

Pyoderma Gangrenosum

Necrotic ulcer, with a Ragged, Purple overhanging edge

Usual location – Leg

Pathophysiology

- Poorly understood
- Immune dysfunction, probable Neutrophil dysfunction



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Conditions associated with Pyoderma gangrenosum

- **Inflammatory bowel disease** – 50% patients with this condition have ulcerative colitis
- **Autoimmune conditions** - Rheumatoid arthritis, Seronegative arthritides
- **Malignancies** - Lymphomas/Leukemias, Myeloma, Myeloproliferative disorders
- **Chronic active hepatitis**



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Management

1. Treatment the **underlying cause**
2. **Local treatment** - Intralesional steroids, Dressing
3. **Systemic** - Oral steroids, Dapsone & Tetracyclines



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