

Picture of the Month

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A 15-YEAR-OLD GIRL PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE with a 3-day history of dark-purple and tender plaques on her lateral thighs and buttocks that were increasing in number (**Figure 1** and **Figure 2**). Many appeared to be necrotic. This patient had a history of protein S deficiency diagnosed after a pulmonary embolism 1 year before presentation and was undergoing long-term anticoagulation therapy with warfarin. She stopped taking the warfarin as prescribed 2 to 3 weeks prior to presentation and when it was noted that she had a subtherapeutic international normalized ratio, the patient restarted warfarin. A punch biopsy of a representative plaque on the lateral thigh was performed and confirmed the diagnosis.

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Figure 1. Photograph of 1 necrotic plaque on the left lateral thigh.

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Figure 2. Photograph depicting numerous necrotic plaques on the lateral thigh.