Pyoderma Gangrenosum Fails Initial Treatment Plans

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Photo Clinic: A case of pyoderma gangrenosum that failed antibiotics, steroids, other immunosuppressive agents, thalidomide and cyclosporine.

In these images, we feature a case of pyoderma gangrenosum that failed antibiotics, steroids, other immunosuppressive agents, thalidomide and cyclosporine. Pyoderma gangrenosum is a rare skin ulcer with a pathogenesis that is not yet fully understood, although it is believed to have an immune-related connection. It is frequently associated with rheumatic diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases (IBDs), and endocrine and hematologic disorders.

It often responds to systemic corticosteroid therapy, but in this case, it did not. This patient lived with the condition for years, until a successful round of active IVIG treatment. Her immune response has been described as “remarkable.”

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