

Dermatology Eponyms – sign –Lexicon (Y)

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ABSTRACT

Eponyms are used almost daily in the clinical practice of dermatology. And yet, information about the person behind the eponyms is difficult to find. Indeed, who is? What is this person's nationality? Is this person alive or dead? How can one find the paper in which this person first described the disease? Eponyms are used to describe not only disease, but also clinical signs, surgical procedures, staining techniques, pharmacological formulations, and even pieces of equipment. In this article we present the symptoms starting with (Y) and other. The symptoms and their synonyms, and those who have described this symptom or phenomenon.

Key words: Eponyms; Skin Diseases; Sign; Phenomenon

YABA SIGN

Large hard benign skin lesions that are painful, caused by the zoonotic yaba pox virus found in monkeys. These lesions often occur on the face and hairless areas [1,2].

YAK SWELLING SIGN

Painless skin swellings sometimes with ocular and neurologic complications, caused by the ingestion of tapeworm eggs in faeces. Also called eoenuriasis and bladderworm disease from the zoonotic *Taenia* cestodes [3].

YELLOW LEGS SIGN

Indolent ulcers on yellow legs; a presentation of syphilis [4,5].

MIKHAIL AFANASIEVICH BULGAKOV

Russian physician, 1891-1940 (Fig. 1), was a Russian physician-writer whose doctor stories are based on his experience as a rural physician in a small village

called Nikolskoye in the province of Smolensk.1(p8) Nikolskoye was his first assignment after studying medicine at Kiev University. After 18 months in Nikolskoye, he went on to specialize in venereology in Kiev. Shortly thereafter, he gave up a career in medicine for writing. All his life he was sceptical to the Soviet system and used his satire against the regime. He worked on his main work, *The Master and Margarita*, from 1928 until his death. The novel was not published in his lifetime [6,7].



Figure 1: Mikhail Afanasievich Bulgakov.

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Figure 2: Yoruba sign.

YELLOW WATER SIGN

Animal urine in water can transmit zoonotic leptospirosis, causing fever, liver and kidney failure, as well death [8-11].

YEMEN SIGN

Bilharzia parasite infection from ablution pools in mosques [12]. Also known as Ablution sign.

YORUBA SIGN

Scars on the cheeks, a sign of ceremonial tribal markings by the Yoruba of Africa (Fig. 2) [13,14].

YUMAN SIGN

Several blue lines on the chin. A sign of ceremonial tattooing in Mojave and Apaches-Yumas natives [15].

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