Systematic pathology



Genital system pathology

Breast pathology



Male genital tract pathology



- Prostate
- Penis, scrotum
- Testis, epididymis

- congenital defects
- circulatory disorders
- inflammations
- tumors 🖶





inborn defects uncommon

- circulatory disorders:
 - **⇒**infarction
 - in the setting of benign hyperplasia
 - regenerative + reparative processes adjacent to the infarction focus may mimic a malignant lesion (esp. in needle biopsy)



x inflammations:

bacterial (acute purulent or chronic)

- systemic symptoms, dysuria, frequency, local pain
- ascendent, iatrogennic (cathetrisation, surgery, ...)
- E. coli, Klebsiella, Proteus, enterobacter...
- tb
 - most common tb presentation in the male genital system
 - local spread or isolated metastasis of lung tb
 - diff. dg. x reactive or idiopathic granulomatous prostatitis

abacterial

- most common, chronic pain or asymptomatic
- Chlamydia trachomatis, ureaplasma...



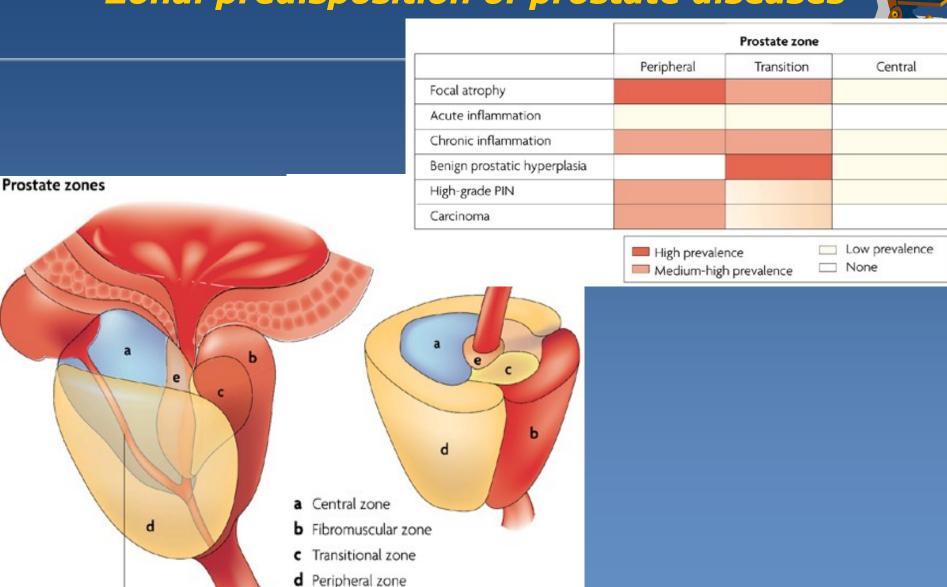
pseudotumors, tumors:

- Benign prostatic hyperplasia
- Carcinoma
 - Acinar
 - Ductal
 - Squamous cell
 - Adenosquamous
 - Transitional cell
 - Neuroendocrine

Secondary tumors

- local ca infiltration from adjacent organs (bladder, rectum)
- haematogennous metastases (lung ca, malignant melanoma, ..)

Zonal predisposition of prostate diseases



e Periurethral gland region

Ejaculatory duct-



- epidemiologic factors:
 - ⇒ age (BPH prevalence rising with age, 70% by age 60, 90% by 80)
 - geographic/racial (low in Asia, more common in W Europe)

pathogenesis:

- not completely clear
- \Rightarrow hormonal dysbalance, dihydrotestosteron induced growth factors \rightarrow stromal proliferation + \downarrow death of glandular cells
- gross nodular hyperplasia:
 - periurethral (transition zone) mostly affected→ urethral compression + obstruction → dysuria

consequences:

- lower urinary tract symptoms, acute/chronic urinary retention, cystitis
- bladder hypertrophy + diverticula, hydroureter + -nephrosis, pyelonephritis



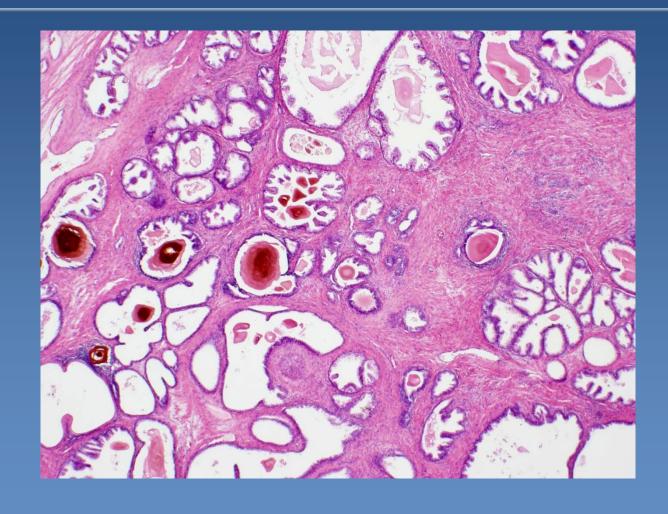
micro:

- nodular structure
- **⇒** glands:
 - hyperplastic, uneven size, common cystic dilatation
 - bi-layered epithelium external myoepithelial (!x invasive ca),
 inner secretory (sm. papillary proliferation)
 - inspissated luminal secretions → corpora amylacea

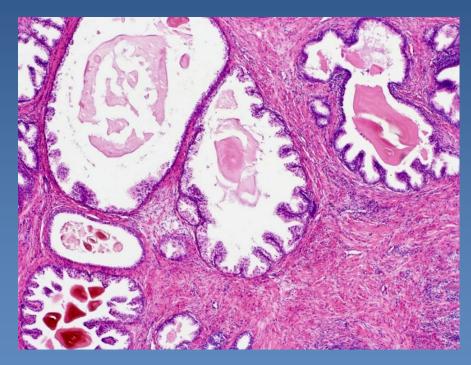
stroma:

- hyperplastic, common purely stromal fibromuscular nodules
- disperse chronic inflammatory reaction











Prostatic adenocarcinoma



- ★ ↑ incidence
 - ⇒ 1st 3rd of the most common male malignancies (prostate – lungs – colorectal)
- peripheral zone of prostate, dorsal part (per rectum!)
- **≭** dg.:
 - needle biopsy (most common, by suspicion)
 - transurethral resection (BHP treatment accidental)
 - suprapubic prostatic resection

Prostatic adenocarcinoma



Prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN)

Low-grade

 more numerous acinar cells, without significant nuclear atypias

High-grade

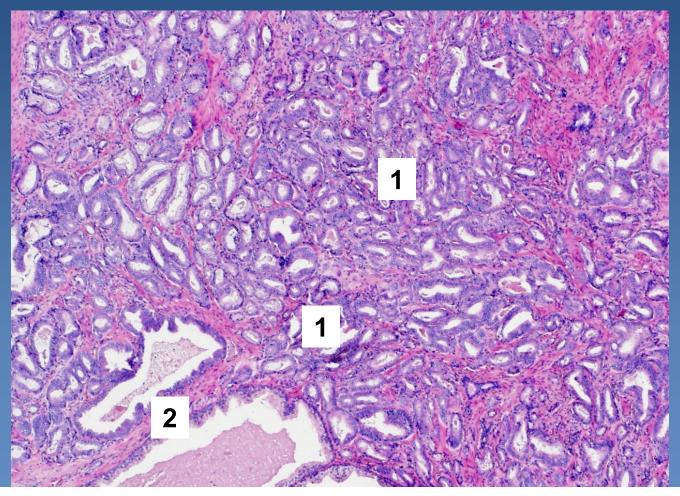
- significant cytonuclear atypia of acinar cells (enlarged nucleus, prominent nucleolus)
- commonly in proximity of acinar adenocarcinoma precursor lesion



***** micro:

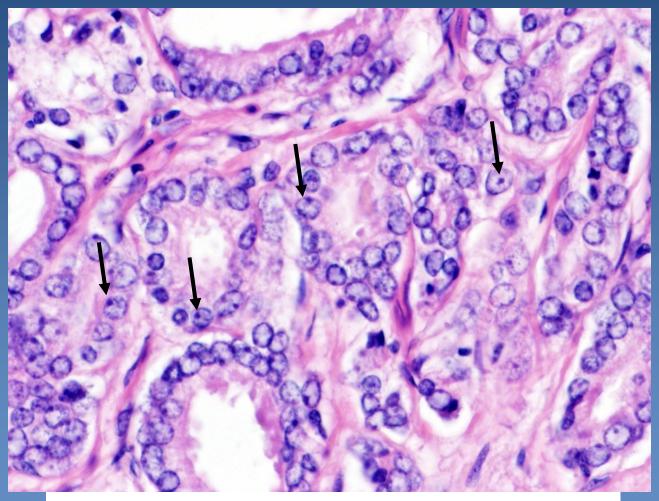
- neoplastic cells with round nuclei and prominent nucleoli
- smaller crowded glands without detectable layer of basal cells
 - immunohistochemistry: HMW CK, p63 negative
 - neoplastic acini infiltrating between normal glands
 - intraluminal crystaloids (pale eosinophilic substance)
- perineural and/or extraprostatic propagation possible





Small neoplastic acini (1) growing between prostatic glands (2)

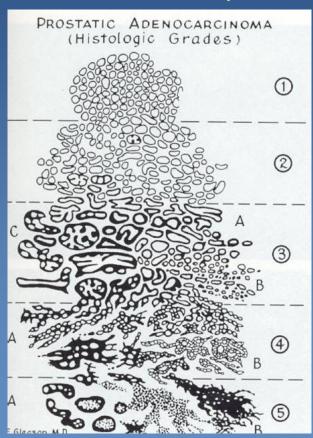




Nucleoli (arrows). Missing basal layer.



- Gleason histologic grading (WHO modification):
 - grade of glandular differentiation, growth pattern
 - combined score dominant + secondary pattern in 5-grade system
 - grade 1 similar to normal prostatic tissue (uncommon in ca)
 - grade 5 with solid, dissociated pattern
 - final combined score, commonly Gleason score 7 (4+3)





spread

- ⇒ local (per continuitatem)
 - into periprostatic soft tissues, seminal vesicles, urinary bladder (!x transitional cell ca, may be both in the same patient)
- via lymphatics
 - into regional LN
- ⇒ via blood
 - into bones osteoblastic/osteosclerotic metastases (pelvis, vertebrae, ribs, long bones)
 - later into liver, lungs...

prognosis

depend on the clinical stage (TNM), Gleason score, pre-operative PSA level in serum



Testis, epididymis

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- congenital defects
 - cryptorchidism (undescended testis)
- circulatory and regressive changes
 - necrosis (haemorrhagic infarction) typical due to testicular torsion, ! emergency
 - **dtrophy** senile involution, vascular, hormonal...
 - intrascrotal swelling
 - hydrocele (serous fluid in tunica vaginalis)
 - haematocele (haemorrhage into tunica vaginalis)
 - varicocele (varicose veins)
 - spermatocele (cystic dilatation of epididymis ducts)

Testicular tumors



- Germinal
 - from germ cell
- Sex cord-stromal
 - from specialized mesodermal gonadal stroma
- Mixed germ cell sex cord stromal tumors
- Other primary tumors
- Metastatic (secondary) tumors

Testicular tumors: histopatological report



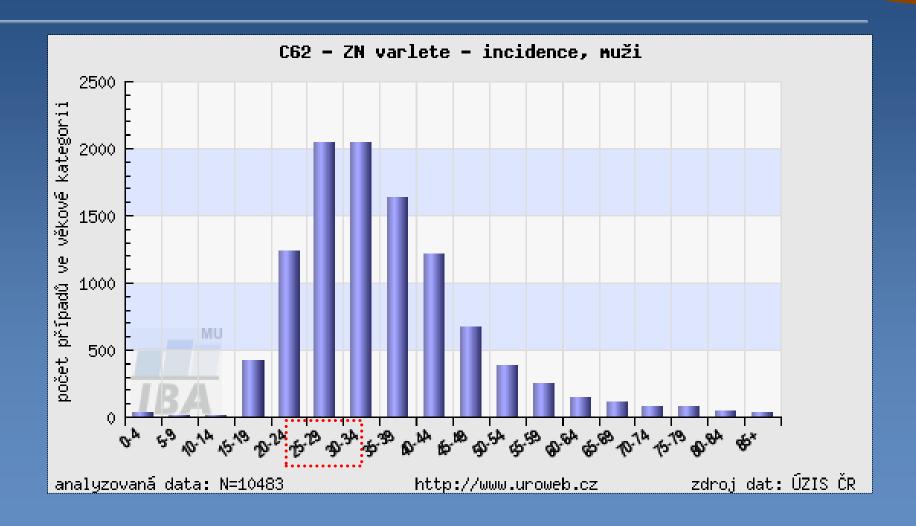
- gross picture (incl. size)
- histological type
- presence of vascular / lymphatic propagation
- tumor staging (TNM classification)
- presence of intratubular germ cell neoplasia (ITGCN in situ germ cell lesion)

Germ cell tumors



- ~90 % of primary testicular tumors
- cryptorchidism
 - **⇒** 3-5x ↑ risk of malignancy in undescended testis
- oncogenic markers:
 - $\Rightarrow \alpha$ FP, hCG, PLAP, CEA, LDH
 - detection in serum, tissues
 - important in diagnosis, monitoring the response to therapy, patient check-up after therapy

Age structure of testicular tumors patients



Germ cell tumors



- Germ cell tumors derived from germ cell neoplasia in situ
 - GCNIS precursor lesion of most germ cell tumors
 - **basic classification:**
 - ⇒ seminoma
 - non-seminomatous tumors
 - Germ cell tumors unrelated to GCNIS
 - prepubertal teratoma
 - spermatocytic tumor
 - prepubertal yolk-sac tumor

Germ cell tumors+ GCNIS

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- germ cell tumors of 1 histologic type 60 %
- ★ mixed germ cell tumors 40 %
- metastases into LN (paraaortal LN), via blood (most commonly into lungs)

Germ cell tumors histogenesis



Differentiation along gonadal line (gonocyte, spermatogonia) without further differentiation potential.

Seminoma

Original primitive germ cell

Totipotent cell

Undifferentiated cell Embryonal carcinoma

Extraembryonal differentiation Yolk sac tumor Choriocarcinoma

Intraembryonal differentiation

Teratoma (mature, immature, with malignisation of somatic elements) **Polyembryoma**

Germ cell tumors classification



- tumors of single histologic type
 - *⇒ Seminoma* (+ variants)
 - Non-seminomatous germ cell tumors
 - Embryonal carcinoma
 - Yolk sac tumor
 - Choriocarcinoma
 - Teratomas
 - mature
 - -immature
 - with malignisation of somatic elements

Germ cell tumors classification



- mixed germ cell tumors
 - tumors with >1 histogenetic type

- Spermatocytic tumor
 - separate clinical and pathological entity (different morphology/prognosis)

Germ cell tumors Characteristics

Seminoma 30-50 10% HCG solid, clear cells, lymphocytic stroma

Embryonal 20-30 90% HCG/AFP undiff. cells, organoid, necrosis carcinoma

Yolk sac <3 90% AFP variable

Choriocarcinoma 20-30 100% HCG cyto- + syncitiotrophoblast

Teratoma no predilection possible HCG,AFP variable structures of >1germ

layer

Mixed tu 15-30 possible HCG,AFP variable structures

Seminoma

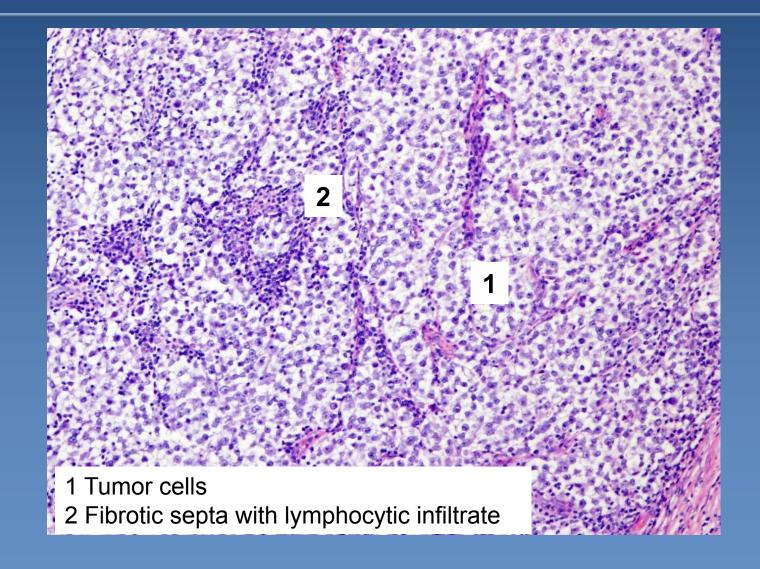


classical

- morphological variants:
 - seminoma with high mitotic rate (anaplastic), same treatment
 - seminoma with syncytiotrofoblastic cells († HCG)
- mostly age 25 45 years
- tumor cells
 - in solid nests
 - large cell, clear cytoplas (glycogen), distinctive cellular membrane, large nuclei with 1-2 nucleoli
- fibrovascular septa
 - with lymphocytic infiltrate (event. + granulomas)
- immunohistochemistry: PLAP+
- → marker 10% HCG
- radio- and chemosensitive (usuallly good prognosis)

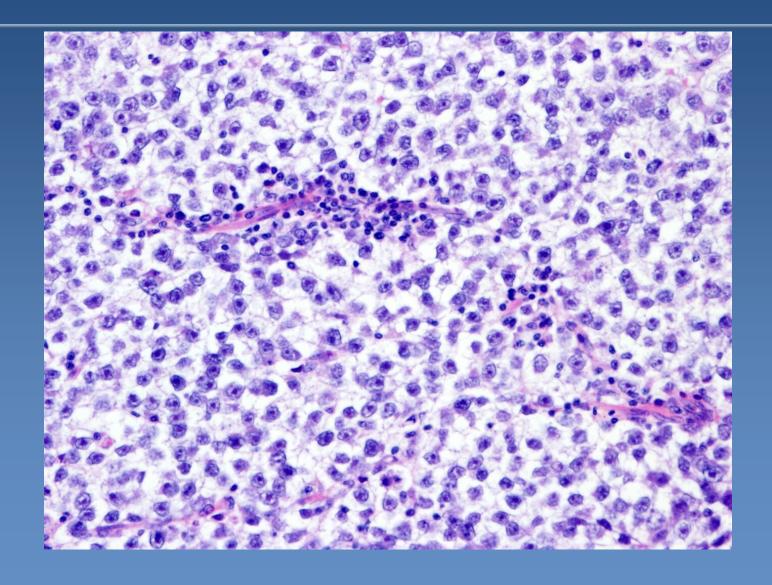
Seminoma





Seminoma





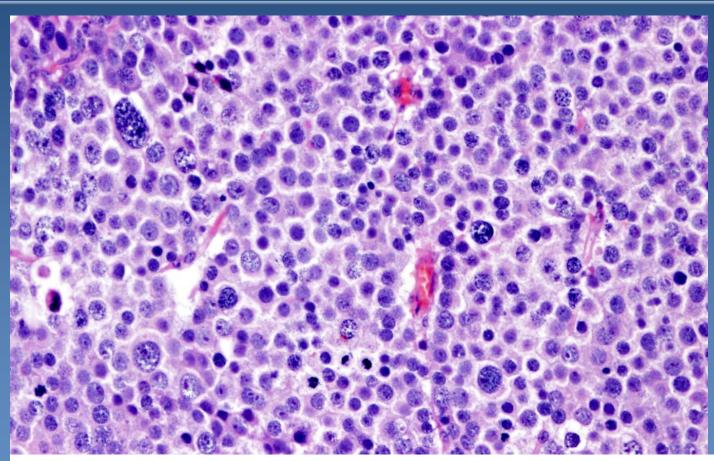
Spermatocytic tumor



- quite distinctive tumor, not a part of mixed germ cell tumors
- only in the testis, older M, rare
 - locally aggressive, no metastases
- tumor cells
 - variable size (≈early stages of spermatogenesis)
 - no glycogen, no association with intratubular germ cell neoplasia
- fibrovascular septa without lymphocytic reactive infiltrate
- ⇒ IHC: PLAP-

Spermatocytic tumor





Mixture of polymorphic tumor cells (~ early stages of spermatogenesis): large cells with lacy chromatin, middle-sized cells with round nuclei, small lymphocyte-like cells. Fibrotic septa without lymphocytic infiltrate

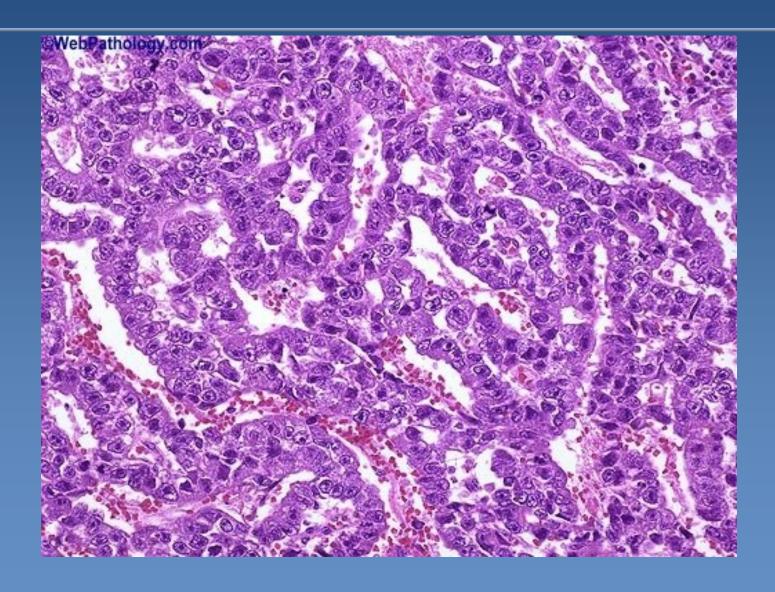
Embryonal carcinoma



- undifferentiated tumor, cells of epithelial appearance
- commonly as part of mixed germ cell tumors
 - worse prognosis
- micro:
 - solid, trabecular, abortive tubular formations
 - large cells, high mitotic activity
 - stroma without lymphatic reaction

Embryonal carcinoma





Yolk sac tumor



- yolk sac structures, extraembryonal mesodermal tissues
- in pure form in infants, young (<3 yrs) children, better prognosis
- in adults a component of mixed germ cell tumors, worse prognosis
- * ά-fetoprotein (AFP) secretion IHC, serum

micro:

- microcystic, reticular, papillary formation, variable patterns
- glomeruloid structures (Schiller-Duval bodies)
 - stalk with capillary lined on the surface by layer of tumor cells

tumor cells

flat, polygonal or cuboidal

Yolk sac tumor





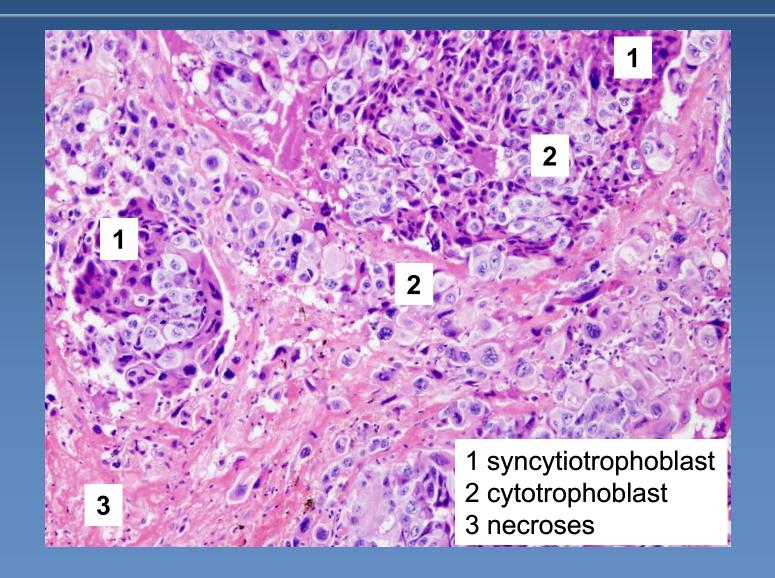
Choriocarcinoma



- mixture of syncytiotrophoblast, cytotrophoblast, intermediate trophoblast cells
- pure very rare, more commonly as component of mixed germ cell tumors, HCG ↑
- gross/ micro:
 - haemorrhagic + necrotic tumor
 - variable patterns of syncytiotrophoblast with admixture of larger polygonal cells of cytotrophoblast event. + intermediate trophoblast

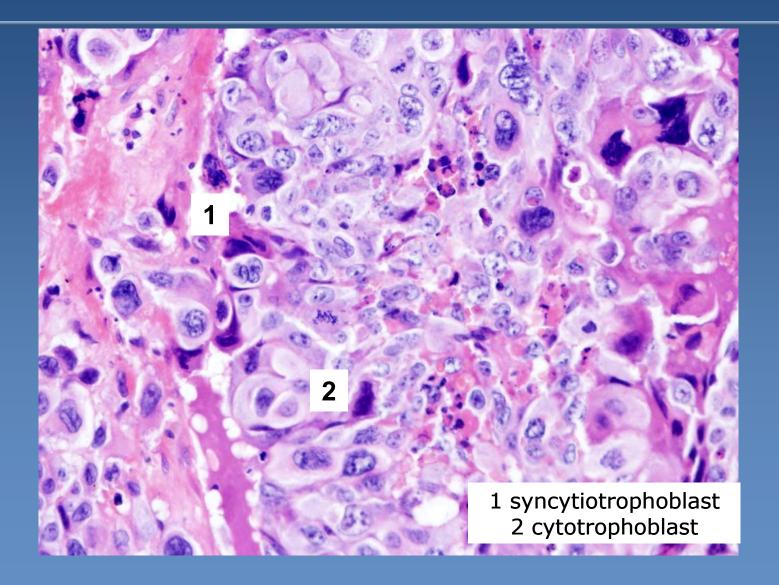






Choriocarcinoma



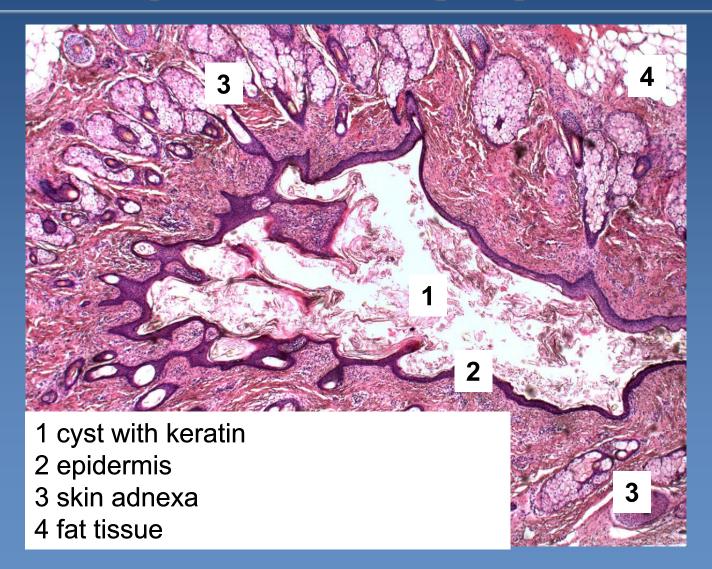


Teratoma

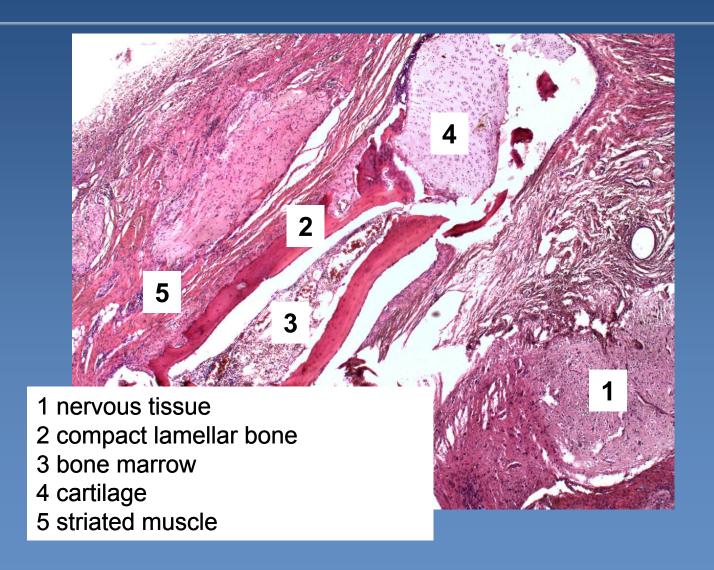


- intraembryonal differentiation
 - terminal differentiation into 3, 2 or 1 germ layers (monodermal teratoma)
- mature uncommon in testis (x ovary); pure in children
- histologic classification
 - differentiated mature t.
 - completely maturated tissues with organoid structure
 - commonly cystic, containing serous fluid, mucus, keratin
 - differentiated immature t.
 - immature tissues of embryonal/fetal appearance (neuroectoderm)
 - t. with somatic type malignancy
 - sarcoma, carcinoma, PNET

Differentiated mature teratoma (dermoid cyst)

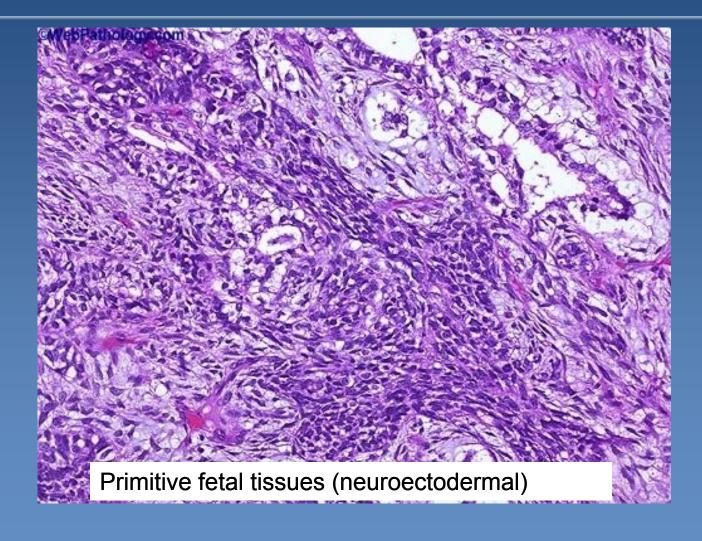


Differentiated mature teratoma



Differentiated immature teratoma





Extragonadal germ cell tumors (EGT)



- primary germ cell tumors arising in extragonadal localisation
- more common in males
- origin unclear:
 - from primordial germ cells?
 - faulty migration?
 - faulty localisation of totipotent cells?
 - ectopic germ cells in healty people?

Extragonadal germ cell tumors (EGT)



- localisation:
 - into gonadal blastema):
 - brain (pineal, suprasellar) sacrococcygeal, anterior mediastinum, retroperitoneum,..., thymus, prostate, stomach,.....
- seminomas, non-seminomatous
- pure or mixed
- general prognosis worse, except EGT seminoma



Female genital system pathology



- × vulva
- 🗴 vagina
- exocervix, endocervix
- uterine body
 - endometrium
 - myometrium >
- * fallopian tubes
- ovaries

Pathology



- inborn defects
- circulatory disorders
- **⇒** inflammations
- tumors



Vulva

Vulvar neoplasia



- condyloma accuminatum

 - ⇒ squamous cell papilloma with koilocytar epithelial transformation
- vulvar intraepithelial neoplasia VIN
 - ⇒ high-risk HPV (16)
 - VIN II , III −high risk of progression into SCC
- carcinoma
 - squamous ca (90 %)
 - precursor lesions:
 - VIN II, III
 - lichen sclerosus (in older females)
 - adenocarcinoma, basal cell carcinoma
- malignant melanoma

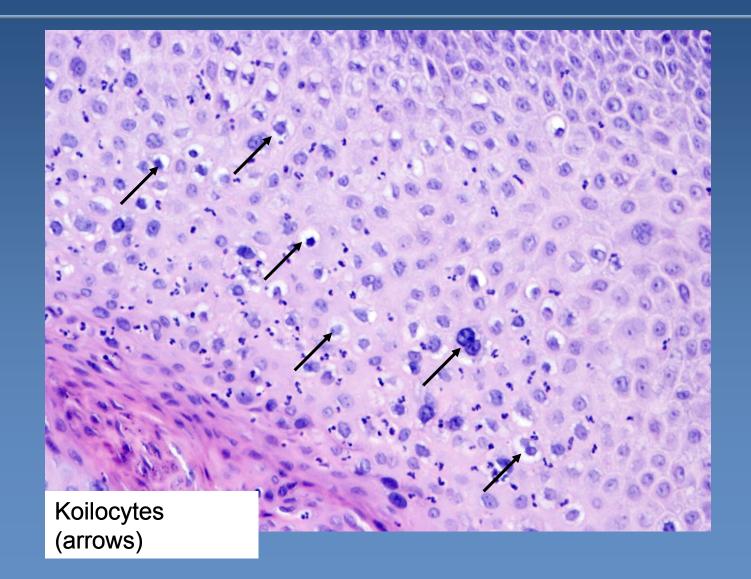
Condyloma accuminatum





Condyloma accuminatum





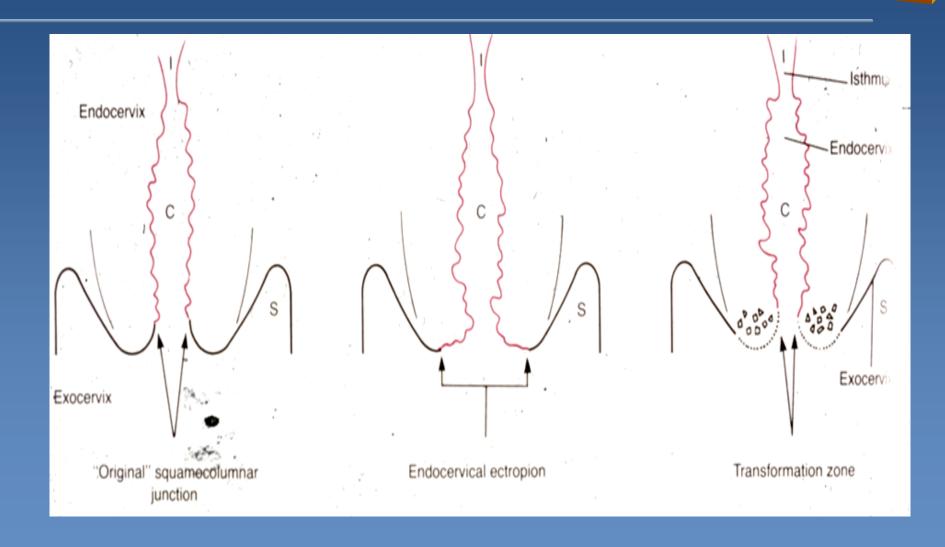


Cervix (endocervix, exocervix)

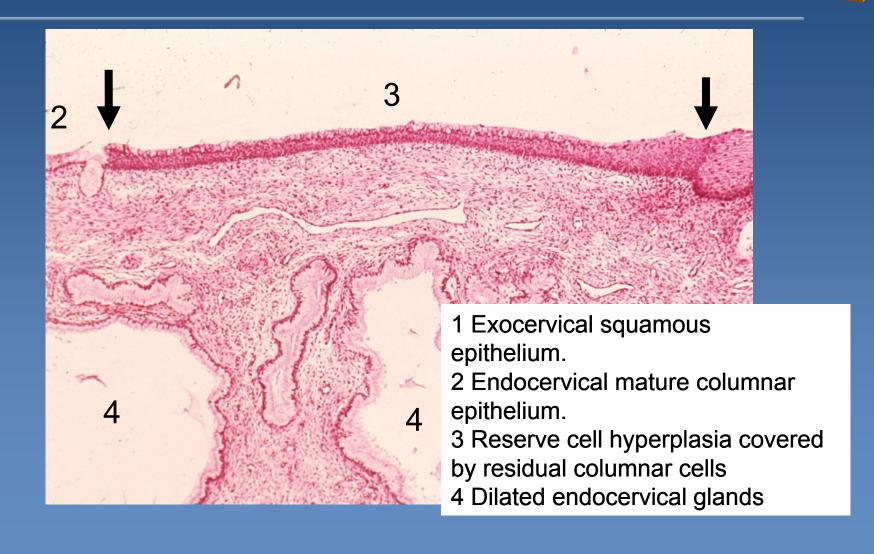
Cervical squamous metaplasia

- transformation zone (squamo-columnar junction)
 - eversion of columnar epithelium into vagina (ectopy, ectropium)
 - reserve cell hyperplasia → immature squamous metaplasia → mature metaplasia
- Closure of endocervical glands by overgrowth of squamous epithelium → ovulosis (cystic dilatation of the glands)

Cervical squamous metaplasia



Squamous metaplasia, ovulosis.



Cervical preneoplastic changes + intraepithelial lesion

- LR (low-risk) HPV (6,11) →→ koilocytic atypia of squamous cells
 - replication + cytopathic viral effect, productive infection
 - nuclear atypia, cytoplasmic perinuclear halo
- Cervical dysplasia intraepithelial neoplasia associated with HR (high-risk) HPV:
 - HR HPV:
 - **16, 18**, 31, 33, <u>35</u>
 - ightharpoonup deregulation of the cell cycle, \uparrow proliferation, \downarrow or arrested maturation

Cervical preneoplastic changes

risk factors

- ⇒HPV
 - •early sexual activity (<16 years of age)</p>
 - •number of sexual partners
- other STD (HSV, chlamydia)
- cigarette smoking
- early age of first pregnancy
- combined oral contraceptives
- **⇒**immunosuppression

Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia



Older classification

- CIN I (mild dysplasia):
 - koilocytic atypia + changes in the lower third of epithelium:
 - anisokaryosis
 - nuclear enlargement, hyperchromasia
 - loss of cell polarity
 - nuclear superposition
- CIN II (moderate dysplasia):
 - changes in the lower 2/3 of epithelial thickness, progressive atypia,
 expansion of the immature basal cells
- CIN III (severe dysplasia):
 - changes in the whole epithelium, diffuse atypia, almost complete loss of maturation

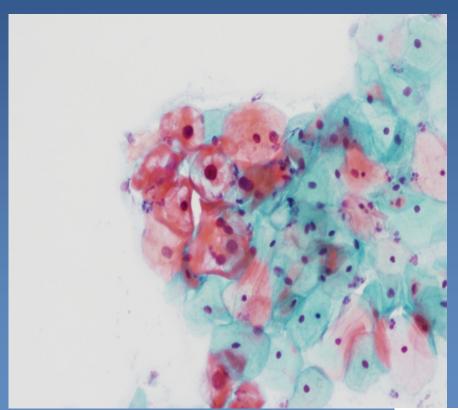
- Cervical intraepithelial lesion
- 2 categories, according to the risk of progression and clinical management:
 - LSIL (low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion)
 - = CIN I, exophytic or flat condylomatous lesion
 - mostly self-limited (viral clearance), productive infection, lower rate of progression
 - > HSIL (high-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion)
 - = CIN II/III + ca in situ
 - majority persists or progresses to carcinoma

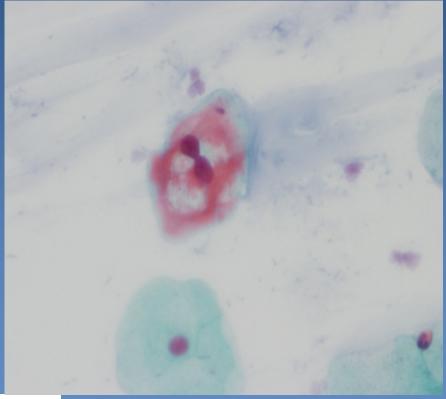
Cervical cytology: LSIL



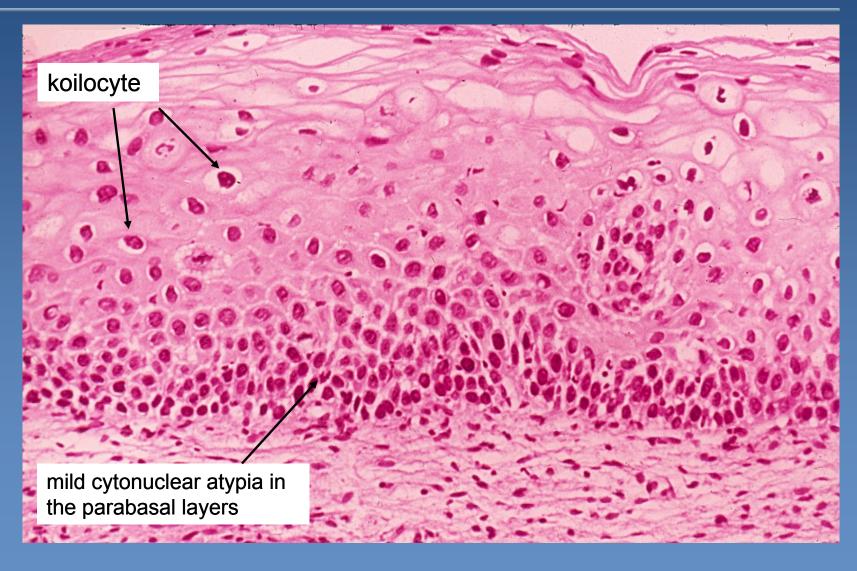
screening of cervical carcinoma

cytology (Bethesda System) + colposcopy koilocytes with dyskaryotic nuclei





Cervical intraepithelial lesion LSIL (CIN I)

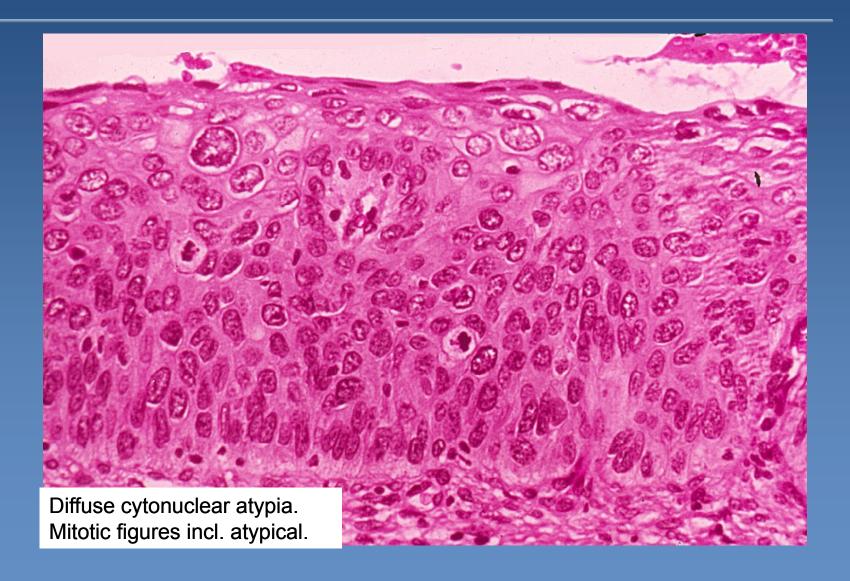


Cervical intraepithelial lesion HSIL (CIN II)





Cervical intraepithelial lesion HSIL (CIN III)



Invasive cervical squamous cell carcinoma



- almost always by HSIL progression
- mostly starts in the transformation zone
- growth:
 - local progression
 - size + depth of the invasive component
 - direct invasion into adjacent organs, fistulae
 - regional LN metastases
 - distant metastases via blood (lung, liver, bone marrow)
- † incidence, but mostly lower stages (if screened), \uparties mortality

Other cervical carcinomas



- Adenocarcinoma
 - cervical glandular intraepithelial lesion
 - adenocarcinoma in situ
 - ⇒ ! diff. dg. x endometrial ca
- Adenosquamous carcinoma
- *Neuroendocrine cervical carcinoma



Uterine corpus

Endometriosis



- foci of functional endometrium (glands + stroma) in an ectopic localisation
 - ovaria, cavum Douglasi, fallopian tubes, peritoneum, bladder, umbilical skin, ... lung, bones ...)
 - cyclical changes during MC
 - haemorrhagic (chocolate) cysts, hemosiderin pigmentation
 - pain, pelvic inflammatory disease + adhesions, infertility
 - possible source of endometrioid adenocarcinoma

- adenomyosis:
 - endometrial diverticula (outpouchong of basalis into myometrium, mostly no functional hormonal changes)

Endometrium, menstrual cycle





- 1 Early proliferation
- 2 Late proliferation
- 3 Early secretion
- 4 Late secretion

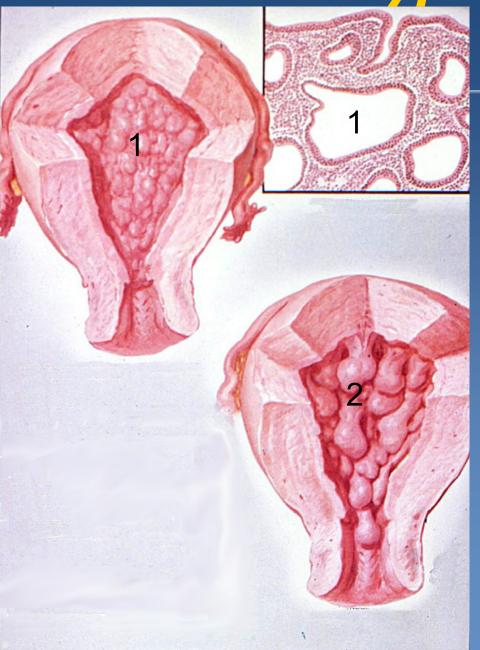
Endometrial hyperplasia



- increased glandular proliferation ↑ gland-to-stroma ratio
- classification according to architecture, cytological atypia
- simple dilated irregular glands, epithelial stratification, "swiss cheese"
 - without atypia, almost no progression to adenocarcinoma,
 - ⇒ with atypia → cytologic atypia present, low progression, rare
- complex irregular branching crowded glands, \ stroma (back-to-back)
 - ⇒ without atypia
 - with atypia → endometrial intraepithelial neoplasia EIN (round nuclei + nucleoli) monoclonal neoplastic high grade of progression, commonly (1/4-1/2) concurrent ca present;

Endometrial hyperplasia

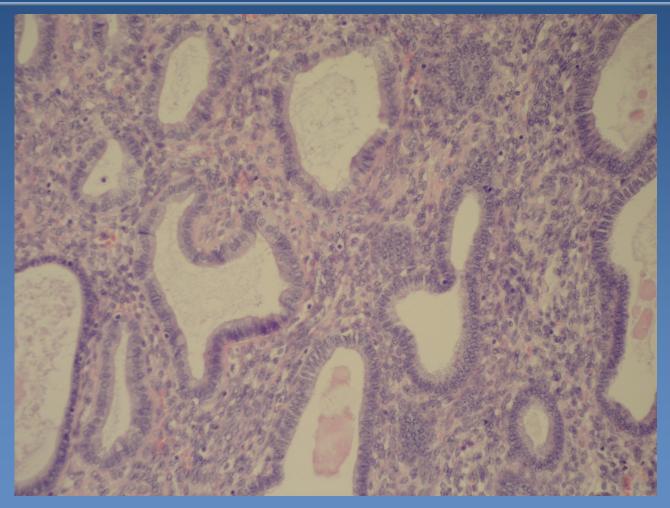




1 Endometrial hyperplasia2 Polypous endometrial hyperplasia

Simple hyperplasia

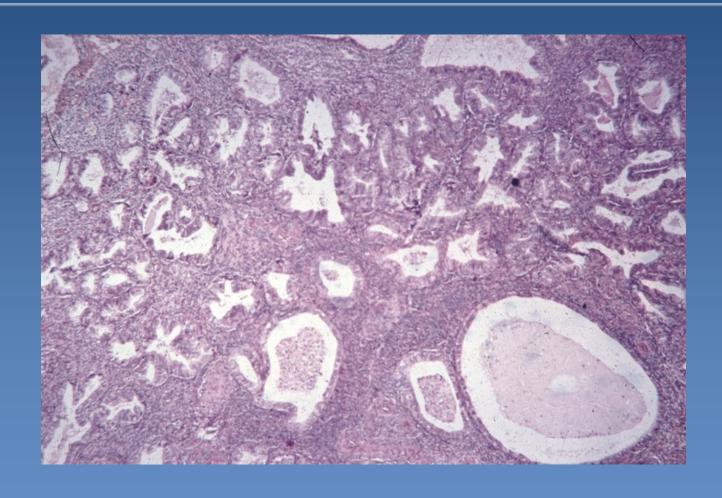




Cystic transformation of endometrial glands Stromal hyperplasia

Complex hyperplasia





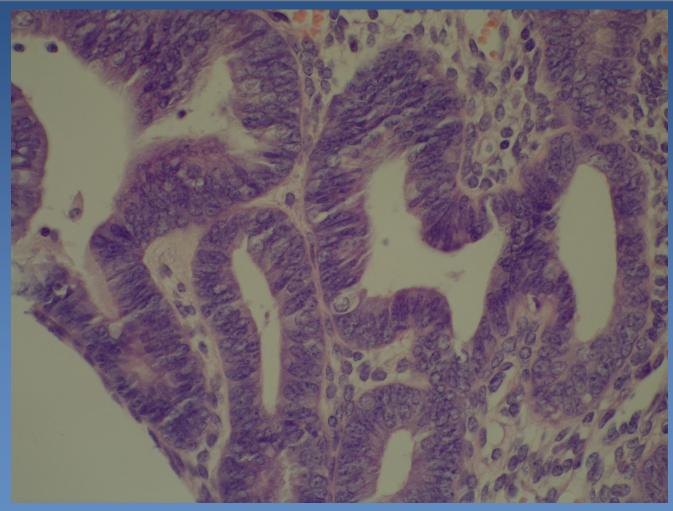
Complex hyperplasia





Complex hyperplasia with atypia





Stratification of epithelial cells, vesicular nuclei, visible nucleoli

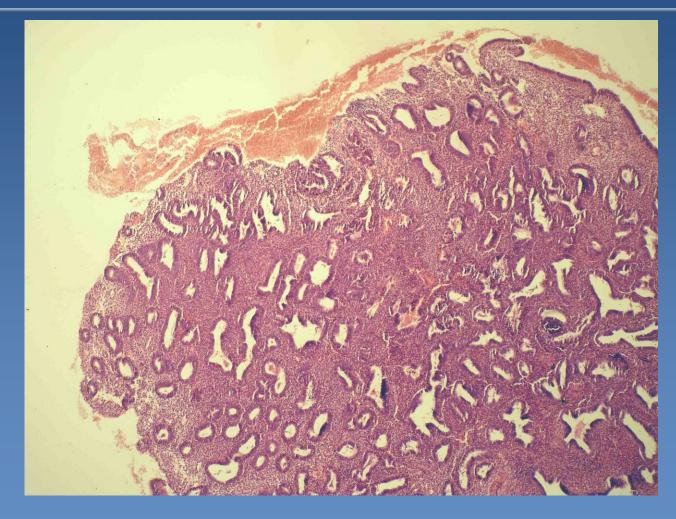




- sessile/pedunculated, solitary/multiple exophytic endometrial focus
 - abnormal bleeding common
 - functional/hyperplastic/atrophic endometrium
 - stromal fibrosis, thick-walled arteries
 - → may be in association with endometrial hyperplasia, possible progression to atypical hyperplasia → adenocarcinoma

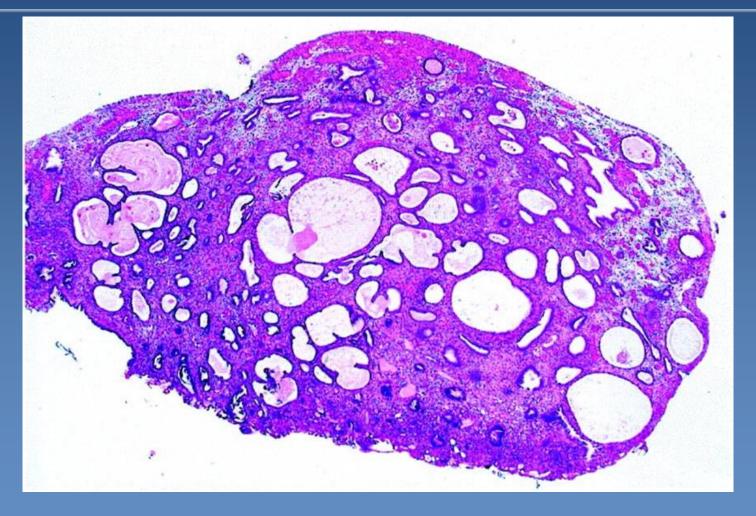
Endometrial polyp - hyperplastic





Endometrial polyp – cystic atrophic







- Most common malignant tumor of female genital
 - 2. cervical ca, 3. ovarian tumors
- Abnormal bleeding
- x type I: perimenopause
 - Risk factors:
 - unopposed estrogennic stimulation endo-/exogenous
 - DM, obesity, early menarche late menopause
 - precursor atypical endometrial hyperplasia
 - better prognosis, lymphatic spread possible

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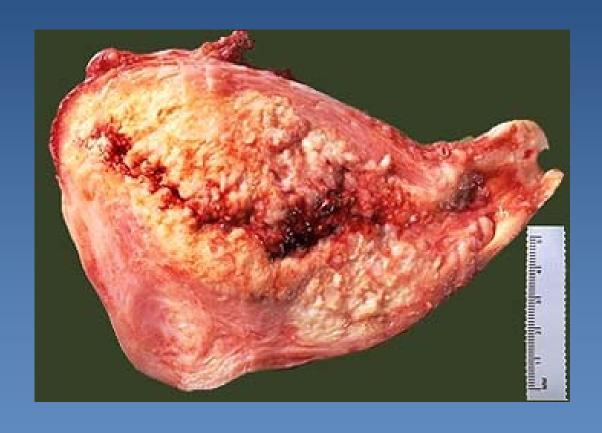
- histologic forms:
 - ⇒ type I
 - endometrioid adenocarcinoma
 - mucinous
 - tubal (ciliated)
 - squamous cell
 - adenosquamous

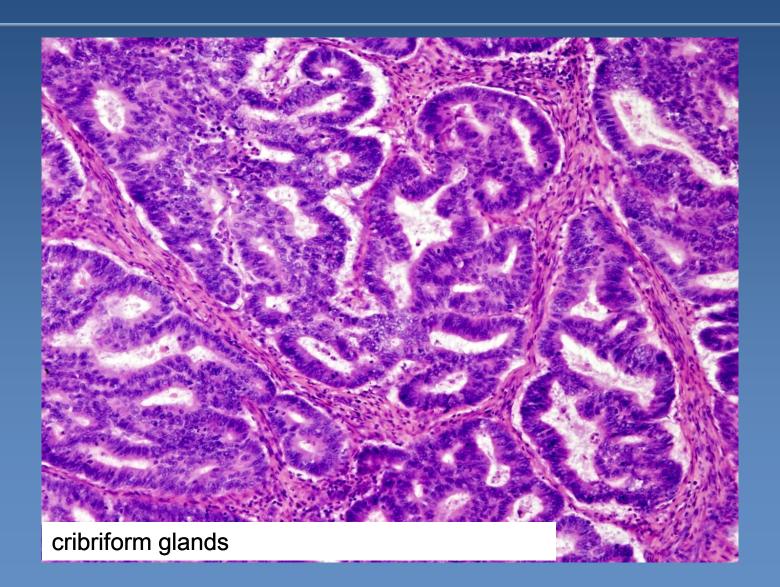


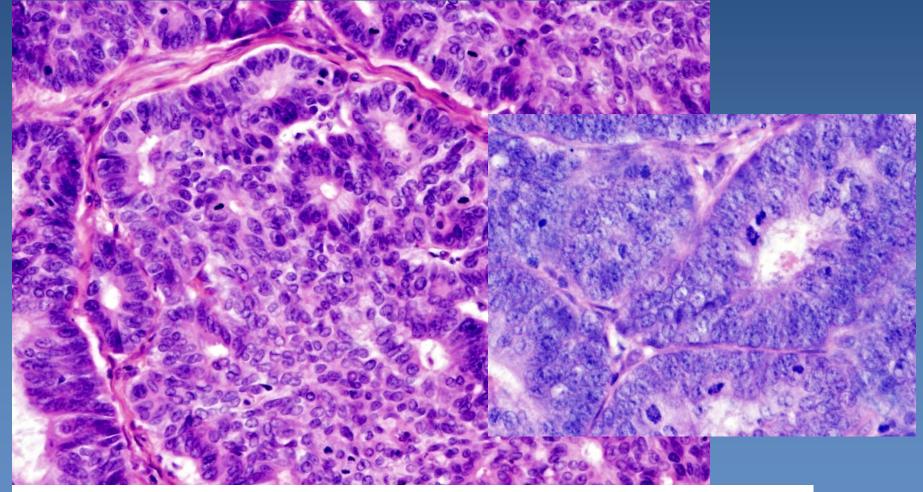
Type II

- postmenopausal
- ⇒ without estrogenic stimulation, p53 mutation (→ aggressive; intraperitoneal, lymphatic spread)
- in the setting of atrophic endometrium
- poorly differentiated (serous, clear cell)
- undifferentiated (metaplastic carcinoma)





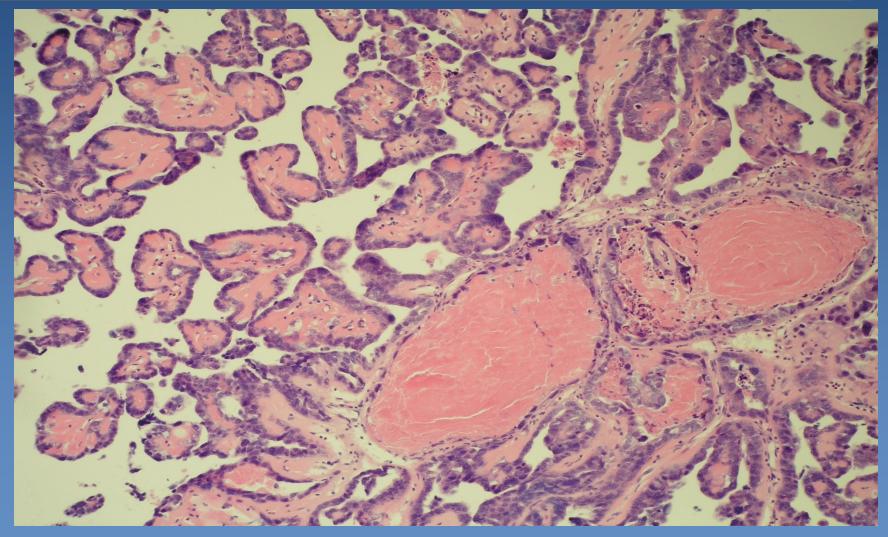




Epithelial stratification, cellular atypias, mitotic activity

Serous adenocarcinoma







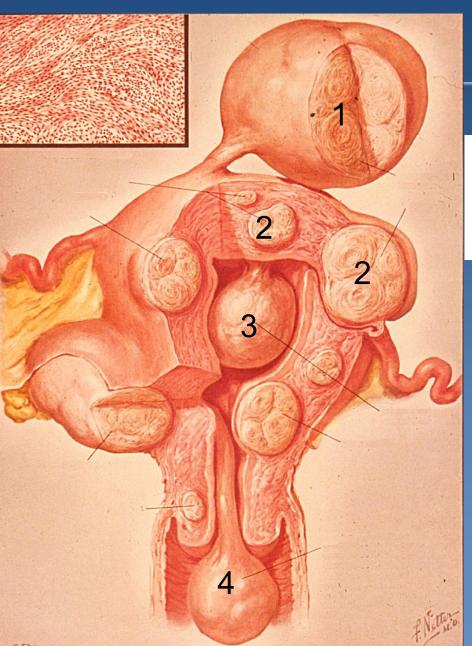


Leiomyoma

- most common benign female tumor (usual in later reproductive age)
- size: mm cca 20 cm
- symptoms due to localisation/topography (bleeding, infertility, compression of adjacent organs)
- uterus myomatosus (multiple leiomyomas)
- common regressive changes (oedema, fibrosis, hyalinisation, calcification)

Uterine leiomyomas





- 1 Subserous leiomyoma
- 2 Intramural myoma
- 3 Submucosal myoma
- 4 "Nascent" submucosal myoma

Leiomyoma





Pathology of pregnancy



- ectopic pregnancy
- spontaneous abortion (placental disorders incl. placentation abnormalities, vascular lesions, inflammation – ascending, hematogenous; umbilical cord pathology)
- pre-eclampsia systemic endothelial dysfunction; hypertension + oedema + proteinuria, hypercoagulative state; may→ eclampsia (CNS – convulsion, coma)
- Gestational trophoblastic disease

Gestational trophoblastic disease



- proliferation of gestational trophoblast with progressive malignant potential or frankly malignant
- *hydatidiform mole
 - partial, complete benign;
 - invasive uncertain biol. potential
 - from abnormal conception
 - abnormal placenta with villous hydrops and variable degree of trophoblastic proliferation
- *trophoblastic tumors choriocarcinoma, etc.

Gestational choriocarcinoma



- *subsequent to molar pregnancy (50%), abortion (25%), normal gestation (22,5%), ectopic pregnancy (2,5%)
- *atypical syncytio- and cytotrophoblast, no villi, minimal stroma, no angiogenesis; foci of haemorrhage, necrosis present
- early haematogenous spread (lung, vagina, brain, liver...)
- highly elevated HCG
- chemosensitive (x germ cell tumor low response to therapy, bad prognosis)



Ovary

Ovarian cysts



*non-neoplastic

- inclusion c. (mesothelial, epithelial)
- → functional c. (follicular, luteal, polycystic ovary syndrome, ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome)
- **⇒**endometriosis

*neoplastic

- surface epithelial tumors,
- germ cell tumors
- sex-cord stromal tumors
- metastatic tumors
- **⇒**others

Ovarian tumors

Origin	Surface epithelial cells (common epithelial tumors)	Germ cell	Sex cord-stroma	Metastasis to ovaries
Frequency	65–70%	15–20%	5–10%	5%
Age group affected	20 + years	0-25 + years	All ages	Variable
Types	 Serous tumor Mucinous tumor Endometrioid tumor Clear cell tumor Brenner tumor Unclassifiable 	 Teratoma Dysgerminoma Endodermal sinus tumor Choriocarcinoma 	 Fibroma Granulosa–theca cell tumor Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor 	

Germ cell tumors



- counterpart to germ cell testicular tumors
- dysgerminoma ovarian "seminoma"
- most common female germ cell tumor:
 - benign mature (differentiated) teratoma, usually in the form of dermoid cyst





Dermoid cyst - mature cystic teratoma

Sex cord-stromal tumors



Granulosa-theca cell tumors

- granulosa cell tumor (adult type) Call-Exner bodies; malignant potential, estrogen production
- granulosa cell tumor (juvenile type)
- thecoma
- fibrothecoma
- fibroma
- fibrosarcoma

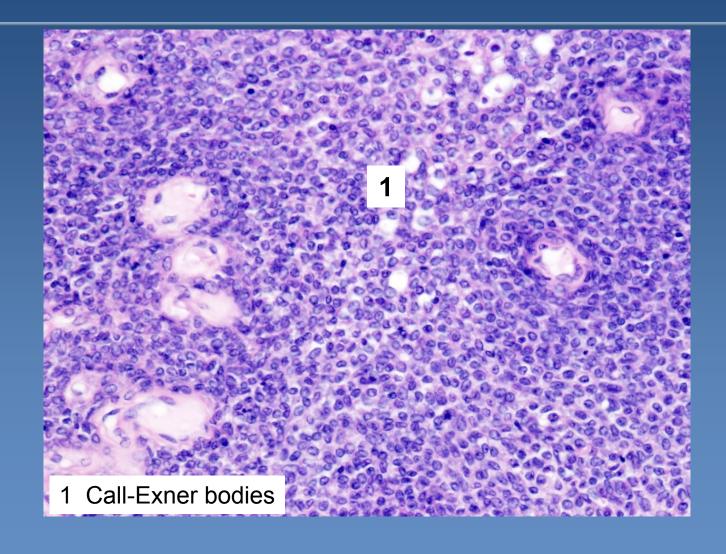
Sertoli-Leydig cell tumors

Steroid cell tumors

- resemble steroid hormone-secreting cells
- possible androgenic secretion

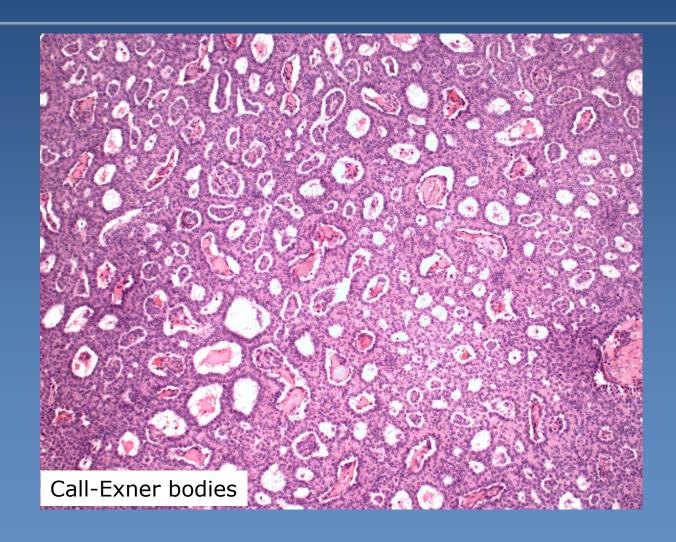
Granulosa cell tumor





Granulosa cell tumor





Other tumors



- Mixed germ cell sex cord-stromal tumors
- Primary ovarian mesothelioma, adenomatoid tumor
- Soft tissue tumors not specific to the ovary
- Malignant lymphomas

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- Secondary ovarian tumors
 - Krukenberg tumor (metastatic mucinous adenocarcinoma)
 - pseudomyxoma peritonei,...

Surface epithelial-stromal tumors



Coelomic epithelium (mesothelium with the ability of transformation into Müllerian epithelium) → hyperplasia and metaplasia of the surface epithelium → neoplastic transformation

Biologic potential

- Benign
 - commonly in form of cystadenoma
- Low malignant potential
 - borderline malignancy moderate atypias, mitotic activity, architectonic changes (multilayering, irregular papillary budding), ! no invasion, but non-invasive peritoneal implants possible
- Malignant

Surface epithelial-stromal tumors



Epithelial type

- Serous
- Mucinous, endocervical-like and intestinaltype
- Endometrioid
- Clear cell tumors
- Transitional cell tumors
- Mixed tumors of müllerian epithelium

Surface epithelial-stromal tumors

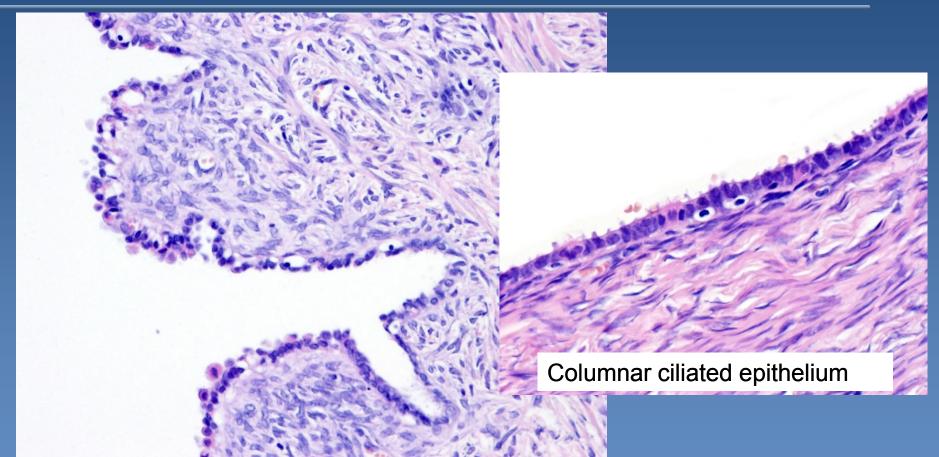


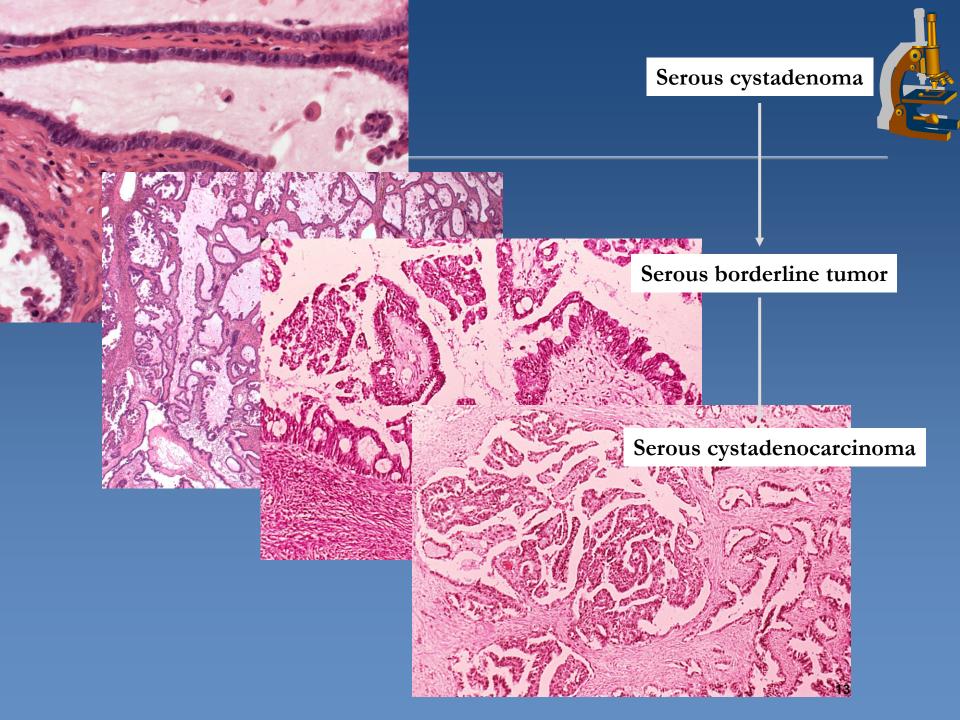
Form of growth

- Cystic
- Papillary incl. inverted
- Solid
- Increased amount of neoplastic stroma, mixed tumor (adenofibroma, adenosarcoma, etc.)

Serous cystadenoma (cystadenofibroma)

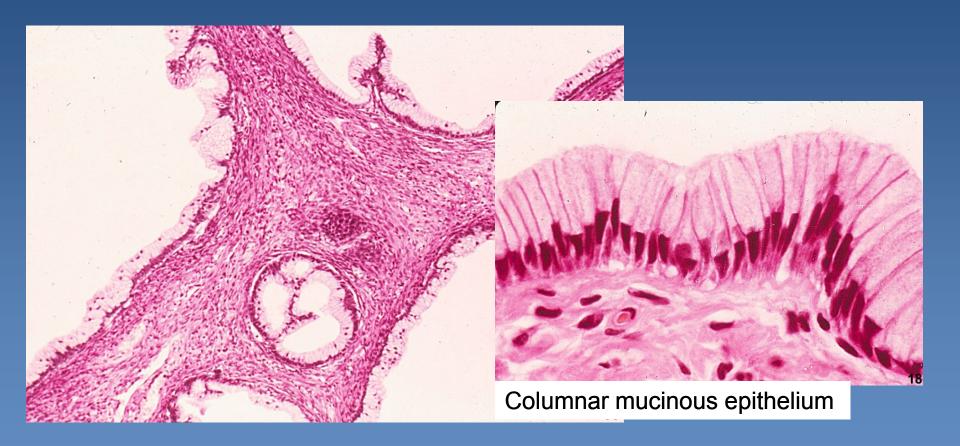






Mucinous cystadenoma





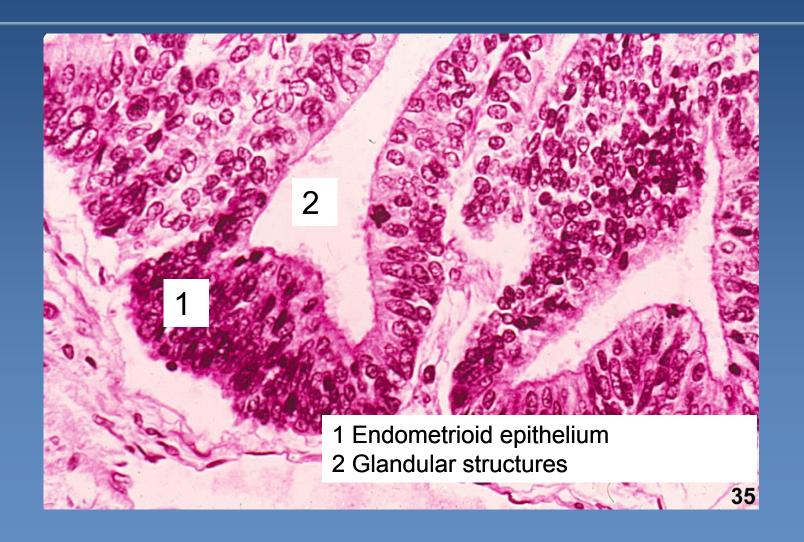


Mucinous cystadenoma

Mucinous borderline tumor

Mucinous cystadenocarcinoma

Endometrioid adenocarcinoma



Surface epithelial-stromal tumors



- Serous adenocarcinoma
 - ⇒60-80%, 30-50% bilateral
 - usually smaller size, rapid growth
 - common psammoma bodies
- Mucinous adenocarcinoma
 - ⇒5-15%, 10-20% bilateral
 - large size, slow growth
- Endometrioid adenocarcinoma
 - →10-30%, 10-30% bilateral
 - slow growth, haemorrhagic content
 - squamous metaplasia common



Pathology of the breast



- Skin
- Nipple and areola
- Mammary gland
- Soft tissues
 - inborn defects
 - circulatory disorders
 - inflammations
 - non-neoplastic lesions
 - **⇒**tumors



Nipple and areola

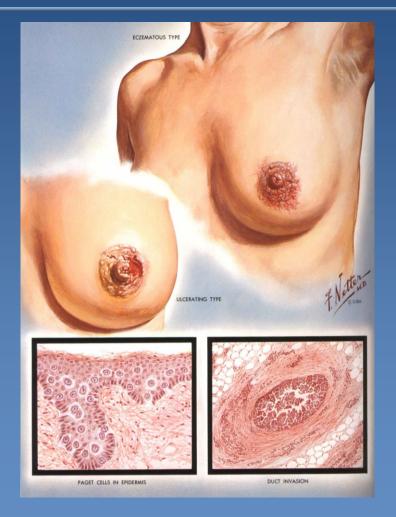
Paget's carcinoma of the nipple



- single neoplastic cells dispersed in the squamous cell epithelium of the nipple
- usually concurrent with DCIS (ductal carcinoma in situ) or invasive breast carcinoma
- gross: eczema-like (erythema, oozing/ ulcerated lesion)

Paget's carcinoma of the nipple





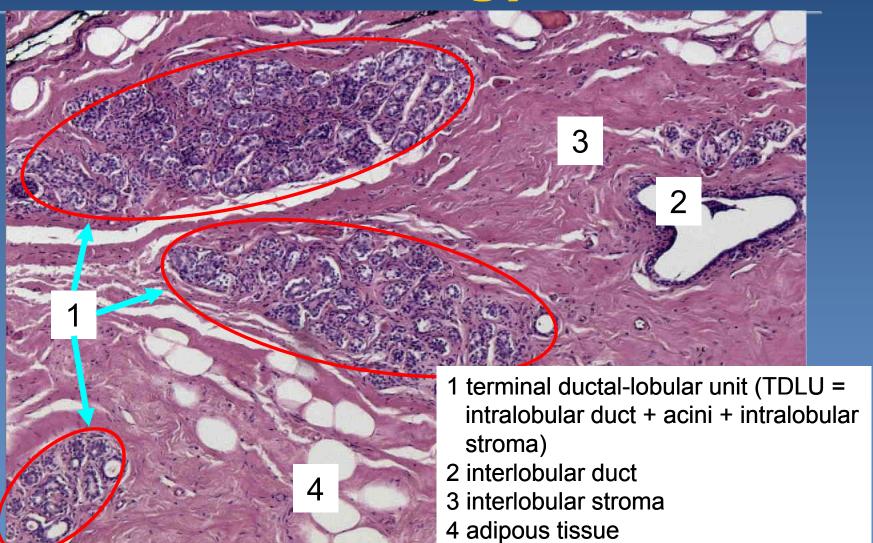


Single neoplastic cells (arrows) dispersed in squamous cell epithelium



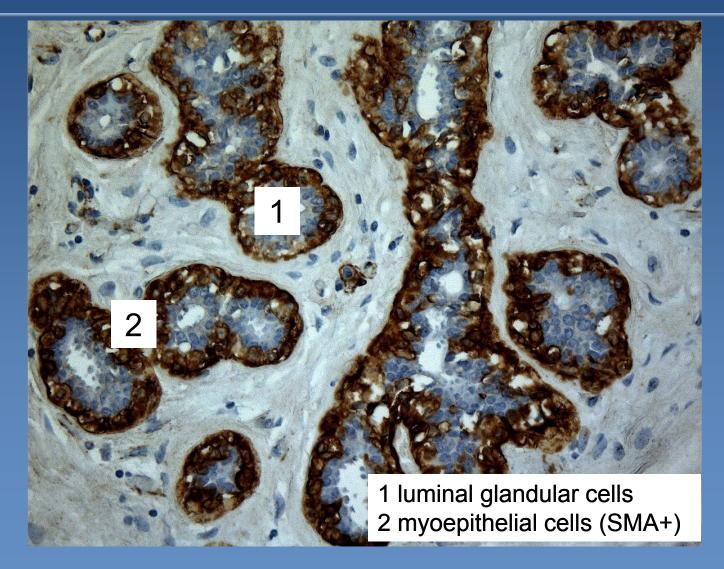
Mammary gland

Fertile mammary gland - histology



TDLU IHC anti-SMA







- benign alterations in ducts and lobules
- common lesions
 - palpable irregularities (lumps, granularity), +/tender
 - etiology:
 - hormone dependent
 - inflammation-associated
 - diff. dg.: malignant tumors



- classification according to the risk of developing subsequent breast carcinoma
- non-proliferative breast changes fibrocystic change
 - cysts +/- apocrine metaplasia
 - **⇒** fibrosis
 - **⇒** adenosis



- proliferative breast disease without atypia
 - proliferation of ductal epithelium +/-stroma
 - usually in combination
 - calcification common (mammography)
 - epithelial hyperplasia (usual ductal hyperplasia simple, florid)
 - sclerosing adenosis
 - **⇒** papillomatosis
 - complex sclerosing lesion



- proliferative breast disease with atypia
 - atypical ductal hyperplasia
 - atypical lobular hyperplasia

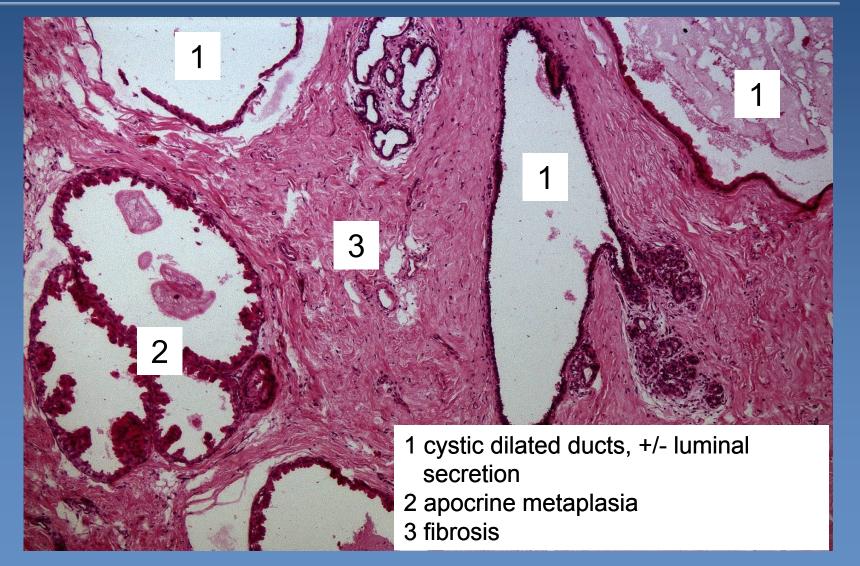
Fibrocystic change



- palpable "lumpy" firmer tissue
- ***** micro:
 - extensive fibrosis
 - + cysts (apocrine metaplasia)
 - + adenosis (lobulocentric proliferative lesion = increased number of acini in a lobule, preserved lobular architectonics)
 - commonly + ductal and/or lobular hyperplasia
- no increased risk of malignant transformation (unless atypical epithelial hyperplasia present)

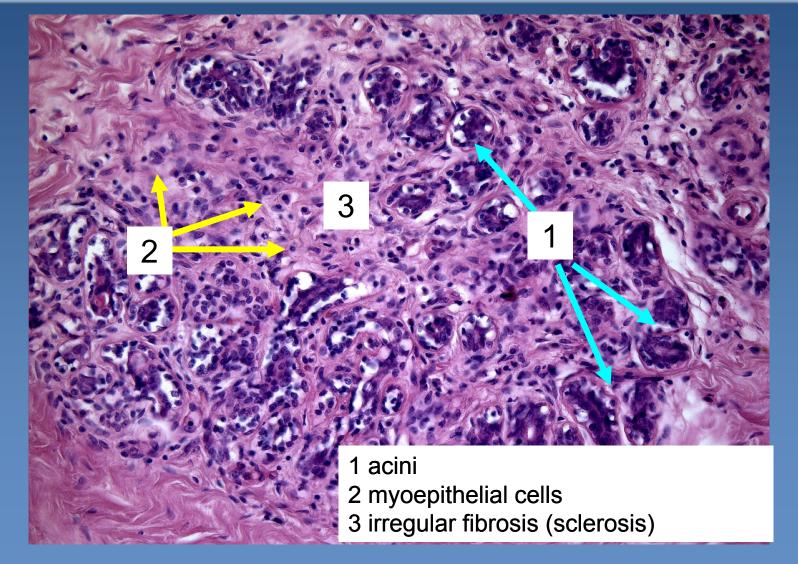
Fibrocystic change











Proliferative breast disease with atypia / in situ neoplasia

- relatively common
- potential progression into invasive carcinoma precursor lesion
 - → Atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH)
 - Atypical lobular hyperplasia (ALH)
 - ⇒ Ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS)
 - non- high grade
 - high grade
 - **⇒** Lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS)

Proliferative epithelial lesions and in situ neoplasia

Diagnosis	Morphology
Focal fibrosisCystsFlorid adenosisSclerosing adenosis	 focal increase of TDLU stroma dilated ducts increased number of acini increased number of acini + TDLU fibrosis
Ductal hyperplasiaLobular hyperplasiaDuctal papillomatosisFibroadenomatoid hyperplasia	 ductal epithelium proliferation acinar epithelium proliferation epithelial proliferation in dilated ducts ductal epithelial + TDLU stromal proliferation
Atypical ductal hyperplasiaAtypical lobular hyperplasia	 ductal epithelium proliferation + atypias acinar epithelium proliferation + atypias
DCIS, non-high gradeLCIS	 intraductal ca in situ with mild nuclear pleomorphism lobular ca in situ
• DCIS, high grade	• intraductal ca in situ with severe nuclear atypias

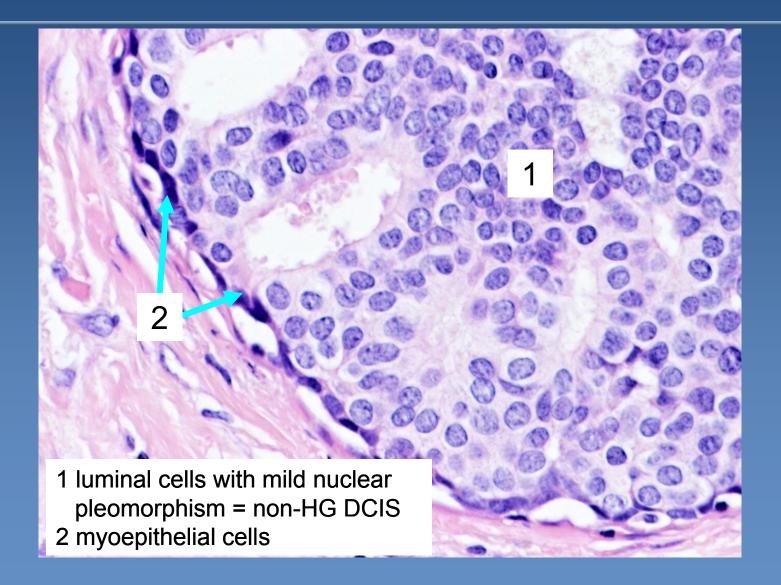
DCIS





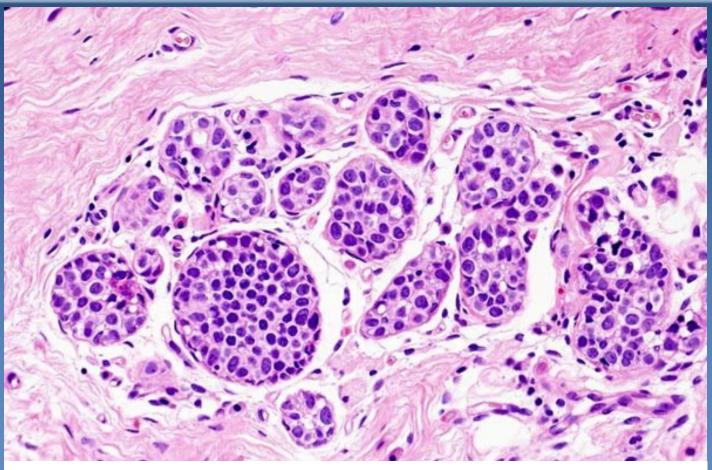
DCIS





LCIS





Expanded acini filled by mildly pleomorphic cells, intact basement membrane

Malignant epithelial tumors



Breast carcinoma

- commonest maligancy in females in highincome countries
- rising incidence
- falling mortality
 - screening + better diagnostics
 - known modifiable risk factors
 - more effective therapy

metastases

- Iymphatic spread regional LN (mostly axillary)
- hematogenous spread (bones, lung, liver, brain...)

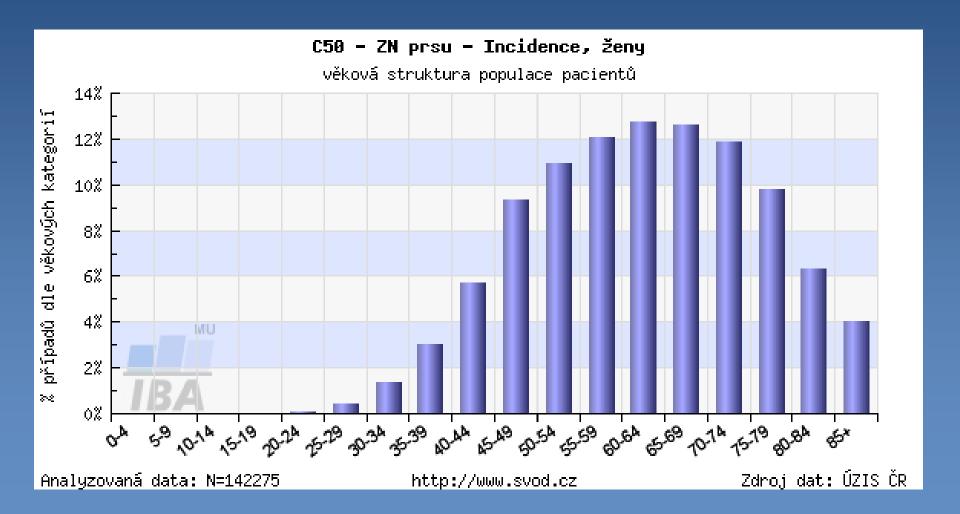
Malignant epithelial tumors



- **Sporadic carcinomas** (≈95%)
 - accidental sequential mutations
 - mostly perimenopausal/postmenopausal, old age (50-75)
- **Familial carcinomas** (≈ 5%)
 - hereditary mutations in some TSG (BRCA1, BRCA2...)
 - typical in young females (after age of 20)
 - ⇒ possible multicentric, bilateral → prophylactic mastectomy
 - ↑ risk of ovarian carcinomas







WHO classification of carcinomas

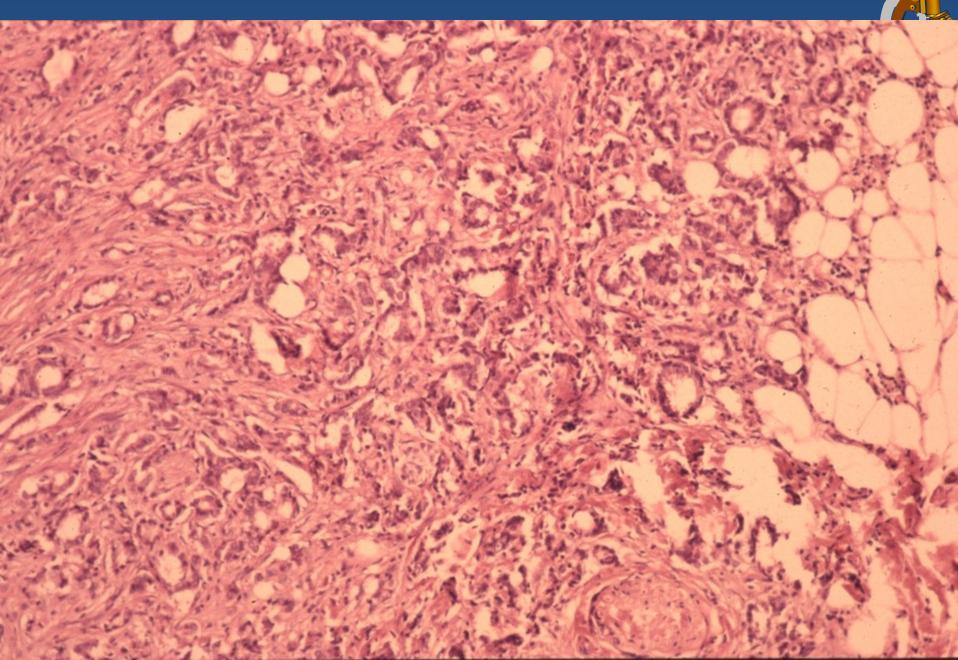


- *Invasive ca, no
 special type (NST) =
 ductal ca, NOS
- Invasive lobular carcinoma
- ✗ Tubular ca
- Invasive cribriform ca
- Medullary ca
- Mucin producing ca
- Neuroendocrine tumors
- Invasive papillary ca
- Invasive micropapillary ca

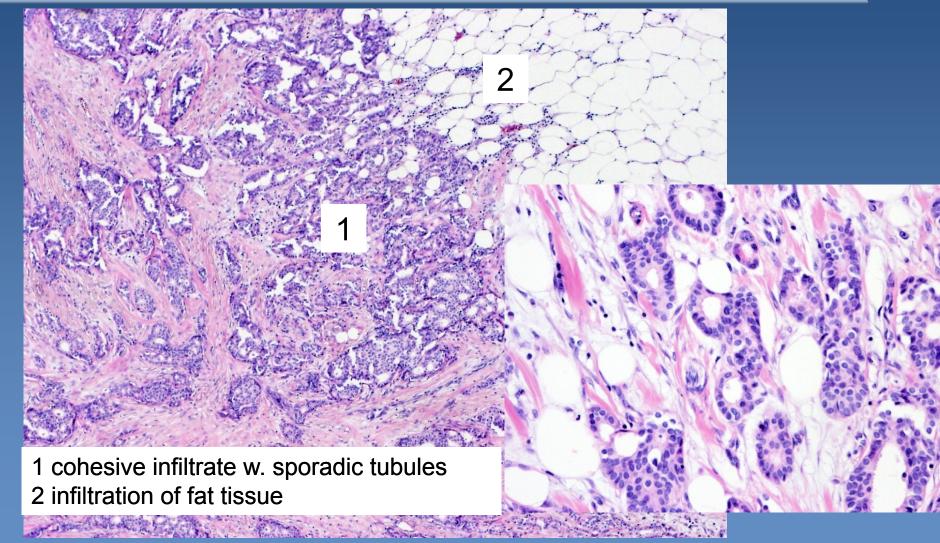
- Apocrine ca
- Metaplastic ca
- Lipid-rich ca
- Secretory ca
- Oncocytic ca
- Adenoid-cystic carcinoma
- Acinic cell ca
- Glycogen-rich clear cell ca
- Sebaceous ca
- Inflammatory ca
- *Bilateral carcinoma



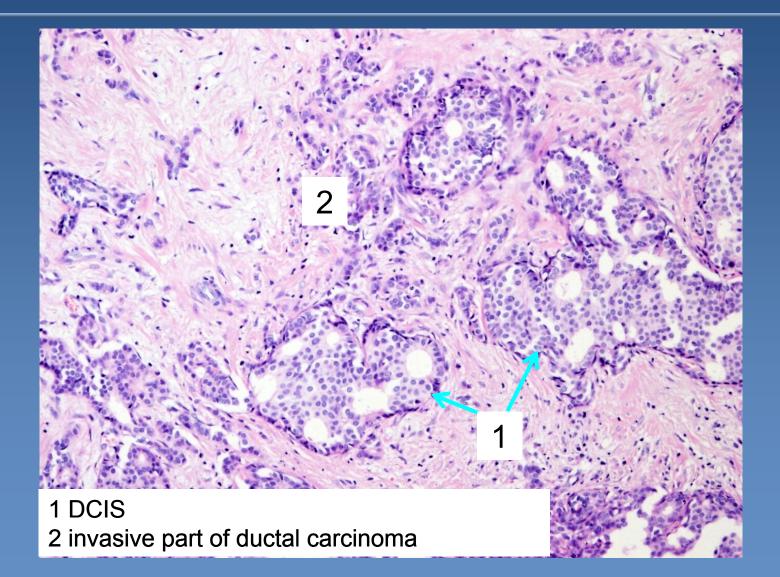
- most common (formerly invasive ductal ca)
- # gross:
 - firm lesion, irregular border
- micro:
 - **cohesive** (E-cadherin+) tumor cells
 - tubules, trabeculae, solid clusters
 - variable grade of nuclear pleomorphism, mitotic activity (gr. I-III)
 - loss of outer myoepithelial cell layer (p63-, SMA-)
 - dense fibrotic stroma, desmoplasia
 - infiltrative growth, commonly adjacent DCIS



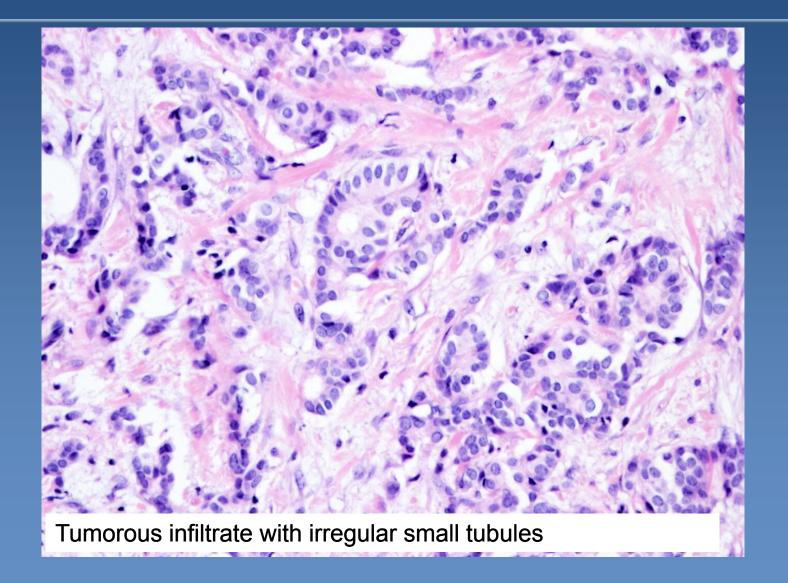








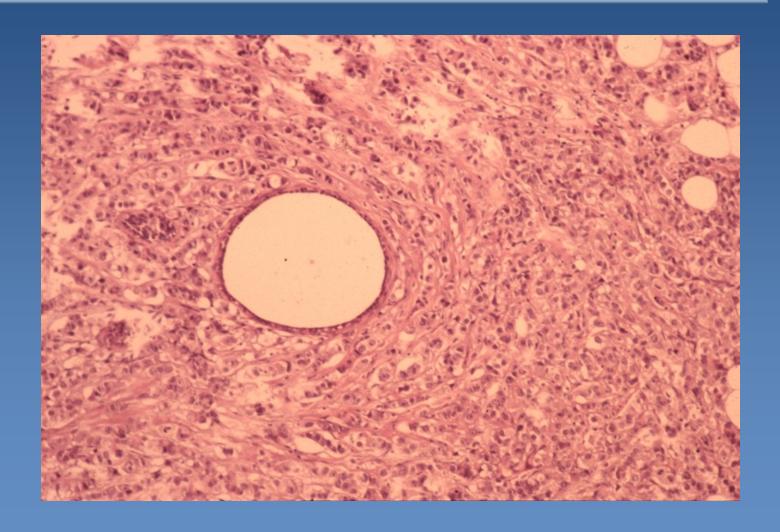




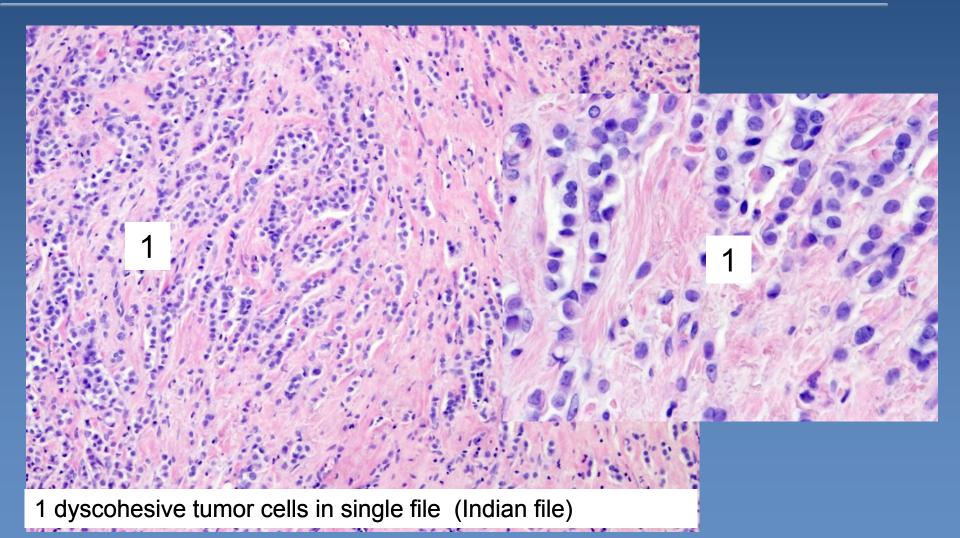
Invasive lobular carcinoma

- more commonly multicentric
- micro:
 - ⇒ loss of cell cohesivity (E-cadherin-)
 - cell lines, "indian file"
 - concentric formations around duct (target-like)
 - loss of myoepithelial layer (SMA-)
 - dense stroma
 - infiltrative growth, may be adjacent to LCIS

Invasive lobular carcinoma



Invasive lobular carcinoma



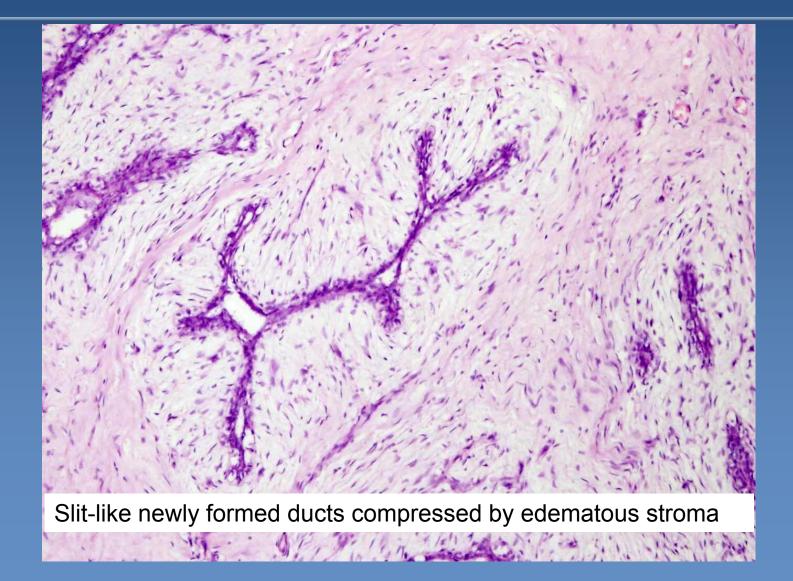
Fibroepithelial (mixed) tumors



- very common
- Fibroadenoma (FA)
 - most common breast tumor in young females
 - benign, circumscribed, mobile, rubbery
 - proliferating ducts + increased amount of stroma (edematous or hyalinised)
 - pericanalicular, intracanalicular growth

Fibroadenoma





Fibroepithelial (mixed) tumors

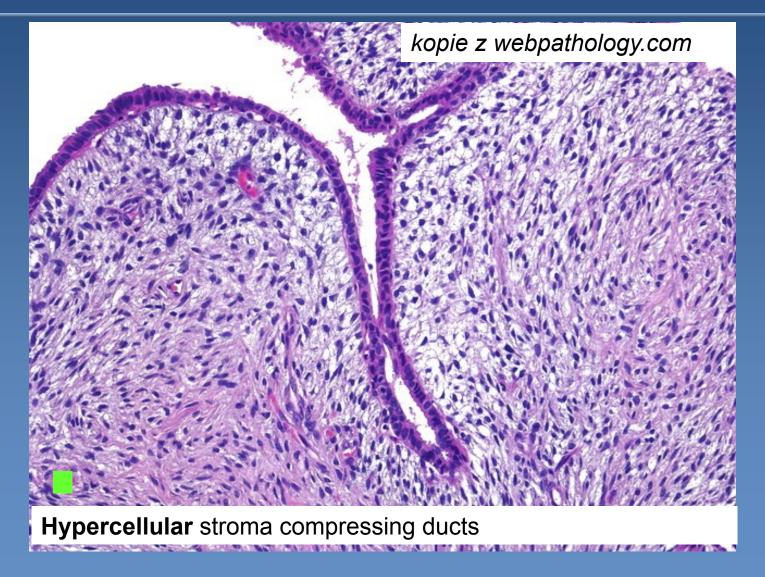


Phyllodes tumor

- ⇒rare (<1% of all breast tumors)
- gross leaflike structure and cysts (cystosarcoma phyllodes)
- micro similar to FA, increased stromal cellularity
 - stromal component benign / with atypias / malignant (sarcoma)
 - biologic behaviour:
 - benign
 - broderline
 - malignant

Phyllodes tumor





Male breast pathology



- gynecomastia
 - most common
 - up to 30% adult males, commonly bilateral
 - enlarged subareolar gland
 - hyperthyroidism, liver cirrhosis, CHRI, chronic respiratory failura, hypogonadism, hormone therapy.
- carcinoma
 - rare, hereditary risk possible (BRCA2)
 - worse general prognosis (usually late dg.)