Cutaneous tuberculosis: clinical features, diagnosis and management

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The clinicopathological manifestations of cutaneous tuberculosis are protean. Compared to pulmonary tuberculosis, cutaneous tuberculosis is uncommon and more difficult to diagnose. The use of polymerase chain reaction (PCR) has enhanced detection of cutaneous tuberculosis. The clinicopathological features, diagnosis, and treatment of cutaneous tuberculosis are reviewed. Exclusion of concurrent tuberculosis at other sites is important. (H.K. Dermatol. Venereol. Bull. (2003) 11, 131-140)

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