

Table 9-3: Cutaneous Signs of Dangerous Adverse Drug Reactions

<b>Syndrome</b>	<b>Clinical signs, symptoms</b>
<b>Constitutional symptoms</b>	Fever, rigors, intolerable pruritus and skin discomfort, etc.
<b>Vasculitis</b>	Palpable purpura or new ulcers, digital infarcts, livedo reticularis or unexplained subcutaneous nodules or nonpruritic, painful and persistent urticaria
<b>Mucous membrane involvement</b>	Hemorrhagic erosions of the oral mucosa suggestive of Stevens-Johnson syndrome or the deadly toxic epidermal necrolysis, which presents with generalized skin sloughing
<b>Blister formation</b>	Diffuse or localized bullae
<b>Hypersensitivity syndrome</b>	May present as a morbilliform eruption but with severe systemic symptoms including high fever and organomegaly with elevated LFTs and peripheral eosinophilia.
<b>Acute generalized exanthematous pustulosis</b>	A diffuse pustular eruption (papules filled with white/yellow pus)
<b>Lupus-like syndrome</b>	Malar rash, photosensitivity combined with other symptoms suggestive of systemic lupus erythematosus
<b>Erythroderma</b>	A generalized, severe reddening of the entire skin surface
<b>Angioedema</b>	Swelling of the face, lips and oropharyngeal mucosa. If there is airway compromise it becomes a medical emergency requiring immediate ventilatory support.