

Genital Dermatoses

Genital skin problems are common and diverse. They can be symptomatic, distressing and embarrassing. They can interfere with self-image, sexual function and interpersonal relationships. Patients often delay or avoid medical care due to anxiety and embarrassment. Genital skin conditions can be physiological or pathological, some are contagious, including sexually transmitted infections. Patients may be asymptomatic, or describe itchy, soreness, pain, dyspareunia, fissures, scaling, erosions and ulcers. Recognizing the various type of skin lesions affecting the genital is important. Establishing methods of stratifying the lesions into normal variants, benign growths, transmissible, inflammatory, pre-malignant and malignant lesions is vital to ensuring patients receive optimal counseling and care.

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