

CAT SCRATCH DISEASE

Cat scratch disease is a bacterial infectious disorder that spreads from the skin to the adjacent lymph nodes. Lymphadenopathy in the cervical area is commonly found microscopically, with areas of suppurative necrosis surrounded by granulomas. Cat scratch bacilli may be identified with special stains. Often the disease is self limited but antibiotic therapy is used in some patients. Photo shows microscopic abscesses (arrows) surrounded by pale zones consisting of epithelioid histiocytes (granulomas). Here, the suppurative granulomas are randomly scattered within a lymph node.

