

## Special Issue

# Guidelines for Optimizing Skin Biopsies: Best Practices for Clinicians and Dermatopathologists

### Message from the Guest Editors

Skin biopsies serve as a cornerstone of dermatologic diagnosis, yet their diagnostic accuracy is highly dependent on a series of critical steps—from the initial clinical selection and technique to proper specimen handling and submission. In practice, suboptimal biopsy selection, inadequate clinical information, or inconsistent laboratory processing can lead to diagnostic delays, ambiguities, or errors, ultimately impacting patient management. These challenges underscore the need for closer collaboration and standardized protocols between clinicians and dermatopathologists.

This Special Issue will provide a practical, clinicopathologic guide to how to perform, select, handle, and submit skin biopsies to maximize diagnostic accuracy and improve communication between clinicians and dermatopathologists.

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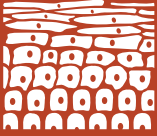


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