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## JULY IOTADERMA (#305)

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Most dermatologists know about the harmless entity of piezogenic pedal papules [fat protrusions detected on the transgredal area of the feet when a person is standing upright]. On the other hand, do you happen to know what piezo1 and piezo2 are, where they are located in the skin, and with what sort of basic process they are involved?

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## JUNE IOTADERMA (#304)

**Question:** We all commonly encounter the “chicken skin” of dermatoheliosis on the neck (aka, poikiloderma of Civatte), and many of us even remember the “goose skin” findings seen in pellagra. Do you happen to know what a “turkey ear” is, and in what diseases it can sometimes be noted?

**Answer:** Turkey ear refers to the uncommonly encountered clinical finding of purplish/brownish, erythematous, and quite indurated plaques and nodules on the earlobes and lower portions of the ear.<sup>1-3</sup> Such helical lesions have been associated with lupus pernio (sarcoidosis), but this cutaneous manifestation has also been described in some rare patients with lupus vulgaris (cutaneous tuberculosis). The differential diagnoses of this type of earlobe finding should include other deep granulomatous conditions such as a fungal infections, lymphoma, granuloma annulare, tuberculoid leprosy, and some others. These ear lesions will often clear with appropriate therapies for their respective diseases, commonly leaving behind scarring and hyperpigmentation.

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