Dermatopathology Differential Diagnosis Subepidermal Space/Cleft

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Must Know Diseases

Disease	Differentiating Traits
Bullous pemphigoid	Eosinophils at base, festooning
Dermatitis herpetiformis	Neutrophils at base, reverse festooning
Angiokeratoma	Erythrocytes fill the spaces
Lymphangioma	Spaces lined by endothelial cells and are empty
Polymorphous light eruption	Perivascular lymphocytes
Porphyria cutanea tarda	Non-inflammatory base, festooning, caterpillar bodies

Rarer Diseases

Disease	Differentiating Traits