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Allergic lymphangitis

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A 9 year old boy presented with a rash that had appeared suddenly on both feet. He mentioned pruritus without pain. Two days previously he had been bitten on the feet by mosquitoes. Examination showed asymmetrical red streaks on both feet (fig 1). Fever and inguinal lymphadenopathy were not present. Based on the history and clinical presentation, superficial lymphangitis due to insect bite was diagnosed. The patient was prescribed a potent topical steroid, and within five days the rash had started to clear.



Superficial lymphangitis can occur as an allergic reaction to the mosquito antigen, which is injected into the skin and drained by lymphatic vessels. Infection is not involved.

Patient (parent) consent obtained.

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