

Skin Lesion Description Card

Instructions

Cut out the card

Fold on the dotted line

Tape two sides together

PRIMARY LESIONS			
Term:	Description:		
Macule:	<0.5 cm flat, round lesion with area of color change		
Patch:	Extension of macule in two dimensions (length and width); area of color change \geq 0.5 cm in diameter		
Papule:	Small palpable lesion <0.5 cm in diameter		
Plaque:	Enlargement of papule in two dimensions (length and width); most elevated, but some intracutaneous		
Nodule:	Enlargement of papule in three dimensions (length, width and height)		
Wheal:	Edematous papule or plaque		
Vesicle:	Small blister <0.5 cm in diameter		
Bullae:	Vesicle \geq 0.5 cm or larger in diameter		
Pustule:	Vesicle filled with neutrophils		
Cyst:	>0.5 cm round, elevated lesion filled with liquid or semi-solid		
SECONDARY LESIONS			
Term:	Description:		
Scales:	Excess dead epidermal cells that are produced by abnormal keratinization and shedding		
Crust:	A collection of dried serum and cellular debris		
Ulcer:	A focal loss of epidermis and dermis; heal with scarring		
Fissure:	A linear loss of epidermis and dermis with sharply defined, nearly vertical walls		
Atrophy:	A depression in the skin resulting from thinning of the epidermis or dermis		
Lichenification:	An area of thickened epidermis caused by scratching; the skin lines are deepened and coarsened		
Description Terminology			
Term:	Description:	Term:	Description
Size		Consistency:	Soft, Medium, Firm
Color		Configuration	Shape
Surface:	Rough or Smooth	Margination:	Sharp or Diffuse