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This occurs in cutaneous sites that are rich in apocrine glands such as the axillae and the genital and perianal regions. Approximately 25% are associated with an underlying Sir James Paget , 1814–1899, surgeon, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, UK. or invasive adenocarcinoma. Early skin changes are subtle and may present as an eczematous lesion or intertrigo. Surgical excision forms the basis of treatment, with up to 20% demonstrating invasive disease after pathology assessment (Figure 45.27).

Figure 45.27 Extramammary Paget's disease involving the perineum (courtesy of St John's Institute for Dermatology, London, UK).

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