

## ABSTRACT

Pitted keratolysis is a relatively common, but rarely documented condition in which the patient presents with numerous superficial crater-like lesions on the weight-bearing regions of one or both feet. It is generally accepted that the erosions are due to the keratolytic actions of microorganisms, and that the condition is exacerbated by the presence of hyperhidrosis, occlusive footwear and high humidity, all of which act to provide ideal growth conditions for the microbes involved. In moderate to severe cases, this condition can cause a pungent malodour of the feet which patients often find embarrassing. Treatment is largely through improved personal hygiene, improved and maintained drying of the feet, and when necessary, through the use of topical antibiotics or bacteriocidal washes.

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