

Drug eruptions the bad side of the new miracles in pharmaceutical and cosmeceuticals.

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Drug eruptions have a wide spectrum of presentations, from Erythema and minimal urtication to the severe widespread mechano-bullous lesions as life threatening as third degree burns. It is now becoming incumbent to be aware of the great significance of the complex therapeutic milieu for many patients. Drug interactions can result in higher concentrations or prolonged half life of drugs increasing chances of formation of toxic or immunologic complexes and subsequent clinical picture of a 'reaction'. Additionally the genetic factors accelerating or retarding drug metabolism can also resulting in the same potential for morbidity Therefore early Dx based on these modifying factors is essential for prompt Rx is essential to mitigate the extent of the systemic toxicity.

Thus the action template now includes consideration of these new biologics immune modifiers and the growing list of natural agents in the growing practice of complementary and alternative medicine. Strychnine is a natural product! After reviewing possible causes over and above the traditional methods of identifying highly probable drugs, discontinuing is the initial step. While following the traditional therapies in the several presentations of reactions is the appropriate approach.

Biography

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