



## **CURRENT ISSVD TERMINOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION OF VULVAR DISEASES**

### **PATHOLOGICAL SUBSETS – Last updated January 23, 2016**

The purpose of this classification is to assist clinicians in interpreting pathology reports. It is important to consider the clinical presentation in addition to the histology to determine a diagnosis.

### **2006 HISTOLOGICAL CLASSIFICATION OF VULVAR DERMATOSES**

#### **SPONGIOTIC PATTERN**

Atopic dermatitis

Allergic contact dermatitis Irritant contact dermatitis

#### **ACANTHOTIC PATTERN (FORMERLY SQUAMOUS CELL HYPERPLASIA)**

Psoriasis

Lichen simplex chronicus

Primary (idiopathic)

Secondary (superimposed on lichen sclerosus, lichen planus, or other vulvar disease)

#### **LICHENOID PATTERN**

Lichen sclerosus

Lichen planus

## **DERMAL HOMOGENIZATION/SCLEROSIS PATTERN**

Lichen sclerosus

## **VESICULOBULLOUS PATTERN**

Pemphigoid, cicatricial type

Linear IgA disease

## **ACANTHOLYTIC PATTERN**

Hailey-Hailey disease

Darier disease

Papular genitocrural acantholysis

## **GRANULOMATOUS PATTERN**

Crohn disease

Melkersson-Rosenthal syndrome

## **VASCULOPATHIC PATTERN**

Aphthous ulcers

Behcet disease

Plasma cell vulvitis

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