

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Acral Arteriovenous Tumor

In a recent issue of your journal, Carapeto, Garcia-Perez, and Winkelmann (1) described 15 patients with acral arteriovenous skin tumors. The authors stated that they were unable to find similar cases in the literature. Girard, Graham and Johnson (2), however, reported 69 patients with the same disorder in 1974. The tumors in these patients were similar to those reported by Carapeto et al., but a greater percentage of lesions were located periorally and 10% of the tumors were associated with pain or pruritus. Girard et al. also noted that the arteriovenous tumors located on the scalp were more inflammatory and had markedly fewer venous channels than those located elsewhere. Apparently, these authors have had considerable experience

with this entity since the tumor was correctly diagnosed clinically in 18 of their 69 cases.

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