A few fascinating signs characterize different dermatologic disorders, i.e. the caquet tack sign in discoid lupus erythematosus, the dimple sign in dermatofibroma and the ‘nose

![Diagram of a typical medallion lesion of PR with scales attached at the margin and free at the centre.](image1)

Fig. 1. Schematic diagram showing a typical medallion lesion of PR with scales attached at the margin and free at the centre.

A collarette of scales attached at the margin with a clear centre characterizes a typical medallion lesion of PR [2] (fig. 1). When the skin is stretched across the long axis of a medallion lesion of

![Diagram of infolding of a lesion along its long axis (arrows) mimicking a hanging curtain.](image2)

Fig. 2. Schematic diagram showing infolding of a lesion along its long axis (arrows) mimicking a hanging curtain.

The ‘hanging curtain’ sign recently described by us in a couple of dermatoses [1]. We herein describe a sign recently observed by us in patients with pityriasis rosea (PR).
PR, the scales being finer, lighter and attached at one end tend to fold across the line of stretch (fig. 2). This gives the appearance of a hanging curtain which is also attached at one end (hanging string) and hangs with multiple folds along its long axis, gravitational force being the stretch factor.

The diagnosis of PR tends to be missed when only the herald patch is present, when lesions are few or the peripheral collarette of scales is not clearly distinguishable. In such circumstances this sign helps to diagnose PR and sufficiently excludes other closely similar conditions.

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