

# Top Dermatologic Issues in Primary Care

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- I have served as a consultant for Castle Biosciences
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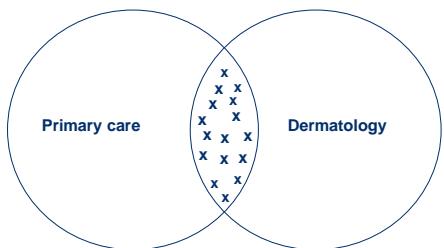
## Goals of today's talk

- Review the morphologic range of dermatologic disease
- Emphasize dermatologic diagnoses in primary care setting
- NOT to review the entirety of relevant dermatology
- Emphasize the essential role of a biopsy in making a diagnosis

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## Scope of this talk



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## Our why:

- “Skin conditions are the most common reason for a new presentation to a primary care physician”\*



\* Roux E Le, Edwards PJ, Sanderson E, Barnes RK, Ridd MJ. The content and conduct of GP consultations for dermatology problems: A cross-sectional study. *Br J Gen Pract*. 2020;70(699):e723–30.

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Grada et al. *J Clin Aesthet Dermatol*. 2022 May; 15(5): E82–E86.

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## A quick tour through the world of dermatologic morphology

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**Describing Lesions**

- Size
- Color
- Primary Lesion Type
- Secondary Lesion Type (if present)
- Configuration
- Location

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**Lesion Types****Primary**

Changes in the skin directly caused by the disease process.

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**Secondary**

Changes in the skin caused by external forces (scratching, trauma, infection, or the healing process).

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**Primary Lesions**

Macule	Bulla
Patch	Pustule
Papule	Wheal
Plaque	Telangiectasia
Nodule	Cyst
Tumor	Comedones (open & closed)
Vesicle	

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**Macule** < 1cm flat, non-palpable, change of skin color.

## Examples



## Freckles (Ephilides)



## Solar Lentigines



## Junctional Nevus

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**Patch > 1cm flat, non-palpable, change of skin color.**



## Vitiligo



## Port Wine Stain

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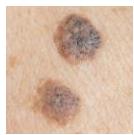
**Papule** <1cm superficial, raised, palpable lesion with distinct borders



## Skin Tags (Acrochordons)



## Molluscum Contagiosum



**Seborrheic  
keratoses**



## Lichen Planus



#### Intradermal nevus

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**Plaque** – >1 cm raised, flat-topped, palpable lesion greater than 1 cm in diameter.



Psoriasis



Atopic Dermatitis

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**Nodule** – Firm lesion less than 1 cm in diameter. It can be located in epidermis, dermis, or subcutaneous tissue. Increased depth differentiates nodules from papules.



Rheumatoid Nodules



Nodular Acne



Lipoma

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**Tumor** – Solid mass in skin or subcutaneous tissue > 2 cm.




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## Fluid filled sacs:

< 1 cm → Vesicle  
> 1 cm → Bulla



**Herpes Simplex (vesicle)**



## Bullous Pemphigoid (Bulla)



Contact  
Documentation



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**Pustule** – vesicle containing “puss” which is neutrophil-rich. Can be sterile or infectious.



## Folliculitis



Acne



## Pustular psoriasis



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**Wheal** – Edema in upper dermis.



## Urticaria



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**Telangiectasia** – Dilated superficial blood vessel.

**Cyst** – Cavity containing fluid, solid or semi-solid material



Epidermal Inclusion Cyst

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**Comedones** – A plug of keratin or sebum within the dilated orifice of a hair follicle (non-inflammatory)



Closed "whitehead"

Open "blackhead"

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### Secondary Lesions

Scale  
Excoriation  
Lichenification  
Fissure  
Erosion  
Ulcer

Crust  
Atrophy  
Purpura  
Hyper/Hypo-pigmentation

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**Scale** – Flakes or plates of desquamated stratum corneum



## Seborrheic Dermatitis



## Xerosis

**Crust** - Dried plasma or exudates.



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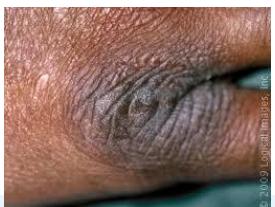
## Impetigo

**Atrophy** – Thinning or absence of epidermis, dermis, or subcutaneous fat.



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**Lichenification** – Thickening of epidermis with exaggerated skin lines. Usually from chronic scratching/rubbing.



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**Erosion** — Loss of part or all of the epidermis.



(Pemphigus Vulgaris)

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**Ulcer** — Loss of epidermis and dermis due to necrosis.



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**Excoriation** — Loss of superficial epidermis due to trauma.



(ie: scratching, picking)

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**Fissure** — Crack in skin due to dryness.



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**Petechiae, Purpura, & Ecchymosis** — Non-blanchable bleeding in skin.

Size: petechiae < 3 mm  
purpura 3 mm – 1 cm  
ecchymosis > 1 cm



Petechiae



Palpable Purpura



Ecchymosis

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## Hypo/ Hyper-pigmentation

Secondary lightening or darkening of the skin.



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## Skin Configurations

Annular  
Linear  
Grouped  
Serpiginous  
Arcuate

Disseminated/Generalized  
Confluent  
Reticulated

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**Annular:** Ring shaped



Tinea  
Corporis

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**Linear:** In a line.



Koebner's Phenomenon

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**Grouped:** Lesions that are clustered together.



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**Serpiginous:** wavy or “snake-like” in appearance.



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**Arcuate:** crescent or “half-moon” shaped



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**Reticular:** lesions with a “net-like” arrangement.



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**Disseminated/Generalized:** Describes a lesion that is usually localized but has spread



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**Confluent:** running together



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**Location**

- Intertriginous
- Photodistributed
- Palmar/Plantar
- Dermatomal
- Symmetrical
- Blaschko's Lines

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**Intertriginous:** Area where two skin surfaces touch or rub together.



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**Photodistributed:** in areas exposed to sunlight.



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**Palmar/Plantar:** relating to the palm of the hand or sole of the foot.



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**Dermatomal:** corresponding to a dermatome of the body.



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**Symmetrical:** Made up of exactly similar parts facing each other or around an axis



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**Blaschko's Lines:** skin lines that trace the migration of embryonic cells.



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#### What are the most common dermat diagnoses in primary care?

- Study in 2022: on the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) between 2007 and 2016, the most recent years available:
- The NAMCS is an ongoing survey which provides objective information about the use of ambulatory medical services in the United States.
  - The survey is conducted annually by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
  - The NAMCS surveys a large, generalizable sample of physicians and non-physician providers and has achieved high response rates of up to 77%.

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Ahn CS, Allen MM, Davis SA, Huang KE, Pleisner AB, Feldman SR. The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey: A resource for understanding the outpatient dermatology treatment. *J Dermatol Treat.* 2014;25(6):453–458.

Arafa AE, Anzengruber F, Mostafa AM, Navarini AA. Perspectives of online surveys in dermatology. *J Eur Acad Dermatol Venereol.* 2019;33:511–520.

## The most common skin diagnoses in primary care

- In the population-based, cross-sectional analysis using the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey between 2007 and 2016:
- The five most common skin diagnoses among all medical specialties were
  - contact dermatitis
  - acne vulgaris
  - actinic keratosis
  - "benign neoplasm" of the skin
  - epidermoid cyst



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## Other "Top" Dermatologic Issues for Primary Care

- Identify a skin malignancy
- Identify eczematous, psoriasiform, lichenoid, and drug-induced conditions
- Identify potential autoimmune connective tissue diseases
- Identify autoimmune bullous dermatoses
- Barriers to sampling the skin in primary care
  - Requires proper set up, equipment for procedures, photography/ triangulation of lesions, proper sample containers (ex. Michel's media for direct immunofluorescence).
- Delay in referral / wait times for patients to be seen by dermatology
- Delay in diagnosis and treatment

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## A bit of a deeper dive into

### The most common issues

- Acne vulgaris
- Epidermoid cyst
- "Benign" neoplasms of the skin
- Actinic keratosis
- Contact dermatitis

### Other top issues

- Cutaneous malignancy
  - Basal cell carcinoma
  - Squamous cell carcinoma
  - Melanoma
- Refractory inflammatory dermatoses
  - Eczematous
  - Psoriasiform
  - Lichenoid
- Autoimmune connective tissue diseases
  - Ex. cutaneous lupus
- Autoimmune bullous diseases
  - Ex. bullous pemphigoid



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The top most common

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**Acne vulgaris  
vs rosacea – diagnosis**



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**Acne  
vs  
Rosacea**

OTHER FEATURES: Acne Vulgaris	OTHER FEATURES: Rosacea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most prevalent in adolescents and young adults</li> <li>Variable distribution on face</li> <li>Frequent shoulder, chest, and/or back involvement</li> <li>Sequela of postinflammatory hyperpigmentation, postinflammatory erythema, and scarring</li> <li>Association with hyperandrogenic disorders (e.g., polycystic ovarian syndrome)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most prevalent in adults &gt;30 years old</li> <li>Centrifugal distribution (cheeks, nose, chin)</li> <li>Ocular involvement (e.g., symptoms of eye irritation, eyelid erythema, conjunctival injection, crusting, recurrent hordeolum or chalazion)</li> <li>Sensitive skin</li> <li>Flushing</li> </ul>
<b>KEY CONCEPTS</b>	
<p><b>Acne vulgaris and rosacea are common causes of inflamed papules or pustules on the face.</b> Recognition of other characteristic features is helpful for distinguishing these conditions. Patients may exhibit some or all of the displayed features.</p> <p>Distinguishing between acne vulgaris and rosacea is important because of differences in the approach to patient evaluation and treatment. For example, an assessment for signs of ocular involvement (e.g., eyelid erythema, conjunctival injection, crusting) is an important component of the initial evaluation of female patients with acne vulgaris, particularly in the presence of severe, sudden-onset, or recalcitrant acne. In patients with rosacea, an assessment for signs or symptoms of ocular involvement is important for identifying patients who may benefit from ophthalmologic examination.</p>	

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## **Acne vulgaris vs rosacea – treatment**



## Acne

- Daily wash with benzoyl peroxide-containing wash (Ex. CeraVe with benzoyl peroxide) or salicylic acid wash
  - Topical clindamycin solution, gel, or lotion
  - Daily retinoid (ex. OTC adapalene gel, or tretinoin creams) – a pea-sized amount only across entire face at night
  - Oral medications: doxycycline 100 mg BID (or minocycline) for up to 1 month, can consider refills for flares
  - Hormonal treatment: start with spironolactone 50 mg daily, increase to 100 mg daily as tolerated (common side effect: checking potassium; warn of side effects; not for use in woman trying to get pregnant)
    - Also consider topical Winlevi (clascoterone) – androgen receptor inhibitor



## Rosaceae

- Start topical metronidazole gel
    - If fails, consider topical ivemectin (Soolantra)
  - Dermatologist can perform lasers (example PDL to target hemoglobin in telangiectasias)
  - Wash with sensitive skin cleaners (Cetaphil, Cerave, Vanicream, etc.)
  - Can consider long-term, low dose doxycycline 50 mg daily, or 40 mg Oracea (slow-release)
  - Can consider vasoconstrictors (topical brimonidine – a2 adrenergic receptor agonist)
  - Identify and reduce triggers as much as possible (alcohol, spicy foods, heat, stress, etc)
  - Refer to ophthalmology if ocular involvement

#### Isotretinoin for severe cases

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## **Epidermoid inclusion cysts - diagnosis**



Beware of the "cyst" – if deeper with no punctum, it may not be a "cyst"

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#### **Epidermoid inclusion cysts - differential**



### Pilar cyst



Lipoma



## Bilbok (4)



## Ganglion cyst

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Cysts? Unfortunately not.



✉ Pajaziti, L., Hacıçiu, S.R., Dobruna, S. et al. Skin metastases from lung cancer: a case report. BMC Res Notes 8, 139 (2015). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13104-015-1105-0>

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#### Benign neoplasms of the skin (examples)



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#### "Pyogenic granuloma" (lobular capillary hemangioma) vs other?



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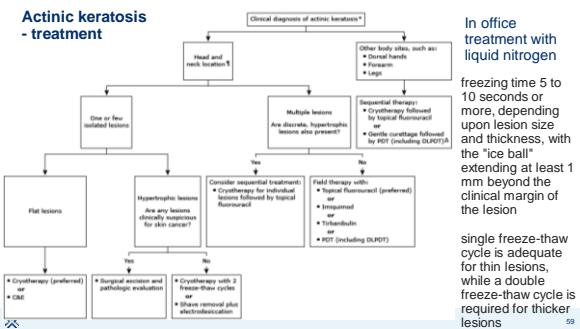
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## Actinic keratoses

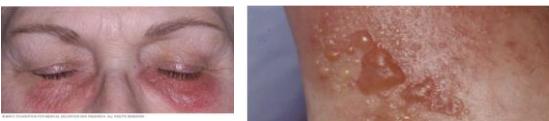


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## Contact dermatitis - diagnosis



- Common contact allergens include plant allergens, metals, fragrances, acrylates, medications, and preservatives.

History and geometric distribution are important

Useful resource: Contact Dermatitis Institute ([www.contactdermatitisinstitute.com](http://www.contactdermatitisinstitute.com))

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### Contact dermatitis – treatment/ avoidance



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### The other “Top” issues

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### Skin cancer – The “big 3” – diagnosis - clinical



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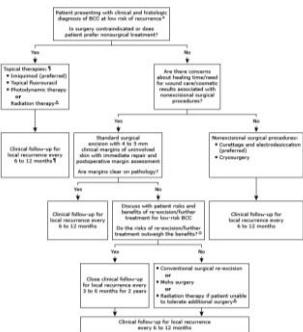
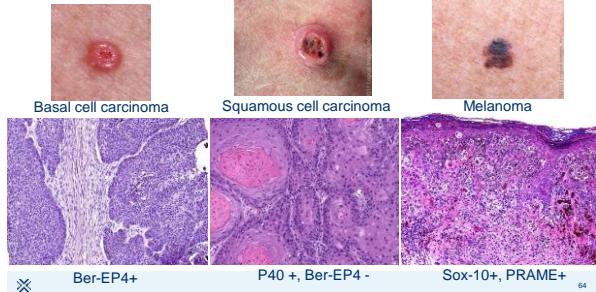
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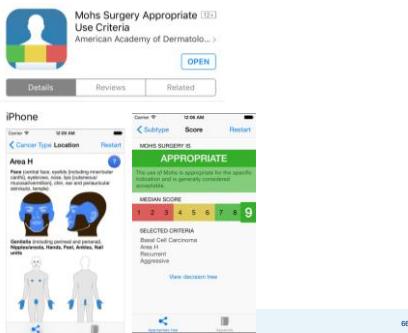
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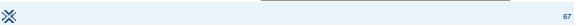
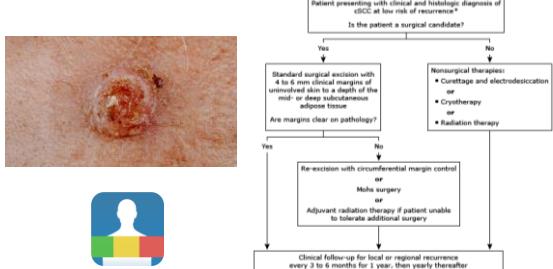
## Skin cancer – The “big 3” – diagnosis - dermatopathology



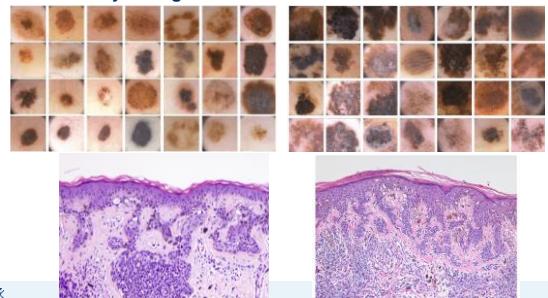
## Appropriate Use Criteria for Mohs



## Skin cancer/SCC - treatment



## The melanocytic diagnostic dilemma



## Melanoma- staging

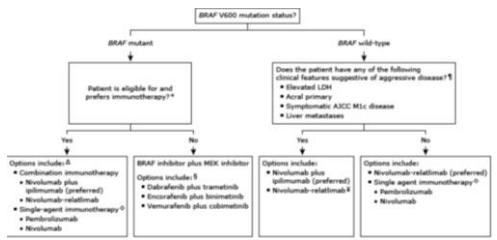
## Definition of Primary Tumor (T) - AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition



T Category	Thickness	Ulceration status
Tis (melanoma <i>in situ</i> )	Not applicable	Not applicable
T1	≤1.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
T1a	<0.8 mm	Without ulceration
T1b	≥0.8 mm 0.8–1.0 mm	With ulceration or without ulceration
T2	>1.0–2.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
T2a	>1.0–2.0 mm	Without ulceration
T2b	>1.0–2.0 mm	With ulceration
T3	>2.0–4.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
T3a	>2.0–4.0 mm	Without ulceration
T3b	>2.0–4.0 mm	With ulceration
T4	>4.0 mm	Unknown or unspecified
T4a	>4.0 mm	Without ulceration
T4b	>4.0 mm	With ulceration

Gershenwald, Scolyer, et al. Melanoma. In Amin, M.B., Edge, S.B., Greene, F.L., et al. (Eds.) AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 8th Ed. New York: Springer, 2017

## Melanoma- treatment

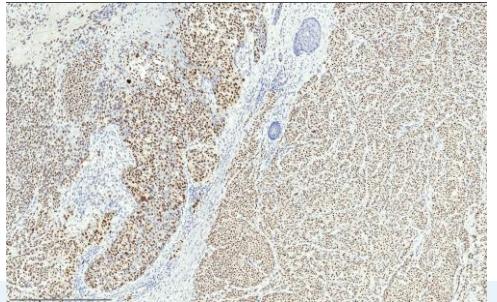


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## PRAME (PReferentially-expressed Antigen in MElanoma)

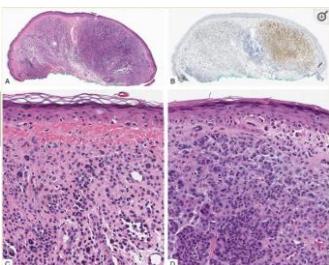
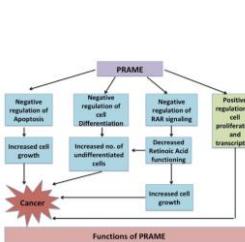


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PRAME in melanoma

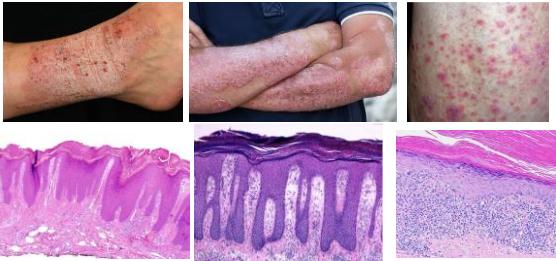


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### Eczematous vs psoriasiform vs lichenoid - diagnosis



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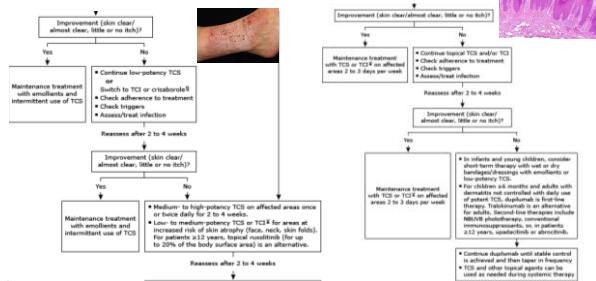
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### Eczema / atopic dermatitis - treatment



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### Psoriasis – treatment - biologics



Biologic	Other Compatible Conditions	Contraindications	Dosing	Approx. Cost (first Year)	Common Adverse Reactions (>10%)	Efficacy - Primary Outcome and Long term Outcome
Adalimumab (Humira) TNF	Psoriasis Rheumatoid Arthritis Crohn's Disease	Active TB or other severe infections; Malignancy; Hepatitis B; Developing donor lymphocyte graft-versus-host disease	Every 2-wk SC*	\$21,000*	Infection at injection site; Headache; Nausea; Abuse/development of antibodies (anti-CD40L)	PASI 75 at Week 16: 71.7%; PASI 50 at Week 16: 71.7% PASI 30 at Week 16: 57.0%
Cetuximab (Erbitux) EGFR	Colorectal Cancer Head/neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma*	Active TB or other severe infections; Heart failure*	Every 2-wk SC**	\$18,275**	Headache; Nausea; Abuse/development of antibodies (anti-EGFR)	PASI 75 at Week 16: 71.4%; PASI 50 at Week 16: 55.0%; PASI 30 at Week 16: 44.0%
Transtuzumab (Herceptin) HER2	PDAC Breast Cancer Esophageal Adenocarcinoma	Hypersensitivity to trastuzumab; Pseudogout	Twice weekly for 3 mos, then one weekly (SC)*	\$21,000*	Injection site reaction; Headache; Nausea; Abuse/development of antibodies (anti-HER2)	PASI 75 at Week 12: 47.4%; PASI 75 at Week 36: 73.0%
Infliximab (Remicade) TNF	Crohn's Disease Psoriasis Ankylosing Spondylitis	Severe infections; Heart failure*	IV infusion q 8-12 wks, then every 4-8 wks**	\$30,000**	Infection at injection site; Headache; Abuse/development of antibodies (anti-TNF)	PASI 75 at Week 16: 70.0%; PASI 75 at Week 30: 70.0%*
Secukinumab (Cosentyx) IL-17A	Psoriasis PsA PsD	Severe infections; Heart failure; Progressive breast cancer*	SC, IM, or IV every 4-8 wks**	\$21,000*	Injection site reaction; Headache; Abuse/development of antibodies (anti-IL-17A)	Not reported (refer to infliximab)*

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<https://www.skintherapyletter.com/psoriasis-education-tool-biologics/>

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### Psoriasis – treatment - biologics

Biologic	Other Considerable Conditions	Contraindications	Dosing	Approx. Cost (First Year)	Common Adverse Reactions (>30%)	Efficacy – Primary Outcome and Long-term Outcome
Biologics (Biotin) B-125	PtA Hyperlipidemia Hypertension*	Cards Disease Hypercoagulability to biotinidase*	Week 0: 7 vials, then every 1 week (1)*	\$14,000*	EBST/Year induction*	PtA A/B 1 at Week 12 15% 14% of PtA responds maintained until Week 48 15%* 15%
Immunomodulator (Tumor Necrosis Factor) B-125	PtA Hyperlipidemia*	Hypersensitivity to adalimumab Disease*	Every two weeks until week 11, then every four weeks (1)*	\$70,000*	EBST/Year induction*	PtA A/B 1 at Week 12 15% 14% of PtA responds maintained until Week 48 15%*
Immunomodulator (Cyclosporine) B-125	PtA Hyperlipidemia Hypertension Hypercholesterolemia*	Hypersensitivity to cyclosporine PtA Chronic Infectious*	Loading dose weekly for 4 wks, then every 4 weeks (1)*	\$24,000*	EBST/Year induction*	PtA 75 at Week 12: 15% 14% of PtA responds maintained until Week 48 (15%)
Immunomodulator (Tumor Necrosis Factor) B-125	PtA (Hyperlipidemia) Hypercholesterolemia*	Hypersensitivity to leliximab PtA Chronic Infectious Hypertension Hypercholesterolemia*	Every 4 weeks and 4 days every 8 weeks after (1)*	\$31,400*	EBST/Year induction*	PtA 40 at Week 12: 15% 14% of PtA responds maintained until Week 48 (15%)
Lymphoma (Indolent) B-125B	PtA Cushing Disease Hypercholesterolemia Hyperlipidemia*	After radiation Urticaria pap B Hyperthyroidism Hypoglycemia Hypersensitivity to rituximab*	Once or twice 1 vials, dosing every 12 weeks (1)*	\$22,000*	Indole derivative EBST/Year induction*	PtA 75 at Week 12: 15% 14% of PtA responds maintained until Week 48 (15%)
Immunomodulator (TNF) B-125	Cytokine Therapy (PtA) (TCP)*	Hypersensitivity to PtA Hypercholesterolemia Hyperlipidemia*	Once or twice 1 vials, dosing every 12 weeks (1)*	\$24,000*	Antibody Enzyme EBST/Year induction*	PtA A/B 1 at Week 12 (15%) PtA A/B 1 at Week 12 (15%)



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### Drug-induced lichenoid dermatitis – treatment

1. Eliminate potential drug causes



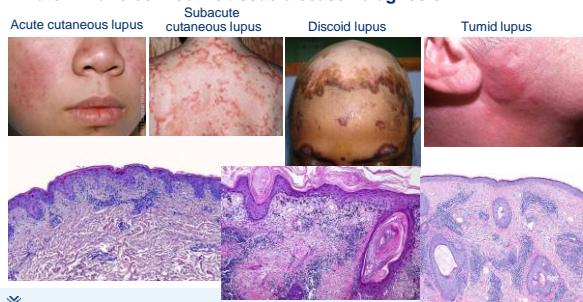
Group of drug
Antimicrobial substances
Antihistamines (H <sub>2</sub> -blocker)
Antihypertensives/antimigraines
Antimalarial drugs
Antipsychotics
Anticoagulants/antithrombotic medications
Diuretics
Antidiabetics
Metals
Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
Oral contraceptives/inhalation
Lipid lowering drugs
Tumor necrosis factor alpha antagonists
Checkpoint inhibitors
Miscellanea

The bolded drugs are the ones most frequently implicated.

2. Topical steroids
3. Wide range of immunosuppressives



### Autoimmune connective tissue disease - diagnosis



## Autoimmune connective tissue disease - treatment

#### **Management of discoid lupus erythematosus and subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus in adults**



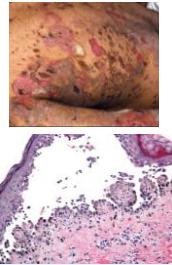
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## Autoimmune bullous dermatoses, examples - diagnosis

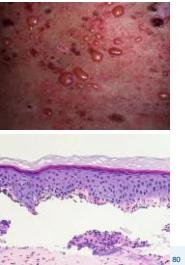
## Bullous pemphigoid



## Pemphigus vulgaris

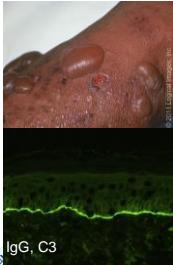


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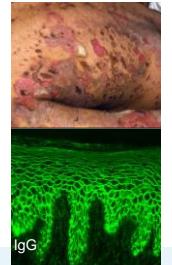


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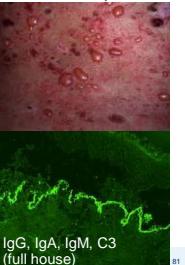
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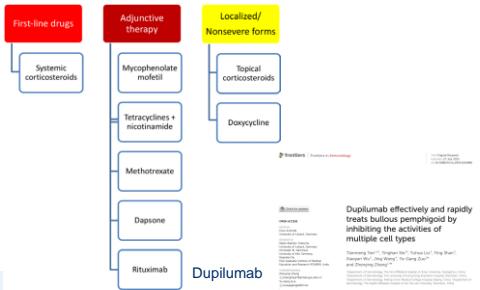


## Bullous lupus



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#### Treatment – autoimmune bullous disease – BP as an example



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## Basic dermatologic procedures

### **Shave biopsy**



### Punch biopsy



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### Types of Biopsies and Indications

		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pedunculated lesions (skin tags)</li> <li>-Dome-shaped nevi</li> <li>-NMSC (BCC/SCC)</li> <li>-Pigmented lesions (ruling out melanoma)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connective tissue diseases (Lupus/ Dermatomyositis)</li> <li>- Papulosquamous disorders (eczema)</li> <li>- Blistering disorders (pemphigus)</li> <li>- Granulomatous diseases (sarcoid)</li> <li>- Vasculitis (HSP)</li> <li>-NMSC (infiltrating tumors)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Subcutaneous or deep dermal tumors (can do a "punch-within-a-punch")</li> <li>-Panniculitis (also "punch-within-a-punch")</li> <li>-Melanoma</li> <li>-Atypical pigmented lesions</li> </ul>

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### Biopsy Site Selection

BIOPSY SITE SELECTION	
Lesion/disorder	Appropriate site
Tumor	Thickest portion; avoid necrotic tissue
Blister	Edge of lesion, including perilesional skin (see Fig. 0.11)
Ulcerated/necrotic lesion	Edge of ulcer or necrosis plus adjacent skin
Generalized polymorphous eruption	Characteristic lesion of recent onset ( $\pm$ more developed lesion)
Small vessel vasculitis	Characteristic lesion of recent onset

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### Patient Preparation

- Determine the type of biopsy
- Informed consent: bleeding, discomfort, infection, and scarring
- Site preparation:
  - Identification and marking
  - Time Out
  - Photograph
  - Close up for lesional details
  - Distant for identification of landmarks

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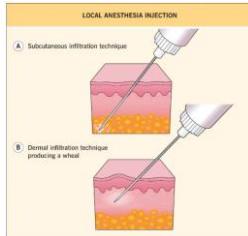


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### Anesthesia Techniques

- Lidocaine 1% with or without epinephrine
- Small lesions: direct infiltration of anesthetic into lesion
- Larger lesions: a field block by placing a ring of anesthesia around surgical site
- Bevel up
- Use small gauge needle (30), insert quickly at a 45° angle
- Slow injection to create an intradermal wheal, then may proceed to subcutaneous injection depending on shave vs. punch
- Additional sticks should be done through areas that are already numb
- Use smaller syringes – require lower pressure for injection
- Warm anesthetic to body temperature
- Slow injection
- Verbal and tactile distraction




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### Patient Preparation Continued

- Prep
  - ETOH swab
  - Iodine
  - Chlorhexidine
- Anesthesia
  - Plane of injection
- Procedure
  - Hemostasis: Aluminum chloride, hemostatic sponge, compression, cautery, suture, ferric subsulfate
  - Label specimen bottle with formalin




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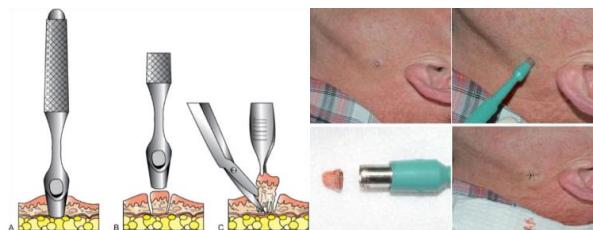


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**Punch Biopsy**

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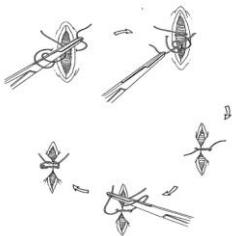
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**Instrument tie**

- Needle holder is held parallel to the wound incision
- Needle end of suture is looped twice around the holder before grasping the free end of suture
- The free and needle end of the suture exchange sides across the wound
- Additional throws are done in a similar manner, except with one loop



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**Biopsy for direct immunofluorescence**

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## CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

**Skin biopsy****Biopsy issues in specific diseases**

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**Table 1. Suspected disease entities with recommended biopsy type, site, and required laboratory tests**

Entity	Biopsy Type	Site	Test
Acne vulgaris	Punch or shave biopsy of comedo	Front lower extremity where possible because of increased incidence of acne vulgaris and greater risk of fibrofolliculoma.	
Atopic dermatitis	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Cystic fibrosis	Punch or shave biopsy of sweat glands	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Epidermolysis bullosa	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Histiocytosis	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Psoriasis	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Seborrheic dermatitis	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Urticaria pigmentosa	Punch or shave biopsy of skin surface or skin folds	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	

Entity	Biopsy Type	Site	Test
Lupus and dermatomyositis	Punch biopsy of an established lesion (1-2 months old) and shave a skin surface specimen from a normal-appearing adjacent skin area	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Oral PPE vs. SLE	Punch biopsy of the ulcerated skin of the ulcerated area	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Scaling disease	Punch biopsy of the skin surface of the lesion	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
WILMS	Punch biopsy of the skin surface of the lesion	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	

Entity	Biopsy Type	Site	Test
Neoplastic lesions	For pigmented lesions or benign effusions - shave or punch biopsy of all suspicious areas. For lesions away from a palpable nodule - shave or punch biopsy of the skin surface of the lesion. For skin surface lesions - shave or punch biopsy of the skin surface of the lesion.	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
NONC	Vacuum or punch biopsy of skin surface to do fine needle aspiration and/or tissue biopsy. If tissue biopsy is performed, shave or punch biopsy of the skin surface can be performed.	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	
Suspected sarcoidosis	Corporis incisional or punch biopsy	Front lower extremity, elbow flexures, and neck of the mandible.	

**Billing/coding**

Code	Description
11102	Tangential biopsy of skin (e.g., shave, scoop, saucerize, curette) single lesion
+11103	each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
11104	Punch biopsy of skin (including simple closure, when performed) single lesion
+11105	each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)
11106	Incisional biopsy of skin (e.g., wedge) (including simple closure, when performed) single lesion
+11107	each separate/additional lesion (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

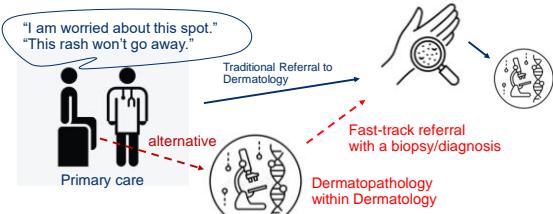
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