Tumors of Fibrous Tissue Involving the Skin

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Immunohistochemical stains helpful in distinguishing:

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bcl-2		
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Pertinent histopathological differential diagnostic considerations for epithelioid sarcoma include:

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Key Associations:

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