

INFECTED SCABIES

Dated November, 2007

HISTORY

- 23 year old heterosexual man
- Unprotected casual sex 6 weeks previously
- Presented with 3 days of painful burning penile rash
- Went to Emergency Department, given valaciclovir for presumed HSV
- Referred here for review

EXAMINATION



- Numerous small pustules and exfoliation
- Bilateral inguinal lymphadenitis

PROVISIONAL DIAGNOSIS

- Staphylococcal exfoliation

MANAGEMENT

- Augmentin Duo Forte
- Review in 3 days

AT REVIEW

- Pain had subsided, but now uncontrollable itching
- Pustules had dried, and numerous scabietic burrows now obvious
- Skin scrapings:



Sarcoptes scabiei mite!

FINAL DIAGNOSIS

- Scabies with staphylococcal superinfection and exfoliation

THE LESSON

- Just like the texts say: Always consider scabies in cases of genital pyoderma