



VASCULAR DISEASE, VASCULITIS

HISTOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN DIFFERENT VASCULITIDES

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Vasculitis is an inflammatory process occurring primarily on the vessel wall with destruction of the vessel walls. Although histologic features of cutaneous vasculitis in either systemic vasculitides or skin-limited vasculitides share the same histologic features in most cases, there exist some unique histological features of cutaneous vasculitis, either in systemic vasculitides such as eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis, granulomatosis with polyangiitis, Behcet's disease, Giant cell arteritis, sarcoidosis; or in skin-limited vasculitides such as nodular vasculitis or pityriasis lichenoides et varioliform, reveal unique histological differences from others and could provide a diagnostic clue for these vasculitides.

