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ANSWER TO PHOTO QUIZ (ON PAGE 290)  
A WOMAN WITH A SWOLLEN, ERYTHEMATOUS AND TENDER THIGH

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A subcutis biopsy showed a lobular panniculitis with signs of erythema nodosum. These eruptions may be associated with a wide variety of diseases. Extensive investigations excluded the presence of lymphomas, pancreatic abnormalities, sarcoidosis or enteropathies such as ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease. Also no evidence was found for the presence of  $\alpha_1$ -antitrypsin deficiency, complement deficiency, lupus erythematosus, leukaemia and infections including tuberculosis, *Streptococcus*, *Yersinia*, leptospirosis, histoplasmosis, Lyme borreliosis, hepatitis B and psittacosis.

## DIAGNOSIS

We finally diagnosed Weber-Christian disease; a case of idiopathic lobular panniculitis associated with systemic involvement and no signs of an underlying disease. The patient was treated with a high dose of prednisone at 80 mg daily. She recovered very well within weeks, with full resolution of the skin eruptions and lowering of the erythrocyte sedimentation rate.