

## Herpes Viruses Association: some differential diagnoses for genital herpes

- Herpes zoster (**3%** of genital sores)
- Mpox (monkeypox)
- Molluscum contagiosum
- Orf
- Candida albicans (thrush)
- Syphilis
- Chancroid
- Boils
- Lichen sclerosus
- Lichen planus
- Lichen simplex
- Lymphogranuloma venereum
- Behçet's syndrome
- Eczema
- Scabies
- Proctitis (in MSM)
- Pemphigus vulgaris
- Pityriasis rosea
- Trauma (including dermatitis artefacta)
- Urticaria
- Reiter's syndrome
- Erosive balanitis
- Drug reactions
- Malignancy
- Pyoderma
- Enteroviral infection
- Primary facial symptoms may be confused with
  - Impetigo
  - Aphthous ulcers
  - Tonsillitis or teething in infants.