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Abstract

Introduction

Dermatosis neglecta is an often misdiagnosed and under-diagnosed condition. In dermatosis neglecta progressive accumulation of sebum, sweat, keratin and
other dirt and debris occurs due to inadequate local hygiene, resulting in a localized hyperpigmented patch or a verrucous plaque. Vigorous rubbing with alcohol-soaked gauze or soap and water, results in complete resolution of the lesion. This is the first case of Dermatosis neglecta, reported in a patient with multiple traumatic injuries.

Case Presentation

We report a case of a 35 year old, male, caucasoid of Pakistani origin, with multiple fractures, neurological deficit and immobility, sustained in a fall, leading to the development of Dermatosis neglecta of the Left hand.

Conclusion

Early and prompt clinical recognition of this condition eliminates the need for aggressive diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.