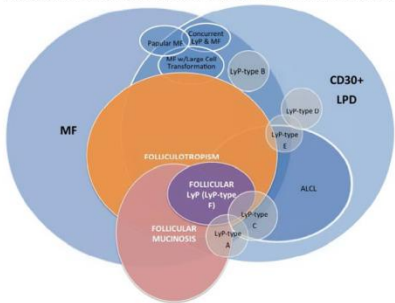


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# Objectives

- To adopt the “**Who-What-When-Where-How-Why?**” format to better understand and manage cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL)
- To highlight the critical importance of **clinicopathologic correlation** for accurate diagnosis and optimal management
- To appreciate the value of **multidisciplinary** care
- To recognize that care must be **patient-centered** and address quality-of-life issues in decision-making

# Alphabet Soup

- WHO-EORTC
  - World Health Organization-European Research Treatment of Cancer
- USCLC
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- ISCL
  - International Society for Cutaneous Lymphoma
- CLF
  - Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation
- NCCN
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# Questions for Cutaneous Lymphoma Clinic

- Who
- What
- When
- Where
- How
- Why



# Overview

- Who
  - Inform diagnosis
  - Guide treatment
- What
  - **Clinicopathologic** presentation lead to specific diagnosis (**classification**)
  - Diagnosis portends prognosis, management
- When
  - Evolution updates diagnosis(-es)
  - Progression dictates treatment
- Where
  - Staging component
  - Nuances of therapy
- How
  - How can we help-> **management**
- Why
  - Research into etiopathogenesis



# *WHO* is the patient?

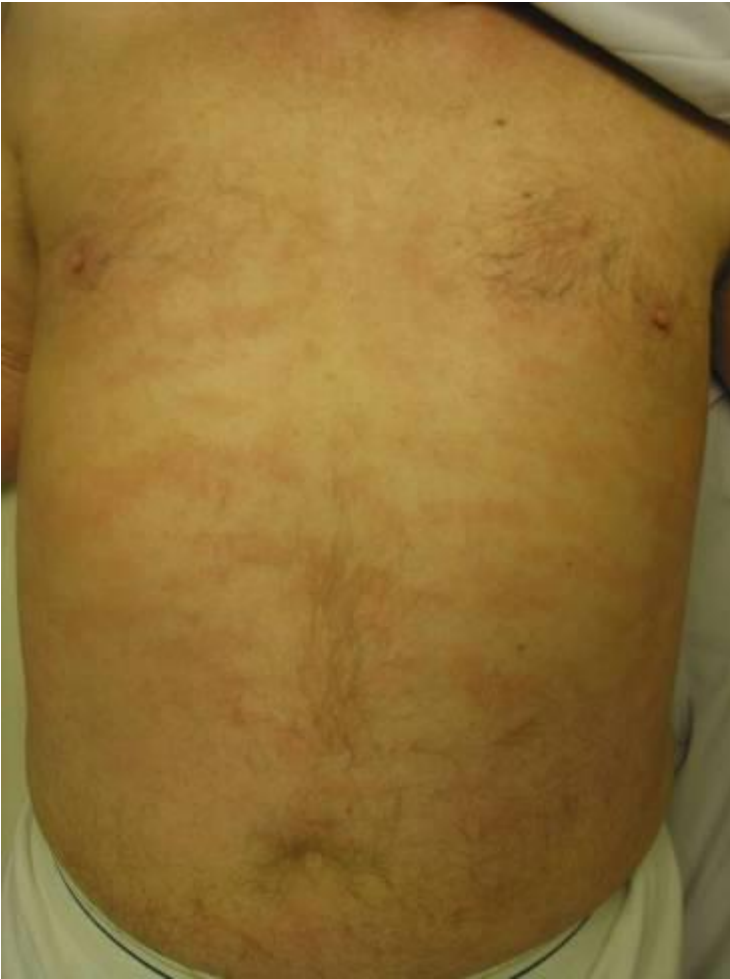
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- HPI- esp pt **concerns**
- PMH
  - Implications for presentation
  - Implications for tx
- SH
  - Implications for tx
  - Pt concerns
- FH
  - Oncologic hx

## Cutaneous lymphoma story

- How & when did it present?
- Work-up
  - Who evaluated pt?
  - Histopathology- skin bx, LN bx
  - Laboratory studies- bloodwork
  - Imaging
- Treatment
  - Skin-directed tx
  - Systemic tx

# Patient #1



## Patient #2





# Patient #3



# ***WHAT*** does the patient have?

## **Is it “lymphoma”?**

- Clinical differential diagnosis
  - Inflammatory
    - Erythema annulare centrifigum
  - “Pseudolymphomas”
  - T-cell dyscrasia
    - Parapsoriasis
    - Pigmented purpura
  - Drug-induced MF
  - Infectious
    - Syphilis
- Pathologic differential diagnosis
  - Langerhans cell histiocytosis
  - Other histiocytic disorders
  - Melanoma

## **What type?**

- Primary vs Secondary
- T/NK vs B
- Specific diagnosis

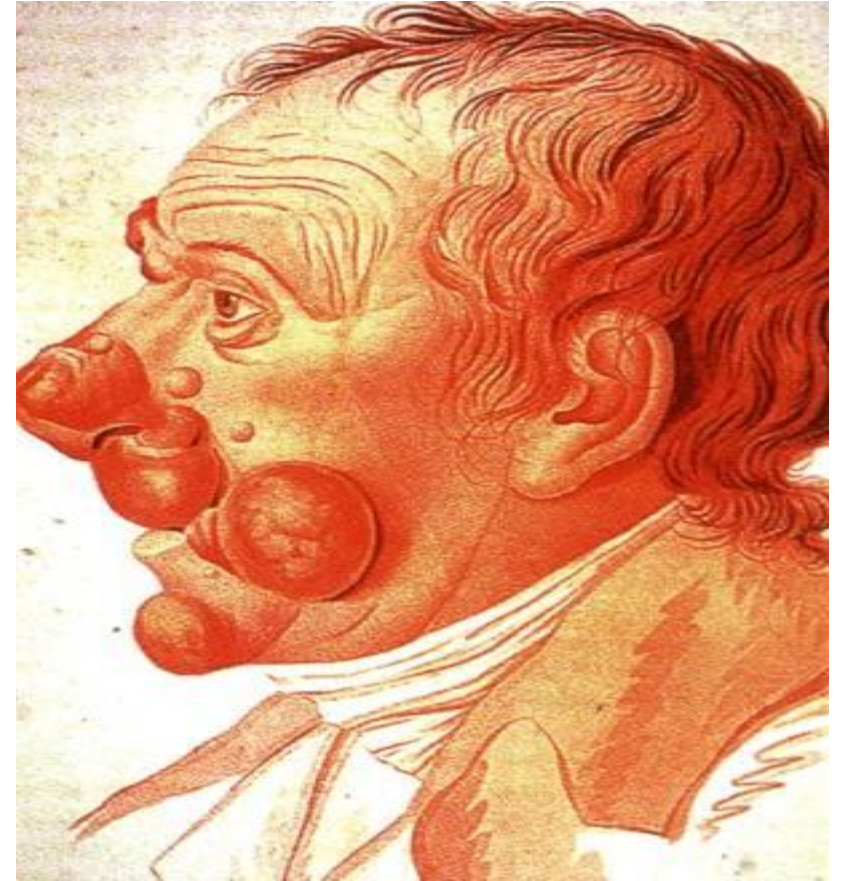
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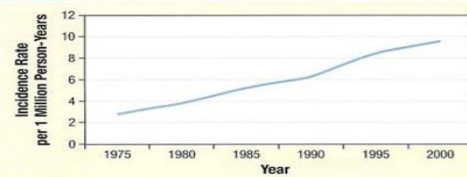


# Mycosis Fungoides- *Background*

- History: Coined in 1806 by Alibert for resemblance to fungating tumors
- Epidemiology: Male:Female = 2:1; Black > White; Median age 55 yo
- Incidence: 0.29/100,000/yr
- Etiology: ?HTLV-1; ?ionizing radiation; ?chronic antigen stimulation (silicone breast implants)

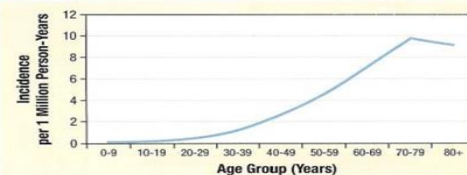


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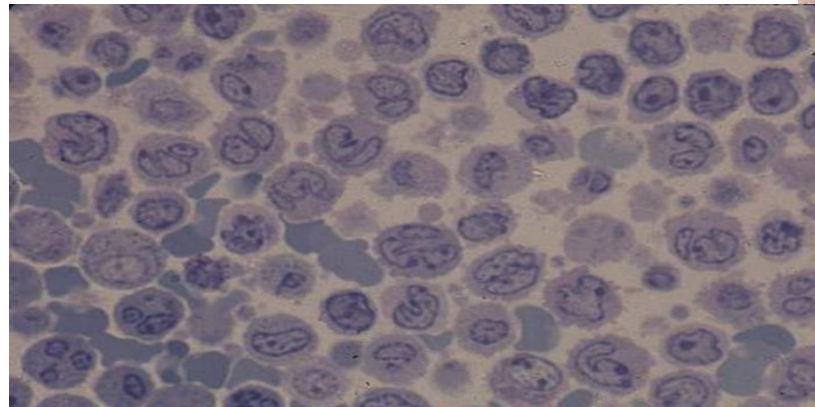
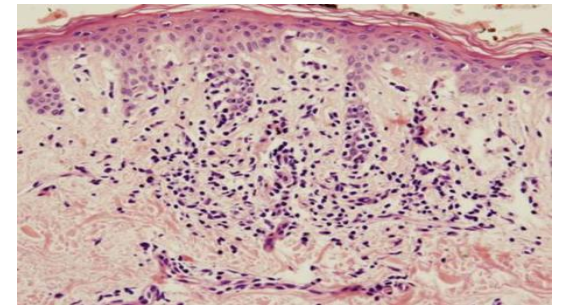
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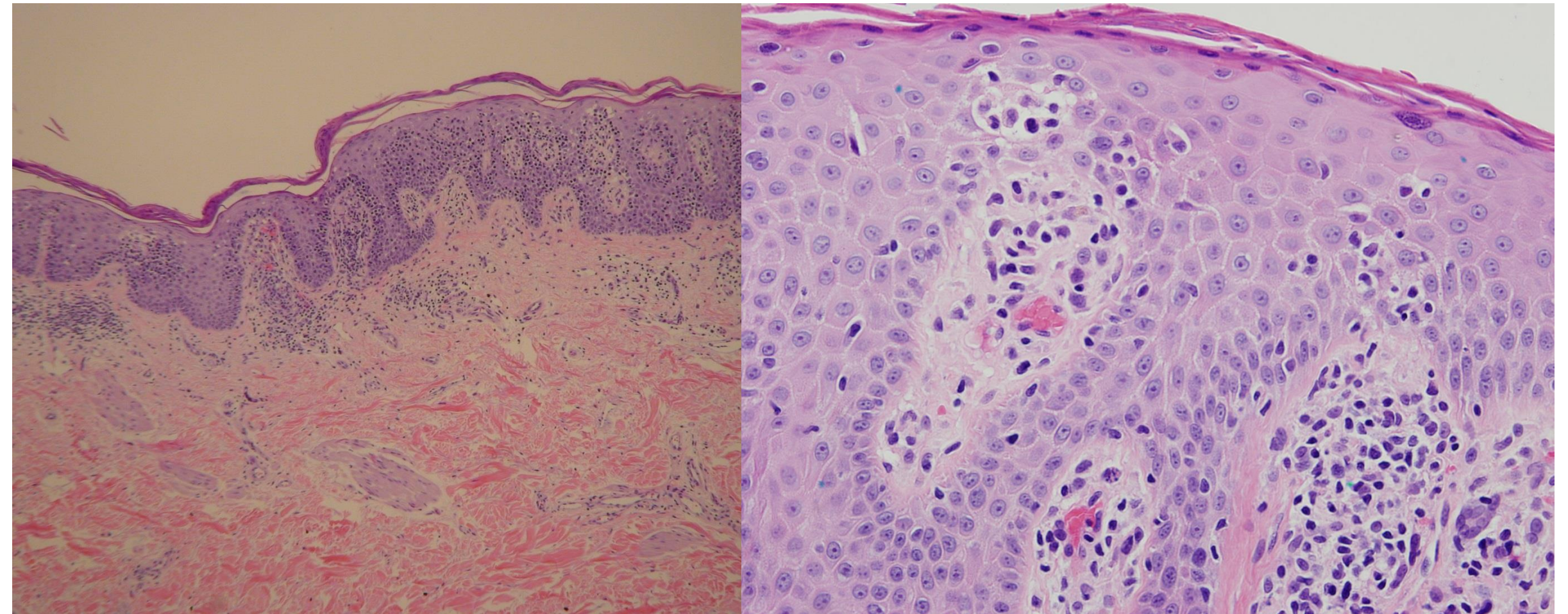
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- Epidermis
  - **Epidermotropism** of atypical lymphocytes
    - Pautrier's microabscesses
    - Haloed lymphocytes along dermal-epidermal junction
  - Relative paucity of spongiosis
- Dermis
  - Papillary dermal sclerosis
  - Lymphocytic atypia

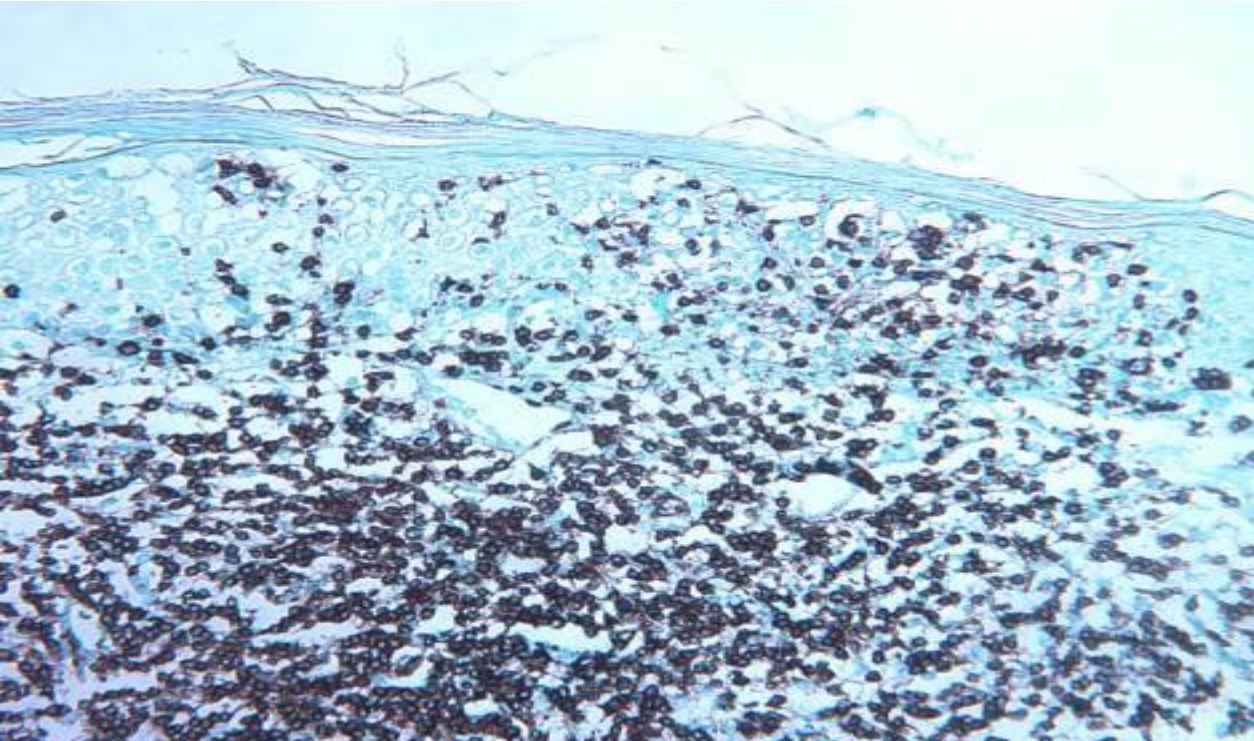


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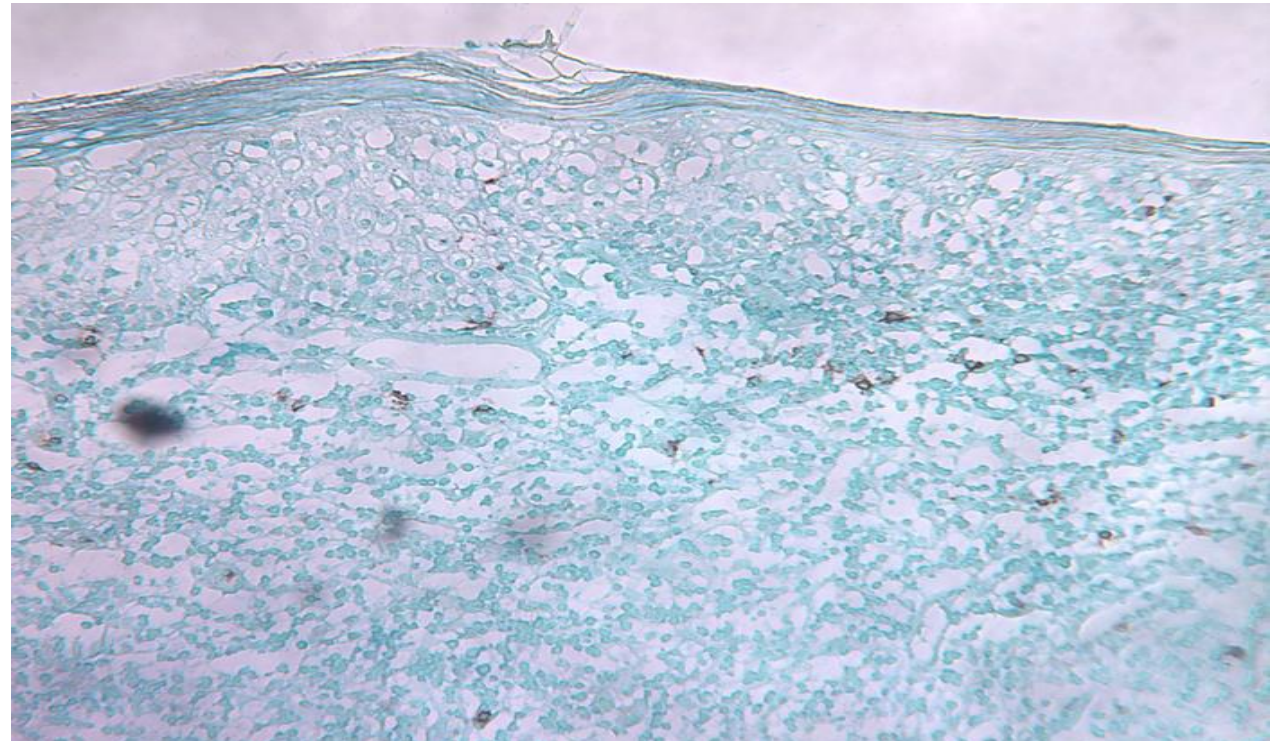


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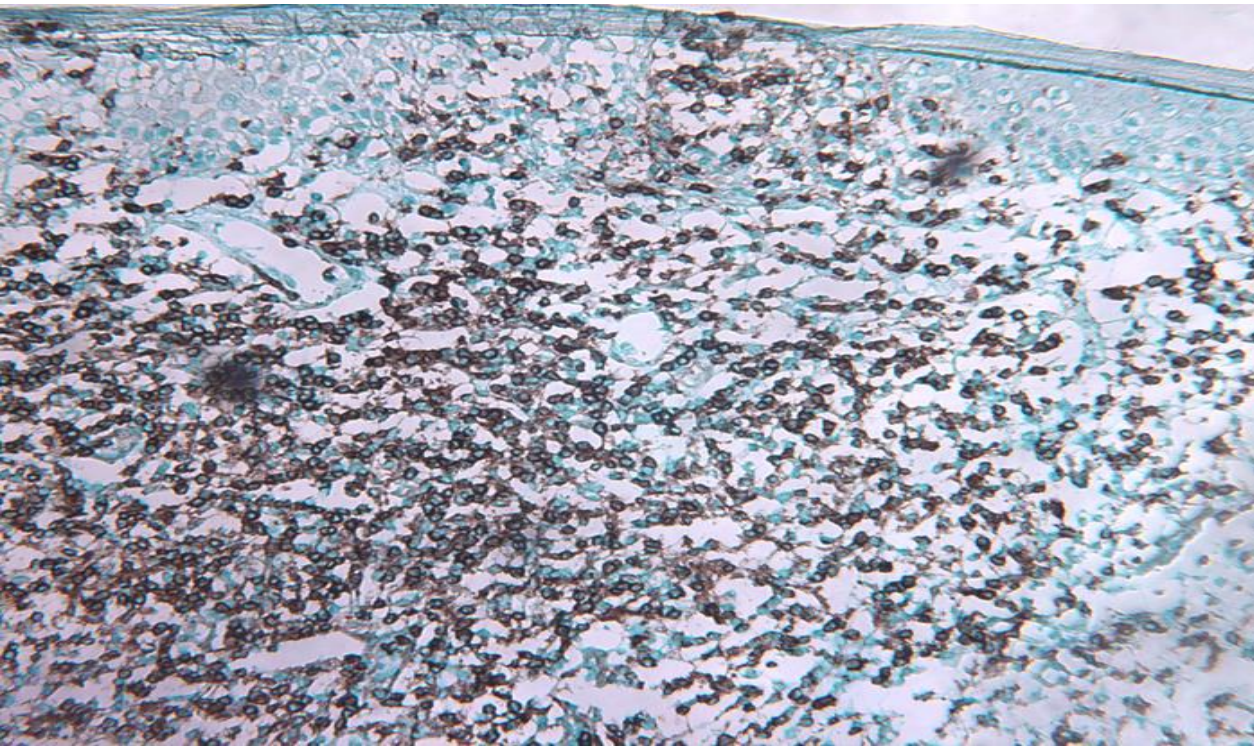


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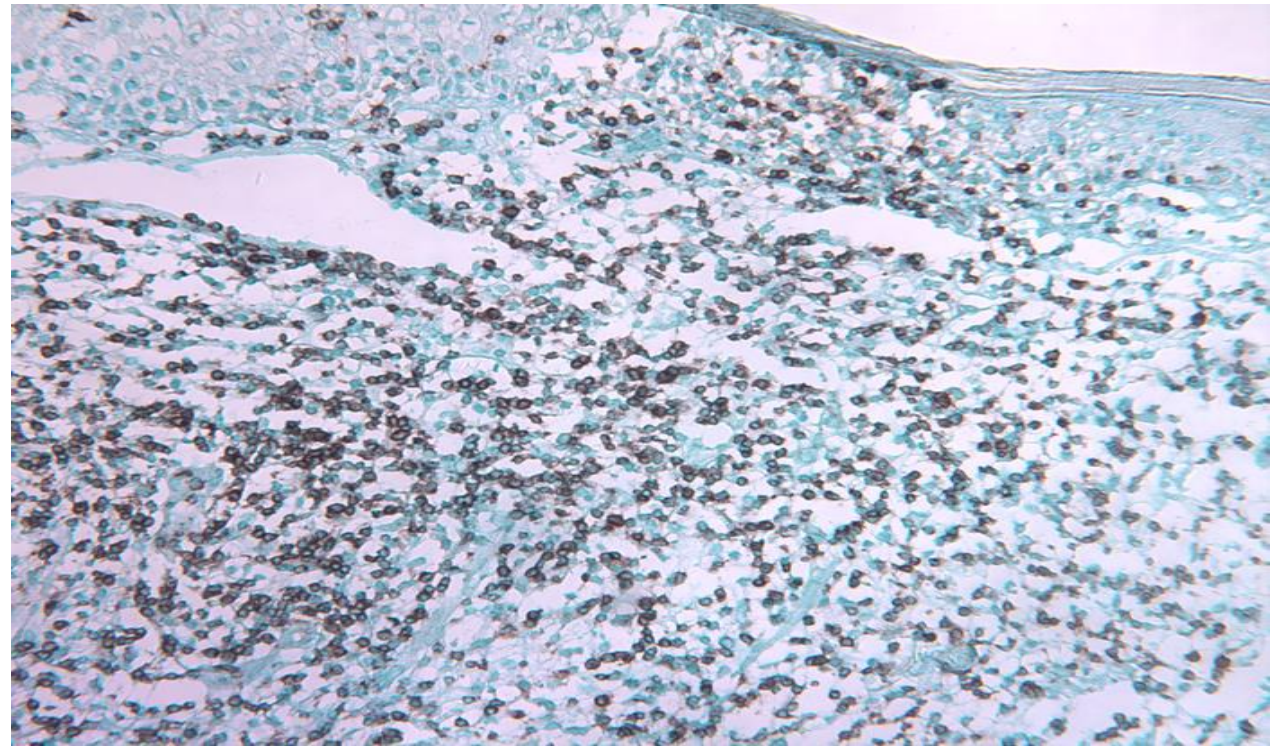


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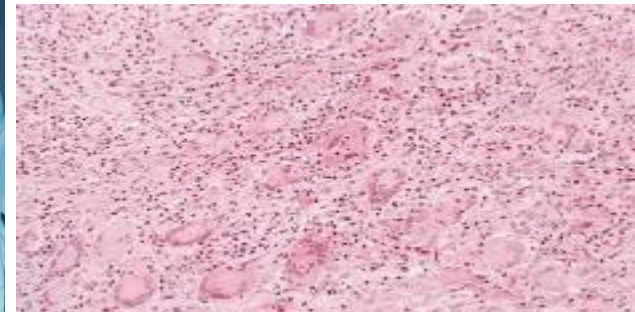
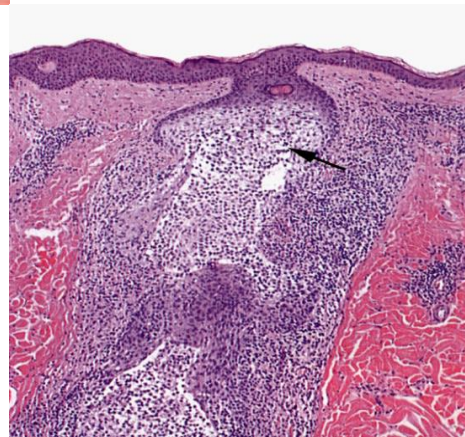


- CD7





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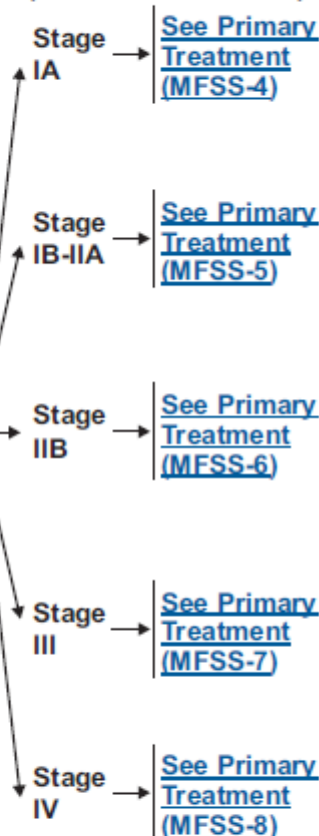
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# CD30+ Lymphoproliferative Disorders: *Lymphomatoid Papulosis*

- Demographics
  - Median age: 45
  - Male-to-female: 1.5:1
- ***Chronic, recurrent, asymptomatic, self-healing papulonodular/papulonecrotic eruption***
  - Trunk and limbs
  - Lesions and course similar to PLEVA
  - Hypopigmented scarring
- Course
  - Develops over days/weeks
  - Duration: months to >40 years



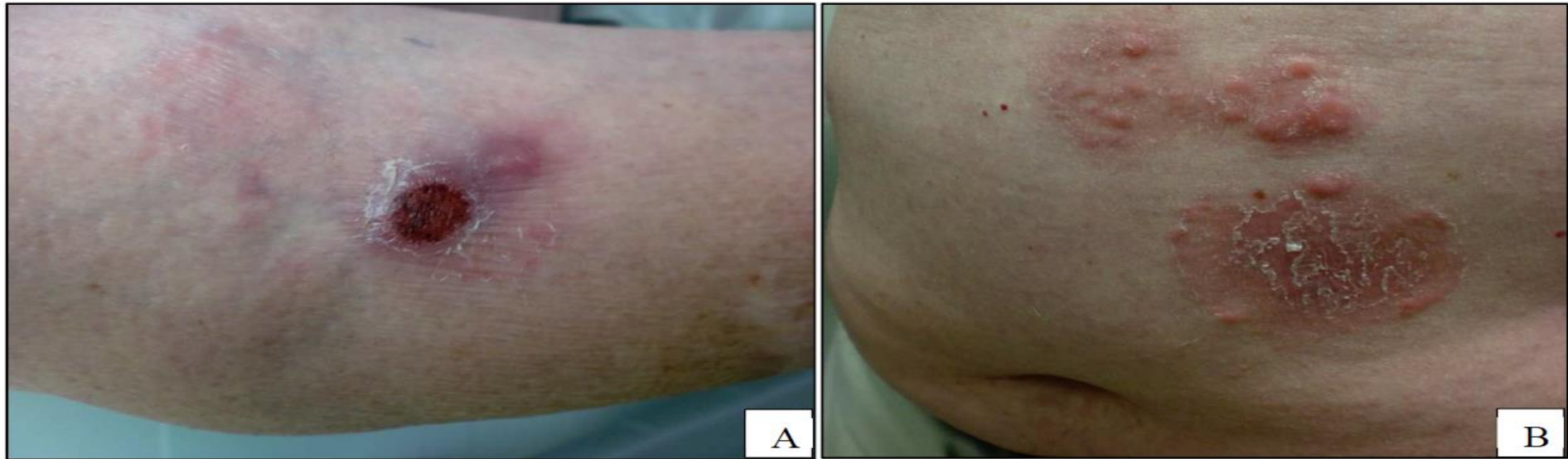
## CD30+LPD:

# *Primary Cutaneous Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma*

- Demographics
  - Older adults
  - Generally older than systemic ALCL with skin involvement
- ***Skin-colored to erythematous nodules, plaques, and tumors***
- Few to several centimeters in diameter
- Trunk, extremities, and occasionally face, affected
- Ulceration not uncommon



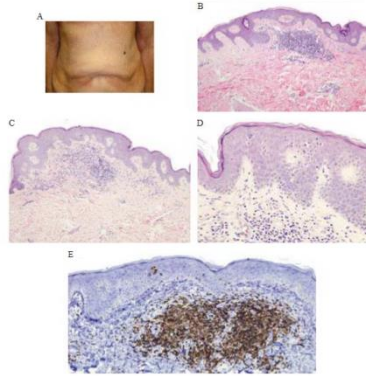
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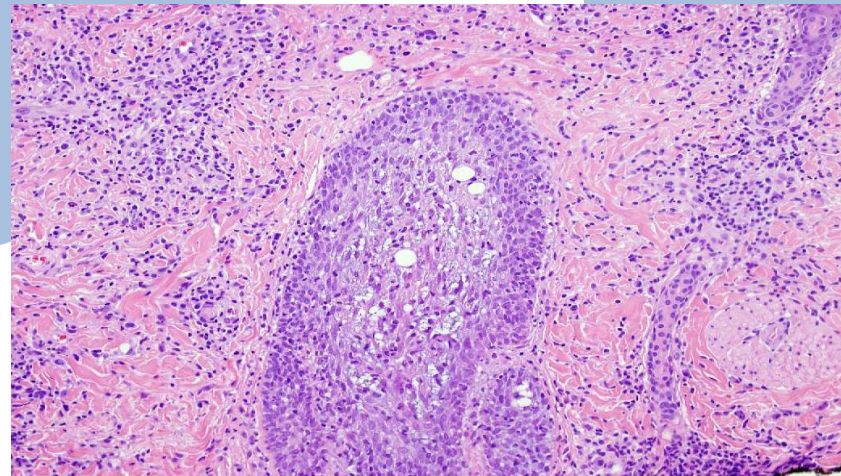
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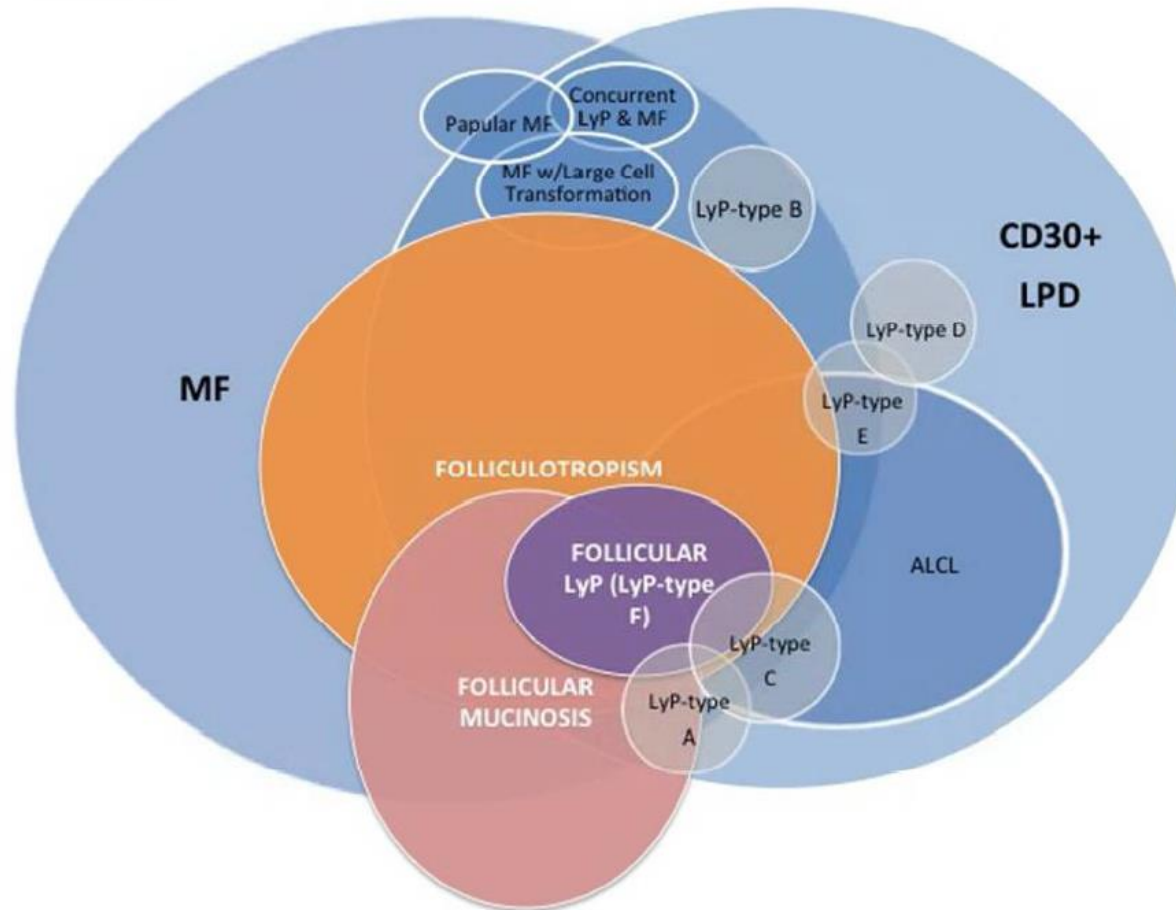
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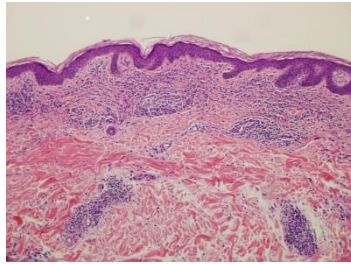


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# Clinicopathologic Correlation



# ***WHEN*** did this happen?

## **Evolution of features**

- Progression assessment
- Transformation
  - MF large cell transformation
- Dual processes
  - MF & CD30+ LPD

## **Implications**

- Prognosis
- Therapy
  - Aggressiveness
  - Tx of other malignancy
    - CLL
    - Plasma cell dyscrasia



# *WHERE* is the disease?

## Staging

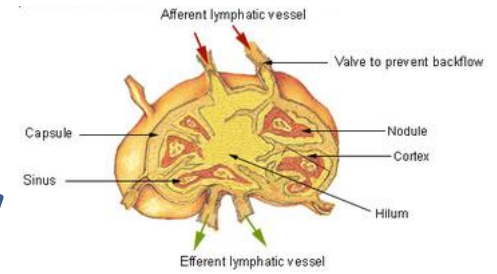
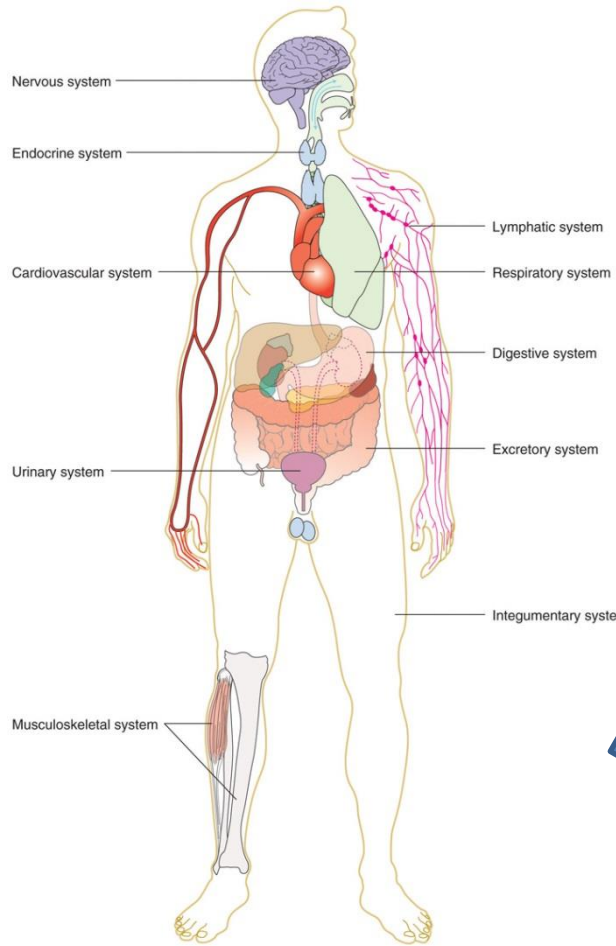
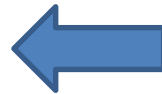
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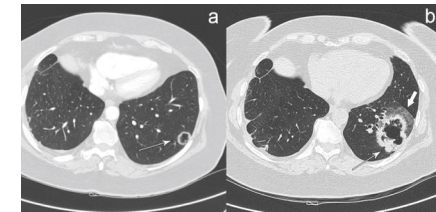
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    - CBC
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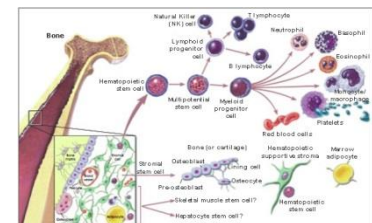
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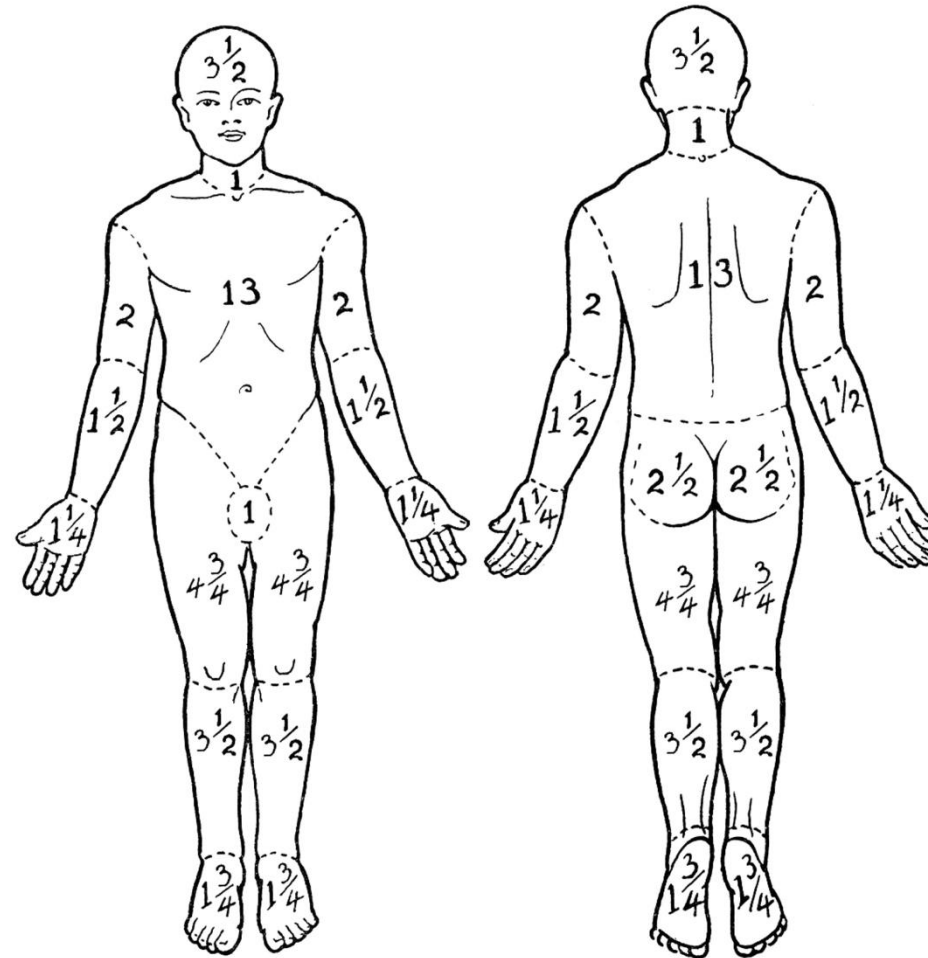


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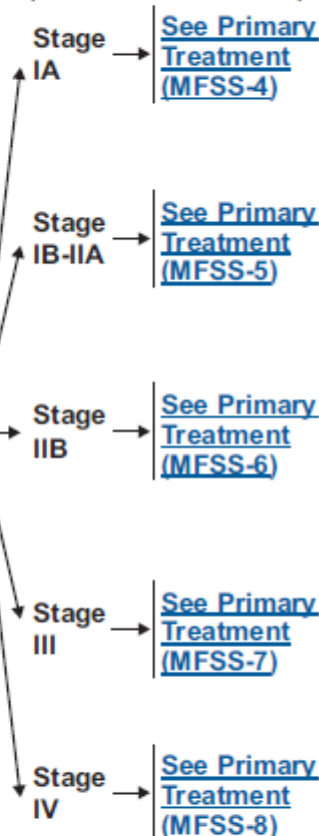
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# *HOW* can we help?

## Prognosis

- Staging
- Counseling
  - Stage IA, most IB

## Treatment

- Skin-directed therapy
  - Topical steroids
  - Nitrogen mustard (mechlorethamine)
- Phototherapy
  - PUVA
  - N-UVB
  - Extracorporeal photophoresis (ECP)
- Systemic therapy
  - MTX
  - Retinoids
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	T4	Confluence of erythema ≥80% body surface area
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<sup>i</sup>Sezary syndrome (B2) is defined as a clonal rearrangement of the TCR in the blood (clones should be relevant to clone in the skin) and either 1000/mcL or increased CD4 or CD3 cells with CD4/CD8 of ≥10 or increase in CD4 cells with an abnormal phenotype (≥40% CD4+/CD7- or ≥30% CD4+/CD26- of the total lymphocyte count).

<sup>j</sup>Patch = Any size skin lesion without significant elevation or induration. Presence/absence of hypo- or hyperpigmentation, scale, crusting, and/or poikiloderma should be noted.

<sup>k</sup>Plaque = Any size skin lesion that is elevated or indurated. Presence or absence of scale, crusting and/or poikiloderma should be noted. Histologic features such as folliculotropism or large cell transformation (≥25% large cells), CD30+ or CD30-, and clinical features such as ulceration are important to document.

<sup>l</sup>Tumor = at least one >1 cm diameter solid or nodular lesion with evidence of depth and/or vertical growth. Note total number of lesions, total volume of lesions, largest size lesion, and region of body involved. Also note if histologic evidence of large cell transformation has occurred. Phenotyping for CD30 is encouraged.

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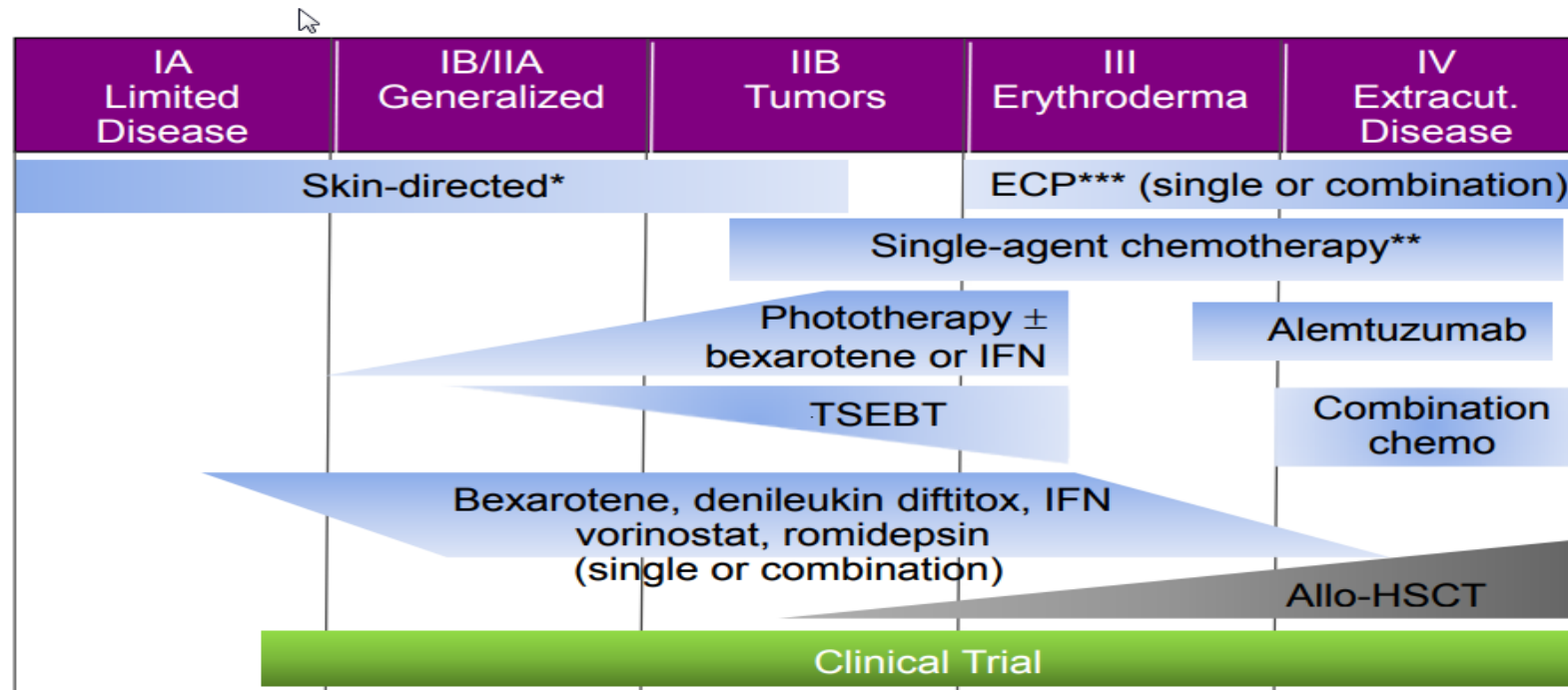
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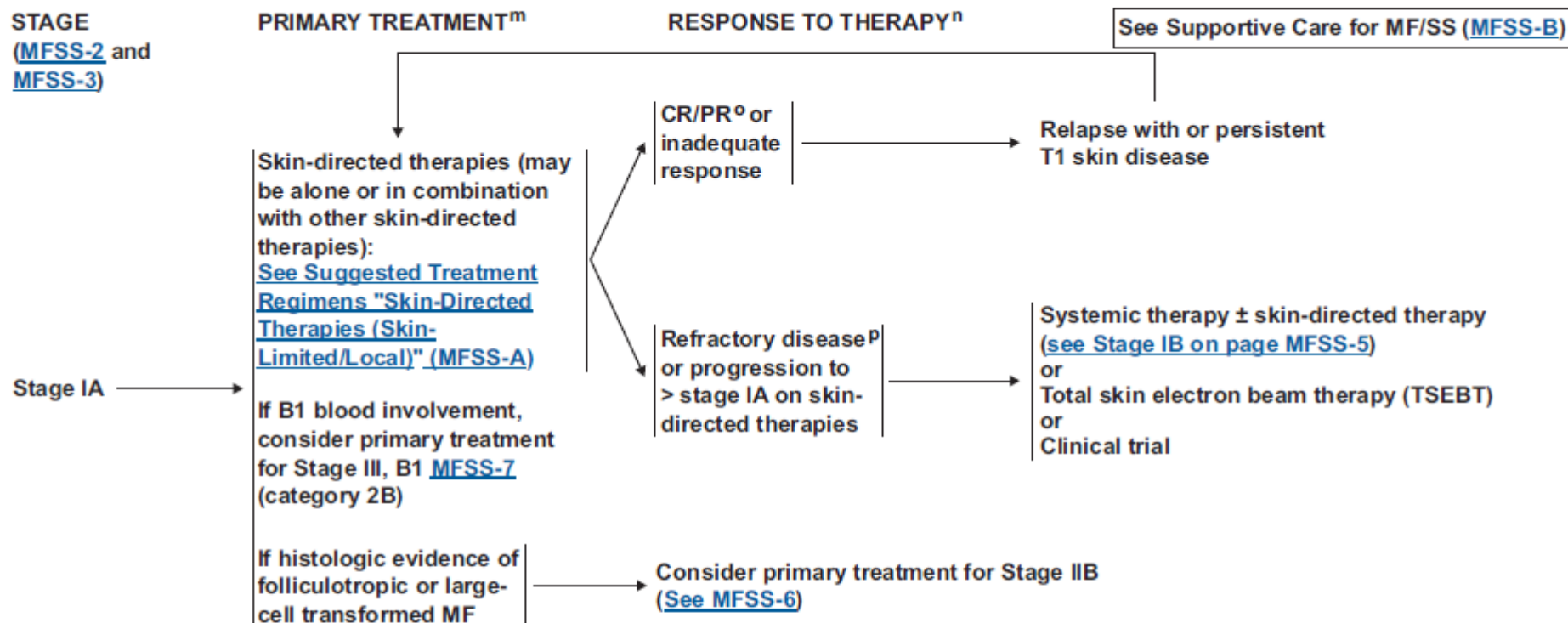
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## Current Clinical Management of CTCL



\* Topical steroid, retinoid gel, nitrogen mustard, phototherapy, radiation therapy.

\*\* Methotrexate, liposomal doxorubicin, gemcitabine, pentostatin, chlorambucil, etoposide, temozolomide. \*\*\*ECP = photopheresis



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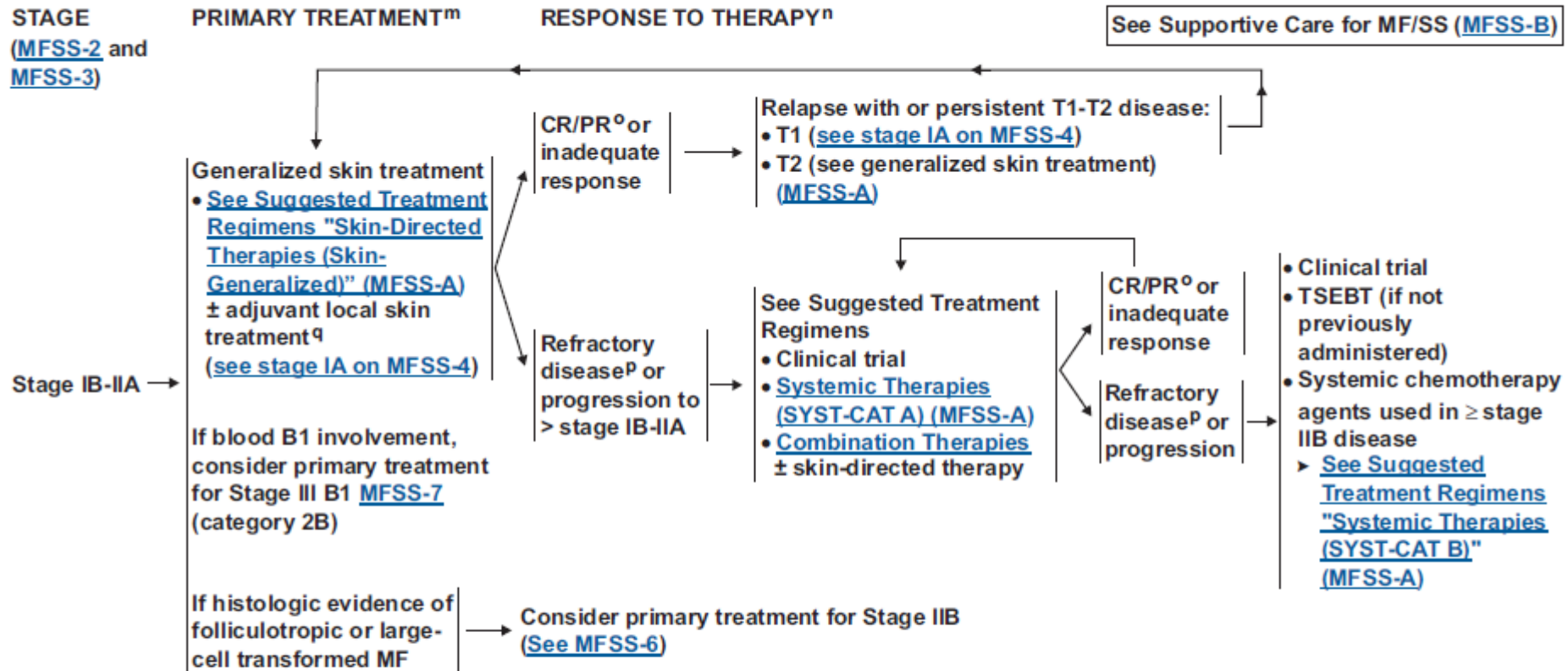
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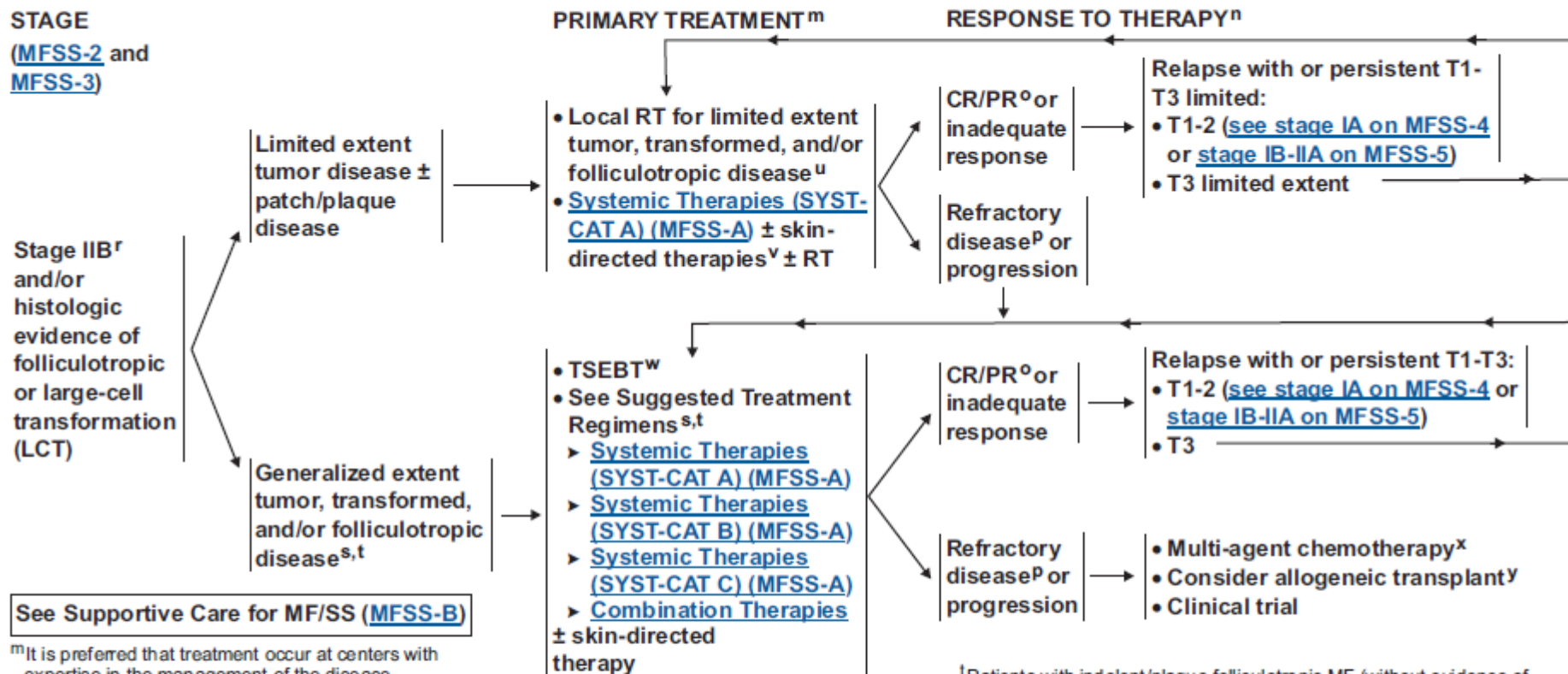
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<sup>q</sup>For patients with recalcitrant sites after generalized skin treatment, additional local treatment may be needed.

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<sup>r</sup>Rebiopsy if suspect large cell transformation.

<sup>s</sup>Histologic evidence of LCT often, but not always corresponds to a more aggressive growth rate. If there is no evidence of more aggressive growth, choosing systemic therapies from SYST-CAT A or SYST-CAT B are appropriate. If aggressive growth is seen, then agents listed in [SYST-CAT C](#) are preferred.

<sup>l</sup>Patients with indolent/plaque folliculotropic MF (without evidence of LCT) should first be considered for therapies under SYST-CAT A before resorting to treatments listed in SYST-CAT B or SYST-CAT C.

<sup>u</sup>For non-radiated sites, see Stage I-IIA. After patient is rendered disease free by RT, may consider adjuvant systemic biologic therapy ([SYST-CAT A](#)) after RT to improve response duration.

<sup>v</sup>Skin-directed therapies are for patch or plaque lesions and not for tumor lesions.

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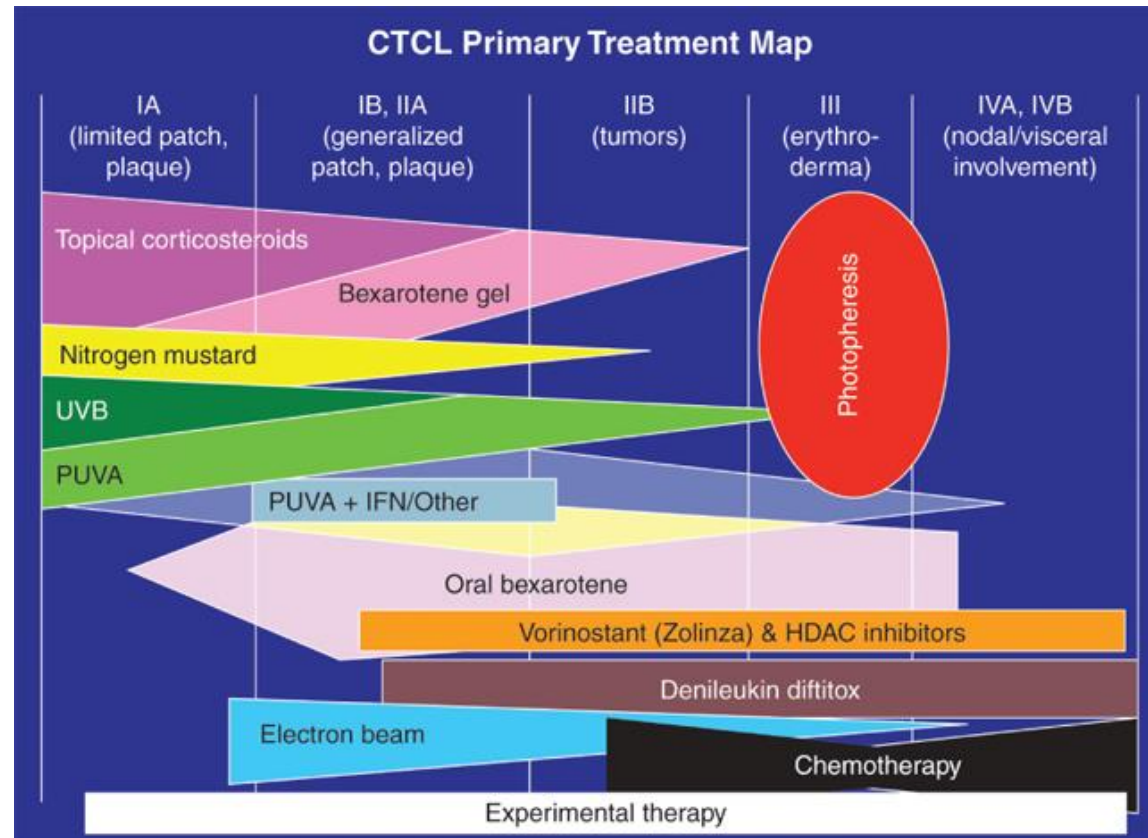
<sup>x</sup>Most patients are treated with multiple [SYST-CAT A/B](#) or [combination therapies](#) before receiving multiagent chemotherapy.

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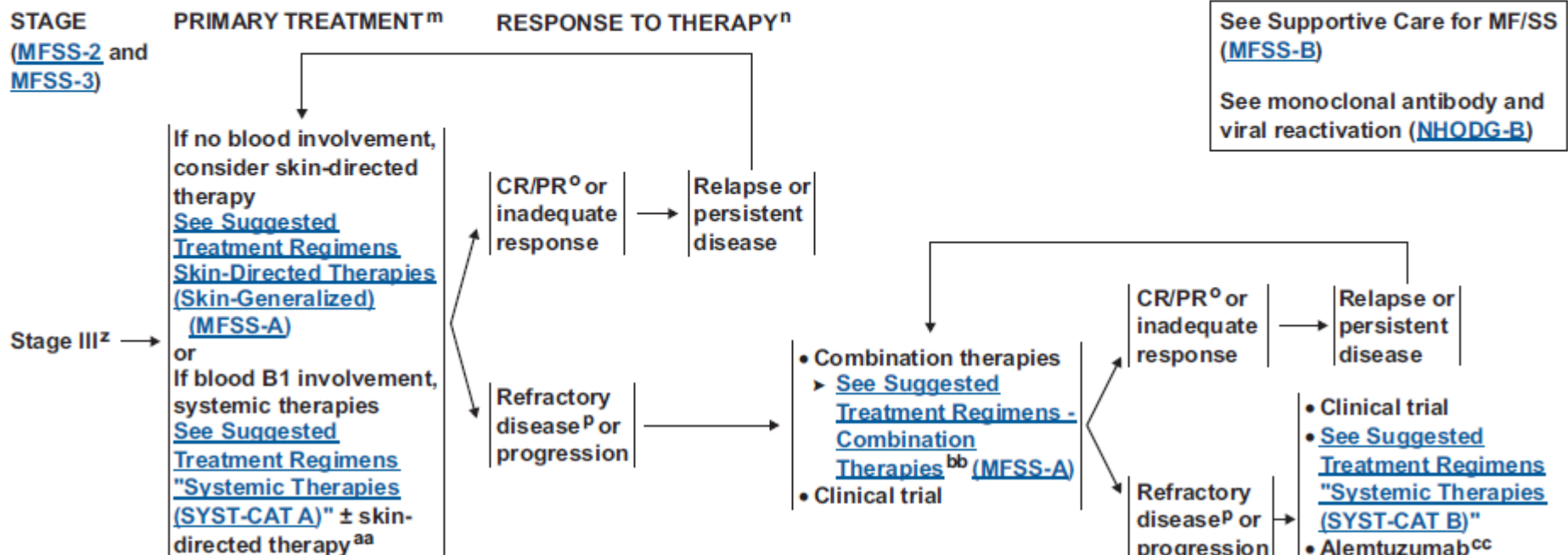
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<sup>z</sup>Generalized skin-directed therapies (other than topical steroids) may not be well-tolerated in stage III and should be used with caution. Phototherapy (PUVA or UVB) or TSEBT can be used successfully.

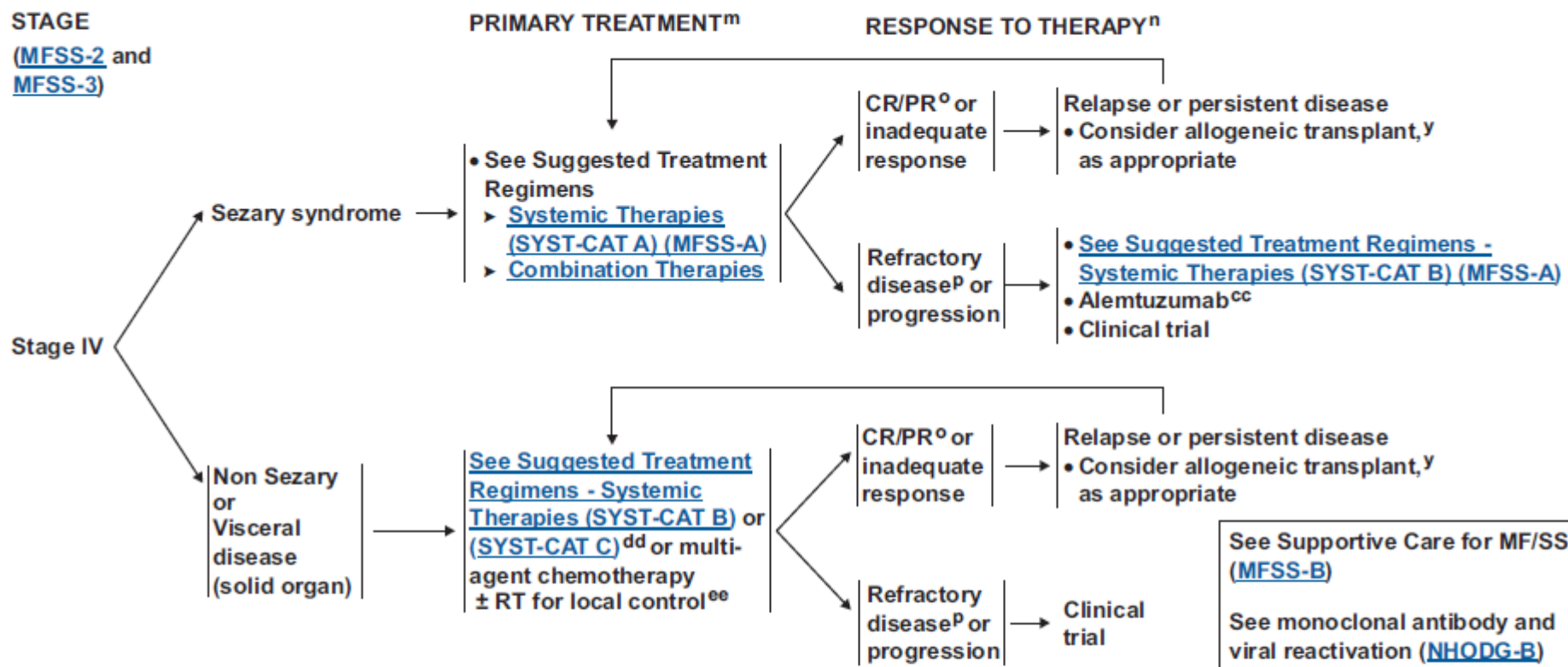
<sup>aa</sup>Mid-potency topical steroids should be included (± occlusive modality) with any of the primary treatment modalities to reduce skin symptoms. Erythrodermic patients are at increased risk for secondary infection with skin pathogens and systemic antibiotic therapy should be considered.

<sup>bb</sup>Combination therapy options can be considered earlier (primary treatment) depending on treatment availability or symptom severity.

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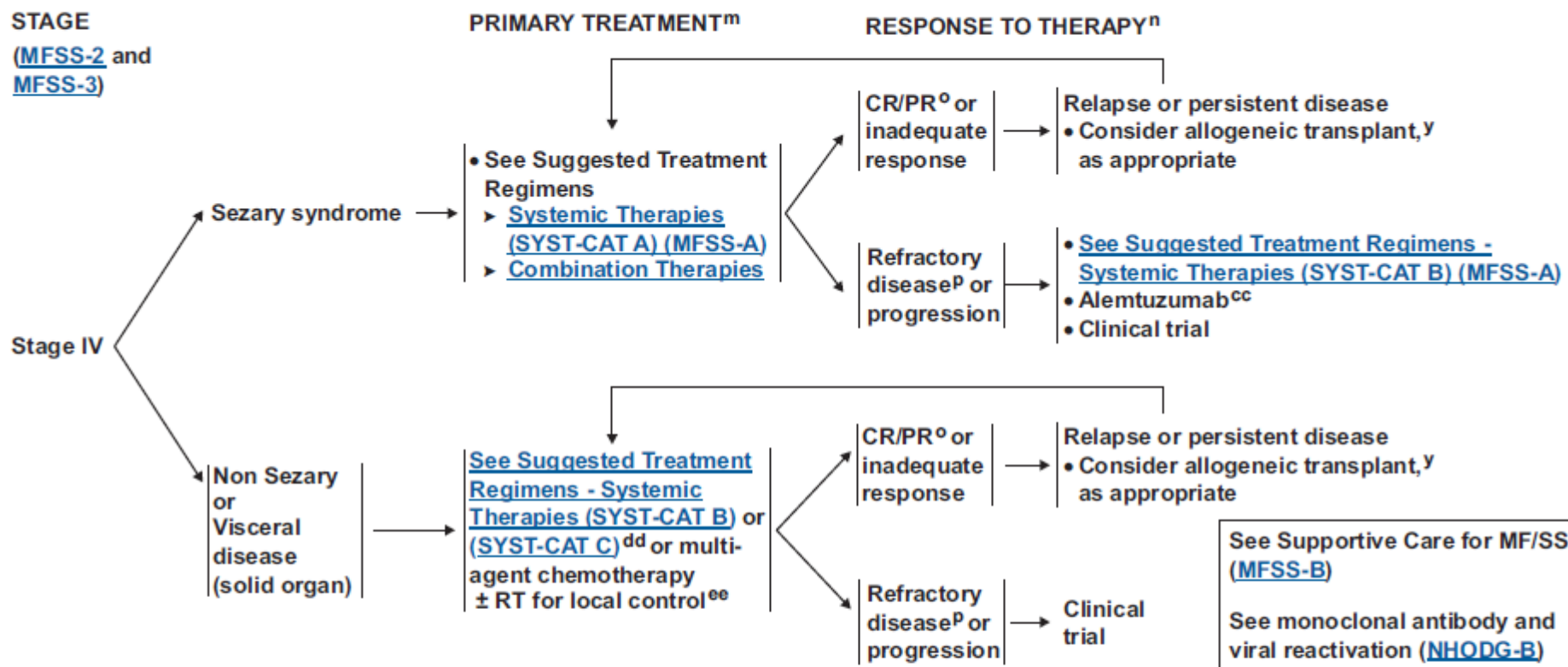
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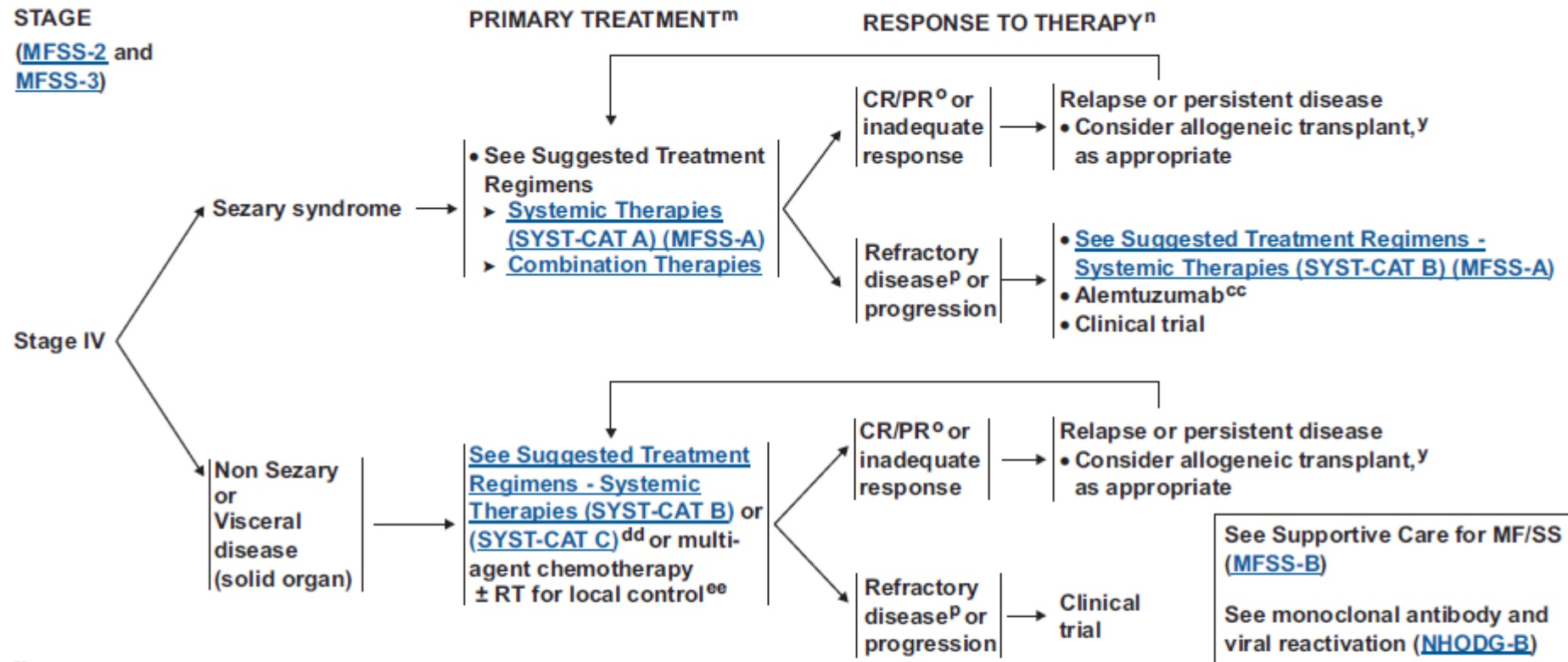
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## SUPPORTIVE CARE FOR MF/SS

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- **Assessment**
  - ▶ Pruritus should be assessed at each visit using consistent measurements
  - ▶ Generalized pruritus and localized pruritus should be distinguished
  - ▶ Correlation between sites of disease and localization of pruritus should be noted
  - ▶ Other potential causes for pruritus should be ruled out
- **Treatment**
  - ▶ Moisturizers, emollients, and barrier protection
  - ▶ Topical steroid (appropriate strength for body region) ± occlusion
  - ▶ Optimize skin-directed and systemic therapy
  - ▶ Topical preparations - camphor/menthol formulations, pramoxine formulations
  - ▶ Systemic agents
    - ◇ First-line
      - Antihistamines
      - Doxepin
      - Gabapentin
    - ◇ Second-line
      - Aprepitant
      - Mirtazapine
      - Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors
    - ◇ Third-line
      - Naltrexone

**Infections**

- **Active or Suspected Infections**
  - ▶ Erythroderma:
    - ◇ Skin swab and nares cultures for *Staphylococcus aureus* (*S. aureus*) infection or colonization
    - ◇ Intranasal mupirocin
    - ◇ Oral dicloxacillin or cephalexin
    - ◇ Sulfamethoxazole/trimethoprim, doxycycline if suspect MRSA
    - ◇ Vancomycin if no improvement or bacteremia
    - ◇ Bleach baths or soaks (if limited area)
  - ▶ Ulcerated and necrotic tumors:
    - ◇ Gram-negative rods (GNR) common in necrotic tumors may lead to bacteremia and sepsis
    - ◇ If high suspicion for infection, obtain blood cultures, start antibiotics even if fever absent
    - ◇ Role of wound cultures not clear due to colonization
    - ◇ Empirical therapy for both GNR and gram-positive coccal infections is necessary initially
- **Prophylaxis**
  - ▶ Optimize skin barrier protection
  - ▶ Mupirocin for *S. aureus* colonization
  - ▶ Bleach baths or soaks (if limited area)
  - ▶ Avoid central lines (especially in erythrodermic patients)
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### Abstract

**Background** Little is currently known about health-related quality of life (HRQoL) of patients with cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL), a condition characterized by chronic, pruritic, visible lesions, features which may be uniquely influential.

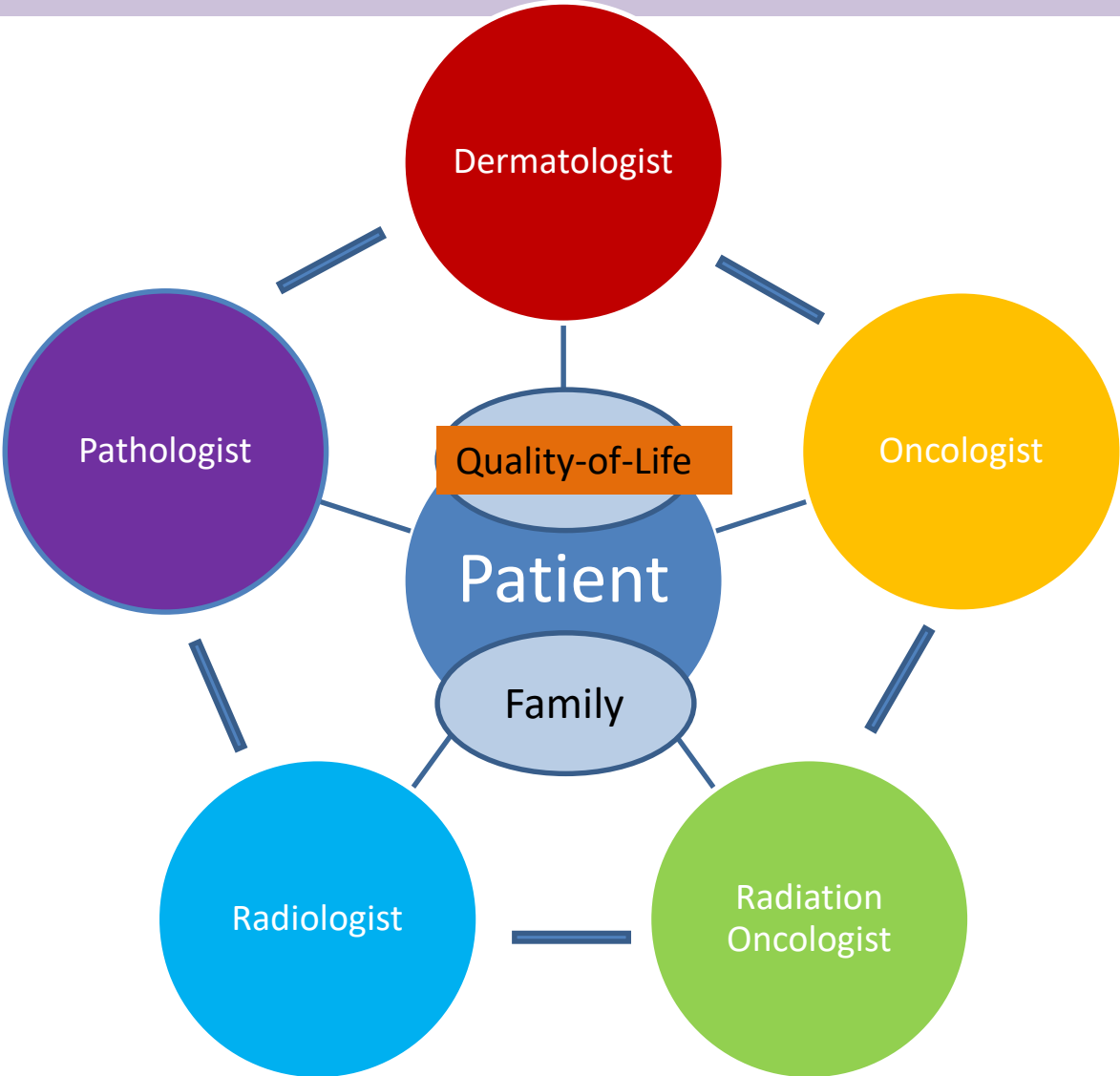
**Objective** The aim of this study was to establish baseline HRQoL data for patients with CTCL and identify its influencing factors.

**Methods** Prospective, nonblinded survey design utilizing questionnaires including panels of QoL indices obtained from 105 patients with mycosis fungoides, Sezary syndrome, and CD30+ lymphoproliferative disorder. Chart review correlated QoL with year of disease onset/diagnosis, type/stage of disease, current/past therapies, and medical/psychiatric diagnoses.

**Results** Psychiatric condition was significantly associated with symptoms ( $P < 0.01$ ), emotions ( $P < 0.01$ ), and functioning ( $P < 0.03$ ) subscales along with overall composite measure ( $P < 0.01$ ). High-grade systemic therapy (OR = 5.28) showed greater increase in odds of a lower health state than low grade (OR = 1.54). The number of medical comorbidities was significantly related to itching ( $P < 0.01$ ). Increased age was a protective factor with respect to the emotions ( $P < 0.01$ ), functioning ( $P < 0.01$ ), and overall composite ( $P < 0.01$ ) but not predictive of symptoms. Lower income was associated with higher bother on the symptoms subscale.

**Conclusions** HRQoL in CTCL appears related to a number of factors, including presence of a psychiatric condition, use of systemic (particularly high grade) therapy, number of medical comorbidities, and income.

# Patient-Centered, Multidisciplinary Care





# Medical Documentation

- 1) MYCOSIS FUNGOIDES

- Stage:

- History:

- Work-up:

- Consultations:

- Bloodwork:

- Histopathology:

- Radiographic Imaging:

- -

- Treatment:

- Topical/Intralesional Therapy:

- Photo(chemo)therapy/Radiation therapy:

- Systemic therapy:

- - Antihistamines:

- - Systemic steroids

- - Methotrexate

- - Retinoids

- - Interferon

- - Vorinostat

- - Doxil

- - Gemcitabine

- - Pentostatin

- - Mogamulizumab

# *WHY* did this happen?

## **Case observations**

- Presentation
  - Unusual hx?
  - PE?
  - Work-up?
- Therapy

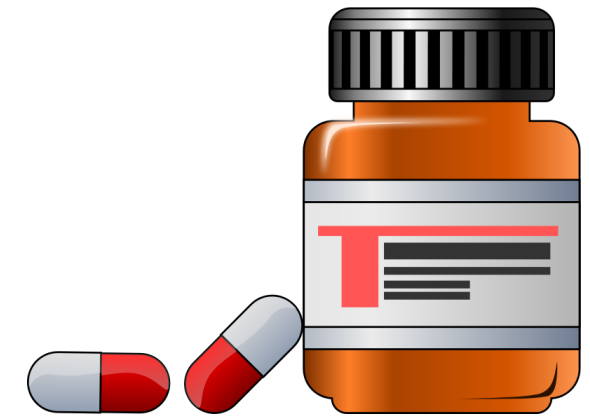
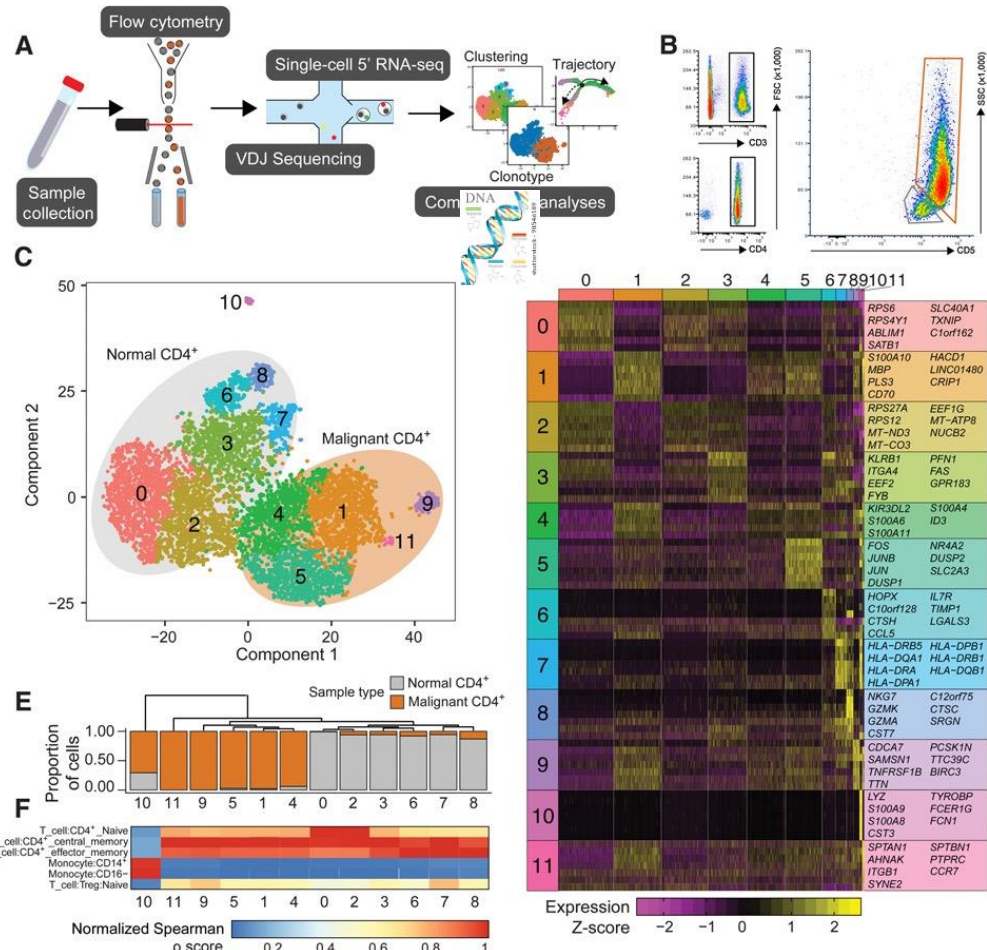
## **Research questions**

- Clinical
- Pathologic
- Therapy





# Research Into What Lies Beneath?



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WHO, WHEN?

HPI

PMH, SH, FH



WHAT?

Lymphoma?

Type



WHERE?

Skin

Staging

## HOW HELP?

Lymphoma therapy

Personal, Social, Family Well-being



## WHY?

Research into Diagnosis,  
Classification

Research into Therapy



## HOW HELP OTHERS?

Improved diagnostic criteria,  
classification, prognosis, etc.

Improved management

# Conclusions

- “**Who-What-When-Where-How-Why?**” offers a framework to understanding cutaneous T-cell lymphoma (CTCL)
- **Clinicopathologic correlation** is key to accurate diagnosis and optimal management
- **Multidisciplinary** care coordination is critical
- Optimal care is **patient-centered** and addresses quality-of-life issues in decision-making