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3. Intricacy of Disseminated Coccidioidomycosis

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Abstract:

Coccidioidomycosis is a highly prevalent disease in the Western hemisphere. It is one of the most virulent primary fungal infections. *Coccidioides* species causing mainly pulmonary infection through inhalation of arthroconidia although the majority of infected persons experienced respiratory infections, severe pneumonia, particularly among those with occupational exposures, immunosuppression and certain high risk ethnic group. Since the first case of coccidioidomycosis was reported in 1892, the skin has been identified as an important target of this disease. Knowledge of cutaneous clinical forms of this infection is important and very useful for establishing prompt diagnosis and treatment. In this review we discuss epidemiology, diagnosis and current therapy of this illness.

1. Introduction:

Coccidioidomycosis is commonly known as a Valley fever, is a fungal infection with high morbidity and potential mortality affecting persons in the endemic areas. *Coccidioides* species are endemic to certain arid to semiarid regions of the southwestern United States, northern Mexico, and scattered areas of Central and South America [1]. Recent epidemiological and population studies suggest that the geographic range of coccidioidomycosis is expanding, as new cases have been identified in the state of Washington, well outside the established endemic range [2]. Two different species have been found as causative agents: *Coccidioides immitis* and *C. posadasii*. The former appears to be limited to Southern California and Northern Mexico, while the latter occurs in all other endemic areas [3]. It is almost exclusively prevalent in the Western Hemisphere, mostly in semiarid to arid life zones of Southwestern United States, north of Mexico, and some places in Central and South America [4]. This fungal infection can cause a broad clinical spectrum: