Clinical Presentation of Calciphylaxis

Painful skin lesions

- Most common
- Early part of the presentation
 - Plaque
 - Simple nodule
- Location
 - Clue for early diagnosis
 - Central part of the body
 - Lower abdomen
 - Upper thighs

Ulcers

- Not always present
- Dry
 - Minimal oozing



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Early Diagnosis

Purplish or pinkish discoloration of the skin around the nodules or plaques





Management of Patients with Calciphylaxis

- Multidisciplinary management approach
 - Wound management
 - Assess tissue viability
 - Wound debridement
 - Have greater understanding of dressings
 - Goal: prevent infection → decreased risk of sepsis
 - Pain management
 - Pain is the hallmark of calciphylaxis
 - Highest impact on the quality of life of patients
 - Engage a pain specialist
 - Narcotic analgesics are often required for severe pain
 - Palliative care
 - Advanced care planning
 - Therapies to address risk factors

The annual mortality rate is reported to be as high as 60% in patients with calciphylaxis



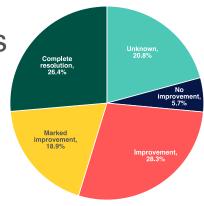
Management of Patients with Calciphylaxis

- Ensure adequacy of dialysis frequency
- Pharmacotherapies

Management of Bone and Mineral Abnormalities		
Calcium	Phosphate	PTH

- Cinacalcet's ability to alter the disease remains unclear
- Withdrawal of therapies can contribute to calciphylaxis
 - Eg, warfarin, iron, calcium, corticosteroids, vitamin D products
- Sodium thiosulfate (STS)





CALCIPHYX Phase 3 Trial

- Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled phase 3 trial
 - Objective: evaluate the efficacy and safety of SNF472 compared with placebo for the treatment of calciphylaxis

SNF472: Novel selective inhibitor of vascular calcification Potential treatment for calciphylaxis

Inhibits the development and progression of ectopic calcifications by **inhibiting hydroxyapatite crystal formation** in blood vessels, preventing cardiovascular calcification

- Phase 2 open-label study of patients with calciphylaxis after 12 weeks of SNF472 treatment showed improvement in
 - Total Bates-Jensen wound assessment tool (BWAT)
 - Pain visual analog scale (VAS)
 - Wound QoL questionnaire

