Molluscum Contagiosum

Case Description
10-year-old boy with multiple small nodular skin lesions around his left eye

Image Description

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multiple waxy and nodular skin lesions with central umbilication

Differential Diagnosis
- molluscum contagiosum
  - spreads by direct contact
  - children
  - multiple small papules with central umbilication
  - chromic follicular conjunctivitis

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- BCC
- nevus

Data acquisition
- History
  - onset & course of symptoms
    - chronic ocular irritation
  - other skin lesions
  - if multiple
    - immunodeficiency
      - AIDS
      - chemotherapy
      - chronic steroid use
- Physical Exam
  - basal cell carcinoma
    - more telangiectasia
    - nodular border
    - central crater
    - lash loss
  - follicular conjunctivitis
  - corneal pannus

Treatment
- Medical
  - eye lubrication
  - observation
- Surgical
  - send for pathologic evaluation
    - unroofing & curettage
  - extraocular lesions
    - cryo
    - cautery
    - laser

Additional Testing
- if multiple lesions
  - HIV serology

Assessment
- molluscum contagiosum

Patient Education
- Prognosis & Complications
  - good prognosis
    - resolution of symptoms spontaneously or after excision
    - spontaneous resolution can take months to years

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