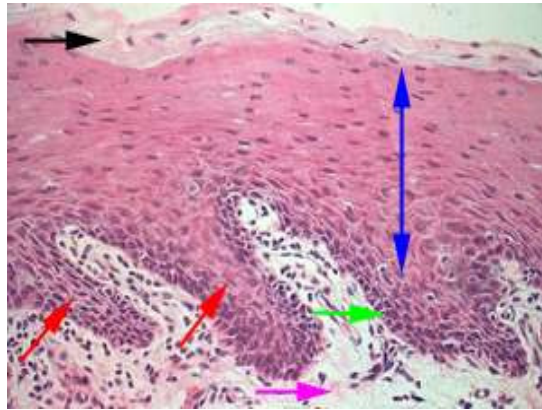


White lesions of the oral mucosa



❖ Classification:

① Hereditary

- Oral Epithelial Naevus
- Pachyonychia Congenita
- Dyskeratosis Congenita
- Tylosis
- Hereditary Benign Intraepithelial Dyskeratosis
- Follicular Keratosis
- Leukoedema

② Traumatic

- Mechanical (Frictional Keratosis)
- Chemical
- Thermal

③ Infective

- Candidosis
 - Acute Pseudomembranous
 - Chronic Hyperplastic
 - Chronic Mucocutaneous
- Syphilitic Leukoplakia
- Hairy Leukoplakia

④ Idiopathic

- Leukoplakia

⑤ Dermatological

- Lichen Planus
- Lupus Erythematosus

⑥ Neoplastic

- Carcinoma-in-situ
- Squamous cell carcinoma

Hereditary Lesions

Oral Epithelial Naevus (White Sponge Naevus):

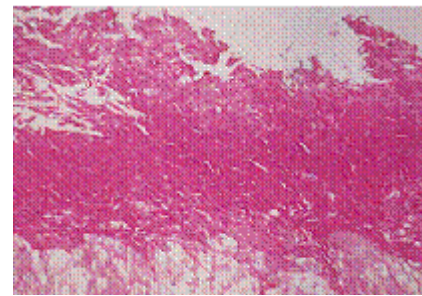
◆ Autosomal D

◆ Clin:

- Asymptomatic
- Whitish, soft, translucent & irregularly thickened
- Usually bilateral (all OM)
- Border
- Other sites

◆ Hist:

- Acanthosis
- Moderate-marked Hyperparakeratosis
- Marked intracellular oedema (prickle & parakeratin)
- ✗ Dysplasia
- ✗ Inflammation in LP



Pachyonychia Congenita:

- ◆ AD
- ◆ Extreme thickening of nails (\approx birth)
- ◆ Palmoplantar hyperkeratosis & hyperhidrosis
- ◆ White patches on D or LB of tongue or buccal m
- ◆ Hist \approx WSN



Dyskeratosis Congenita:

- ◆ ? Mode of inheritance
- ◆ Pigmentation of skin
- ◆ Dystrophic nails
- ◆ Destructive periodontitis
- ◆ Hyperkeratosis of oral & other MMS: premalignant



Tylosis:

- ◆ AD
- ◆ Palmoplantar hyperkeratosis
- ◆ Esophageal Ca in later life
- ◆ ± Oral hyperkeratosis



Hereditary Benign Intraepithelial Dyskeratosis:

- ◆ AD (North Carolina)
- ◆ Conjunctivitis
- ◆ Oral white folds and plaques
- ◆ **Hist:** acanthosis & premature keratinization



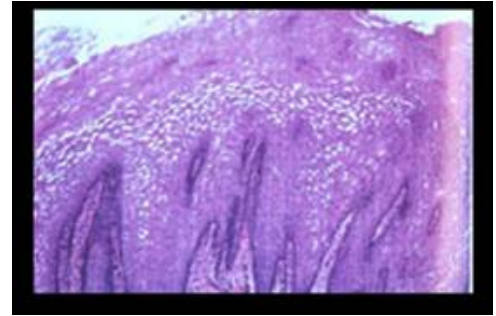
Follicular Keratosis (Darier's disease):

- ◆ AD & sporadic
- ◆ Face, trunk, ears & scalp: heavily k papules (coalesce & infected)
- ◆ Orally: Small whitish papules on K mucosa
- ◆ **Hist:**
 - Hyperk
 - Suprabasal clefts
 - Corps ronds & grains



Leukoedema:

- ◆ Variation of normal
- ◆ 90% of blacks
- ◆ Site: BM bilaterally (↓LB of tongue)
- ◆ **Clin:**
 - Asymptomatic
 - Diffuse, translucent, grayish-white, filmy appearance
 - Stretching
- ◆ **Hist:**
 - Mild parak & acanthosis
 - Intracytoplasmic fluid & glycogen
 - Normal LP



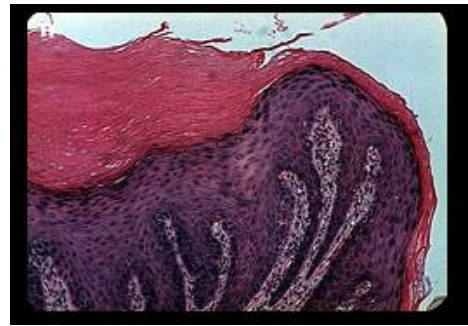
Traumatic Keratosis:

A) Mechanical:

- Frictional Keratosis
- Prolonged mild abrasion
- Sharp tooth, restoration, biting, denture
- **Clin:**
 - Dense white patch w rough surface
 - Cheek biting
- **Dx:**
 - Cause
 - Size & shape
 - Resolve when cause removed



- **Hist:**
 - Hyperplasia & Hyperk
 - ✕ Dysplasia
 - Scattered CICI in LP



B) Chemical

- Aspirin Burn
- Tobacco: either form (Hyperk & hyperplasia)



C) Thermal:

- Smoking ⇒ white plaques on ant BM, tongue & palate
- Cigarette: lip
- Pipe: tongue/palate



- **Nicotinic Stomatitis:**

- Long-term pipe smokers
- **Clin:**
 - Palate
 - White w multiple, small, round papules w red centers



- **Hist:**
 - Surface epith: Hyperk & hyperplasia
 - Ducts: dilated w sq metaplasia & periductal CICI



▣ Idiopathic white lesions:

❖ **Leukoplakia:**

- **Definition:** a predominantly white patch that cannot be characterized as any other definable lesion.

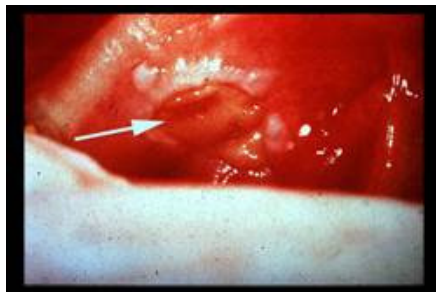
- **Epidemiology:** < 4%, M>F, older, site

- **Clinically:**

- Size
- Colour



- **Homogenous:** plaque-like ± surface variations
- **Non-homogenous:** speckled, ulcerated, nodular, warty
- **Erythroplakia:** A bright-red patch on the OM which cannot be characterized clinically or pathologically as being due to any other condition. Homogenous or speckled

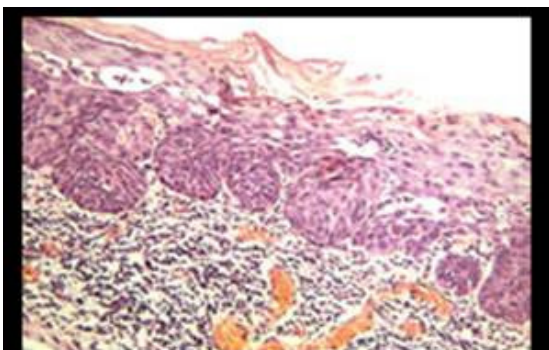


- **Aetiology:** Unknown, incriminated factors

1. Tobacco
2. Alcohol
3. Candida
4. Viruses: HPV 16

5. Epithelial atrophy:

- Iron ↓ (Sideropenic dysphagia, Patterson-Kelly, Plummer-Vinson Syndrome)
 - Oral submucous fibrosis
 - Tertiary Syphilis
 - Vit ↓
- **Hist:** no specific histological features
- Hyperk or hyperparak or both
 - Hyperplasia or atrophy
 - ↑ Melanin pigment in basal epithelium ± melanin incontinence
 - CICI in LP
 - ± **Dysplasia:**
 - ⊖ Nuclear & cellular pleomorphism
 - ⊖ Nuclear hyperchromatism
 - ⊖ Disturbed polarity of basal cells
 - ⊖ Drop-shaped rete pegs
 - ⊖ Deep cell keratinization
 - ⊖ ↑ N/C ratio
 - ⊖ ↑ & abnormal mitosis
 - ⊖ Basal cell hyperplasia
 - ⊖ Disturbed maturation
 - ⊖ Loss of intercellular adherence



- **Dysplasia:** mild, moderate, severe
- **Homogenous leukoplakia:** 10%
- **Non- homogenous leukoplakia:** 50%
- **Erythroplakia:** 50% Ca or Ca-in-situ, majority of the rest: severe dysplasia

◆ **Prognosis:**

➔ Unpredictable (0.3-18%) over prolonged periods

➔ Risk factors:

- Non-smokers
- Family history
- Advanced age
- F
- Non-homogenous
- Sublingual area
- Duration
- Enlargement or Δ in character
- Dysplasia

☐ **Dermatological:**

❖ **Lichen Planus:**

- CID of skin & mms affecting \approx 1%
- 30-60 years of age, 60% F
- 40% skin & oral; 35% skin; 25% oral
- **Clin:**

➤ **Skin:**

- ◆ Clusters of raised purplish papules pruritic papules 2-3 mm
- ◆ Wickham's Striae
- ◆ Koebner phenomenon
- ◆ Location
- ◆ Nails
- ◆ Duration

➤ **Oral lesions:**

- ◆ Most frequent site
- ◆ Other sites
- ◆ Least frequent



- ◆ Distribution

- ◆ **Clinically:**

- ◆ **Reticular:**

- ◆ Lacework, Striae of Wickham
- ◆ Asymptomatic
- ◆ Site



- ◆ **Plaque-like:**

- ◆ ≈ Leukoplakia
- ◆ Asymptomatic
- ◆ Site



- ◆ **Papular:**

- ◆ Small white papules that may coalesce, asymptomatic



- ◆ **Atrophic:**

- ◆ ≈ Erythroplakia often with striae
- ◆ Gingiva, desquamative gingivitis, symptomatic



❖ **Erosive:**

- ◆ Shallow irregular areas of epithelial loss
- ◆ Smooth, raised yellowish membrane
- ◆ Can be very persistent
- ◆ Striae
- ◆ Symptomatic
- ◆ Hyperpigmentation



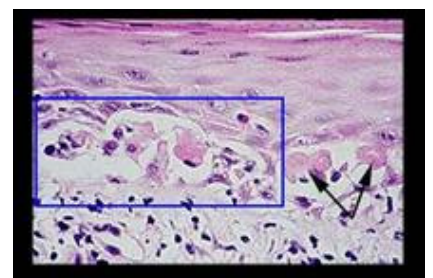
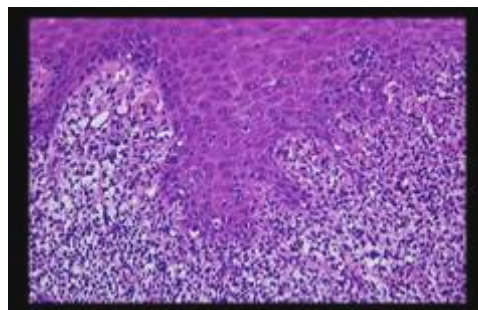
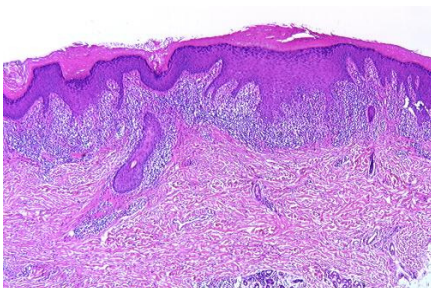
❖ **Bullous:**

- ◆ Up to 2 cm
- ◆ Brief
- ◆ Posterior BM



■ **Hist:**

- Focal Acanthosis w hyperparak/orthokeratosis
- Sawtooth rete pegs
- A dense, w-d band of T-lymph in superficial LP
- Involvement of the basal and parabasal cell layers by inflammation
- Liquefactive degeneration
- Civatte bodies



■ **Prognosis:**

- 0.5-2.5 % over 5-year period, erosive

■ **Aetiology:** unknown

- Genetic predisposition
- Infective agents
- Systemic disease: DM, Hypertension, U colitis, liver disease & GVHD
- **Lichenoid reaction:** Drugs (antimalarial, gold, methyldopa, NSAID) & amalgam
- Tobacco
- Vitamin ↓
- Psychiatric disorders
- Immunopathogenesis



■ **Pathogenesis:**

- Langerhan's cells
- ? Ag similar to antigens on keratinocytes of pts w certain MHC Ags
- Processed by Langerhan's cells and presented activate production of CD8

❖ **Lupus Erythematosus:**

- A C.T disease with two main forms:

1. **Chronic discoid LE:**

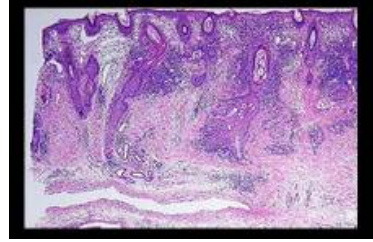
- Face, scalp & ears
- Scaly red patches ± butterfly pattern
- Oral lesions in ≈ 50%
 - Cheeks
 - Vermillion border
 - Discoid area of erythema



w white keratotic border \pm radiating striae

- **Hist:**

- Ortho/parak epith
- Hyperplasia/atrophy
- Keratin plugging
- Subepith & deep perivascular lymphocytes
- \pm Liquefactive degeneration
- DIF: granular linear deposits of IgG, C3 & fibrinogen in BM (Lupus band)



2. Systemic LE:

- Most common
- Kidney
- Arthritis, heart & lung involvement, anemia, vasculitis, rash
- Fatigue, malaise, fever, psychosis, lymphadenopathy
- Oral lesions in \approx 20%, more severe erythematous patches/BM
- **Aetiology:** genetic, autoimmune

