

Atypical presentation of cutaneous lymphoma

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Description

A 74-year-old Caucasian man presented to a local clinic with an exudative ulcerous process in the medial region of the left leg, measuring about 2 cm. He reported that this lesion had appeared 20 days before, initially presenting as a purplish, painless, slightly itchy nodule that evolved over the weeks to ulceration with active bleeding and elaboration of pus. The initial treatment consisted of applying dressings without any improvement in the condition. Over ten months, the condition worsened with a progressive increase in size (Figure 1), the appearance of multiple lesions with the same characteristics appearing along the lymph node chain of the left lower limb, and plantar and malleolar area, thigh, and inguinal region (Figure 2). These signs were associated with fever. Comorbidities include systemic arterial hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, gout, hypothyroidism, hepatitis C virus (with a negative viral load for one year), heart disease, chronic venous insufficiency (Figure 3), and anemia.

He was referred to the surgical department, where a biopsy revealed an immunohistochemical diagnosis of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma with immunophenotype T, anaplastic large cell type, ALK-negative. He underwent chemotherapy with interferon and had an excellent response to treatment.



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

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