

• Clinical Information: 64/F left arm punch with h/o NLD

 Her prior biopsy from right leg subcutaneous nodule was palisaded granulomatous dermatitis with focal vasculitis, probably necrobiosis lipoidica.



DIAGNOSIS:

SKIN, LEFFT ARM, BIOPSY:CUTANEOUS POLYARTERITIS NODOSA

Teaching Points:

 In some PAN cases, the inflammation may spread to the surrounding adipose tissue, mimicking panniculitis

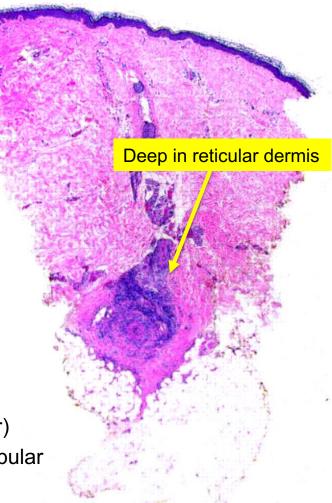
Look for vasculitis in lobular panniculitis

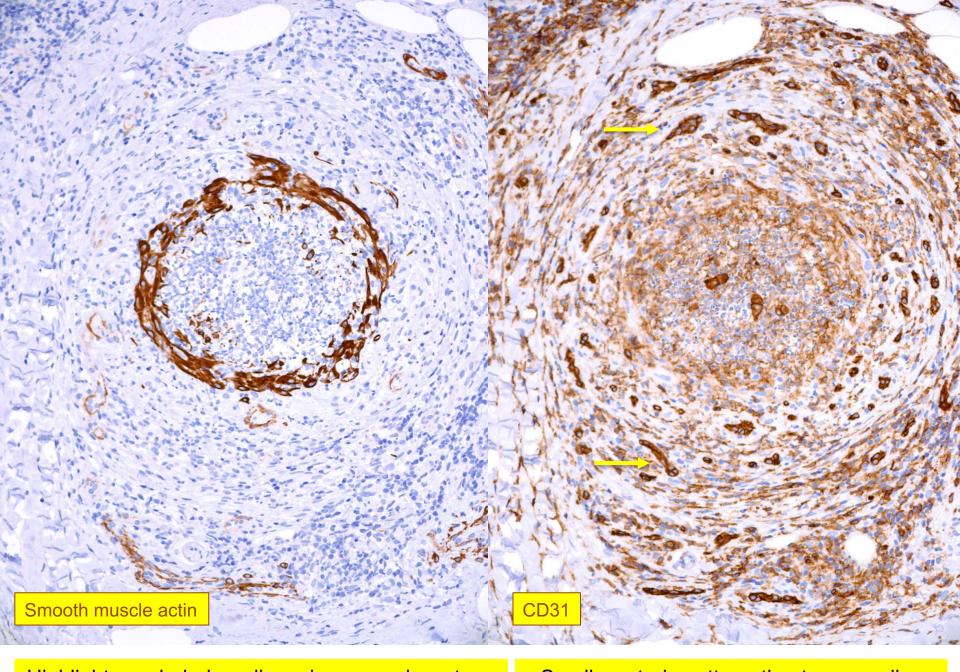
Minimal Diagnostic Criteria:

- Necrotizing vasculitis of medium size artery
- Endothelial fibrinoid necrosis ± luminal occlusion
- Nodular swelling (aneurysm) of artery
- Neutrophilic infiltration with leukocytoclasis
- No evidence of panniculitis

Differential Diagnosis:

- Microscopic polyangiitis (examine the vascular caliber)
- Erythema induratum (± medium caliber vasculitis + lobular panniculitis





Highlights occluded medium size muscular artery

Smaller arteries attempting to recanalize