Abstract: The authors show a case of keloid that is reminiscent of the bow-tie, a male piece of apparel.
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Resumo: Os autores relatam um caso de quelóide que reporta à gravata borboleta, acessório de trajes em geral masculinos.
Palavras-chave: Crescimento; Esterno; Quelóide

The first traces of garment pieces such as ties date back to the third century B.C. However, what really gave rise to widespread use in the world was the 30 Years War, which devastated Europe during the 17th Century. At this time, the Sacred Roman Empire waged war against the Bohemian protestant aristocracy.

The French, belonging to the latter group, had their army made up mostly of mercenaries, among whom there was a group of Croatian warriors who wore, as part of their clothes, a type of scarf around the neck, similar to what would later be ties. Influenced by the Croatians, the French soldiers also started wearing the ornament. At the end of the war, the French aristocracy started wearing it, aiming at looking like its warriors in order to be better accepted by the people. The king of England, leaving exile in France, took the new fashion to his homeland. From that time on, the tie spread throughout Europe and, with maritime expansion, conquered new continents. However, it is in the 19th Century, marked by ideological confrontations, that the bow-tie appears, serving, according to Honoré de Balzac, as a way to tell a man of genius from a mediocre one.

Figure 1 corresponds to a female patient, 17, normal birth, no history of local trauma, presenting in the sternal region, since birth, a keloid lesion which grows in proportion to the patient’s stature development. The lesion is approximately 10mm in its widest diameter and it has the likeness of a bow-tie (Figure 1).

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Figure 1: Keloid similar to a bow-tie
2). Fibers in the longer axis are oriented in parallel to the clavicle surface, and the constricted region at the center displays fibers perpendicularly vis-à-vis the long axis, like a perfect bow-tie knot.

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