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Do you happen to know what dire disease has the term “boiled lobster” used when describing its cutaneous manifestation?

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Question: Do you know what a costal fringe is?

Answer: Costal fringe refers to the common clinical observation of several (sometimes many) prominent telangiectasias along the anterior costal margins in adult (ie, elderly) men.¹ It is often associated with dermatoheliosis and is uncommon in females. It has absolutely no relationship to the *caput medusae* caused by portal hypertension and hepatic dysfunction. This frequent cutaneous display is not known to be associated with any systemic disease, the presence of varicose veins, or any vascular diseases. A costal fringe is an uncommon physical finding in young adults or children. Treatment is usually patient (and referring physician) reassurance.

REFERENCE

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