

DEFINITION

1. **Onychogryphosis** a thickened and crooked overgrowth of a toenail, usually that of the big toe.

CLINICAL MANIFESTATIONS

2. If not attended to the toenail may grow to such an extent that it becomes curled and resembles a ram's horn.

AETIOLOGY

3. Trauma and fungus infection are implicated as causes. The condition occurs particularly in elderly people, especially if bed-ridden.

CONCLUSION

4. **Onychogryphosis** is overgrowth of a toenail, usually resulting from trauma or fungus infection.

REFERENCE

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