Conjunctivitis



Chlamydia Treatment

- Both topical and systemic
- Treat parents and friends also
- The family that gets treated together stays together
- Azasite topical
- Azithromycin (pediatric dose) 20mg/kg/day X 3 days vs erythromycin 50mg/kg/D (QID) X 14 D
- Adults: 1 gm X 1dose
- NO STEROIDS

15 Y/O female presents with mom-C/O red eye X 2 months

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- Has seen one nurse practitioner
- Has seen Two Optometrists
- Tx with Ciloxan
- Tx with Tobradex
- Mom wonders why nobody can cure her daughter



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Epidemiology

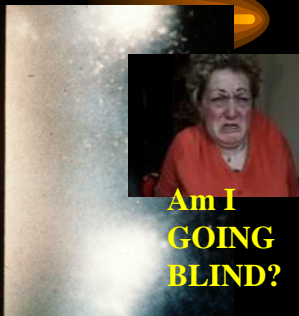
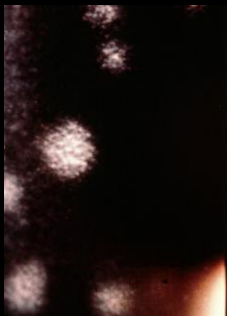
- STD
- Women > Men
- 20% of acute conjunctivitis*
- Up to 32% of chronic conjunctivitis*
- 54% of men have (+) urethral culture*
- 74% of women have (+) cervical culture*
- Treat topically and systemically (+) partner(S)*

*Epidemiology of gen. chlamydial infections in patients with chl. Conj., Genitourin. Med. 1996

Systemic therapy

Adult: 1 GM azithromycin PO
Pedes: < 16 over 100LBS = 500mg/D X 3 D
Pedes: < 100lbs 10mg/kg/D X 3 D

STERIODS?



Am I
GOING
BLIND?

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IT'S COMPLICATED (controversial)

- **VIRAL**
EKC-Subepithelial infiltrates and
pseudomembrane
Minimize loss of accessory lacrimal
apparatus-OSD

DOES SELF-LIMITING DISEASE NEED TREATMENT?

- SELF-LIMITING DOES NOT MEAN HARMLESS
- INFECTIVE PROCESS IS THE SELF LIMITED FACTOR
- INFLAMMATION IS NOT
- TREAT TO PREVENT INFLAMMATORY DAMAGE

SELF-LIMITING DOESN'T MEAN HARMLESS

- **FIRST-THE CONS:**
- Steroids can prolong SEI's*
- Steroids increase viral shedding-contagion*
- The Pros: Reduce occurrence of SEI's and pseudomembranes*
- Infection = tissue damage = inflammation = loss of structure/function
- *Adenoviral conjunctivitis, ASCRS, cornea-Frances Mah, MD
- EKC a review of Mgt. j. optom.

CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT OF BOTH SYMPTOMS AND PREVENTION OF INFLAMMATORY DAMAGE

- Cool compresses and ASA
- Lubrication
- Decongestants
- Steroids (infiltrates, membranes, inflammation) @ @ @
- Membrane removal
- Antibiotics??
- NOOOOOOOO!!!!
- A CURE?




CURATIVE TX options

- Ganciclovir gel 0.15%, 5gm = \$360.00
- Povidone iodine 5% = 1ml or 5ml per A national compounding pharmacy = \$8.00
- Low dose povidone (+) 0.1% dexamethasone (in clinical trials)

Is there a Cure for the Common Cold of the eye?

NOT QUITE

- Spit and swish: Povidone 5% ophthalmic solution
- Don't spare the steroids



THE CURE*?



Decrease infection from 18 to 7 days
Fewer complications

*Tabbara K, Jarade E. Ganciclovir effects in adenoviral keratoconjunctivitis. Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.

THE TESTS OLD AND NEW



90% Sensitivity²

96% Specificity²

CLIA-waived
Reimbursable: CPT 87809QW

Dr. my eyes itch like crazy, started after I met my boy friends cat

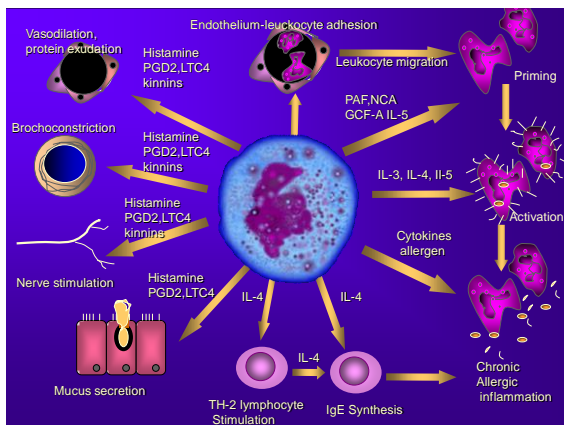


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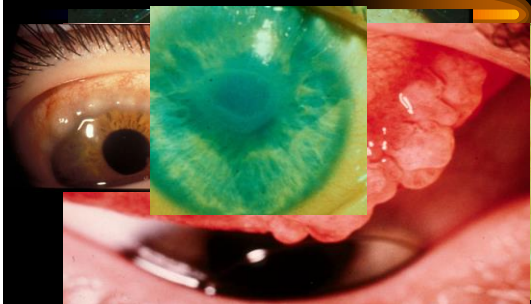
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OCULAR ANAPHYLAXIS



WOW-A CORNEAL ULCER



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Don't forget long-term management

- *Cyclosporin A 0.05%-2%: ONLY 1-2% QID effective as mono-therapy-min 6 month TX
- **Cyclosporin A. 0.05% 8X daily with steroid

- * Cetinkaya A, Cornea 2004
- **Kumar S, Clinical Exp Optom.

Forget 0.05% cyclosporine A for anything- too little and too expensive***-Use a "different" Cyclosporin A

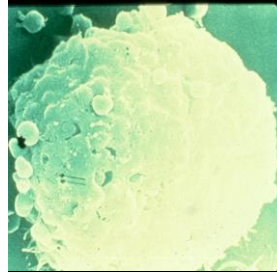
Start TX with Pred acetate 1% QID, then:

Consider compounding-cheaper and better and stronger: [redacted] pharmaceuticals-0.1% - double strength and non-preserved QID

- 10 X 5.5ml = \$400 = \$40/bottle vs \$500(+)***
- ***Good RX

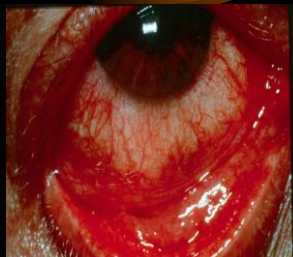


If There are Eosinophils, It Ain't Simple Allergic Conjunctivitis



- Eosinophils-Nasty little WBC's full of "ACID" (Major basic protein)
- Attracted by release of PAF (platelet activating factor) and ECF (Eosinophilic chemotactic factor)
- Produce permanent tissue changes seen in VKC and GPC

AKC- A PROSTAGLANDIN AND LEUKOTRIENE RESPONSES



TRUE OR FALSE

- All GPC is treated the same?
- GPC is treated by it's severity?
- Doctors of Optometry are experts in grading GPC?
- WHY?
- Because we caused most of it.....



KID #1: BAD GPC



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- What did they look like??

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KID 1: GPC-grade the inflammation and be conservative with your adjectives



NO steroid

NO STEROIDS??

- Broad area of GPC, but minimal inflammation
- 1. Change to daily disposable lenses
- 2. 0.7% olopatadine drops BID OU
- 3. Review at 1 month- add 0.1% cyclosporine A BID prn

How about kid #2

Kid #1-NO

HERE?!



I didn't say 0-10

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Again, with that darn cyclosporine A

- Marked inflammation with mucous (4)
- FML 0.1% TID X 1 month with weekly taper
- At week 3 add 0.1% cyclosporine A QID X 2-4 weeks, then BID
- Resume CL wear with daily disposables after GPC reduced to acceptable levels and start olopatadine 0.7% BID prn

DO YOU WANT STEROIDS WITH THIS OR THAT?



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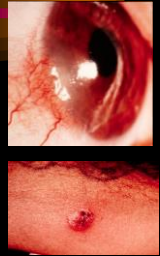
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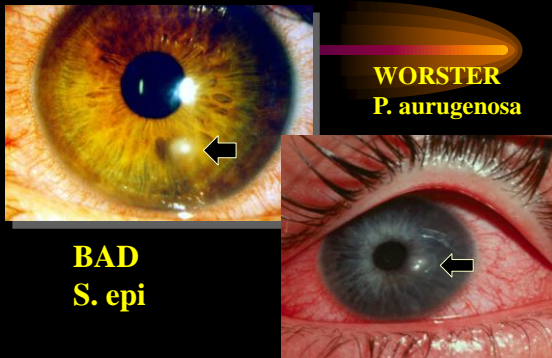


First: Phlyctenular disease

- Fluoromethalone 0.1% TID w/ slow taper
- Consider FQ if epithelial defect
- TX bleph (hold your horses)
- R/O TB if HX of exposure



A TALE OF 2 ULCERS

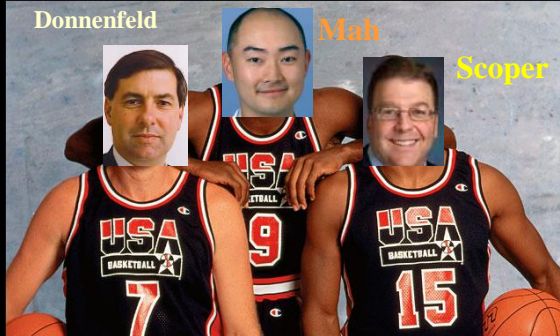


Corneal ulcer Mgt.

- Consider gram stain- C/S
- Appropriate antibiotic TX
- If sight threatening: Doxycycline 100mg BID*
- Prednisolone acetate 1% after controlled (48-72H) per SCUT study exc Nocardia**

*Mah, Scoper, Donnenfeld, Mic. Trends following ref. Surg. JCRS 2012
**Srinivasan, et al, SCUT secondary study 12 mo. Am J Ophth.

THE CORNEA "DREAM TEAM"



Does this Look Like a Steroid?



A NEW USE FOR DOXYCYCLINE?

Doxycycline inhibition of interleukin-1 in the corneal epithelium.

Solomon A, Rosenblatt M, Li DQ, Liu Z, Monroy D, Ji Z, Lokeshwar BL, Pflugfelder SC

Ocular Surface and Tear Center, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Miami School of Medicine, Florida 33136, USA.

PURPOSE: To evaluate the effect of doxycycline on the regulation of interleukin (IL)-1 expression and activity in human cultured corneal epithelium. MP.

The observation that doxycycline was equally potent as a corticosteroid, combined with the relative absence of adverse effects, makes it a potent drug for a wide spectrum of ocular surface inflammatory diseases.

Step Therapy of Blepharitis



A better way to clean lids: 0.01% hypochlorous acid



40cc bottle per good RX WITH A COUPON = \$300 (+) are you kidding me - NOOOOOOOOOO

1 gallon 5% = \$28.00
Makes 500 bottles

A more rational choice of hypochlorous acid

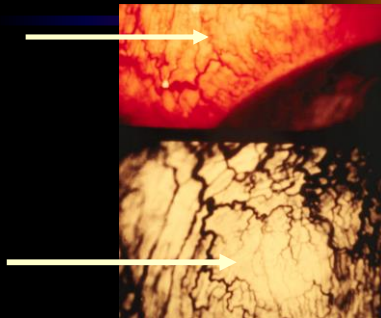


0.015% = \$15.00 NO RX



0.2% = \$15.00 NO RX

PAINFUL EYE, SECTORAL INJECTION RED WITH A WHITE CENTER, (+) RA



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IT DEPENDS



AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE

- Episcleritis
- Scleritis-Underlying systemic disease is common-generally avoid topical steroids
- 4 types of scleritis
 - Anterior diffuse
 - Anterior nodular
 - Necrotizing anterior-97% syst. Dis (Avoid topical steroids-scleral melting) @ @ @ @
 - Posterior

THANK YOU FOR
YOUR HOSPITALITY