



Giant condyloma acuminatum of the perineum

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A 58-year-old woman with a history of severe depression and obesity presented with moderate perineum pain and local swelling with discomfort to sit and walk and with heavy repercussions on the quality of life; local examination revealed a large vegetative verrucous lesion in the perianal area which completely involved the external genital region and the perineum (Fig. 1); although the lesion appeared approximately 30 years before and it gradually grew in dimensions, out of shame, she had not disclosed this event even to her doctor and her family. The test for the presence of human immunodeficiency virus was negative; a large and deep biopsy con-

firmed the diagnosis of condyloma acuminatum and ruled out squamous cell carcinoma.

Giant condyloma acuminatum, also known as Buschke-Löwenstein tumor [1], is a rare sexually transmitted disease (HPV-related) which however, in consideration of the often considerable dimensions that characterize it, can stress not only aesthetic discomfort but also real anatomical-functional problems.

The therapy is not yet standardized but, traditionally, surgical resection is the treatment of choice, although a high local recurrence rate is reported [2].

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Fig. 1. The figure shows a large vegetative verrucous lesion in the perianal area which completely involved the external genital region and the perineum.

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