8th special pathology practice

Bones
Soft tissue
Skin



BONES

Osteomyelitis



- purulent tendency to chronicity
 - ⇒ staphylococcus, E. coli, Klebsiella, salmonella, gonococcus, ...
- entry of infection:
 - hematogenous (bacteriemia, sepsis)
 - from adjacent tissues (ORL, teeth)
 - direct implantation (orthopedic surgery, trauma)
- difficult healing
 - slow diffusion of ATB into bones... sugical drainage necessary
- complications
 - pathological fracture, sepsis, purulent arthritis





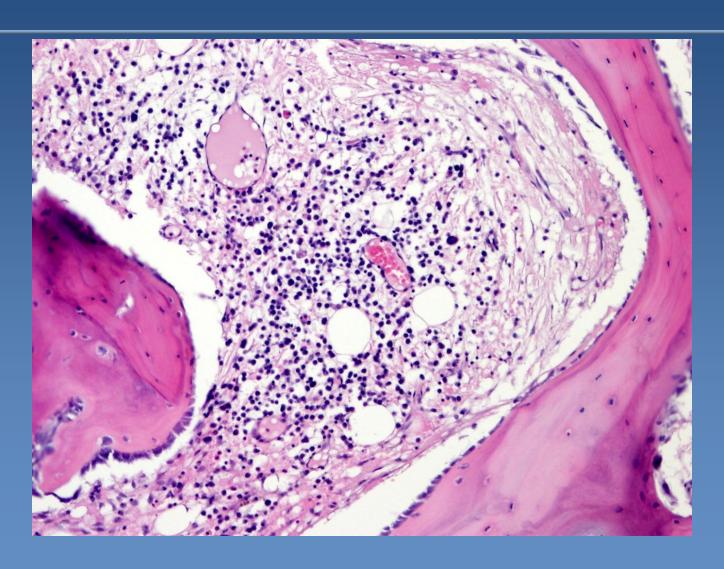
* acute stage:

- flegmonous intertrabecular inflammation, necrosis
- subperiostal abscess → bone ischemia, skin draining sinus possible

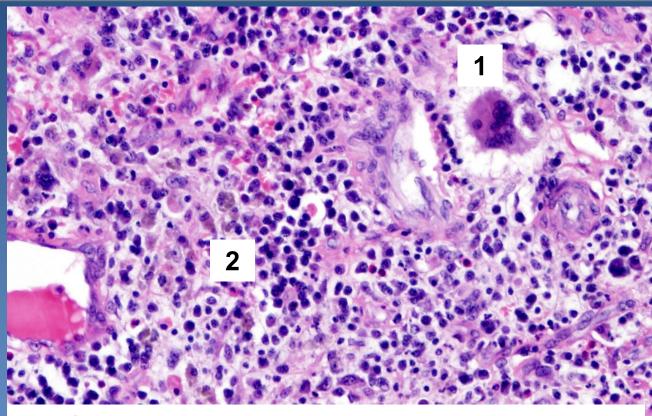
subacute and chronic stage:

- ⇒ separation of necrotic parts of the bone as sequestrum
- free foreign bodies eliminated through sinus
- sequestrum may be surrounded by reactive new bone growth – involucrum, persistent infection
- tbc ostitis: immunosuppressed, endemic regions; spine,

Chronic purulent osteomyelitis



Chronic purulent osteomyelitis



- 1 Osteoclast
- 2 Inflammatory infiltrate (mainly plasma cells, neutrophils)

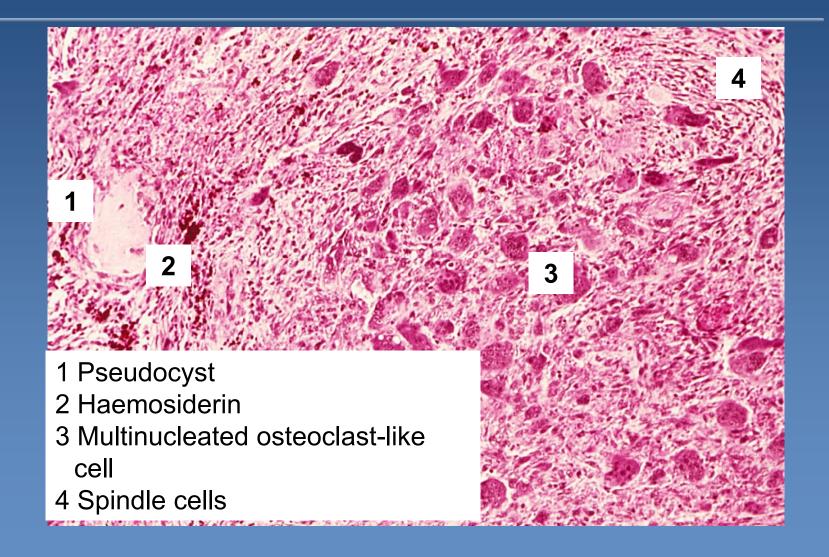
Osteitis fibrosa cystica



- von Recklinghausen's disease, now rare
- ▶ primary or secondary hyperparathyreoidism → ↑osteoclastic bone resorption → pathological fractures, "brown tumor"
- stage:
 - osteoclastic resorption

 - cystic phase pseudocysts due to resorbed haematomas

Brown tumor – osteitis fibrosa cystica





Selected BONE TUMORS



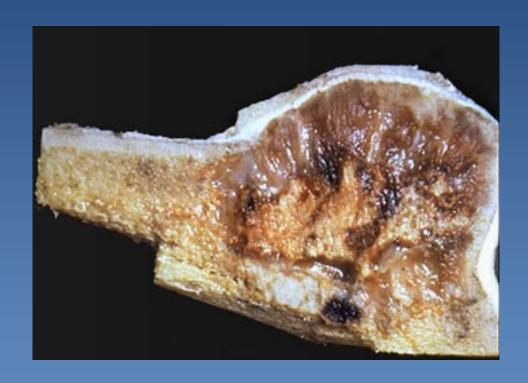
- histogenesis (?? undifferentiated mesenchymal cells, marrow stromal cell)
- characteristic X-ray, localization
 - poorly demarcated bone destructive (osteolytic) lesion in the meta- or epiphysis of a long bone at the age of 20-40.

x Gross:

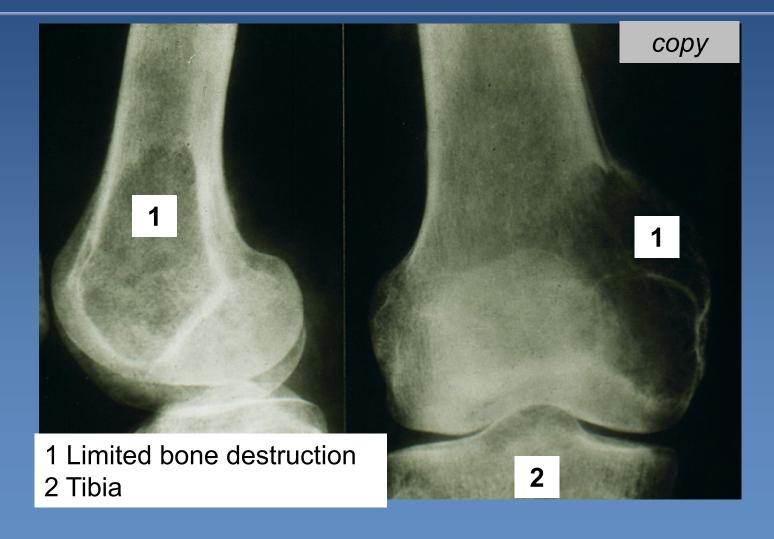
- soft brown-red tumor, often with central hemorrhage
- locally destructive growth, metastases in 10% (lungs)



Giant cell bone tumor





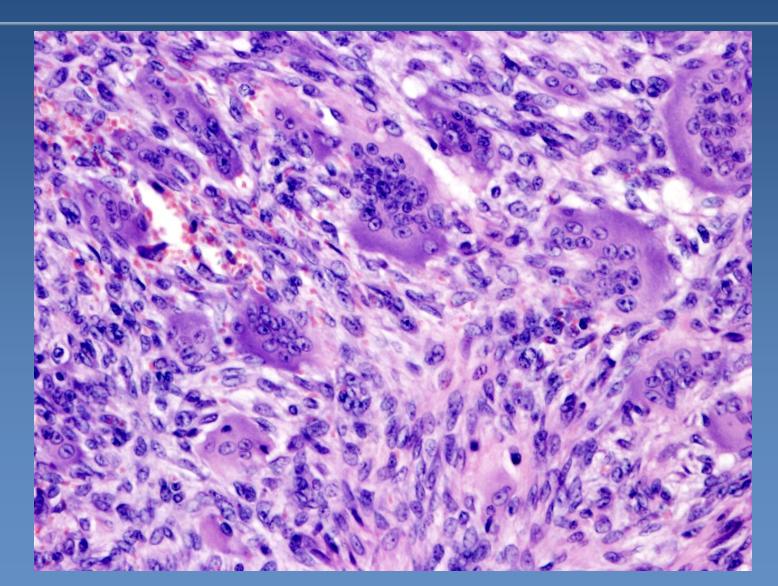




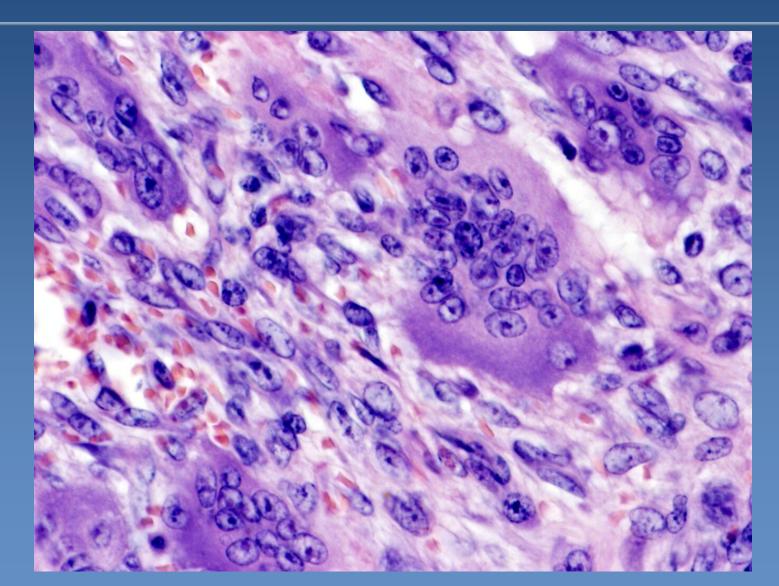
***** micro:

- ⇒ 2 cell types:
 - uniform population of mononuclear cells proliferating.
 - giant multinucleated cells osteoclast-like (100 nuclei)
- often hemorrhage, fibrosis and necrosis
 - diff.dg.: "brown tumor" inosteitis fibrosa cystica





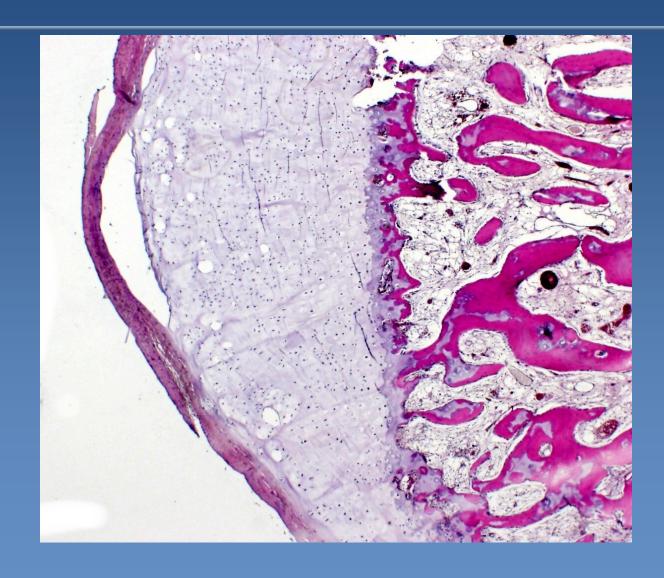




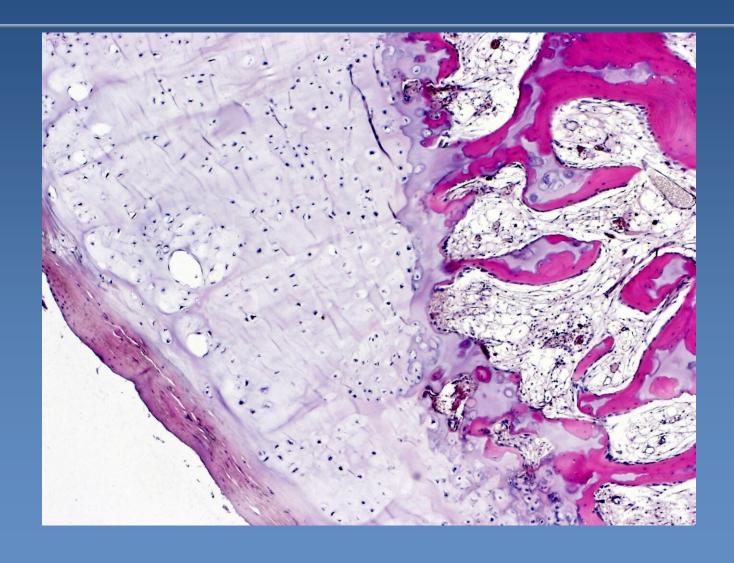


- * "exostosis"
- on the metaphysis of the long/flat bones
- often during the period of skeletal growth
- **gross:**
 - bone prominence covered with cartilage growthplate-like
- micro:
 - ⇒ benign hyaline cartilage on the surface → enchondral ossification and lamellar bone formation
 - intertrabecular bone marrow (adipous, haematopoetic)

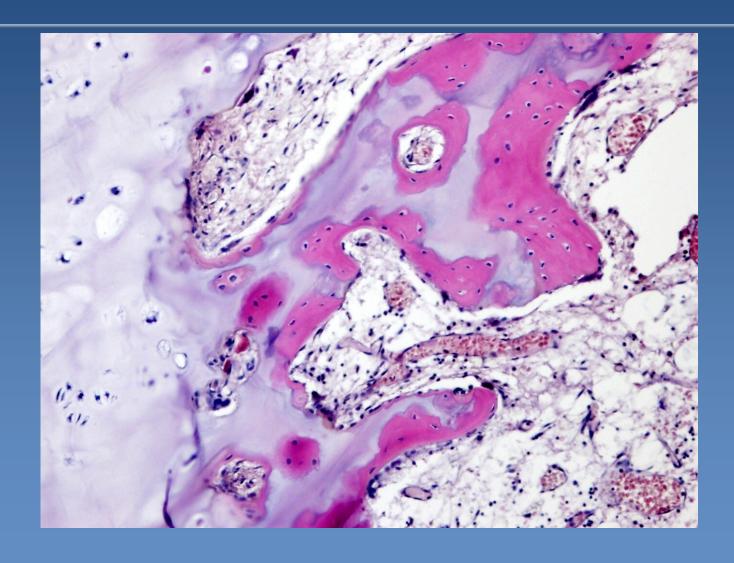












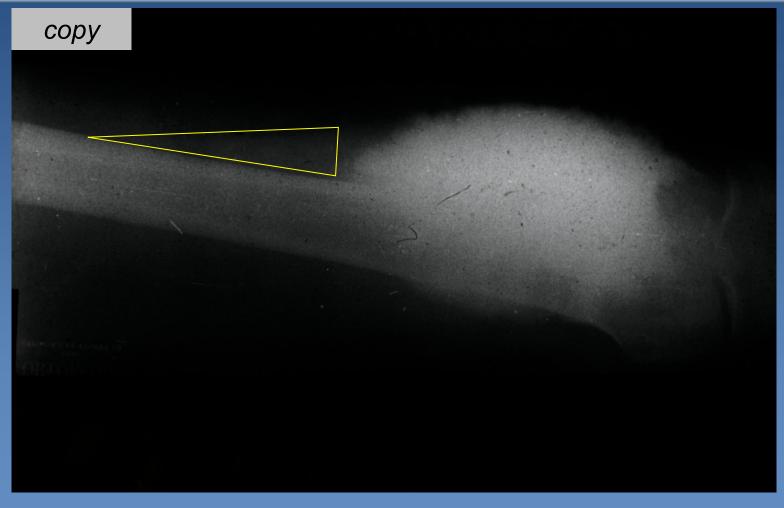
Osteosarcoma (OSA)



- bone matrix producing malignant cells
- *primary: typically in childhood adolescence
 - mostly during accelerated skeletal growth period
- secondary osteosarcoma possible in Paget disease, post-radiation
- localization
 - □ long bone metaphyses (femur, tibia, humerus), especially in knee region (Codmann's triangle on the X-ray)
- divided according to their biological behavior
 - low-grade (LG) more commonly peripheral growth
 - high-grade (HG) more commonly central growth

Osteosarcoma - Codman`s triangle





HG OSA

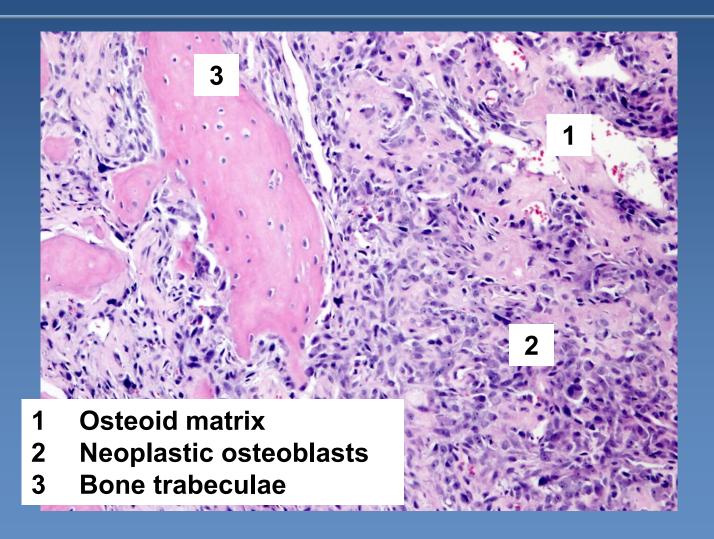


x micro:

- irregular atypical osteoblasts → tumorous osteoid
- frequent mitoses
- significantly dilated vascular spaces
- possible presence of cartilage or fibrous bone elements
 - osteoblastic, chondroblastic, fibroblastic variant
- blood-borne micrometastases often present at the time of diagnosis (bones, lungs)
 - poor prognosis without treatment, with overt meta, recurrent
 - -> chemotherapy + surgery (avoiding amputation)

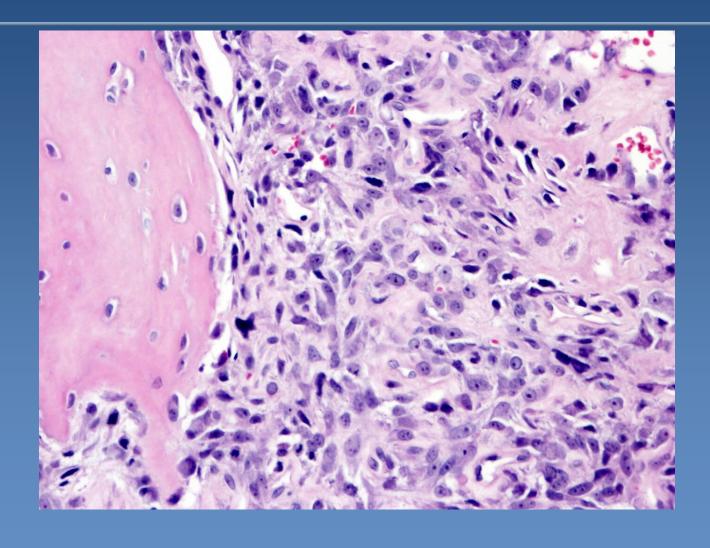
Osteosarcoma





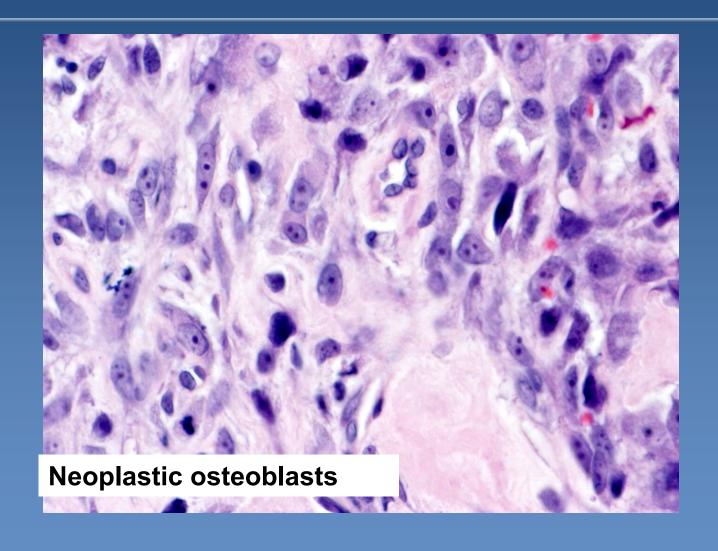






Osteosarcoma





Chondrosarcoma



- * typically in adulthood (after age of 20, mostly in 4th-6th decade)
- ***** localization
 - pelvis, femur, shoulder region

***** micro

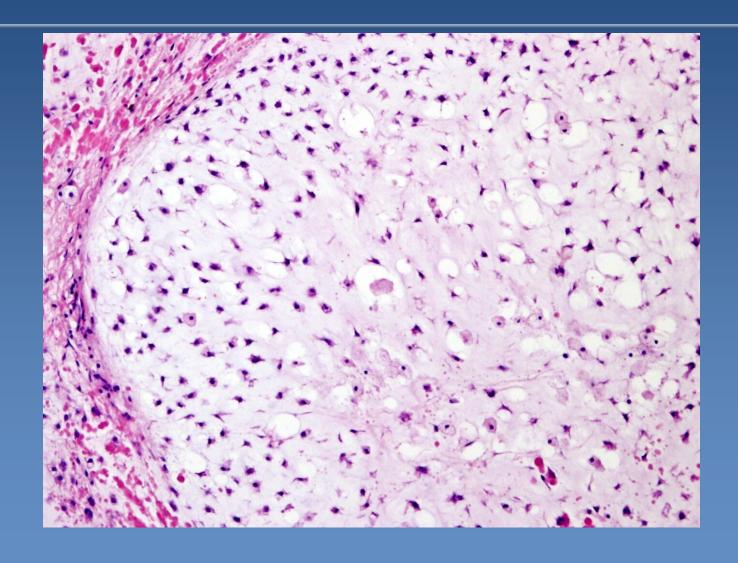
- nodules of neoplastic cartilaginous tissue
- neoplastic chondroblasts with anisonucleosis, hyperchromasia, binucleate
- calcification, necrosis common
- myxoid change of cartilaginous matrix possible

x prognosis

- better than HG OSA
- slow proliferative activity common (surgery mostly)

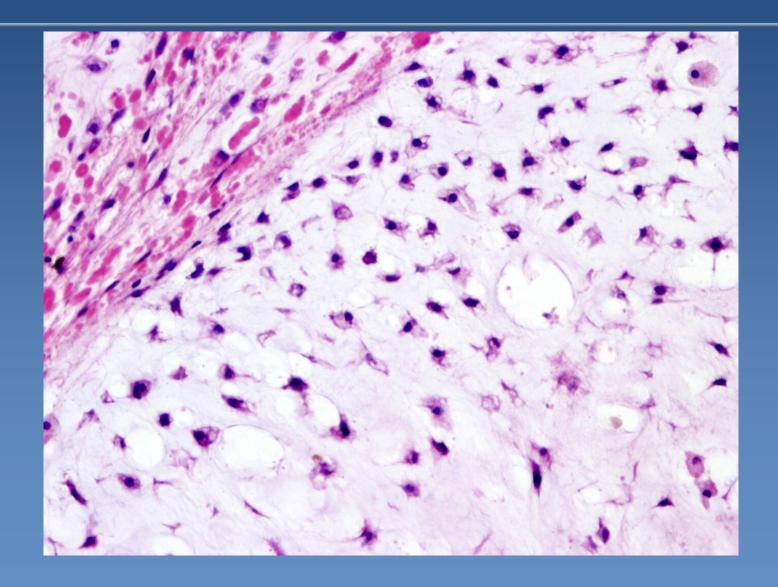
Chondrosarcoma





Chondrosarcoma





Ewing's sarcoma/PNET



- **x** group of small blue round-cell sarcomas, with detectable specific chromosome translocation
 - improved prognosis thanks to aggresive CHT
 - ⇒ 5-year survival for metastatic disease (lungs, bones) is only 25%
- typical in children and young adults
- most often localized in bone marrow, but any other localization possible
- molecular genetic changes:
 - \Rightarrow balanced translocation of EWSR1 (localized on 22nd chromosome) and ETS gene family \rightarrow fusion genes \rightarrow abnormal cell proliferation + survival
 - t(11;22)/ EWSR1-FLI the most common (90%)
 - t(21;22)/*EWSR1-ERG* in 5-9%

Ewing's sarcoma/PNET



gross:

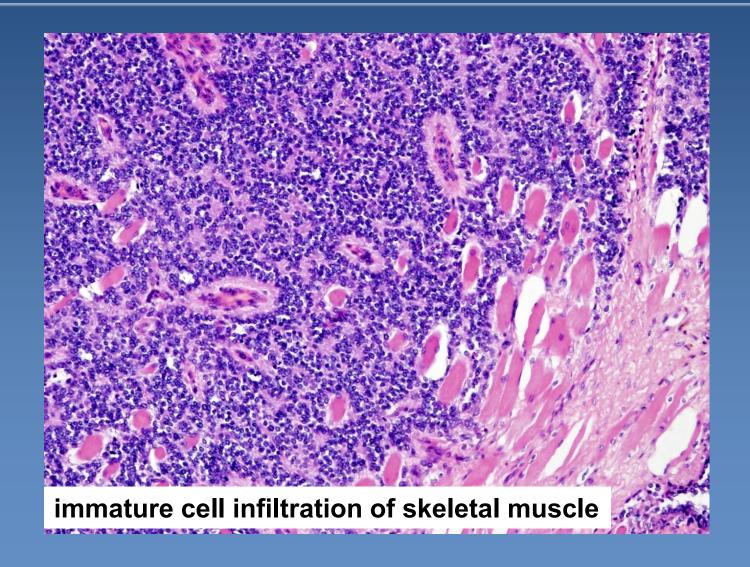
- ⇒ X-ray: osteolytic destructive lesion localized in diaphysis of a long bone + lamelated or "onion skin" type periosteal reaction
- whitish necrotic focus may resemble purulent osteomyelitis
- fragile, necrotic, hemorrhagic tumor in soft tissues and in affected organs

***** micro:

- uniform round cells
- formation of rosettes, pseudorosettes
- necrosis
- **⇒** mitoses

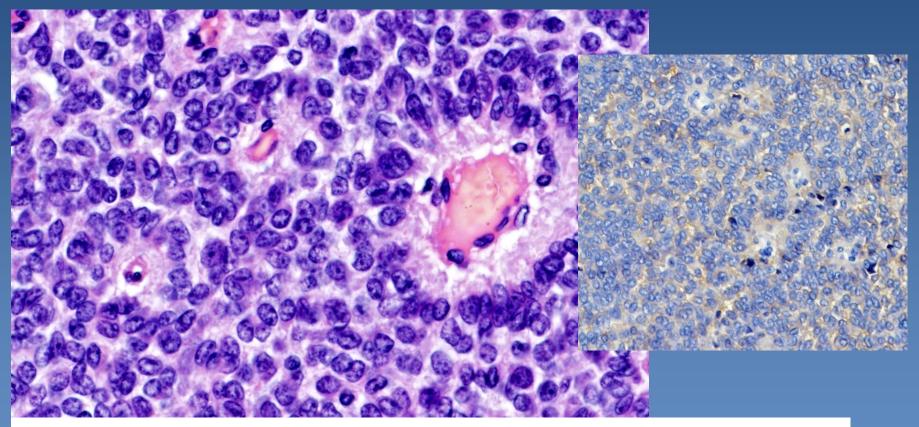
Ewing's sarcoma







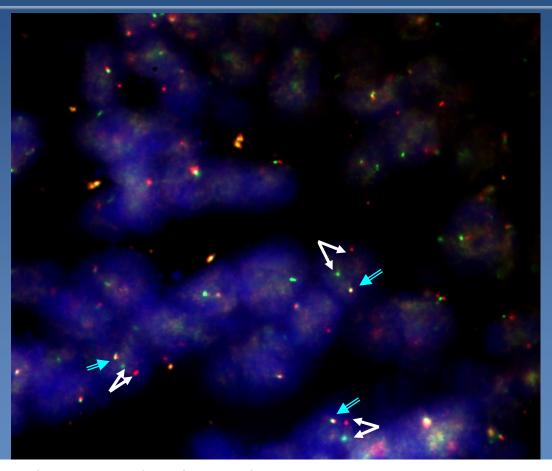




Tumor cell nuclei with dispersed chromatine Right: anti-CD99







FISH: split () *EWSR1* gene on chromosome 22, normal locus EWS ()



JOINTS, SOFT TISSUES

Arthritis uratica - gout



* defective uric acid metabolism

- monosodium urate crystals
 - in joint cartilage, in synovial membrane, in soft tissues surrounding joint (big toe joints...)

acute gouty arthritis

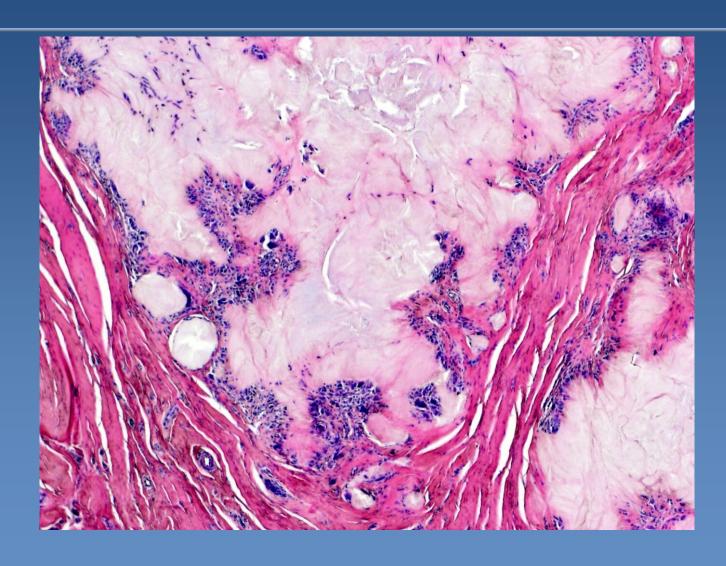
- ⇒ acute synovial membrane inflammation
 - neutrophils, free oxygen radicals, inflammatory synovial membrane damage...

chronic gouty arthritis

- ⇒ after repeated acute attacks
- ⇒ tophus
 - aggregates of urate crystals surrounded by giant cell granuloma

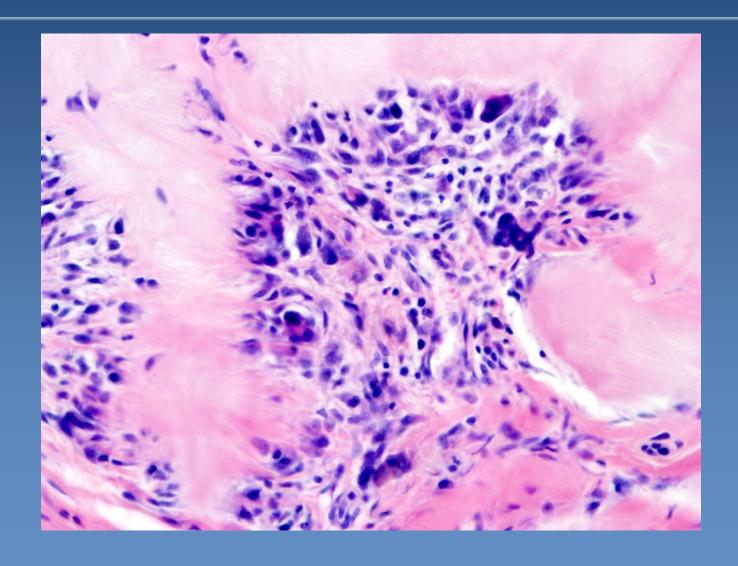
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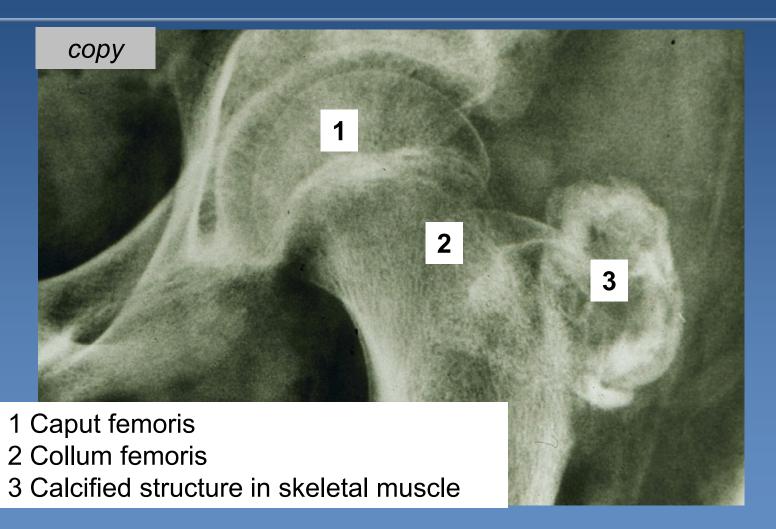
Myositis ossificans



- *tumor-like reactive nodular fibroblastic lesion
- *metaplastic ossification of skeletal muscle following inflammation (diff.dg. x extraskeletal osteosarcoma)
- mostly in young sportsmen, proximal limbs
- ✓ often trauma anamnesis (→ deep haematoma)
- X-Ray: central clearing with ossified border
- micro:
 - central fibroblastic proliferation + hemosiderin
 - metaplastic ossification and regressive muscle changes in the periphery

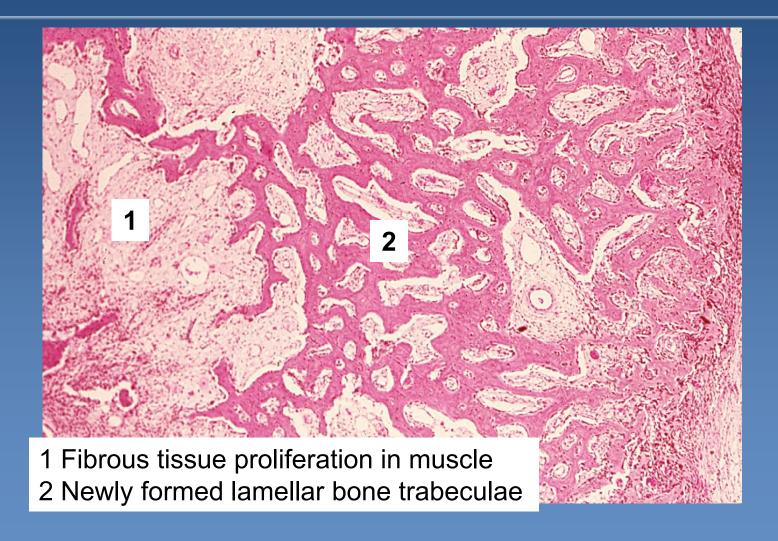
Myositis ossificans





Myositis ossifficans





Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma (Malignant fibrous histiocytoma, MFH)

- high-grade sarcoma
- 30% of all soft tissue sarcomas
 - may occur in dermis and subcutaneous tissue
- often in the thigh region
- mostly in older males
- diagnosis per exclusionem
 - after elimination of any other poorly differentiated mesenchymal or neuroectodermal tumor

"MFH"



gross:

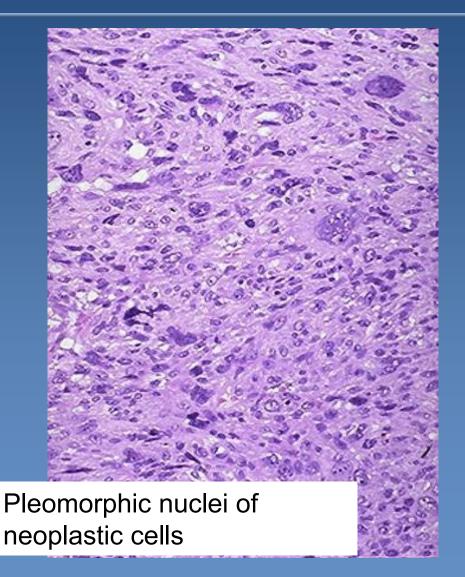
whitish tumor, "fish-flesh" appearance on cut section

micro:

- excessive pleomorphism of tumor cells and cellular architectonics
- bizarre multinucleate cells
- frequent mitotic activity, necrosis
- variants:
 - pleomorphic
 - inflammatory
 - giant-cell

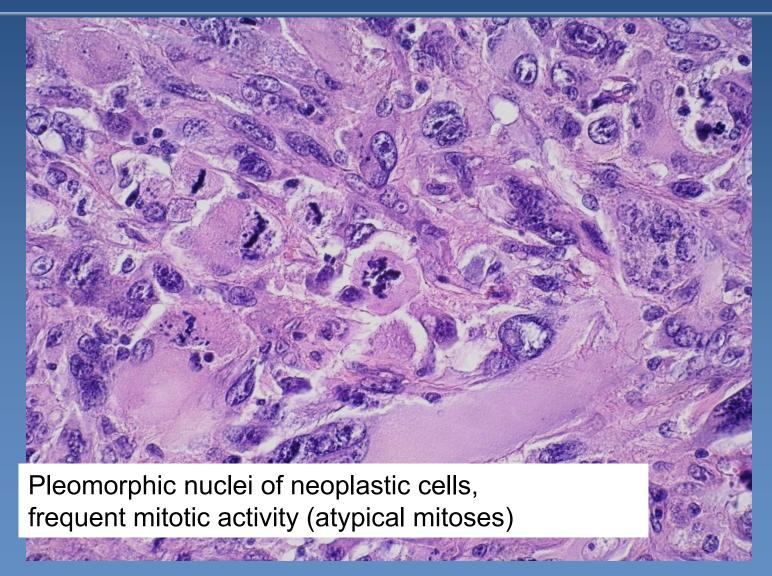
MFH – high grade undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma





MFH – high grade undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma





Synovial sarcoma



- in fact not from synovial cells original cell unclear
- usually balanced translocation t (X;18)
- * typical in adolescents and young adults (15 40s)
- * mostly in deep soft tissues of upper or lower limbs

Synovial sarcoma



* therapy:

⇒resection + CHT, RT

aggressive tumor

- ⇒lung, bones metastases
- ⇒ 5-year survival 25 85 %

***** micro:

- Biphasic variant
 - spindle cells + epithelial component (glandular formations, strands of epithelial cells)
- Monophasic variant
 - spindle cells

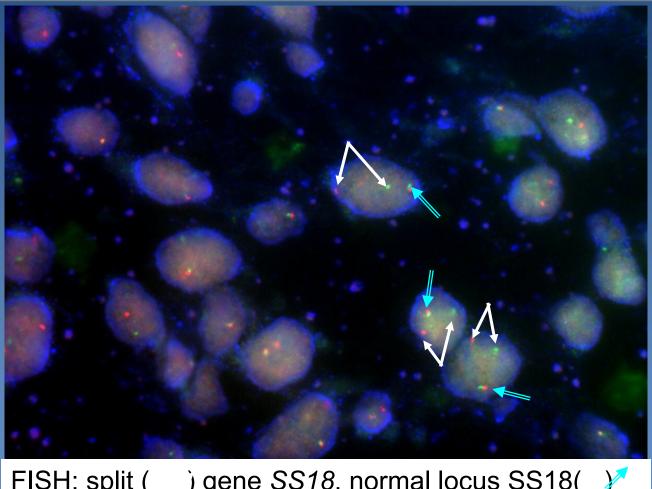












) gene SS18, normal locus SS18() FISH: split (



SKIN - INFLAMMATION





hyperkeratosis

thickened stratum corneum, often associated with marked stratum granulosum

parakeratosis

imperfect keratinization characterized by retention of the nuclear remnants in the stratum corneum, stratum granulosum often missing

dyskeratosis

abnormal monocellular keratinization (disordered or premature)
 occuring within individual cells or groups of cells below the stratum
 granulosum – intraepidermal keratin foci

* acanthosis

hyperplasia of the stratum spinosum

papillomatosis

hyperplasia of papillary dermis with elongation of the dermal papillae



- * chronic inflammatory dermatosis (epidermal hyperproliferation) genetic susceptibility (HLA) + unknown trigger factor; T-cell mediated, TNF, increased epidermal cell proliferation and turnover
- * typical localizations:
 - elbows, knees, extensor surfaces of the skin
 - generalization possible
- sometimes associated with arthropathy, myopathy, enteropathy, etc.



gross:

- well demarcated pink to red plaques
- covered by silvery parakeratotic scales

*micro:

- hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis
 - stratum granulosum thinned or absent
- **⇒** acanthosis
 - thinned suprapapillary layer of dermis, papillary oedema
- neutrophils in the stratum corneum microabscesses
- chronic dermal inflammatory infiltrate

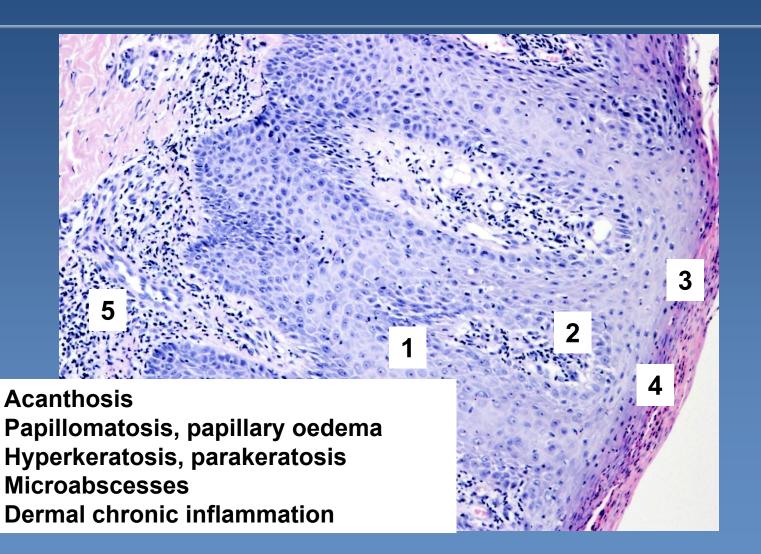


















Lichen ruber planus



- * chronic disease of skin and mucous membranes
- localization
 - wrist, volar side of forearm, lower leg (crus)
- gross
 - pruritic skin-colored polygonal shaped flat-topped papulae
 - may fuse to form purple plaques
 - ⇒oral white reticular lesions





micro:

- ⇒hyperkeratosis without parakeratosis, thickened stratum granulosum
- irregular acanthosis, disperse necrotic keratinocytes
- ⇒interface dermatitis cell-mediated cytotoxic immune reaction — degeneration + destruction of basal keratinocytes, saw-tooth profile
- ⇒dense infiltrate of lymphocytes along the dermoepidermal junction + melanin incontinence (pigment in melanophages)
- x lichenoid infiltrate

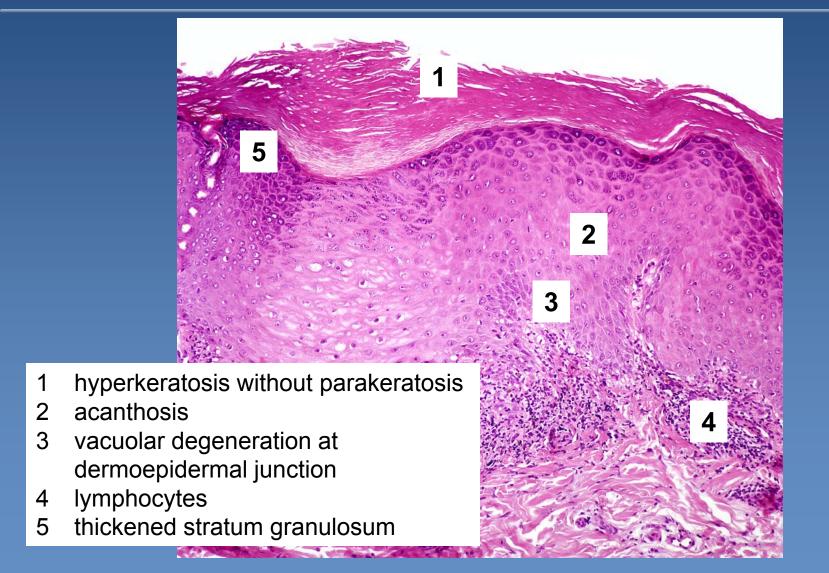
Lichen ruber planus





Lichen ruber planus





Urticaria (hives)



- dermal (interstitial) edema
- * very sparse superficial perivascular and interstitial infiltrate consisting of mononuclear cells with neutrophils and sometimes with eosinophils
- dermographism

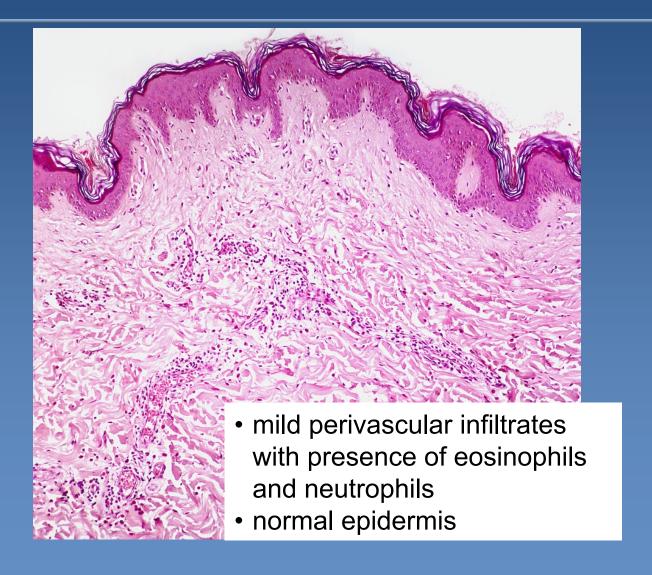
Urticaria (dermographism)





Urticaria





Blistering (bullous) diseases



***** sites of blister formation:

- ⇒ subcorneal
- 🖈 suprabasal
- subepidermal

* causes:

- acantholysis (dissolution of the intercellular bonds of the stratum spinosum)
- **spongiosis** (intercellular edema of the epidermis)
- balooning and reticular degeneration
- cellular vacuolization of the basal cell layer
- necrotic blisters

Epidermolysis bullosa



- group of non-inflammatory blistering disorders
- inherited defects in structural proteins lending mechanical stability to the skin
- blisters on the skin + mucosal membranes due to minimal trauma (pressure, rubbing)
- 🗴 dg.
 - \Rightarrow IF
 - ⇒ ELMI
 - **⇒** molecular-genetic methods

Epidermolysis bullosa





C

B

A, B: large erosions

C: collagen VII absence in the dermoepidermal junction (IF)

D: collagen VII - positive control (IF)

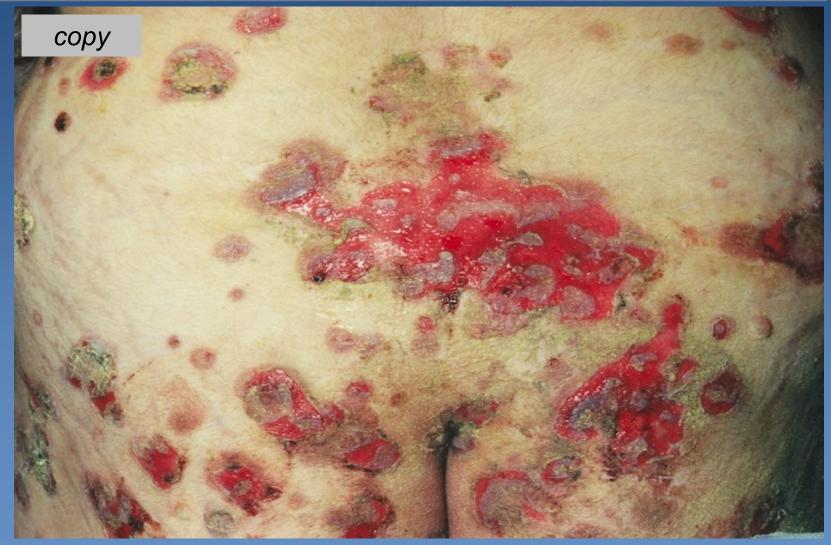
Pemphigus vulgaris



- * life threatening disease, may start at any age (more common 4-6th decade)
- repeated attacks
- **x** acantholysis → large blisters formation
 - $\rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$ loss of fluids, proteins; secondary infection
- *****auto-antibodies → dissolution of desmosomes
- * suprabasal blisters (skin+mucosa oral), frequent eosinophils
- immunofluorescence
 - intercellular IgG deposits between keratinocytes

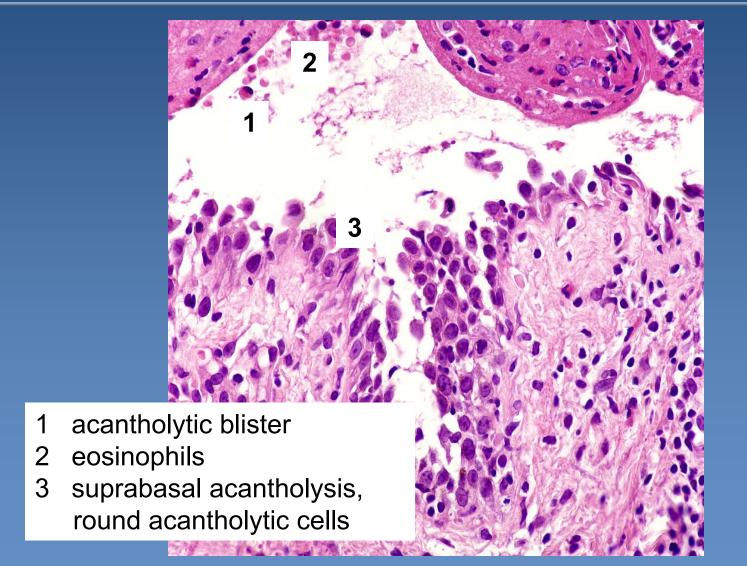
Pemphigus vulgaris





Pemphigus vulgaris





Bullous pemphigoid



- chronic skin disease
- benign affection (x pemphigus vulgaris)
- patients mostly over 60 years; skin +/- mucosa
- * subepidermal tense nonacantholytic blister, numerous eosinophils (better healing)
- immunofluorescence: deposits of Ig, C3 along the basement membrane, fibrin

Bullous pemphigoid





1 subepidermal blister – basal layer vacuolizati 2 fibrin and eosinophils

2 inflammatory infiltrate (presence of eosinophils)

Herpes simplex

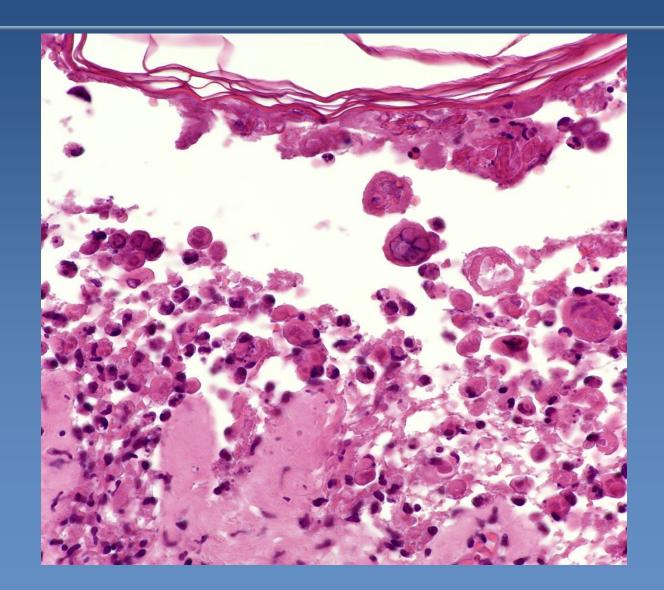


recurrent disease, painful erythematous vesicles, often erosive

- localization
 - → lip border
 - anogenital region

Herpes simplex





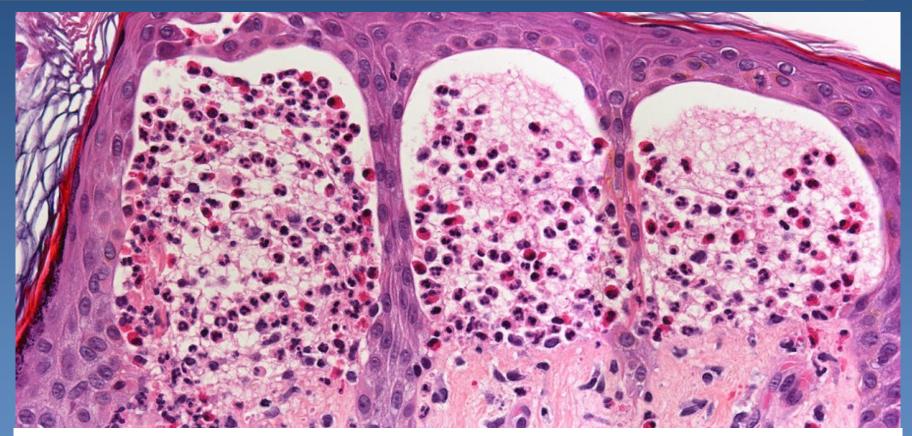
Dermatitis herpetiformis Duhring



- chronic skin disease, urticaria + groups of vesicles
- dietary gluten hypersensitivity(possible association with celiac disease)
- extreme pruritus (+ scratching excoriations)
- intrapapillary edema, subepidermal blister
- numerous neutrophils (at the tips of dermal papillae)
- immunofluorescence:
 - subepidermal IgA deposition

Dermatitis herpetiformis





Intrapapillary edema and neutrophilic accumulation (small subepidermal vesicles)

Granulomas



- chronic skin disease
- dense accumulation of modified histiocytes in dermis
- histology:
 - epitheloid granulomas
 - palisading granulomas
 - inflammatory granulomas
- aetiology:
- infectious: mycobacteria, fungi
- non-infectious: foreign body
- uncertain immune-mediated origin

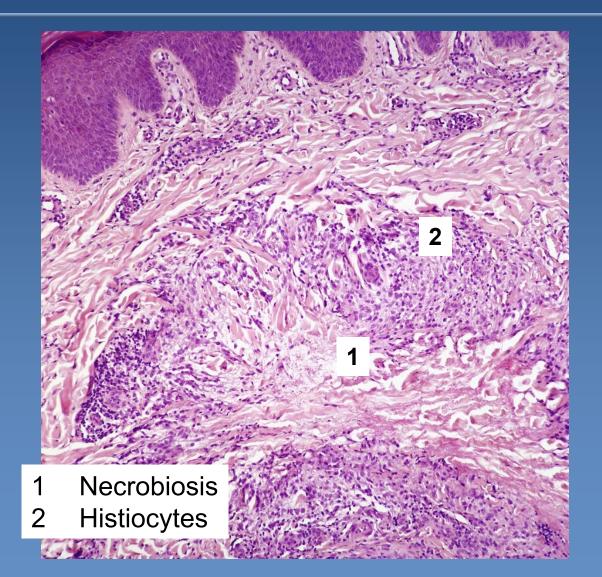
Granuloma annulare



- acquired chronic skin disease of unknown aetiology
- usually self-limited (even spontaneously)
- multiple round lesions with elevated borders
- micro:
 - palisading granuloma in the dermis
 - poorly demarcated
 - centered to foci of necrobiosis (degenerated collagen)

Granuloma annulare





Necrobiosis lipoidica



- acquired chronic skin disease
- often associated with diabetes mellitus, females

***** localization:

crural region of legs

micro:

- **⇒ large** areas of necrobiosis
- surrounding rim of histiocytes
- positive lipid stain

Necrobiosis lipoidica





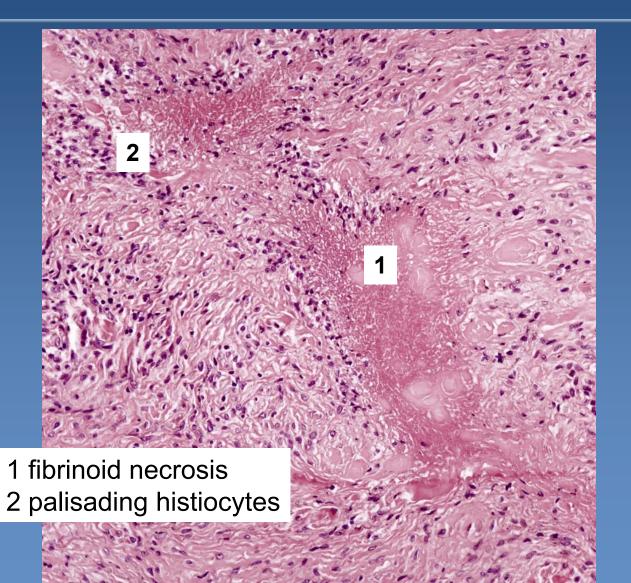
Rheumatoid nodules



- patients with rheumatoid arthritis
- ***** localization:
 - mostly extensor sites of limbs, but it can occur elsewhere(+ extracutaneous localization diff. dg. x tumors)
- nodules (mm-5cm) localized deep in dermis
- micro:
 - ⇒ large palisading granulomas around fibrinoid necrosis

Rheumatoid nodules





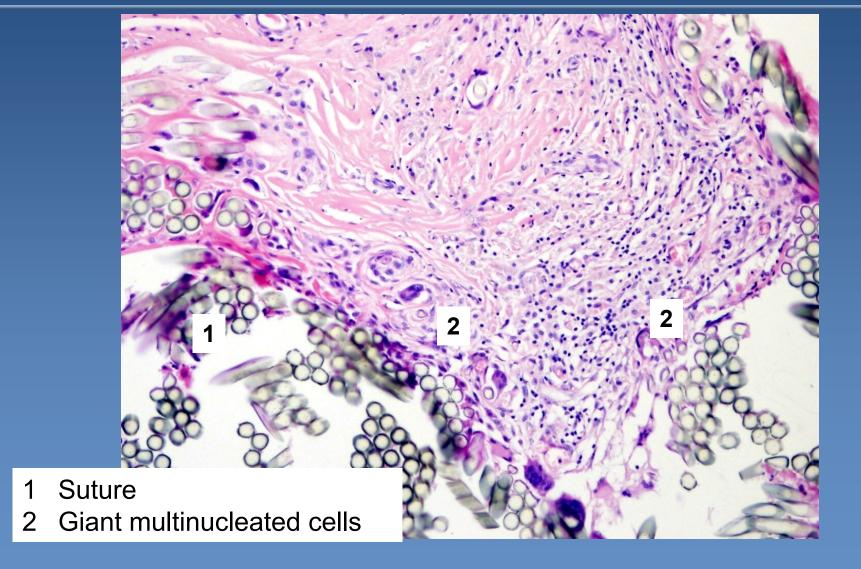
Foreign body granuloma



- epithelioid granulomas surrounding foreign material
- multinucleated giant cells
- foreign material can often be visualized by polarized light
- process often associated with purulent inflammation
- ***** example:
 - Schloffer`s pseudotumor around suture material

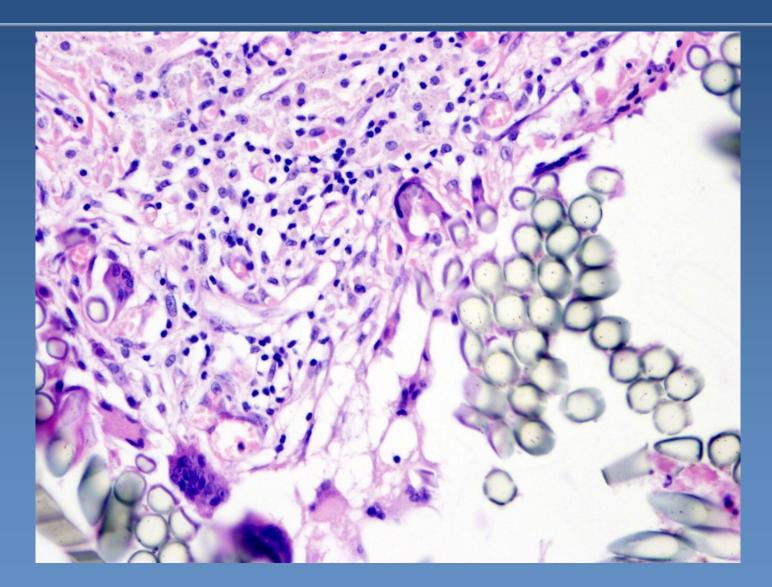
Schloffer`s pseudotumor





Schloffer`s pseudotumor





Lupus erythematosus



- chronic autoimmune multisystem disease
 - kidney, skin, joints, lungs, heart, serosal membranes, mucous membranes, CNS
- clinic:
 - acute onset
 - **⇒** subacute
 - chronic (insidious onset)

Systemic lupus erythematosus SLE

***** etiology:

- failure of the self-tolerance mechanism
- genetic predisposition + unknown trigger
- CMV?, EBV?, hereditary factors, female hormones?

clinic:

- remitting, relapsing disease
- fever, muscle pain, arthralgia diff. dg. x sepsis!
- ⇒ seizures- diff. dg. x epilepsy!
- antinuclear and antiphospholipid antibodies, anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia

SLE



* skin:

- involved in 80% of patients
- ⇒ <u>specific</u>: maculopapular exanthema in face ("butterfly pattern"); UV-sensitive
- nonspecific: chronic skin ulcers

heart:

- pericarditis, myocarditis
- ⇒ Libman-Sacks verrucous non-bacterial endocarditis

* lungs:

pleuritis, lupus pneumonitis

SLE



kidney:

> lupus nephritis

× CNS involvement

various symptoms

hematologic disorders:

anemia, leukocytopenia, lymphocytopenia, thrombocytopenia, antiphospholipid antibodies

joint involvement

arthralgia, migrating polyarthritis, joint deformity, diff. dg. x rheumatoid arthritis

SLE



- micro:
 - ⇒ hyperkeratosis
 - atrophy of the basal epidermal layer
 - dermal edema
 - periadnexal lymphocytic infiltrate

Discoid lupus erythematosus



- form of lupus limited to the skin
- anitinuclear antibody positivity in 70%
 - ⇒ negative SLE specific antibodies
- clinic:
 - chronic disease, relapsing and remitting
 - transform in systemic form in 5-10% of patients (after 10-20 years)

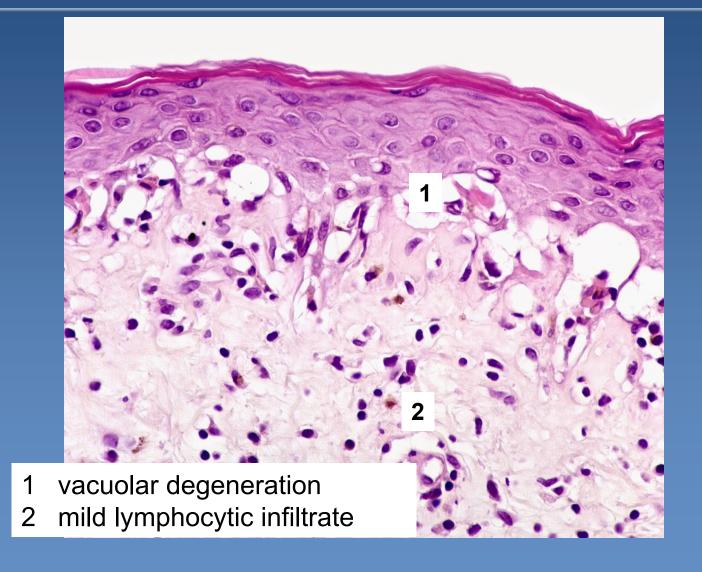
SLE – exanthema ("butterfly pattern")





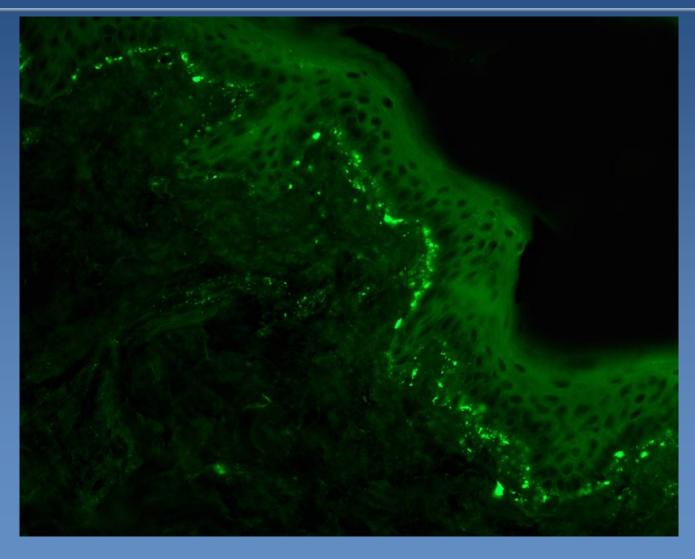
SLE - acute form





SLE – Immunofluorescence (lupus band)







SKIN - TUMORS

Verruca vulgaris



- caused by HPV (type 2, less often type 1, 4, 7...)
- **transmission**: direct contact, autoinoculation
- *most frequent localization: fingers, feet
- gross:
 - warty papule with a rough surface, gray-white to tan, skin color

micro:

- ⇒ papillomatous (verrucous) epidermal hyperplasia with acanthosis, hyperkeratosis and parakeratosis
- intracytoplasmatic viral inclusions
- reactive mononuclear infiltrate in dermis and interstitium

Plantar verruca





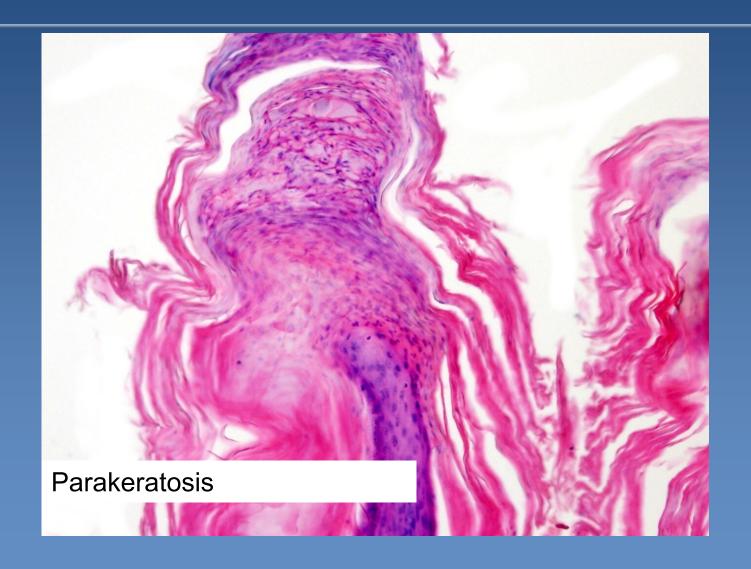
Verruca vulgaris





Verruca vulgaris

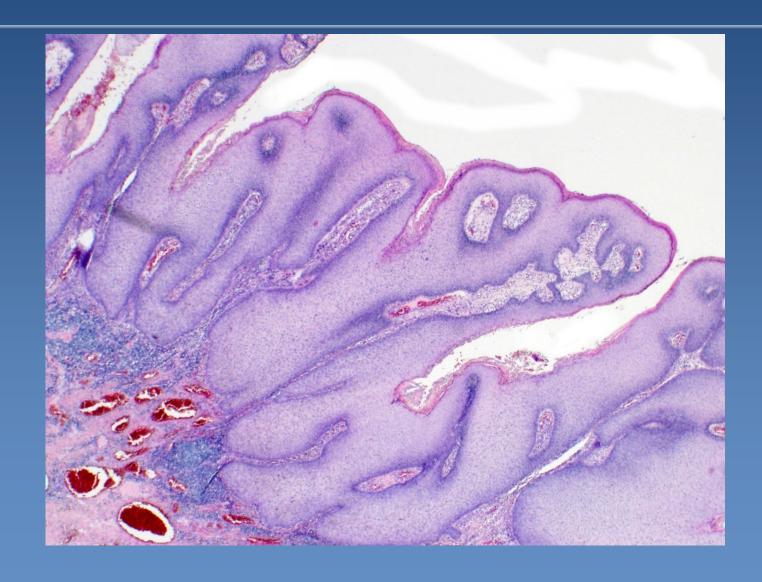




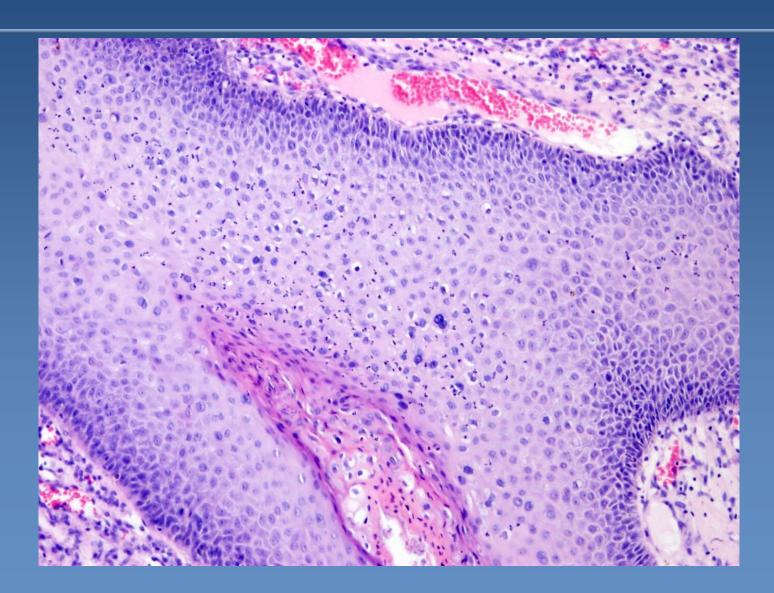


- caused by HPV, mainly type 6,11 etc. localized in anogenital region
- sexually transmitted disease
 - venereal wart, incubation time 2-3 months
- gross:
 - wart-like (often multiple) lesion in typical localization
- micro:
 - - cells with shrinked dark nuclei surrounded with empty "halo", bi- or multinucleated cells
 - hyper-, para- and dyskeratosis

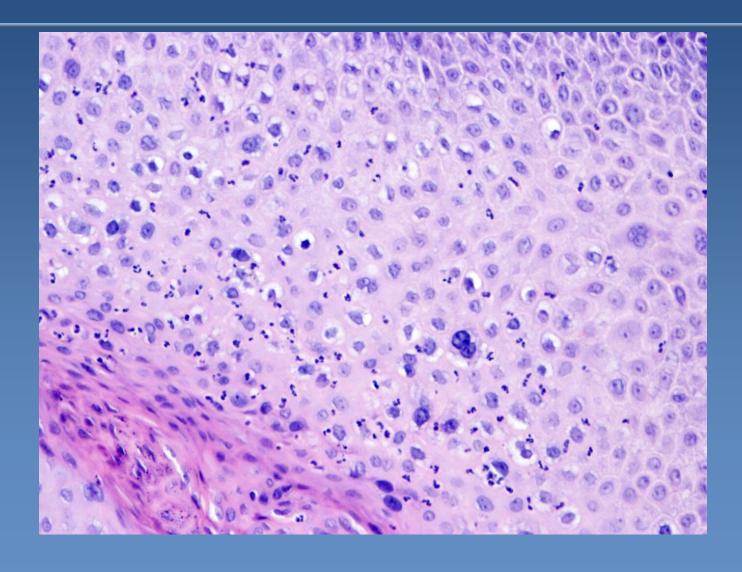














- common benign cutaneous tumor
- # gross:
 - well demarcated hyperpigmented papule of "greasy waxy appearance"

***** micro:

- hyperkeratosis, papillomatosis, acanthosis
- formation of "horn" cysts filled with keratin lamellae
- variable melanin pigmentation often present















Actinic keratosis



- intraepidermal dysplasia precancerosis
- occurs at sites of chronic sun exposure

(head, neck, shoulder...)

gross:

areas of thickened, rough skin + small excoriations, atrophy

micro:

- dysplasia up to variable layer of the epidermis (starts at basal layer)
- atrophy + hyperkeratosis, parakeratosis + dense chronic inflammatory infiltrate in superficial dermis

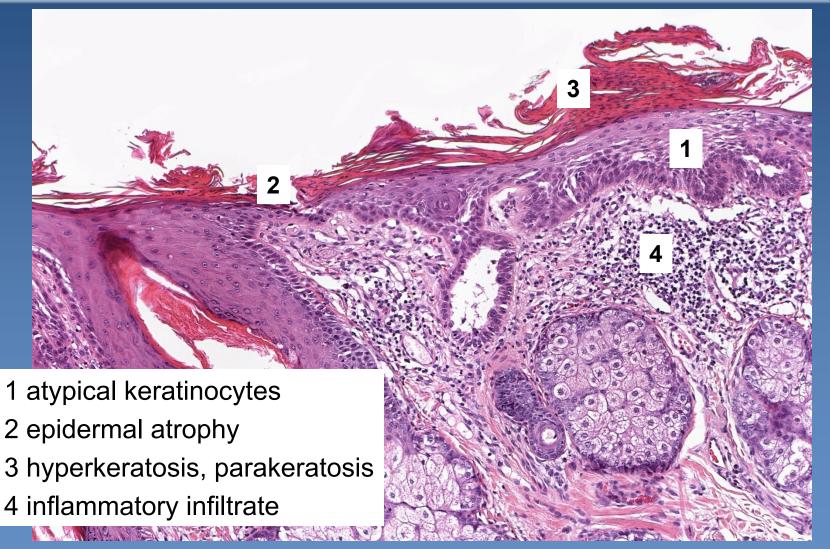
Actinic keratosis





Actinic keratosis





Basal cell carcinoma



- locally aggressive carcinoma (rarely metastasize)
- * typically at the sites of chronic sun exposure

≭gross:

- ⇒ flat / nodular lesion of skin color; erythematous plaque (superficial BCC)
- may contain melanin pigment
- often central ulceration

***** micro:

- ⇒ hyperchromatic dark basaloid cell nests
- peripheral palisading
- mitoses frequent,
- stroma shrinks away from the tumor nests, creating clefts or separation artifacts

Basal cell carcinoma

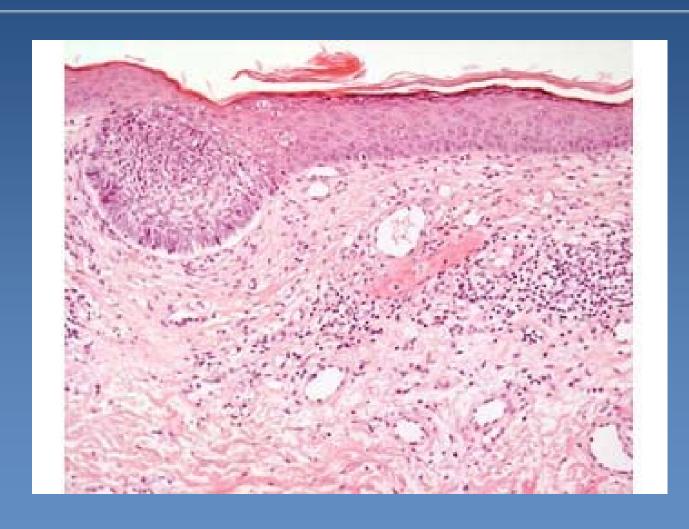




Superficial basal cell carcinoma

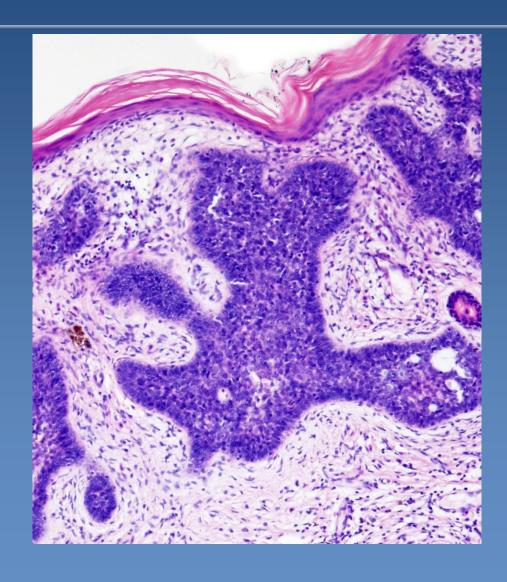


Superficial basal cell carcinoma



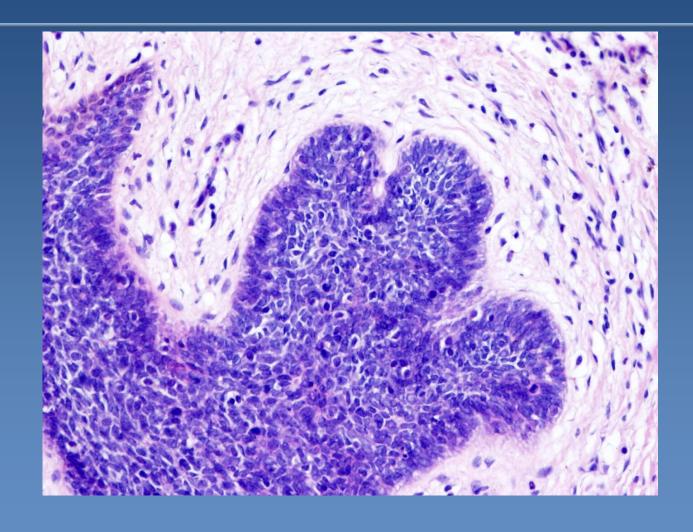
Basal cell carcinoma





Basal cell carcinoma





Squamous cell carcinoma



*****UV light, HPV, chronic ulcers + wounds, chemical carcinogenes

gross:

- ⇒ sharply demarcated scaling plaques, sm. elevated or nodular lesion of firm consistency
- possible ulceration

micro:

- tumor cells arranged in cords and nests
 - cells on the edge of nests smaller, to the centre increased cytoplasmic volume (\sim stratum spinosum)
 - atypical mitoses at all levels of epidermis
 - variabler keratinization, dyskeratosis, keratine pearls
 - intercellular bridges

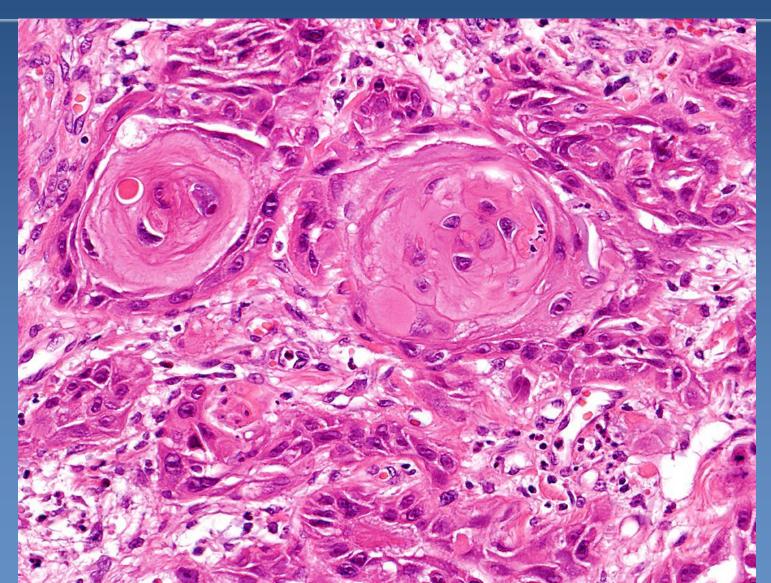
Squamous cell carcinoma





Squamous cell carcinoma









Benign:

- freckles (ephelides)
- benign lentigo
- pigmented nevus
- spindle and epitheloid cell nevus (Spitz nevus)
- atypical (dysplastic) nevus

Malignant melanoma:

- 🟓 lentigo maligna
- superficial spreading melanoma
- nodular melanoma
- acral lentiginous melanoma

Pigmented nevus



- benign tumor, congenital or acquired
- congenital nevus usually larger (esthetic surgery)
- micro:

⇒junctional nevi

groups of pigmented cells (= nests) grow in dermoepidermal junction

compound nevi

 nests grow in junction zone and into the underlying dermis (in dermis arranged also in cords)

⇔intradermal nevi

nests/cords only in the dermis

Melanocytic lesions



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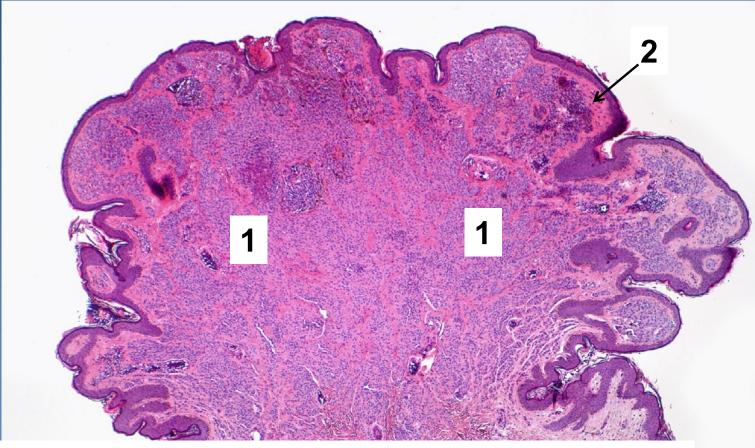
Normal	Ephilis (freckle)	Lentigo	Junctional naevus	Compound naevus	Intradermal naevus	Blue naevus
One melanocyte to six basal cells	No increase in number but increase in pigment	Increased numbers	Nests of naevus cells	Nests in dermis but cells get smaller with depth	Naevus cells only in dermis	Nodules of dendritic cells deep in dermis

Pigmented nevus



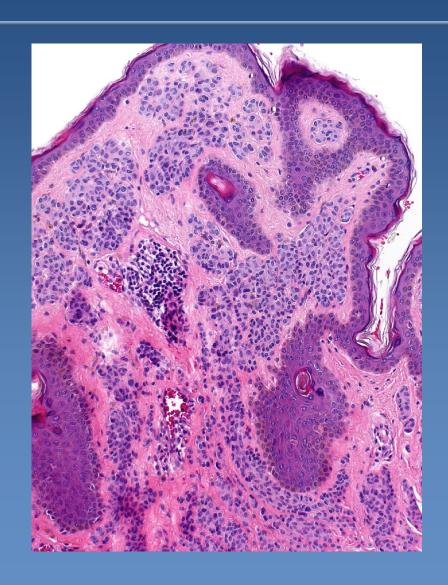


Intradermal pigmented nevus



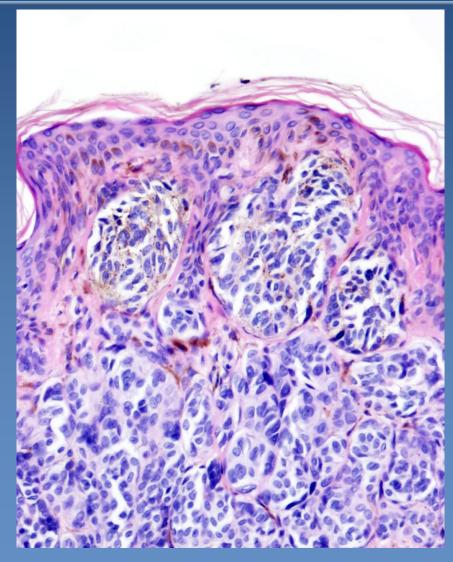
- 1. Melanocytes
- 2. Papillary dermis separating nests of melanocytes and epidermis

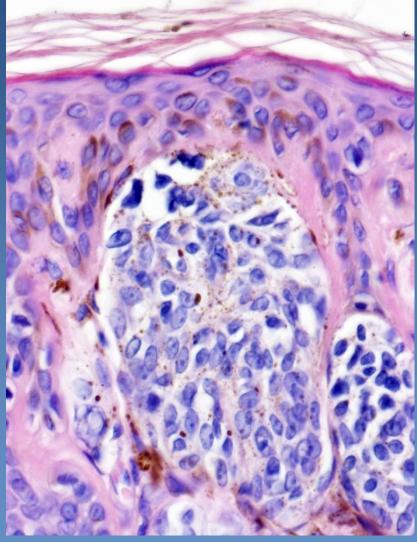
Intradermal pigmented nevus



Compound pigmented nevus







Malignant melanoma



origin:

- malignization of preexisting nevi
- ⇒de novo

***** localization:

- ⇒ skin
- mucous membranes
- **⇒** meninges
- **⇒**eye





😕 gross:

- similarity to congenital nevus at early stage
- irregular borders
- variegation of color within a pigmented lesion
- ulceration, darkening, bleeding at late stages

clinic ABCD rule

- Assymetry
- irregular **B**order
- uneven Colour
- Diameter > 6mm

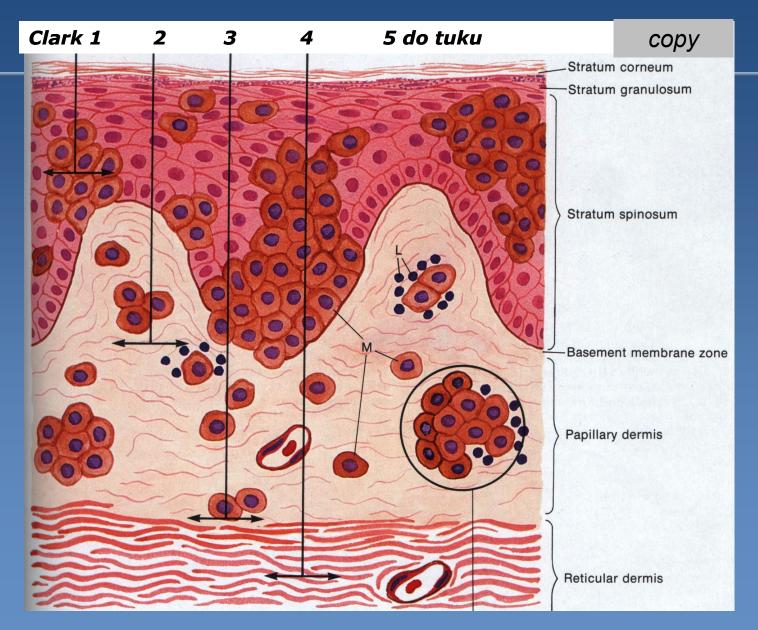
Malignant melanoma



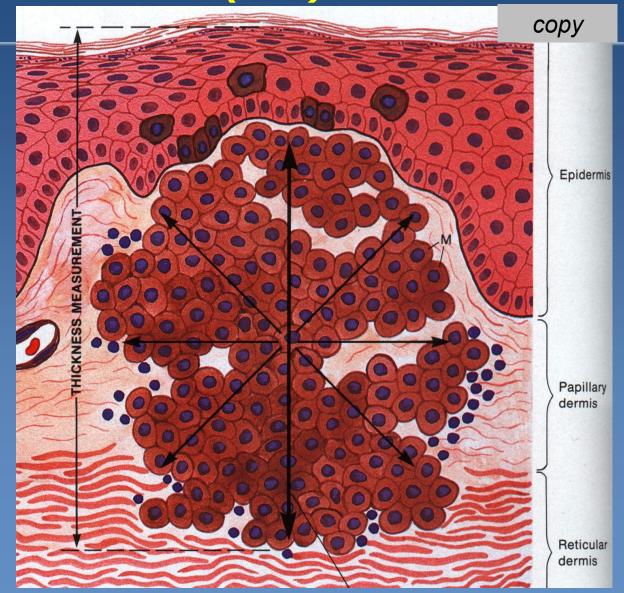
micro:

- *⇒* assymetry
- atypical pleomorphic epitheloid or spindle cells
- ⇒ large hyperchromatic nuclei with prominent nucleoli
- mitoses (atypically localized)
- irregular rough granular pigmentation
 - forms with complete absence of pigment possible
- immunoprofile:
 - melan A, HMB-45, S-100

Depth of melanoma invasion by Clark



Depth of melanoma invasion by Breslow (mm)



Melanoma – prognostic factors

- thickness of lesion by Breslow (groups of 1-2-4 mm)
- depth of invasion by Clark (in TNM)
- ulceration
- mitotic rate
- parcial regression (worse prognosis)
- presence of tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes
- Iymphovascular invasion
- females longer survival
- longer survival by localization on limbs
 - except of subungual and plantar form (acral lentiginous melanoma worse prognosis)





3 growth phases:

melanoma in situ (intraepidermal phase)

> radial growth phase - superficial MM

 superficial growth within epidermal layers associated with invasion into the papillary dermis

> vertical growth phase - nodular MM

- downward invasion into the reticular dermis
- clone of cells with metastatic potential

Lentigo maligna



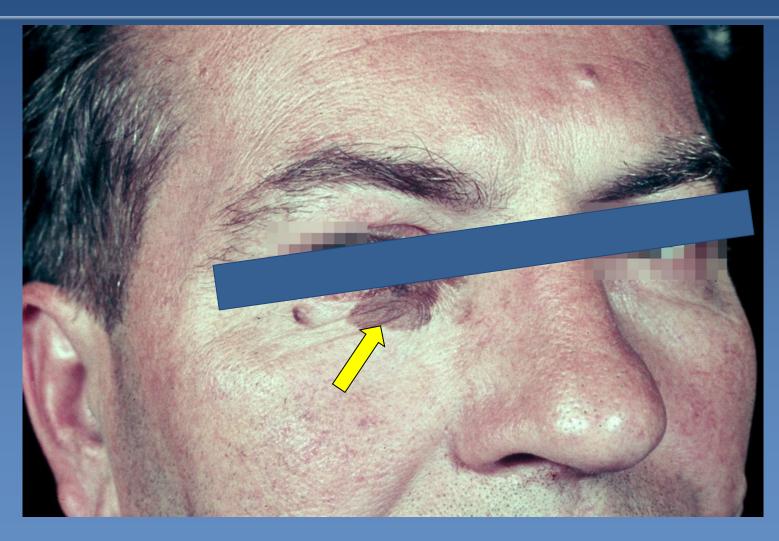
- severe intraepidermal melanocytic dysplasia
 - melanoma in situ; may progress lentigo maligna melanoma
- **gross:**
 - irregular pigmented lesion, mostly localized on the face

micro:

- atypical melanocytes single in dermoepidermal junction and in all layers of the epidermis
- pidermal atrophy and basophilic collagen degeneration

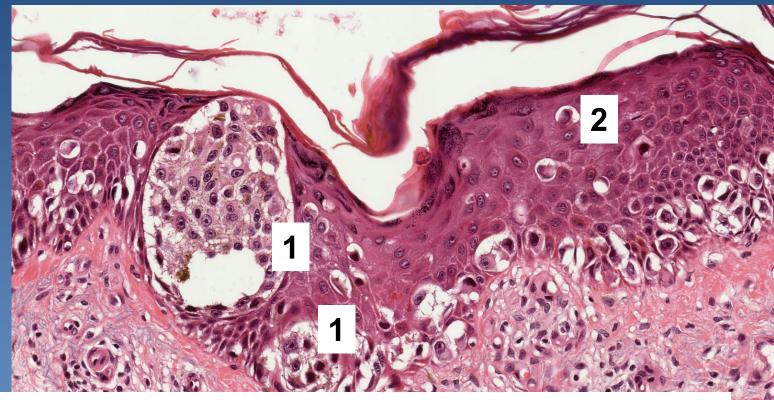
Lentigo maligna melanoma





Lentigo maligna melanoma





- 1 irregular nests in the junction zone
- 2 melanocytes in all epidermal layers (pagetoid spread)

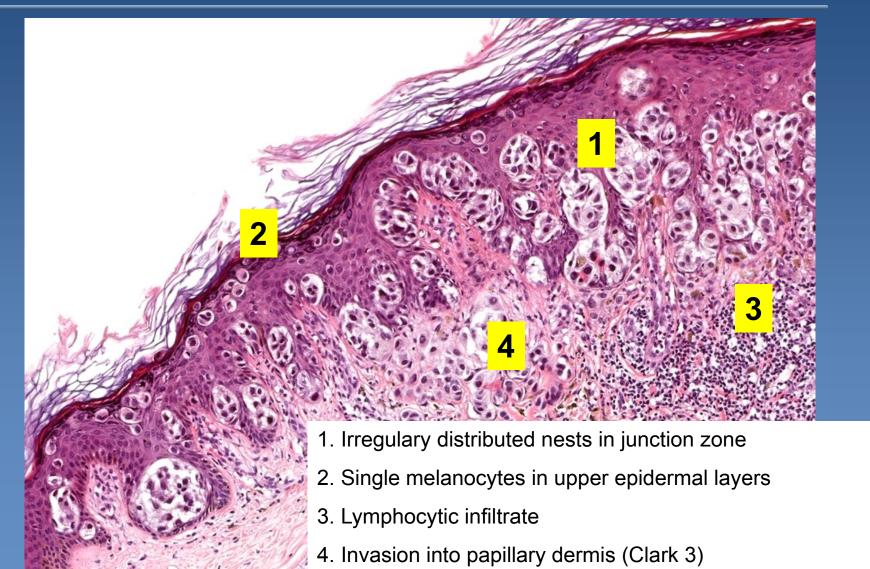
Malignant melanoma radial growth phase - SSM





Malignant melanoma radial growth phase - SSM





Malignant melanoma vertical growth phase



- SSM + nodular clone of melanoblasts with vertical growth
- worse prognosis
- *****gross:
 - irregular variably pigmented macule + prominent nodule
- micro: SSM + different neoplastic clone, bigger nest with vertical growth

Malignant melanoma vertical growth phase with nodularity



Malignant melanoma – nodular MM



- growth zone in the dermis
- metastasizes, depends on prognostic factors
 - ⇒ first into lymph nodes, later hematogenous spreading into literally any organ/tissue
 - > radical excision

gross:

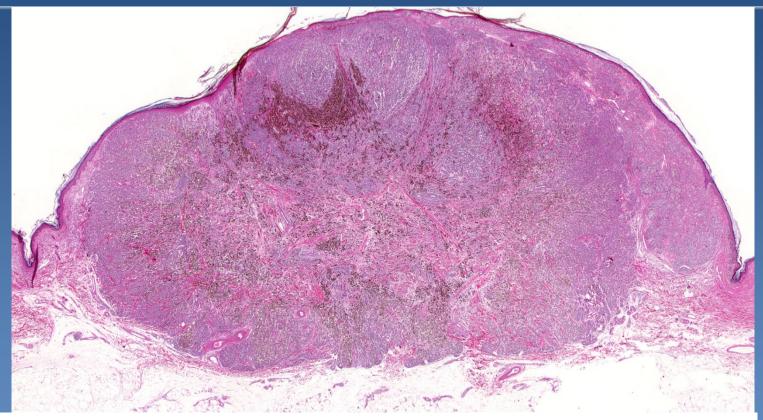
nodule of various color

micro:

- tumorous melanocytes forming nodule of various size in the dermis
 - tumor cells differ from radial growth component (new tumorous clone) most often epitheloid appearance
 - maturation to the base of the lesion absent

Malignant melanoma - nodular MM

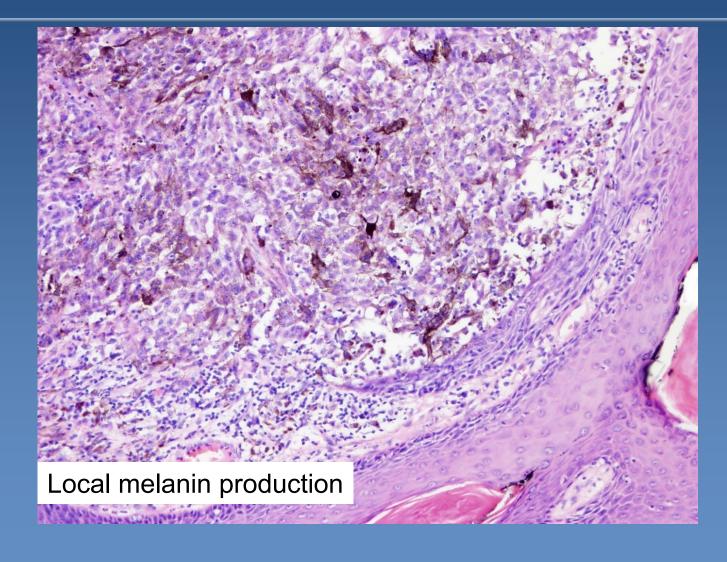




Large tumor infiltrating fat tissue, without horizontal growth component; local enormous melanin production

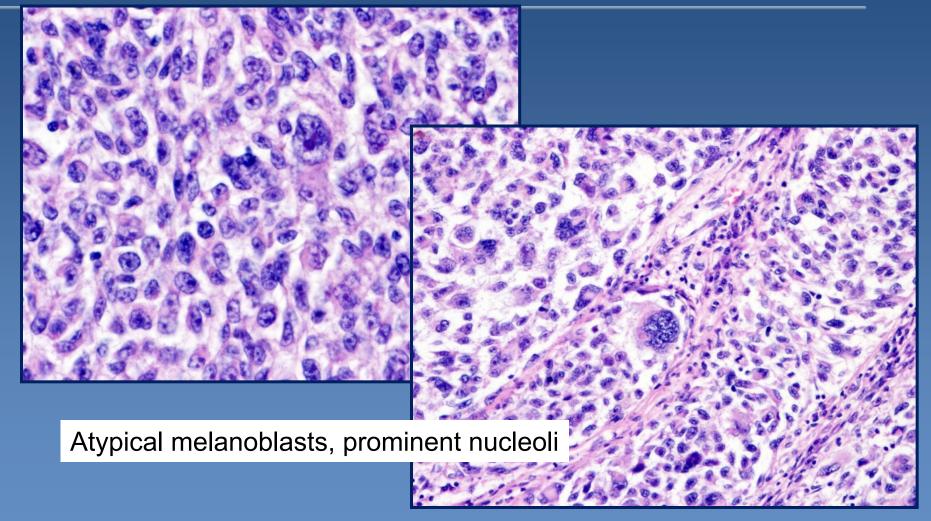
Malignant melanoma vertical growth phase - nodular MM





Malignant melanoma nodular MM





Malignant melanoma liver metastases





