• Although the AMC team received assurances about teaching and learning in areas such as contraception, termination of pregnancy, in-vitro fertilisation, sexuality, end-of-life decisions and embryonic stem cell research, the University is required to develop a process for handling potential conflicts over the inconsistency between the medical school’s teaching program and the canonical statute defining the purpose of the University.

• Given the religious milieu of the medical school and the current requirement to study theology, it was reported that students of some backgrounds may perceive themselves to be effectively discriminated against on the basis of their own religious conviction (or lack thereof).

The school is required to report annually on the development of the medical course, and AMC teams will visit the school again in 2005 and 2006. Following these visits, the AMC will consider the medical school’s responses to the issues raised here and to others identified in the accreditation report.

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SNAPSHOT

Golfer’s vasculitis

A 76-year-old woman presented for a routine skin check in late spring. On examination, she was noted to have a marked purpuric rash involving her lower legs (Figure A). The rash was accompanied by a slight burning sensation. The patient had played golf the day before. A skin biopsy revealed limited changes suggestive of leukocytoclastic vasculitis (Figure B). The rash resolved over 3 days. As the patient was concerned about herbicides causing the rash, she was subsequently patch-tested to an extensive panel of contact allergens, but all tests were negative.

In our experience, an erythematous-to-purpuric rash occurring on the legs and ankles of older people is not uncommon after prolonged exercise, such as golfing or hiking, in hot weather. It usually resolves within a week.

Surprisingly, there have been very few published reports of this type of rash occurring. We recently reported a case series of 17 other patients,1 and suggested that the condition — a benign variant of cutaneous vasculitis, for which a combination of exercise, heat and stasis appears to be the most significant cause — be known as “golfer’s vasculitis”. However, a colleague who practises in Florida and who is familiar with the condition refers to it as “Disneyworld leg”!

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