

GVHD SKIN ATLAS*

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ERYTHEMATOUS RASHES

- Papular
- Lichen planus-like
- Papulosquamous
- Poikiloderma
- Keratosis pilaris-like
- Erythroderma



PAPULAR RASH (A) – discrete to confluent erythematous 3-4 mm papules more often associated with acute GVH but also seen beyond the acute stage such as following donor lymphocyte infusions. **(B)** finer, morbilliform eruption, 7 months post-transplant that was histologically compatible with GVH. Biopsies for both show “lichenoid dermatitis.”



LICHEN PLANUS-LIKE – Markedly hyperpigmented, flat-topped papules and small plaques. Close-up reveals purplish papules coalescing into annular or ring-like small plaques with markedly hyperpigmented centers. These lesions look exactly like annular lichen planus clinically and histologically.



PAPULO-SQUAMOUS RASH –
Papules and small scaly plaques on eyelids, vermillion border of lips and on cheeks. Location and reticulated pattern suggest lupus erythematosus. Another differential diagnosis is that of a phototoxic reaction to medication such as Voriconazole. Histology is “lichenoid.”



POIKILODERMA – Reticulated pattern, epidermal atrophy and 3 COLORS (red, brown, and white. Histology is “lichenoid.”



KERATOSIS PILARIS-LIKE – Skin-colored to erythematous follicular spiny keratotic plugs within the follicular openings. Histology is “lichenoid” with apoptotic keratinocytes within the follicular lining and vacuolar degeneration of the follicular basal layer.



ERYTHRODERMA – At least 80% of the body is red and scaly; may be mistaken for drug reaction or cutaneous T-cell lymphoma

SUPERFICIAL SCLEROSIS (MOVABLE)

This reflects increased fibrosis in the dermis.

- Lichen sclerosus-like
- Morphea-like



Lichen Sclerosus-like –
discrete to coalescent gray to
white papules with follicular
plugs. **(B)** is from the mid-back
in **(A)**

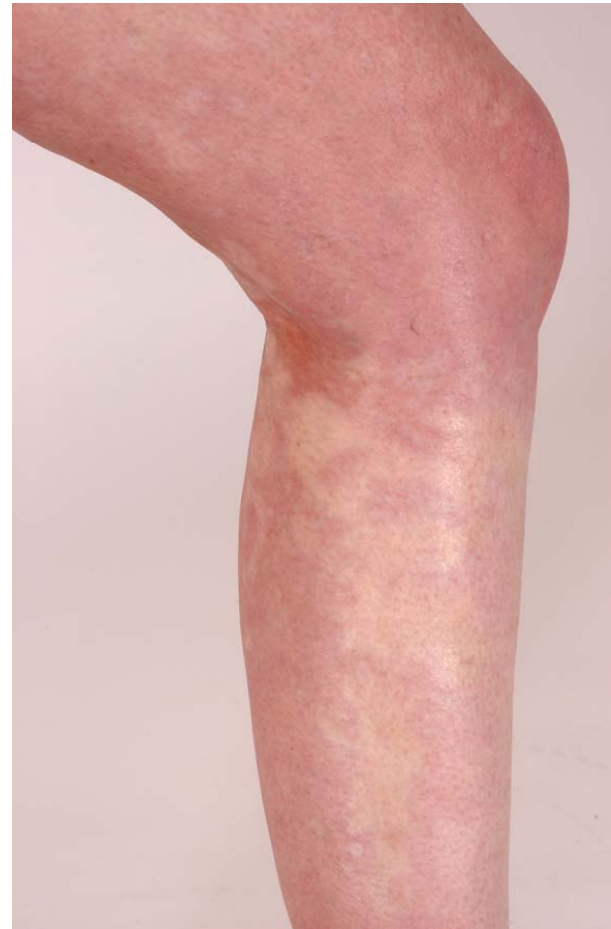


Morphea-like sclerosis – Typical site of superficial or morphea-like sclerosis in addition to dyspigmentation. The white areas (pigment loss) are sclerotic but can be moved over the clavicle.

DEEP SCLEROSIS (FIXED)

REFLECTS FIBROSIS OF DERMIS AND DEEPER LAYERS SUCH AS FASCIA AND FAT SEPTAE

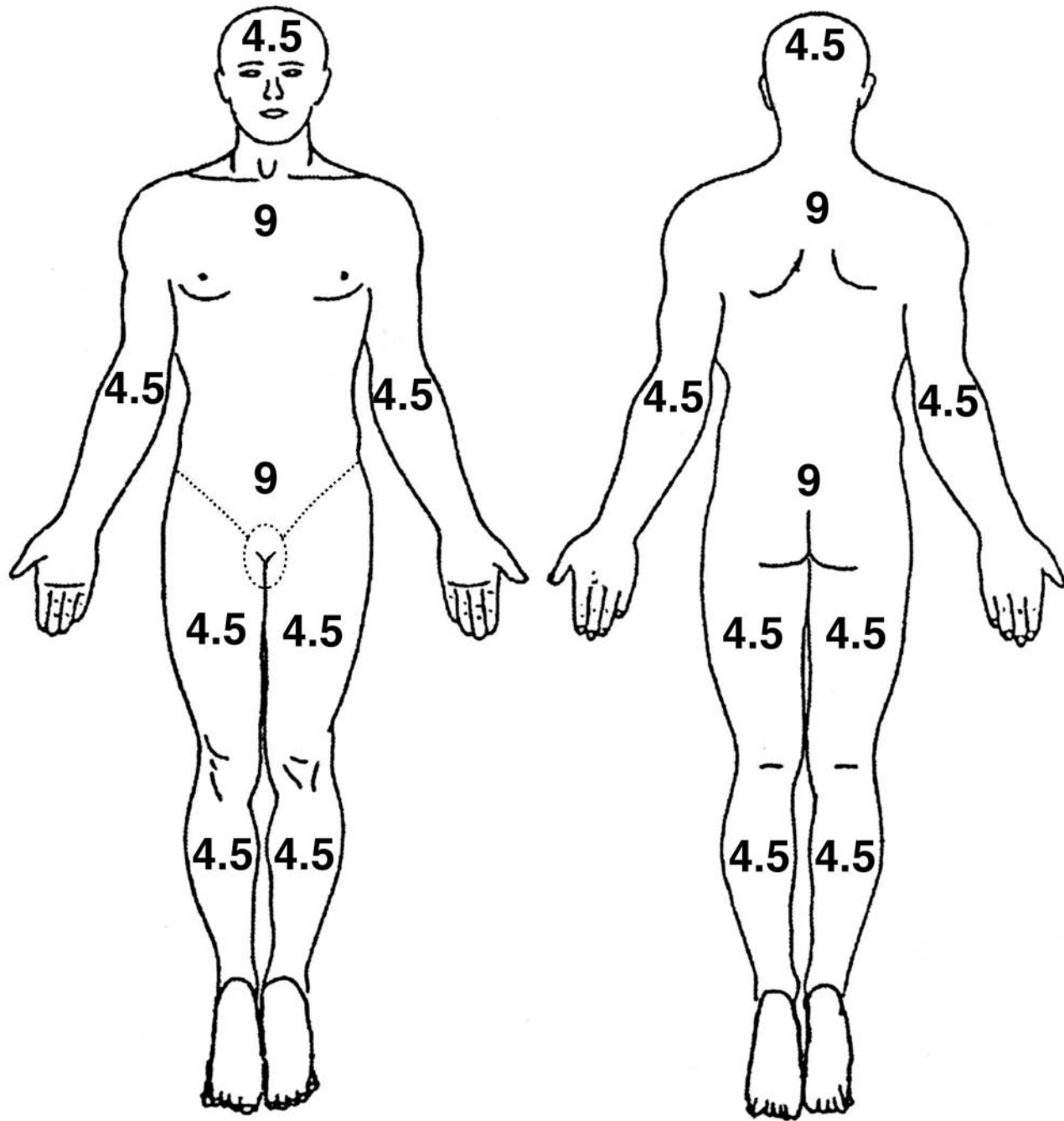
- **Diffuse over a wide area of skin**
- **Tendon – “grooving”**
- **Subcutaneous lobular fibrosis – “rippling”**



SCLEROTIC FIXED – Multiple manifestations: 1) inability to fully extend at the elbow joints; 2) “grooving” (black arrow) denoting tendon sclerosis; 3) “dimpling” or “rippling” (white arrow) from fibrosis of fat septae; 4) smooth, waxy skin is indurated on palpation. Papulo-squamous patch on upper mid back (green arrow).



ULCERS – Ulcers occurring on diffusely sclerotic skin that appeared after bullae secondary to neuropathy became denuded. Erythematous areas around ulcers are deeply sclerotic.



RESPONSE ASSESSMENT CGVHD OF SKIN

Dimensions	Outcome
Erythematous rash of any sort	% BSA
Superficial sclerosis	% BSA
Deep sclerosis	% BSA
Ulcers – measure longest diameters	___ cm
Pruritus/Itching	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10