

INFARCT

An infarct is an area of cutaneous necrosis resulting from a bland or inflammatory occlusion of blood vessels in the skin. A cutaneous infarct presents as a tender, irregularly shaped dusky reddish-gray macule

or firm plaque that is sometimes depressed slightly below the plane of the skin. The demarcation of an infarct corresponds to the distribution of blood of the affected vessels. A pink zone of hyperemia often surrounds the area of infarction. A clinical example is

cholesterol emboli