

Perioral dermatitis



Dermatitis perioralis is dermatitis **affecting the area around the mouth** (further around the eyes and on the forehead). The etiology is unclear, but is believed to be multifactorial – eg cosmetics, topical steroid treatment, UV radiation and others. It manifests as erythema, papules and papulopustules with pityriasis-like desquamation. Skin manifestations usually heal **without scars**. The patient feels strong itching, burning and even tension.

Drying compresses, topical antibiotic erythromycin are recommended for treatment, systemic tetracycline for more severe forms, **corticosteroids are contraindicated** (initially it causes relief, but after stopping the rebound phenomenon).



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