

PEMPHIGUS (provisional diagnosis)

Please note this is our provisional diagnosis which must be confirmed by tests. If you have any questions, particularly about the treatment or potential side-effects, please ask Professor.

- This is a rare, potentially dangerous, condition
- It is an immunological disease, the reaction damaging the skin
- It is most commonly seen in persons from around the Mediterranean
- It is not usually inherited
- Pemphigus is not known to be infectious
- It affects the mouth, skin and other sites
- Blood tests and biopsy may be required
- Strong drugs such as steroids are normally needed to control pemphigus
- Useful website <http://www.pemphigus.org>
- Advice is available from Pemphigus vulgaris network

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A patient has the right under common law to give or withhold consent to medical examination of treatment. This is one of the basic principles of health care. Patients are entitled to receive sufficient information in a way they can understand about the proposed treatments, the possible alternatives and any substantial risk or risks which may be special in kind or magnitude or special to the patient, so that they can make a balanced judgement. (UK Health Dept. 19.2.99. HSC 1999/031)

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