

# VII Masterclass on **Vitiligo and Pigmentary Disorders**

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## Vitiligo Clinical Presentations

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# Agenda

- Clinical features of vitiligo
- Other cutaneous and systemic abnormalities in vitiligo
- Childhood vitiligo
- Course of vitiligo
- Diagnosis
- Differential diagnosis

# Vitiligo

- a common, acquired depigmentation disorder of the skin and mucous membranes
- the prevalence is around 1% of the population
- M=F
- Half of the patients develop the disease before 20 years of age

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# Clinical progress of Vitiligo

- Vitiligo usually begins in sun-exposed areas
- Severe sunburn, pregnancy, skin trauma, and/or emotional stress may precede onset.
- Vitiligo generally slowly progressive, either by centrifugal expansion of current lesions or appearance of new lesions

# Clinical progress of Vitiligo

- Vitiligo can occur anywhere on the body
- On face, it favors around the eyes and periorificial areas
- On extremities, it favors the elbow, knees, digits and flexor wrists
- Koebnerization is typical.
- Koebner phenomenon is an important parameter to assess and predict the clinical profile and progress of vitiligo.

# The typical vitiligo lesion



Variations on the typical vitiligo macule

# Trichrome vitiligo



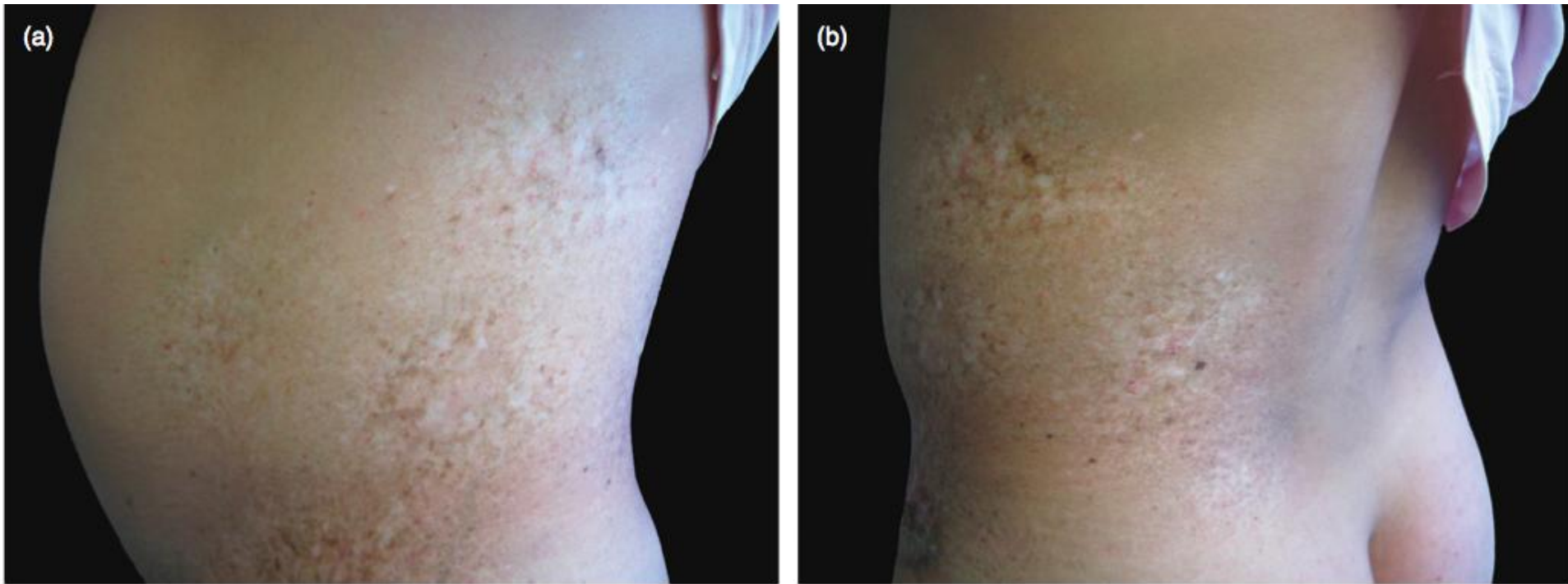
An uniform tan coloration zone between normal and depigmented skin

# Quadrichrome vitiligo



An additional macular perifollicular hyperpigmentation of repigmented areas

# Pentachrome vitiligo



- ✓ Five shades of colour: white, tan, brown, blue-gray, normal
- ✓ Blue vitiligo corresponds to vitiligo macules in sites of postinflammatory hypermelanosis

# Inflammatory vitiligo



- ✓ Erythema at the margins of depigmented macules
- ✓ A red and raised border
- ✓ Mild pruritus may be present

# Vitiligo punctue



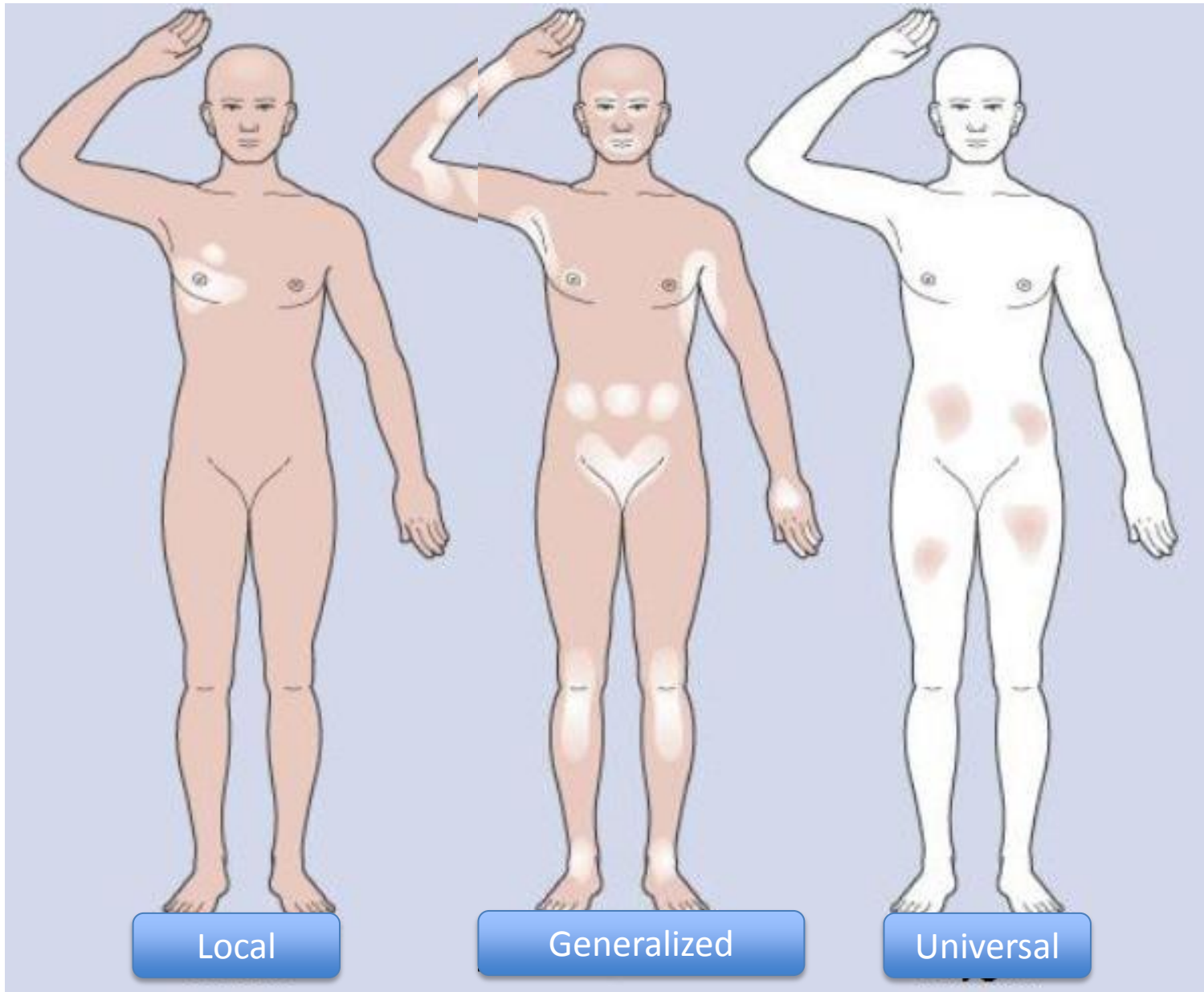
Discrete, confetti-like amelanotic macules on normal or hyperpigmented skin

# Clinical classification of Vitiligo

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- 1 Localized
- 2 Generalized
- 3 Universal

## Distribution pattern of amelanotic skin lesions in vitiligo



# Localized Vitiligo

1. Focal
2. Unilateral (segmental)
3. Mucosal

# Focal vitiligo

- one or more macules in one area
- not segmental distribution
- not evolved into generalized form after a period of 1-2 years



# Unilateral (Segmental) vitiligo



- an early onset in childhood
- one or more macules involving in an unilateral segment of the body, a dermatomal distribution or blaschkoid pattern
- the macules does not cross the midline

# Unilateral (Segmental) vitiligo



- Trigeminal area is the most common site of involvement
- The lesions develop rapidly over short span of time in a localized area and then remain stable

# Unilateral (Segmental) vitiligo

- Half of the cases are associated with poliosis
- Koebnerization not seen
- The lower incidence of family history of vitiligo and coexisting autoimmune disorders in SV has been reported.



# Unilateral (Segmental) vitiligo



- The incidence of halo nevi is lower in SV
- Halo nevi is a marker for progression of SV to NSV

# Mucosal Vitiligo

- lip involvement is the most common area
- involving any other mucosal structures (such as genitalia, nipples, gingiva)
- smoking is a precipitating factor
- mucosal involvement in generalized vitiligo is associated with progression of disease and also predicts poor prognosis



# Generalized Vitiligo

1. Vitiligo vulgaris
2. Acrofacial vitiligo
3. Mixed form

# Vitiligo vulgaris

- The most common type of vitiligo.
- May begin later in life
- Characterized by few to many widespread macules
- Often symmetrically placed
- Seen at site sensitive to pressure, friction or trauma.
- The most common sites of involvement are fingers, wrists, axillae and groin, body orifices such as the mouth, eyes and genitals)



# Vitiligo vulgaris



- typically progressive with flare-ups
- often associated with family history
- A higher incidence of autoimmune thyroid diseases
- Koebner phenomenon is commonly positive

# Acrofacial vitiligo



# Mixed type

- More than one subtype of vitiligo in a patient

# Universal Vitiligo

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- a few remaining normal macules
- Associated with the multiple endocrinopathy syndrome

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# Cutaneous abnormalities in vitiligo

# Leucotrichia (poliosis)



- Reported in 9 to 45 % of vitiligo patients
- Reported that extensive hair depigmentation may be a marker for poor prognosis



# Halo nevi



- Commonly seen in vitiligo patients
- Confluence of these lesions in the stage of disappearance of the nevus leaves a typical vitiligo macule

# Alopecia areata



- Reported in up to 16% of vitiligo patients

# Vitiligo and ocular disease

- The most common ocular abnormality in vitiligo is uveitis
- The others are iris and retinal pigmentary abnormalities

# Vitiligo and otic abnormalities

- Abnormal sensory hearing loss  
(suggesting an impairment of cochlear melanocytes)

# Vitiligo and Systemic disease associations

More common associations	Less common associations
Addison disease	Bazex syndrome
Alopeci areata	Alezzandri syndrome
Atopic dermatitis	APECED syndrome
<b>Autoimmune thyroid disease</b>	Asthma
Chronic urticaria	Ataxi-Telangiectasia
<b>Diabetes mellitus</b>	Deafness
Halo nevi	Dysgamaglobulinemia
Hypoacusis	HIV
Hypoparathyroidism	Inflammatory bowel disease
Ichtiyosis	Kabuki syndrome
Ocular abnormalities	Kaposi sarcoma
<b>Pernisious anemia</b>	Melanoma
<b>Psoriasis</b>	MELAS syndrome
Rheumatoid arthritis	Morphea
	Multiple sclerosis
	Myastenia gravis
	Nonmelanoma skin cancer
	Pemphigus vulgaris
	Sarcoidosis
	Scmidt syndrome
	Systemic lupus erythematosus
	Vogt-Koyagani-Harada syndrome

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# Childhood Vitiligo



- The frequency of SV is significantly increased in children compared with than in adults
- a slower rate of progression
- a higher prevalence of allergic diseases and lower prevalence of thyroid diseases
- children with vitiligo have been increased incidence of autoimmune antibody production
- more frequently in girls
- It has been reported that childhood-onset vitiligo had a significantly greater percentage of patients with a family history of vitiligo



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# Course of vitiligo

- The natural course of vitiligo is unpredictable.
- The most common course is one of gradual evaluation of existing macules and periodic development of new lesions
- The onset of the disease is usually asymptomatic with appearance of a single or less often multiple macules.
- Following by progression for a time or a period of stability can be seen.
- Focal vitiligo may be a precursor of generalized vitiligo.
- Total spontaneous regression is rare.
- Segmental vitiligo is usually very stable.
- There is no consensus regarding the clinical evaluation of disease activity in vitiligo.

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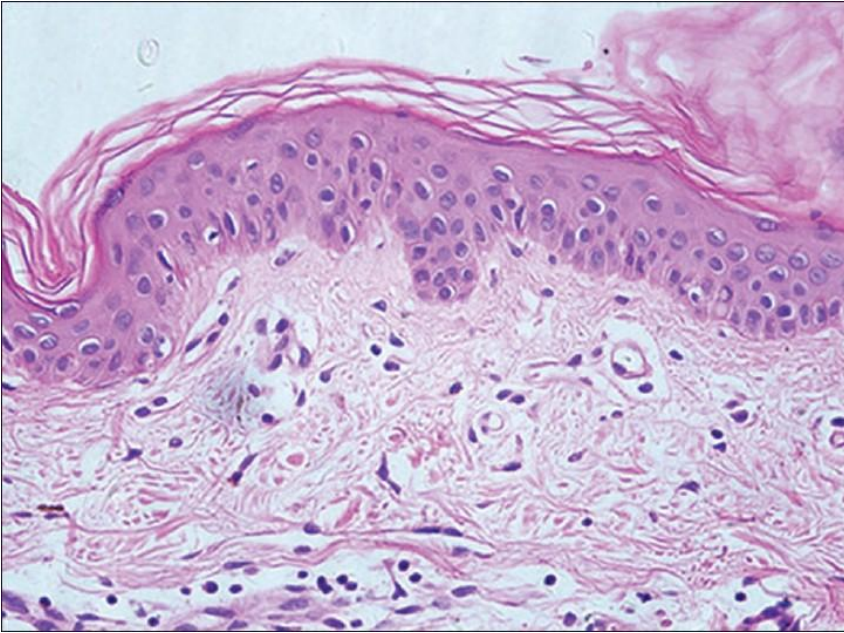
# Diagnostic considerations



- The diagnosis of vitiligo is based on clinical examination
- Inspection with a wood lamp



# Diagnostic considerations



- Biopsy is occasionally helpful for differentiating vitiligo from other hypopigmentary disorders

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# Differential Diagnosis

<p><b>Chemically-induced leukoderma (often occupational)</b> Phenol and other derivatives</p>	<p><b>Genetic syndromes</b> Hypomelanosis of Ito Piebaldism Tuberous sclerosis Vogt-Koyagani-Harada syndrome Waardenburg syndrome</p>
<p><b>Infections</b> Leishmaniasis Leprosy Onchocerciasis <b>Tinea versicolor</b> Treponematoses</p>	<p><b>Postinflammatory hypopigmentation</b> Atopic dermatitis Nummular dermatitis Phototherapy or radiotherapy induced hypopigmentation Pityriasis alba Psoriasis Systemic lupus erythematosus Topical or systemic drug-induced hypopigmentation</p>
<p><b>Idiopathic</b> <b>Idiopathic guttate hypomelanosis</b> Lichen sclerosus et atrophicus Progressive macular hypomelanosis</p>	<p><b>Malformations</b> <b>Nevus anemicus</b> Nevus depigmentosus</p>
<p><b>Neoplastic</b> Amelanotic melanoma Mycosis fungoides</p>	

# Conclusion

## Vitiligo;

- the most common depigmentation disorder,
- men and women are equally affected,
- half of the patients develop the disease before 20 years of age,
- classified into localized, generalized and universal,
- lesions typically develop in areas of friction (Koebner phenomenon),
- generalized vitiligo is the most common type,
- higher prevalence of thyroid diseases,
- association with ocular and otic abnormalities,
- the differential diagnosis is broad,
- the clinical course of disease is unpredictable

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