
MAY IOTADERMA (#327)

We all know what molluscum (contagiosum) are. Do you happen to know what **molluscoid pseudotumors** are, and of what disease they are indicative?

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

Answer: The term “boiled lobster” is used specifically for the bright red, sometimes total-body skin color observed in patients with boric acid toxicity and poisoning.¹⁻⁴ The vivid coloration is much like that found in the toxic shock and staphylococcal scalded skin syndromes. Diffuse erythema develops about 48 hours or so after exposure to the boric acid, and widespread desquamation ensues several days later, especially notable on the palms and soles. The intense redness is often accentuated on the face, and in the groin and axillae. A profound anagen effluvium is often be noted within a week of exposure to the boric acid, and recognition of it can be the diagnostic clue of a recent toxic exposure.^{1,4}

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