Hidradenitis: Make the Most of Your Time







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Off-label therapies will discussed. Any therapy, aside from adalimumab or secukinumab, can be considered off-label. The views and opinions expressed in this presentation are mine and made in my individual capacity. They must not be construed as representing the views or opinions of my employer.

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HS is a complex immune condition What You Say Matters



When to escalate? Use your exam & patient-report



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

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Biologics aren't a 'last resort'

1. Maintenance meds: manage migratory lesions, get in front of flares, reduce systemic inflammation symptoms (arthropathy, fatigue, anemia & more)

Is it time to escalate? Ask: How many bad days do you have a month because of your HS? What are you having trouble doing because of your HS?

Severe HS/HS Impact. -----

Biologics PDE4 inhibitors 1. TNF, IL-17 **JAKi** Roflumilast 250mcg QD x

1 month, then 500 QD **Apremilast**

Hormonal & Metabolic Separately or together

Spirono 100-200 or finasteride 2.5-10 Metformin XR 500-1000mg QD

Topical

-Topical clinda can be spot or field; -Topical non-steroidals as field therapies akin to retinoids -BPO wash, chlorhexidine

Oral retinoids: Aci or Iso, useful for upper body HS, NO sustained activity

2. Flare or Rescue Therapies:

2. IL-12/23

3. IL-23

- Topical: topical clinda, topical ichthammol (OTC), topical resorcinol 15% (compounded)
- Antibiotics: Augmentin, Bactrim DS, cefuroxime, cefpodoxime, clinda 300mg BID
- PO steroids: pred 50mg qAM for up to 7 days

3. Procedures: For **persistent** lesions not responsive to medications

Excision or deroofing

*Be awake for it?

*Your comfort?

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Botox (hyperhidrosis dilution) – If trying to avoid surgery, or if sweating-induced friction is a trigger. (can consider glycopyrrolate, oxybutynin, topical aluminum chloride **Laser hair removal** – for stage 1 or mild stage 2 sites, but cost and access are challenges

first, but I move fast to get botox) 4. General Health: Have a PCP to maximize general health messaged more than help with smoking cessation, nutrition, weight

management

In case of emergency Ertapenem 1g IV QD for 6-24w as a bridge to surgery or med change/start

PA Templates **HS-foundation.org**



It can't all happen at one appointment

HS MANAGEMENT

HS often acts like a rollercoaster, with periods of worsening (flares). There are multiple approaches to treatment and we tailor the plan to match the HS activity and your preferences. There is a website available to help people think through the options: informed-decisions.org/hidradenitispda.php. We encourage you to discuss your preferences with your provider.

MAINTENANCE TREATMENT (Things you do to reduce the symptoms and get ahead of flares)

Medicines (used singly or in combinations):

Procedures (Laser, deroofing, excision):

FLARE TREATMENT (Periods of new or worsening HS with pain, itch, or drainage)

Topicals: Topical clindamycin Ichthammol Resorcinol 15% Other:

Pills: Antibiotic:

Steroid (often prednisone 50 once a day for 3-7 days):

Steroid Shot

Developed by J. Kirby, available as meeting hand-out

Cultivate hope

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