

ACNE VULGARIS UPDATE

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5 QUESTIONS

- 1-Acute or chronic ?**
- 2-Diet& acne ?**
- 3-Antibiotic resistance ?**
- 4-Isotretinoin ?**
- 5- Hormonal treatment ?**

ACUTE OR CHRONIC ?

Characteristics of acne that define **chronic diseases**:

- I. Recurrence or relapse
- II. Prolonged course
- III. Manifestation acute outbreaks , slow onset
- IV. Psychological and social impact

Diet&Acne ?

FROM THE ACADEMY

Guidelines of care for the management of acne vulgaris

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Acne is one of the most common disorders treated by dermatologists and other health care providers. While it most often affects adolescents, it is not uncommon in adults and can also be seen in children. This evidence-based guideline addresses important clinical questions that arise in its management. Issues from grading of acne to the topical and systemic management of the disease are reviewed. Suggestions on use are provided based on available evidence. (*J Am Acad Dermatol* 2016;74:945-73.)

Key words: acne; acne management; acne vulgaris; amoxicillin; antiandrogens; azithromycin; benzoyl peroxide; clindamycin; contraceptive agents; diet and acne; doxycycline; erythromycin; grading and classification of acne; guidelines; hormonal therapy; isotretinoin; light therapies; microbiological and endocrine testing; oral corticosteroids; *Propionibacterium acnes*; retinoids; salicylic; spironolactone; systemic therapies; tetracyclines; topical antibiotics; trimethoprim.

Approaches to limit systemic antibiotic use in acne: Systemic alternatives, emerging topical therapies, dietary modification, and laser and light-based treatments

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Table XII. Recommendations for the role of diet in acne

Given the current data, no specific dietary changes are recommended in the management of acne

Emerging data suggest that high glycemic index diets may be associated with acne

Limited evidence suggests that some dairy, particularly skim milk, may influence acne

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High glycemic load diets

Skim milk

Pure chocolate

Omega-3 fatty acids

Fish consumption

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- Because high glycemic load diets (HGLDs) might increase levels of **insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF1)** activity and activation, thereby inducing proliferation of both keratinocytes and sebocytes as well as stimulating androgen production, some have proposed that **HGLDs might be pathogenic in acne**
 - **We feel the practitioner should consider recommending LGLDs as a helpful adjuvant for the treatment of acne.**

IGF-1

- **IGF-1** stimulates synthesis of androgens in both ovarian and testicular tissues and inhibits hepatic synthesis of sex hormone-binding globulin (**SHBG**) resulting in increased bioavailability of androgens. Both **IGF- and androgens increase sebum production**, which is implicated in acne.

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- They also postulated that **skim** milk is more acnegenic because, in comparison with whole milk, skim milk contains **less estrogen**, a hormone known to reduce acne.
- No association with cheese or yogurt.

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Whey protein constitutes 20% of protein in cow's milk, its insulin-promoting component could help to explain the possible link between milk and acne

Diet&acne

- Exacerbation of facial acne vulgaris after consuming **pure chocolat**. Conclusion: Four and 7 days after the one-time consumption of 100% chocolate, subjects with a history of acne vulgaris experienced worsening of their acne as measured by an increase in the number of acneiform lesions. The dose dependent relationship between the amount of chocolate consumed and the number of acneiform lesions on both days 4 and 7 and further supports the likelihood that the exacerbation of acne was related to the consumption of chocolate.

TREATMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ACNE

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Early, Appropriate Treatment Best to Minimize Potential for Acne Scars

- Two key modifiable factors are linked to acne scars: a time **delay between onset of acne and effective treatment and the extent/duration of inflammation.**
- Early appropriate treatment that is continued for as long as necessary is the best way to prevent acne scarring.

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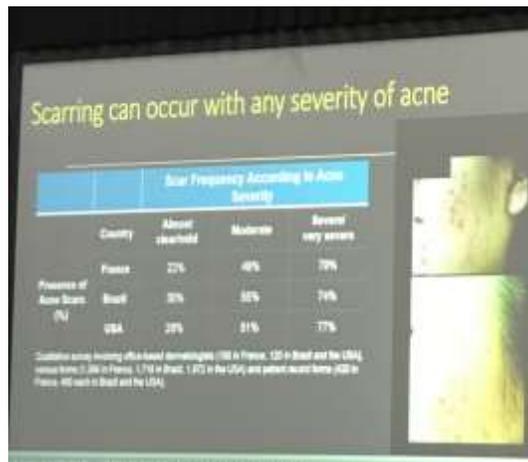
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The 2016 European Acne

- **Guideline has used the following 4-point**
- 1) comedonal acne,
- 2) mild-moderate papulopustular acne;
- 3) severe papulopustular acne, moderate nodular acne;
- 4) severe nodular acne, conglobate acne.

Comedonal Acne

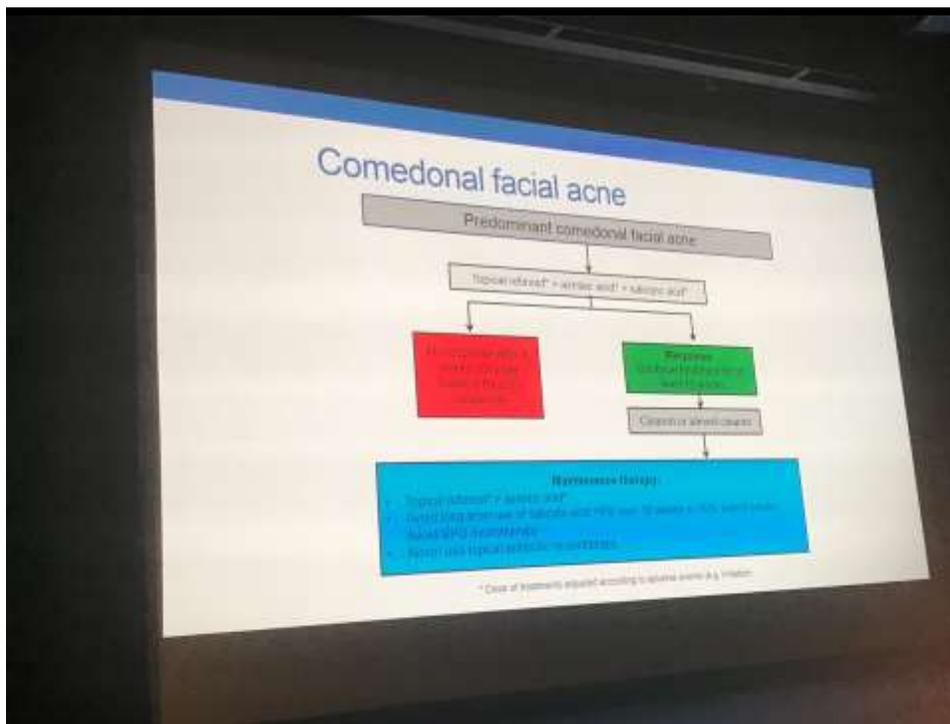


Table II. Strategies to minimize the likelihood of tolerability problems associated with induction of topical retinoid therapy

- Take a detailed patient history
 - Have there been tolerability problems in the past?
- Educate patient
 - Mild irritation can be part of the treatment process, but usually subsides within 1-2 weeks and can be managed with appropriate steps
 - A small dose of retinoid (demonstrate fingertip or pea-sized dose) should be applied in a thin layer to the entire affected area
 - Patient should use a gentle cleansing regimen and avoid overcleansing
- Select most tolerable retinoid formulation for climate and season
 - Creams and lotions might be best for dry or sensitive skin and gels or foam for more oily skin (although newer aqueous gels might also be suitable for sensitive skin)
- Titrate retinoid dose at initiation
 - Apply retinoid every other day for first 2-4 weeks (based on clinical trial evidence that this is when irritation is most likely to occur)
 - Apply gentle, noncomedogenic moisturizer
 - Use a short contact method for first 2-4 weeks (apply retinoid to full face for 30-60 minutes then wash off)

Adapted with permission from Leyden et al.⁴²

Other topical agents

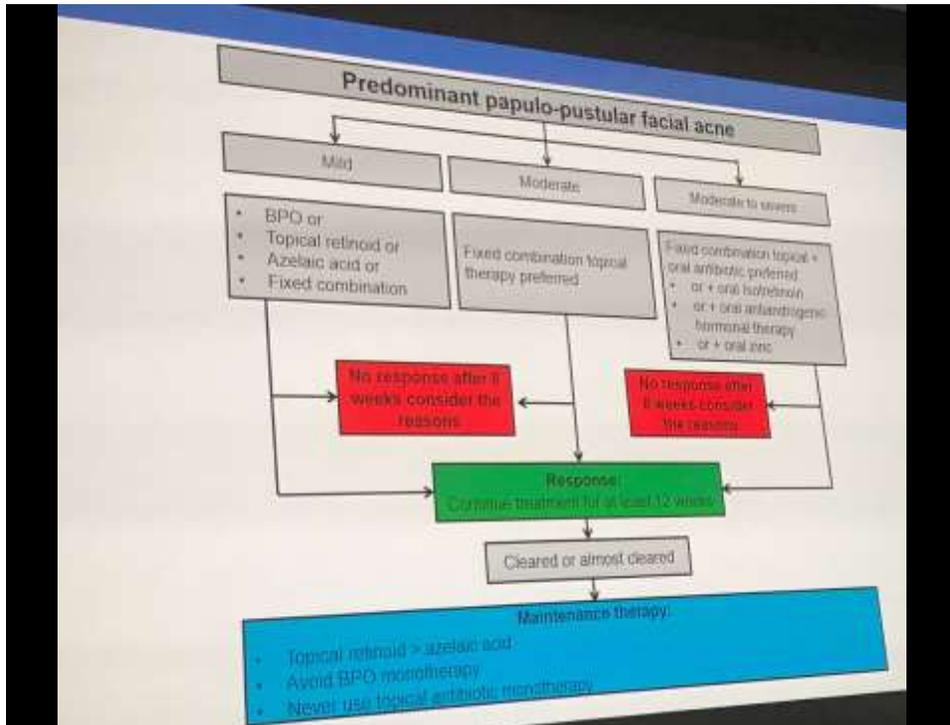
- **Azelaic acid 20%** has been reported to possess comedolytic and antibacterial properties. Data from clinical trials indicate that it is effective
- **Salicylic acid** .It often is used when patients cannot tolerate a topical retinoid because of skin irritation.
- **DAPSONE GEL 5%** IS AN EFFECTIVE, SAFE, NOVEL TOPICAL TREATMENT OF ACNE VULGARIS

Consider reasons for no response

- Non drug related reasons
 - Seborrhoea
 - Acne provoking agents including cosmetics
 - Lifestyle factors
- Drug related reasons
 - Not working
 - Skin type
 - May need to adapt vehicle, consider skin care
 - Incorrect use of treatment
 - Drug related acne – hormones in females
- Poor adherence
- Adverse effects
- Progression of acne

	Mild	Moderate	Severe
1st Line Treatment	Benzoyl Peroxide (BP) or Topical Retinoid -or- Topical Combination Therapy** BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic	Topical Combination Therapy** BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic -or- Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BP -or- Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BP + Topical Antibiotic	Oral Antibiotic + Topical Combination Therapy** BP + Antibiotic or Retinoid + BP or Retinoid + BP + Antibiotic -or- Oral Isotretinoin
Alternative Treatment	Add Topical Retinoid or BP (if not on already) -or- Consider Alternate Retinoid -or- Consider Topical Dapsone	Consider Alternate Combination Therapy -or- Consider Change in Oral Antibiotic -or- Add Combined Oral Contraceptive or Oral Spironolactone (Females) -or- Consider Oral Isotretinoin	Consider Change in Oral Antibiotic -or- Add Combined Oral Contraceptive or Oral Spironolactone (Females) -or- Consider Oral Isotretinoin

Fig 1. Treatment algorithm for the management of acne vulgaris in adolescents and young adults. The double asterisks (**) indicate that the drug may be presented as a fixed combination product or as separate component. BP: Benzoyl peroxide.



Mild papulopustular acne



Benzoyl peroxide

- Benzoyl peroxide (5%,10%) is a **bactericidal** agent that has proven effective in the treatment of acne.
 - **Benzoyl peroxide 5%, is equal to 100 mg doxycycline.**

Topical antibiotics

- Clindamycin 1%
- Erythromycin 2% and 4% with zinc acetate 1.2% .
- **Topical antibiotics** should be used in combination with **Retinoids** to prevent **antibiotic resistance**

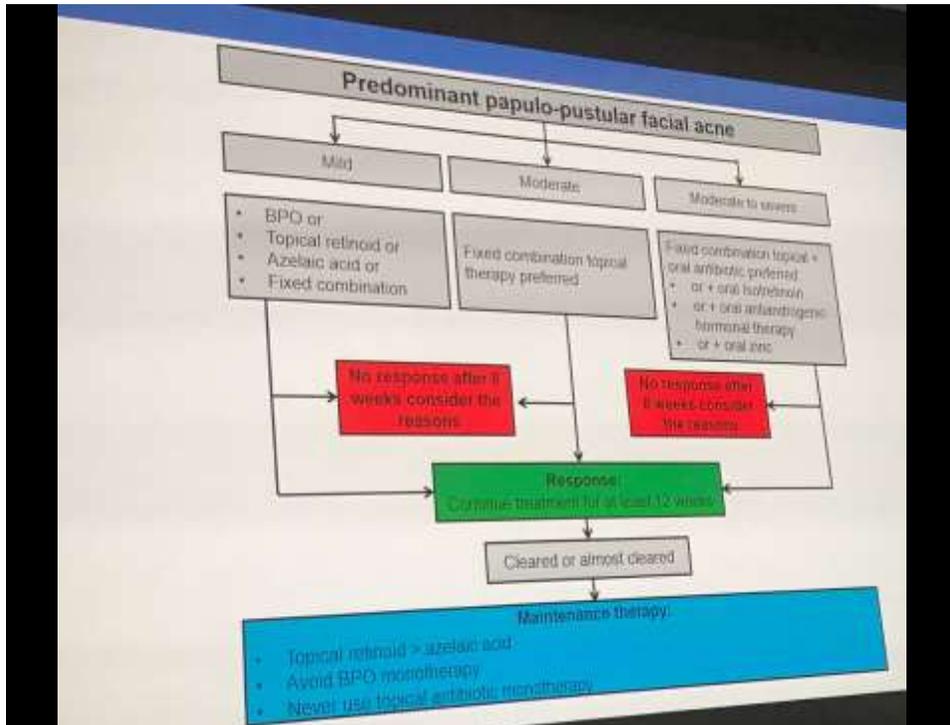


Quality moisturization essential in acne patients

- TEWL increases in acne patients as they age
- Ceramide deficiencies and alterations seen in acne patients
- These are more evident in the winter months
- TEWL and ceramide abnormalities associated with microbiome alteration
- Acne therapy further damages the stratum corneum
- Quality moisturization has been shown to improve TEWL, normalize ceramides and repair the microbiome
- Moisturized skin is happy skin

Moderate Acne





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Global Alliance Acne Treatment Algorithm

Acne Severity	MILD		MODERATE		SEVERE
	Comedonal	Mixed and Papular/pustular	Mixed and Papular/pustular	Nodular(2)	Nodular/Conglobate
1 st Choice	Topical Retinoid	Topical Retinoid + Topical Antimicrobial	Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid +/- BPO	Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BPO	Oral Isotretinoin ⁵
Alternatives (1)	Alt. Topical Retinoid or Azelaic acid* or Salicylic acid	Alt. Topical Retinoid Antimicrobial Agent + Alt. Topical Retinoid or Azelaic Acid*	Alt. Oral Antibiotic + Alt. Topical Retinoid +/- BPO	Oral Isotretinoin or Alt. Oral Antibiotic + Alt. Topical Retinoid +/- BPO/Azelaic Acid*	High Dose Oral Antibiotic + Topical Retinoid + BPO
Alternatives for Females (1,4)	See 1st Choice	See 1st Choice	Oral Antiandrogen ³ + Topical Retinoid/ Azelaic Acid* +/- Topical Antimicrobial	Oral Antiandrogen ³ + Topical Retinoid/ +/- Oral Antibiotic +/- Alt. Antimicrobial	High Dose Oral Antiandrogen ³ + Topical Retinoid +/- Alt. Topical Antimicrobial
Maintenance Therapy	Topical Retinoid		Topical Retinoid +/- BPO		

1. Consider physical removal of comedones. 2. With small nodules (<0.5 cm). 3. Second course in case of relapse. 4. For pregnancy, options are limited. 5. For full discussion, see Gollnick H, et al. JAAD. 2003;49 (Suppl):1-37.

Oral antibiotics

- Tetracycline 1gm daily, doxycycline 100mg,
- Erythromycin 1gm, minocycline,
- Trimethoprim is increasingly used by dermatologists
- Clindamycin 150mg, 3 times daily

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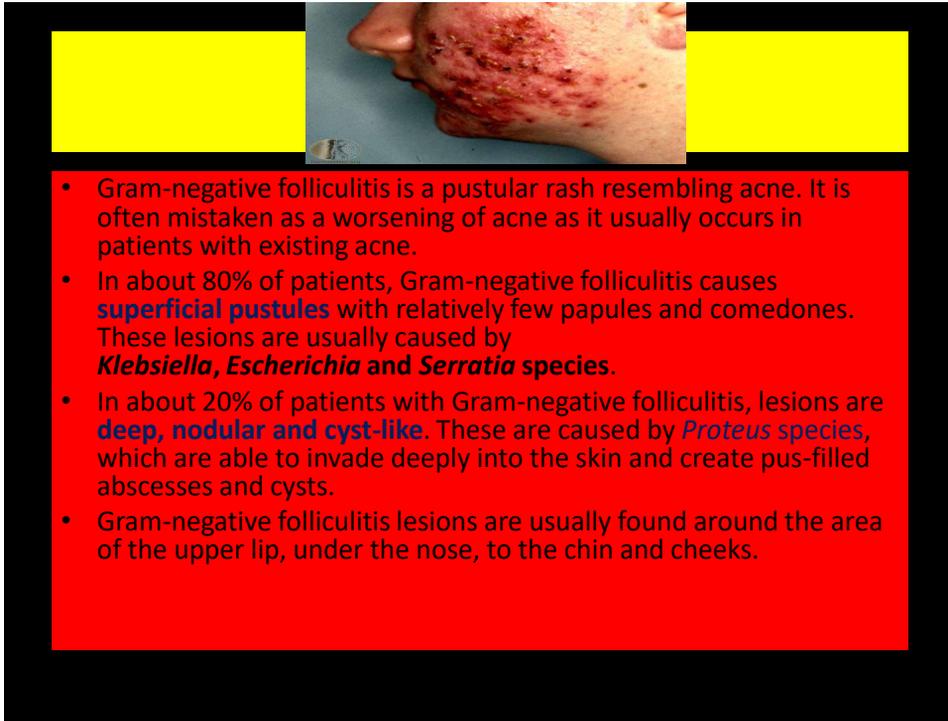
Strategies to Limit Antibiotic Resistance

- Avoid using antibiotics (either oral or topical) as monotherapy.
- Avoid the simultaneous use of oral and topical antibiotics without BPO, particularly if chemically different.



Gram-negative folliculitis

- Gram-negative folliculitis is an acne-like disorder caused by a bacterial infection. Gram-negative bacteria include *Escherichia coli*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Serratimarcenscens*, *Klebsiella* and *Proteus* species.
- The term "Gram negative" refers to the staining pattern of the organisms in the laboratory. Certain bacteria do not take up a stain known as "Gram".
- Gram-negative folliculitis may result from long-term treatment of acne with tetracycline or topical antibiotics.



- Gram-negative folliculitis is a pustular rash resembling acne. It is often mistaken as a worsening of acne as it usually occurs in patients with existing acne.
- In about 80% of patients, Gram-negative folliculitis causes **superficial pustules** with relatively few papules and comedones. These lesions are usually caused by ***Klebsiella, Escherichia and Serratia* species**.
- In about 20% of patients with Gram-negative folliculitis, lesions are **deep, nodular and cyst-like**. These are caused by ***Proteus* species**, which are able to invade deeply into the skin and create pus-filled abscesses and cysts.
- Gram-negative folliculitis lesions are usually found around the area of the upper lip, under the nose, to the chin and cheeks.

Treatment of acne during pregnancy

Topical benzoyl peroxide and topical erythromycin can be prescribed as individual therapies.

Azaleic acid is not prohibited during pregnancy.

Topical retinoids are not recommended for use in pregnant patients. However, pharmacologic data suggest that percutaneous absorption of such topical acne therapies is minimal.

Treatment of acne during pregnancy

Topical benzoyl peroxide

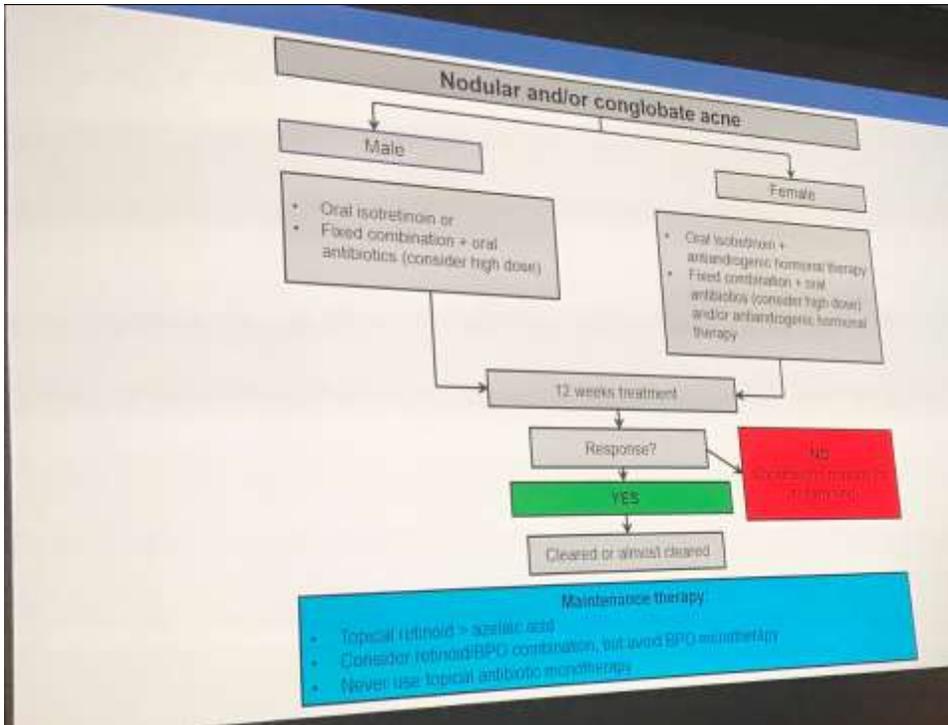
Topical erythromycin

Azaleic acid

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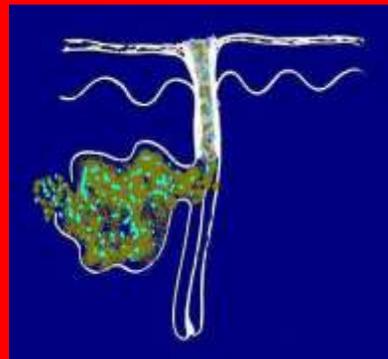
Sever Acne





Pathogenesis of an acne lesion

- 1. Seborrhoea
- 2. Obstruction
- 3. *P. Acnes*
- 4. Inflammation



Prognostic factors for early use of oral Isotretinoin

- Family history
 - Early onset
- Persistent and late onset
 - Hyperseborrhea
- Site of acne (chest&back)
 - Psychological disability
 - scarring

ISOTRETINOIN

- **0.5 to 1.0 mg/kg/day**, 20-week course.
- Back, trunk and buttocks may need 2 mg/kg/day .
- Cumulative dose of **120 to 150 mg/kg**.
- Pre-treatment with oral prednisone (0.5-1.0 mg/kg/day for 2-6 weeks, usually before initiation of isotretinoin.

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- **Low-dose isotretinoin (eg, 0.2-0.4 mg/kg/d)** has been demonstrated to have similar effectiveness and reduced side effects
- **Continuing treatment for at least 2 months after achieving no evidence of activity results in a decreased frequency of relapse.**

ISOTRETINOIN

Pulse therapy 0.5 mg/kg/day for 1 week each month for 6 months in mild to moderate acne.

First few weeks exacerbate.

Improvement occur starting from week 8.

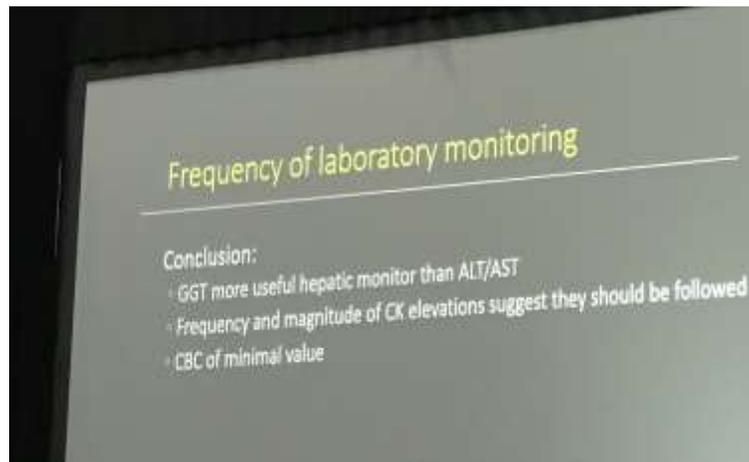
isotretinoin

- An initial response is generally evident by **week 8**, and improvement continues through the end of a typical 20-week administration.

ISOTRETINOIN

- should also be advised to take oral isotretinoin with **food**. As much as **40%** of oral isotretinoin is absorbed when the drug is taken with food, whereas only about 20% is absorbed on an empty stomach





Standardized laboratory monitoring with use of isotretinoin in acne



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Background: Laboratory monitoring for adverse effects to isotretinoin occurs with variability. Standardization of laboratory monitoring practices represents an opportunity to improve quality of care.

Objective: We sought to develop an evidence-based approach to laboratory monitoring of patients receiving isotretinoin therapy for acne.

Methods: We reviewed laboratory data from 515 patients with acne undergoing 574 courses of isotretinoin from March 2003 to July 2011. Frequency, timing, and severity of abnormalities were determined.

Results: Clinically insignificant leukopenia or thrombocytopenia occurred in 1.4% and 0.9% of patients, respectively. Elevated liver transaminases were detected infrequently and not significantly increased compared with baseline detection rates (1.9% vs 1.6% at baseline). Significant elevations occurred with triglyceride (59.8%) and cholesterol (22.8%) levels. The most severe abnormalities were grade 2 (moderate). Mean duration of treatment before abnormalities were detected was 56.3 days for hypertriglyceridemia, 61.9 days for alanine transaminitis, and 50.1 days for hypercholesterolemia.

Limitations: This was a single-center experience examining variable isotretinoin laboratory monitoring practices.

Conclusions: In healthy patients with normal baseline lipid panel and liver function test results, repeated studies should be performed after 2 months of isotretinoin therapy. If findings are normal, no further testing may be required. Routine complete blood cell count monitoring is not recommended. (*J Am Acad Dermatol* 2016;75:123-8.)

Key words: acne; hypercholesterolemia; hypertriglyceridemia; isotretinoin; laboratory monitoring; leukopenia; thrombocytopenia; transaminitis

CAPSULE SUMMARY

- The optimal timing of laboratory tests for patients on isotretinoin treatment for acne is uncertain.
- In this series, although abnormalities in serum lipids in patients receiving isotretinoin were not infrequent, they were mild to moderate, and were generally noted around the second month of treatment.
- For healthy patients on isotretinoin, we recommend that a lipid panel and liver function test be performed at baseline and at month 2, when peak dosing is achieved. Further testing should be considered if a significant abnormal value is noted.

Adverse events

- Dry, chapped lips and dry skin and eyes.
- Secondary skin infection with *S aureus*
- Muscle aches and backaches,
- Mild headaches
- Nosebleeds and skin fragility may also occur.
- Significant mood changes, depression

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- **Myalgias can be reported in up to a quarter of patients receiving high-dose isotretinoin.**
- **Importantly, these myalgias are *not* associated with decreases in muscle strength or performance**

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- **Younger age at initial treatment and male sex are associated with an increased risk for relapse,**
- **1 g/d omega-3 reduces muco-cutaneous side effects from isotretinoin**

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- The relationship between **depression** and the use of isotretinoin is **uncertain**.
- Although isotretinoin is associated with **improved mood for the majority of patients** as their acne improves, it is sensible to educate the patient and family about depression and to monitor for concerning symptoms during treatment.

Optimizing therapy with oral retinoids

- **Avoiding hot showers and drying soaps,**
- **Moisturizers**
- **Contacts lens may need to switch to soft lenses or eyeglasses**

Adverse events

- Teratogenicity exists only while the retinoid is in the body; after the retinoid is cleared (typically **4 weeks** after discontinuation of isotretinoin) there is no longer a risk.

Adverse events

- Severe headache, decreased night vision, or signs of adverse psychiatric events. (B.I.H)
- **Avoid concurrent Tetracycline.**

Adverse events

Acne flare (pseudopyogenic granuloma).

Accentuation of already found lesions or marked pustulation.

Potent steroid ointment, cautery, 15mg steroid with iso.

Oral corticosteroids

- If the patient has severe inflammatory lesions, acne fulminans, or pyoderma faciale, oral prednisone (0.5-1.0 mg/kg/day for 2-6 weeks, usually before initiation of isotretinoin) may be necessary. Topical keratolytics and drying agents should be avoided because isotretinoin has a drying effect on mucocutaneous tissues.

ISOTRETINOIN

- **Chemical peels or manual dermabrasion.**
- **laser hair removal, pulsed dye laser, and CO2.**

Recurrence

- **30% of patients relapsed.**
- low-dose isotretinoin therapy
- Severe acne,
- A prolonged history of acne,
- A female older than 25 at the onset of therapy.
- Truncal acne.

Recurrence

- less severe
- The recommendation is to wait at least 8 weeks

Hormonal influence

- Adult or late onset
- Premenstrual flare
- Lower face, jaw lines, and chin.
- Excessive facial oiliness
- Co existence hirsutism or male pattern alopecia.
- Relapse shortly after isotretinoin therapy
- Hereditary factors
- Two external factors , stress, cosmetics

Hirsutism



Hormonal influence

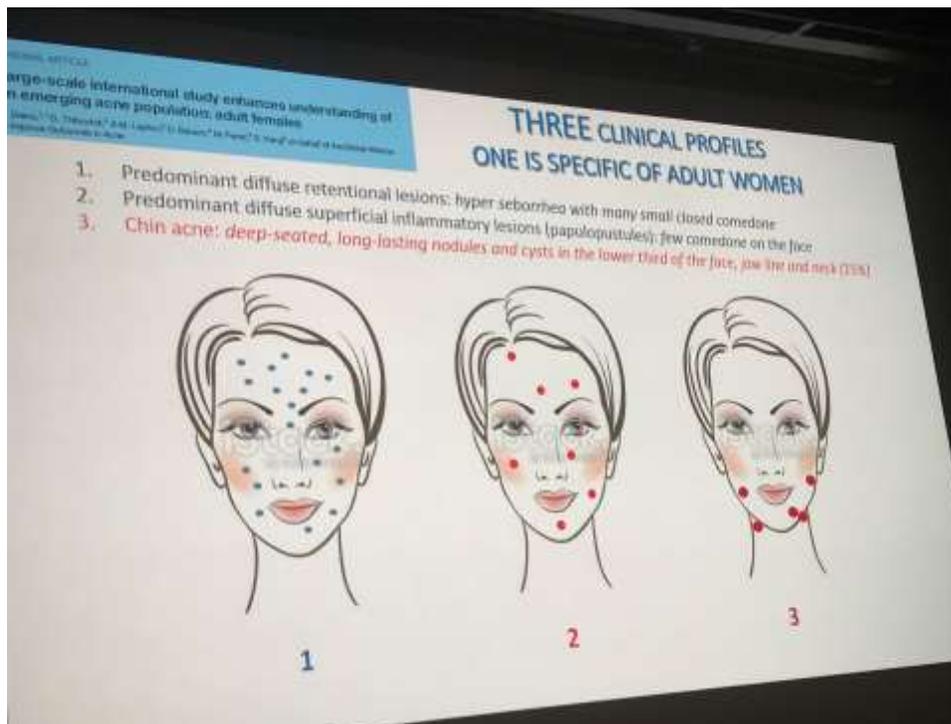
- Routine endocrinologic evaluation (eg, for androgen excess) is **not indicated** for the majority of patients with acne.
- Laboratory evaluation is indicated for patients who have acne and additional signs of androgen excess. In young children this may be manifested by body odor, axillary or pubic hair, and clitoromegaly. Adult women with symptoms of hyperandrogenism may present with **recalcitrant or late-onset acne, infrequent menses, hirsutism, male or female pattern alopecia, infertility, acanthosis nigricans, and truncal obesity.**

Hormonal influence

Screening tests for hyperandrogenism include serum DHEAS, total testosterone, free testosterone, luteinizing hormone/follicle stimulating hormone (LH/FSH) ratio, prolactin, and 17-hydroxyprogesterone.

These tests should be obtained in the luteal phase of the menstrual cycle (**within two weeks before the onset of menses**). Excess androgens may be produced by either the adrenal gland or the ovary.

Hormonal treatment effective even in patient without hormonal abnormalities, especially those with menstrual flare.



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THREE CLINICAL PROFILES ONE IS SPECIFIC OF ADULT WOMEN

1. Predominant diffuse retentive lesions; hyper seborrhea with many small closed comedone
2. Predominant diffuse superficial inflammatory lesions (papulopustules); few comedone on the face
3. **Chin acne: deep-seated, long-lasting nodules and cysts in the lower third of the face, jaw line and neck (15%)**



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PROFIL OF ACNE ADULT FEMALES

- Hereditary factor: 57% of females
 - * Mother (37%), Father (42%), Siblings (48%)
- High frequency of acne scars: 54% of females
 - * Acne scarring in the family: 28.8%
- Less severity compared to adolescent acne
 - * 85% mild to moderate acne
- High level of Hyper seborrhea
- Flare up before menstruation: 80% females
- Two external factors: Stress +++ and cosmetics ++
- Active professional life.



Large-scale observational study assessing understanding of an emerging acne syndrome: adult females

EXTERNAL FACTORS

Lifestyle factors	Diffuse acne on the face	Mandibular acne
Psychologically stressful job	57.5%	75.4%
Mean daily stress	5.1	8.8
Cigarette smoking	27.0%	14.5%
No or rare sun exposure	47.5%	33.3%
Regular exercise	58.8%	61.0%
Consumption of dairy products	86.5%	83.3%
Use of vitamins	38.4%	33.3%

- Stress ++++**
 - Poli *et al*: 50% , Goulden V *et al*: 71% , Dumont-Wallon G: 34%
- Cosmetics ++++**
 - Some Essential Oils can strongly activate innate immunity
 - Powders (Terracotta)
 - Cleansers with basic PH
 - Comedogenic moisturizing creams
 - Exfoliants, rubbing, scrubs, any irritant chemical or physical ingredient or medical device



Hormonal influence

Table VII. Recommendations for hormonal agents

Estrogen-containing combined oral contraceptives are effective and recommended in the treatment of inflammatory acne in females

Spironolactone is useful in the treatment of acne in select females

Oral corticosteroid therapy can be of temporary benefit in patients who have severe inflammatory acne while starting standard acne treatment

In patients who have well documented adrenal hyperandrogenism, low-dose oral corticosteroids are recommended in treatment of acne

HORMONAL AGENTS

- 20-35 ug of ethinyl estradiol
- Low-dose prednisone (2.5 mg or 5 mg) or dexamethasone (0.25- 0.75 mg)
- Glucocorticoids and estrogens has been used in recalcitrant acne

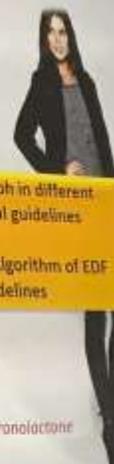
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A unique combination oral contraceptive, Yasmin, combines 30 ug ethinyl estradiol with the 3 mg drospirenone.

Spirolactone , 50 mg to 200 mg.

Cyproterone acetate ,Diane-35&50.

ADULT FEMALE ACNE NEED SPECIFIC GUIDELINES



Clinical level

- *Late Onset of acne*
- *Specific subtype: mandibular acne*

Pathophysiological level

- *Peripheral hyperandrogenism*
- *Chronic stimulation of Innate Immunity*

Treatment level

- *Topical treatment*
Avoid absolutely topical antibiotic
Maintenance Therapy
- *Systemic Treatment*
- *Isotretinoin: Low doses: need to be confirmed*
- *Hormonal treatment: Interest of 3rd and 4th generation pills and low doses of spironolactone*
- *Need maintenance treatment*
- *Take care of cosmetics*

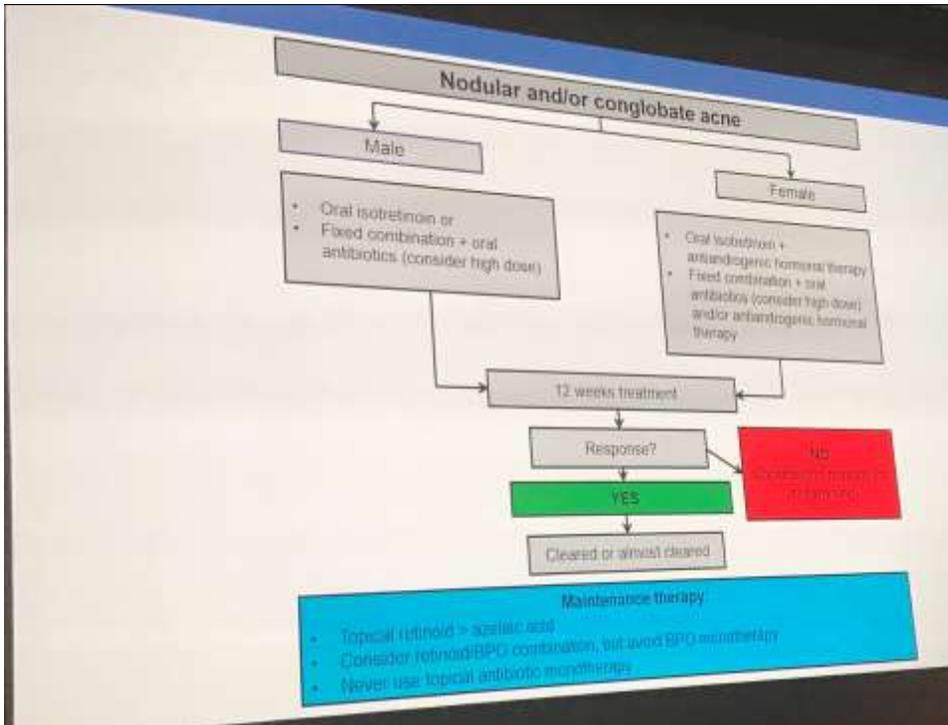
• Represent only a paragraph in different national and international guidelines

• Mentioned in the final Algorithm of EDF and Global Alliance Guidelines

ISOTRETINOIN AND LOW DOSES

Isotretinoin 5 mg daily for low-grade adult acne vulgaris - a placebo-controlled, randomized double-blind study. J Eur Acad Dermatol Venerol. 2014 Jun;28:747-54

- Randomized, double-blind clinical study in **low-grade acne** for 12 weeks
- Isotretinoin
 - **First randomized phase: 5 mg/day or placebo for 16 weeks**
 - **Second open-label phase: 5 mg /day for 16 weeks**
 - *Group 1: 32 W of 5 mg Isotretinoin/day*
 - *Group 2: 16 W placebo, followed by 16 weeks open-label 5 mg isotretinoin/day*
- Results
 - *Adverse effects were minimal*



new paradigm [JADV 2013]

5 KEY POINTS

- 1. TOPICAL TREATMENTS**
 - **Topical retinoid, BPO 2.5%-5%, Azelaic Acid 20%, Combined therapies++**
 - **Avoid topical antibiotic:** dysbiosis and bacterial resistance: not only *C. acnes* but *S. aureus*, *Streptococcus*
 - **Always in the evening, moisturizing cream in the morning** (to restore skin barrier)
 - **Apply on the entire face not only on lesions** (microcomedone in clinically normal skin)
- 2. SYSTEMIC TREATMENTS**
 - **Systemic Cyclines**
 - **No more than 4 months for a course**
 - 6 months: less than 10% more of decreasing lesions compared to 4 months
 - **Hormonal Treatment**
 - **Discuss antiandrogen Spironolactone** if peripheral hyperandrogenia and as alternative to isotretinoin
 - **Check the generation of pill**
 - **Isotretinoin**
 - **Low doses** can be discussed in the context of « mild-moderate » chronic acne
 - **Predictive markers of response**
 - **Zinc Salts (30mg/D)**
 - **During pregnancy**

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Maintenance Therapy: Topical Retinoid or Retinoid/BPO Combination

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Managing Very Severe Acne

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LASER AND LIGHT-BASED THERAPIES

- Photodynamic therapy
- IPL
- PDL preferentially targets oxyhemoglobin and induces photothermolysis of blood vessels, some believe it should be particularly effective in **treating inflammatory acne lesions**
- 1450-nm diode laser ,sebaceous gland destruction

NEW EMERGING(2019)

- **The enzyme stearoyl coenzyme Adesaturase 1 (SCD1)** is a potential target for **reducing sebum production.**
- **Inhibition of SCD1** has been shown to reduce the synthesis of monounsaturated fatty acids and the number of sebaceous glands in mouse skin.
- Several clinical trials of topical formulations of **SCD1** are ongoing.

NEW EMERGING(2019)

- **Nitric oxide releasing particles** are under investigation due to their potential to suppress the release of multiple cytokines from human monocytes and keratinocytes and to prevent **C. Acne induced inflammation.**
- In two phase 2 studies of the topical **nitric oxide releasing drug SB204**, the drug significantly reduced noninflammatory and inflammatory lesion counts in patients with mild, moderate, and severe acne compared with vehicle alone

NEW EMERGING(2019)

- **Anti-androgen cream (cortexolone 17a-propionate 1%)** was found to improve total and inflammatory lesions counts compared with placebo after 8 weeks of therapy.

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THANK YOU