



PYOGENIC GRANULOMA

Pyogenic granulomas are harmless growth of blood vessels on the surface of the skin. They may occur at any age and we rarely identify the cause. Trauma to the site may cause some lesions. Pyogenic granulomas appear as a single dull red, raised nodule. The surface is smooth, but because the lesion bleeds easily, it may be crusted, eroded or ulcerated.

Since pyogenic granulomas bleed easily, they are usually removed in the office. Lesions may be surgically removed under local anesthetic and the bottom cauterized with an electric needle to prevent recurrence. A small scar usually results. Alternatively, a pulsed dye (vascular specific) laser may be used. There is a small chance that the pyogenic granuloma will recur within a few weeks after treatment. If so, please inform your dermatologist.