



## Latest Research Advances in Vulvar Disease

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Compared to other gynecologic conditions, vulvar diseases are rare. Thus, research in this area is scarce. Advances in understanding the pathomechanisms of vulvar diseases are of crucial importance. The majority can be cured with locally applied antibiotics, but some of them suffer from different conditions. Besides inspection, supplemented by vulvoscopy, biopsy samples are helpful in identifying the correct diagnosis. As the conditions are wide-ranging, treatment has to be many-sided: in non-malignant vulvar diseases, locally applied cremes, solutions, and tinctures are indicated, while in pre-malignant and malignant disease, surgery is the only promising cure. The radicality of the surgical procedures has recently been reduced. This is true both for groin lymph node dissection where, in some cases, sentinel lymph node excision is possible, and tumor-free margins where less healthy tissue is required in the surgical specimen than even a few years ago. Awareness of vulvar diseases has begun to grow among gynecologists, but it also has to increase in clinicians of other medical disciplines.





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