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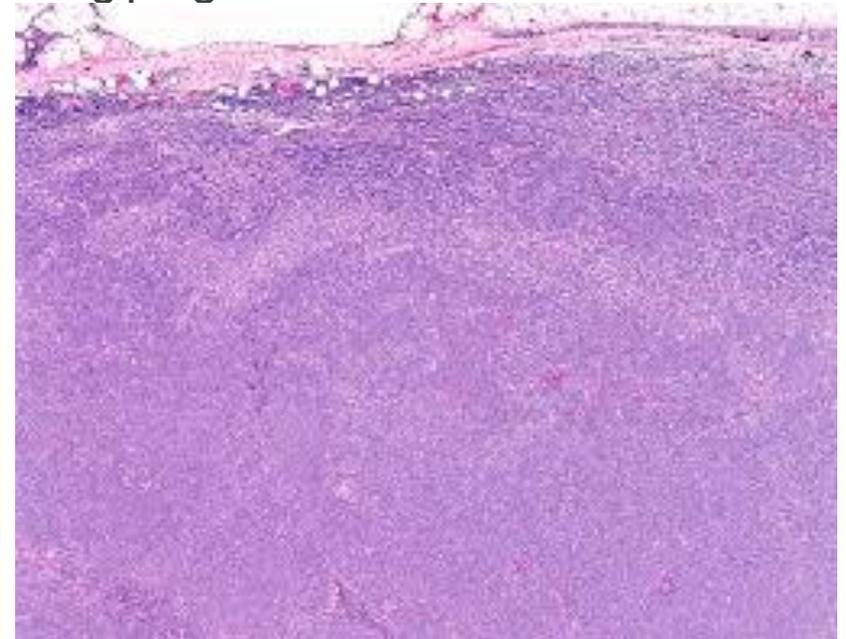
lymphocytes

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DIFFUSE LARGE B CELL LYMPHOMA

- A 62-year-old man has experienced vague abdominal discomfort accompanied by bloating and diarrhea for the past 6 months. On physical examination, there is a midabdominal firm mass. An abdominal CT scan shows mass involving the wall of the distal ileum. A laparotomy is performed, and the mass is shown here. The neoplastic cells mark with CD19+ and CD20+ and have the BCL6 gene rearrangement. Which of the following prognostic features is most applicable to this case?
- A Aggressive, can be cured by chemotherapy
- B Aggressive, often transforms to acute leukemia
- C Indolent, can be cured by chemotherapy
- D Indolent, often undergoes spontaneous remission
- E Indolent, survival of 7 to 9 years without treatment



DIFFUSE LARGE B CELL LYMPHOMA

- ▶ Most common type of adult non-Hodgkin lymphoma
- ▶ Either de novo or transformation from other low grade tumors (follicular lymphoma).
- ▶ **Pathogenesis:**
- ▶ Mutations & rearrangements of the **BCL6** gene → increased levels of BCL6 protein, an important transcriptional regulator of gene expression in GC B-cells.

CLINICAL FEATURES

- ▶ Median > 60 years of age (but Can occur at any age)
- ▶ Generalized lymphadenopathy
- ▶ Often presents as single, rapidly growing nodal mass
- ▶ 30 - 40% are extranodal (skin, GI, GU, CNS) at diagnosis; also liver, spleen
- ▶ Bone marrow involvement in up to 27%.
- ▶ An aggressive and rapidly fatal lymphoma if not treated
- ▶ With intensive chemotherapy 60% to 80% of patients achieve complete remission, and up to 50% can be cured.

- May represent transformation of existing low grade B cell lymphoma e.g:
 - follicular lymphoma.
 - marginal zone lymphoma.
 - chronic lymphocytic leukemia [CLL] / small lymphocytic lymphoma [SLL].
 - nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin lymphoma)

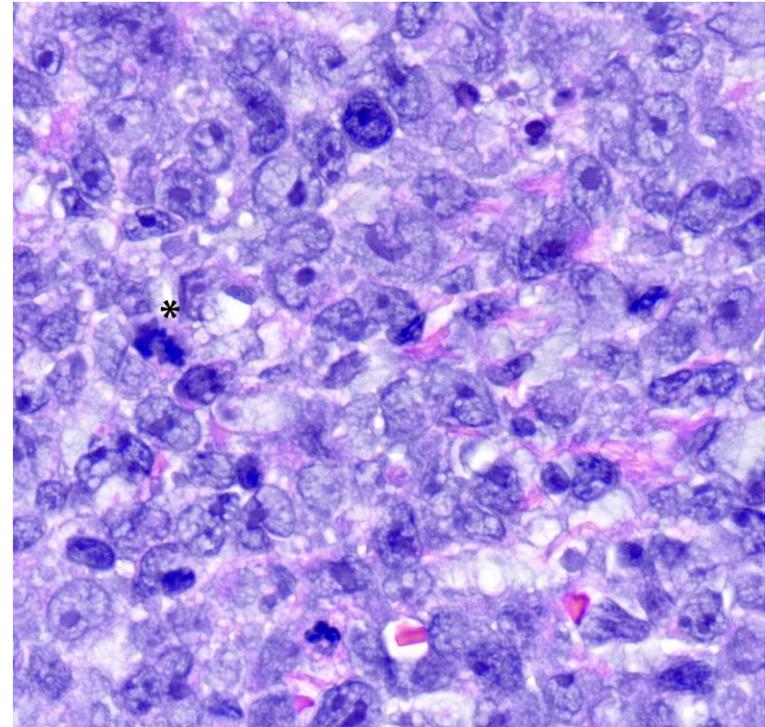
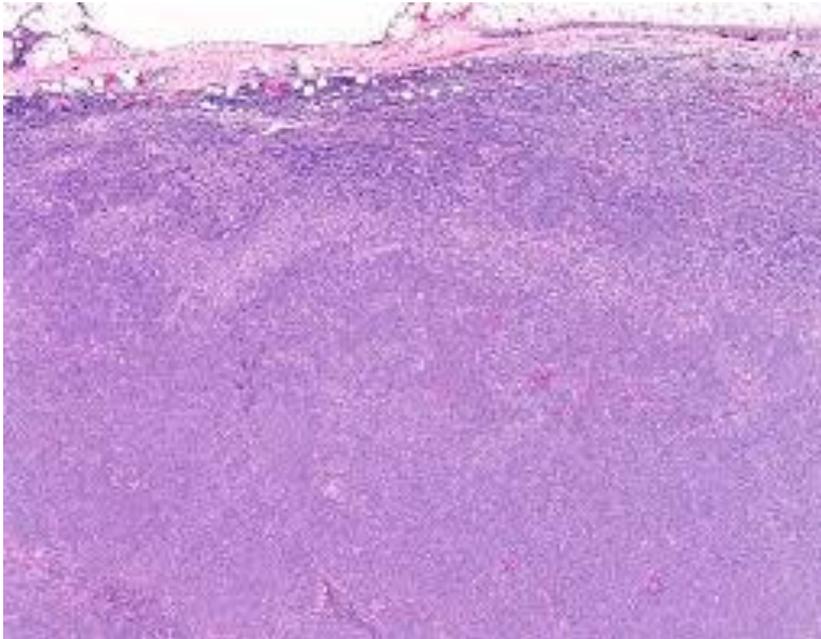
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DLBCL involving the kidney. Diffuse involvement of the renal parenchyma by pale tumor. 

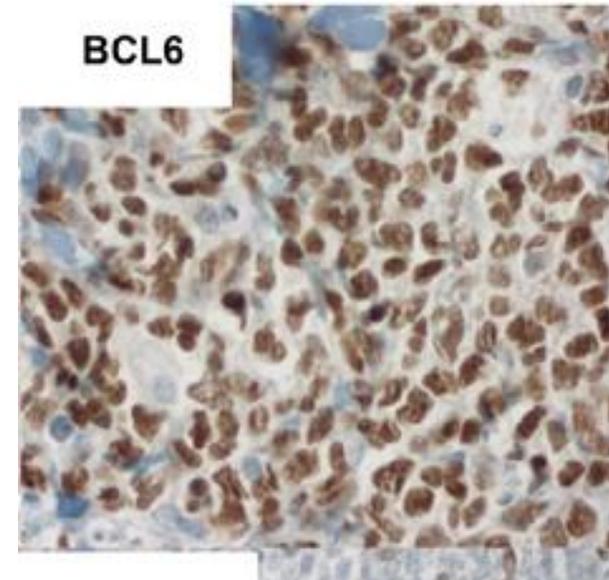
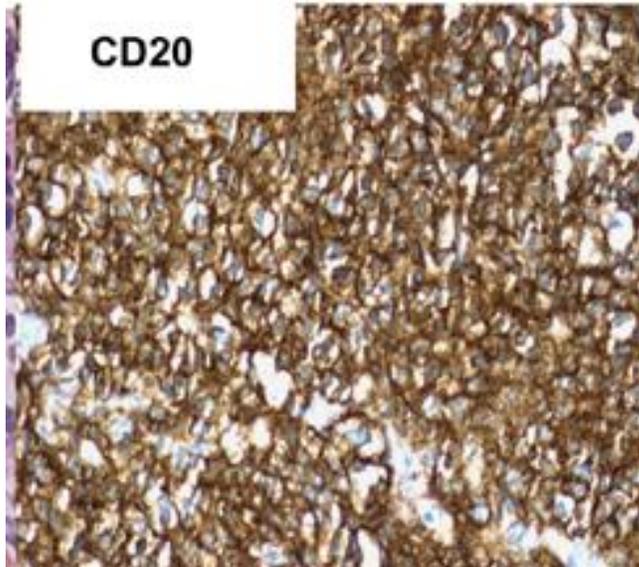
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- Diffuse infiltration by large neoplastic B cells (three to four times the size of resting lymphocytes) & vary in appearance.



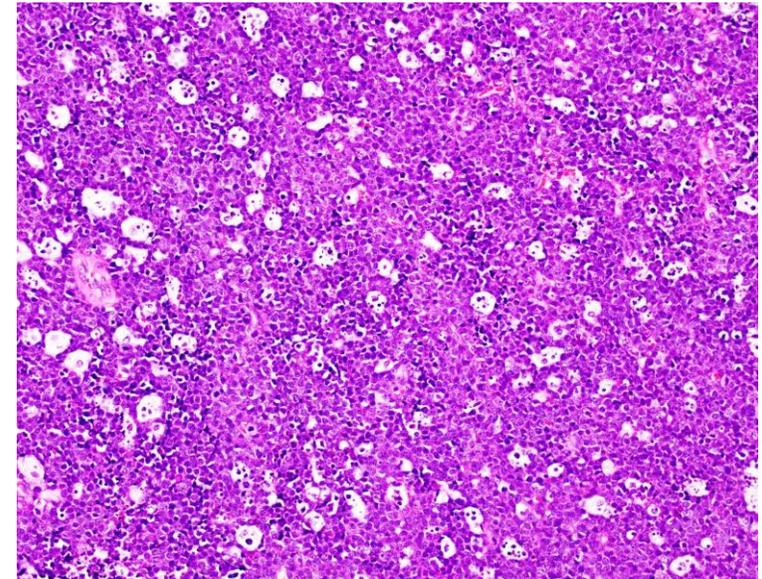
IMMUNOPHENOTYPE

- ▶ **Immunophenotype:** B-cell markers, BCL-6, CD10 in some tumors.



BURKITT LYMPHOMA

- A 12-year-old boy has had increasing abdominal distention and pain for the past 3 days. Physical examination of his abdomen shows lower abdominal tenderness. An abdominal CT scan shows a 7-cm mass involving the region of the ileocecal valve. Surgery is performed and the resected mass is shown here. Cytogenetic analysis of the cells from the mass shows a t(8;14) karyotype. The tumor shrinks dramatically after a course of chemotherapy. Which of the following is the most likely diagnosis?
- A Acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma
- B Burkitt lymphoma
- C Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
- D Follicular lymphoma
- E Plasmacytoma



BURKITT LYMPHOMA

- ▶ Highly aggressive tumor which can be:
 - 1) Endemic in parts of Africa (ass with EBV)
 - 2) Sporadically in other geographic areas
 - 3) immunodeficiency related subtype: affects HIV patients essentially
- ▶ **Pathogenesis:** translocations involving **MYC** gene on chr. 8 → MYC overexpression (a master regulator of Warburg metabolism (aerobic glycolysis), a cancer hallmark that is associated with rapid cell growth).

CLINICAL FEATURES

- All types affect children & young adults.
- Extranodal presentation often predominates
- Jaw / orbital mass in endemic subtype
- Abdominal mass in sporadic subtype
- Central nervous system and bone marrow involvement confer a poor prognosis



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- Mass growing very quickly
 - Fastest growing human tumor (doubling time = 24 - 48 hours)
 - Patients have symptoms for only a few weeks prior to diagnosis
 - Highly aggressive; can be cured with very intensive chemotherapy regimens.

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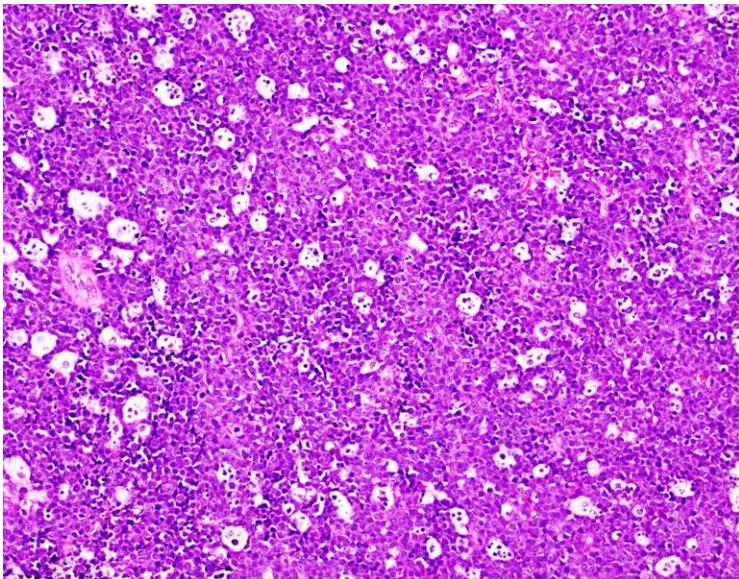


Fleshy homogenous mass invading the submucosa, consistent with Burkitt lymphoma.



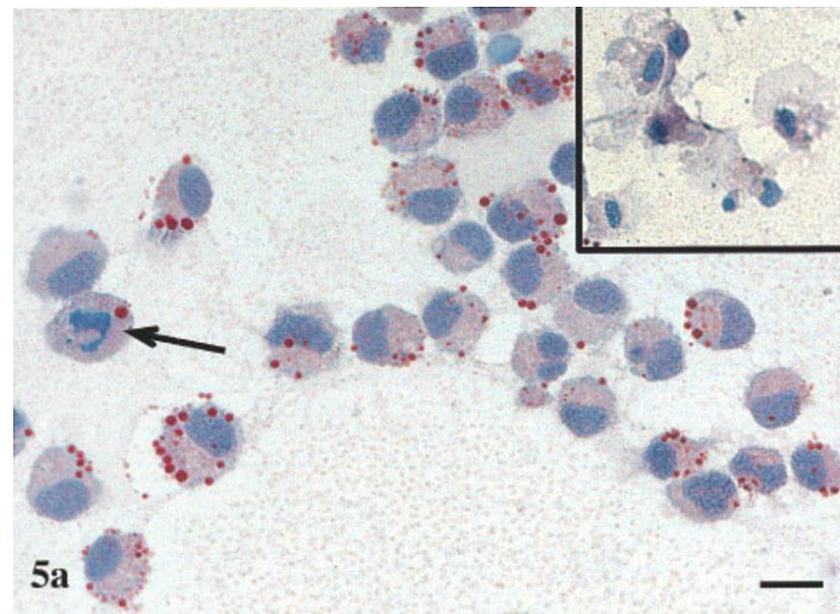
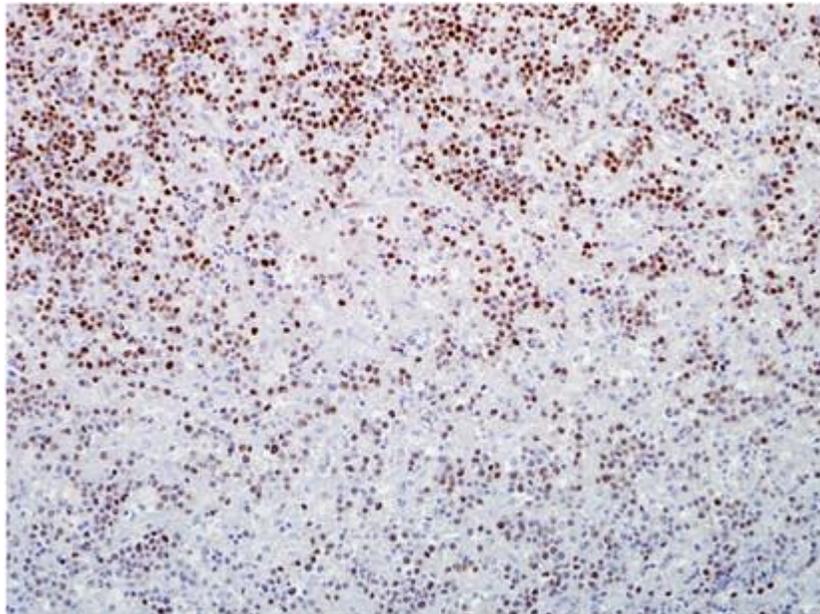
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- ▶ Intermediate size lymphocytes (Variable cytoplasm, **several nucleoli**).
- ▶ Very high rates of proliferation and apoptosis (high turnover) → numerous mitoses & tissue macrophages containing ingested nuclear debris.
- ▶ These benign macrophages often are surrounded by a clear space, creating a **“starry sky”** pattern.



IMMUNOPHENOTYPE

- ▶ **Immunophenotype:** B-cell markers, CD10, MYC .
- ▶ Oil red O (highlights cytoplasmic lipid vacuoles)



T CELL LYMPHOMA.

■ Mycosis Fungoides :

- Peripheral T cell lymphoma derived from mature, post-thymic T lymphocytes
- Presents as **cutaneous** patches and can progress to plaques, tumors and erythroderma
- While most patients experience an indolent course, the lymph nodes, bone marrow and viscera can become involved in advanced stage disease

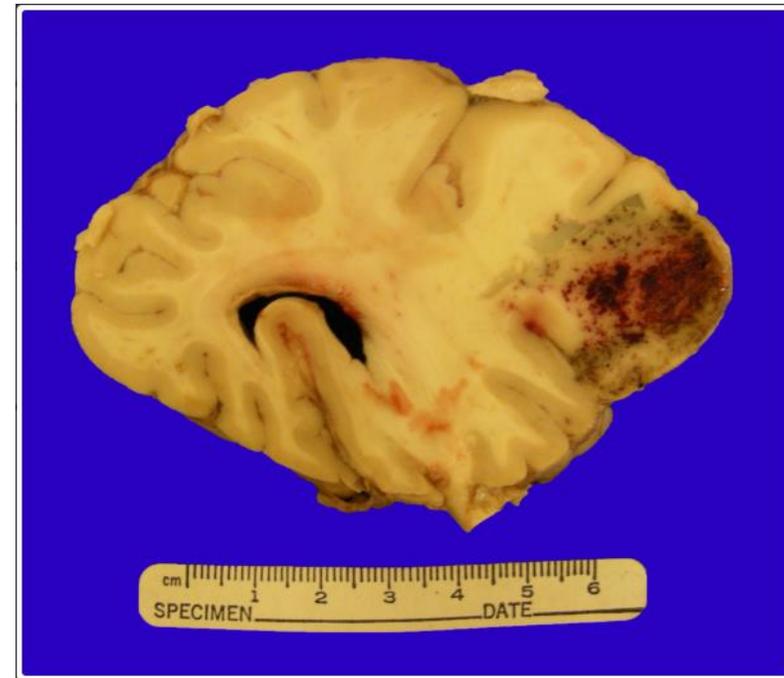
EPIDEMIOLOGY

- Higher incidence among men than women
- Median age at diagnosis in 50s
- children more likely to have the hypopigmented variant



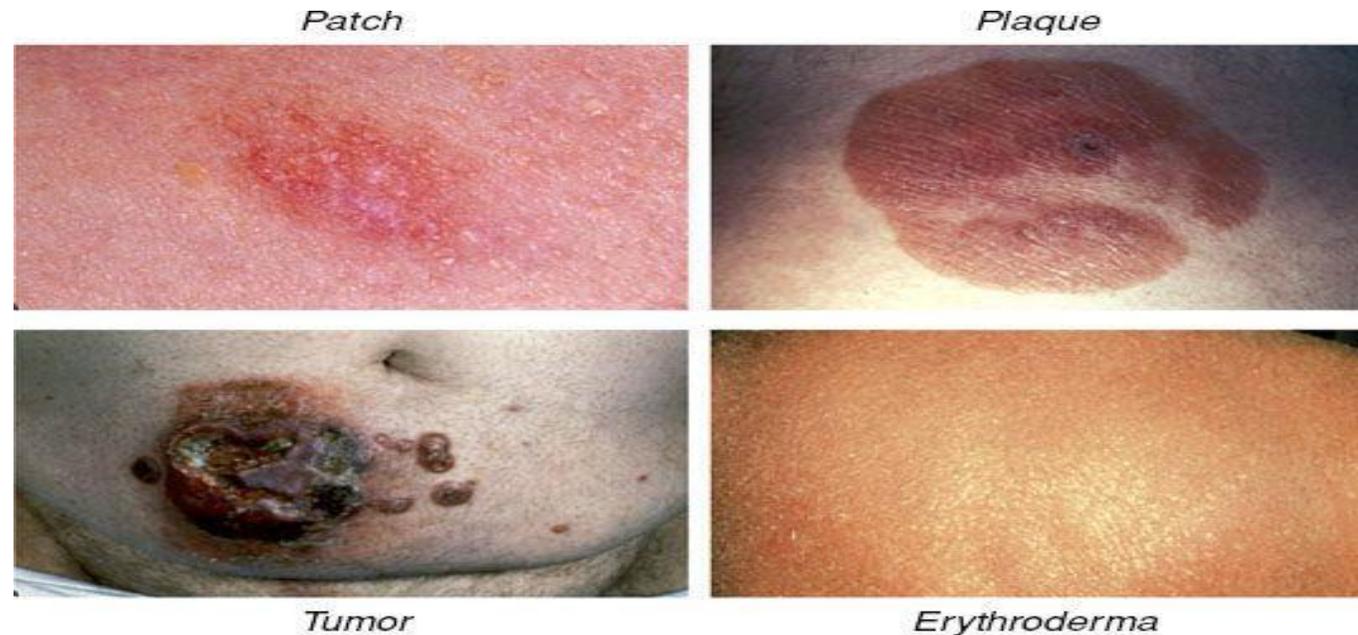
SÉZARY SYNDROME:

- **leukemic** variant of cutaneous T cell lymphoma (CTCL) defined by the presence of erythroderma, generalized lymphadenopathy and neoplastic T cells with cerebriform nuclei (Sézary cells) in the peripheral blood.



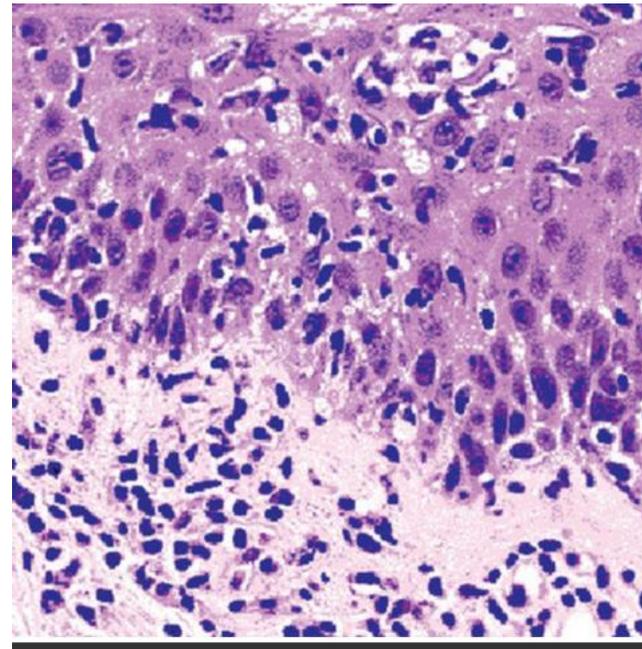
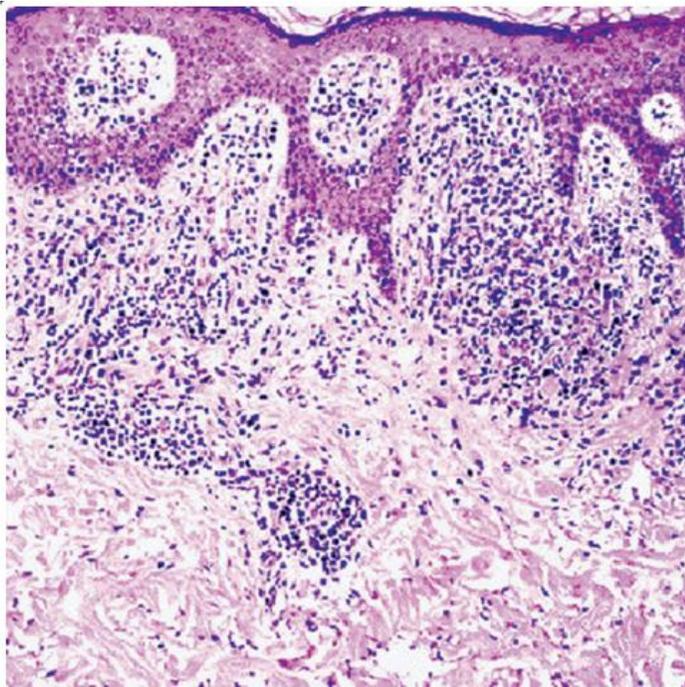
▶ MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES USUALLY MANIFESTS IN THREE STAGES:

- A nonspecific erythrodermic rash (patches)
- Progresses in time to a plaque phase.
- A tumor phase.



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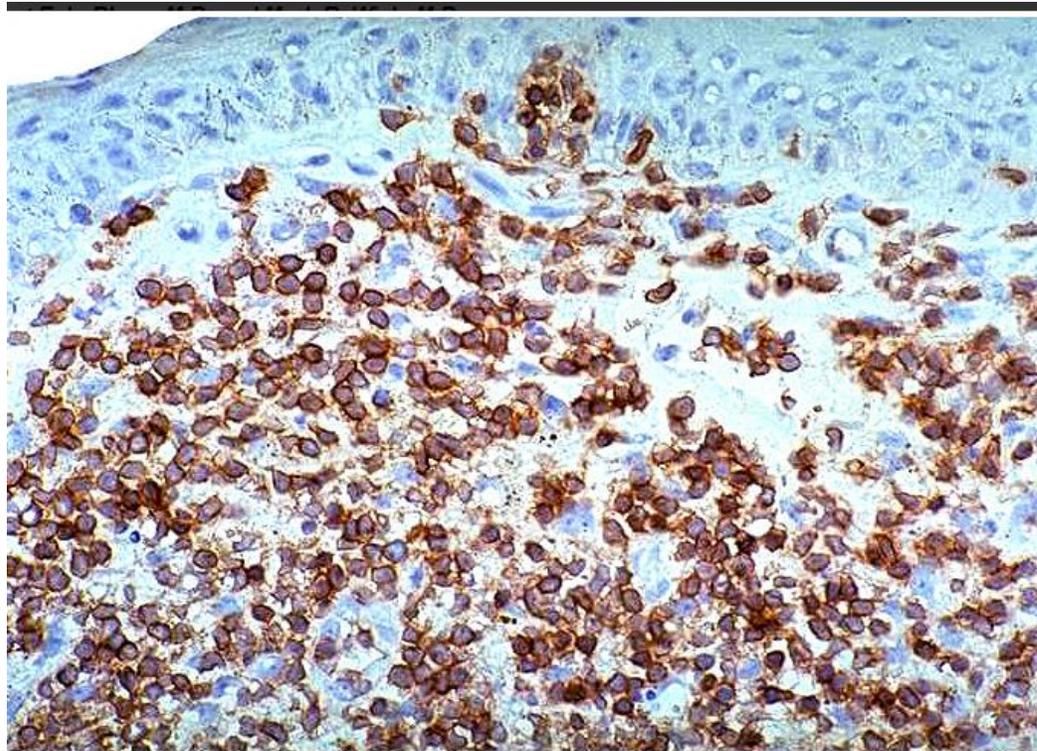
- ▶ infiltration of epidermis & upper dermis by neoplastic T cells with marked infolding of the nuclear membranes → a **cerebriform** appearance.



IMMUNOPHENOTYPE

- ▶ Tumor cells are CD4 +, CD8 –
- ▶ Clonal rearrangement of the T cell receptor

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- Any question?