

Image of Month 0711 Question:

A 47-year-old gentleman came for a follow-up visit for positive blood cultures. He had been seen 2 days earlier with a past medical history of asthma and the history that approximately two weeks earlier he had been at a campfire where apparently someone nearby was burning poison ivy. Immediately he had broken out in a rash on his hands and neck and face and all areas that were exposed and not covered by clothes. He also noticed that his symptoms of cough and shortness of breath increased after that incident. He then came to HHED where he had had blood cultures, an x-ray that showed pneumonia and had been discharged on azithromycin. His blood cultures were positive for Staph and he had been requested to return to the ED. His physical exam showed some inspiratory râles in the LLL where the infiltrate had been and some expiratory wheezes throughout. After treatment had been initiated in the ED, prior to admission, he developed another skin eruption, seen in accompanying photograph.

What was treatment and what is reaction?

