# **COULD THE SKIN** YOU'RE SEEING...

#### LOOK FOR SKIN LESIONS

BPDCN lesions can vary in size, shape, and color.<sup>1,2\*</sup>



# ACTUALLY BE **A DEADLY BLOOD GANCER?**

## **HAVE YOU SEEN A CASE OF BPDCN?**

Blastic plasmacytoid dendritic cell neoplasm (BPDCN):

- Usually presents with skin lesions<sup>3,4</sup>
- Is often mistaken for other skin disorders<sup>1</sup>
- Progresses rapidly and carries a poor prognosis<sup>2</sup>

# WHO ARE PATIENTS WITH BPDCN?

- ~85% to 90% present with skin lesions<sup>1,3,5</sup>
- ~75% are men<sup>6</sup>
- Typically 60 to 70 years of age, but all ages can be affected<sup>7</sup>

# HISTORICAL OVERALL SURVIVAL<sup>6</sup>



- In a retrospective analysis, the mean time between the onset of lesions and the final diagnosis of BPDCN was 6.2 months<sup>1</sup>
- Historically, median overall survival for BPDCN is approximately 8 to 14 months after diagnosis<sup>6,8</sup>



 If untreated, BPDCN may rapidly progress to aggressive leukemic disease<sup>2,6</sup>

# YOU MAY BE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN IDENTIFYING THIS DEADLY BLOOD CANCER

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# COULD THE SKIN LESION YOU'RE SEEING... ACTUALLY BE BPDCN?

# **DERMATOLOGISTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO BPDCN DIAGNOSIS**

In patients with BPDCN, plasmacytoid dendritic cells invade the dermis, where they proliferate, resulting in skin lesions that vary in size, shape, and color<sup>1-4</sup>:

### **Deep purple nodular lesions**<sup>1,2,9</sup>

- Most common cutaneous manifestation in **BPDCN** patients
- Vary in appearance and distribution, localized to various body areas, particularly the trunk, limbs, and head





#### Diffuse bruise-like or hyperpigmented red-brown macules<sup>1,2,10</sup>

- May be small and/or diffuse, 1 or several patches confined to various body areas, often nonpruritic
- Some patients present with disseminated and mixed lesions







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## **BIOPSIES ARE CRITICAL IN IDENTIFYING BPDCN**

- BPDCN skin lesions may be mistaken for many benign types of lesions<sup>3</sup>
- The diagnosis of BPDCN may be based on the characteristic immunophenotype of malignant cells co-expressing CD123, CD4, and CD56<sup>7,11</sup>
  - BPDCN can include other markers, such as TCL1, TCF4, and CD303 (BDCA2)<sup>7,12</sup>
- Detailed clinical information on the requisition form sent with tissue sample may aid pathologist in accurate diagnosis<sup>13</sup>
  - Important clinical information may include patient history, such as prior malignancies or systemic disease, clinical evaluation with description of lesions (indicating number and duration), and other relevant information<sup>13,14</sup>

### SKIN BIOPSIES ARE KEY TO BPDCN DIAGNOSIS AND SHOULD INCLUDE DEEP DERMIS, **AS BPDCN TYPICALLY SPARES THE EPIDERMIS**

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