Thrombosed Cherry Hemangioma

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Based on the many cherry hemangiomas present on this patient's body, it was anticipated that the lesion in question was a thrombosed hemangioma. Thus, a deep shave biopsy was deemed adequate, rather than an excisional or a punch biopsy. The diagnosis was, as expected, a thrombosed hemangioma. This slide was sent by Drs Eric J. Lewis and Charles E. Crutchfield III of Minneapolis.

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