Vibrio vulnificus Skin Lesion

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An elderly male with end-stage liver cirrhosis and a recent history of raw oyster ingestion presented with fever and skin lesions. The aspirate from the skin lesions and the blood cultures grew *Vibrio vulnificus*. In spite of intensive supportive therapy and intravenous antibiotics, the patient expired. In patients with cirrhosis, infection with *V. vulnificus* results in hematogenous seeding of the skin, usually of the lower extremities. Cutaneous lesions begin with edema and erythema, followed by vesicles and bullae formation and ultimately necrosis and sloughing.

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