

Disorders Associated with Physical Agents: Heat, Cold, Radiation, and Trauma

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Characteristic histopathologic changes associated with cryotherapy include all except:

- Loss of parakeratosis
- Loss of melanocytes
- Subepidermal bulla
- Hemorrhage
- Thrombosis

Answer

- Loss of parakeratosis

The stratum corneum is devitalized and thus parakeratosis will be perserved.

Pertinent histopathologic diagnostic considerations for perniosis include all except:

- Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- Lupus erythematosus
- Neutrophilic eccrine hidradenitis
- Erythema multiforme
- Polymorphous light eruption

Answer

- Neutrophilic eccrine hidradenitis

While both lesions occur on acral skin, this latter condition usually lacks epidermal changes and is associated with extensive neutrophilic infiltration of the eccrine ducts.

Histopathologic findings of erythema ab igne include all except:

- Dermal melanophages
- Epidermal atrophy
- Decreased dermal elastic fibers
- Increased ground substance
- Mild vascular ectasia

Answer

- Decreased dermal elastic fibers

The hallmark is increased dermal elastic fibers, confirmed by elastic stains.