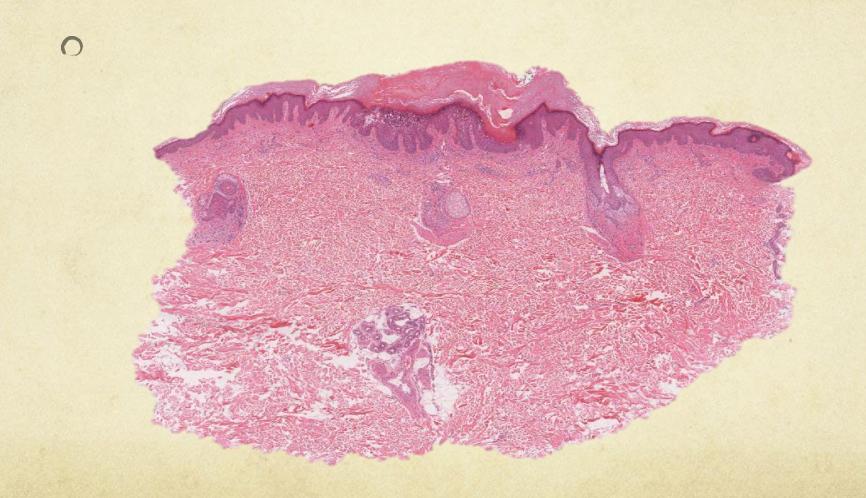
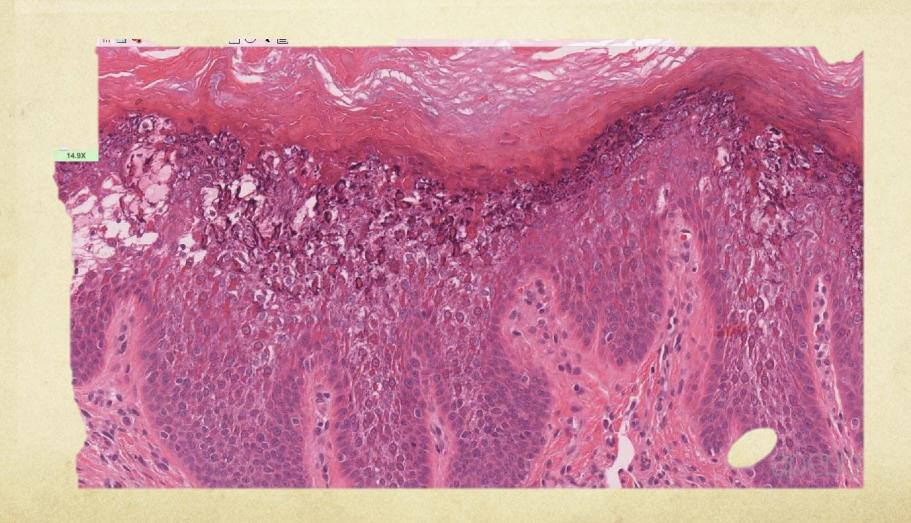
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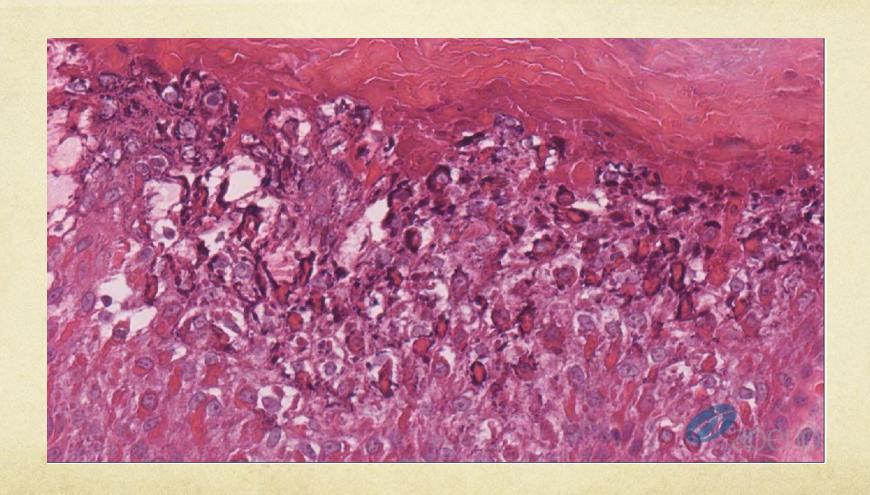
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56 year old lady with a single keratotic crusted lesion to the chest. Clinically actinic keratosis.









- O 1) Warty dyskeratoma
- O 2) Actinic keratosis
- O 3) Epidermolytic acanthoma
- O 4) Acantholytic acanthoma
- O 5) Congenital bullous ichthyosiform erythroderma

O The correct answer is:

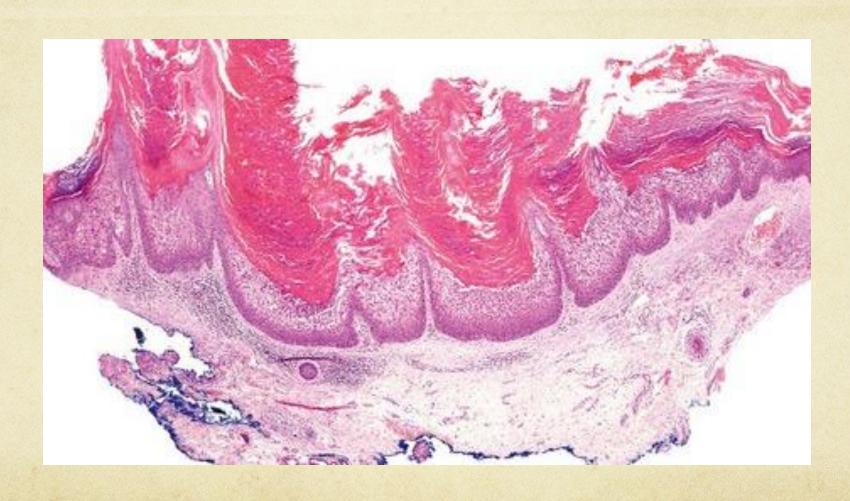
O Epidermolytic acanthoma

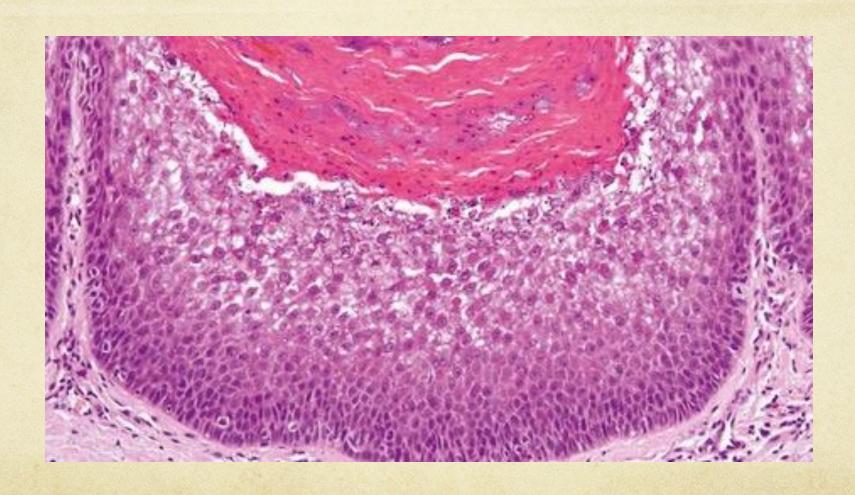
- Acquired lesion
- O Verrucous papule or plaque
- O Clinical differential diagnosis include: Viral wart, seborrhoeic keratosis, actinic keratosis



O Histologically:

- Hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis, acanthosis and papillomatosis
- Features of epidermolytic hyperkeratosis in the prickle and granular cell layers
- Marked vacuolation of keratinocytes and eosinophilic cytoplasmic inclusion bodies.





Differential diagnosis

- O Identical histological features are seen in
 - O Congenital bullous ichthyosifrom eryhtroderma
 - O Epidermolytic palmoplanter keratoderma
 - Focal epidermolytic hyperkeratosis

- May be a spontaneous mutation or inherited as an autosomal dominant condition.
- Infants may show marked hyperkeratosis with scales that change to a moist tender erythroderma as the scales are lost.
- As the patients get older there is less erythema and blistering with development of verrucous hyperkeratosis especially in the flexures.
- Associated with significant morbidity and mortality



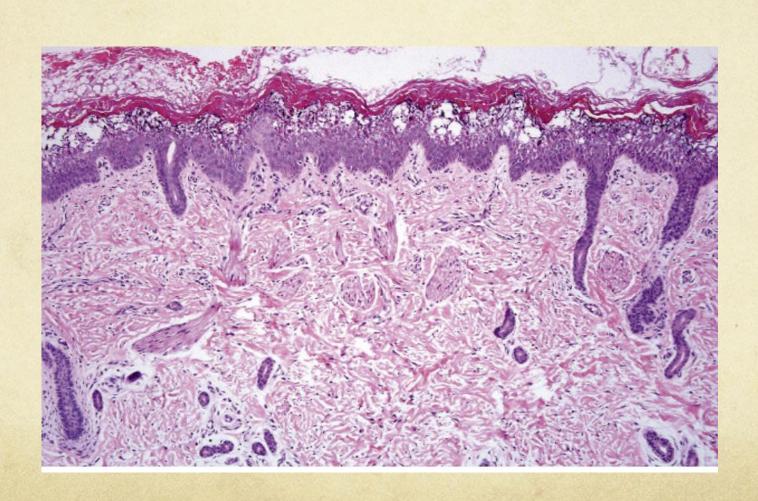


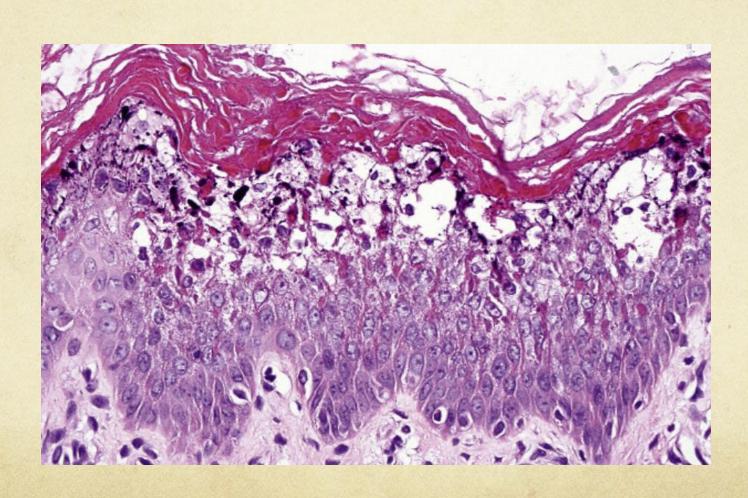






- O Histologically shows epidermolytic hyperkeratosis. There maybe intra-epidermal blister formation.
- O Ultrastructurally the eosinophilic inclusions are abnormally aggregated keratin. Cells lack a regular keratin skeleton accounting for the skin fragility.
- Represents a genetic disorder of keratin expression. Mutations in genes for keratin 1 and 10 have been identified.



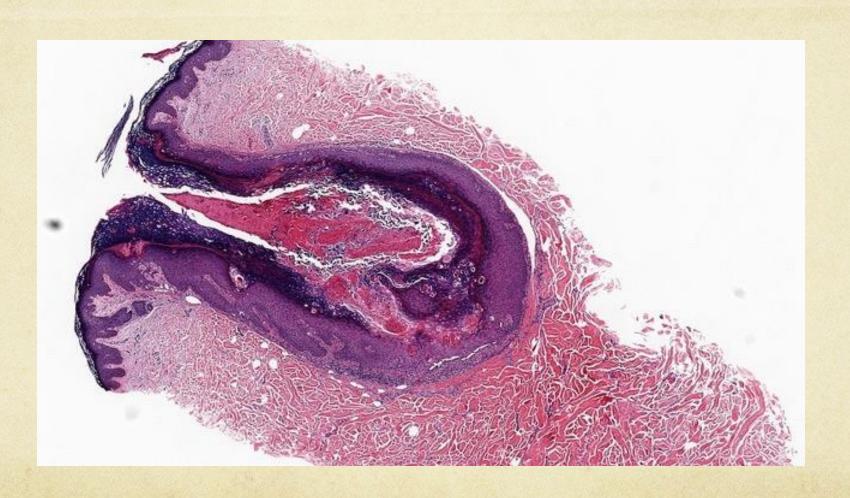


Warty dyskeratoma

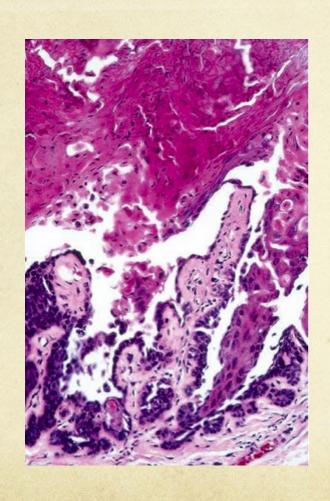
- O Hyperkeratotic nodule on skin exposed site of middle aged adults . Unknown etiology.
- O Histologically:
 - O Cup shaped lesion containing keratinous debris
 - Superficially there are corps Ronds and Grains of Darier.
 - O Deeper epithelium shows marked acantholysis with suprabasal villi,
 - O Lymphocytes, histiocytes and occasional plasma cells in dermis.

Warty dyskeratoma





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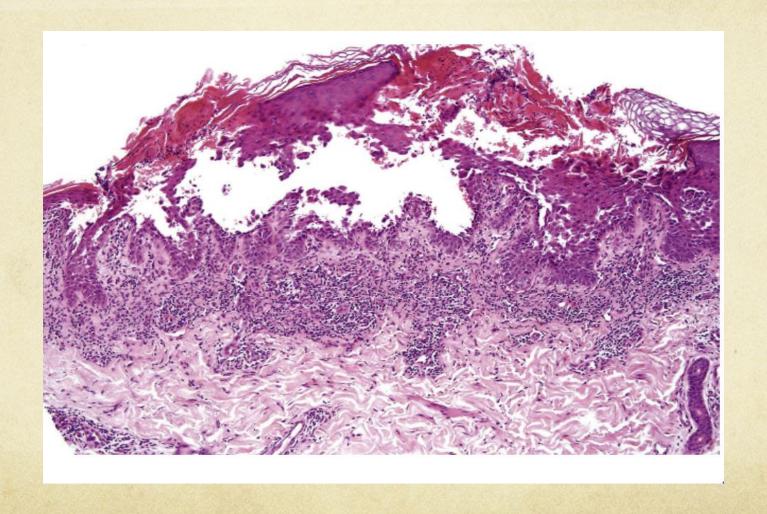




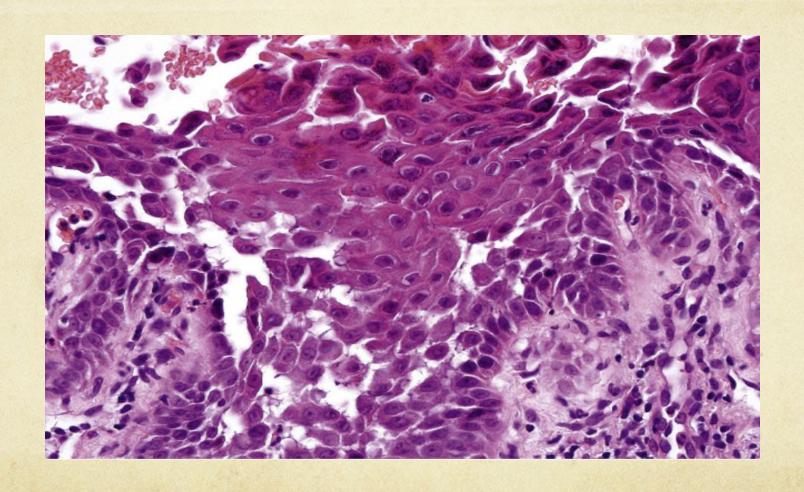
Acntholytic acanthoma

- O Common solitary, asymptomatic keratotic papule or plaque.
- O Usually presenting on trunk, arms or neck
- O Histologically:
 - O Papillomatosis, acanthosis and hyperkeratosis.
 - Acantholysis affecting all or any layer of the epidermis.
 - O Dyskeratosis may be evident.
 - A lymphohistiocytic perivascular chronic inflammatory infiltrate in superficial dermis.

Acantholytic acanthoma



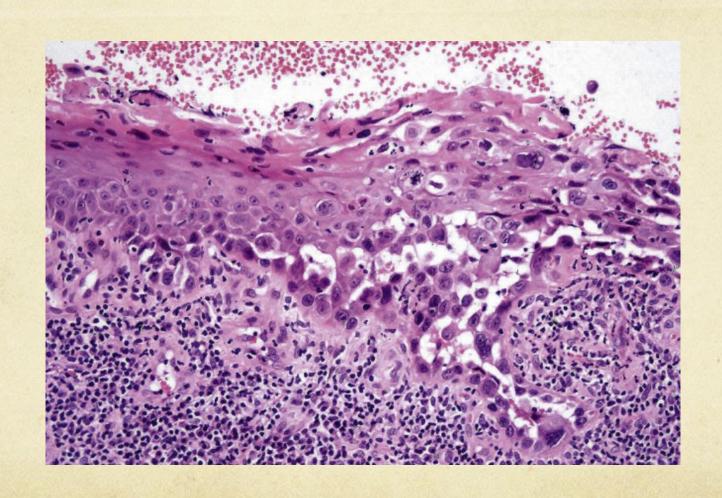
Acantholytic acanthoma



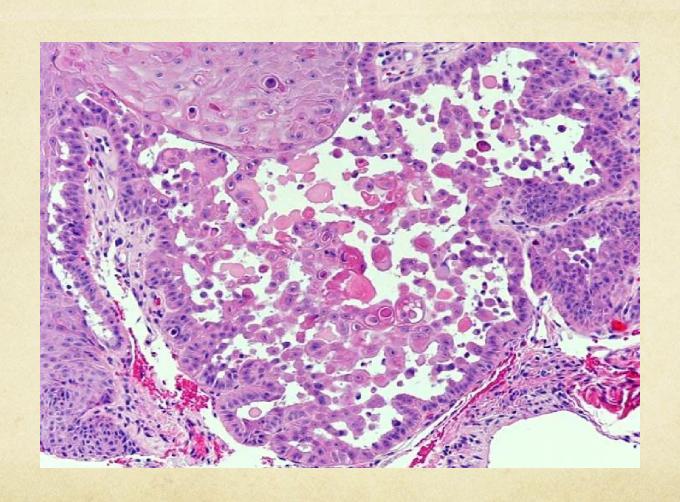
Actinic keratosis

- O Usually tan brown, red or skin coloured circumscribed lesions
- O Histologically:
- O Basal keratinocyte unrest and atypia with disorderly maturation.
- O Variants include epidermolytic actinic keratosis and acanthotic actinic keratosis which may cause histological confusion.

Actinic keratosis



Actinic keratosis



Thank you!

