

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE: **Brain teaser**

Lower lip lesion

A 76 year old man presented with an asymptomatic lesion on the lower lip, increasing in size very slowly over the past four years.



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Question 1

What investigations should be carried out?

Question 2

What is the diagnosis?

Question 3

What is the treatment?

Answer to last month's brain teaser



Answer 1

Erosio interdigitalis blastomycetica (candidal infection).

Answer 2

This form of candidiasis is most commonly seen in the third web space, between the middle and ring fingers, occasionally the toes are affected.

Answer 3

Erosio interdigitalis blastomycetica is one of the cutaneous manifestations of diabetes. Exposing the skin to chronic irritants and moisture leads to breakdown of the skin barrier with subsequent colonisation and growth of candida.

Answer 4

Treatment consists of correcting or eliminating the factors that can aggravate the condition and the use of topical antifungal preparations.

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