

Morphologic Elements of Malignant Wounds

Common Nomenclature	Morphologic Features
Fungating	Exophytic
Ulcerative	Cavitating
Subcutaneous nodules	Hard nodules beneath intact skin
Carcinoma erysipeloid	Indurated skin that is flat but erythematous having the appearance of cellulitis but does not respond to antibiotics.
Carcinoma en cuirasse	Indurated skin that is flat
Elephantiasic	Indurated skin that is raised, thick and lymphedematous. Hyperkeratosis and papillomatosis is often present.
Schirrous (Morphea)	Scleroderma-like tightness due to dermal reaction. May be localized or multifocal.
Carcinoma telangiectoides	Red patches with telangiectasia
Zosteriform	Pustular appearance similar to herpes zoster. Often in a peripheral nerve or dermatomal distribution due to perineural propagation