

Carcinoma of the skin is more common in the white races than the coloured races and the pigment content is supposed to give greater protection in the coloured races. I feel this alone cannot be a determining factor in the protection afforded and the reason discussed. Lipstick is supposed to be responsible for lower incidence of cancer of lip in women and the author recommends cosmetics with antiactinic drugs like Titanium dioxide Para-aminobenzoic acid etc., in persons of out door occupation. Clinical features are discussed. Treatment with the topical chemotherapy containing 1. Colocemid. 2. Methotrexate and 3. Thiocolciran is discussed in detail ✓

CONCLUSION

I am of the opinion that the topical chemotherapy is safe, no need for hospitalisation, expensive instruments are not necessary, avoids the sometimes deleterious effects of irradiation and gives a good cosmetic results and the choice of treatment in the lesions of the face.

The only drawback is that except methotrexate, the other drugs are not available in India.

This paper is presented because this is the first reported case of basal cell carcinoma treated with topical chemotherapy in *India*.

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