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A DISSEMINATED ZOSTER IN THE COURSE OF NEWLY DIAGNOSED LIMPHOPROLIFERATIVE DISEASE

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Disseminated herpes zoster is a manifestation of neurotropic viral disease which often occurs in patients with VZV (varicella zoster virus) history and compromised immunological response due to malignancy, transplantation or treatment. Onset is similar to the typical course of disease, but within days it can scatter on multiple organs and lead to severe complications. A 73-year-old man, recently undergoing diagnosing of chronic limphoproliferative disease, was transferred from the Hematology Department to the Dermatology Department due to numerous vesicles on erythematous base accompanied by neuralgia which initially have appeared on the left arm and forearm. After few days they disseminated on the face, head, back, trunk and lower limbs. Laboratory tests revealed increased CRP level and high white blood cell level. Based on overall clinical picture, disseminated herpes zoster was diagnosed. Systemic treatment with acyclovir, tazocin in combination with topical agents resulted in clinical improvement. The patient was transferred for further hematological diagnosing. Herpes zoster is generally a mild condition, nevertheless it may be a first symptom of chronic diseases or malignancies, especially limphoproliferative. Thus consideration detailed diagnostic is crucial, because unattended it may lead to various complications such as neuralgia, nerve palsy or even life threatening visceral disseminated VZV.