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Pemphigus vulgaris develops primarily in older individuals, presenting with large and flaccid bullae.

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The earliest recognized change may be either eosinophilic spongiosis rarely or, more commonly, "spong

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purpose, a smear is taken from the underside of the roof and from the base of an early, freshly opened

Because acantholytic keratinocytes are occasionally seen in various nonacantholytic vesiculobullous or



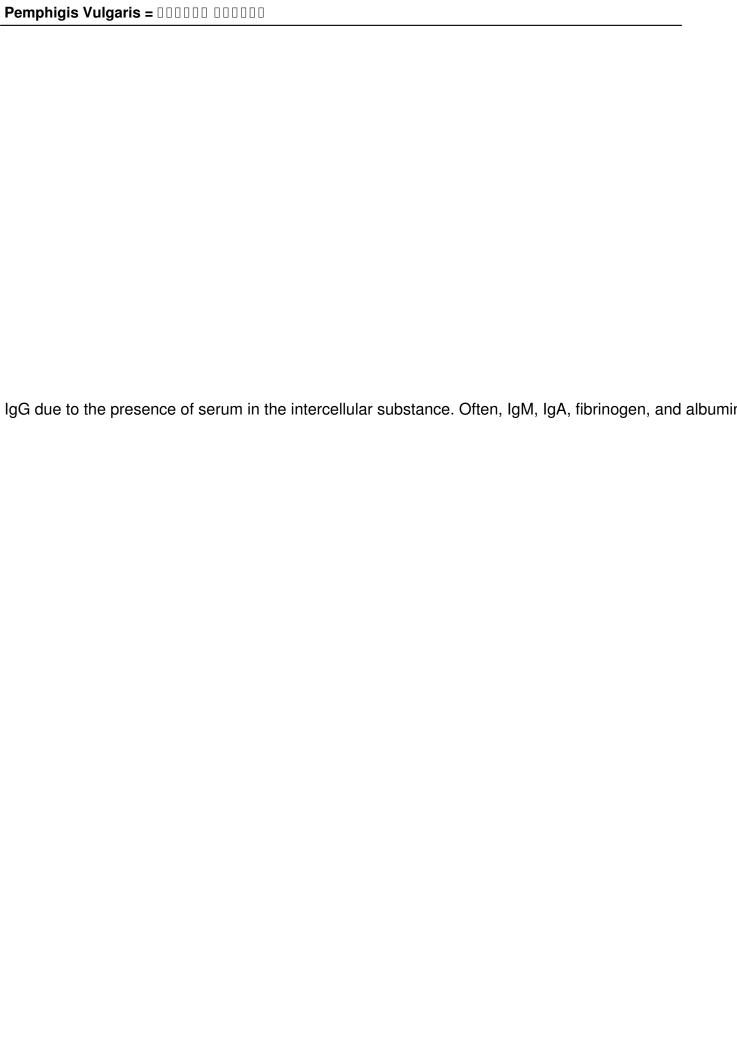


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remission may be a good prognostic indicator . At this time, DIF testing is incorrectly thought by most

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staining of pemphigus from nonspecific staining; for example, spongiotic dermatitis, psoriasis, bullous in

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and epidermis adjacent to ulcers secondary to a number of disorders may have squamous intercellular

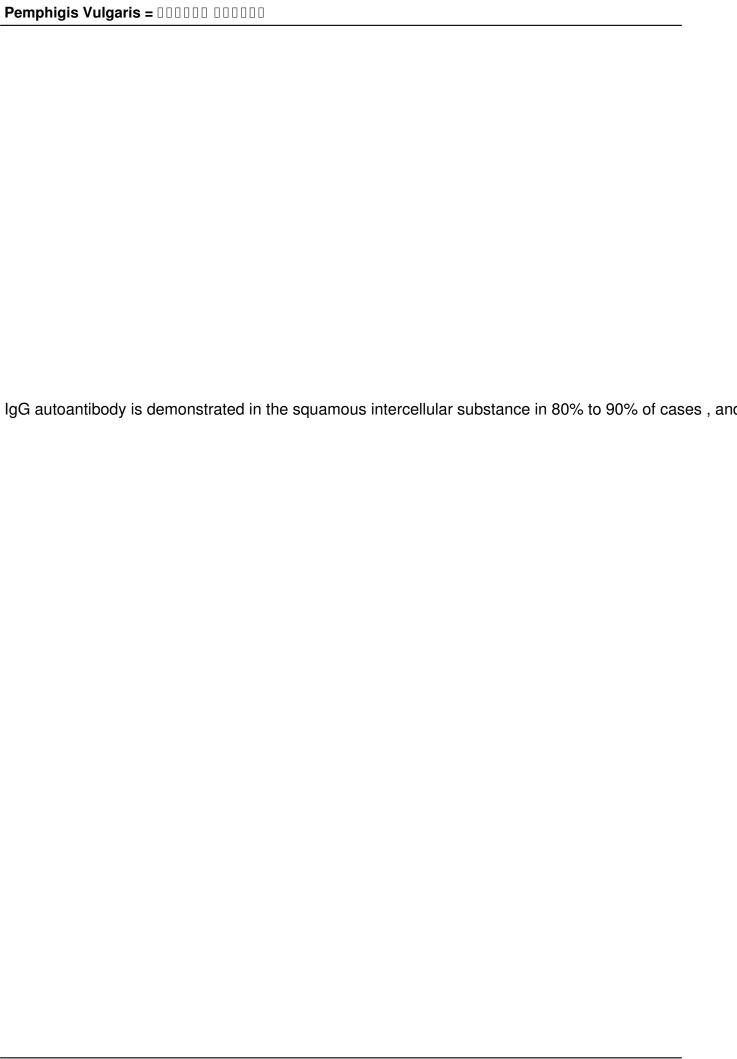


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present as well, indicating nonspecific trapping in the false-positive tests. Immunoperoxidase methods h

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achieved roughly the same sensitivity as the IF method, but they have not replaced IF testing as the p



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titer correlates with disease activity. False-positive IIF tests occur. In a series of 1,500 patients with circ





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blood groups A and B. Such antibodies are present in low titer and are thought to be nonpathogenic.

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Antidesmoglein autoantibodies are sometimes found in patients with no bullous disease. For example, t

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been found in patients with silicosis and in relatives of patients with pemphigus vulgaris.

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are thought to play an important role in acantholysis. Although complement fixation by pemphigus antib		

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Ultrastructural Study .	The intercellular cement substance, or glycocalyx, is p

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