The Case of the Infant with Red Cheeks

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Lew Pus

- 9-month-old male who on the morning of this picture awoke with red and warm cheeks. He had been totally well.

- Hx: no infectious exposures; no trauma; no insect bites; no fever; no tenderness of cheeks; normal teeth and gums; no allergies / atopy; no skin diseases
Lew Pus (continued)

- **PE:** Totally normal except for the warm, non-tender, reddened 2.5 cm area of induration on both cheeks.
Our patient - a total view of red cheeks
Note erythematous right cheek
Left cheek is also red and indurated
And the answer is...
Answer:

- Popsicle Paniculitis
  - Patient was unable to move Popsicle from side to side thus causing a cold injury from the inside out.
Similar findings in an infant given a teething ring that was placed in the freezer.
Red cheek after ice chips were placed in mouth to decrease symptoms of teething
Angular chelitis... another complication of teething rings.
Buccal cellulitis - in this case, caused by *H. influenzae*. Note, too, the early periorbital cellulitis.