Nephropathology

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Anatomical remarks

- Vessels - 90% of blood flow through the cortex
- Afferent arteriole → glomerular capillaries → efferent arteriole → peritubular capillary plexus (from superficial glomeruli) or vasa recta for medulla (from juxtamedullary glomeruli)
- terminal arteries
- glomerular damage commonly leads to damage of peritubular blood flow – risk of ischemia

Possible clinical signs

- Weight gain, edema – fluid retention
- Thirst – chronic renal failure, DM
- Fatigue – acute/chronic renal failure (RF)
- Fever – urinary tract infection (UTI)
- Headache – hypertension, RF
- Hematuria – UTI, glomerulonephritis, tumor, stone
- Polyuria – DM, tubular disorders

Renal diseases commonly clinically silent!

Clinical features

- Diminished renal reserve – GFR ~ 50% of normal
- Renal insufficiency - GFR 20-50% of normal
- Azotemia – increase of blood urea and creatinine due to decreased glomerular filtration (20-30%), or extrarenal cause
- Uraemia - azotemia together with several clinical and biochemical abnormities: metabolic, endocrine, …
  - uremic gastroenteritis/colitis + IS dysregulation, malnutrition;
  - hypertension, fibrinous pericarditis, AS acceleration
  - pneumonia, pleuritis
  - dermatitis, itching
  - renal osteodystrophy, osteoporosis, muscle loss
  - peripheral neuropathy,

Clinical features

- Renal failure - GFR less than 20-25%, oedema, uraemia; causes: *prerenal, postrenal, renal (vascular, glomerular, tubulointerstitial);* acute r.f. (oliguria→anuria) chronic r.f.
- End-stage renal disease - GFR less than 5% of norm
- Anuria <100ml/24hrs

Clinical features

- Nephritic syndrome due to acute glomerular disease; hematuria + mild proteinuria + hypertension; oliguria + azotemia + mineral dysbalance
- Rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis – very rapid (days - a few weeks) nephritic syndrome
- Nephrotic syndrome: usually chronic gl. dis., severe proteinuria (>3,5 g/d) + hypoalbuminemia/oedema + hyperlipidemia + lipiduria; possible ↑ infections (IgG loss)

Clinical features

- Asymptomatic hematuria and/or proteinuria – commonly mild glomerular lesion
- Polyuria + nocturia + electrolyte disorders – renal tubular defects
- Bacteriuria + pyuria – urinary tract infection (UTI)
- Renal colic + hematuria - nephrolithiasis

Renal diseases

- congenital anomalies
- glomerular diseases
- vascular diseases
- tubulointerstitial diseases
- tumors

Congenital anomalies

- 10% of all people
- hereditary or acquired developmental defect
- decreased volume of renal tissue (e.g. agenesis)
- disorders of differentiation (dysplasia)
- anatomical abnormalities (ectopy)
- metabolic disorders (cystinuria)

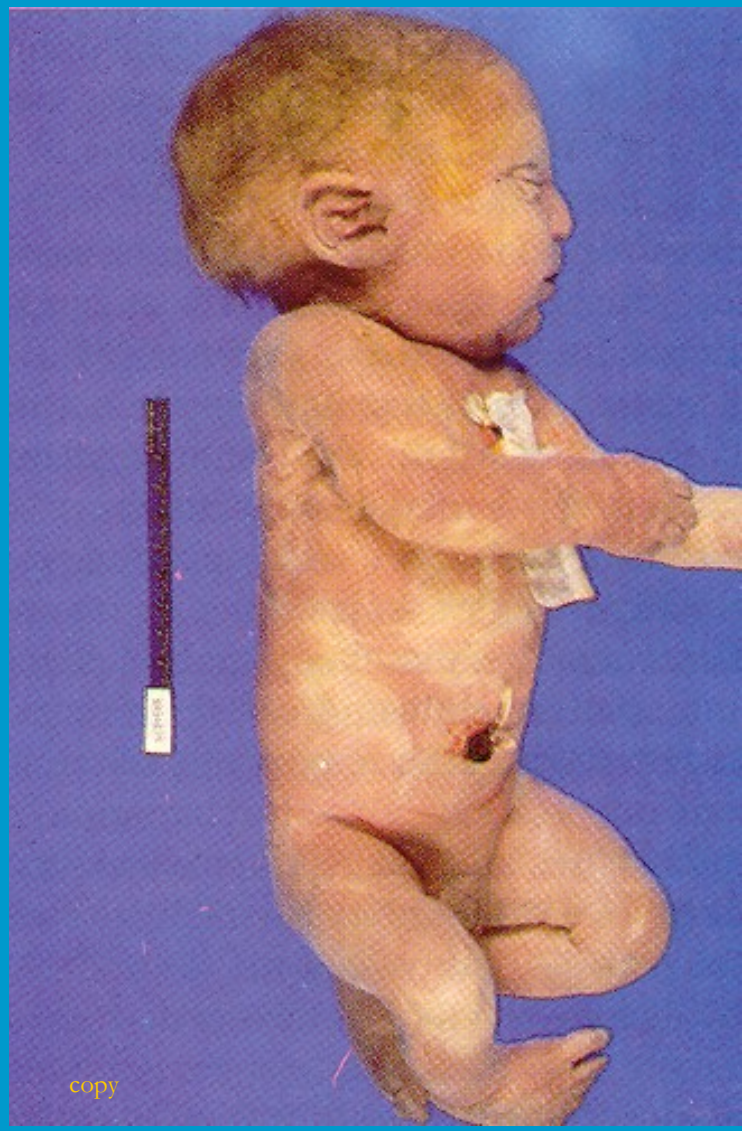
Agenesis

- Bilateral agenesis – 1:6000, incompatible with independent life, usually stillborn, accompanied by characteristic appearance (Potter's syndrome), commonly associated with other congenital defects
- Unilateral agenesis – infrequent, the opposite kidney enlarged by compensatory hypertrophy

Oligohydramnion (Potter´s syndrome)

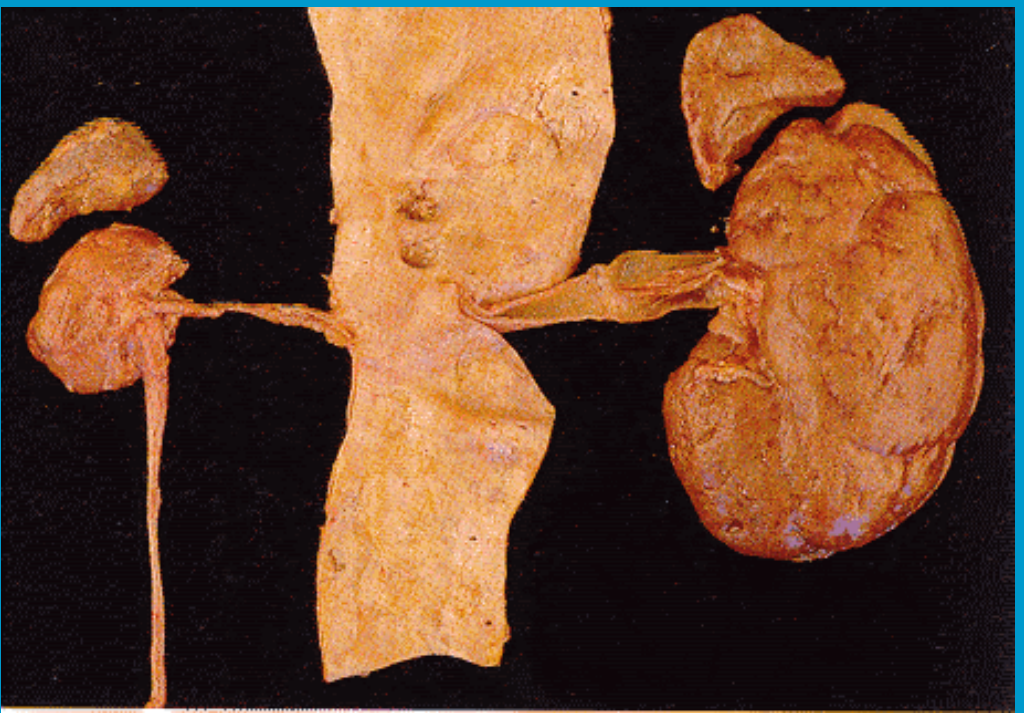
decreased amount of amniotic fluid (placental abnormities, renal **agenesis or malformation)**

flat face, lung hypoplasia, limb deformities, ...



Hypoplasia

- Abnormally small kidneys (x atrophy)
- reduced number of lobes and pyramids



Renal ectopy

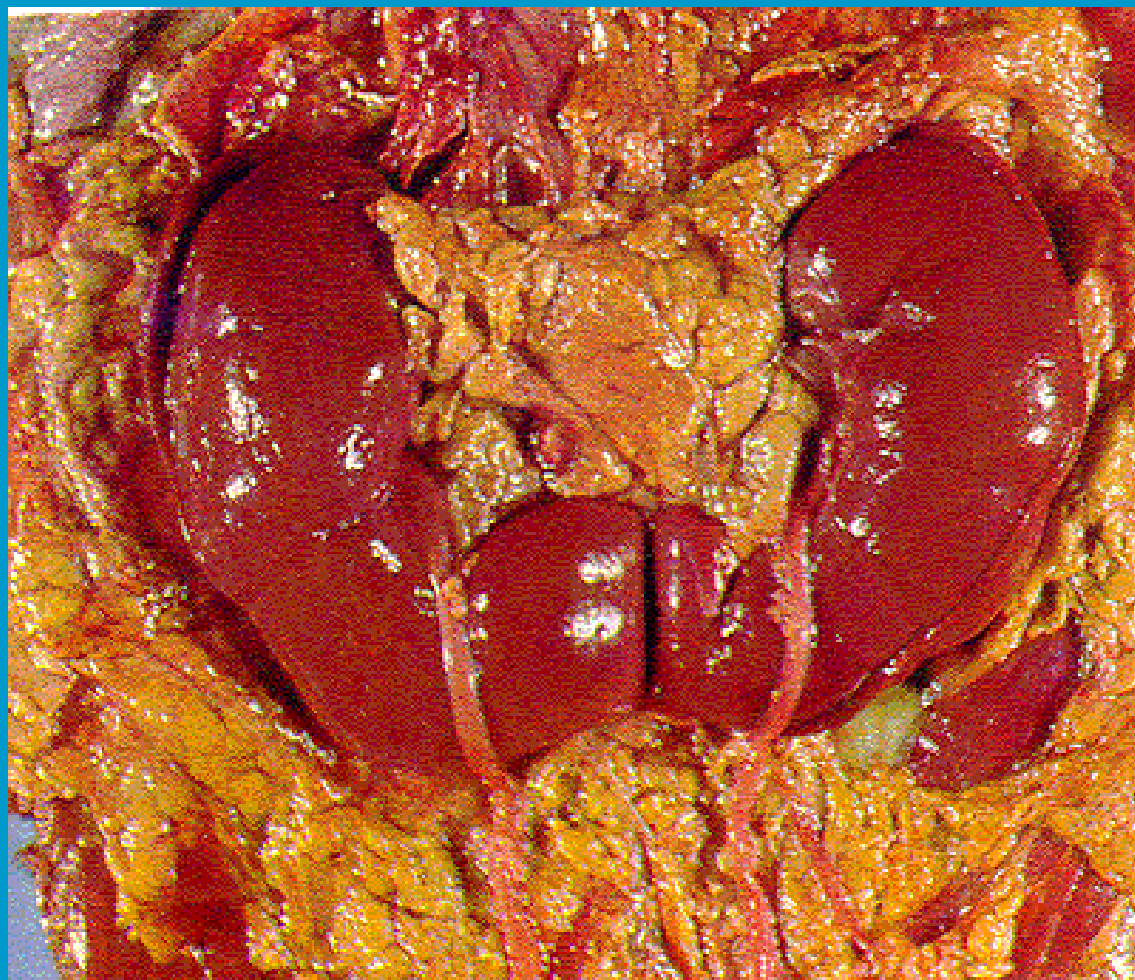
- Abnormal site, usually in pelvis, due to migration stop of the *metanephros*
- *A. renalis* - from lower aorta or *a. ilica communis*
- Short ureter

Ren migrans, ren mobilis

- Not a malformation, normal *a. renalis*
- Secondary renal descensus, usually due to loss of adipous capsule
- Long ureter, risk of obstruction and infection

Horseshoe kidney

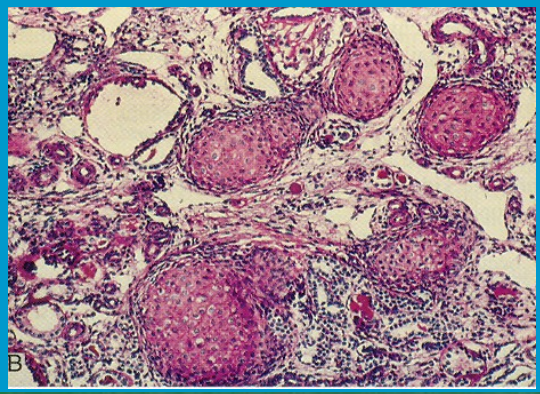
- Renal pole fusion
- Ureteral obstruction



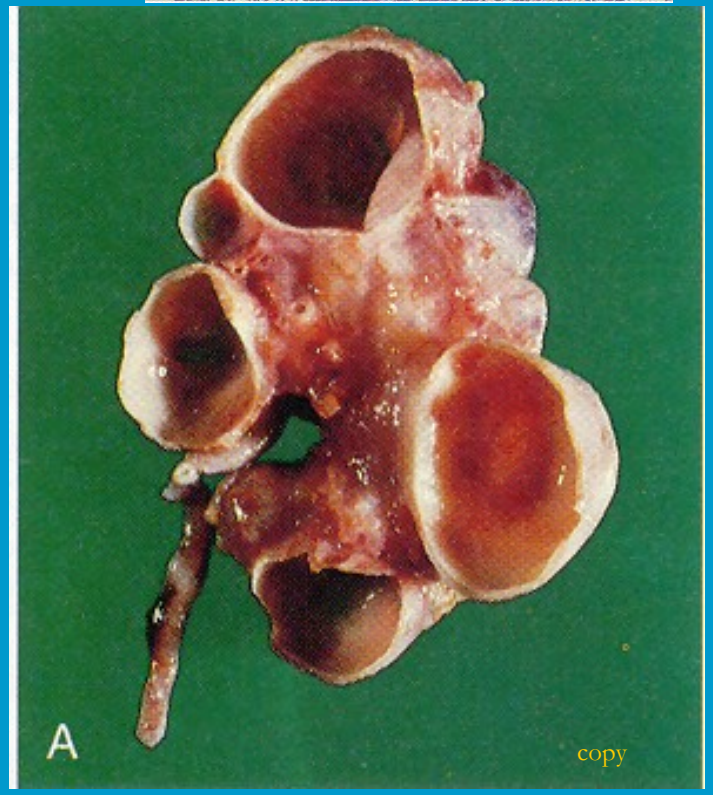
Cystic renal disease

- Hereditary, congenital nonhereditary, acquired
- Pathogenesis: primary defect of tubular epithelial cells and their growth, resulting in tubular dilatation
- Secondary tubular obstruction (oxalate crystals etc.)
- Multiple or solitary
- Affects the whole kidney, or mostly cortex or medulla

Cystic dysplasia

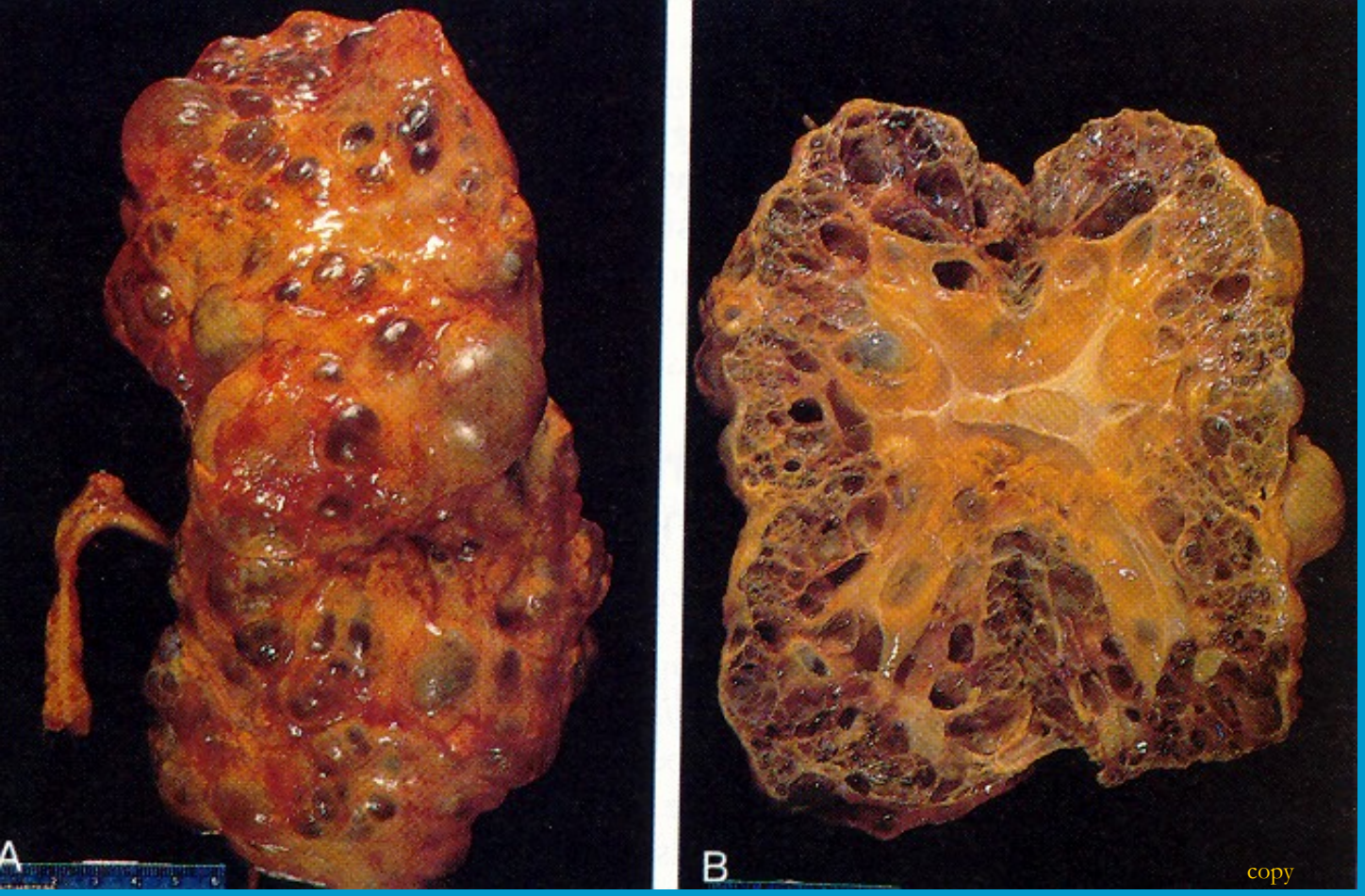


- Uni- or bilateral
- Enlarged multicystic kidney
- Cysts mm-cm.
- Islands of undifferentiated mesenchyme, immature tubules
- Commonly cartilage
- Bilateral - renal insufficiency



Polycystic kidney - autosomal recessive

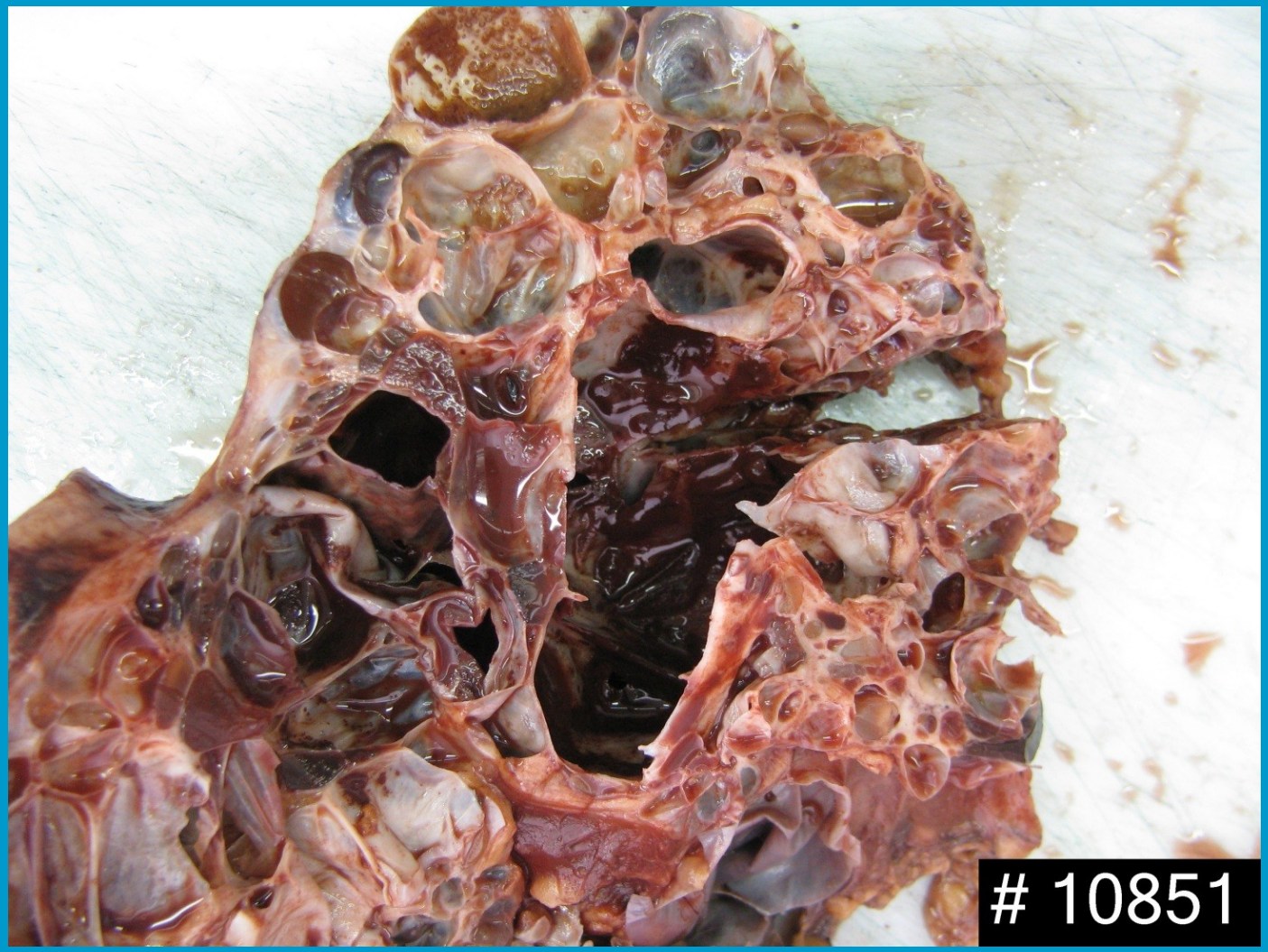
- Infants
- Enlarged kidney at birth, smooth surface, microcystic
- Radial elongated cysts and channels
- Congenital hepatic fibrosis
- RF in childhood



Adult polycystic kidney disease (APKD)

Autosomal-dominant, liver cysts, berry aneurysms. 1:500-1:1000. Pain, hematuria, UTI, stones, hypertension, slow progression, chronic RF at 40-60 yrs. ↑risk of ca

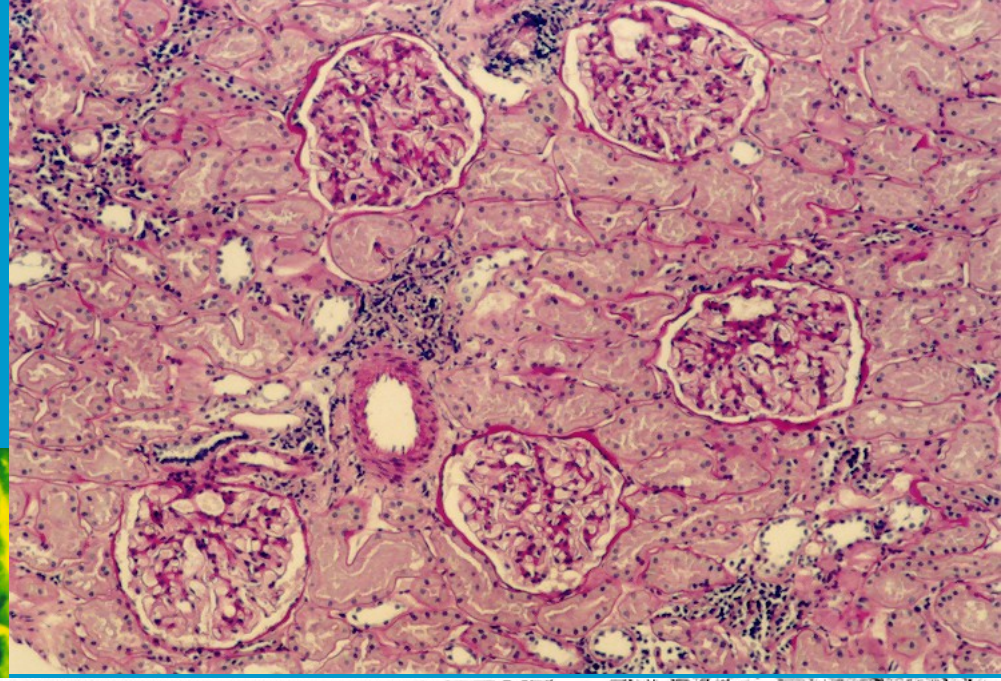
Adult polycystic kidney

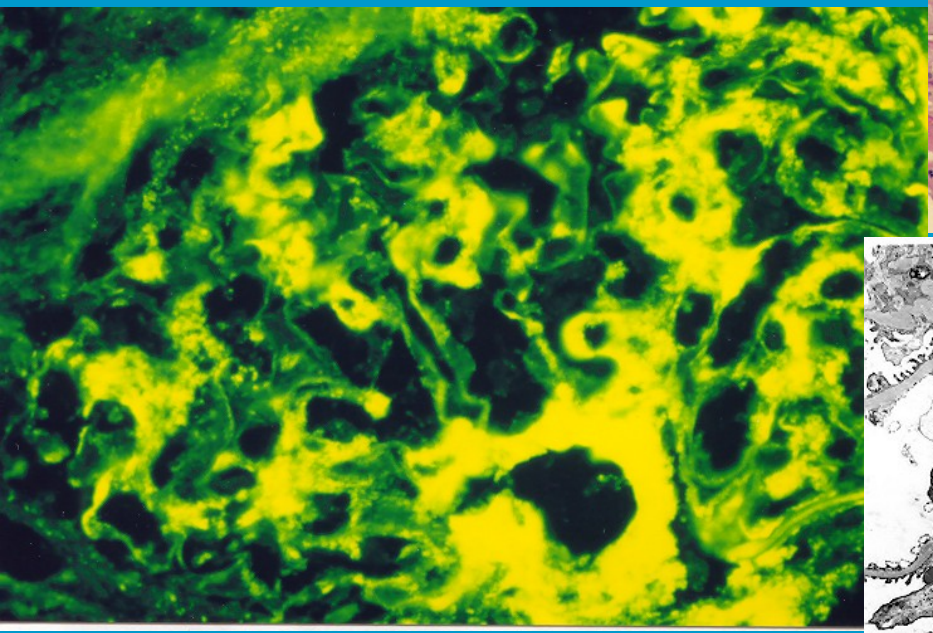


Simple cyst

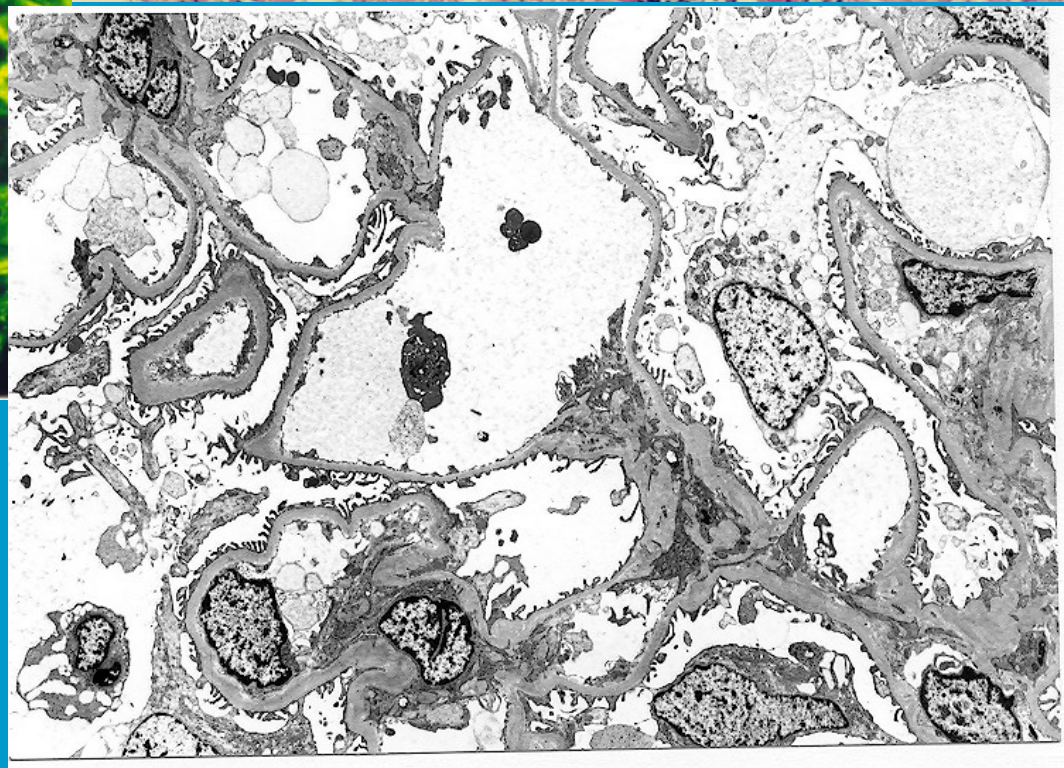
- Single or multiple
- Up to 10 cm
- Haemorrhage posible
- Differential diagnosis x cystic tumors
- „Complicated“ cyst – with regressive changes, diff. dg. x ca

Renal biopsy



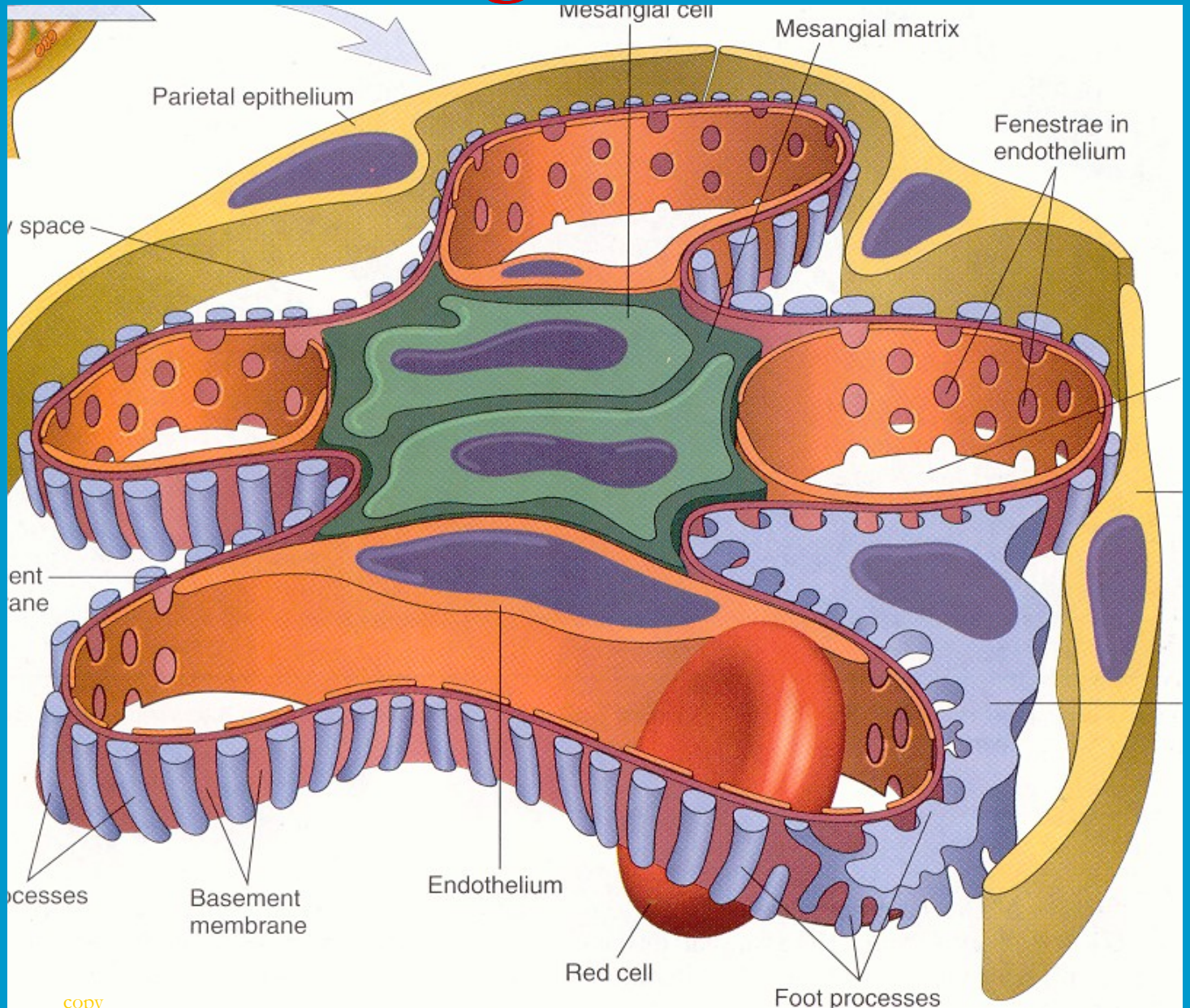


Direct immunofluorescence

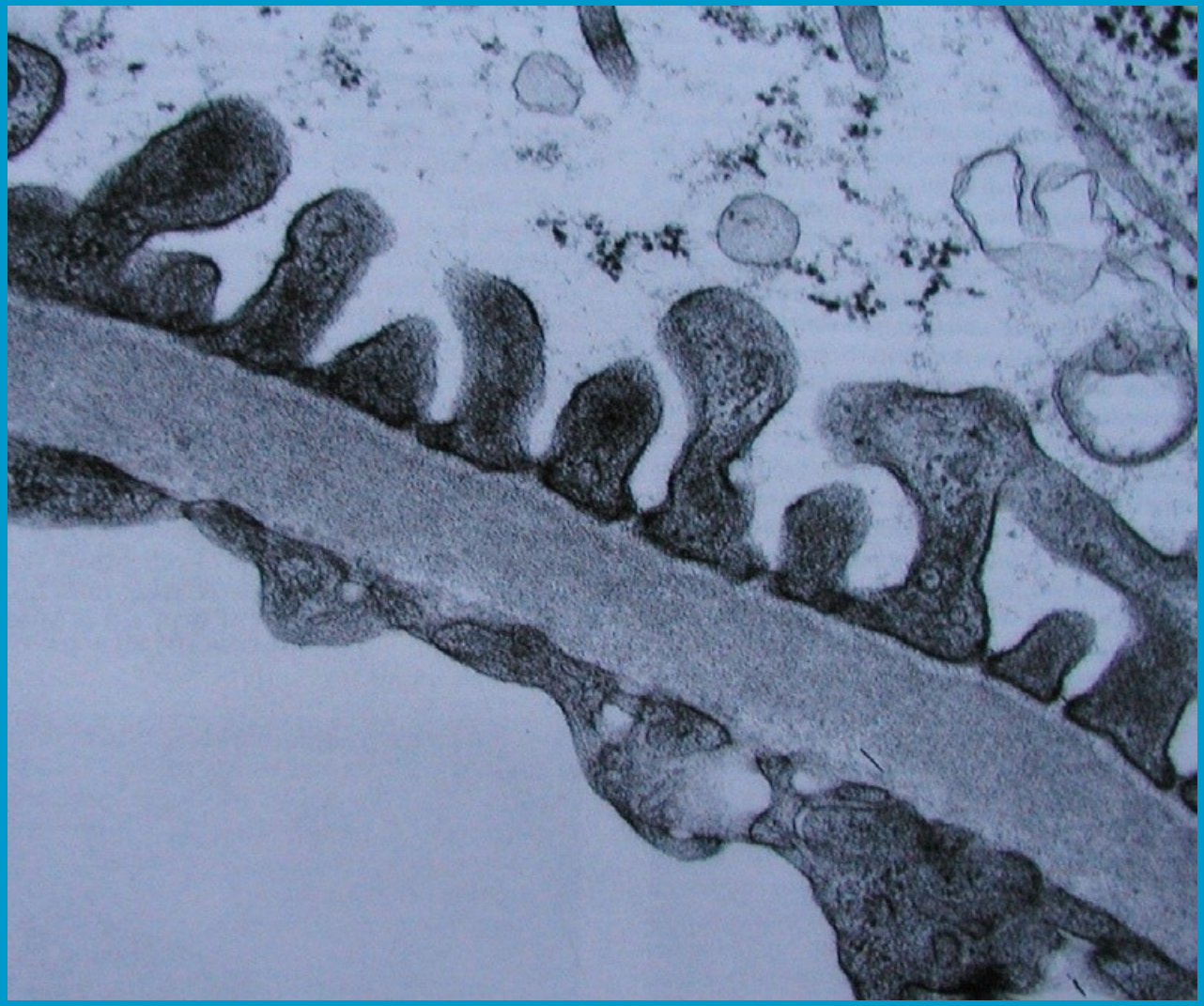


Electron microscopy

Normal glomerulus



Glomerular filtration barrier



Glomerular diseases

- Classification by aetiology and mechanisms of injury (primary x secondary; immunological x non-immunological)
- Histological classification (patterns of injury – proliferative, membranous change, membrano-proliferative, crescentic, hyalinisation + sclerosis)
- One disease may have variable morphology/pattern (SLE)
- One pattern may be seen in variable disorders

Glomerular diseases

- Nephritic syndrome, rapidly progressive GN: inflammation +/- endothelial damage; ↑ gl. cellularity
- usually immune mediated
  - Immune complex deposition (acute proliferative GN, SLE)
  - Antibodies x glomerular basement membrane (Goodpasture sy)
  - Systemic noninfectious vasculitis: autoantibodies p-ANCA, c-ANCA; (polyangiitis with granuloma)
  - immune mediated abnormalities of complement system regulation (C3)

Glomerular diseases

- Nephrotic syndrome: malfunction/leakage of barrier-filtration system - ↑ increased permeability

Capillary wall: thickening by in situ IC deposits (membranous glomerulopathy; primary, sec.), abnormal substances (DM, amyloid)

Epithelial cells: loss of normal structure (detachment + loss of podocytes, compensatory hypetrophy of remaining cells, fusion of foot processes in minimal change disease; disruption in focal segmental glomerulosclerosis)

Glomerular diseases

Non-immune mediated lesions

vascular

- hemodynamic factors
- hypertension
- ischemia

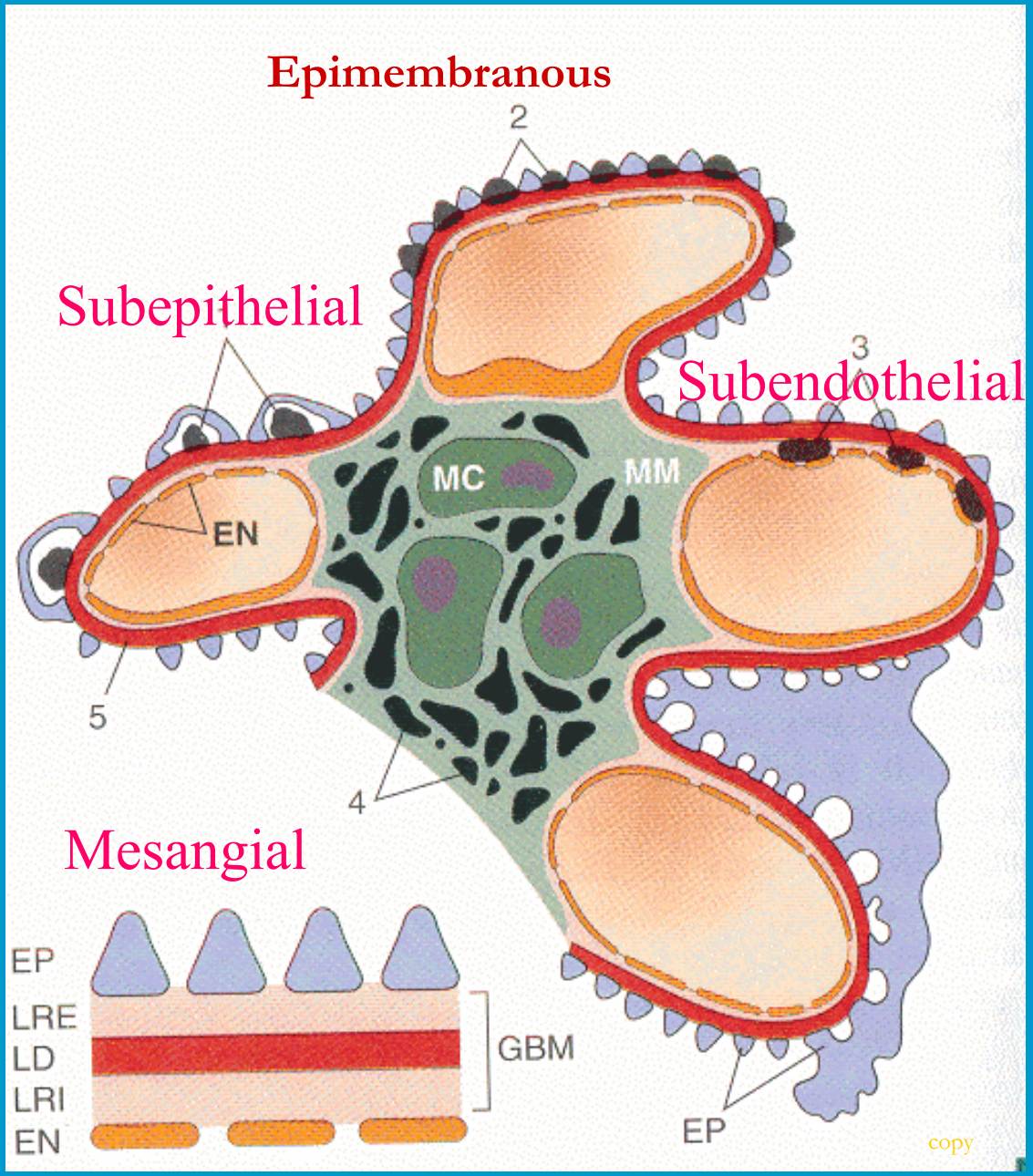
Patterns of glomerular injury

- **Proliferative** – increased glomerular cellularity, combination of endogenous proliferation and exogen. infiltration
- **Membranous change** – thickening of loops due to BM expansion + IC deposition
- **Membrano-proliferative**
- **Crescentic** – florid prolif. of cells in Bowman‘s capsule + infiltration, later fibrotic changes
- **Hyalinisation** – extracellular/intramural amorphous material w. plasmatic proteins + lipids, PAS+, silver impregnation -
- **Sclerosis** – extracellular collagenous matrix, membranes, PAS+, impregn. -

Glomerular injury distribution

- **Diffuse** – almost all glomeruli affected (> 50-80%)
- **Focal** – only some glomeruli
- **Global** – affecting the whole glomerulus
- **Segmental** – affecting only part of the glomerulus

IC localisation



Progression in glomerular disease

- ↓ GFR (30-50% of normal) → independent progression to RF – ablation nephropathy
- Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis – adaptation – compensatory glomerular hypertrophy (glomerular + systemic hypertension → proteinuria → mesangial proliferation + matrix accumulation → sclerosis)
- Tubulointerstitial fibrosis – proteinuria + ischemia → tubular damage + interstitial inflammation

Clinical presentations

- Isolated proteinuria
  - sometimes asymptomatic
  - glomerular – damage to filtration membrane
    - selective – proteins w. low-middle molecular weight (albumin)
    - nonselective – more damage, high weight proteins – Ig
  - tubular
    - problem in tubular resorption of LMW proteins
- Isolated hematuria
  - microscopic x macroscopic

Clinical presentations

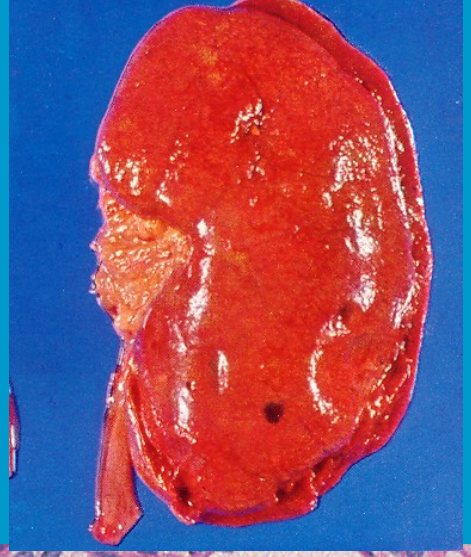
- Nephritic syndrome – acute gl. damage, rapid start, hematuria, variable proteinuria, oliguria, edema, hypertension, azotemia, mineral dysbalance
- Nephrotic syndrome - heavy proteinuria > 3,5 g/daily, generalised edema, hypoalbuminemia, hyperlipidemia, lipiduria; hypercoagulative state (loss of coagulation proteins, increase in blood viscosity)

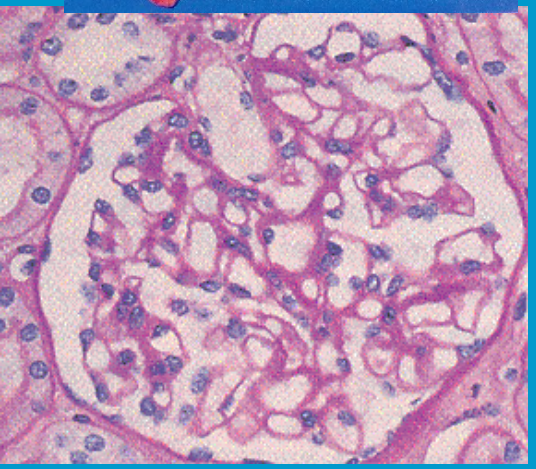
Clinical presentations

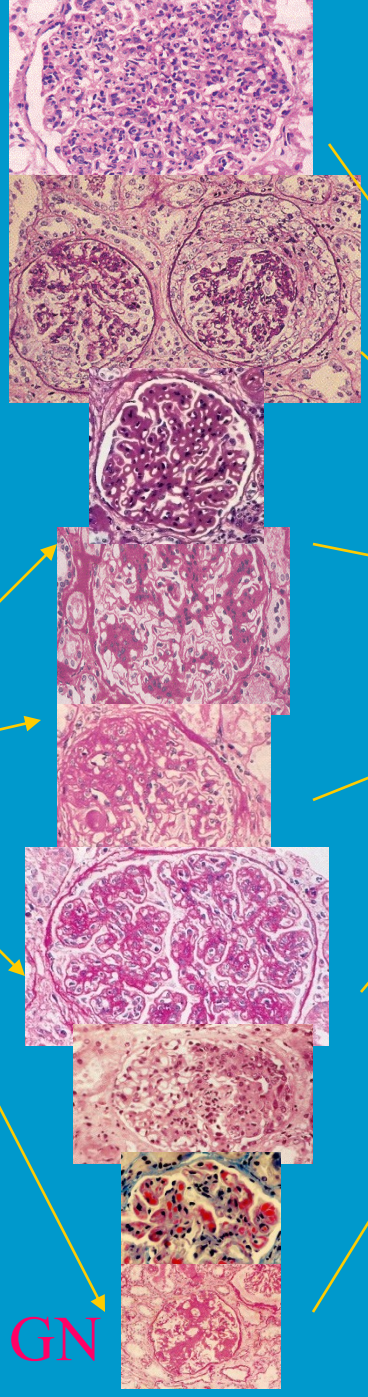
- Acute renal failure – progressive oliguria to anuria, azotemia, metabolic acidosis;
  - prerenal – renal – postrenal
  - with according therapy usually return to function
- Chronic renal failure - prolongated symptoms of uremia, anemia, nausea
  - chronic uremia in irreversible damage
  - most commonly due to DM, hypertension, AS

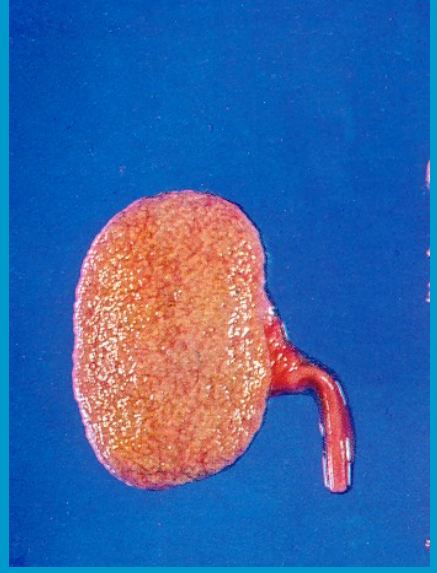
GLOMERULAR DISEASES

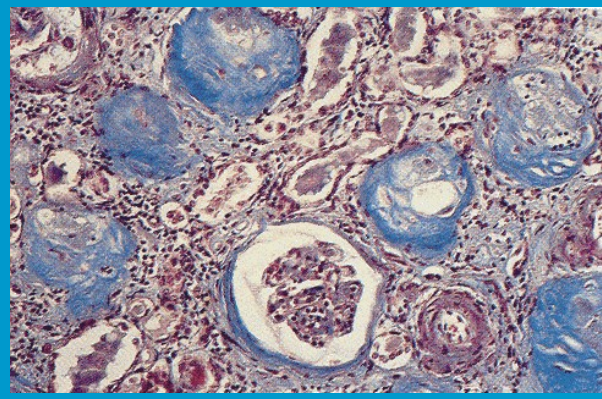
- PRIMARY GLOMERULAR DISEASE: kidney as a main affected organ, other clinical signs due to impaired renal function (i.e. minimal change disease)
- SECONDARY GLOMERULAR DISEASE: renal injury only a part of systemic disease affecting multiple organs (lung, joints, skin), i.e. SLE











Normal kidney

GN

Chronic sclerosing GN

Glomerulopathy

- One histological type may have variable clinical presentation, i.e. membranoproliferative lesion may present as glomerulonephritis with nephritic sy, glomerulopathy with nephrotic sy, or isolated hematuria

Glomerulopathy with:

- Proteinuria or nephrotic syndrome
- Isolated or predominant hematuria
- Hematuria + proteinuria combined w. renal failure
- Glomerulopathy due to vascular diseases
- Glomerulopathy in systemic lupus
- Chronic glomerulopathy

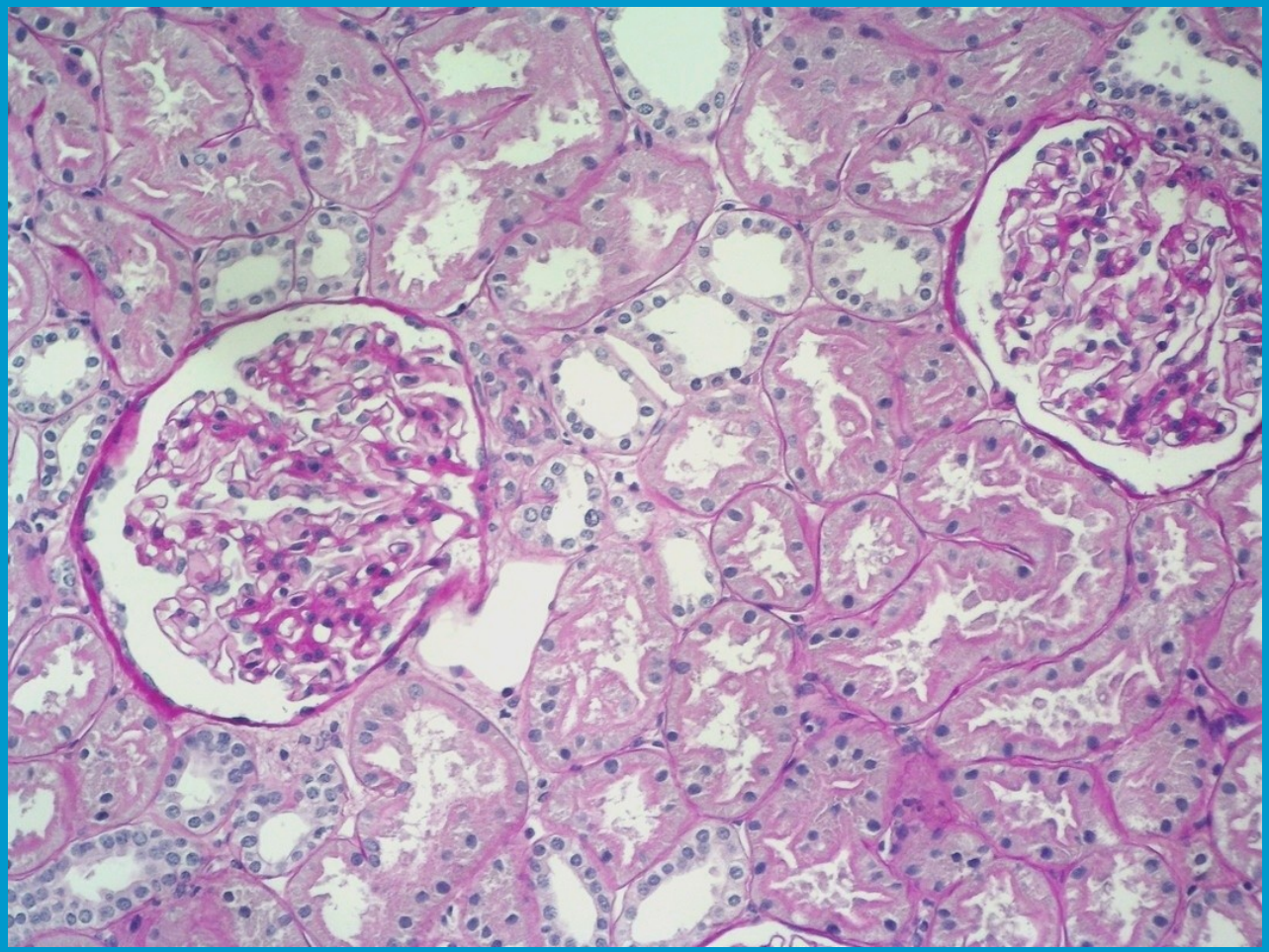
Glomerulopathy with proteinuria or nephrotic syndrome

- Minimal glomerular change disease
- Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis
- Membranous glomerulopathy
- Amyloidosis
- Diabetic nephropathy

Minimal change disease

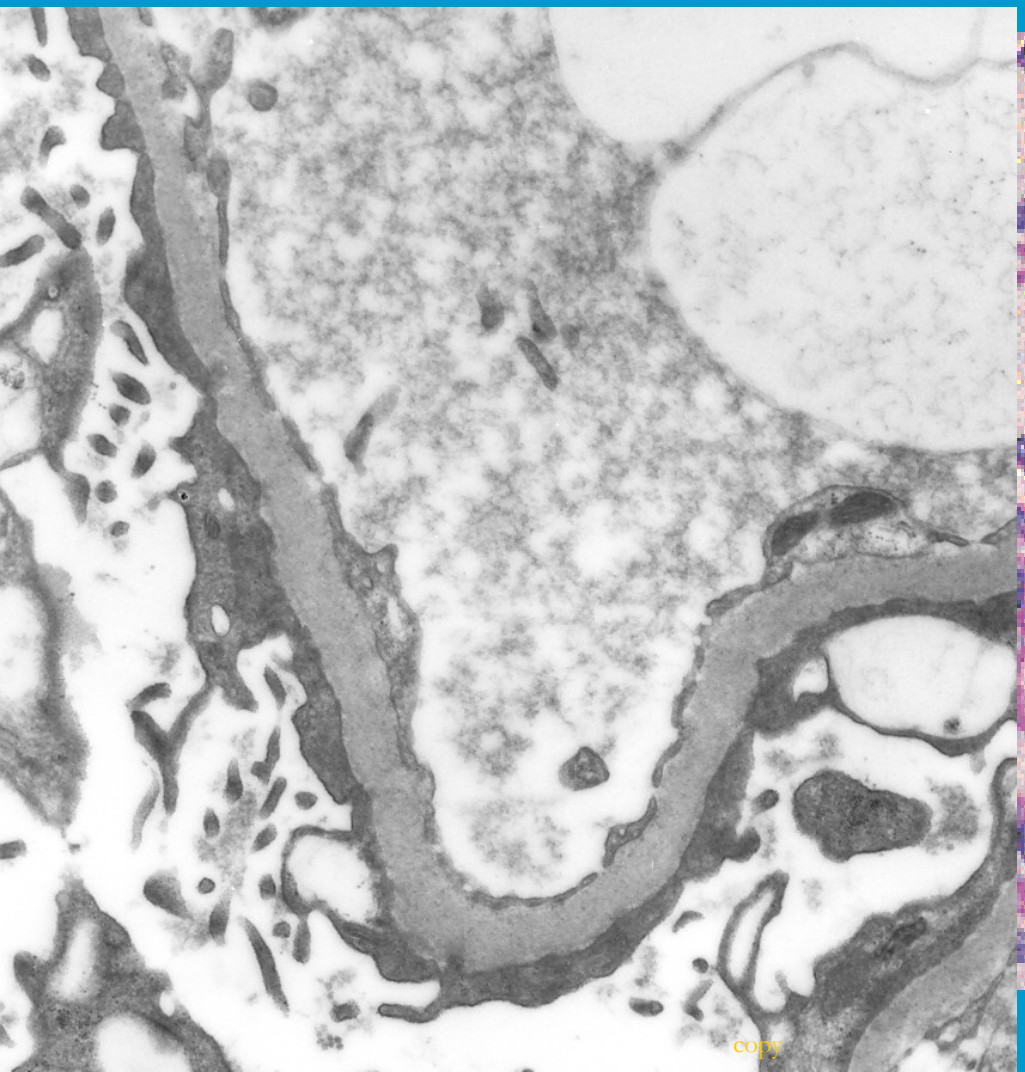
- Most common cause of nephrotic sy in children
- heavy selective proteinuria - albuminuria
- mostly in children ≤ 5 yrs
- in adults commonly associated w. NSAID, ML
- Light microscopy + IMF normal
- Genetic predisposition + immunological basis (association with respiratory infection, atopy, Hodgkin lymphoma)
- Epithelial cell injury – effaced foot processes
- Steroid therapy, good prognosis in children, in adults necessity of biopsy – dif. dg.

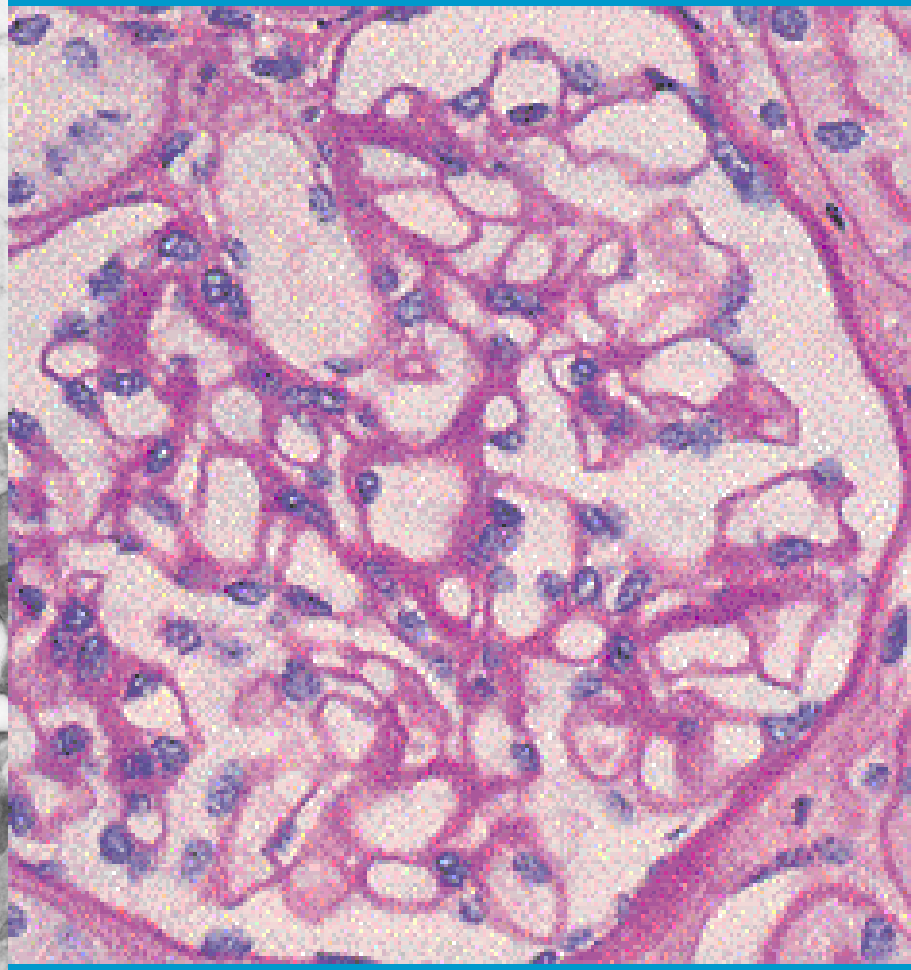
Minimal change disease



Minimal change disease

Loss of epithelial foot processes in elmi, fat in tubular epithelia („lipoid nephrosis“)





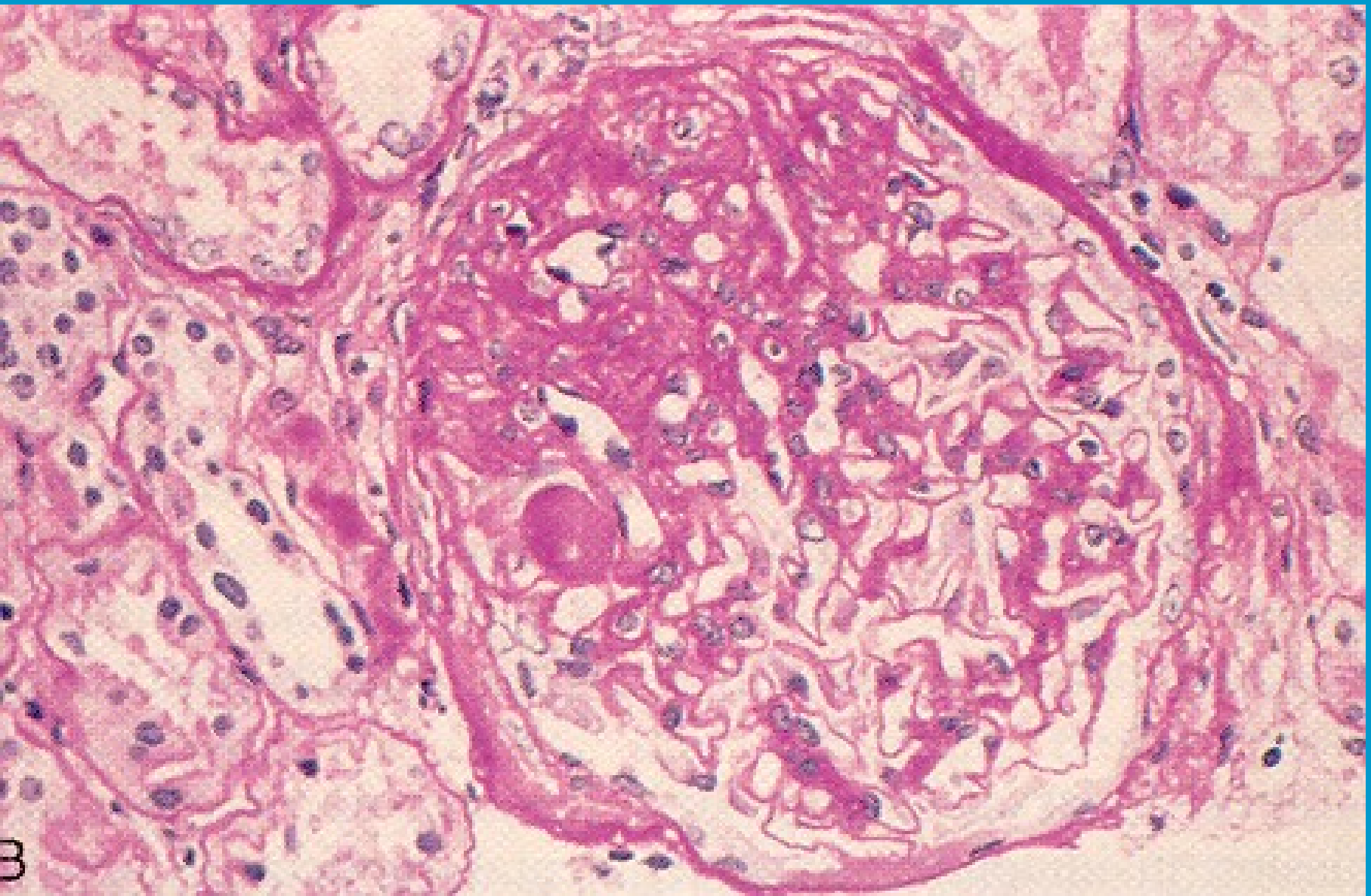
Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis

- Nephrotic sy, ↑ incidence, any age
- Hematuria, ↓ GFR, proteinuria
- Progression usual – 50% → RF in 7 years, steroid-resistant
- Primary
  - idiopathic, unknown toxic factor
  - variable podocyte protein mutations, plasma factor ↑ permeability
- Secondary: late part of adaptive response to preexisting renal disease (renal ablation - reflux nephropathy, hypertension, glomerulopathies – IgA, SLE,…)
- Association with other diseases (HIV, obesity, toxins – heroin, drugs)

FSGS

- epithelial damage
- hyalinosis (plasma protein leakage), foamy macrophages
- segmental sclerosis (mesangial matrix production, capillary loops collapse)
- No immune deposits on IF
- Podocyte injury on EM

Focal segmental glomerulosclerosis



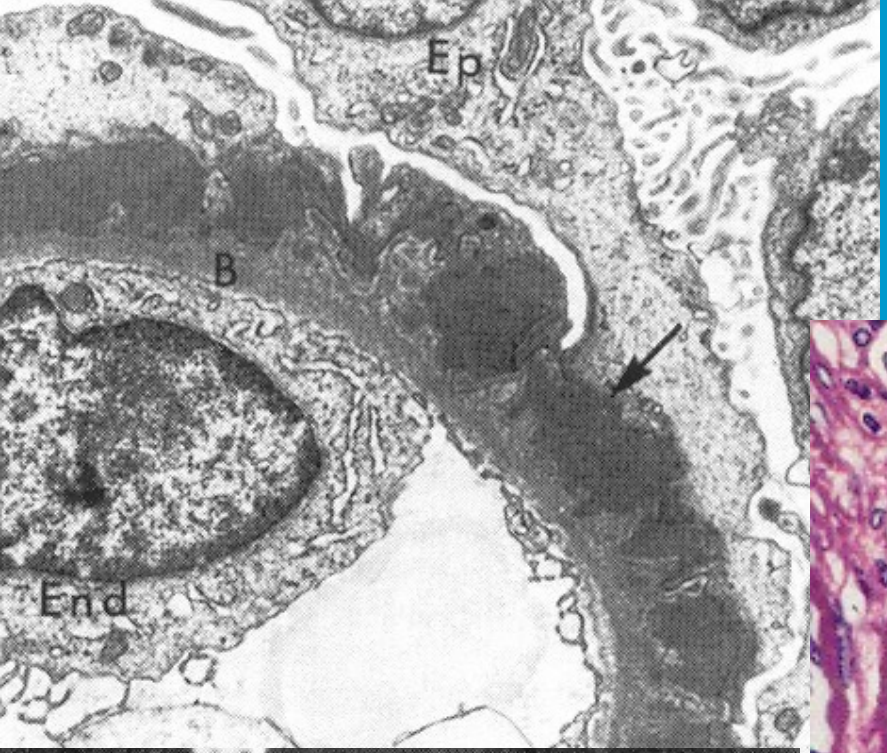
Membranous glomerulopathy

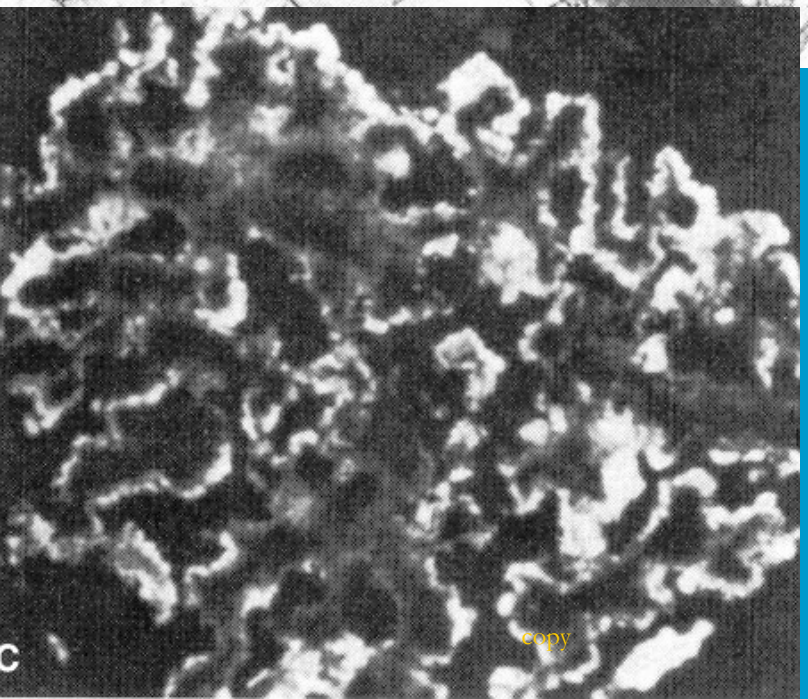
- primary autoimmune,
- mostly older adults – most common nephrotic sy in this age group
- Ab x specific receptor in podocytic membrane antigen – phospholipase A2 receptor
- proteinuria or nephrotic sy, variable course, 1/3 RI
- diffuse global glomerulopathy
- thickening of capillary wall, subepithelial IC deposits, „spikes“ - BM material in impregnation
- no increased glomerulus cellularity

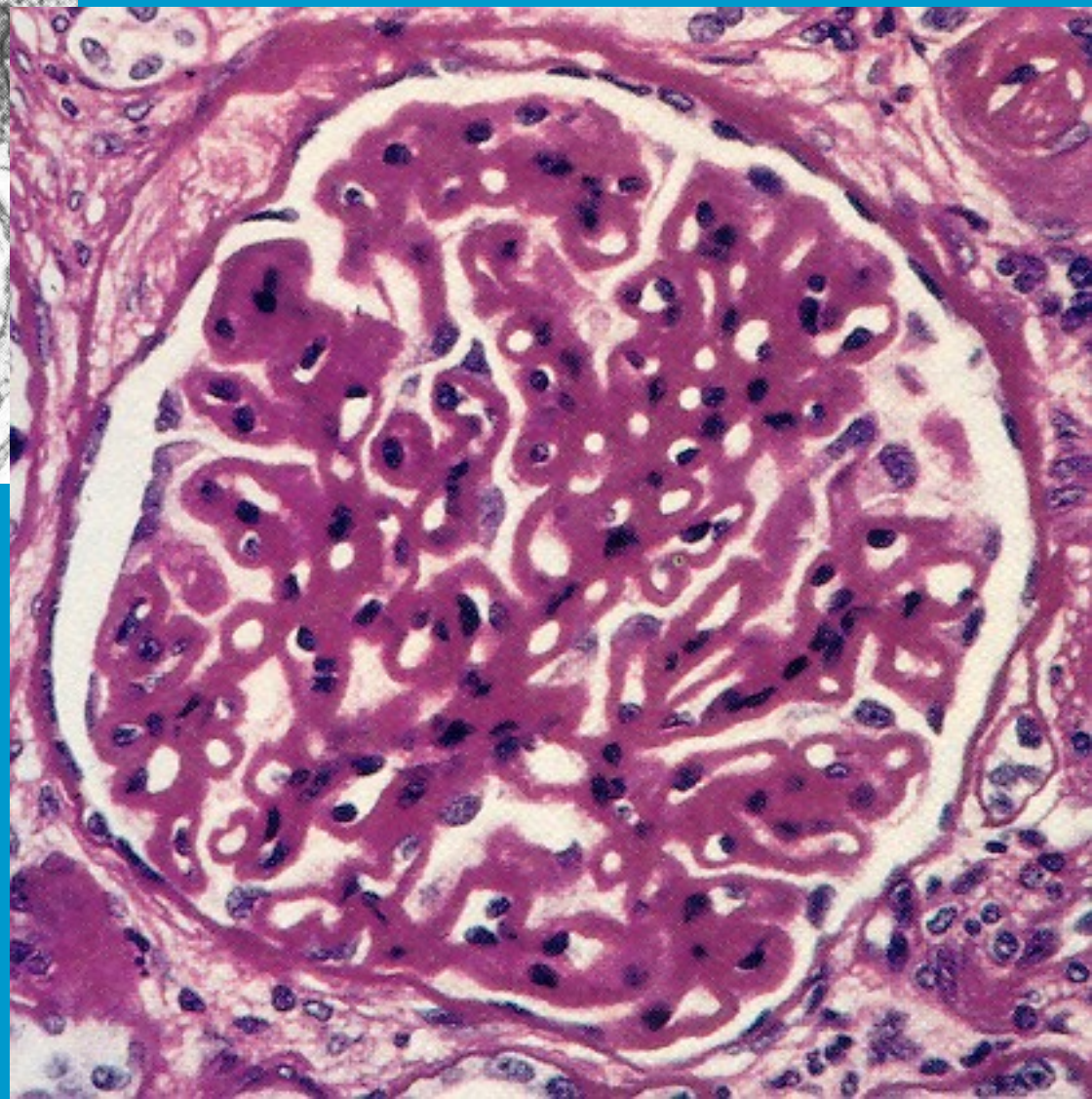
Membranous glomerulopathy

- secondary – infections (HBV, HCV, syphilis, malaria) tumors (lung ca, colorectal ca, melanoma), drugs (NSAID), autoimmune diseases (SLE, thyroiditis)
- ! older patients may have both tumor AND autoimmune MGN

Membranous glomerulopathy







Diabetes mellitus and kidneys

- **Nonenzymatic glycosylation** of proteins – accumulation of irreversible glycosylation products in BM of vessel walls, **metabolic defect** – increased collagen synthesis, **hemodynamic changes**
- **Diabetic microangiopathy** in kidney (glomerulosclerosis) and retina (diabetic retinopathy). Diffuse thickening of capillary BM leads to ischemic changes, simultaneously increased plasmatic proteins permeability

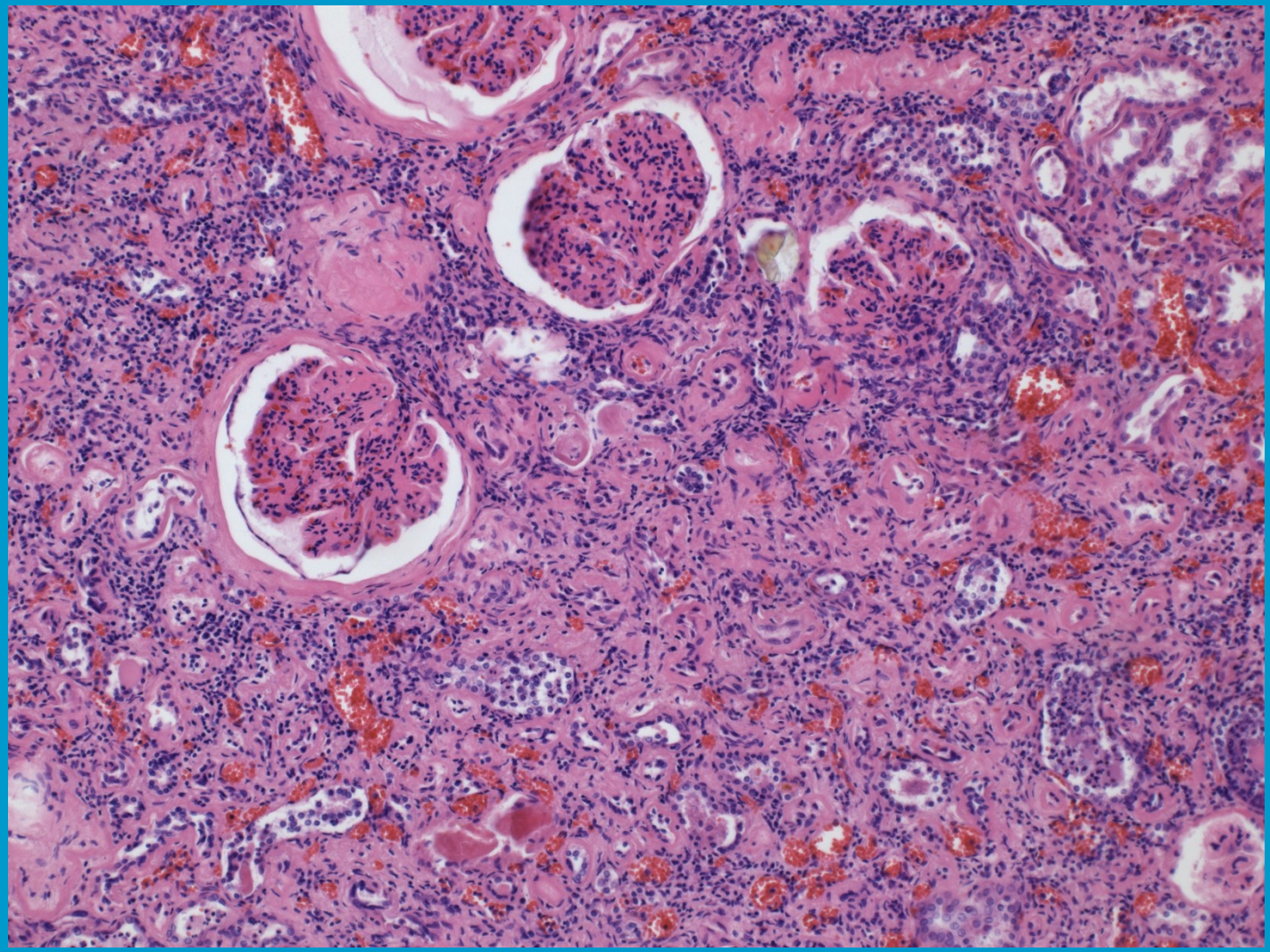
Diabetic nephropathy

- **Diabetic microvascular disease**
- **Clinically:** non-nephrotic proteinuria, nephrotic syndrome, chronic renal failure
- **Morphology:** glomerulosclerosis (diffuse mesangial, nodular), hyalinizing arteriolar sclerosis, tubulointerstitial lesions (steatosis and glycogenation of tubular epithelium, pyelonephritis, papillary necrosis)
- the most common causes of chronic RF
- 40 % of diabetics will have nephropathy

Diabetic glomerulosclerosis

- **Diffuse glomerulosclerosis** – GBM thickening, increase in mesangial matrix + cellularity
- **Nodular glomerulosclerosis** - (Kimmelstiel-Wilson) after 10-15 yrs; PAS+ nodular acellular material deposits at the tips of capillary loops; leads to chronic renal insufficiency
- no immune deposits in IMF

Diabetic glomerulosclerosis



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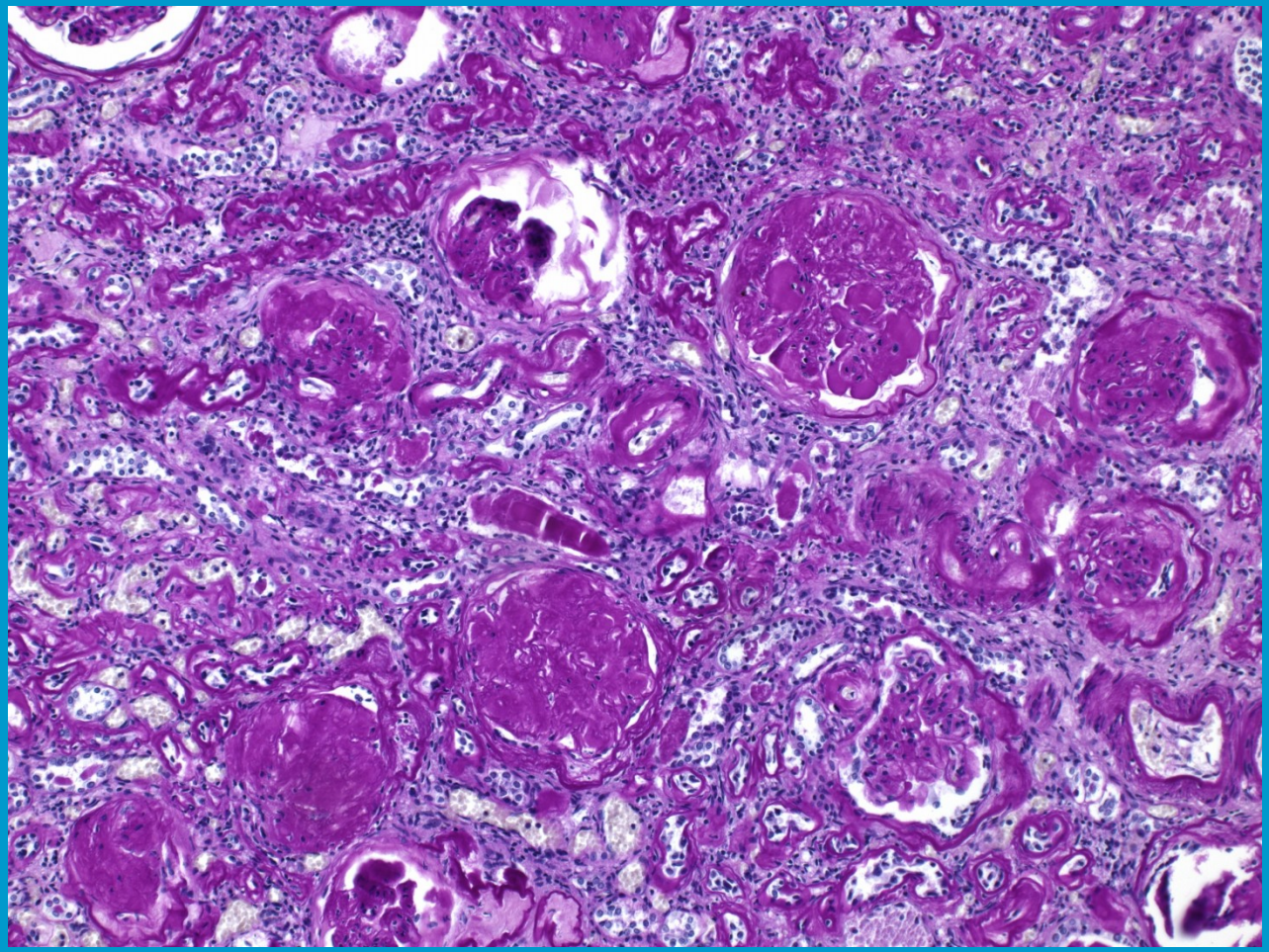

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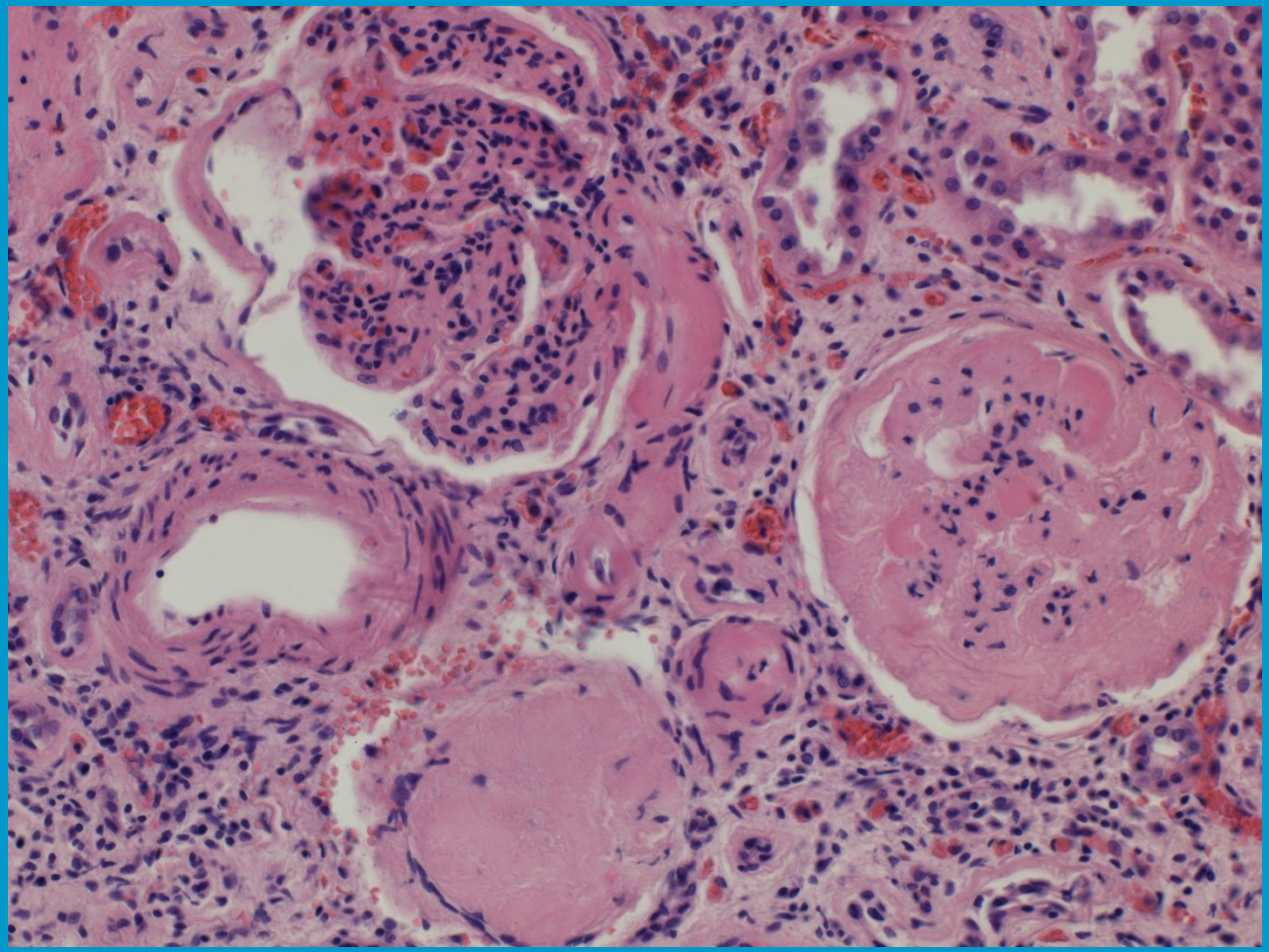
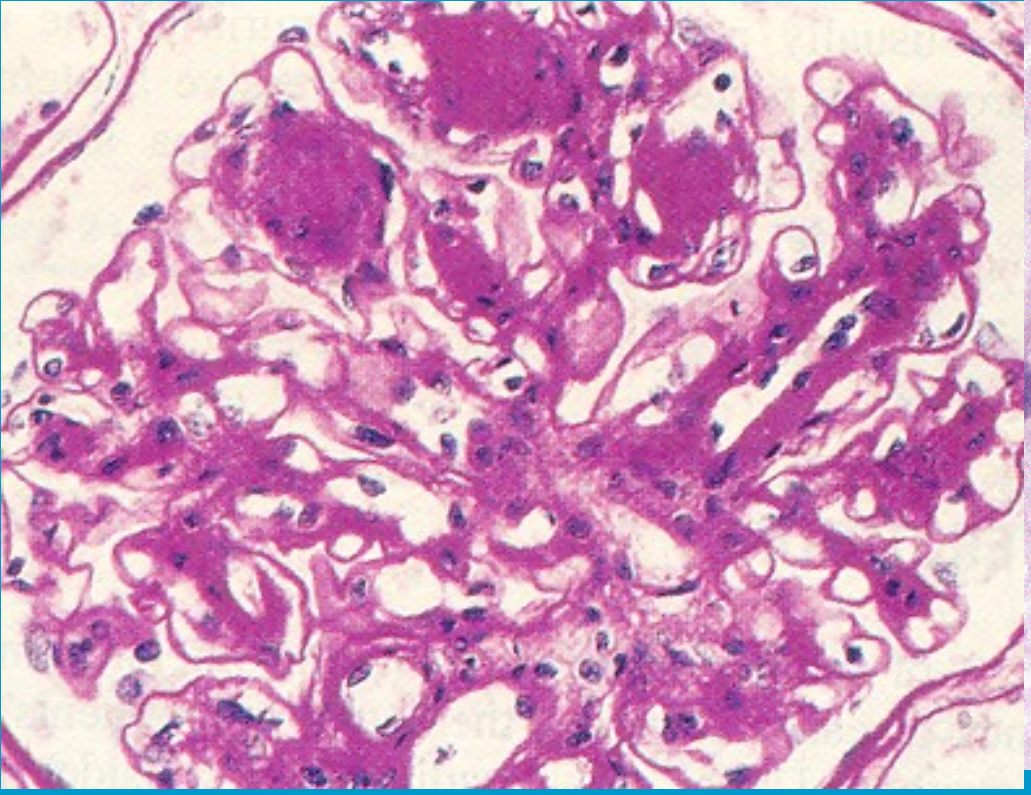
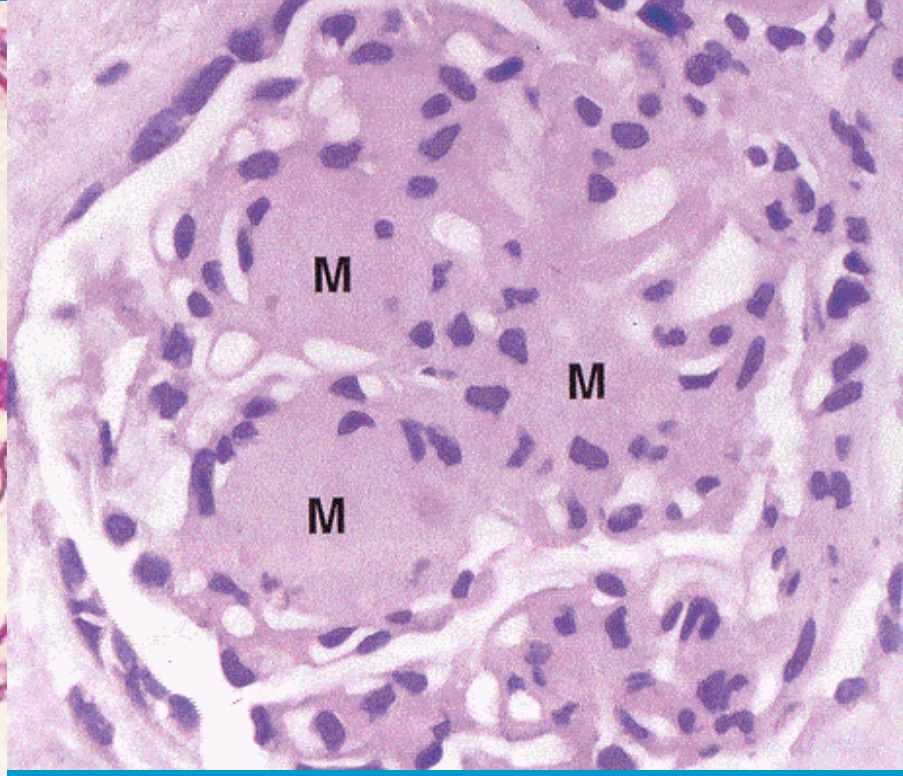






Diabetic glomerulosclerosis

Further renal complications in diabetics

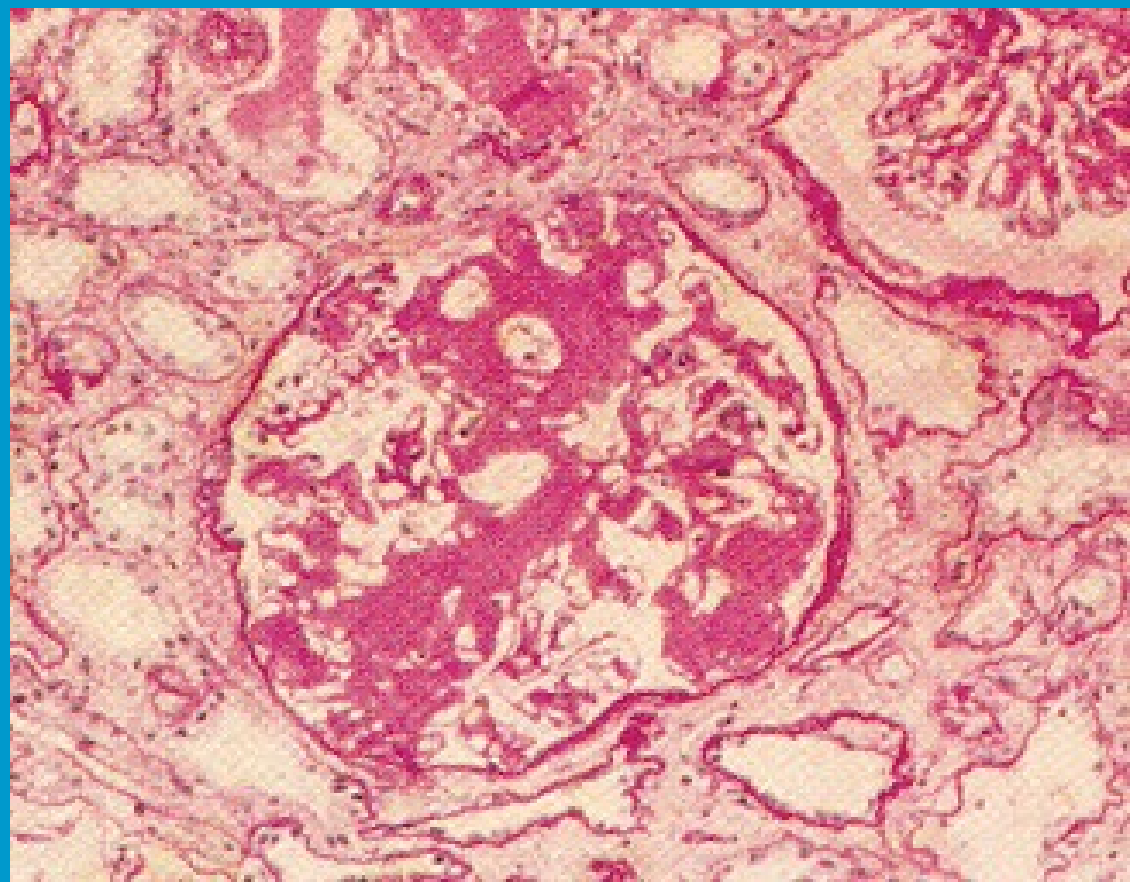
- accelerated **arteriolosclerosis and arteriosclerosis, hypertension**
- **Pyelonephritis**
- **Renal papillary necrosis** in acute PN

Renal amyloidosis

- Amyloidosis – pathologic deposits of abnormal microfibrillary (8-10nm) proteinaceous acellular material
- Eosinophilic in HE, Kongo red +, green dichroism in polarised light
- Firm pale enlarged kidney in macroscopy

Renal amyloidosis

- Amyloid deposits in glomerular mesangial matrix and capillary walls; glomerular obliteration
- Peritubular and blood vessel walls
- Proteinuria
- Nephrotic syndrome
- CHRI



Glomerulopathy with hematuria

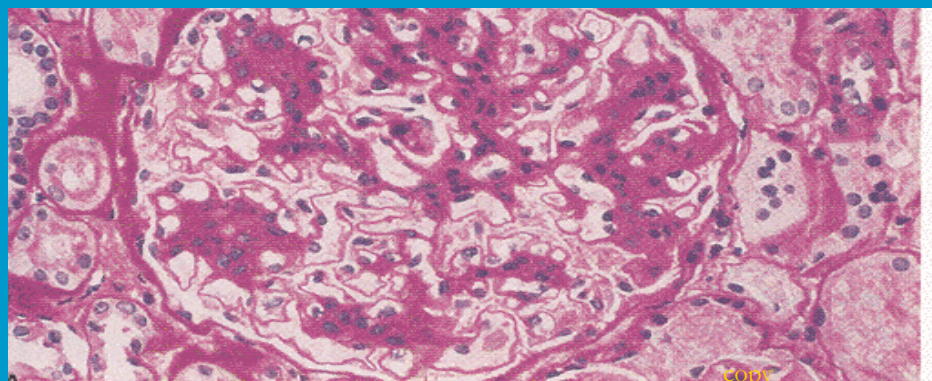
- Primary: IgA nephropathy (Berger's disease)

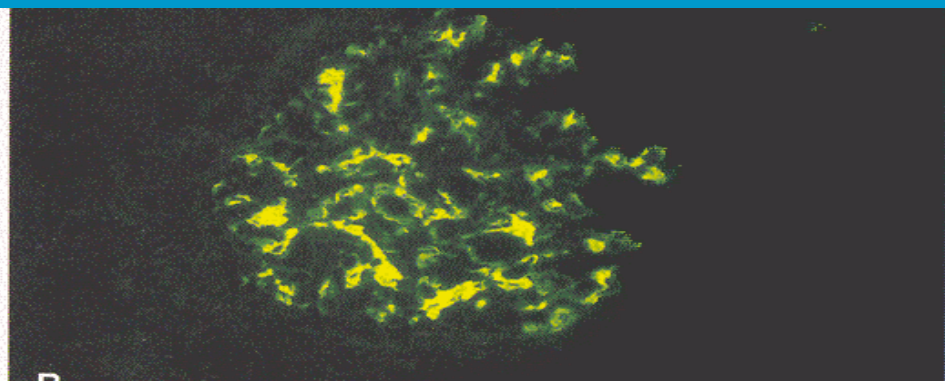
  Alport syndrome / thin basement membranes sy
- Secondary (systemic): some types of SLE

  Henoch-Schönlein purpura

IgA nephropathy

- Recurrent hematuria, children and young adults w. genetic predisposition, after GIT, respitatory tract, urinary tract infections, may → RF; most common cause of RF in primary glomerulopathies
- variable course
- IgA and C3 mesangial deposition, mesang. cells and matrix proliferation, segmental glomerulosclerosis
- Abnormal increase/pathologic form of IgA production, AAxIgA – IC;↓ clearance of IC in cirrhosis





IgA nephropathy

- changes of IgA nephropathy present in Henoch-Schönlein purpura – IgA vasculitis
- preexisting respiratory infection
- purpura due to vasculitis w. IgA deposits (+ skin rash, GIT hemorrhage, arthritis)
- in children regeneration, in adults possible RF

Alport syndrome

- Part of collagen IV glomerulopathies
- genetic disorder, 90% X-linked, AR or AD
- abnormal basement membranes (lamina densa), later FSGS, tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis
- manifestation mostly in kidney (hematuria – nefritis, proteinuria), RF;
- HD, transplantation
- ear – deafness
- eye – lens + cornea disorders, cataract

Thin basement membrane

- benign familial hematuria, no progression to RF
- common inherited lesion – hereditary nephropathy
- heterozygous carriers of collagen IV mutations or less dangerous collagen IV mutations
- without other problems (ocular, …)
- differential diagnosis

Glomerulopathy w. acute nephritic sy

proliferative GN w. increased mesangial/ endocapillary cellularity, commonly crescentic

- acute (diffuse endocapillary) proliferative GN
- membranoproliferative GN (C3, prim. IC),
- rapidly progressive GN
- secondary mostly in vasculitis – SLE,
  microscopic polyangiitis
  granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener)

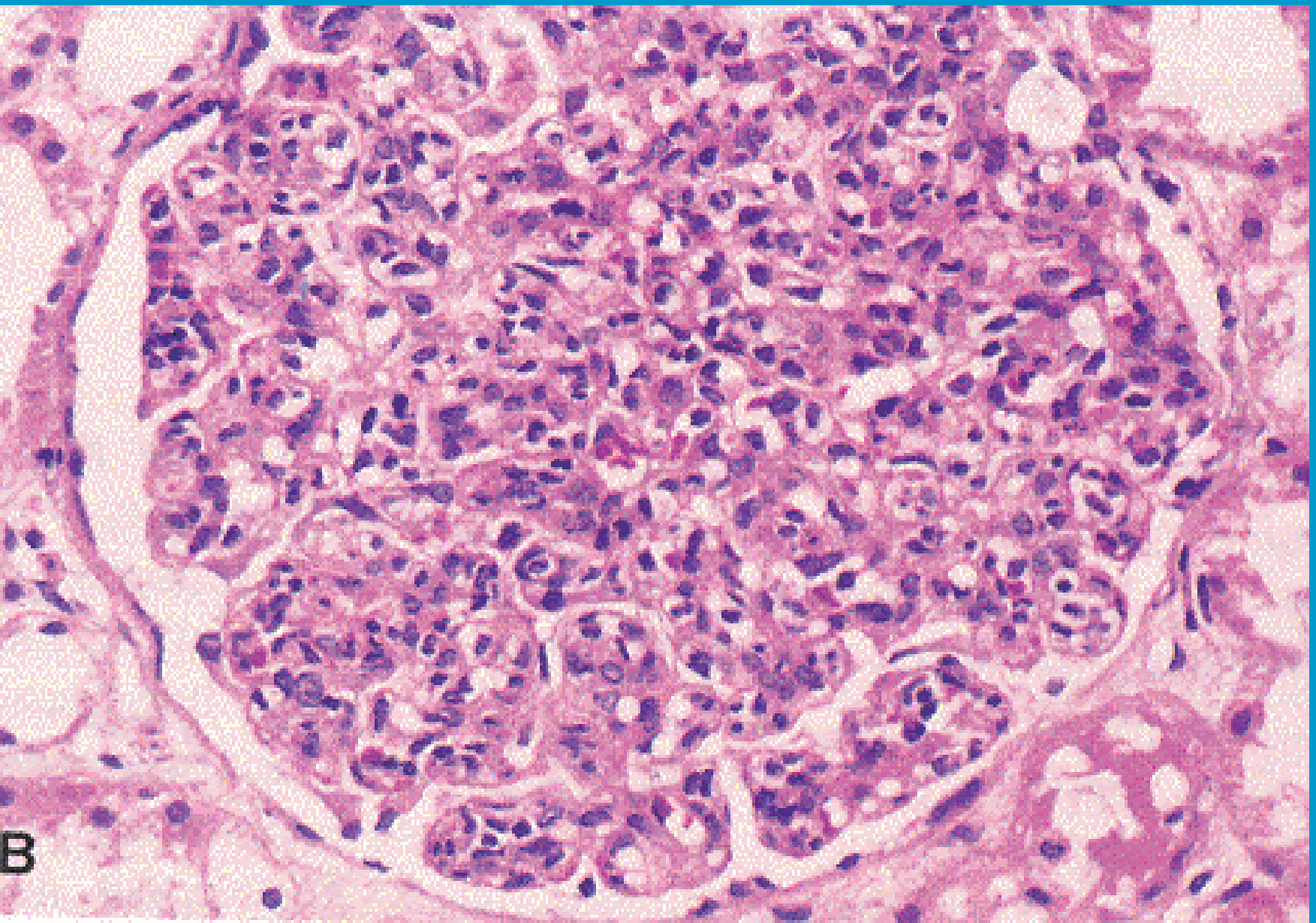
Diffuse proliferative GN

- postinfectious (str., staph., viruses, protozoan - malaria, toxoplasmosis; schistosomiasis)
- in systemic disorders (inf. endocarditis, necrotising arteritis
- any age,
  - formerly children more commonly, after strep.
  - now adults after staph. (+ DM, alcohol, age)
- acute nephritis (+ fever, nausea)
- may be partially crescentic (→ progressive)
- prognosis – regeneration usual in children, in adults possible ↓ renal function

Diffuse proliferative GN

- variable signs: hematuria, proteinuria, hypertension, edemas, renal insufficiency
- possible without signs
- capillary stenosis, increased endocapillary and mesangial cellularity
- IMF: granular deposits in capillary loops and mesangium – IgG, C3
- EM: subepithelial, mesangial deposits - humps

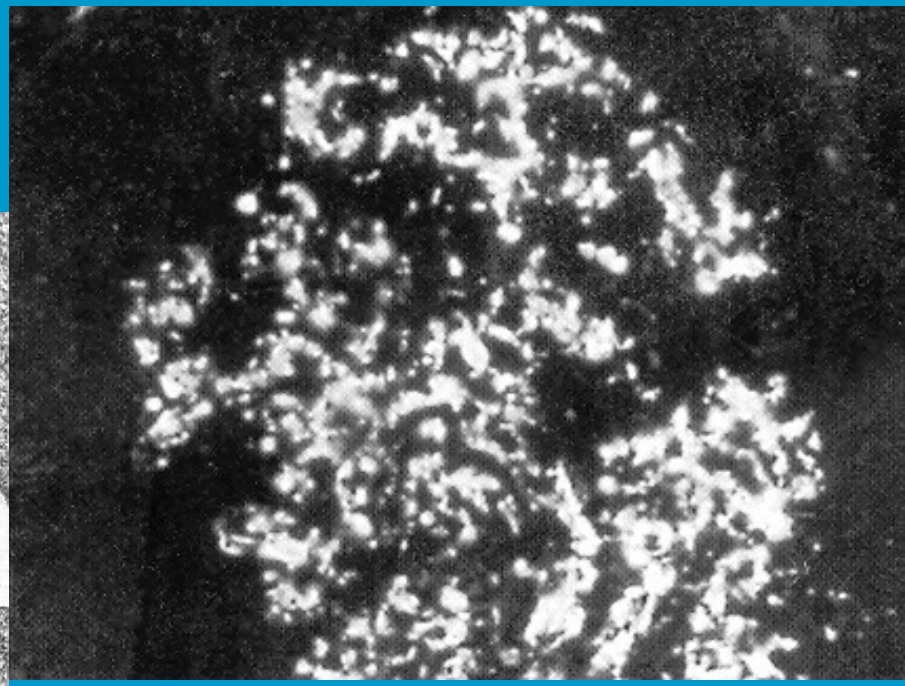
Diffuse proliferative GN



Diffuse proliferative GN

subepithelial immune complex deposition, postinfective

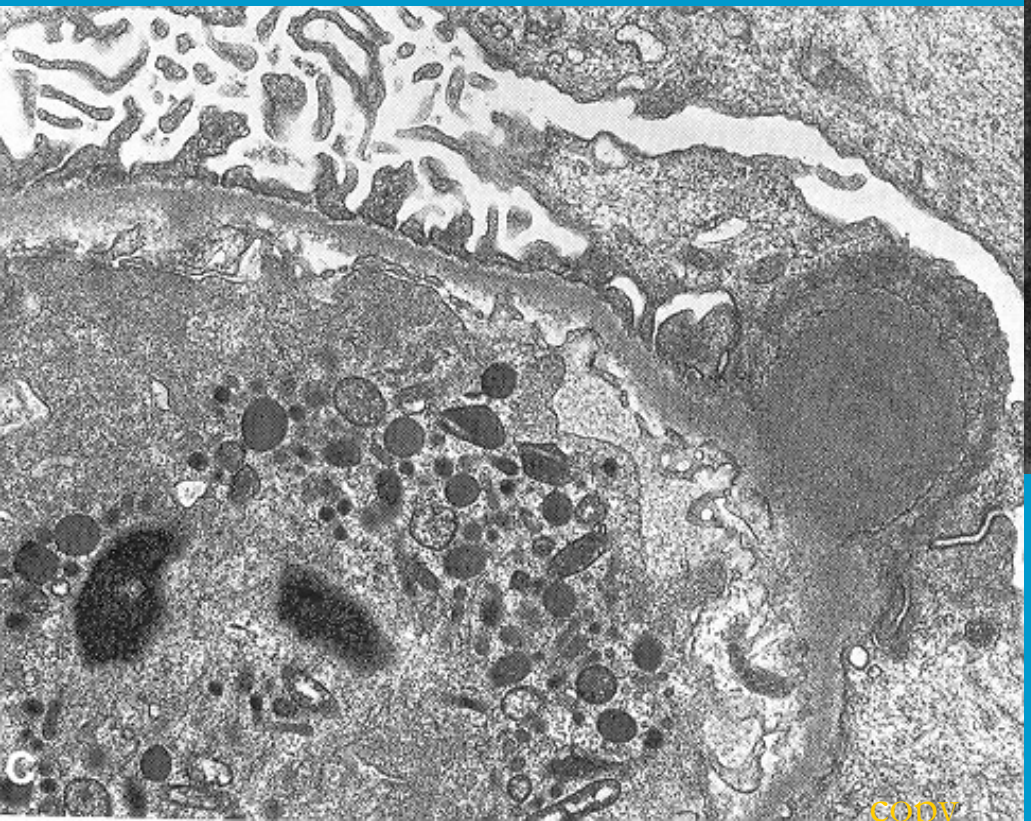
Immunofluorescence



granular deposits

Elmi

„humps“

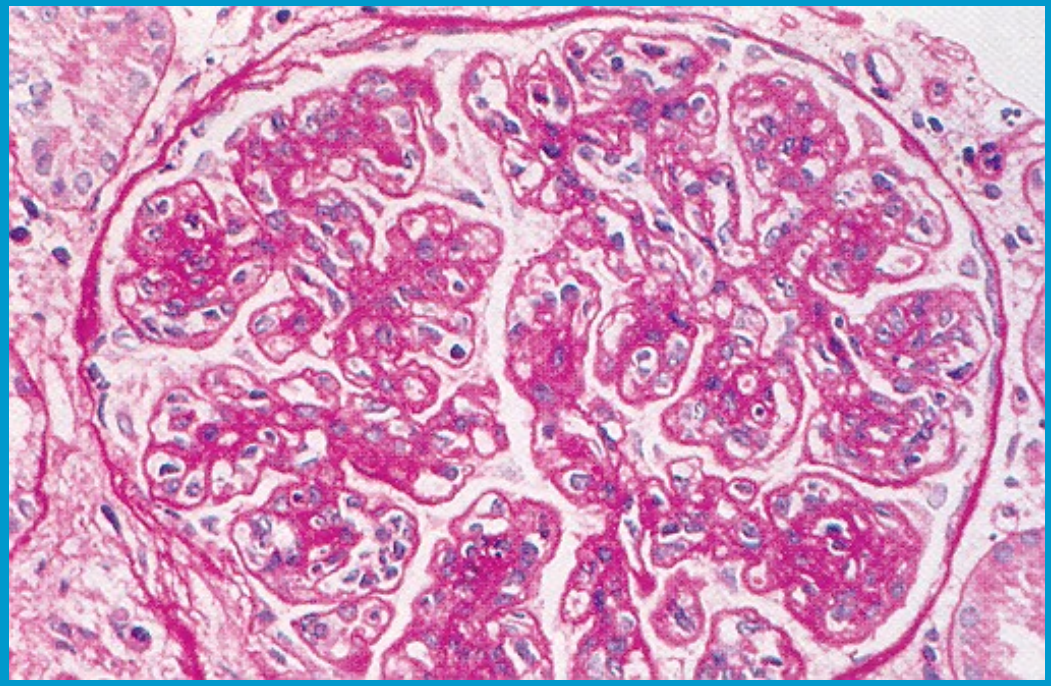


Membranoproliferative GN

- formerly type I-III MPGN
- Now: a group of disorders w. complement abnormalities
  - C3 part of complement present in biopsy, dysregulation, inflammation
- Immune complexes GN
  - inflammatory diseases w. proliferative GN, IMF IgG+, C3+
  - IC: cryoglobulinemia (80% due to HCV); SLE, HIV; malignancy (CLL, ML), alpha1- AT deficiency),
- C3 nephropathy (C3 GN and dense deposit disease)
- young, poor progn., CHRI, recurrent in graft

Membranoproliferative GN

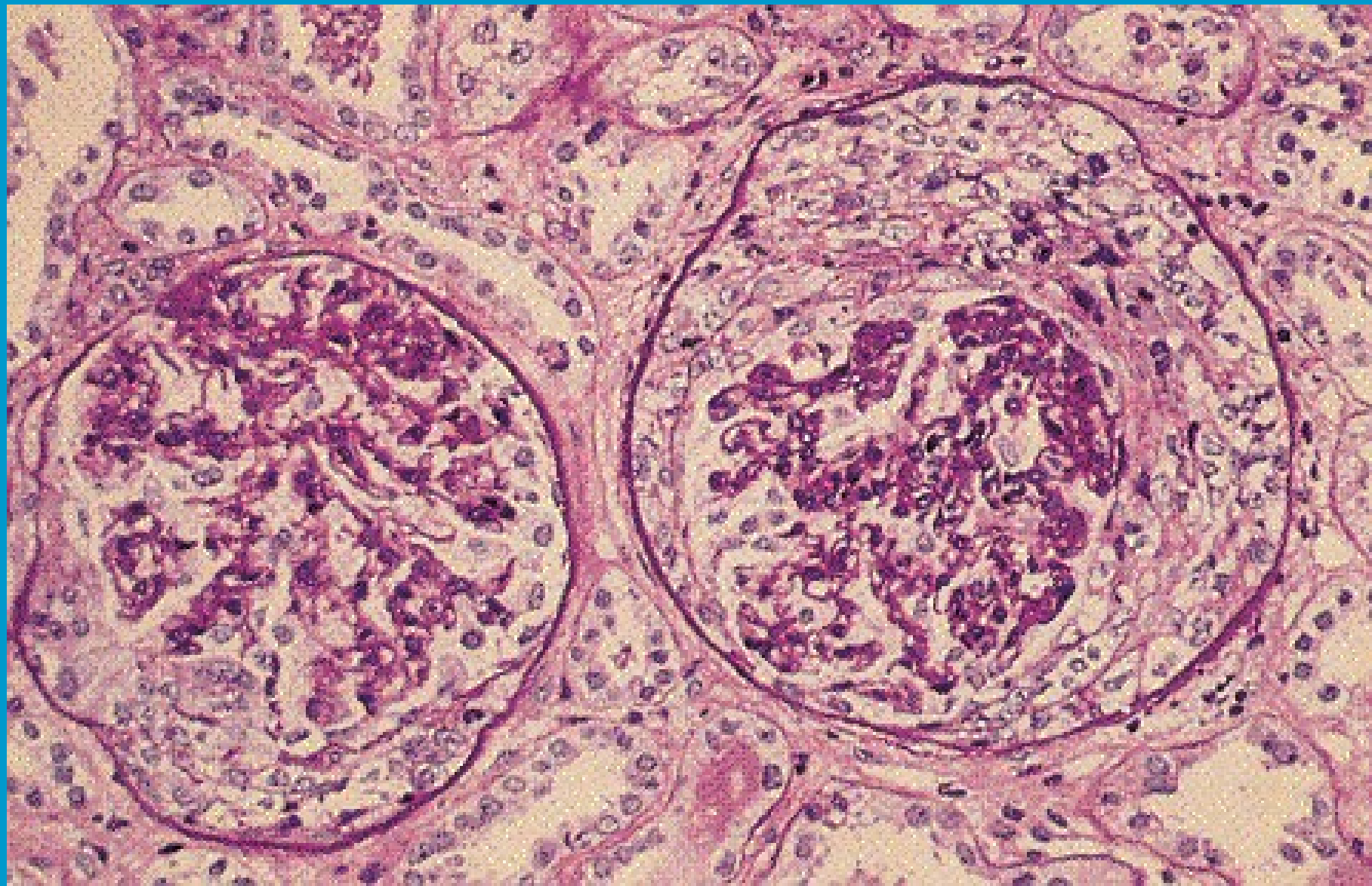
- diffuse mesangial + endothelial cells activation and proliferation (mesangiocapillary GN), mesangial matrix expansion, BM thickening – „duplication – tram-track“



Rapidly progressive (crescentic) GN

- clinically rapidly progressive GN,
- various etiology (immune-complex mediated incl. IgA, pauci-immune + ANCA, anti-GMB)
- small vessel vasculitis, SLE,…
- necrotising GN – capillary rupture, exudation – extracapillary proliferation - crescentic
- Immunosuppression in active lesion + plasma exchange in known circulating AB (anti-GBM)
- No direct therapy in fibrosing lesion

Rapidly progressive (crescentic) GN



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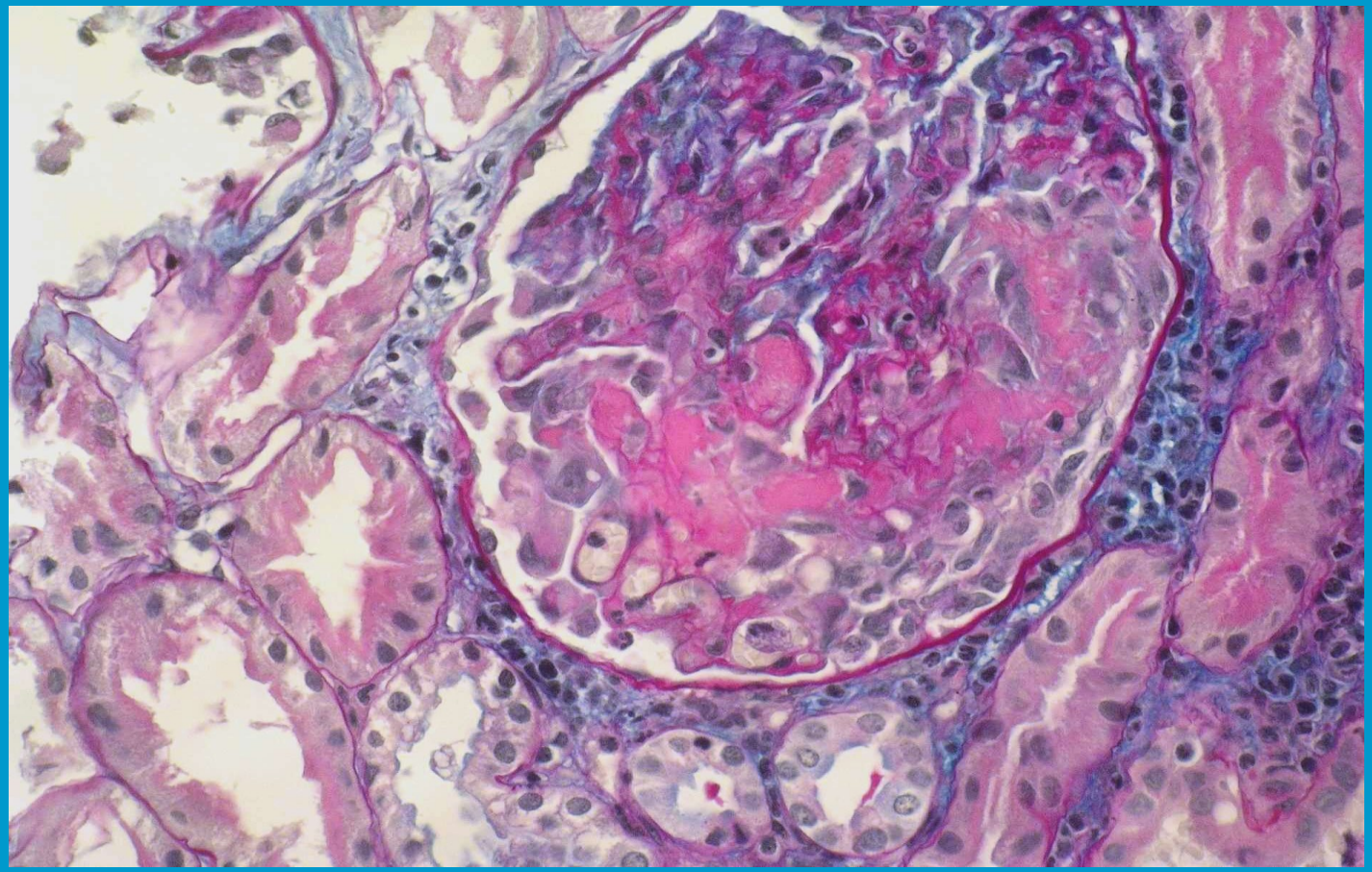


Anti-GBM disease

- uncommon
- rapidly progressive renal failure +/- hemoptysis (Goodpasture sy)
- linear deposits of IgG

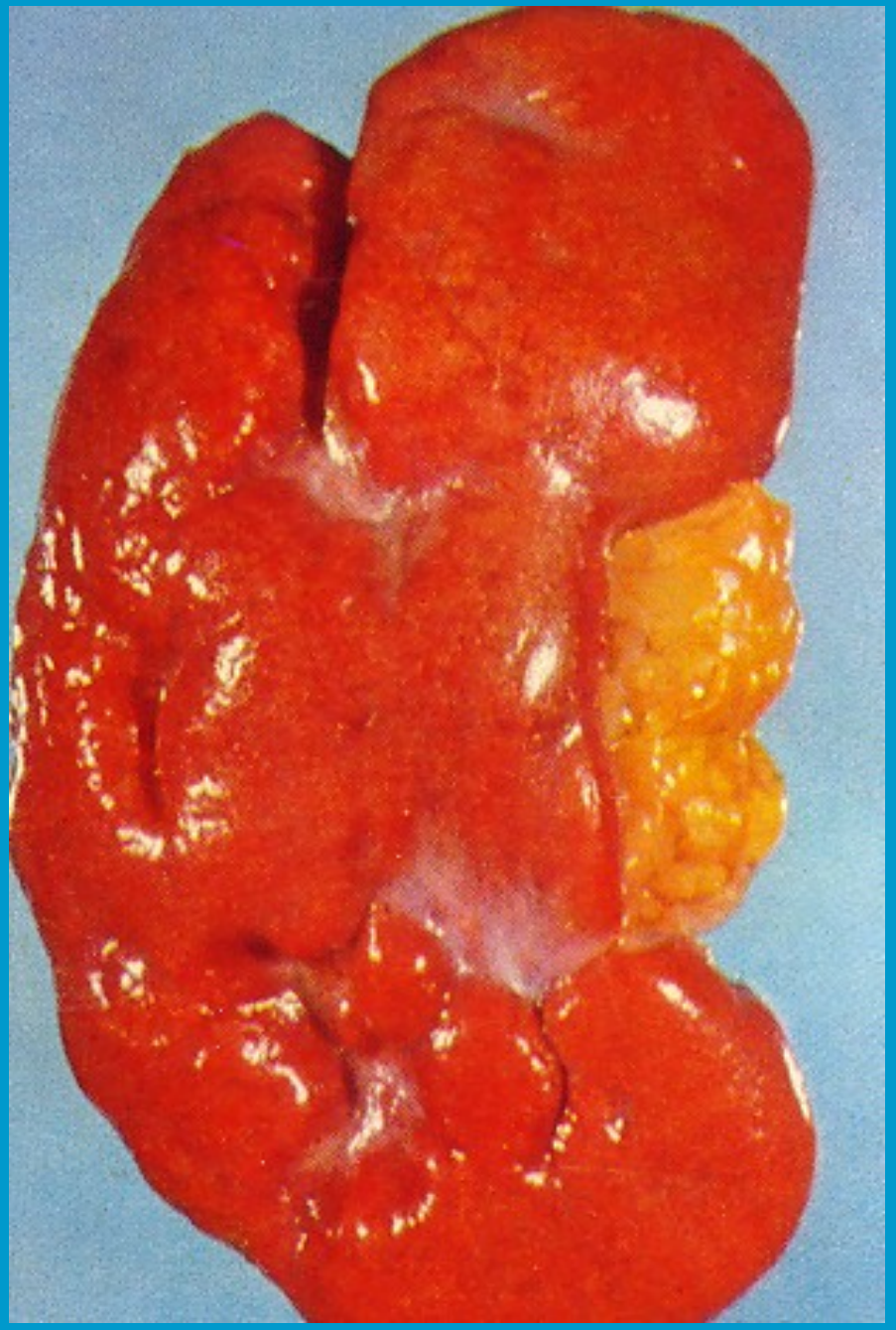
Glomerulopathy due to vascular disorders

- in hypertension
- renal infarction
- renal artery stenosis
- thrombotic microangiopathy (HUS, thrombotic thrompocytopenic purpura)
- systemic vasculitis (ANCA+, microscopic polyangiitis, anti-GBM GN)

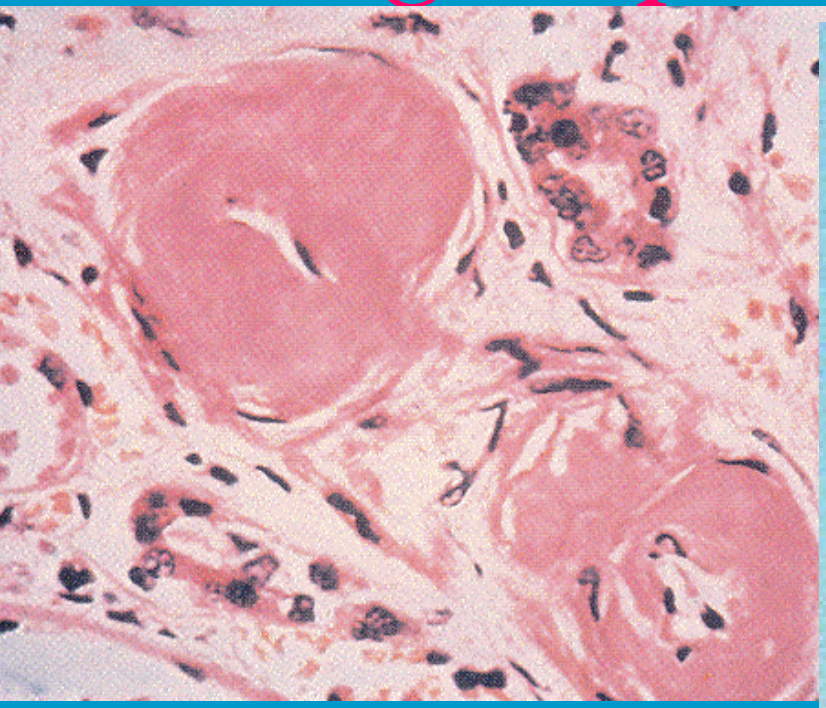
Nephropathy in hypertension

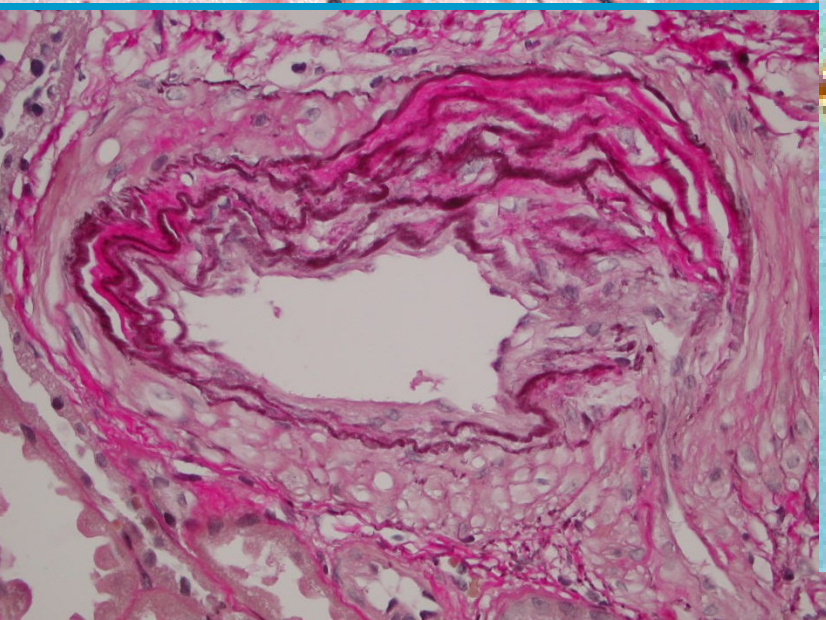
- Benign nephrosclerosis= compensated hypertension
  - macro: decreased size, granulated surface, atrophic cortex 2-3 mm
  - micro: hyaline insudation on arteriolar wall, arteries w. hypertrophic media, intimal sclerosis, glomerular ischemic changes + loss, tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis
  - wrinkling GBM

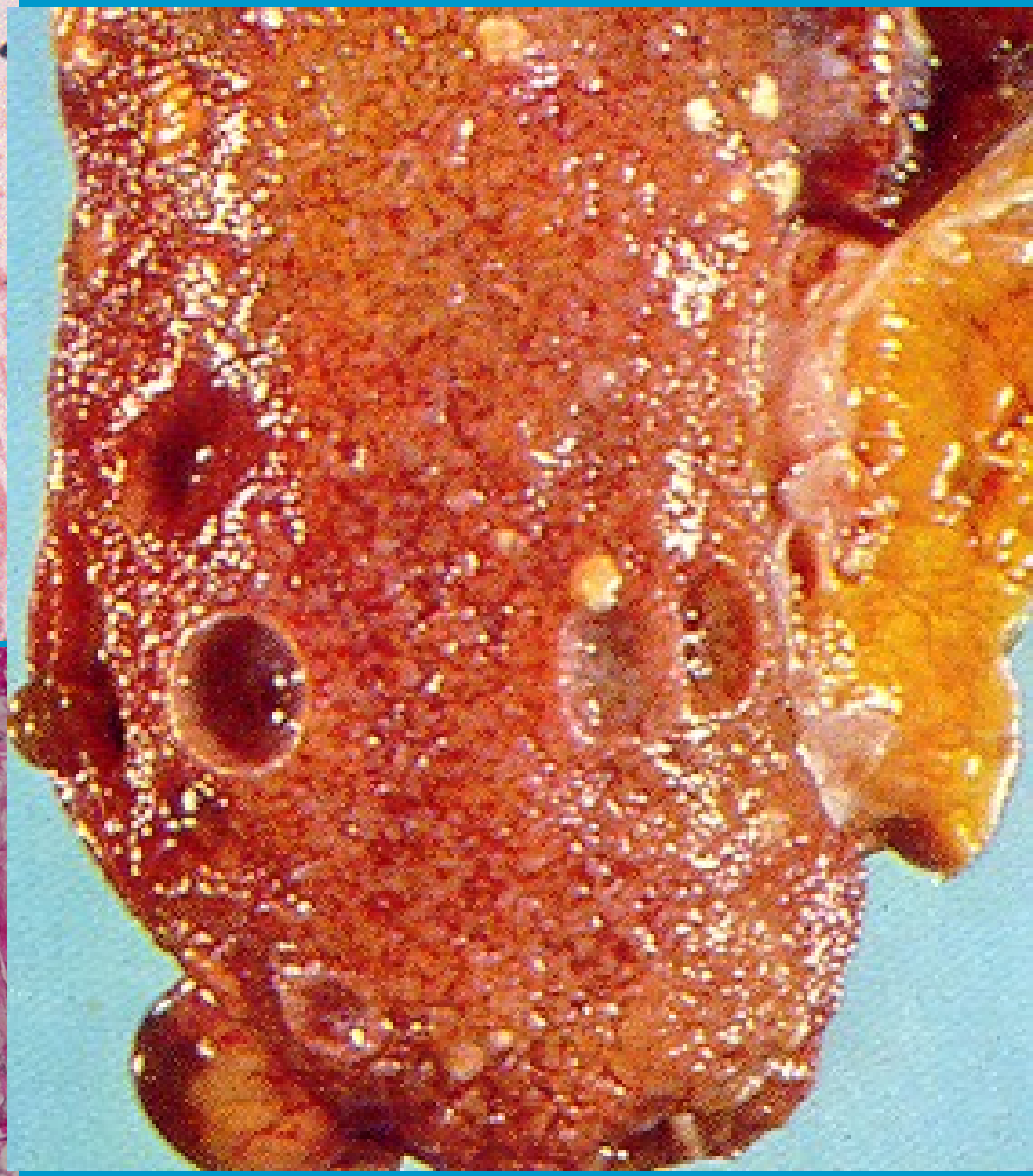
Benign nephrosclerosis



Benign nephrosclerosis arteriolosclerotic







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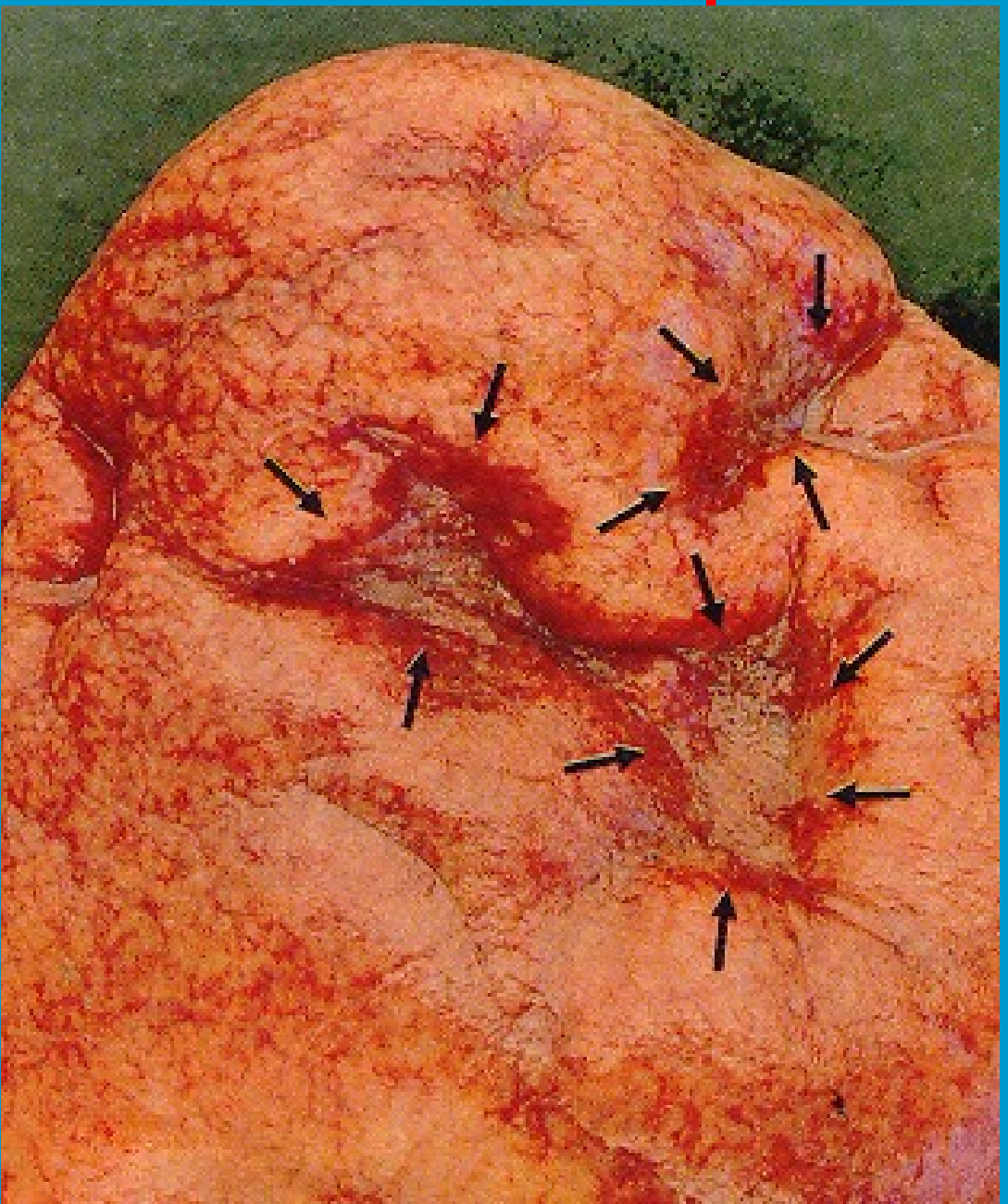
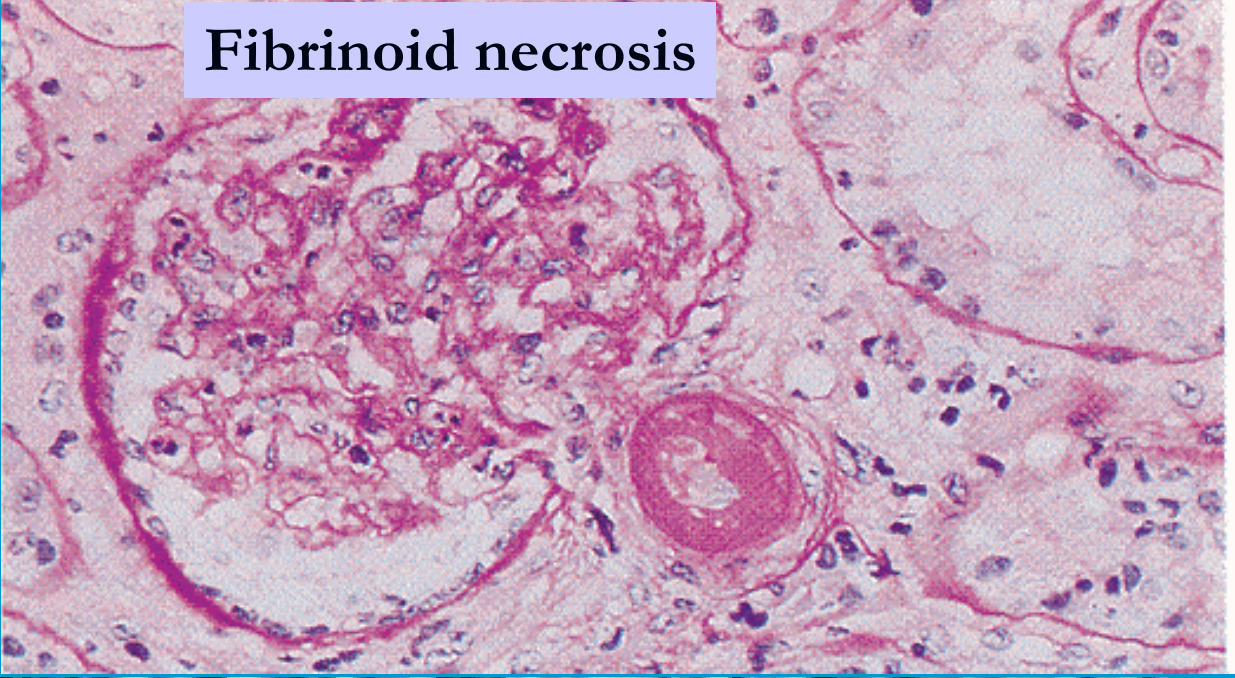
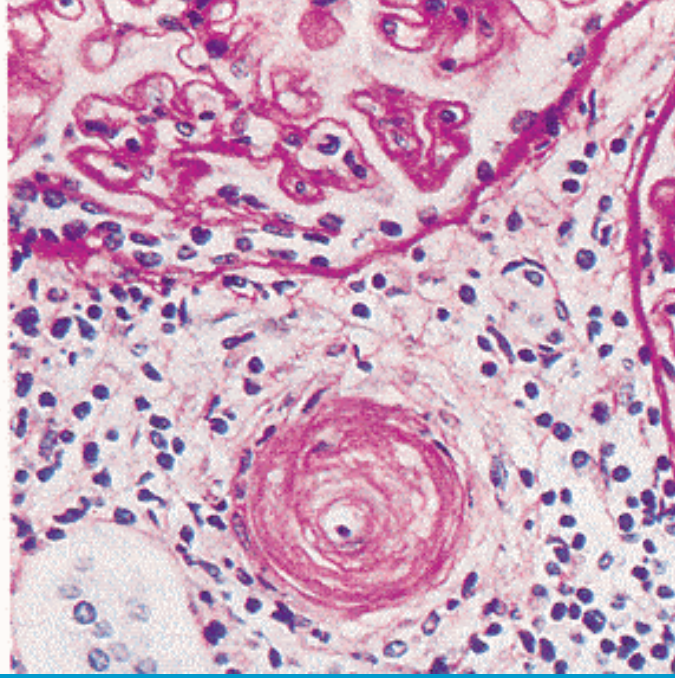
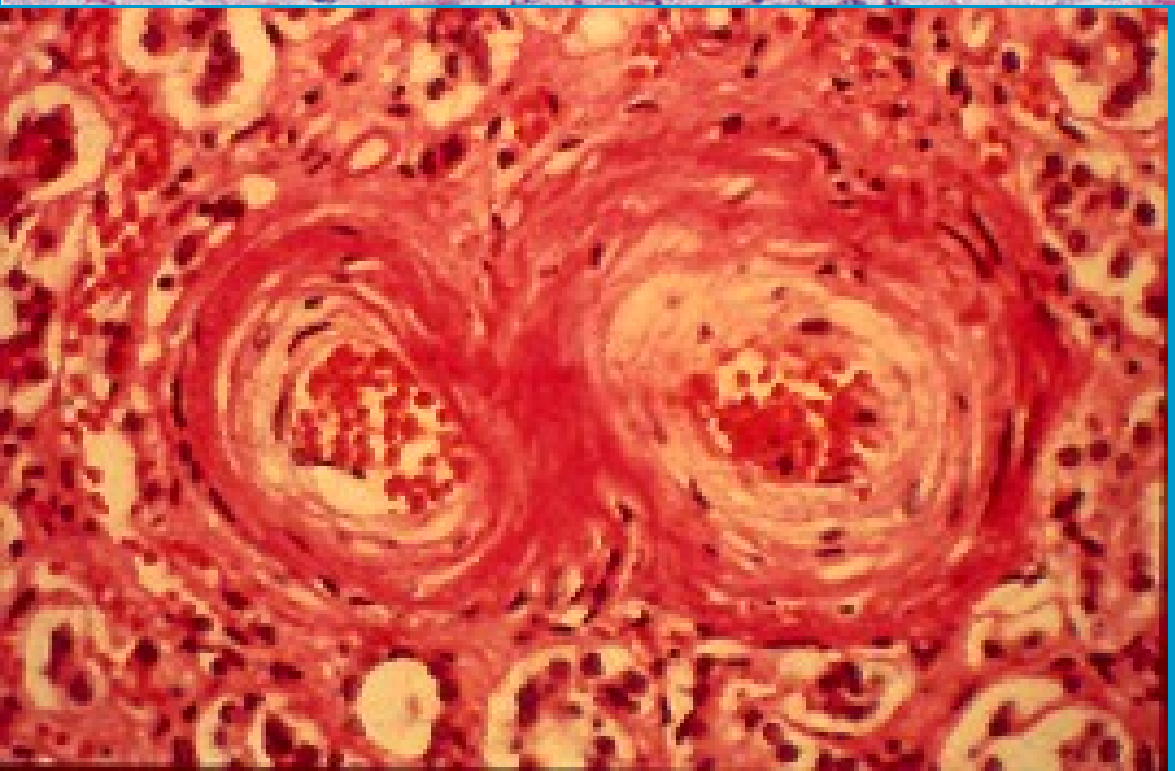


granulations
and post-infarct
scars

Fibrinoid necrosis



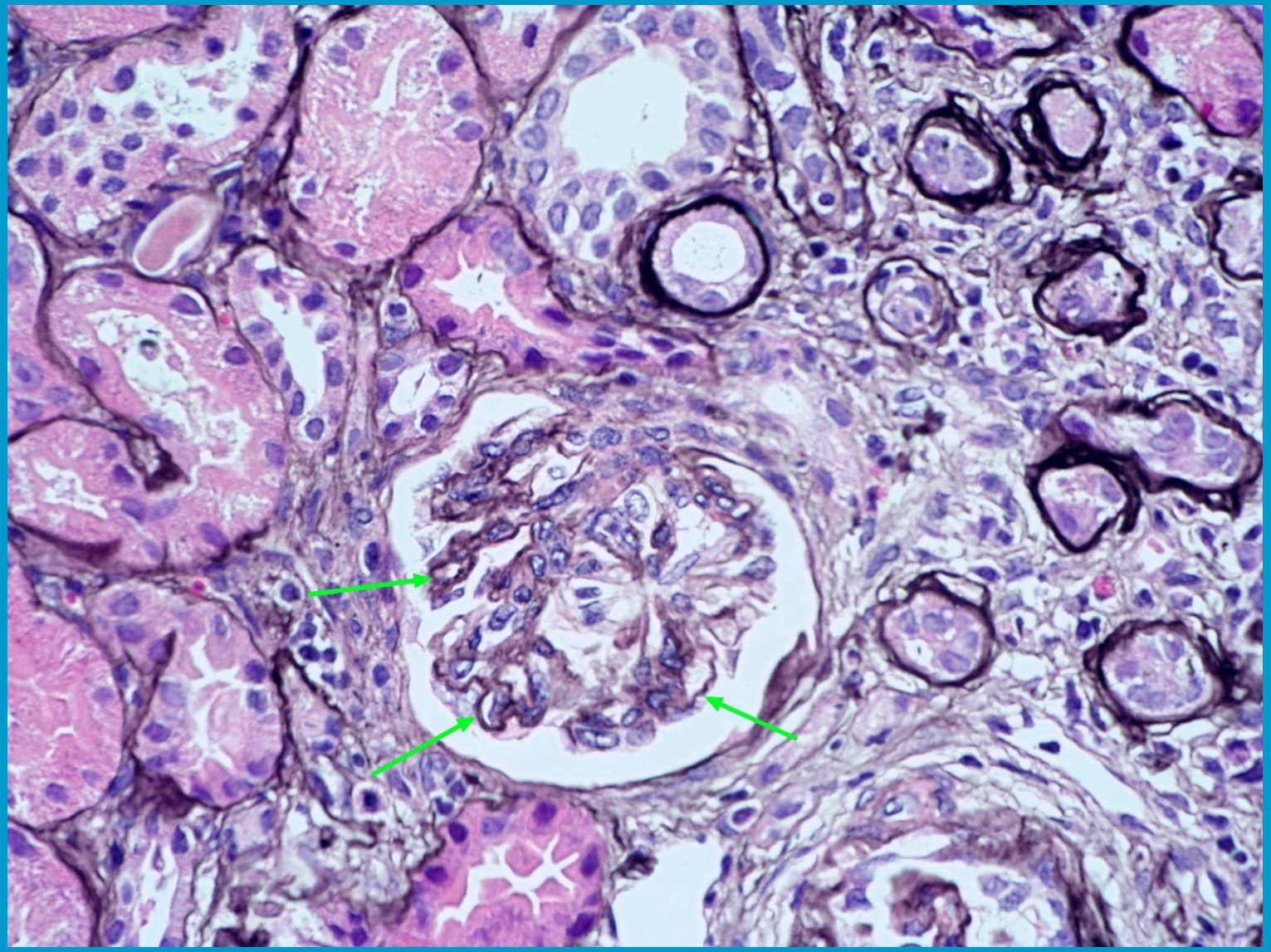




Onion-skin

formations – hyperplastic arteriolosclerosis +/- arteriolonecrosis; hyaline arteriolosclerosis hypertension

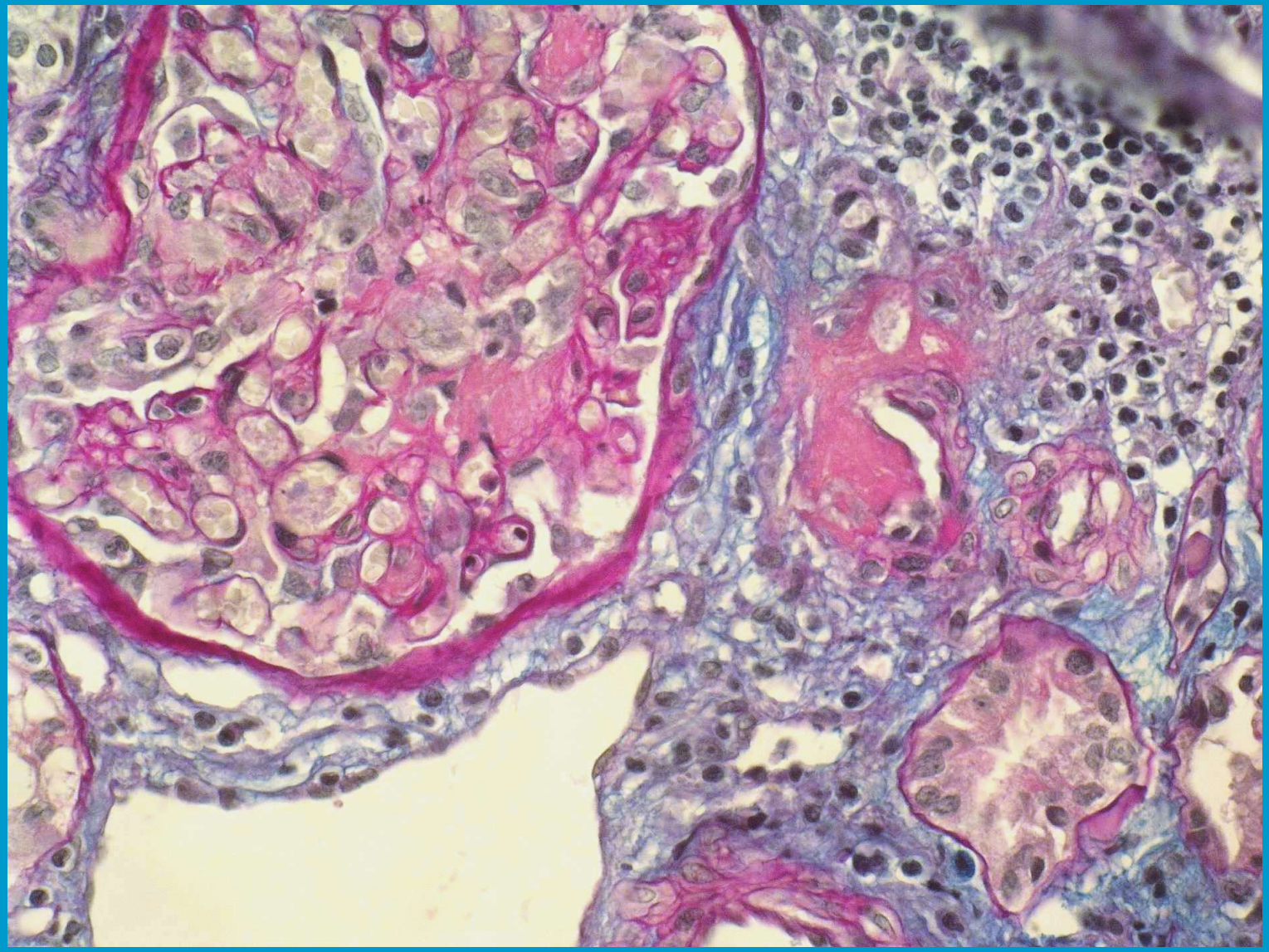
Nephrosclerosis



Nephropathy in hypertension

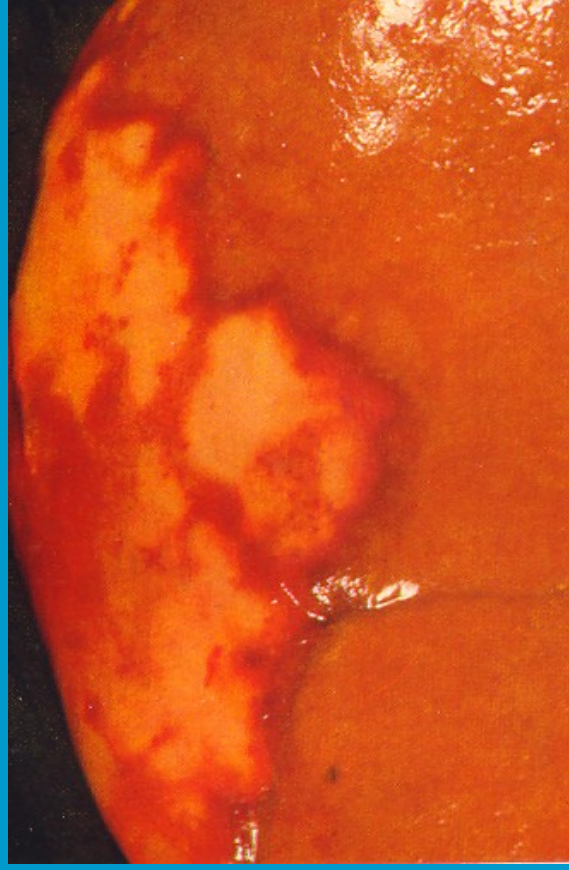
- Malignant nephrosclerosis = accelerated hypertension (190/130 mm Hg)
  - approx. 5 % HT
  - emergency, radical antihypertensive th. necessary
  - high risk of RF, heart failure, brain haemorrhage
  - endothelial damage
    - macro edema, pinpoint bleeding, infarctions
    - micro edema, fibrinoid necrosis, possible thrombi, haemorrhagic necrosis or oschemic collapse of glomeruli

Nephropathy in hypertension



Renal infarction

- Causes of renal artery branches obstruction
  - thrombembolia;
  - thrombosis
  - vasculitis
  - aneurysm of abdominal aorta



Renal artery stenosis

- cause of renovascular hypertension
  - ↓ of blood pressure in afferent arteriole
  - activation of renin-angiotensin system →
  - ↑ BP, atrophy in longer duration
  - hypertension in contralateral kidney

Benign nephrosclerosis – hypertensive nephropathy

- **a. renalis** stenosis, renal atrophy and hypertension (Goldblatt)

Thrombotic microangiopathy

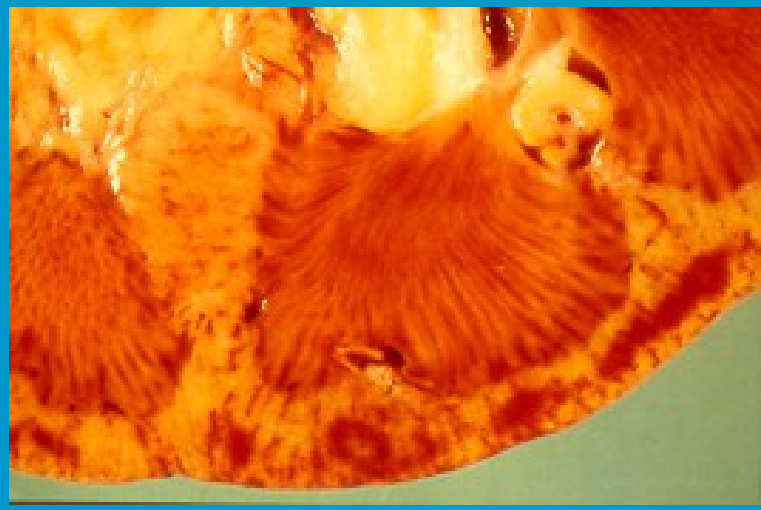
- Endothelial damage → microthrombi → damage of erythocytes + platelets → hemolytic anaemia
  - fibrinoid necrosis without vasculitis
- Hemolytic-uremic sy (typical – epidemic – Shiga toxin; atypical – antiphospholipid antibodies, malignant hypertension, pregnancy, drugs, irradiation, = in complement dysregulation
- Thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura
  - genetic defficiency in von Willebrand-cleaving factor
  - acquired (AI, therapy) sudden, CNS, heart damage
- Pregnancy complications: pre- eclampsia

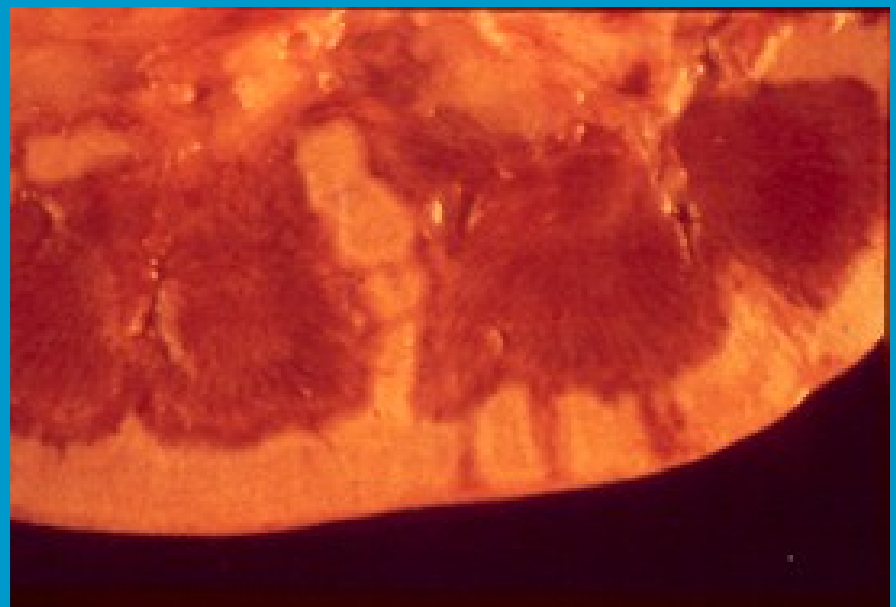
Hemolytic-uremic syndrome

1)Ischemic cortical changes with tubular dilatation

2)Disperse focal hemoragies,
necroses

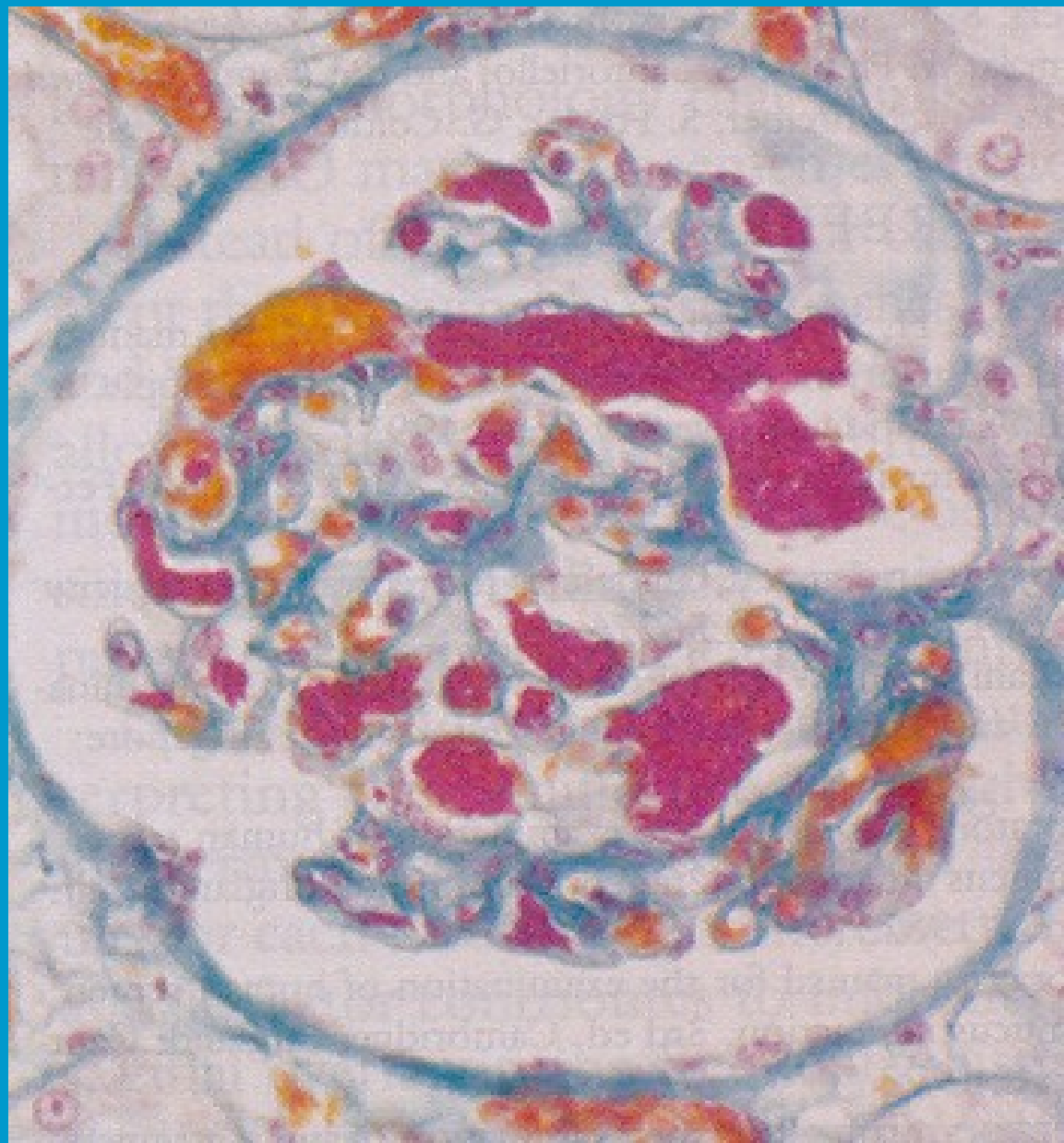
Acute nephropathy
+ haemolysis
thrombocytopenia





Hemolytic-uremic syndrome

- Microtrombi in glomerular capillaries (endothelial injury + platelet activation)
- Thickening of capillary walls
- Necrosis and intimal hyperplasia of small arteries



Systemic vasculitis

- 3 main types
  - vasculitis directly caused by autoantibodies
    - anti-GBM glomerulonephritis – Goodpasture sy
  - immune complex vasculitis
    - Henoch-Schönlein purpura
  - ANCA vasculitis
    - granulomatosisi w. polyangiitis (Wegener v.) c-ANCA
    - microscopic polyangiitis p-ANCA
    - Churg-Strauss eosinophilic granulomatosis w. polyangiitis

Systemic vasculitis c-ANCA

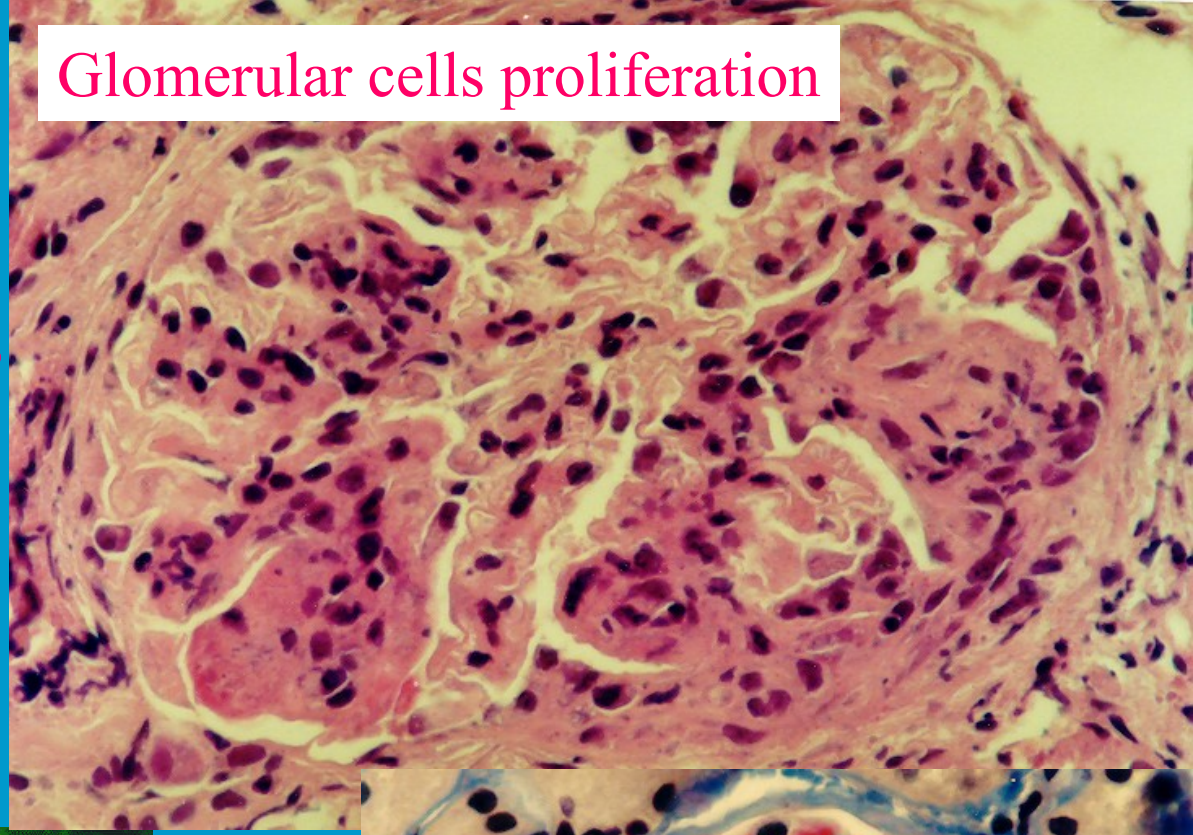
- Small vessel vasculitis
- Incidence ↑ with age
- High mortality
- Renal or multiorgan
- Rapidly progressive GN, hematuria, proteinuria, red cell casts

Glomerulopathy in SLE

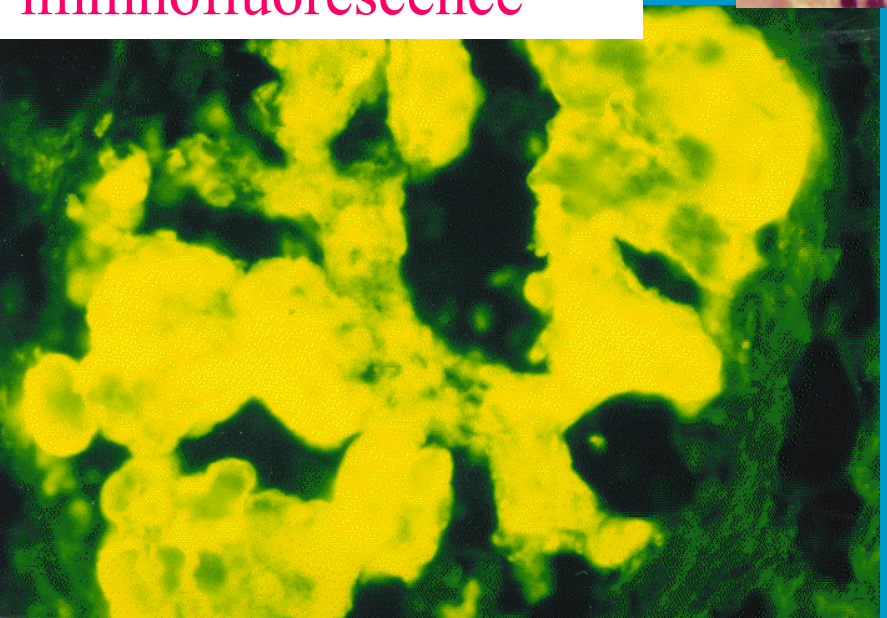
- Multiorgan AI disease
- Variable autoantibodies
- Kidney damage in 80 %
- Variable presentation and/or type of kidney damage
  - asymptomatic hematuria + proteinuria
  - nephrotic sy
  - RPGN
- 6 classes of lupus nephritis

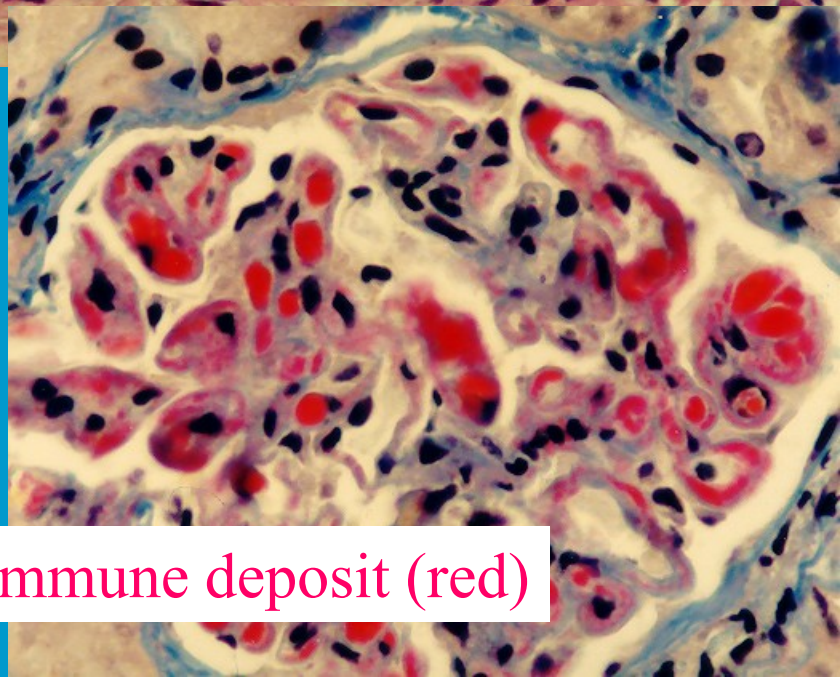
Lupus nephritis

Glomerular cells proliferation



Deposits in direct immnofluorescence





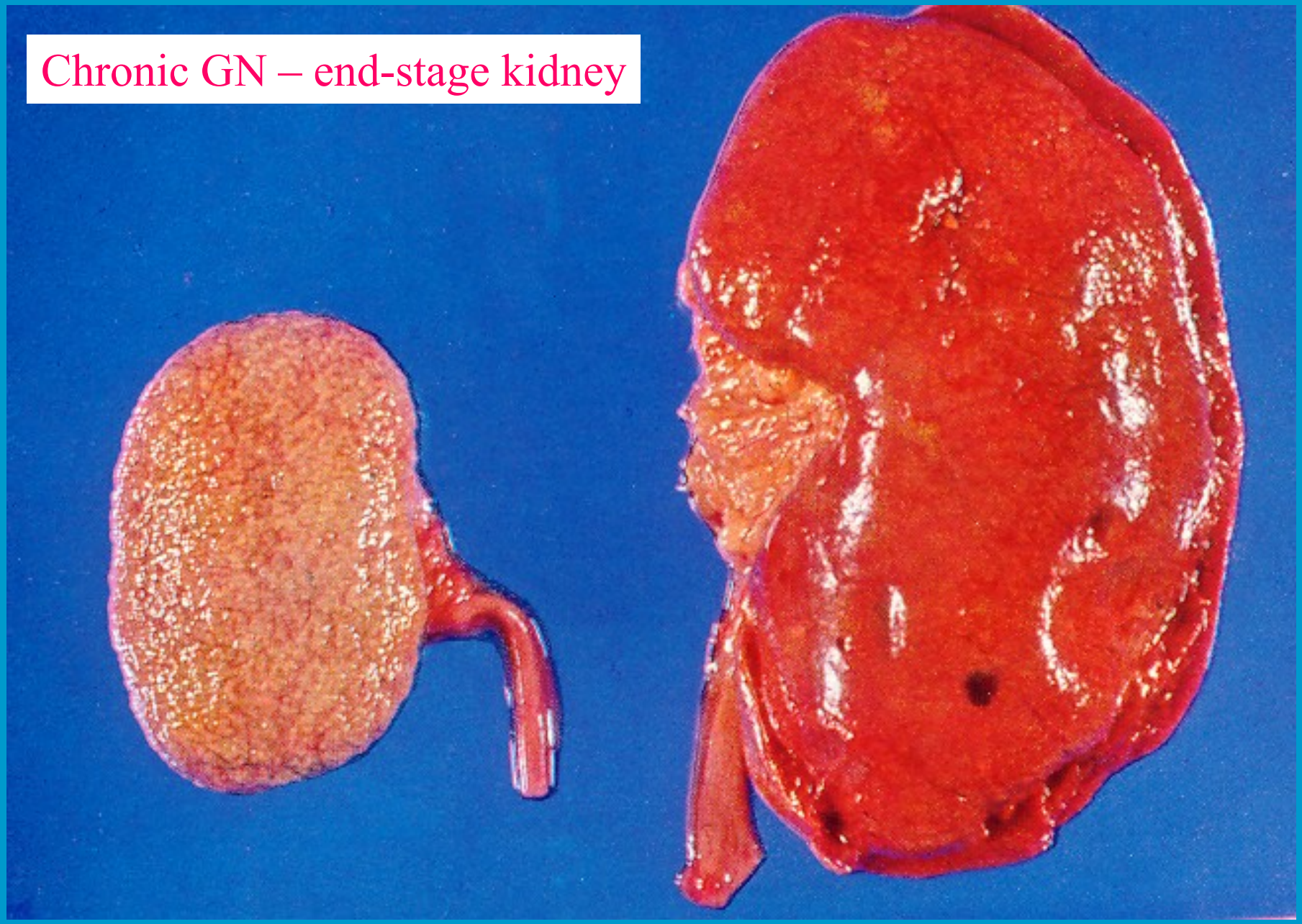
Immune deposit (red)

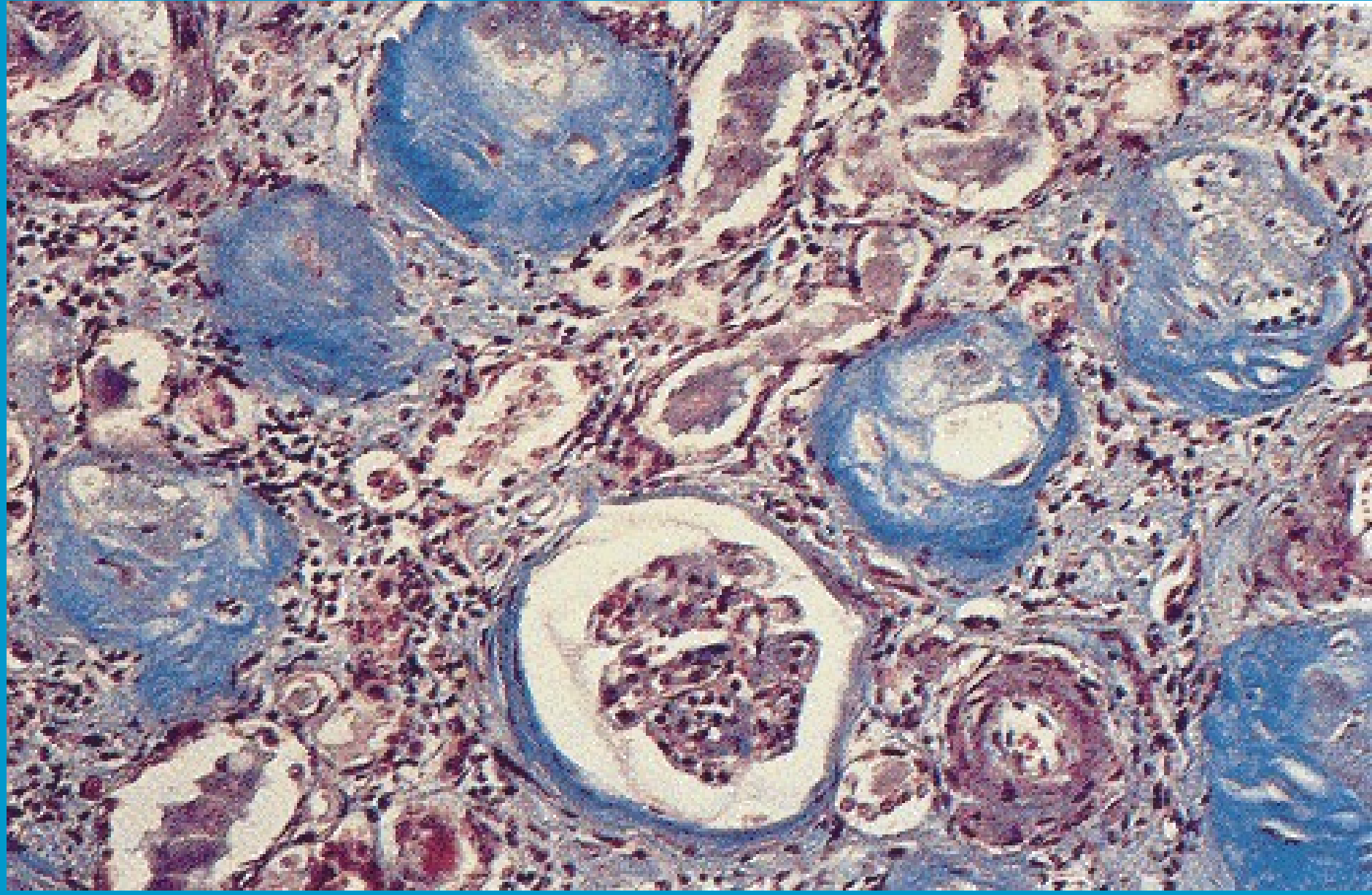
Chronic glomerulonephritis

- end stage of variable glomerular disease
- commonly no more identifiable
- different rate of progression in different diseases
- FSGS 50-80%
- RPGN, membranous, membranoproliferative ~ 50%
- poststreptococcal 1-2%

Chronic glomerulonephritis

- granular surface (!x chronic interstitial nephritis, nephrosclerosis, diabetic nephropathy,…)
- thin cortex
- obliterated glomeruli, arterio- and arteriolosclerosis (hypertension), tubular atrophy


Chronic GN – end-stage kidney



Tubulo-interstitial disorders

- Concurrent damage to the tubular epithelium and interstitium
- Usually no glomerular damage, or only secondary (e.g. glomerulosclerosis)

Tubulo-interstitial disorders - groups

TUBULOINTERSTITIAL NEPHRITIS (TIN)

- Acute pyelonephritis
- Chronic pyelonephritis, reflux nephropathy
- Abacterial interstitial nephritis (drugs, etc.)

ISCHEMIC AND TOXIC INJURY

- Acute tubular necrosis

OTHERS (e.g. obstructive uropathy, tbc, myeloma, urate nephropathy, immunologic reaction AI, posttransplant)

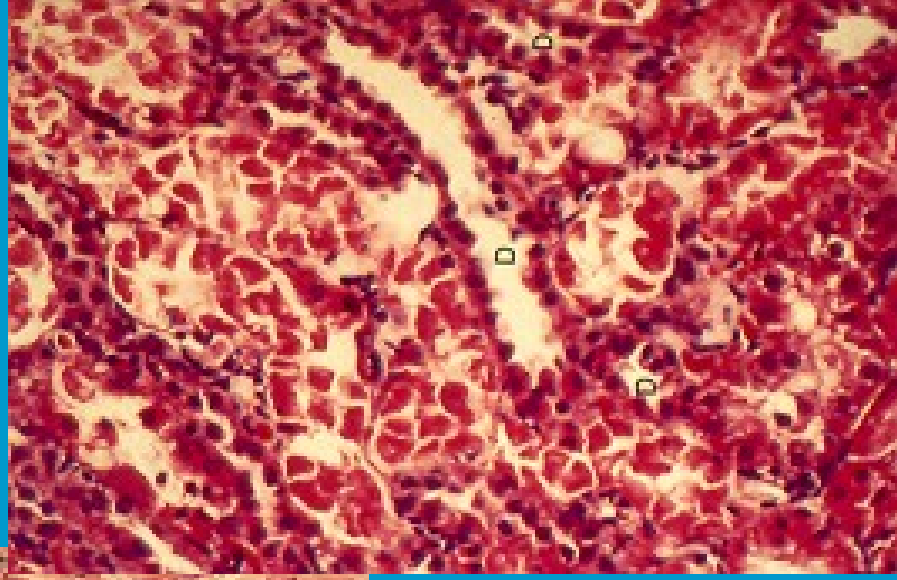
Acute tubular necrosis (ATN)

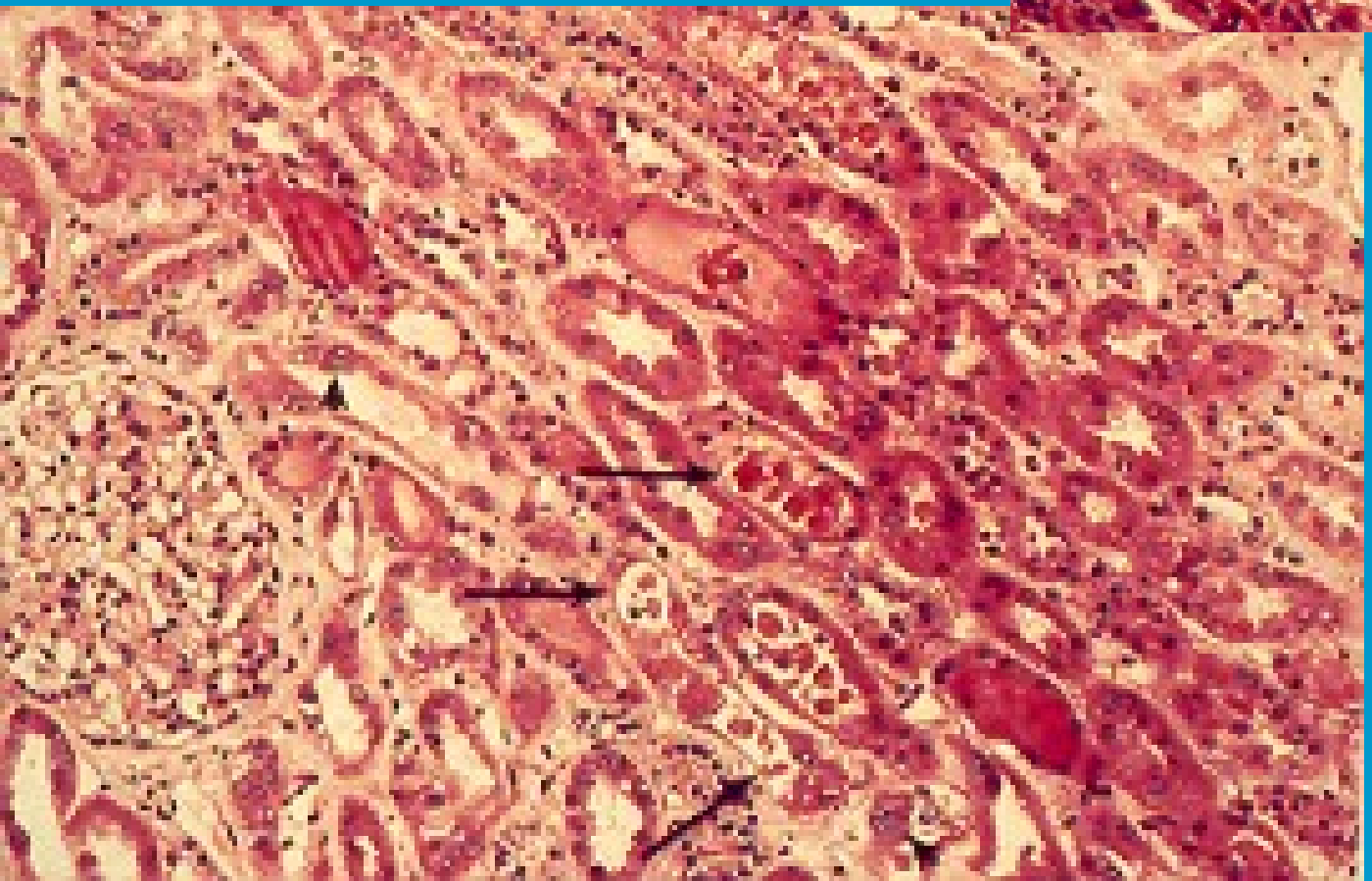
- Destruction/injury of tubular epithelium, leading to acute diminution or loss of renal function
- **Ischemic ATN** – due to decreased or interrupted blood flow, e.g. in shock, trauma, acute pancreatitis, polyarteritis nodosa, haemoglobinuria (haemolysis), myoglobinuria (crush), etc.
- **Nephrotoxic ATN** – direct toxic injury to the tubules by drugs, heavy metals (mercury), organic solvents (carbon tetrachloride), ethylene glycol

Acute tubular necrosis (ATN)

- Morphology: **ischemic ATN** with loss of proximal epithelial brush border, cell flattening, focal tubular epithelial necrosis along the whole nephron, BM rupture, occlusion by casts; interstitial oedema, inflammatory infiltrate
- Later epithelial regeneration starting from uninjured parts
- **Toxic ATN:** extensive tubular necrosis/cytotoxic changes along the proximal tubules

Acute tubular necrosis (ATN)





Tubulointerstitial nephritis induced by drugs and toxins (hypersensitivity nephritis)

- Sulfonamids, synthetic penicilins, some diuretics, NSAIDs
- 7-15 days after exposure fever, eosinophilia, rash, hematuria, proteinuria, leukocyturia, cca 50% acute renal failure with oliguria
- Late-phase reaction of an IgE-mediated hypersensitivity (type I)
- Oedema and mononuclear **interstitial infiltration,** commonly with **eosinophils**, giant cell **granulomas** may be present. Tubulitis and tubular regressive changes.

Analgesic nephropathy

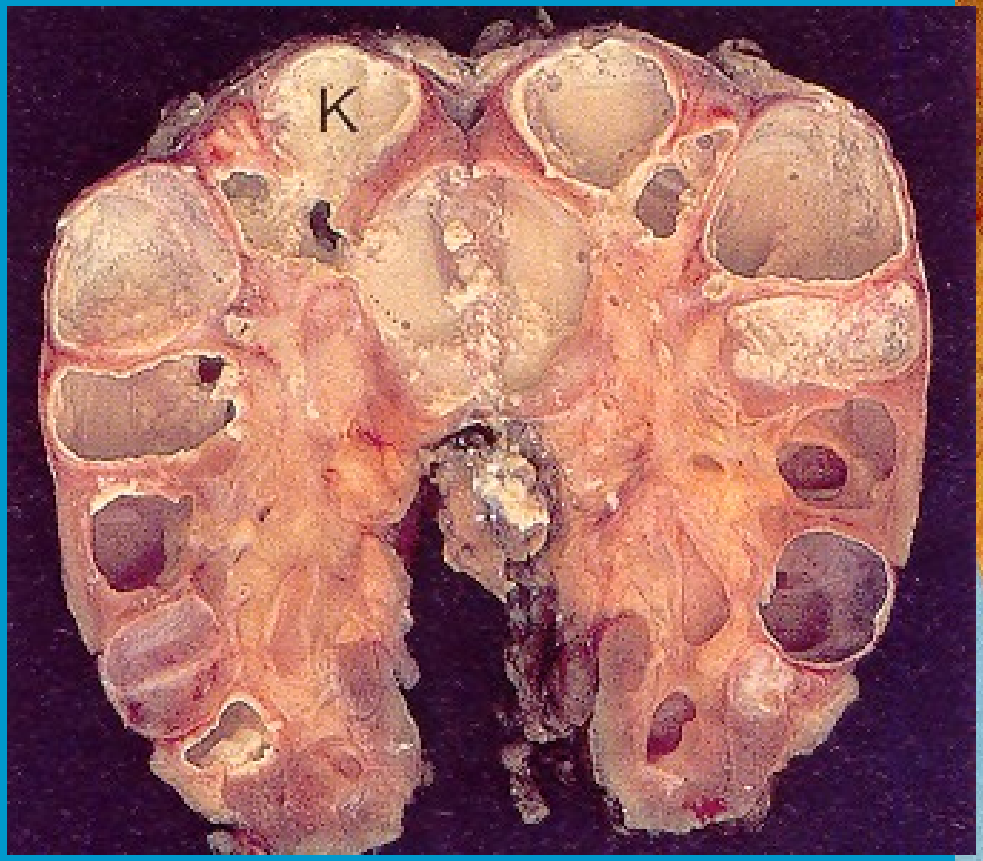
- Chronic renal disease due to excessive use of analgesic mixtures
- Form of chronic tubulointerstitial nephritis with renal papillary necrosis
- Combination effects of aspirin (papillary ischaemia), phenacetin (toxic metabolites)

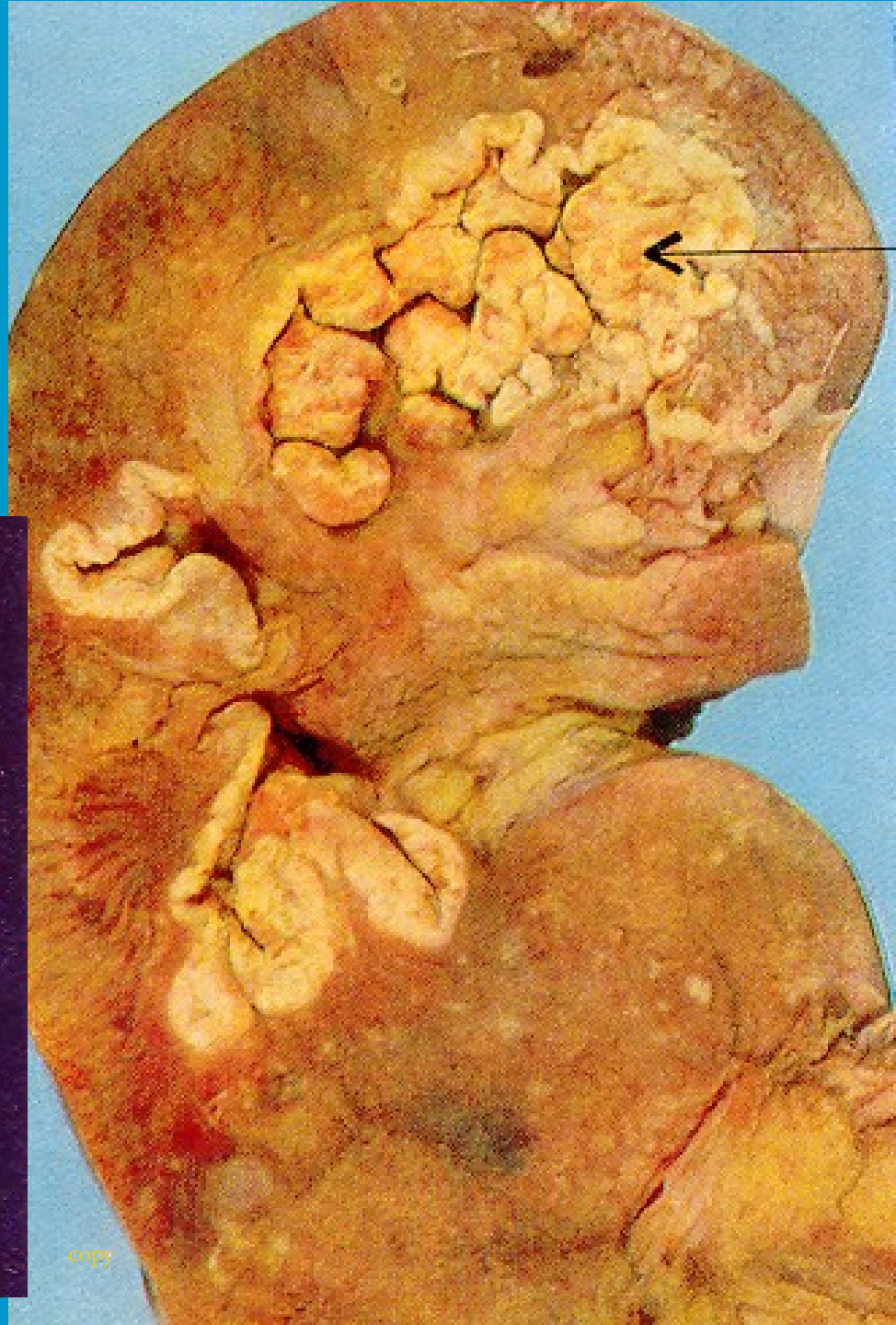
Renal TBC

- Part of miliary spread
- Solitary postprimary tbc lesion
- Gross: caseous-cavernous mass with fibrous capsule (closed tbc) or rupture and drain into pelvis (open tbc), possible infection of urinary tract.

Renal TBC

Caseation

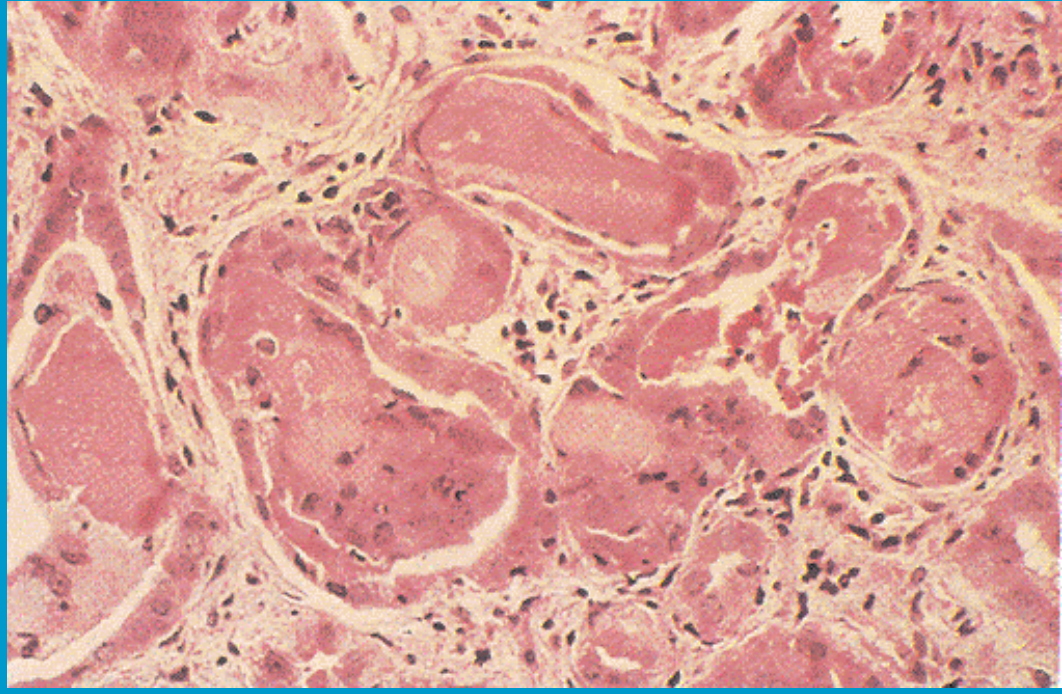




Urate nephropathy

- Hyperuricemic disorders (urate crystals formation) may lead to 3 forms of injury:
- **Acute urate nephropathy** in patients with haematologic malignancies, commonly during chemotherapy (extensive cell breakdown – release of nucleic acids – urate crystals in tubules – acute renal failure
- **Chronic urate nephropathy** – in gout. Urate crystals surrounded by foreign body giant cells, tubulo-interstitial nephritis
- **Urate stones**

Multiple myeloma



- Amyloidosis
- Myeloma nephrosis: tubular casts formed by precipitated Bence-Jones protein,
  nephrohydrosis
  giant cell reaction

Renal tumors

WHO histological classification of renal tumors

- Renal cell tumours
- Metanephric tumours
- Nephroblastic tumours
- Mesenchymal tumours
- Mixed mesenchymal and epithelial tumours
- Neuroendocrine tumours
- Haematopoietic and lymphoid tumours
- Germ cell tumours
- Metastatic tumours

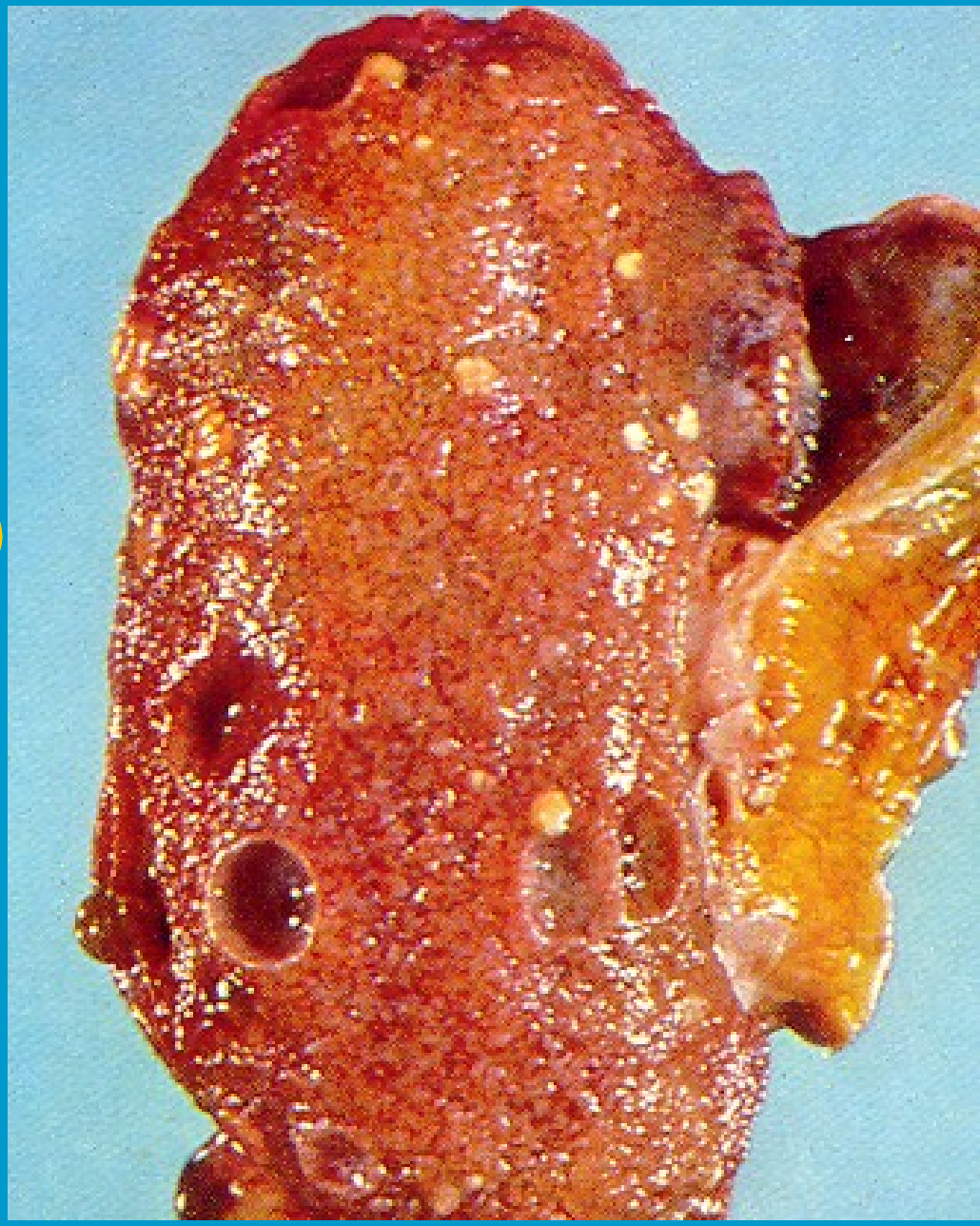
WHO classification of renal cell tumors

- Clear cell renal cell carcinoma
- Multilocular cystic renal neoplasm of low malignant potential
- Papillary renal cell carcinoma
- Hereditary leiomyomatosis and renal cell carcinoma (HLRCC)-associated renal cell carcinoma
- Chromophobe renal cell carcinoma
- Collecting duct carcinoma
- Renal medullary carcinoma
- MiT Family translocation carcinomas
- Succinate dehydrogenase (SDH)-deficient renal carcinoma
- Mucinous tubular and spindle cell carcinoma
- Tubulocystic renal cell carcinoma
- Acquired cystic disease associated renal cell carcinoma
- Clear cell papillary renal cell carcinoma
- Renal cell carcinoma, unclassified
- Papillary adenoma
- Oncocytoma

Benign renal tumors

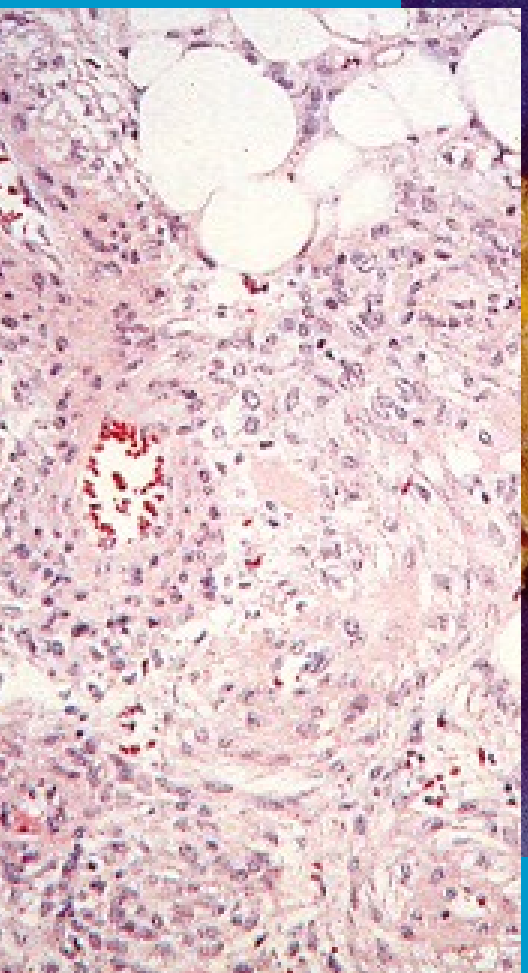
Cortical papillary adenoma

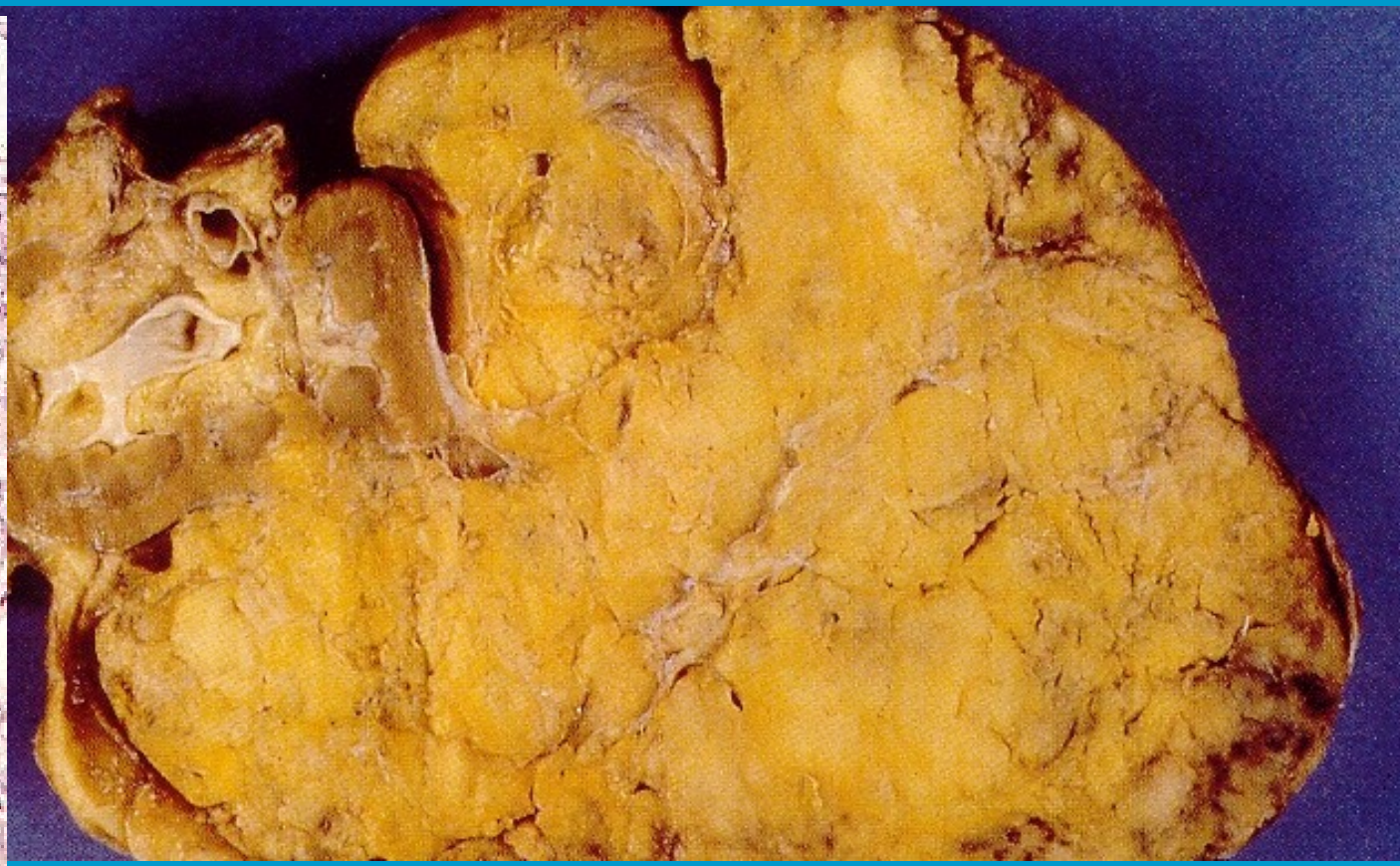
- Small tumors (1-15 mm)
- May be multiple
- Papillary structure



Benign renal tumors

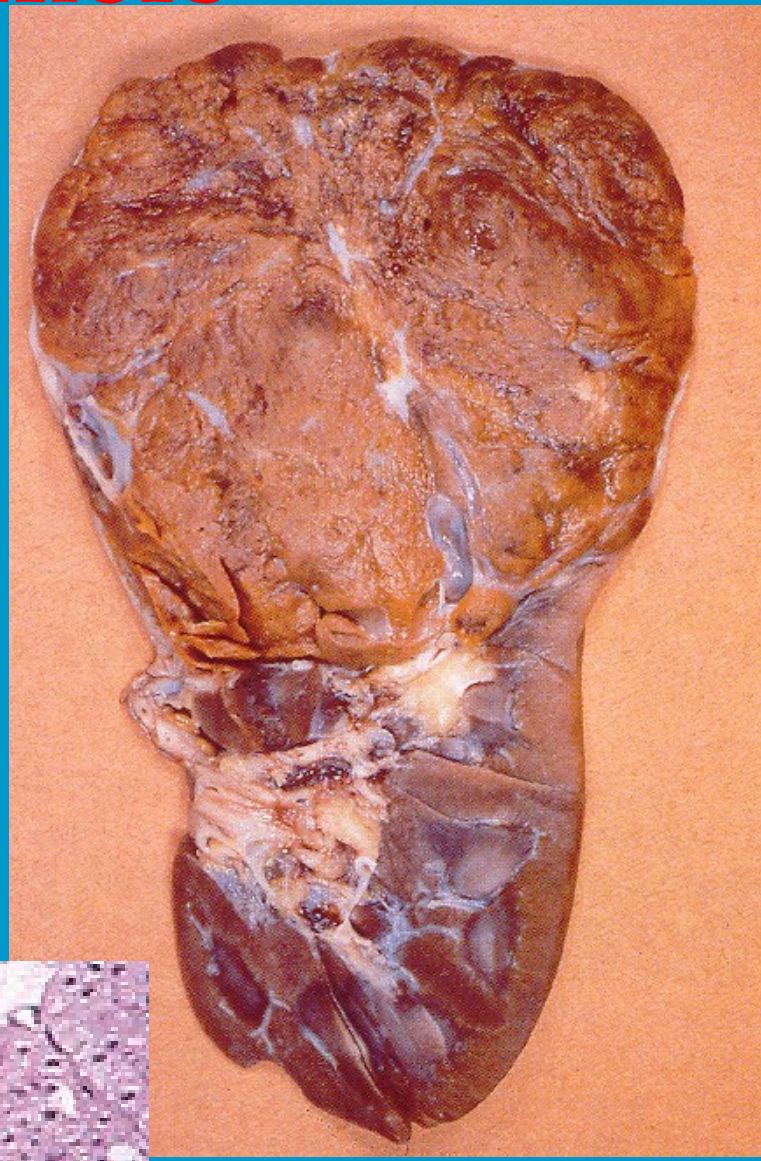
- **Angiomyolipoma** (PEComa), mesenchymal

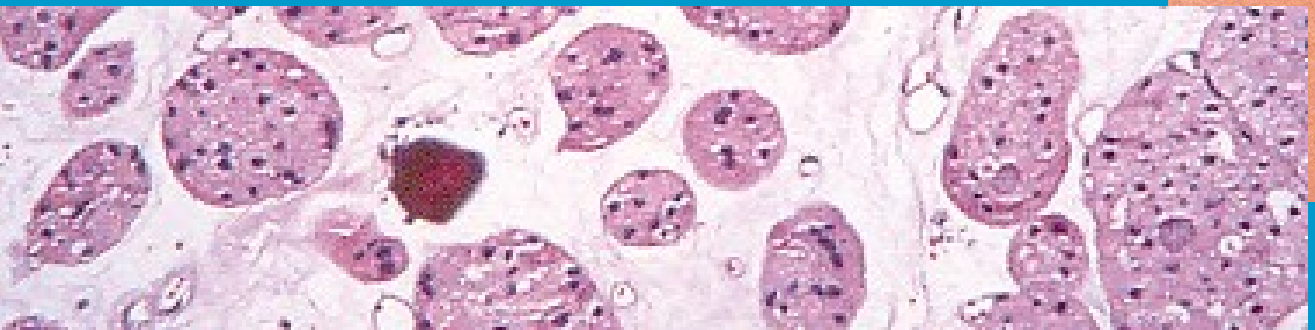




Benign renal tumors

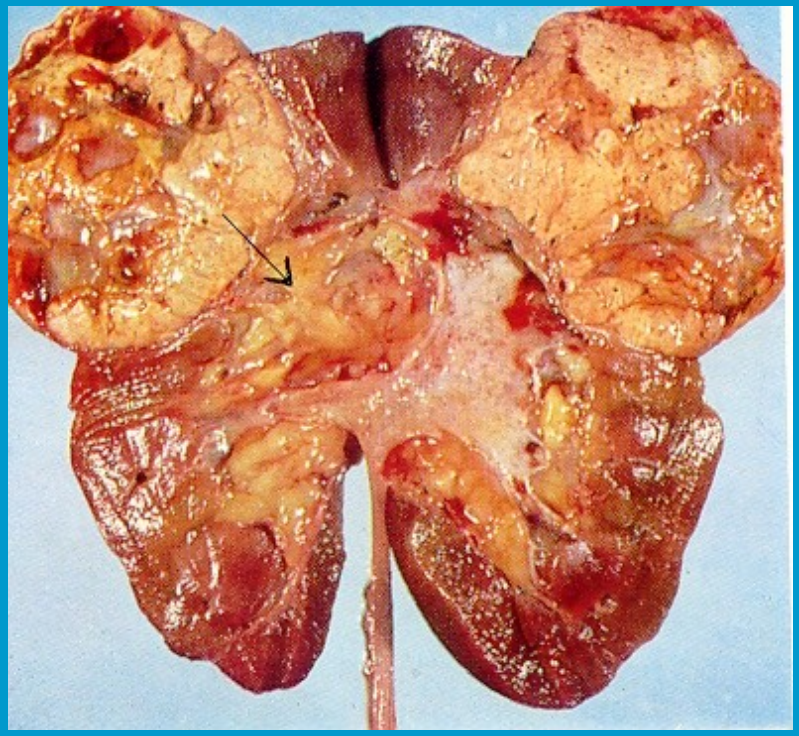
- Oncocytoma epithelial, asymptomatic





Renal cell carcinoma

- Adenocarcinoma from tubular epithelium (clear cell - Grawitz)
- 85% of renal malignancies

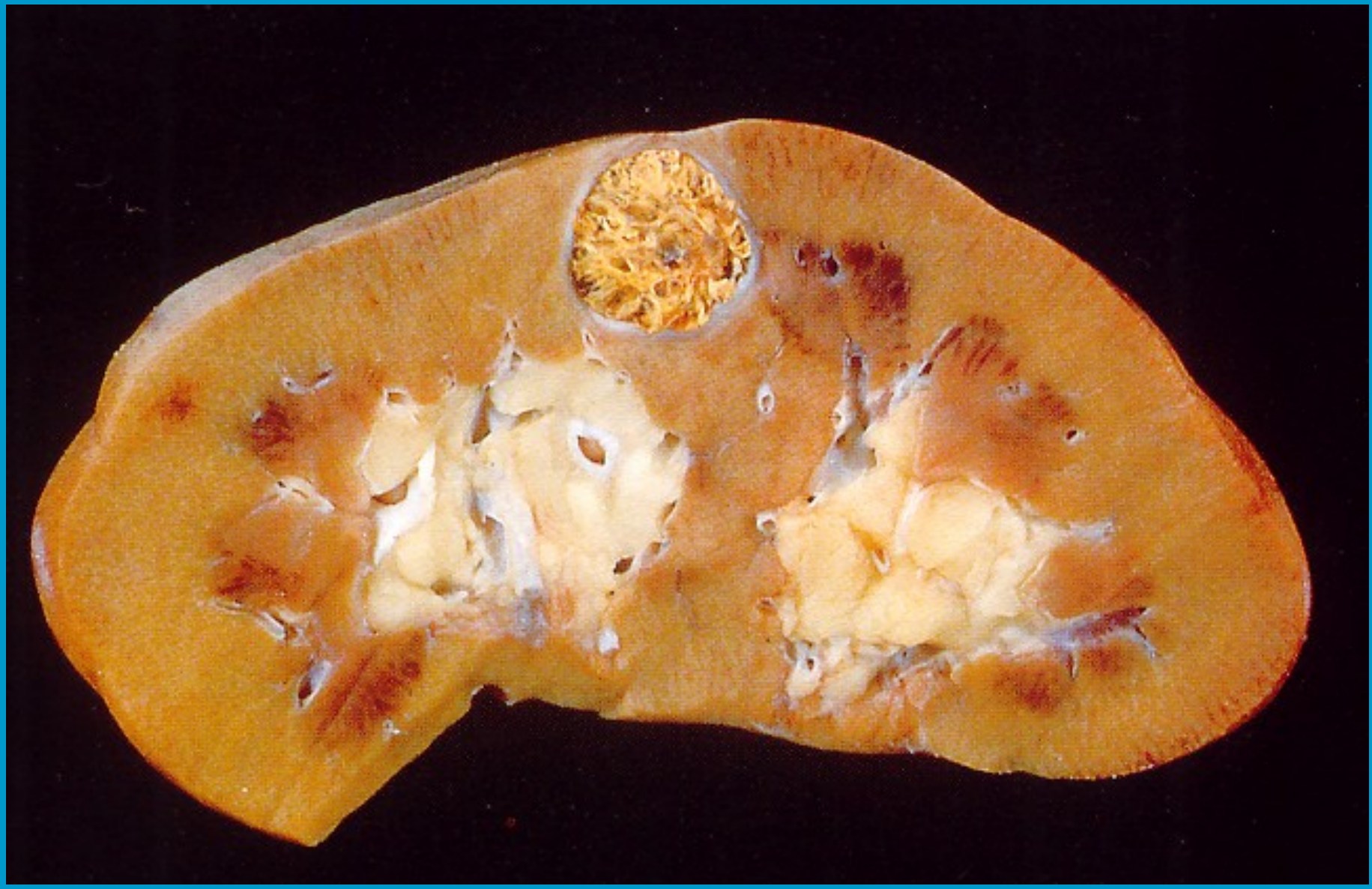


RCC

- Clear cell (conventional) RCC (80%)
- Chromophobe RCC
- Papillary RCC

- Risk f.: smoking, obesity, HT, genetic factors, industrial pollution, chemicals (asbestos, arsenic, organic diluents, ...)
- Incidental finding, hematuria, metastasis

Renal cell carcinoma



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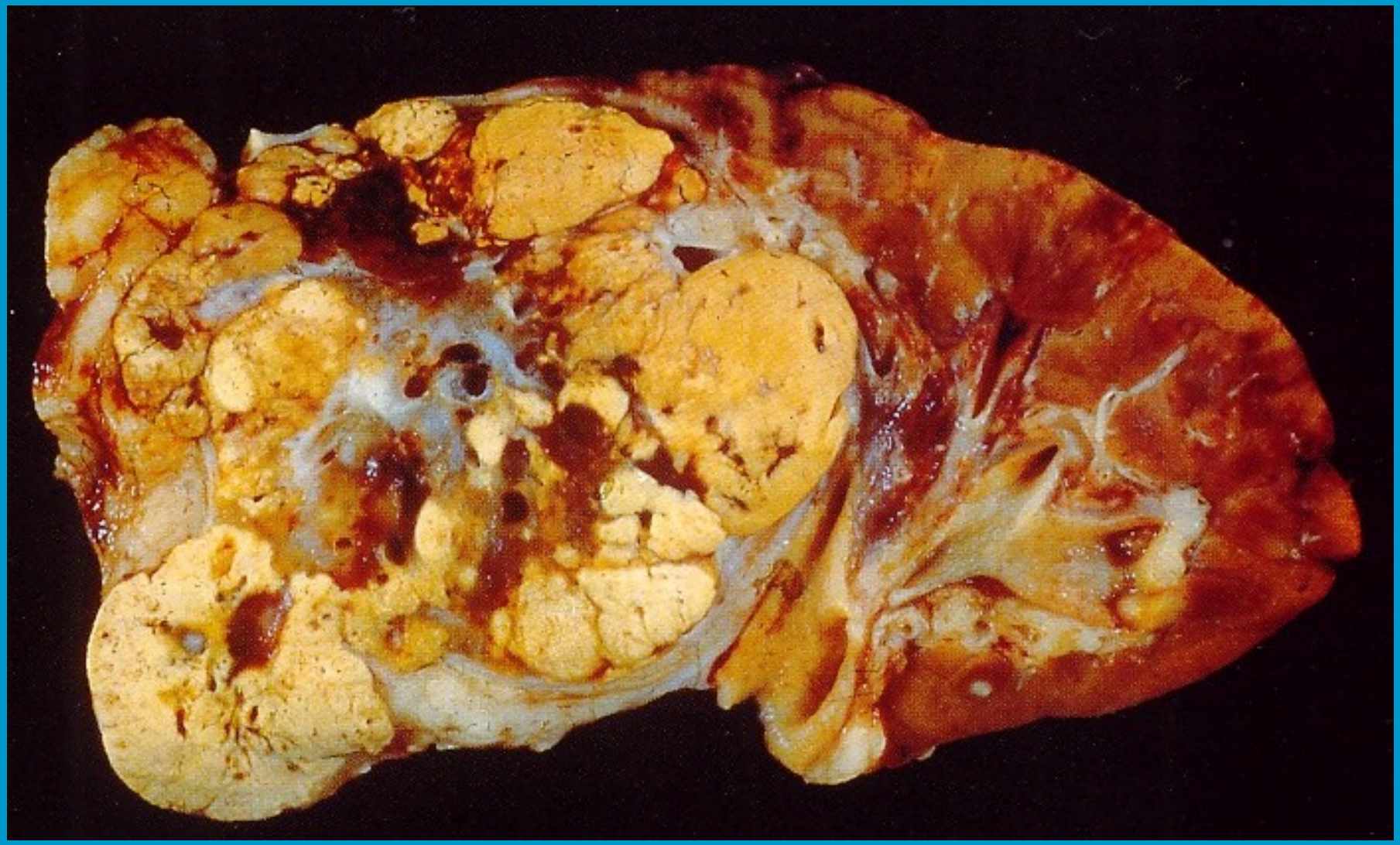

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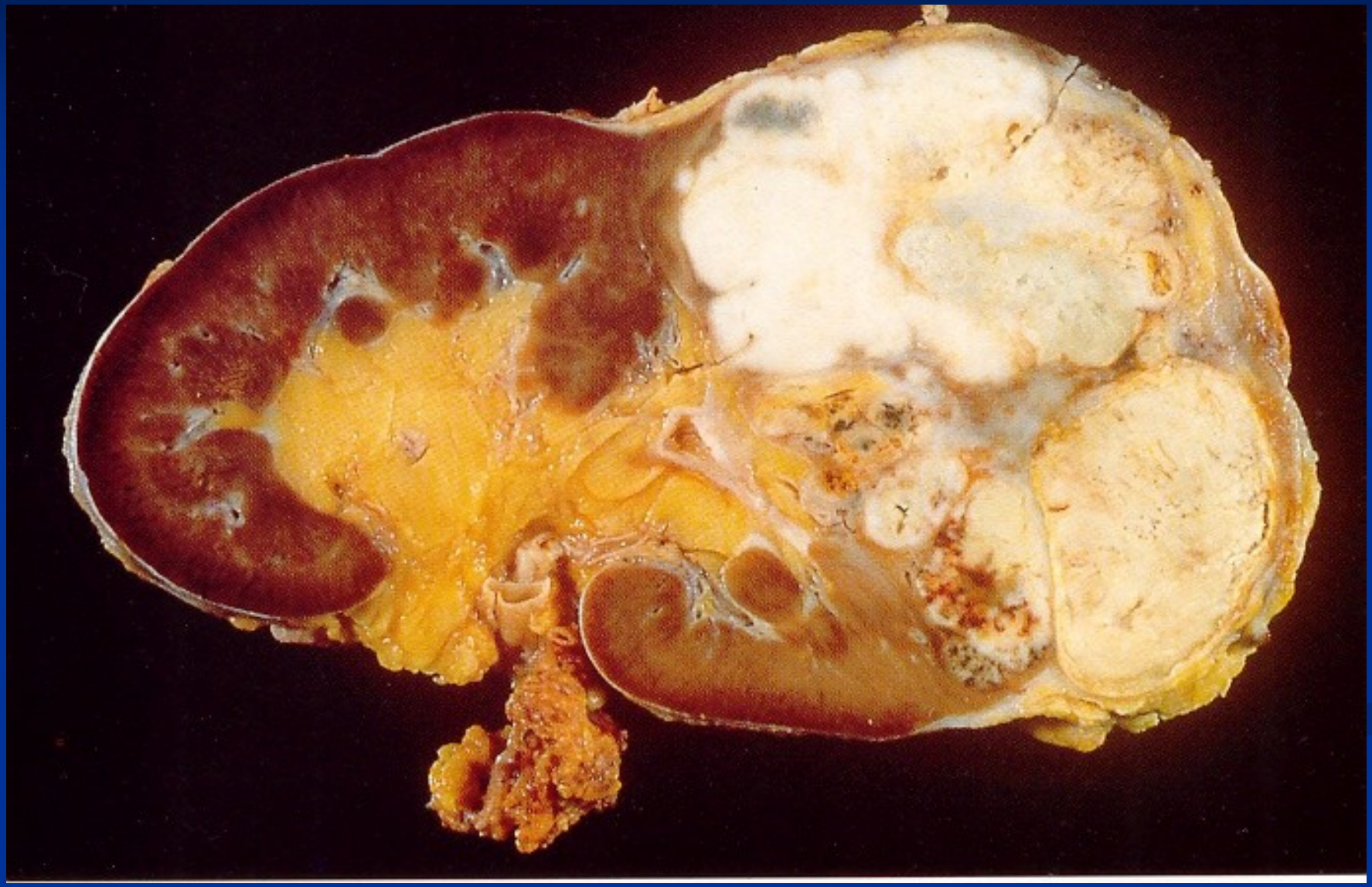

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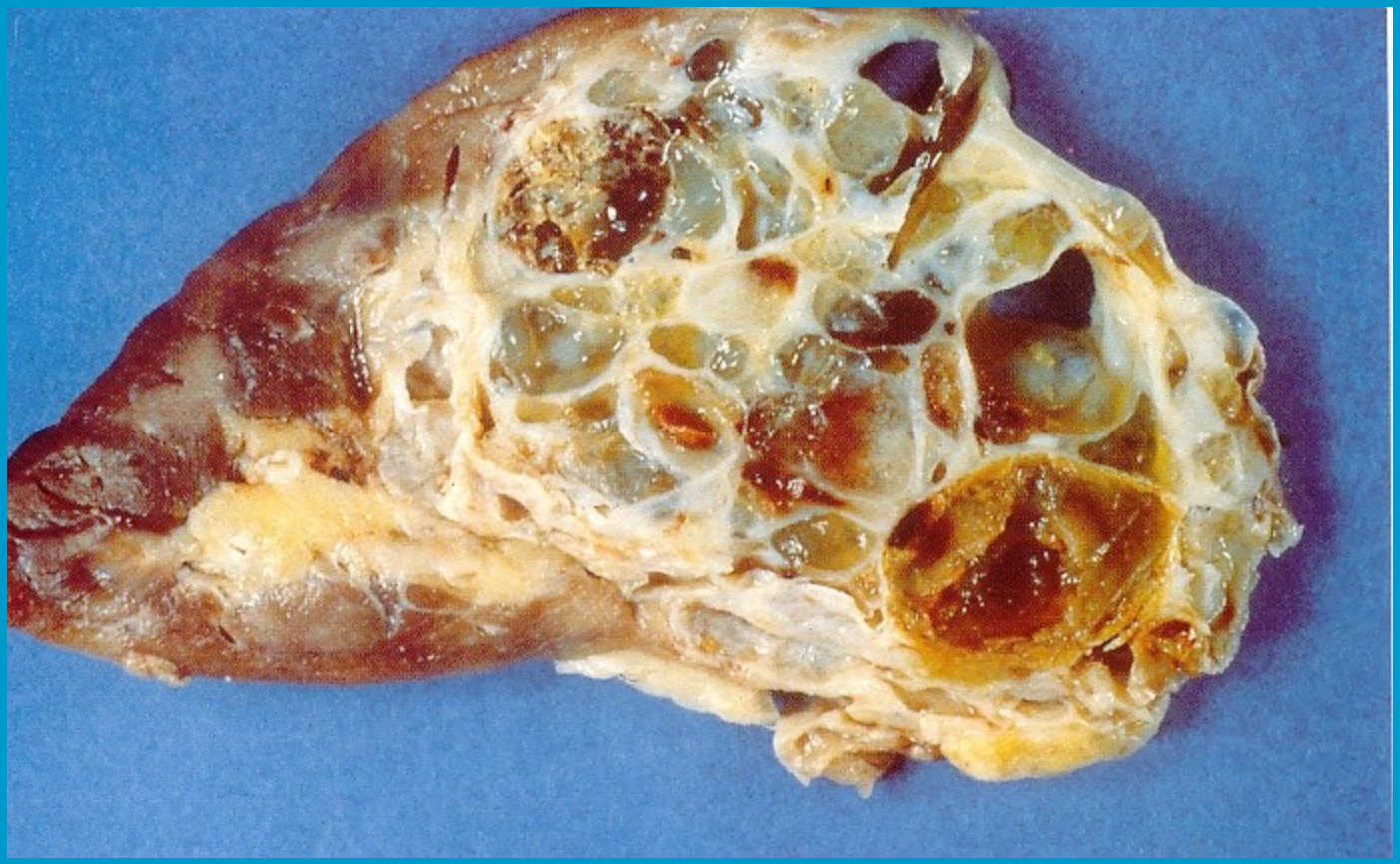
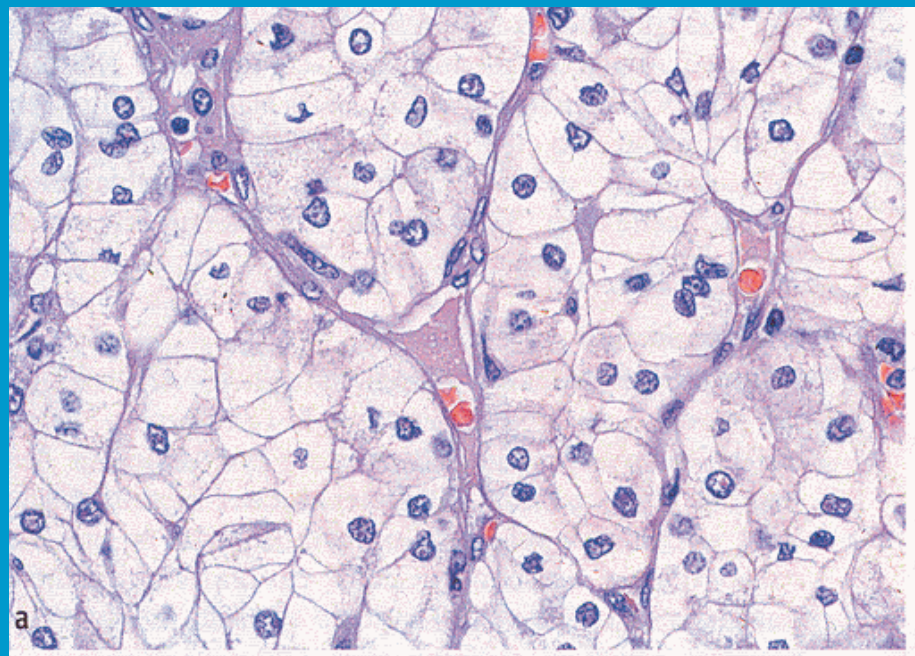
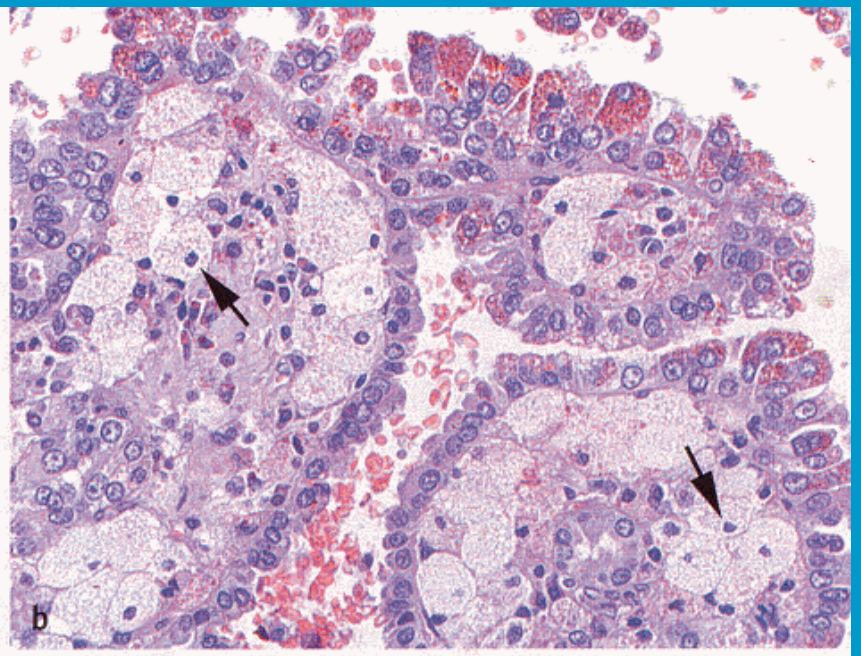


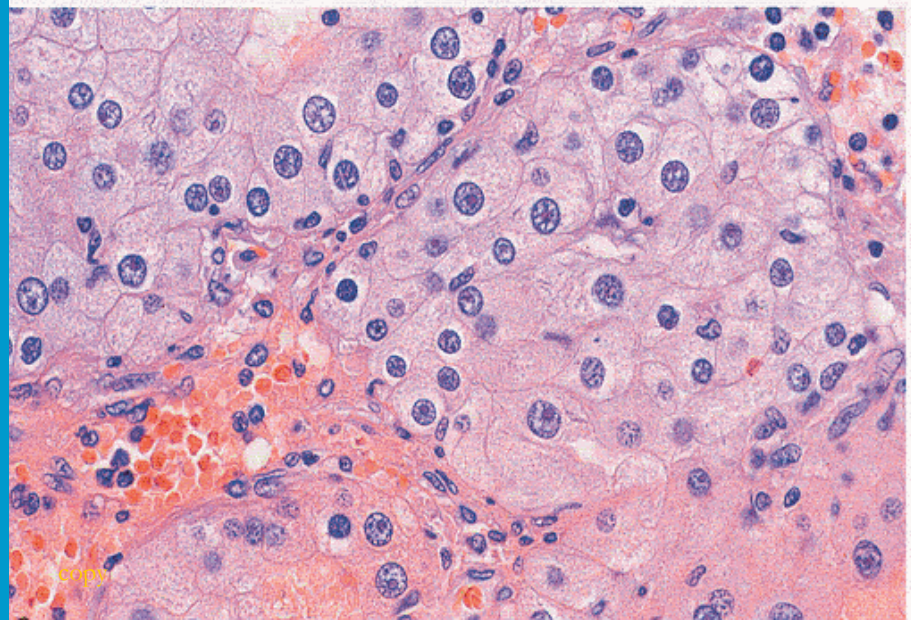
RCC

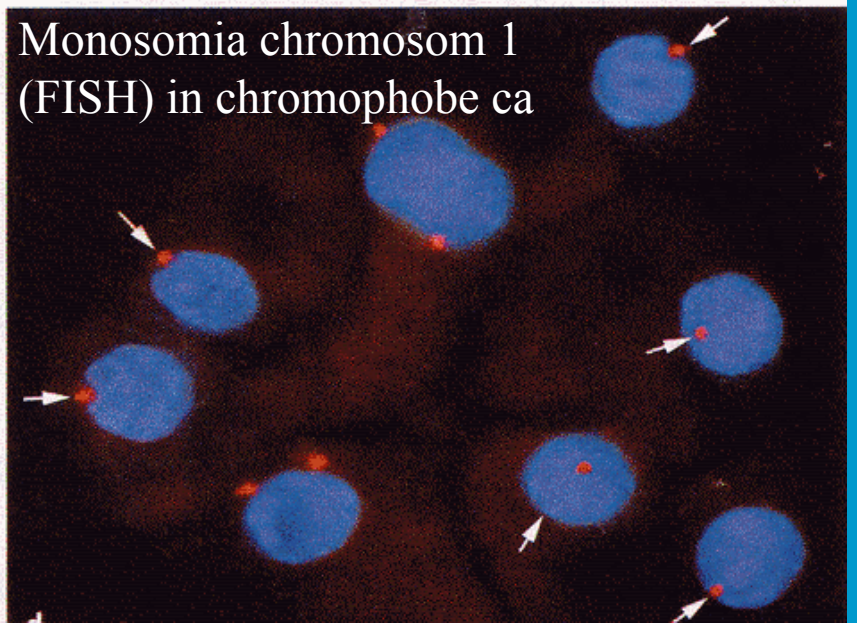
- Clear cell (conventional) RCC (80%)
  - glycogene + lipids in cytoplasm, common regressive changes, venous invasion, may have late metastasis
    - nuclear grading
- Chromophobe RCC 5 %
  - very good prognosis, eosinophilic granular cytoplasm
- Papillary RCC: 15 %,
  - commonly multifocal / bilateral, stromal foam macrophages

Renal cell carcinoma









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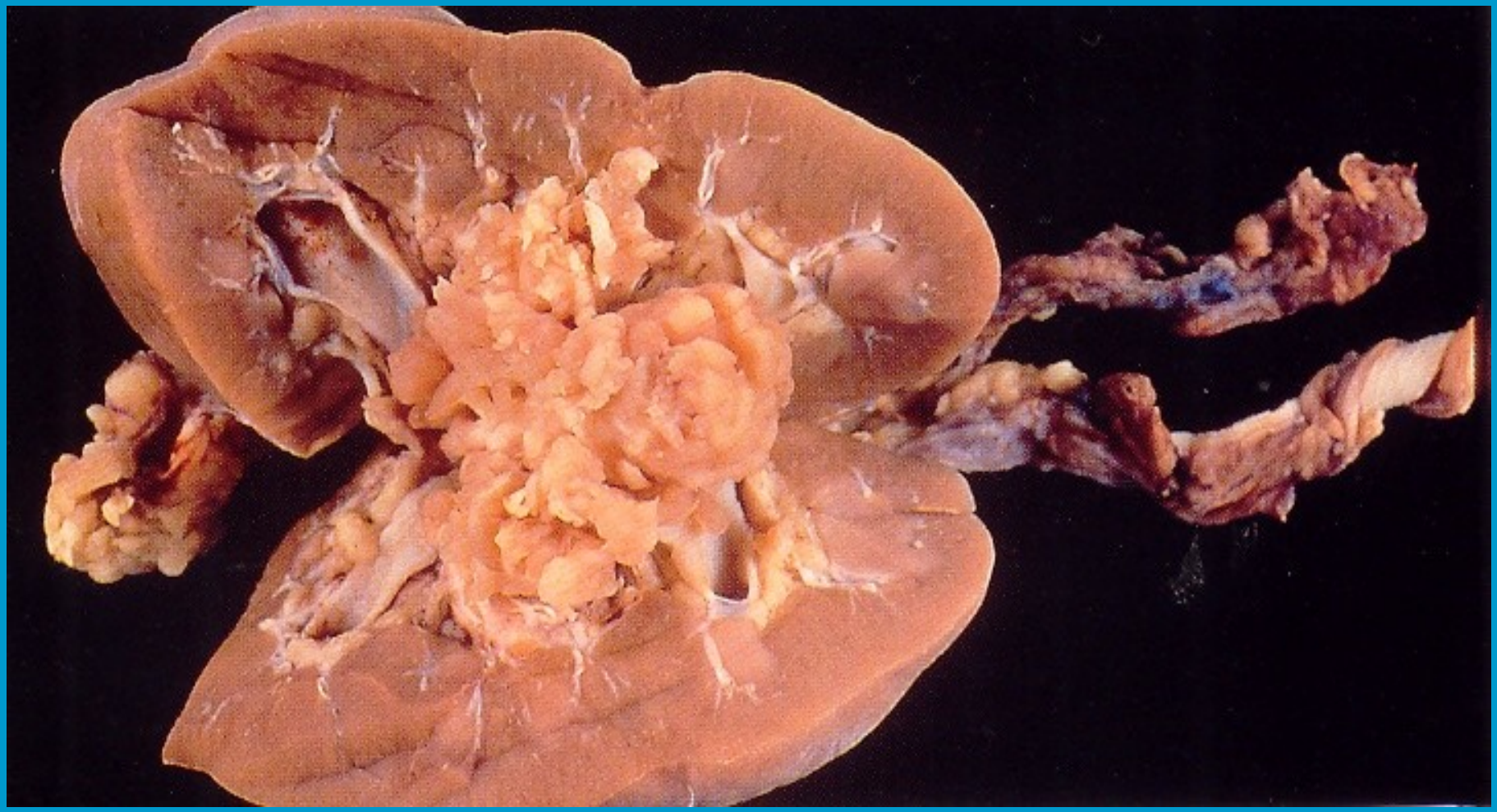

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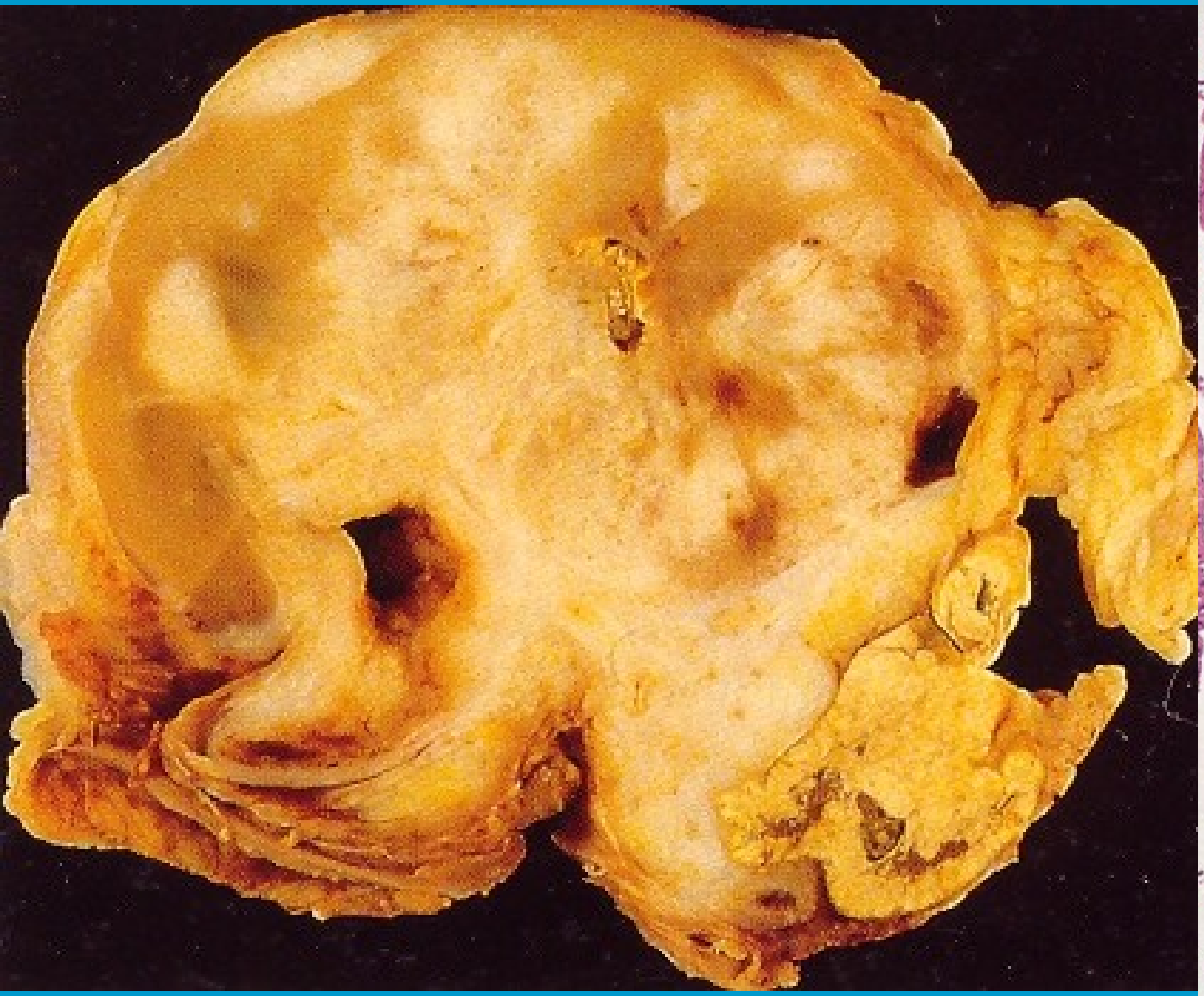
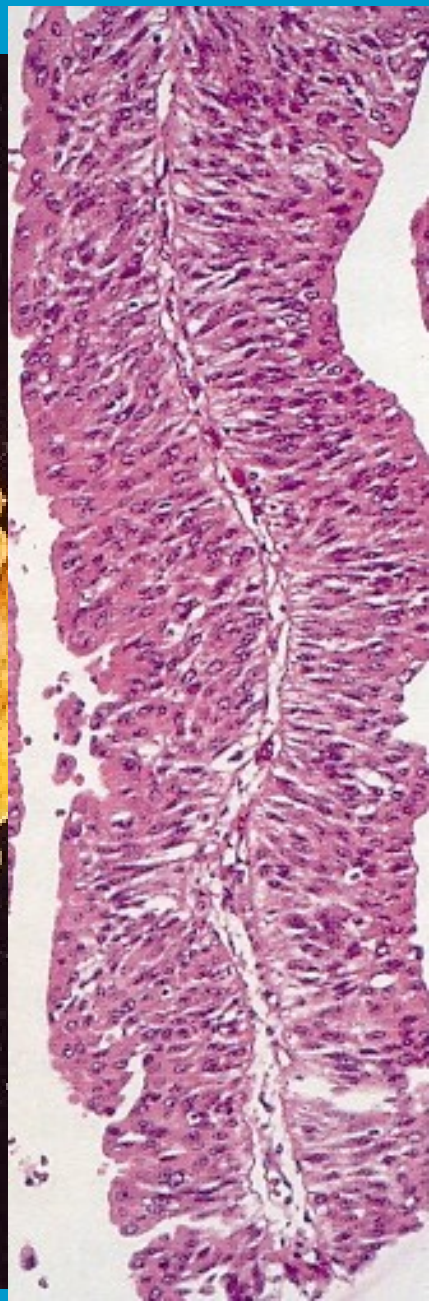
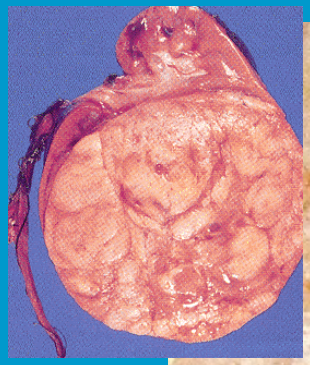
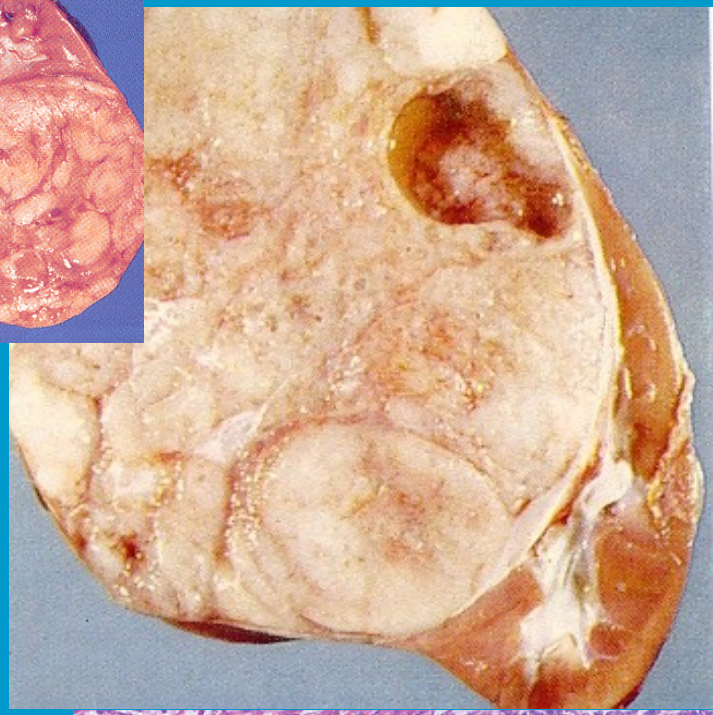


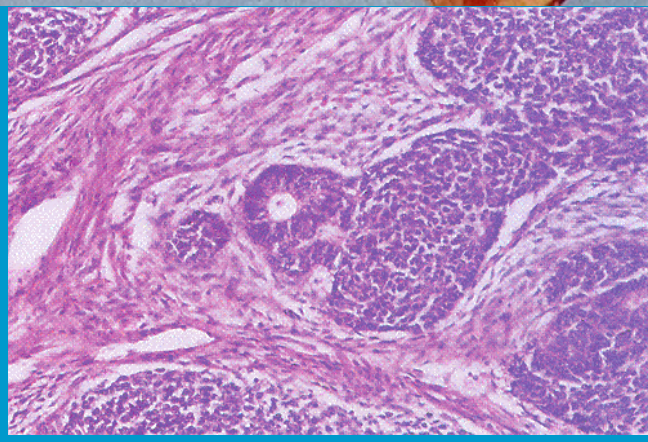


Wilms' tumor - nephroblastoma

- Malignant embryonal tu metanefrogenous blastema
- Peak incidence 1-4 yrs
- 3rd most common ch. malignancy, treatable
- hematuria, local compression
- Suppresoric gene WT1 (11p13), WT2 (11p15)
- MACRO: large, soft
- MICRO blastic cells, immature **epithelial, mesenchymal** differentiation







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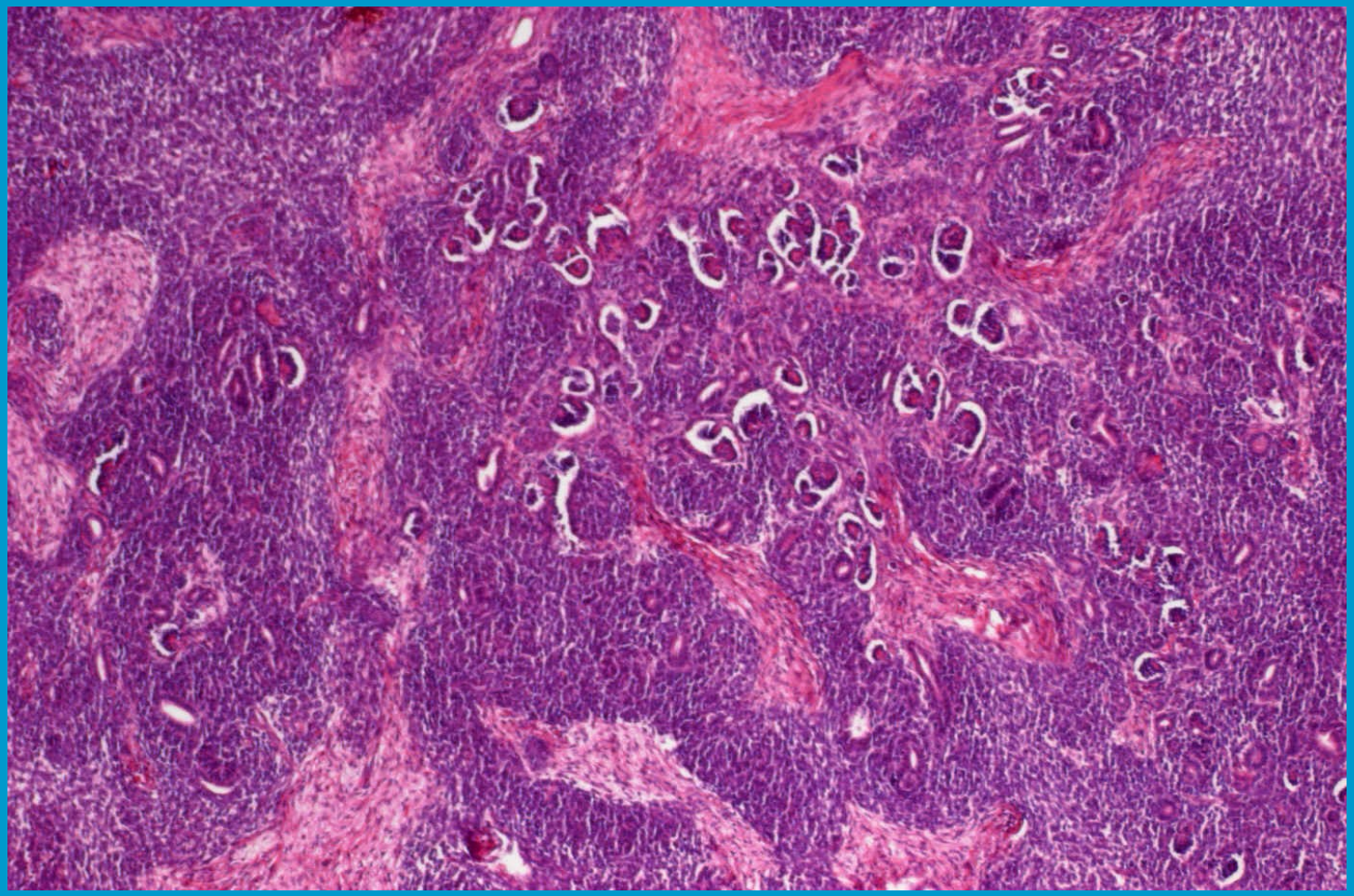

Secondary tumors

- Local spread (adrenals, pancreas, liver)
- Lung carcinoma
- Malignant lymphoma
- Others