

Review of: "Prednisolone Induced Gingival Enlargement: A Rare Case Report"

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The abuse of corticosteroids is a public health issue, and this gingival side effect, which the authors report, is not well known, so the paper has its value. Tinea incógnito is a very well-known side effect. In 1968, the British Medical Journal reported 14 cases of ringworm infections misdiagnosed as other skin conditions caused by the use of corticosteroids. They used the term tinea incognito, which soon became popular among dermatologists. The clinical picture of mycosis depends on inflammatory changes that are suppressed by corticosteroids, diminishing the cell-mediated response. Raised borders clear out, scales disappear, and pruritus resolves. A false relief makes the patient satisfied, but the eruption relapses, and further topical applications cause new and stronger waves of fungal growth.