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Necrotizing Fasciitis

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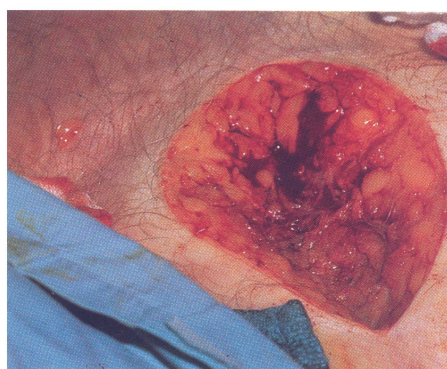
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Necrotizing fasciitis is an uncommon but life-threatening infection primarily involving the superficial fascia. Note the blue-gray color change of the vulvar skin lateral to areas of ulceration (A). The superficial fascia of the vulva is in continuity with that of the anterior abdominal wall. This incision reveals normal-appearing subcutaneous tissue in its superior aspect compared to the dull gray-appearing necrotic tissue inferiorly (B). A portion of the resected specimen shows a line of demarcation between the healthy yellow vascular subcutaneous tissue on the right and the necrotic tissue on the left (C). Surgical resection of the superficial fascia should include these margins in order to successfully treat the disease.

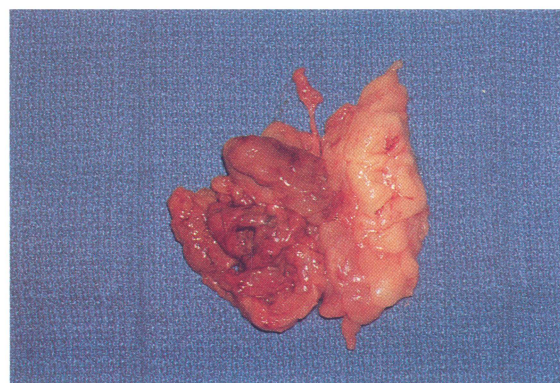
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