

Letter to the Editor

Frictional Asymptomatic Darkening of the Extensor Surfaces

Dear *Cutis*[®]:

We recently became aware of a published report that supports the concepts outlined in our article, "Frictional Asymptomatic Darkening of the Extensor Surfaces" (*Cutis*. 2005;75:349-355). In 1970, Dahl¹ reported that patients with chronic pulmonary emphysema often develop asymptomatic hyperpigmentation on their anterior distal thighs, which results from chronic irritation corresponding with the areas of contact between the arms and thighs in patients who chronically assume a characteristic "dyspneic posture."¹ The presumed pathophysiologic basis and clinical appearance suggest this is a variant of frictional asymptomatic darkening of the extensor surfaces.

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