Protozoan Diseases and Parasitic Infections Board Questions

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Histopathologic tissue reactions associated with onchocerciasis include:

- 1. Scar
- 2. None
- 3. Foreign body giant cell reaction
- 4. Pigment incontinence

K type

E-All

Characteristic tissue reactions for acanthamoeba include:

- 1. Lobular panniculitis
- 2. Dermal abscess
- 3. Leukocytoclastic vasculitis
- 4. Non-caseating granulomas

K-type

Answer-A Lobular panniculitis Dermal abscess Leukocytoclastic vasculitis

Cutaneous larval migrans organisms are found in a skin biopsy:

- 1. Clinical site of the larval tract
- 2. Epidermis
- 3. Hair follicle
- 4. Dermis

K-type

D-Dermis

Entamoeba histolytica cysts are characteristically:

- 1. PAS positive
- 2. GMS positive
- 3. Mistaken for histiocytes
- 4. May be exclusively localized to the epidermis

K type

Answer B: PAS positive Mistaken for histiocytes

Histopathologic tissue reactions associated with Schistosomiasis include:

- 1. Calcifications
- 2. Granulomas
- 3. Transepidermal elimination (perforation)
- 4. Epidermal involvement only

Answer A:
Calcifications
Granulomas
Transepidermal elimination
(perforation)