

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS, HIV/AIDS

VAGINAL POLYP MIMICKING CONDYLOMA LATA

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INTRODUCTION: Condylomata lata or condyloma latum, is a cutaneous condition characterized by wart-like lesions on the genitals.[1] They are generally symptoms of the secondary phase of syphilis, caused by the spirochete, Treponema pallidum.

Although tumours and inflammatory lesions may protrude into the vaginal canal as polypoid masses, true polyps composed of a fibrovascular core covered by vaginal epithelium are rare. The fibroepithelial polyp is a benign polypoid mass 1-2 centimeter in an average diameter occuring usually in adult women.

CASE REPORT: We report a 21 year old female presented with growth in the vaginal region. Patient was primi with 3 months of amenorrhoea. There was no history of any raw lesions on the perianal region, urethral discharge and burning micturition, rash on the body or any constitutional symptoms. No history of similar complaints in the sexual partner. On examination, there was a fleshy, erythematous pedunculated mass of size 3*4 present over the labia majora. There was no rash on the body and palms and soles were spared. There was no lymphnode enlargement. Laboratory investigations, VDRL and HIV 1 and 2 were non-reactive. A provisional diagnosis of vaginal polyp mimicking condylomata lata was made.

CONCLUSION: It is important to be aware of syphilitic condylomata lata and consider this when dealing with genital lesions. It is advisable to refer patients, if suspected of or diagnosed with syphilitic condylomata lata or condyloma acuminata to sexual health clinics to help improve outcome.



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