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Do you know what a costal fringe is?

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Question: Dermatology is blessed (or cursed, depending on your point of view) with diseases that have gorgeously descriptive polysyllabic names. Can you remember a condition whose name is 25 syllables long (without its eponym), and one that contains only a mere 18? (Hint: they both involve the follicular unit.) I will wager that you are over the age of 60 if you answer correctly!

Answer: **Hyperkeratosis follicularis et parafollicularis in cutem penetrans** has 25 syllables without its eponym “Kyrle disease”. The disease that has only 18 syllables is **perifolliculitis capitis abscedens et suffodiens** (“dissecting folliculitis of the scalp”). Such names are the delight of many older dermatologists, especially when dealing with nondermatologic colleagues who sigh deeply and roll their eyes when we effortlessly unleash a long and undulating Greco-Latin name. Those of us of a certain age can easily come up with other conditions with quite long names.

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