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Manifestation, Effects and Medicaments of Pemphigus

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Abstract

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CASE DESCRIPTION

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Pemphigus is an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system attacks normal skin. Antibodies, which are immune molecules, target proteins called desmogleins, which help connect neighbouring skin cells. When these connections are broken, the skin becomes fragile, and fluid can accumulate between cell layers, resulting in blisters. The immune system normally protects the body from infection and disease. Researchers are unsure what causes the immune system to activate the body's own proteins, but they believe genetic and environmental factors are both involved. Something in the environment may cause pemphigus in people who are predisposed to it due to their genetic makeup. Pemphigus can be caused by a tumour or by certain medications in rare cases.

Blistering of the skin and, in some cases, mucosal surfaces such as the inside of the mouth, nose, throat, eyes, and genitals is the primary symptom of pemphigus. The blisters are weak and prone to bursting, resulting in crusty sores. Blisters on the skin may fuse, resulting in raw-looking areas that are prone to infection and ooze copious amounts of fluid. The symptoms differ slightly depending on the type of pemphigus. Pemphigus vulgaris blisters frequently begin in the mouth, but they can later develop on the skin.



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