



Novel case study investigates neonatal rash due to pemphigoid gestationis

In a case study published in *The Journal of Pediatrics*, it was seen that a male infant born at term at 40 weeks of gestation by vaginal delivery presented at birth with a generalized skin rash. It affected mostly his face, hands and feet. The rash was characterized by eroded bullae and crusted patches on an erythematous background. During the hospital stay, the infant was not given any specific treatment. The rash subsided progressively and there were no new lesions. At 2-month follow-up, the infant's skin rash vanished completely and the mother was diagnosed with pemphigoid gestationis. This condition can lead to urticaria-like or vesicular skin lesions in up to 10% of the neonates due to passive transfer of antibodies from the mother to the fetus.

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