The Typical Carbuncle Form of Cutaneous Anthrax

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Clinical Image

The two images below represent the carbuncle on the 15th day of disease (the 8th day of hospitalization) of the 48 year-old patient from Republic of Moldova that accidentally injured himself while slaughtering three sick lambs. The carbuncle had typical central black eschar, painless, surrounded by a hyperemic halo with secondary blisters with sero-hemorrhagic content, localized on the left edematous hand. There was only regional lymphadenopathy but no other general clinical manifestation. The diagnostic was confirmed by PCR form the carbuncle’s content. Antibacterial Penicillin treatment resulted in gradual complete recovery of the patient.

Figure 1: The carbuncle on the 15th day of disease (the 8th day of hospitalization) of the 48 year-old patient.

Figure 2: The carbuncle had typical central black eschar, painless, surrounded by a hyperemic halo with secondary blisters with sero-hemorrhagic content, localized on the left edematous hand.