Preface
Pathology of Cutaneous Lymphomas

Our knowledge of cutaneous lymphomas has been significantly growing as a result of important discoveries in immunology, molecular biology, and immunohistochemistry. In addition, improved clinical pathologic correlation and follow-up data, as well as the synergistic collaboration among different lymphoma registries and specialists from several academic medical centers in order to study rare variants, have greatly contributed to the understanding of the difficult field of cutaneous lymphoproliferative disorders. While these advances have increased our knowledge of skin lymphomas, they have also produced an extensive and sometimes confusing litany of articles, studies, and classification schemes. This issue on “Cutaneous Lymphomas” in Surgical Pathology Clinics provides an organized and updated review of this challenging topic by internationally recognized experts and bridges critical knowledge gaps in the diagnosis of cutaneous lymphomas. Both common and rare entities are reviewed. The article by Pincus covers the most common type of skin lymphoma: mycosis fungoides (MF). Unique clinicopathologic variants of MF are reviewed in the article by Martinez-Escala et al, and Sézary syndrome in the article by Kubica and Pittelkow. The article by Kempf reviews the spectrum of cutaneous CD30-positive lymphoproliferative disorders. The article by Willemze covers the heterogeneous group of T-cell lymphomas without clinical features of MF or CD30 expression. Finally, cutaneous B-cell lymphomas are reviewed in the article by Sundram. In addition to multiple clinical and microscopic images, several tables and algorithms are presented to aid in diagnosis and staging. Beyond its usefulness to general pathologists, dermatopathologists, and hematopathologists, this information is intended to be helpful for dermatologists, hematologists/oncologists, fellows, and residents.

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