

ULCER

Break in continuity of epithelium – skin or mucous
membrane

Examination of ulcer

- Margin/edge
- Floor
- Base

- Edge -- give clue to diagnosis
- Spreading ulcer ---- the edge is inflamed & edematous
- Healing ulcer --- blue zone (growing epithelium)
white zone (fibrosis of scar)
- Five common types of edges
 1. Undermined
 2. Punched out
 3. Sloping edges
 4. Raised and pearly white
 5. Rolled out



