

development of the naevus verrucosus. It may be that in our case, trauma at the age of 2 years stimulated pluripotential cells which were lying dormant⁵. It is evident from this report that further studies are indicated on factors such as trauma in precipitating this condition. Such an approach may shed more light on the aetiology of some cases of epidermal naevus.

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ABSTRACTS

Levamisole and Griseofulvin in warts: R. K. Bhargava, Uma Vacchaney and Pushpendra Garg (Dept Dermatol - STD, SMC Med Col Hosp, Jaipur) JIMA, 74 : 13-15, 1980.

Levamisole hydrochloride with griseofulvin was used with good results in the treatment of warts in this study. Battery of drugs and other modalities are available for the treatment of warts without any substantial beneficial effect whatsoever. This simple remedial measure has shown a ray of hope for the treatment of this intractable condition.

Dermatitis Artefacts due to raw Cashew nut: R. K. Dutta (Dermatologist, Command Hospital, Air Force, Bangalore) The Clinical Reporter, IV : 23-25, 1980.

Two cases of dermatitis artefacta observed in army recruits undergoing basic military training are reported. Skin lesions were caused artificially by applying juice from raw cashew nut in an attempt to go out of military service. Cashew nut belongs to "Anacardium Accidenlale" group and the juice from the outer shell of the fruit contains a mixture of catechol derivatives which are highly irritant to the skin.

No psychiatric abnormalities could be detected in the two patients.