
Chiefs' Rounds



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- No financial disclosures
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History

- 44-year old Caucasian male presents with intermittent sharp pains along his right cheek bone extending towards nose for 4 days
- Notices small bumps in the same area
- Presents to Urgent Care

Past Ocular History

- Red-Green color blindness

Past Medical History

- None

Past Surgical History

- None

Medications

- None

Social and Family History

- No alcohol, smoking, or drug use
- Owns a dog, no other pets
- Recreationally plays basketball
- Recent hiking trip
- Family history:
 - HTN

Review of Systems

- None

Physical Exam

- Head and Neck:
 - Normocephalic, Atraumatic
 - Mild edema and erythema along the lower eyelid and infraorbital rim, nontender
 - No palpable preauricular, submandibular, or other lymph nodes
 - No other facial erythema, tenderness, edema
 - Cranial nerves II-XII intact
 - No hypoesthesia in the V1, V2, or V3 distribution bilaterally

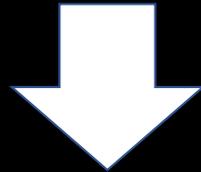
Urgent Care setting: Next step?

Management

- Presumptive diagnosis: Varicella Zoster Dermatitis in Right-sided V2 distribution
- Started on Valacyclovir 1g three times daily

Interval

- Continued occasional sharp, 9/10 pains in same area
 - Prescribed Gabapentin by Primary Care Provider
- Increased swelling and redness of infraorbital region
- Notices 1-2 small bumps



- Referred to outside ophthalmologist 2 weeks after Urgent Care visit

V
sc 20/20
20/20

P
Normal
Normal

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App 15
16

CVF
Full
Full

EOM
Full, ortho
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No pain with extraocular movements
No proptosis

Exam

Adnexal exam:

1x1cm firm area of erythema and swelling over the right lacrimal sac. Tender, mildly fluctuant. Small area of scabbing over the right lacrimal sac.

No vesicular lesions. No preauricular or submandibular lymph nodes palpable

No trigeminal hypoesthesia in the V1, V2, or V3 distribution bilaterally

OD		OS
1+ Edema RUL, LLL 1+ Erythema RUL, LLL	Lids	Quiet
Trace diffuse chemosis Trace nasal injection	Conjunctiva	White and Quiet
Clear	Cornea	Clear
Deep and Quiet	Anterior Chamber	Deep and Quiet
Flat	Iris	Flat
Clear	Lens	Clear



Differential
diagnosis?

Differential: Lower eyelid / Lacrimal sac swelling

Infectious:

- Dacryocystitis
- Preseptal cellulitis
- Orbital cellulitis
- Acute ethmoidal sinusitis
- Canaliculitis
- Herpetic dermatitis
- Infected sebaceous cyst
- Parasitic

Miscellaneous:

- Dacryocystocele
- Frontal sinus mucocele/mucopyocele

Neoplastic:

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Next step?

Management

- Discharged on Cephalexin
- Given strict return precautions if symptoms worsen

Interval

- Current Rx: Gabapentin PRN
 - s/p Valacyclovir, Cephalexin
- Patient seen in Urgent Care → started Clindamycin
- Following day: continued pain in same distribution
- Instructed to proceed to the Wills Eye Emergency Room by PCP

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Adnexal exam:

2x1cm firm, tender, mildly fluctuant area of erythema and swelling over the right lacrimal sac.

Central 0.2mm central opening with scant serosanguinous drainage.

No further discharge upon digital palpation

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Dilated Fundus Exam

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Clear, no vitreous cell	Vitreous	Clear, no vitreous cell
Normal, C/D 0.2	Disc	Normal, C/D 0.2
Flat	Macula	Flat
Normal	Vessels	Normal
Normal	Periphery	Normal



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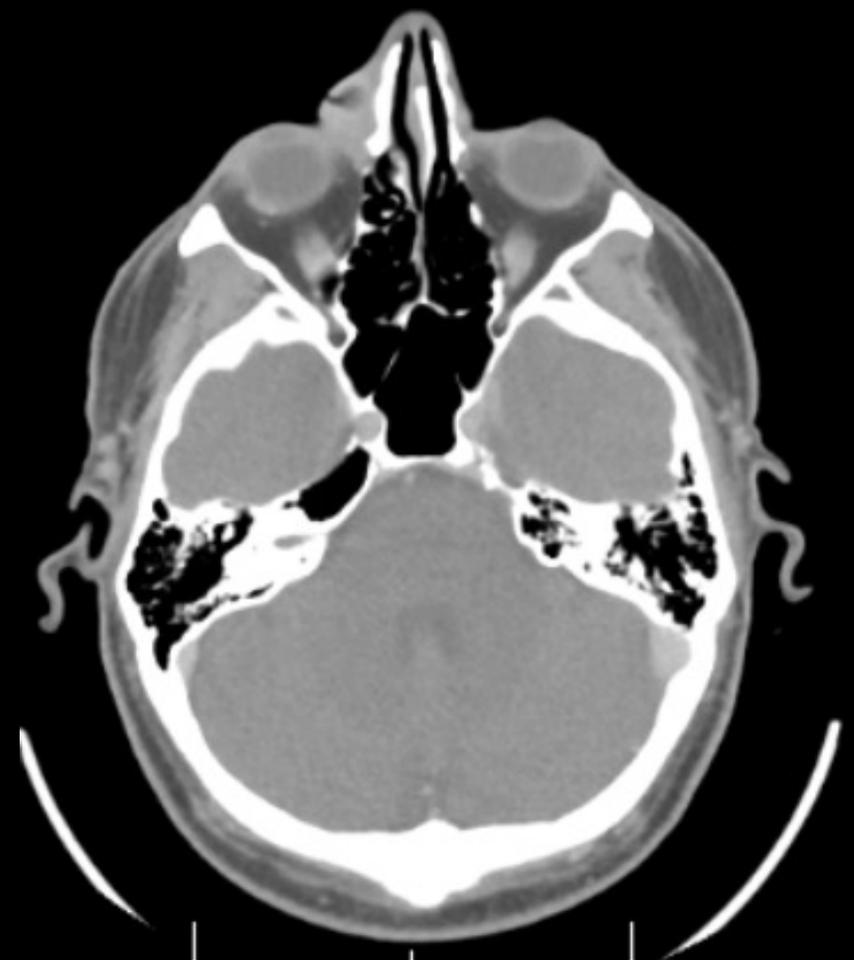
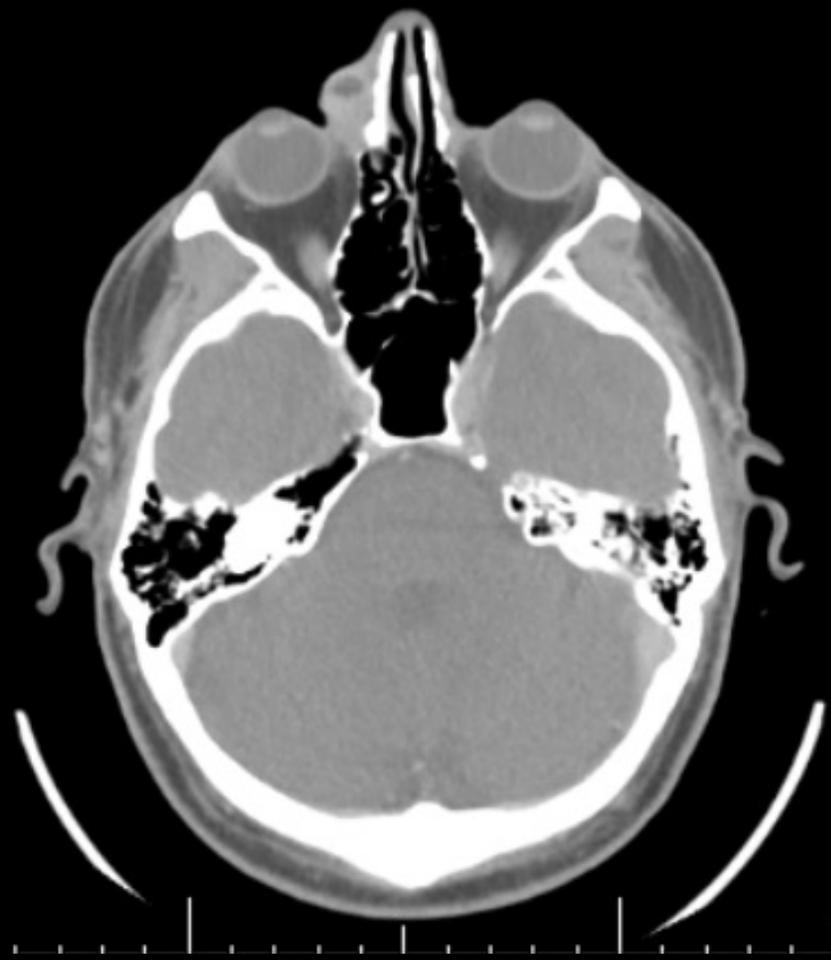
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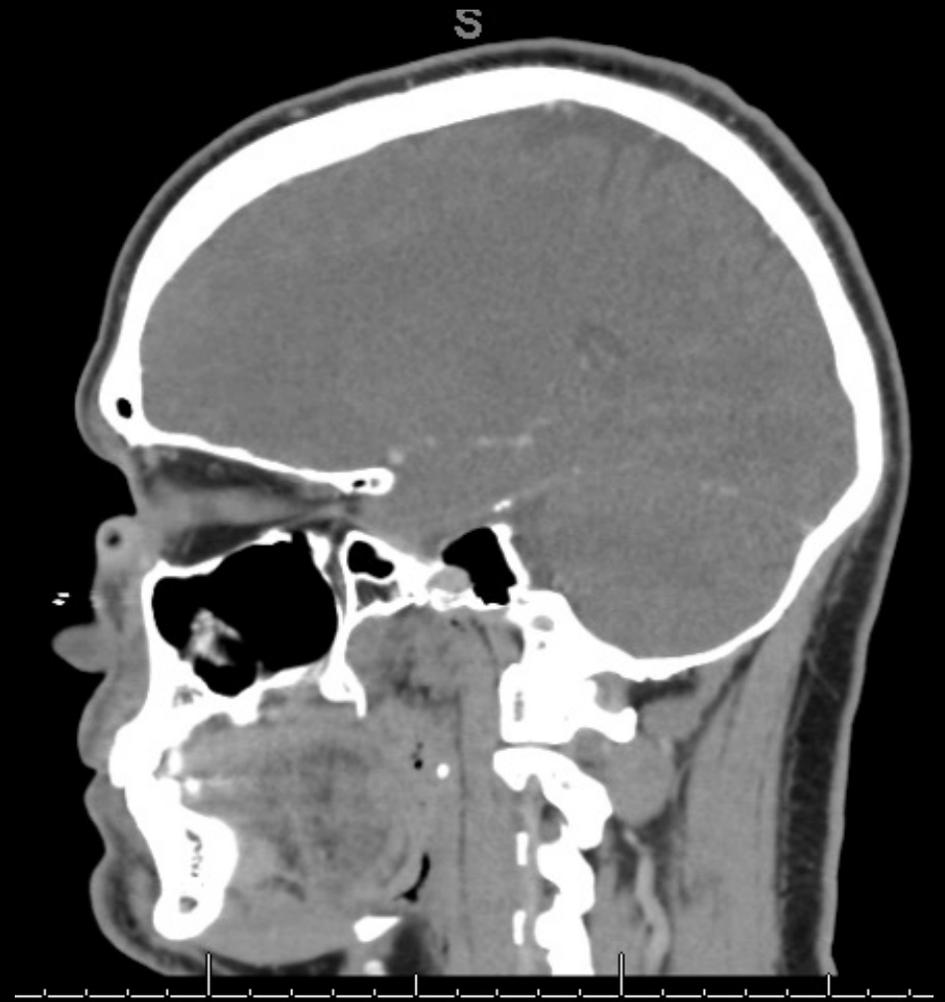
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Next steps?

Further Work-Up?





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Management

- Rx: 1 dose IV cephalexin, Continue clindamycin, Start trimethoprim / sulfamethoxazole
- Referred to Oculoplastics clinic in 3 days

Interval:

- While at home showering patient notices firm debris in opening
- Gentle pressure → Expels single piece of debris
- Presents to outside Emergency Room



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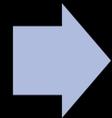
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Outside Emergency Room visit:

- Debris identified as botfly larva
- No further larvae identified
- Instructed to follow up in oculoplastics clinic

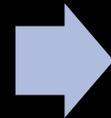
Wills
Emergency
Room

2 days



Larva expelled
and Emergency
Room visit

1 day



Oculoplastics
Appointment

Referred to Oculoplastics Clinic

- Area of erythema, edema, induration over lacrimal sac for 3.5 weeks
- Interval history: Single large piece of debris expelled from central opening, confirmed as botfly larvae at outside hospital
- SLE remains unremarkable other than conjunctival injection, chemosis

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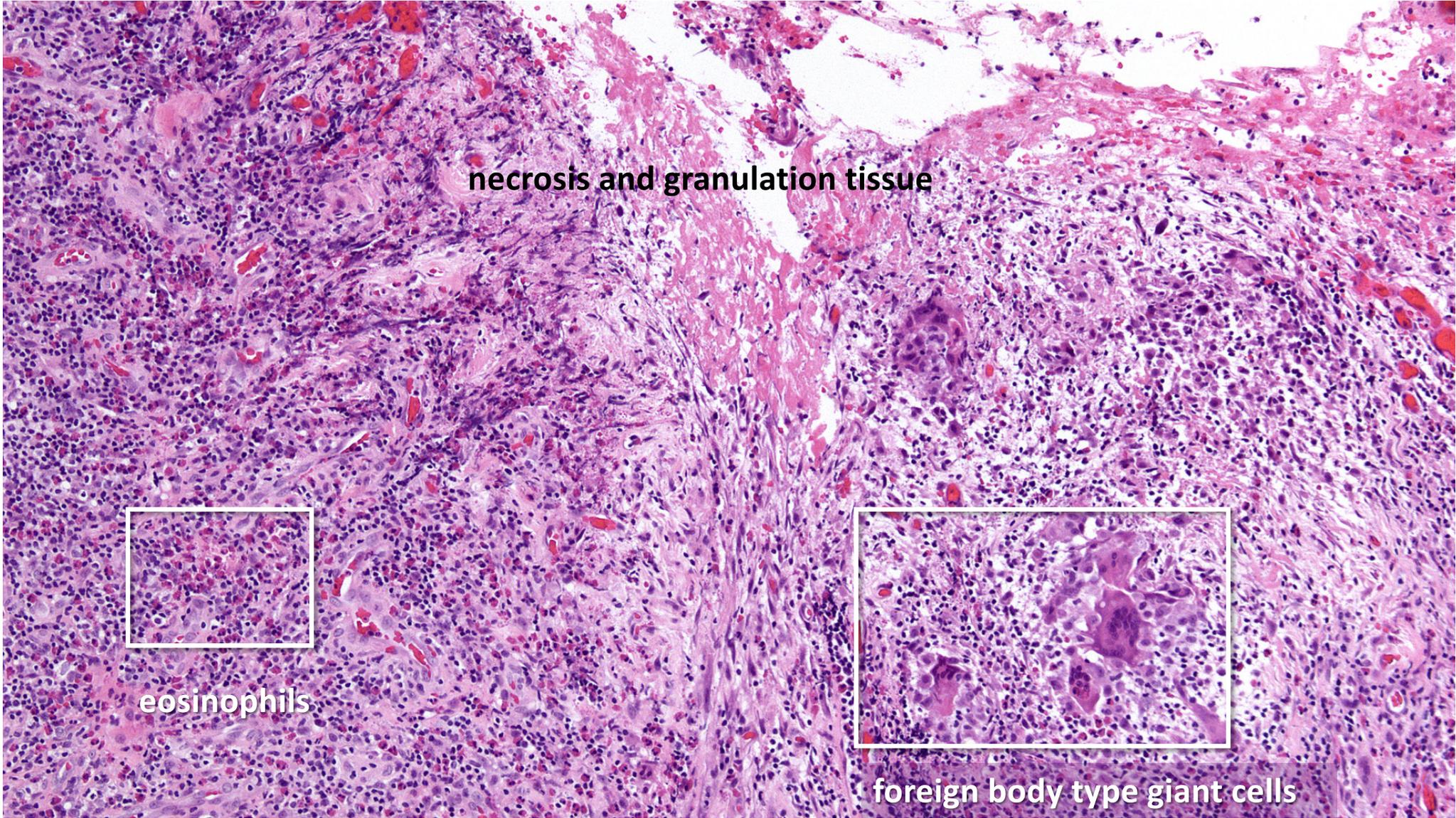
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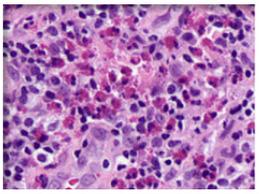
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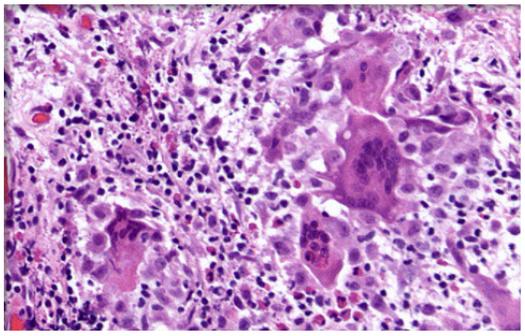
- Scheduled for surgery same week for removal and possible dacryocystorhinostomy
- No involvement of lacrimal system
- Pathology sent:



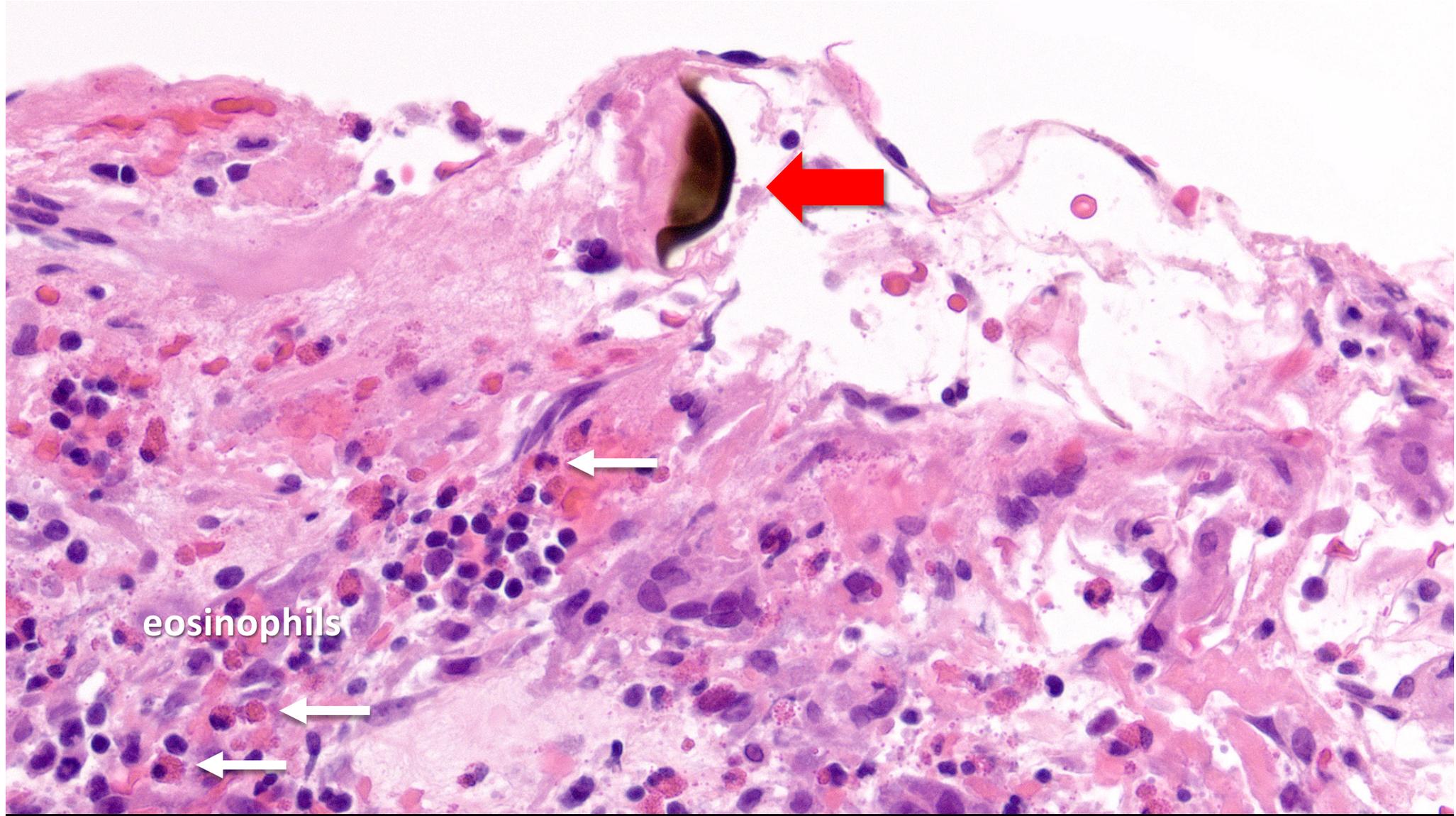
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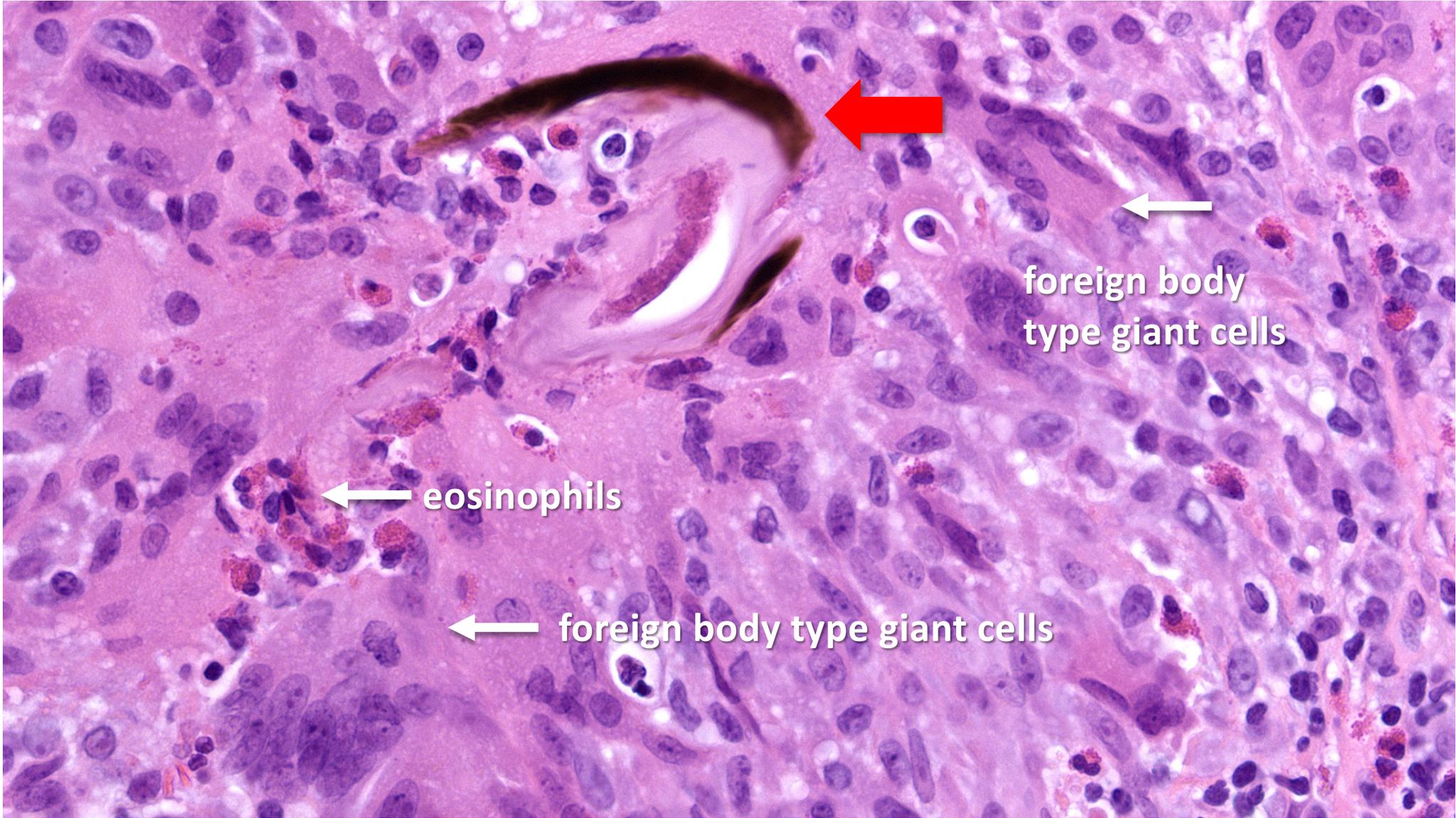
eosinophils



foreign body type giant cells



eosinophils



Post-operative course

- Improved but persistent induration in same location
- Repeat excision in office, trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole started x 7 days
- Patient symptoms resolve

Botfly Myiasis

- Remaining question:
 - Etiology of infestation?

Botfly Myiasis

- Infection with larvae of Diptera (2-winged fly) order
- Greek word for “fly”: *myia*
- Global prevalence:
 - Central and South America: *Dermatobia hominus* (human botfly)
 - Africa: *Cordylobia anthropophaga* (tumbu fly)
- North America:
 - Travelers returning from endemic regions
 - Non-travelers: *Cuterebra* (North American botfly)

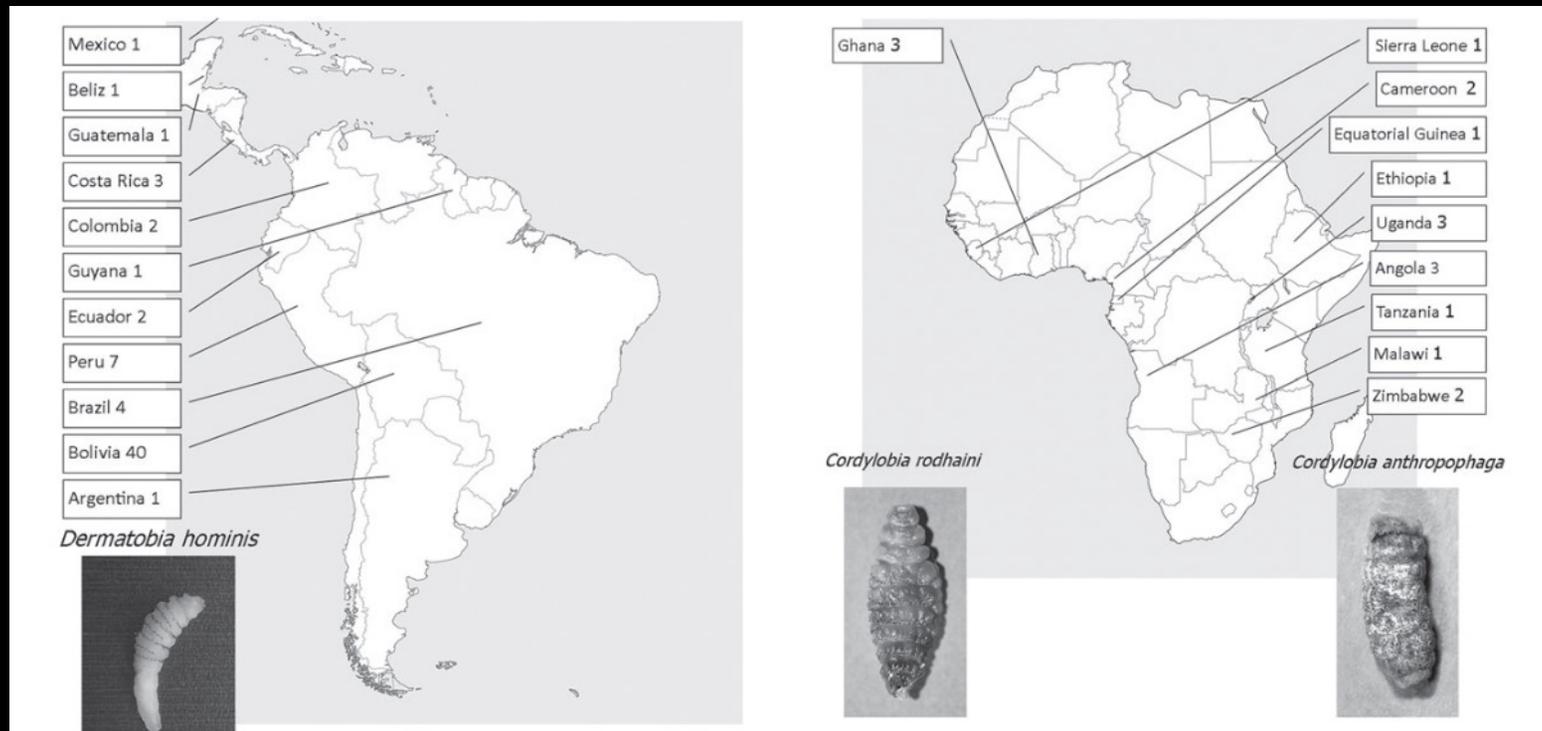
Botfly Myiasis

Myiasis in Travelers FREE

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Botfly Myiasis

North American cuterebrid myiasis

Report of seventeen new infections of human beings and review of the disease

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TROPICAL, TRAVEL AND EMERGING INFECTIONS (L CHEN, SECTION EDITORS)

Cutaneous Myiasis

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Fig. 8. Geographic distribution of known infections of human beings by *Cuterebra*.

Botfly Myiasis

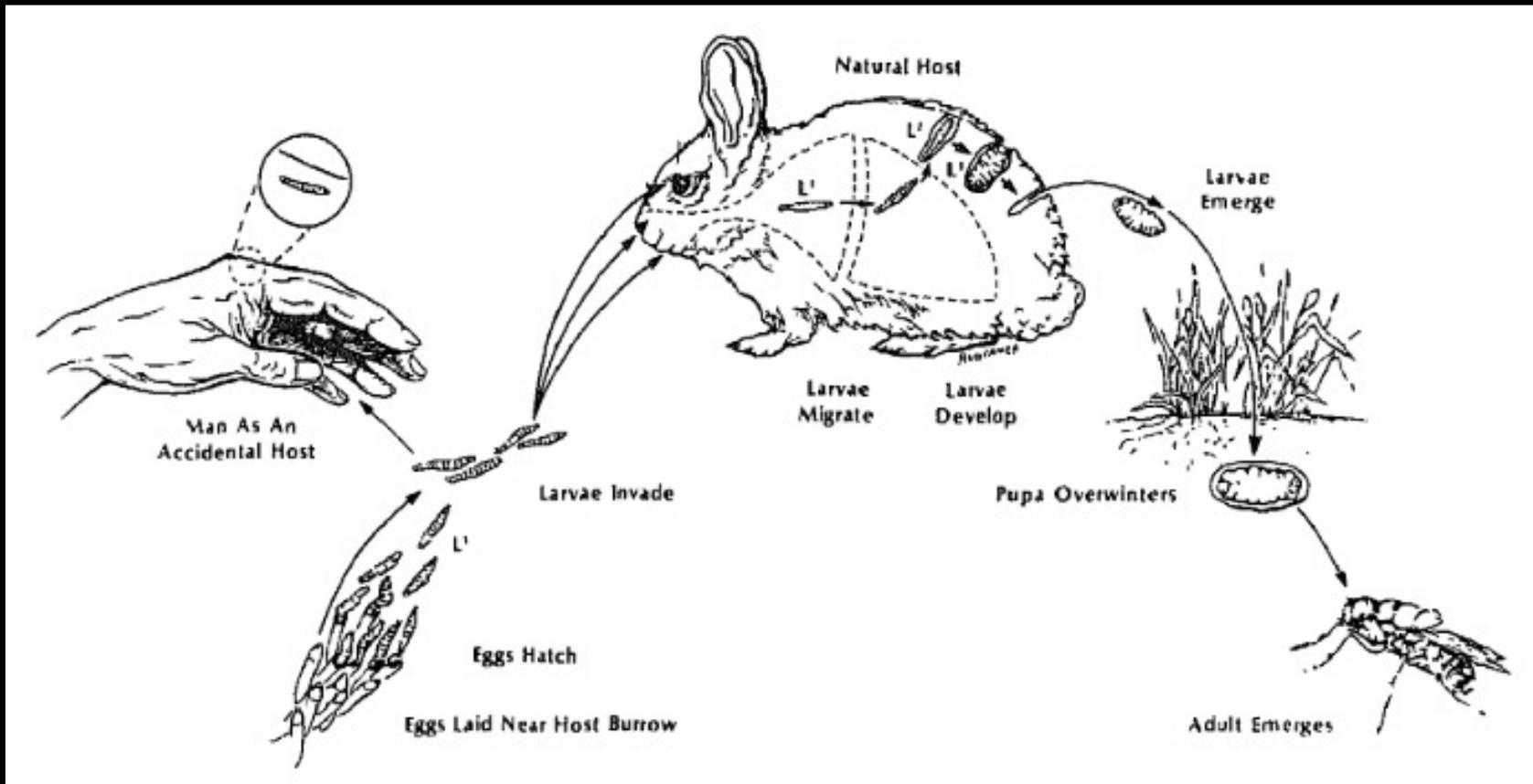
- Most commonly presents as cutaneous infection: Furuncular myiasis
 - Symptoms
 - Sharp, stinging pains
 - Tenderness
 - Pruritis
 - Signs: 1 – 2cm furuncle with characteristic central punctum

Botfly Myiasis

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Medications

- None

Social and Family History

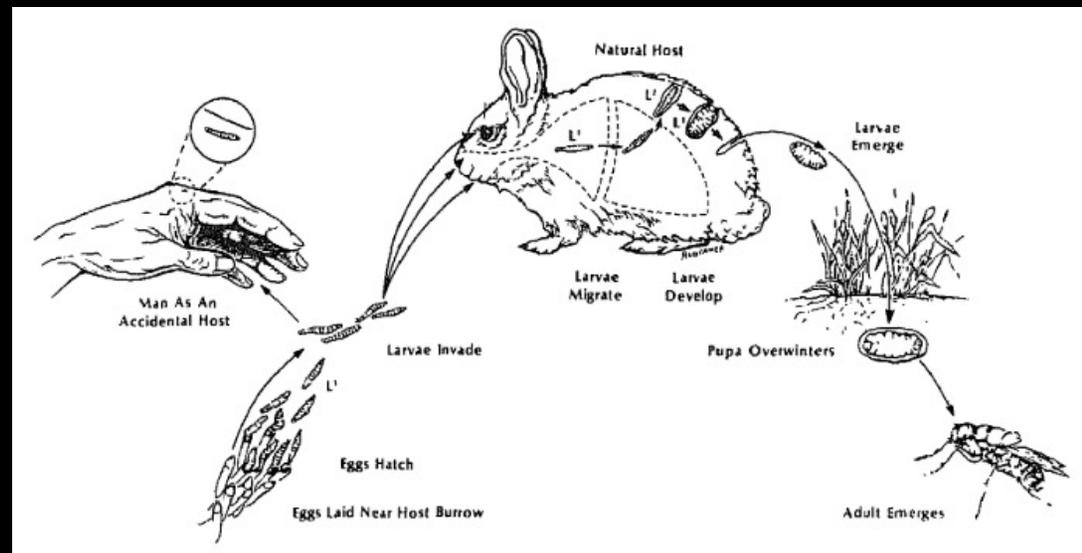
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Review of Systems

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Botfly Myiasis



Botfly Myiasis

- Treatment:
 - Dependent on larva extraction
 - Initial: Oily ointment (e.g. paraffin, petroleum) over breathing hole
 - Suffocation → Manual extraction
 - Persistence: Surgical excision
- Partial extraction: Surgical excision
- Secondary bacterial infection: Antibiotic prophylaxis

Botfly Myiasis



Summary

- 44 yo male presents with sharp infraorbital pains and area of induration with central opening over his right lacrimal sac
- After a hiking trip and in the setting of dog ownership
- Examination of debris extracted from opening demonstrated insect larva
- Histopathologic examination of surgical specimens demonstrated botfly spine in granulomatous and inflammation rich infiltrate
- His presentation is presumed to be from botfly infestation and extraction in addition to surgical debridement resulted in resolution of his symptoms

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