

CONTACT DERMATITIS – A REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE WITH THE CONNUBIAL TYPE IN FOCUS

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Contact dermatitis (CD) is an acute or chronic skin inflammation induced by exogenous exposition and direct contact with chemical, biologic, or physical agents. Classic types of CD are irritative CD (acute and cumulative with various subtypes), allergic (acute, subacute and chronic, with specific subtypes and noneczematous variants) and photoreactive CD (phototoxic and photoallergic). A specific form of CD is connubial CD which is caused by indirect exposure to substances via physical contact with marital partner or some other person with whom he or she lives. The agent which causes dermatitis is not used by the patient himself.

As CD is frequently encountered in everyday practice, with polymorph clinical picture and various etiology, it is very important to discover the cause of the disease and its elimination, if possible, is of greatest importance. Connubial dermatitis is frequently unrecognized, which creates difficulties in treatment.

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