



Sebaceous horn- A forgotten entity

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Clinical Image

Description

Mrs. S, 65-year-old female, presented with painlessly progressive lesion in the left upper arm over 20 years. She had started having pain over the lesion for one week. Since it had not been symptomatic thus far, she had not consulted a doctor and had come now due to the pain. Examination showed a classic sebaceous horn (7x2 cm jard lesion arising from a 3x2 cm firm lump in the subcutaneous plane of the left upper arm) with areas of infection.

Sebaceous horn, though described as early as 1588, is a relatively uncommon lesion presenting in the clinic due to advancement of healthcare. The horn is composed of compacted keratin arising from a long standing sebaceous cyst as in our patient or due to other cutaneous lesions, such as keratosis, verruca, bowen's disease etc.

The treatment is excision and biopsy to rule out an underlying malignancy.

