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A case of supernumerary nipples

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Supernumerary nipples or polythelias are frequent malformations of mammary tissues. They can be hereditary or occur sporadically. They are sometimes associated with congenital diseases, namely cardiac, vertebral, central nervous system and dental abnormalities. We report a case of sporadic supernumerary nipples in a 16-year-old boy. It was a 16-year-old patient, hospitalized for persistent fever related to miliary tuberculosis. He did not have a particular personal history. No member of the family has skin abnormalities. The physical examination incidentally discovered accessory nipples, about 10 to 15 cm below the left and right nipples (Figure 1). They were small brown papules, surrounded by a pigmented areola. Each nipple was found on the axillo- inguinal line or embryologic breast crest (Figure 2). The rest of the physical examination was normal. Renal and urinary tract ultrasound, cardiac Doppler ultrasounds were normal. The discovery of a supernumerary nipple requires a complete clinical examination in search of other associated malformations.



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Figure 1: Nipples accessories below right and left breasts



Figure 2: Supernumerary nipple right