

## GRISEOFULVIN THERAPY IN MOLLUSCUM CONTAGIOSUM (A Case Report)

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### Summary

A case of Molluscum contagiosum treated with Griseofulvin F.P. has been described.

A young soldier was admitted with history of progressive spread of papular eruption over pubis, adjoining part of the shaft of penis and thighs for six months. He stated that his wife was also having similar lesions over mons pubis and lower part of the abdomen. She could not be examined as she was staying in a far off village.

On examination—the lesions were shiny, pearly white, hemispherical, umblicated papules; most of them showing a central pore. On squeezing these cheesy material exuded. Size of the papules varied from 2-5 mm in diameter. The case was diagnosed as Molluscum contagiosum clinically (Fig. 1 page No. 93). Patient was treated with Griseofulvin F. P. 250 mg. twice a day. No improvement was noticed after 20 days. The dose was then increased to 250 mg. three times a day. Lesions gradually disappeared leaving behind residual hyper pigmented macular spots. Three lesions (two on pubis and one on right thigh) did not disappear completely but became smaller in size (Fig. 2 page No. 93). A total of 50 G of Griseofulvin F. P. was given.

Systemic antibiotics have not proved successful in the treatment of Molluscum contagiosum. Griseofulvin F. P. has proved effective in our case.

Sehgal<sup>2,3</sup> has reported success with Griseofulvin in lichen planus and Herpes progenitalis and attributed this to antiviral action of the drug.

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