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Clinical Summary:

The patient, a 46 year old man, was diagnosed with an asymptomatic hepatitis C viral infection on a screening examination for an insurance policy application. The infection was attributed to a blood transfusion given 16 years previously for unknown reasons. He was treated with interferon. Two weeks into his drug course, he developed pain, paresthesias, and a patchy, red rash in all 4 distal extremities. He sought treatment from his personal physician, who noted the extremity rashes and associated sensory deficits without motor deficits. He referred the patient for skin and sural nerve biopsies to evaluate the possibility of vasculitis.

Material submitted: 1 H+E
1 unstained slide

Points for discussion: Diagnosis