

In Dermatology

- **Etiology:** Molluscum contagiosum virus (MCV) type 1 and MCV2, intracytoplasmic inclusion bodies
- **Incubation period:** 14 days to 6 months
- **Transmission:** Direct, fomite, sexual abuse
- **Clinical feature:** (see figure) Dome-shaped, pearly white, discrete umbilicated papules, perilesional eczema, Koebner's phenomenon, Giant refractory molluscum contagiosum —rule out HIV



Molluscum contagiosum with koebnerization.

- **Investigation:** Expression and demonstration of MC bodies
- **Differential diagnosis:** Wart, milia, cryptococcosis
- **Treatment:** Manual removal, Topical: Retinoic acid 0.025–0.1%, KOH 10%, imiquimod 1–5%, flexible collodion—17% salicylic acid and 17% lactic acid. Electrocautery, liquid nitrogen cryotherapy. Ritonavir, cidofovir, zidovudine in children with HIV

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