

In Dermatology

HERPES SIMPLEX

- Etiology: Herpes simplex virus (HSV) type 1, HSV2: genital (sexual)
- Incubation period: 3–7 days
- Clinical feature: Grouped vesicles on erythematous base, erosions, healing lymphadenopathy and systemic complaints in primary infection { HSV1: Herpes labialis, gingivostomatitis, whitlow, keratoconjunctivitis { HSV2: Herpes proies, herpetic vulvovaginitis, severe form herpes encephalitis Investigation: Tzanck smear for multinucleated giant cell (MNGC)
- Differential diagnosis: Neonatal sepsis, aphthosis
- Treatment: Acyclovir oral or parenteral according to severity



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