Clinical Pearls:

1) Leprosy, borderline tuberculoid (BT) type
   a. May present in (your) non-endemic city or town
   b. May resemble granuloma annulare (GA), both clinically and histologically
      i. Biopsy atypical “GA.”
      ii. Interstitial and palisaded granulomatous patterns
      iii. If perineural lymphocytes, even without perineural granulomas, get Fite stain.

2) Dermatomyositis
   a. Screening for systemic disease (lung, malignancy)
      i. Focus on initial 1-2 years after symptoms
      ii. Interstitial lung disease: anti-MDA5, anti-ARS
      iii. Malignancy: elderly, male sex, cutaneous necrosis/ulceration
   b. Histology can be underwhelming.
      i. Subtle interface changes
      ii. No eosinophils
      iii. Interstitial mucin

References:


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