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Crossover Events

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CROSSOVER EVENTS

Lifelines























Someone You Meet at the Wrong Time, Then Re-Meet at the Right One



































Crossover Event

when one lifeline aligns with another in space, time, and experience

CROSSOVER EVENTS

From a Recent Shift



VF LUMC ED Swing Shift 12 January 2023

Attending: Dr. Fleming









B1 READY FOR PROVIDER

50M | PSYCH EVAL/WOUND CHECK

Patient here with family, brought in by EMS. Involuntary cert via court order; Mother has papers. Denies SI/HI. Calm & cooperative with staff.

VF: Standard psych labs are already ordered: CBC, BMP, UDS, EtOH, COVID.

EF: Great! Let's finish dispo for others, and you can go talk to him in a bit.

2000

VF: *Hi there, what can we help with tonight?*

B1 50M | PSYCH EVAL/WOUND CHECK

IN PROCESS

"I'm really sorry to bother y'all.

I'm embarrassed as hell about my skin.

I want to get better, but I am ashamed of how I look, and the awful smell. I'm warning you."

SCHIZOPHRENIA

DISSECTING CELLULITIS

Subjective

2015

50y male with CC: **Psych evaluation** Accompanied by: mother & sister / HPI provided by: patient, mother, sister

Brought in by EMS and family with involuntary cert d/t not caring for self at home. -- Court order cert scanned into pt chart.

Has dx of schizophrenia and Dissecting Cellulitis of Scalp, with innumerable purulent wounds and tissue breakdown on his scalp, bilateral shins, neck, and somewhat on the back.

Patient states he is deeply embarrassed about his appearance and hygiene, even with close family members at home. Will not allow his mother or sister, who is a nurse, see and treat his wounds or change his dressings. As a result, he spends most of his time in his room, isolated from the rest of the house. Has not changed wound dressings for 1 month, states he understands he is supposed to change them 3x/week. Has not showered for some time as well.

Pt states he takes "way more ibuprofen than I'm supposed to" in order to control the pain. Denies any other medications.

Denies SI/HI, though family notes pt not taking care of self at home as above. Per patient's mother, have been discussing coming to the hospital for "about a year" and finally are here today.

Through shared decision making and discussion with patient and family members, patient is amenable to receive treatment for his wound care, and then further psychiatric treatment to improve his self esteem and confidence.

Patient, his mother, and his sister are all hopeful and grateful at this time.

History

Past Medical History: Dissecting Cellulitis, Schizophrenia



VF: This definitely looks more complex than just the medical clearance we thought.

He's got extensive skin breakdown and what looks like fossilized pus.... I think we should give him a full exam.

EF: Agreed. We'll plan for a psych inpatient admit, but we should clean the wounds first.

If all looks good, we will clear for transfer. If they need some care, obs overnight.

VF: Can we get him into a private bay?

KP: Was just coming to ask you guys!

I'm shuffling people around and he'll go in Bay 10 after it's cleaned.

EF: Please never say fossilized pus again.



2115

VF: Wow... this is actually really bad. We might even need burn or derm.

I'll get some photos.

KP: Definitely.



CONTENT ADVISORY

2140

EF: consulted burn; medicine admit

KD: ordered IV abx for significant wounds, nonhealing with concern for infection; consulting with burn, medicine, psych

2145

[!!] Hgb = 6.7

CBC

KD: *I talked to him, he agreed to the transfusion.*

VF: *I'll get the consent form.*

EF: I'll get the orders in.

KP: still cleaning like a champ

CBC		
	Ref Range & Units	4 d ago
WEC	3.5 - 10.5 K/UL	10.2
RBC	4.20 - 5.80 M/UL	3.47 🗸
HGB	13.0 - 17.5 GM/DL	6.7 🗸
нст	38.0 - 54.0 %	24.0 🗸
MCV	82.0 - 99.0 FL	69.2 🗸
МСН	27.0 - 34.0 PG	19.3 🗸
МСНС	32.0 - 36.0 GM/DL	27.9 🗸
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Last Resulted: 01/12/23 21:54

Specimen Collected: 01/12/23 19:30

VF: *Patient is now refusing transfusion. He won't sign the pad. We spoke at length about the risks and benefits.*

EF: We will still admit as planned.



2200

VF: Feeling drained. Final orders/handoff, then home.



0100 +1	DINNER & RELAX
	Wondering how the patient is doing.
	Paged by Psych on AMSConnect with recs.
	Replied: Sorry I'm off duty now but thanks anyway!
Zzz	Checking Haiku for latest notes.
1300 +1	NEXT MORNING

My initial note and our team's assessment has potentially been read by hundreds of care team members.

This patient has crossed over so many lives today.

BACK AT THE ED....

12 JAN 2023

2221

Burn consult saw patient and do not recommend debriding but would like to consult/get derm involved. Would recommend admission to medicine with derm consult. [KD]

RMP

DMP			
Component	Ref Range & Units	4 d ago	
SODIUM	136 - 144 mmol/L	138	
POTASSIUM	3.3 - 5.1 mmol/L	4.4	
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CHLORIDE	98 - 108 mmol/L	105	
CO2	20 - 32 mmol/L	24	
ANION GAP	4 - 16	9	
BUN	7 - 22 MG/DL	21	
CREATININE	0.6 - 1.4 MG/DL	1.00	
GLUCOSE	70 - 100 MG/DL	79	
CALCIUM	8.9 - 10.3 MG/DL	8.7 🗸	
ESTIMATED GFR	>59 ML/MIN/1.73M2	92	

No clinically significant abnormalities on BMP [KD]

2347

Spoke with resident from admitting service regarding patient, plan and he will work to get psych on consult in morning. [KD]



XR TIBIA FIBULA, BILATERAL

Bilateral leg soft tissue wounds.



MIDNIGHT

13 JAN 2023

Spoke with psych regarding patient. Asked for eval for capacity to make med decisions (eg transfusion). At this time holding transfusion. But will have admitting team revisit.

Also discussed need to eval patient from psych perspective given sent by court for inpatient psych admission. [KD]

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Spoke with dermatology regarding patient. Agrees with abx and keep wounds covered but no debridement. Will see him in morning.

No further labs at this time. [KD]

PATIENT ADMITTED | GEN MED

Pt to floor with transport and security. All pt belongings sent home with family. [RN]

CT LOWER EXTREMITY, BILATERAL

Bilateral distal lower extremity skin thickening, soft tissue edema. Skin defects in the left lower extremity as above.

Findings are concerning for cellulitis without evidence of subcutaneous emphysema, abscess, or osteomyelitis.



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Medicine | Burn | Psych | Derm | GI | Social Work | RNs



SIDENOTE

Dissecting Cellulitis of the Scalp

DISSECTING CELLULITIS OF THE SCALP

Characterization





aka Hoffman disease

chronic inflammatory disorder with boggy, suppurative nodules that are often associated with patchy hair loss

Reference: Alexis MD, AF. Dissecting cellulitis of the scalp, *UpToDate*. Updated 30 Apr 2021.


follicular occlusion may be a key pathogenic event

may occur in association with other follicular occlusive disorders such as acne conglobata, hidradenitis suppurativa, and pilonidal cysts

DISSECTING CELLULITIS OF THE SCALP

Clinical Manifestations





Drainage of pus or blood from involved skin is common.

Because interconnecting sinuses are often present between nodules, the application of pressure to a nodule can result in drainage from a distant site.

Patients often use head scarves, hats, or gauze dressings to hide these clinical manifestations.



Exudate from nodules of DCS is usually sterile; however, secondary infection can occur.

Staphylococcus aureus, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, and anaerobic bacteria have been isolated from sites of DCS.

DISSECTING CELLULITIS OF THE SCALP

Treatment





Key outcomes of treatment: reduce inflammation, reduce follicular occlusion, and prevent and treat secondary infection.

PO antibiotics and isotretinoin most common.

DISSECTING CELLULITIS OF THE SCALP

Psych + Rare Disease



CROSSOVER EVENTS

Takeaways

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TAKEAWAYS

Jack of all trades; master of decision.



TAKEAWAYS

Be mindful of your own crossover events.





CASE FOLLOW-UP

Thank You

Dr. Fleming | Dr. Donaldson | Kara, RN

inline references provided throughout deck