

Diary of Local & Overseas Scientific Meetings

Clinico-pathological Seminar

A monthly (every second Wednesday) CME accredited meeting between dermatologists and dermatopathologists for reviewing and discussing cases with interesting clinico-pathological presentation. *Histological slides are available for preview.*

Organiser: Social Hygiene Service,
Department of Health
Date: 14 September, 12 October &
9 November, 2005
Time: 5:00pm-5:45pm Slide preview
5:45pm-7:30pm Seminar
Venue: Yaumatei Dermatology Clinic,
12/F Yaumatei Specialist Clinic
(New Extension), 143 Battery Street,
Yaumatei, Kowloon
Organising Mr. Lo Sing Kai
Secretariat: (Tel. 2770 4001)
CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians-
Active: 2/session; Passive: 1.5/session;
Hong Kong College of Pathologists-
2/session

Clinical Meeting and Journal Club

A monthly (every last Wednesday) CME accredited meeting among dermatologists to discuss clinical management of interesting cases in Clinical Case Demonstration, followed by Journal Club in which selective topics and articles are reviewed and updated. *Patient is available for examination and demonstration.*

Organiser: Social Hygiene Service,
Department of Health
Date: 28 September, 26 October &
30 November, 2005
Time: 5:00pm-7:30pm
(Case demonstration and slide preview
from 5:00pm-6:15pm and case

discussion & journal club from 6:15pm
to 7:30pm)

Venue: Social Hygiene Service Headquarters,
Cheung Sha Wan Dermatological Clinic,
3/F West Kowloon Health Centre,
303 Cheung Sha Wan Road,
Kowloon

Organising Ms. Landy Lee (Tel. 2150 7356)
Secretariat: Ms. Lee Kit Lai (Tel. 2150 7367)
CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians-
Active: 2/session; Passive: 1.5/session
*(The Clinical Meeting in December will be suspended
due to the annual/exit assessment)*

Clinico-pathological Meeting

A half-yearly CME accredited meeting between dermatologists and dermatopathologists for reviewing and discussing cases with interesting clinico-pathological presentation. *Patients are available for examination & demonstration and histological slides are available for preview.*

Organiser: Hong Kong Society of Dermatology
& Venereology
Date: 14 December, 2005
Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm
Venue: Yaumatei Dermatology Clinic,
12/F Yaumatei Specialist Clinic
(New Extension), 143 Battery Street,
Yaumatei, Kowloon
Organising Mr. Lo Sing Kai
Secretariat: (Tel. 2770 4001)
CME points: Hong Kong College of Physicians: 1.5
Hong Kong College of Pathologists: 2.5
Hong Kong College of Family Physicians:
2 (Category 6.2)
College of Surgeons of Hong Kong: 2.5
Department of Health: 3
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine: 3
Hong Kong Doctors Union: 3
Hong Kong Medical Association: 3

7th Asian Congress of Dermatology (incorporating the 5th Regional Conference of Paediatric Dermatology)

Organiser: Ministry of Health, Malaysia; Asian Dermatological Association Ltd.; Dermatological Society of Malaysia
 Theme: Clinical Dermatology in Asia – 2005 & Beyond
 Date: 28 September - 1 October, 2005
 Venue: KL Hilton & Le Meridien, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
 Organising Secretariat: 7th Asian Congress of Dermatology c/o Academy of Medicine
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2nd CUHK Dermatology Symposium & Inauguration of Dermatology Research Centre

Organiser: Department of Medicine & Therapeutic, CUHK
 Date: 23 October, 2005 (Sunday)
 Venue: Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel (Hong Kong)
 Organising Secretariat: Ms Liza Cheung
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Hong Kong Laser Forum 2005

Organiser: Hong Kong Surgical Laser Association
 Date: 16 October, 2005 (Sunday)
 Venue: Hospital Authority Building, Kowloon

Answers to Dermato-venereological Quiz on page 176

1. The clinical differential diagnoses are chromoblastomycosis, blastomycosis, tuberculosis verrucosa cutis, mycobacterium marinum infection, verruca vulgaris, foreign body granuloma, tertiary syphilis and squamous cell carcinoma.
2. Medlar bodies, also known as copper pennies, refer to the characteristic brown yeast seen in the biopsy and is diagnostic of chromoblastomycosis.
3. Chromoblastomycosis is caused by dematiaceous (darkly pigmented) fungi: *Fonsecaea pedrosoi*, *Phialophora verrucosa*, *F. compactum*, *Wangiella dermatitidis* and *Cladosporium carrionii*. They can be found in the soil, decaying vegetation and rotting wood. Chromoblastomycosis usually affects the lower extremities of male patients. There may be a history of trauma from wood products and soil exposure.
4. Itraconazole used alone or in combination with flucytosine is the main treatment of choice. Terbinafine, amphotericin B and thiabendazole are other options available. Treatment should be continued until there is clinical resolution of lesions, which usually takes several months. Cryotherapy, CO₂ laser and surgical excision may be considered. Surgical excision may spread the lesions and should be used as an adjunctive therapy after drug treatment. Heat as an adjunctive therapy may be beneficial at cooler acral sites. Despite these options, some lesions remain resistant, and amputation may be unavoidable in very extensive cases.