

(induratio-penis-plastica, plastic induration of the penis)

DEFINITION

1. **Peyronie's Disease** is a condition in which there is a circumscribed fibrous thickening arising in the connective tissue sheath that separates the corpora cavernosa from the tunica albuginea.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

2. An initial feature is pain, and if the disease advances, curvature of the penis on erection may occur.

AETIOLOGY

3. Usually the patient is over forty years of age.
4. The condition may be associated with Dupuytren's contracture or other fibromatoses.
5. Whilst a history of venereal disease is rarely obtained, it has been proposed that Peyronie's disease is the result of a series of mild inflammatory and fibrosing reactions secondary to urethritis and, if this is correct, the condition should be regarded as a sclerosing inflammatory process rather than a primary fibromatosis, as generally assumed.
6. Bygone trauma is another possible explanation.
7. Otherwise the aetiology is unknown.

CONCLUSION

8. **Peyronie's Disease** is a fibrous thickening of the penis. Some causative factors are known but, in most cases, the aetiology is unknown.

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