

• Clinical Information: 72/F right flank, r/o morphea

## DIAGNOSIS:

SKIN, RIGHT FLANK, PUNCH BIOPSY:
 MORPHEA (LOCALIZED SCLERODERMA)

## Teaching Points:

 Perform deep punch biopsy to include most/all of reticular dermis and subcutis

Histopathology of morphea can be indistinguishable from scleroderma

## Minimal Diagnostic Criteria:

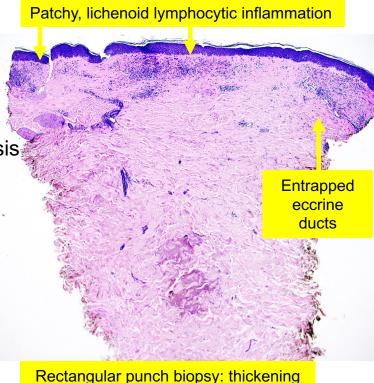
Rectangular punch biopsy: thickening and sclerosisgof dermis and subcutaneous septa (m. profunda)

- Entrapped adnexa
- Nodular inflammatory infiltrate: lymphocytes,
  Plasma cell & occasional eosinophils

## Differential Diagnosis:

- Lichen sclerosis
- Scleroderma (less inflammatory)
- Eosinophilic fasciitis
- Atrophoderma of Pasini and Pierini





of dermis and loss of hair follicles,

eccrine ducts remain