



Morphoea

Paediatric morphoea is different from adult morphoea

More severe disease

Linear morphoea most common

More likely to have extra-cutaneous manifestations

Longer disease duration

1/3 with active disease 10 years

Periods of remission and disease reactivation

What extra-cutaneous manifestations do you have to worry about in children?

Neurological Manifestations

Neurologic manifestations occur in 20-40%

Most common with ECDS and PRS

Signs and symptoms

Seizures

Headaches

Neuropathy

Behavioural changes

CNS vascular malformations

Asymptomatic MRI abnormalities

There is poor correlation between symptoms and MRI findings

Neurological Manifestations

Children's Hospital of Wisconsin experience (32 children, 21 with neuroimaging)

Only 2 abnormal brain MRI in 9 children with neurologic symptoms

Only 2 children had neurologic symptoms out of 4 children with brain MRI abnormalities

A Significant Proportion of Children with Morphea En Coup De Sabre and Parry-Romberg Syndrome Have Neuroimaging Findings

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Neurological Manifestations

Mayo Clinic experience (88 adults and children)

7 2 patients were evaluated by neurology

8 40% had neurologic abnormalities

9 43 had neurolmaging

9 46% had abnormal imaging

9 Por correlation between MRI findings and neurologic symptoms

9 48% of those with neurologic symptoms had normal MRI

9 23% with abnormal MRI and no neurologic symptoms

9 Most MRI findings were bilateral

9 No progression with time despite cutaneous progression

What extra-cutaneous manifestations do you have to worry about in children?

Musculoskeletal manifestations

- ► Musculoskeletal manifestations occur in 20-50%
- Most common with linear morphoea on limbs
- Signs and symptoms
 - Arthralgias
 - Arthritis
 - Joint contracture
 Limb length and girth discrepancy
 - Functional limitations



What extra-cutaneous manifestations do you have to worry about in children?

Ocular manifestations

- Ocular manifestations occur in 2-3%
- Most common with ECDS and PRS
- Signs and symptoms
 - Anterior uveitis, episcleritis, keratitis
 Acquired glaucoma

 - XerophthalmiaStrabismus
 - Mydriasis

Linear morphoea and early disease onset are risk factors for extra-cutaneous manifestations

	Risk of Extracutaneous Manifestations	Odds Ratio (95% CI)	p-value
Linear morphea	38%	22.3 (2.8 – 178)	0.0035
Plaque morphea	3%		
Onset < 10 years	36%	10.0 (2.1 – 47.6)	0.0036
Onset ≥ 10 years	5%		

What work-up should you do upon diagnosing morphoea?

- ▶ Laboratory work-up
 - ➤ ANA and RF have been associated with extra-cutaneous involvement but not clinically significant

 - ▶ RF positive in 13.2% with skin only and 24.3% with extra-cutaneous involvement
 - ▶ Anti-ssDNA, anti-histone, and anti-chromatin have been associated with disease
 - No autoantibodies correlate with disease activity or predict future disease severity

What work-up should you do upon diagnosing morphoea?

- ▶ Work-up on all en coup de sabre and Parry-Romberg patients

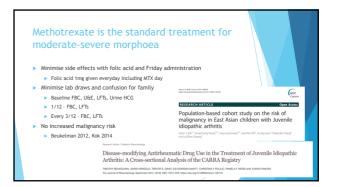
 - MRI at diagnosis even if asymptomatic
 Repeat MRI if symptoms develop or worsen
 EEG at diagnosis if seizures are suspected
 - ▶ Ophthalmology exam if eye complications are suspected



What work-up should you do upon diagnosing morphoea?

- ▶ Perform joint exams on all patients with linear morphoea on the limb
- Joint exam at each visit
- Physical therapy if functional limitations
 Leg length x-ray if limb length discrepancy



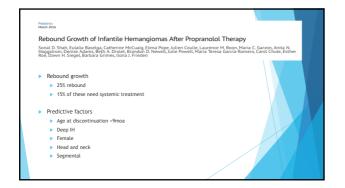


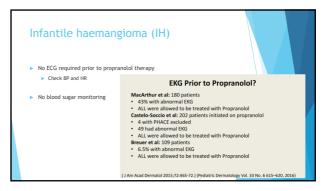


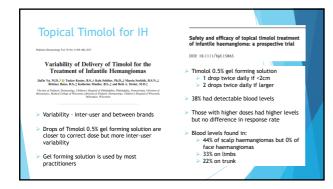




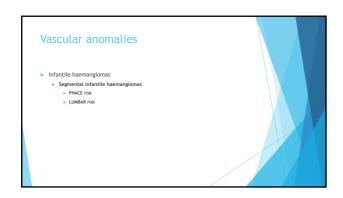


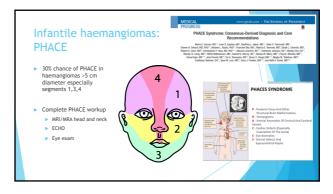


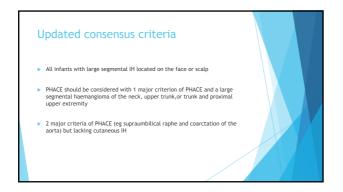




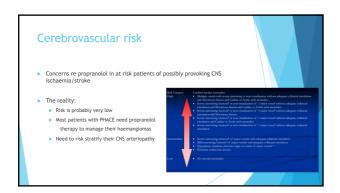


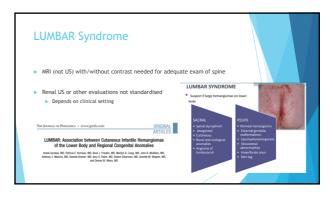


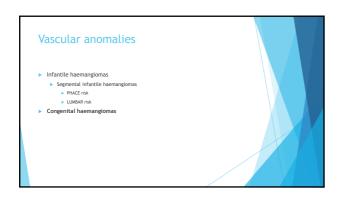




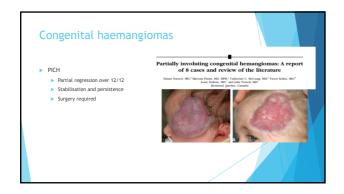








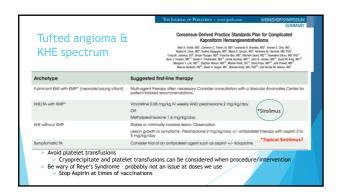


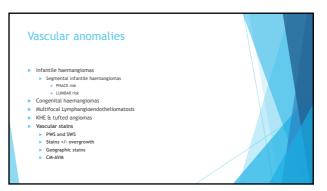


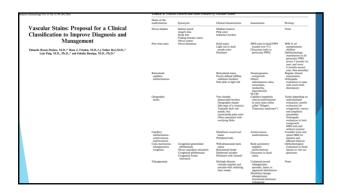


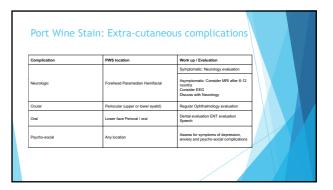


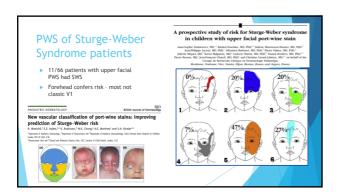




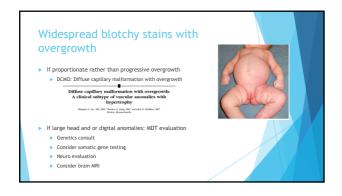












Widespread stains minus worrisome features ► If lower extremity involvement: serial leg measurements until growth completed ► If >1:2 cm refer to orthopaedics ► If no worrisome features ► Initial f/u 3-6 months ► Thereafter annually



