
SPOT DIAGNOSIS (IMAGE GALLERY)



PAPULAR ERUPTIONS ON THE FACE

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Molluscum contagiosum (MC) is a viral infection of the skin or occasionally of the mucous membranes. It is caused by a DNA poxvirus called the molluscum contagiosum virus (MCV). This common viral disease has a higher incidence in children, sexually active adults, and those who are immunodeficient. (1) The virus commonly spreads through skin-to-skin contact. Diagnosis is made on the clinical appearance. Molluscum contagiosum lesions are flesh-coloured, dome-shaped, and pearly in appearance. They are often 1–5 millimetres in diameter, with a dimpled centre. They are generally not painful, but they may itch or become irritated (2). Individual molluscum lesions may go away on their own and are reported as lasting generally from 6 to 8 weeks, to 2 or 3 months (3). Pulsed dye laser therapy for molluscum contagiosum may be the treatment of choice for multiple lesions (4).

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