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An overlap of diffuse fasciitis with eosinophilia and scleroderma

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Summary. A case with overlapping features of scleroderma and diffuse fasciitis with eosinophilia is presented.

Introduction

Diffuse fasciitis with eosinophilia (DFE) is a newly described syndrome [1] which differs from scleroderma on clinical, laboratory and histological grounds [1–3].

In DFE the skin can be moved freely while the subcutaneous tissues are thickened. The face, hands and feet are spared. Raynaud's phenomenon is extremely uncommon and visceral involvement does not occur. Eosinophilia and hypergammaglobulinemia is a common manifestation. The histopathologic findings are limited in the fascia, while the dermis is spared. The disease responds favorably to corticosteroids.

In this communication we present a case with overlapping features of DFE and scleroderma.