

# Small and Large Intestinal pathology, part 3

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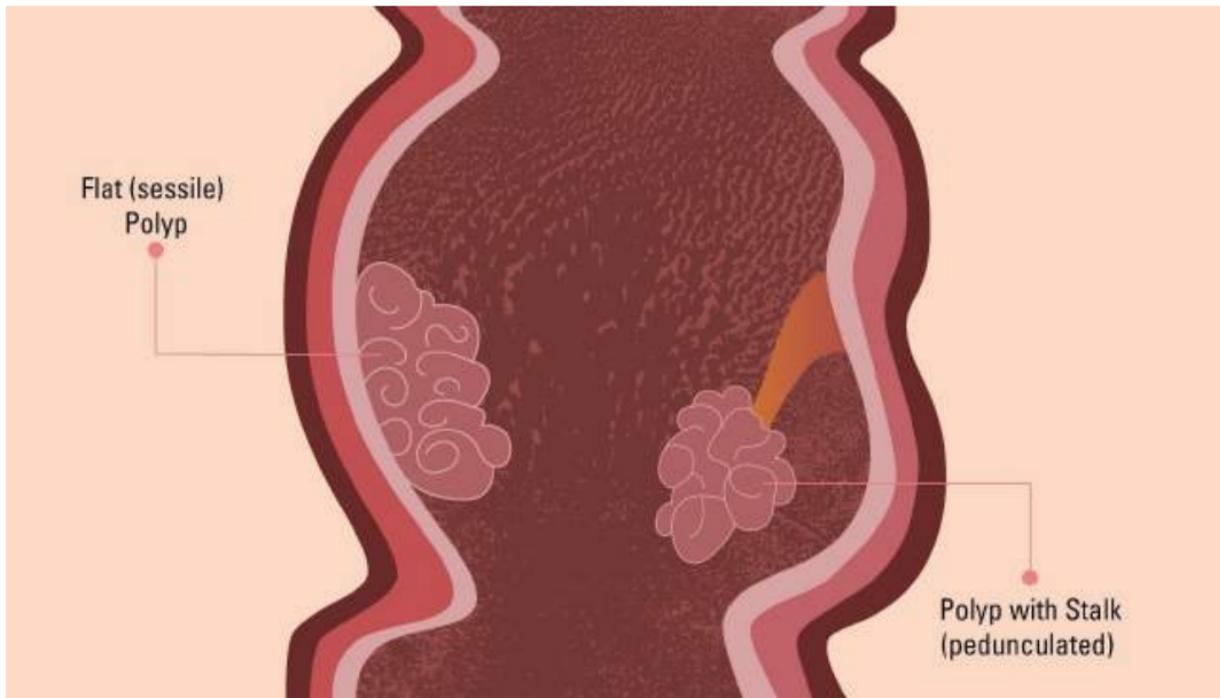
# Diseases of the intestines

- ▶ Intestinal obstruction
- ▶ Vascular disorders
- ▶ Malabsorptive diseases and infections
- ▶ Inflammatory bowel disease.
- ▶ **Polyps and neoplastic diseases**

# COLONIC POLYPS AND NEOPLASTIC DISEASE

- ▶ Colon is most common site for polyps
- ▶ *Sessile polyp*: no stalk
- ▶ *Pedunculated polyp*: stalk.
  
- ▶ *Neoplastic polyps*: adenoma.
- ▶ *Non neoplastic polyps*: inflammatory, hamartomatous, or hyperplastic

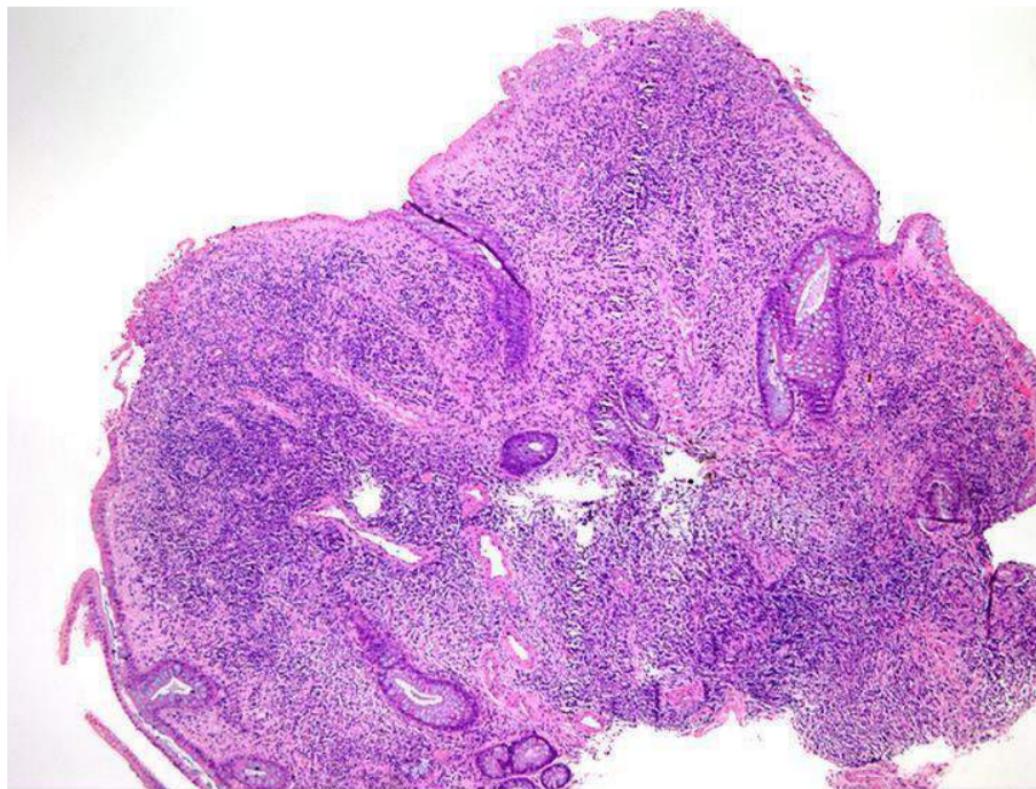
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# Inflammatory Polyps

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- ▶ *Solitary rectal ulcer syndrome.*
- ▶ Recurrent abrasion and ulceration of the overlying rectal mucosa.
- ▶ Chronic cycles of injury and healing give a polypoid mass of inflamed and reactive mucosal tissue.



4x: low power, dense inflammation in lamina propria

# Hamartomatous Polyps

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- ▶ Sporadic or syndromatic.
- ▶ Disorganized, tumor-like growth composed of mature cell types normally present at that site.
  
- ▶ Juvenile Polyps
- ▶ Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome

# Juvenile Polyps

▶ Most common hamartomatous polyp

▶ **Sporadic are solitary.**

Children younger than 5 years of age  
Rectum.

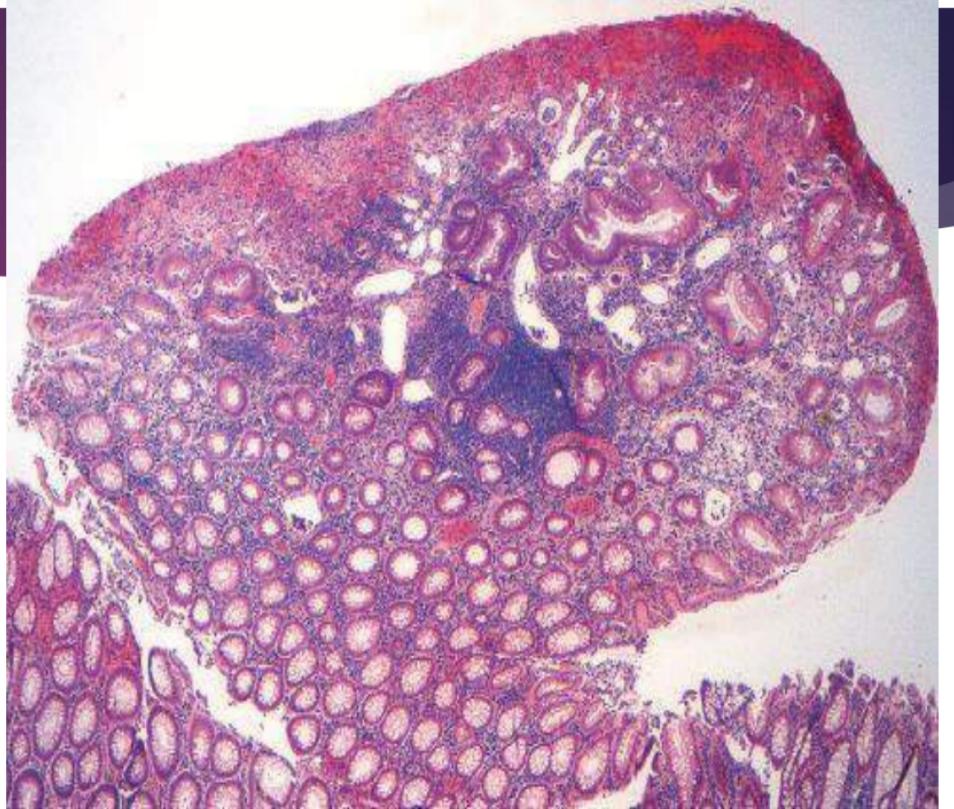
▶ **Syndromic are multiple.**

3 to as many as 100. Mean age 5 years  
Autosomal dominant syndrome of juvenile polyposis  
Transforming growth factor- $\beta$  (TGF- $\beta$ ) mutation.  
Increased risk for colonic adenocarcinoma.

# Juvenile Polyps

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- ▶ Pedunculated
- ▶ Reddish lesions
- ▶ Cystic spaces on cut sections
- ▶ Dilated glands filled with mucin and inflammatory debris.
- ▶ Granulation tissue on surface.



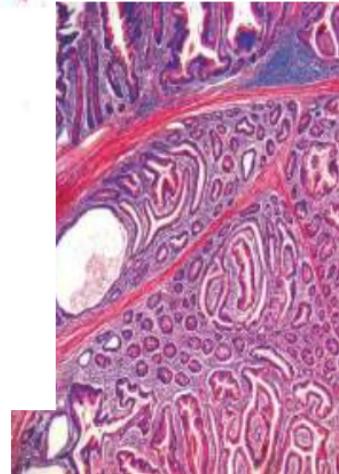
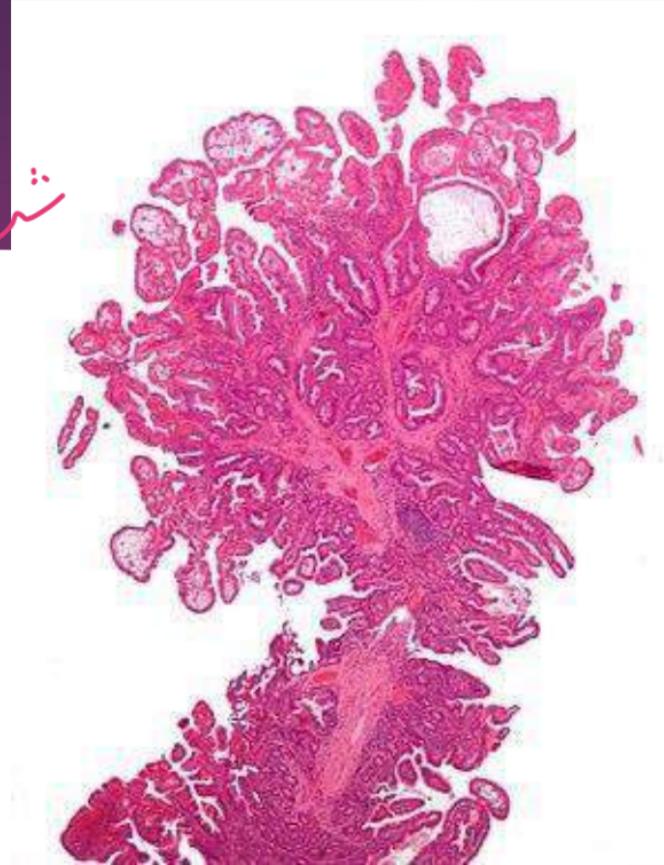
# Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome

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- ▶ Autosomal dominant, rare
  - ▶ Mean age: 10-15 years.
  - ▶ Multiple gastrointestinal hamartomatous polyps
  - ▶ Most common in the small intestine.
  - ▶ Mucocutaneous hyperpigmentation
  - ▶ Increased risk for several malignancies: colon, pancreas, breast, lung, ovaries, uterus, and testes,
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- ▶ LKB1/STK11 gene mutation.

# Peutz-Jeghers polyp

- ▶ Large.
- ▶ Arborizing network of connective tissue, smooth muscle, lamina propria
- ▶ Glands lined by normal-appearing intestinal epithelium
- ▶ Christmas tree pattern.



# Mucocutaneous pigmentation



# Hyperplastic Polyps

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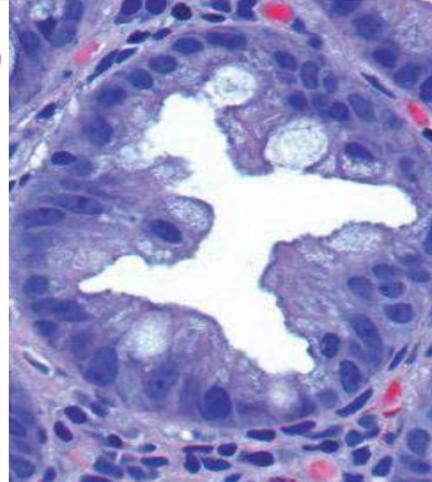
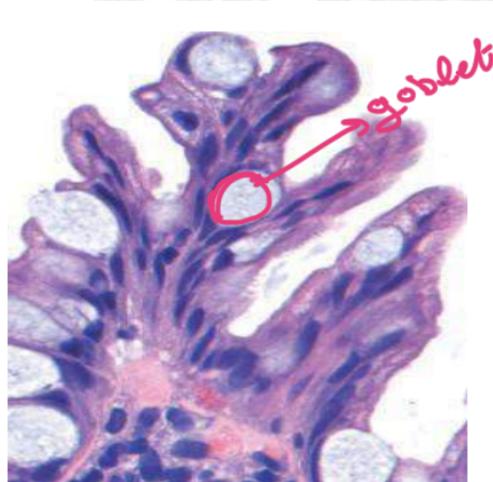
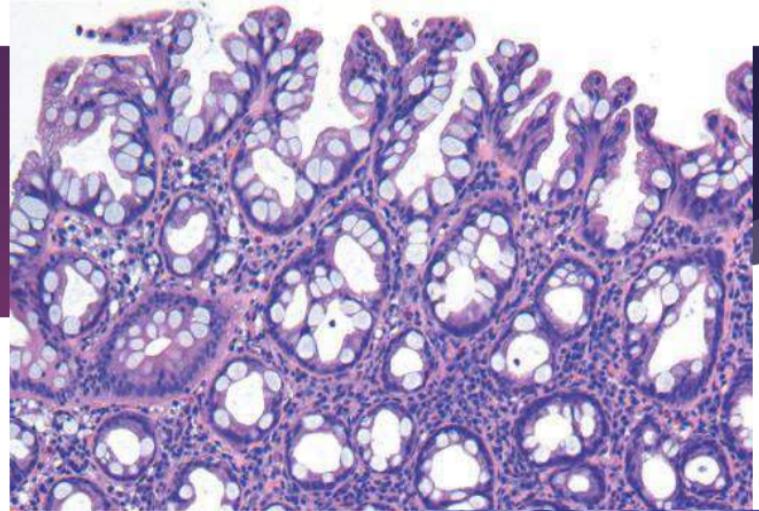
- ▶ Common
- ▶ 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> decade.
- ▶ Decreased epithelial turnover and delayed shedding of surface epithelium >>> pileup of goblet cells & epithelial overcrowding
- ▶ **No malignant potential**

# Hyperplastic polyp

- ▶ Left colon
- ▶ Rectosigmoid.
- ▶ Small < 5 mm
- ▶ Multiple

- ▶ Crowding of goblet & absorptive cells.

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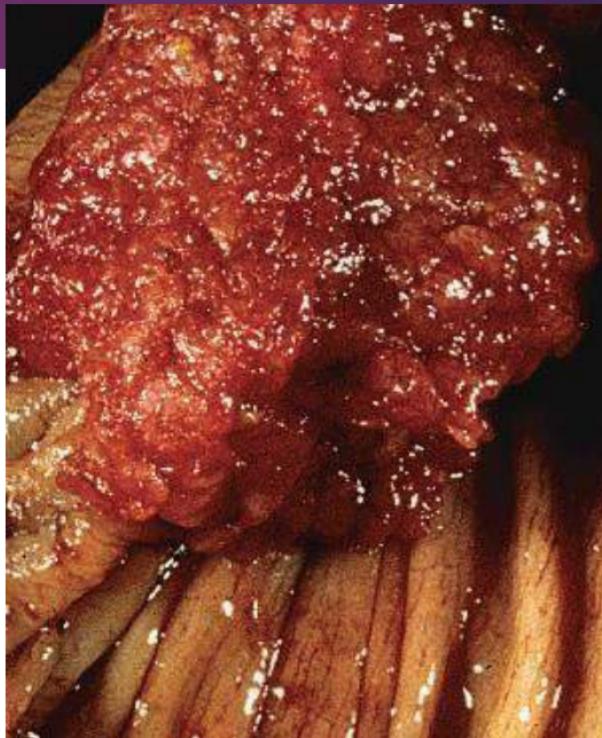


# Adenomas

- ▶ Most common and clinically important
- ▶ Increase with age.
- ▶ Definition: presence of epithelial dysplasia (low or high).
- ▶ Precursor for majority of colorectal adenocarcinomas
- ▶ Most adenomas DO NOT progress to carcinoma.
- ▶ USA: screening colonoscopy starts at 50 yrs.
- ▶ Earlier screening with family history.
- ▶ Western diets and lifestyles increase risk.

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# Pedunculated or sessile



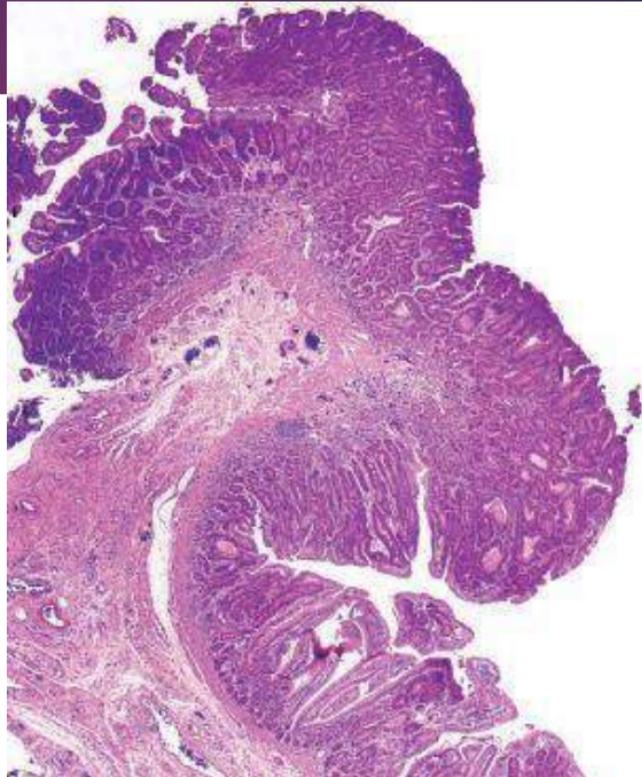
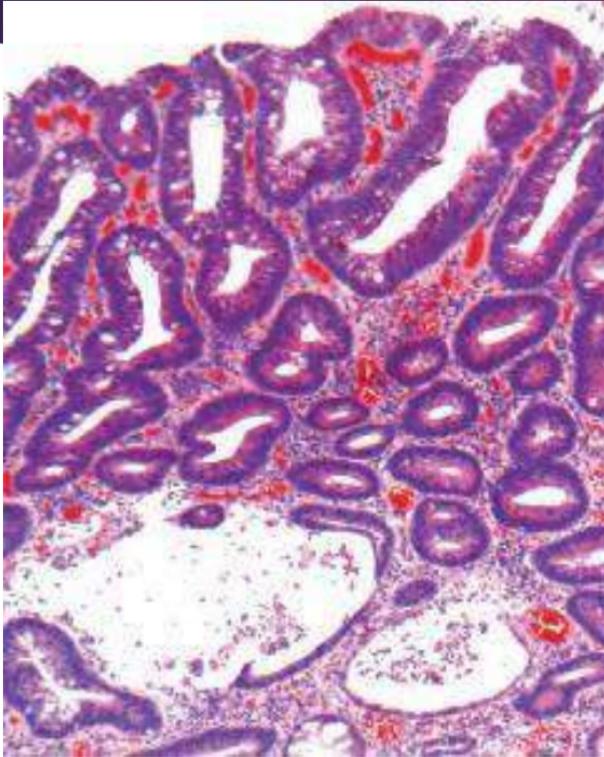
# Colon adenoma

- ▶ **Hallmark: epithelial dysplasia**
- ▶ **Dysplasia: nuclear hyperchromasia, elongation, stratification, high N/C ratio.**
- ▶ **Size : most important correlate with risk for malignancy**
- ▶ **High-grade dysplasia is the second factor**

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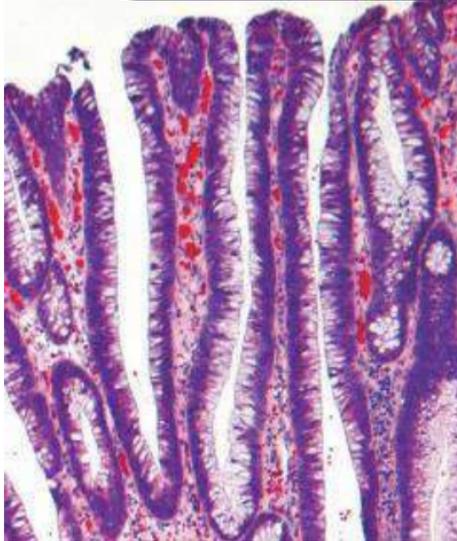


# Tubular adenoma





# Villous adenoma.



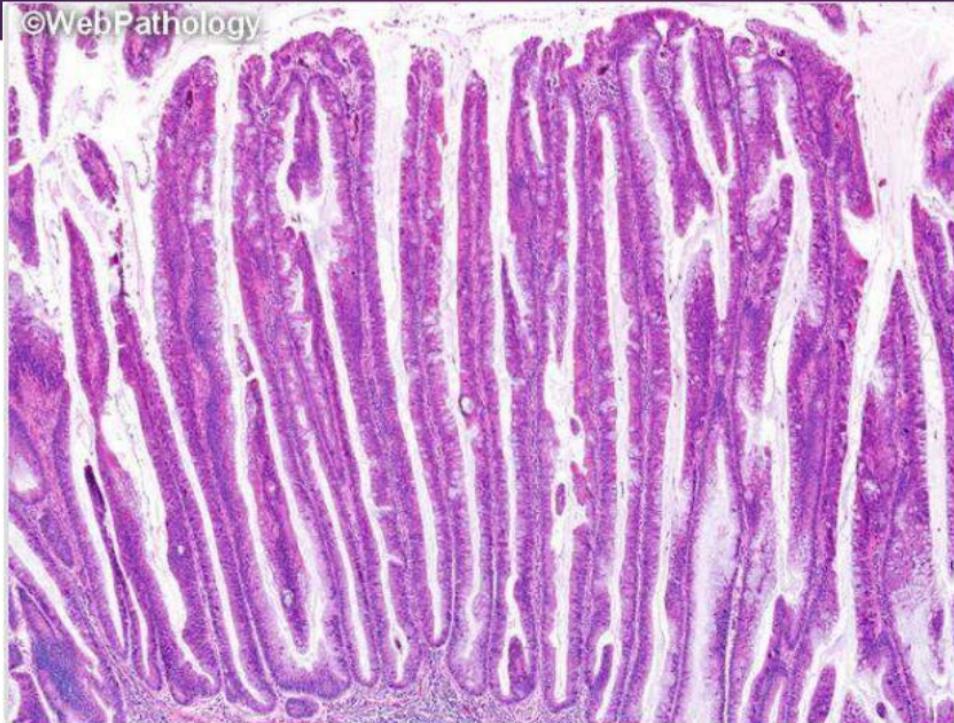
- ▶ Long slender villi.
- ▶ More frequent invasive foci

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- ▶ **Architecture:**
- ▶ Tubular.
- ▶ Tubulovillous.
- ▶ Villous.



# Villous adenoma



# Familial Syndromes

- ▶ Syndromes associated with colonic polyps and increased rates of colon cancer
- ▶ Genetic basis.
  
- ▶ **Familial Adenomatous Polyposis (FAP)**
- ▶ **Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer (HNPCC)**

# Familial adenomatous polyposis FAP

- ▶ Autosomal dominant.
- ▶ Numerous colorectal adenomas: teenage years.
- ▶ Mutation in APC gene.
- ▶ At least 100 polyps are necessary for a diagnosis of classic FAP.
- ▶ Morphologically similar to sporadic adenomas
- ▶ 100% of patients develop colorectal carcinoma, IF UNTREATED, often before age of 30.
- ▶ Standard therapy: prophylactic colectomy before 20 Year of age.
- ▶ Risk for extraintestinal manifestations,

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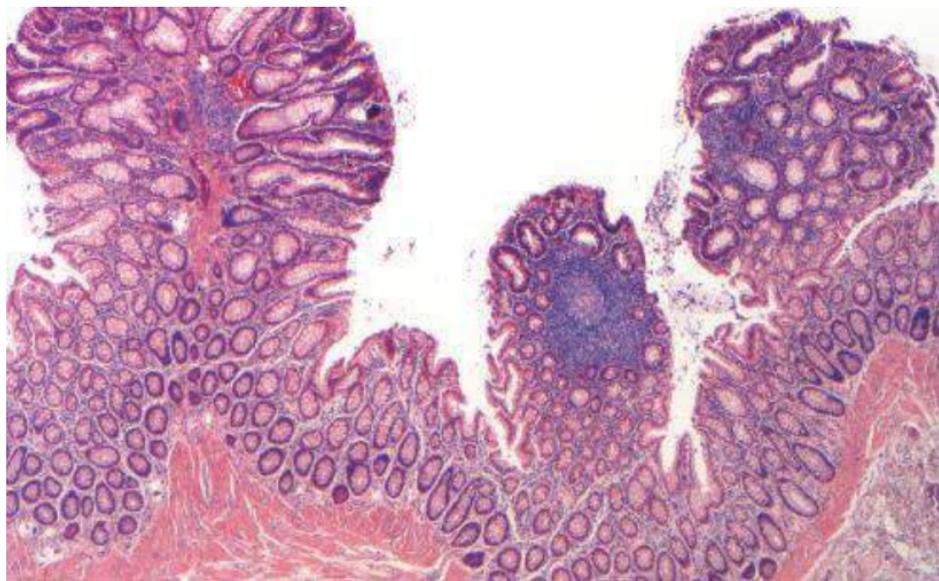
▶ Variants of FAP: Gardner syndrome and Turcot syndrome.

- ▶ **Gardner syndrome**: intestinal polyps + osteomas (mandible, skull, and long bones); epidermal cysts; desmoid and thyroid tumors; and dental abnormalities.
- ▶ **Turcot syndrome**: intestinal adenomas and CNS tumors (medulloblastomas >> glioblastomas )

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# Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer: HNPCC, *Lynch syndrome*

- ▶ Clustering of tumors: **Colorectum, endometrium, stomach, ovary, ureters, brain, small bowel, hepatobiliary tract, and skin**
  - ▶ Colon cancer at younger age than sporadic cancers
  - ▶ Right colon with excessive mucin production .
  - ▶ Adenomas are present, BUT POLYPOSIS IS NOT.
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- ▶ **Inherited germ line mutations in DNA mismatch repair genes.**
  - ▶ Accumulation of mutations in *microsatellite DNA (short repeating sequences)*
  - ▶ Resulting in *microsatellite instability*
  - ▶ Majority of cases involve either MSH2 or MLH1.

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# Cecal polyps in HNPCC.



# Colonic Adenocarcinoma

- ▶ Most common malignancy of the gastrointestinal tract
- ▶ Small intestine is uncommonly involved by neoplasia.
- ▶ Peak: 60 to 70 years
- ▶ 20% under 50 years.
- ▶ Developed countries lifestyles and diet.
- ▶ **Low intake of vegetable fiber and high intake of carbohydrates and fat.**
- ▶ Aspirin or other NSAIDs have a protective effect.
- ▶ Cyclooxygenase-2 (COX-2) promotes epithelial proliferation.

# Pathogenesis

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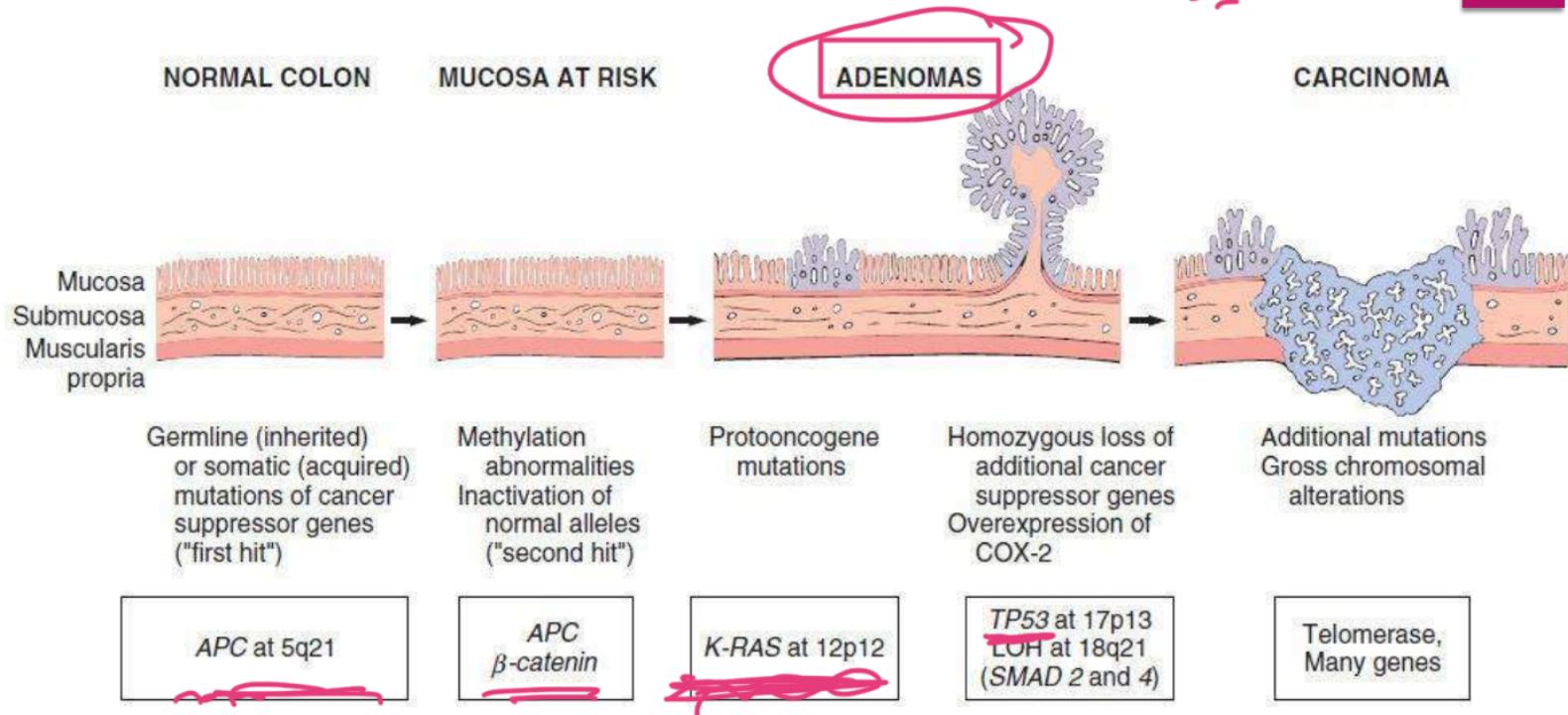
- ▶ Heterogeneous molecular events.
- ▶ Sporadic >>>> familial.
- ▶ **Two pathways:**
- ▶ APC/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway >> increased WNT signaling
- ▶ Microsatellite instability pathway >> defects in DNA mismatch repair
  
- ▶ Stepwise accumulation of multiple mutations

# The APC/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway: chromosomal instability

- ▶ Classic *adenoma carcinoma sequence*.
- ▶ 80% of sporadic colon tumors
- ▶ Mutation of the APC tumor suppressor gene: EARLY EVENT
- ▶ APC is a key negative regulator of  $\beta$ -catenin, a component of the WNT signaling pathway.
- ▶ Both copies of APC should be inactivated for adenoma to develop (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> hits).

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- ▶ *Loss of APC >>> accumulation of B-catenin >> enters nucleus >> MYC and cyclin-D1 transcription >> promote proliferation.*
  - ▶ *Additional mutations >> activation of KRAS (LATE EVENT) >> inhibits apoptosis.*
  - ▶ *SMAD2 and SMAD4 mutations (tumor suppressor genes.)*
  
  - ▶ **TP53 is mutated in 70% -80% of colon cancers (LATE EVENT IN INVASIVE)**
  - ▶ TP53 inactivation mutation
  - ▶ Expression of telomerase also increases as the tumor advances.

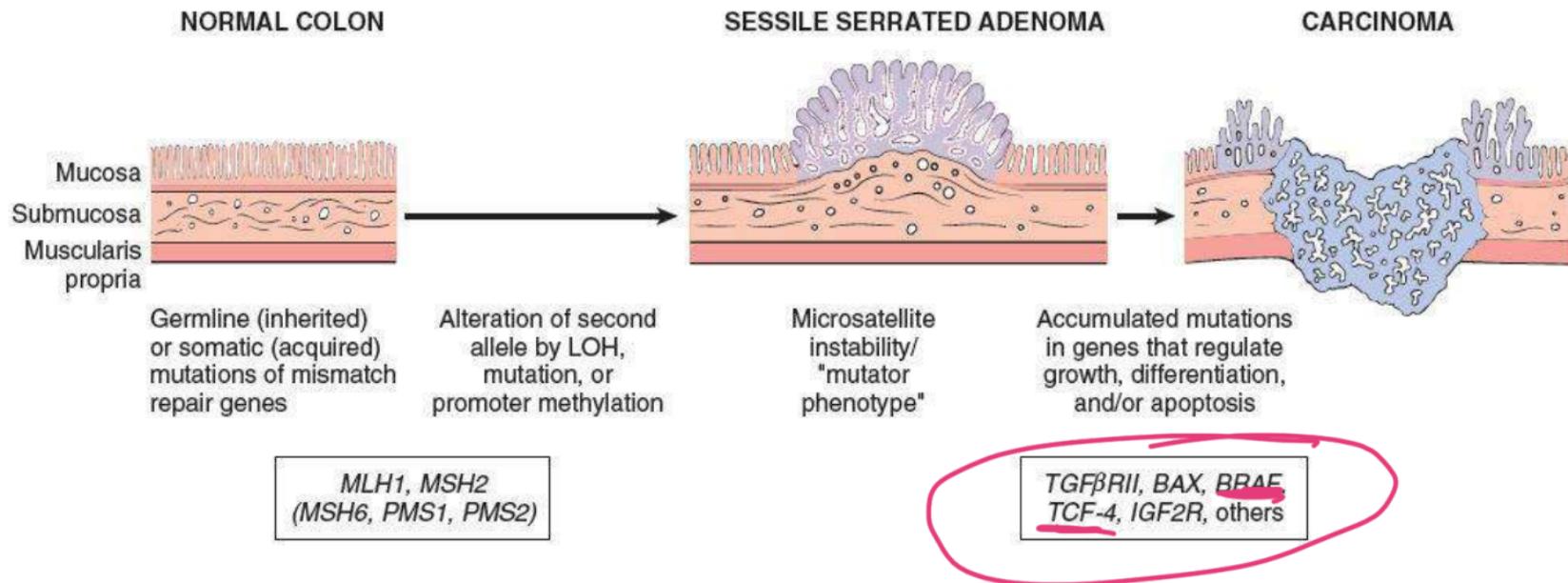
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# The microsatellite instability pathway

- ▶ DNA mismatch repair deficiency
  - ▶ Loss of mismatch repair genes
  - ▶ Mutations accumulate in microsatellite repeats
  - ▶ *Microsatellite instability*
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- ▶ Silent if microsatellites located in noncoding regions
  - ▶ Uncontrolled cell growth if located in coding or promoter regions of genes involved in cell growth and apoptosis (TGF-B and BAX genes)

Right colon



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Etiology	Molecular Defect	Target Gene(s)	Transmission	Predominant Site(s)	Histology
Familial adenomatous polyposis (70% of FAP)	APC/WNT pathway	<u>APC</u>	<u>Autosomal dominant</u>	None	<u>Tubular, villous; typical adenocarcinoma</u>
Hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer	<u>DNA mismatch repair</u>	<u>MSH2, MLH1</u>	<u>Autosomal dominant</u>	<u>Right side</u>	<u>Sessile serrated adenoma; mucinous adenocarcinoma</u>
Sporadic colon cancer (80%) <i>most common</i>	APC/WNT pathway	APC	<u>None</u>	<u>Left side</u>	<u>Tubular, villous; typical adenocarcinoma</u>
Sporadic colon cancer (10–15%)	<u>DNA mismatch repair</u>	<u>MSH2, MLH1</u>	None	<u>Right side</u>	<u>Sessile serrated adenoma; mucinous adenocarcinoma</u>

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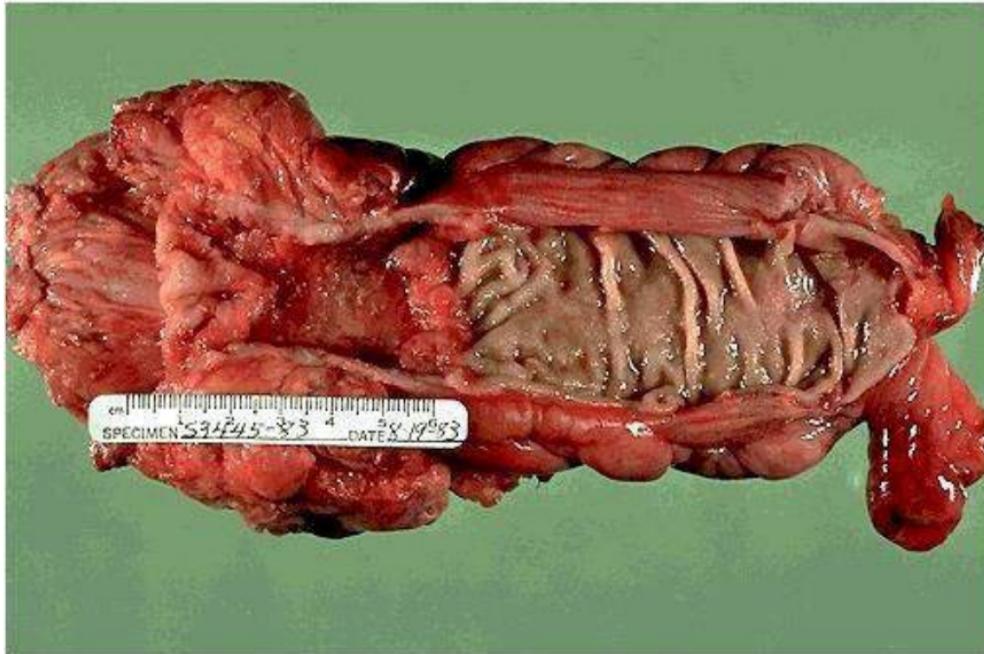
- ▶ **Macroscopic:**
- ▶ Proximal colon tumors: polypoid, exophytic masses
- ▶ Proximal colon: rarely cause obstruction.
- ▶ Distal colon: annular lesions "napkin ring" constrictions & narrowing
  
- ▶ **Microscopic:**
- ▶ Dysplastic GLANDS with strong desmoplastic response.
- ▶ Necrotic debris are typical.
- ▶ Some tumors give abundant mucin or form signet ring cells.

right side  
of colon

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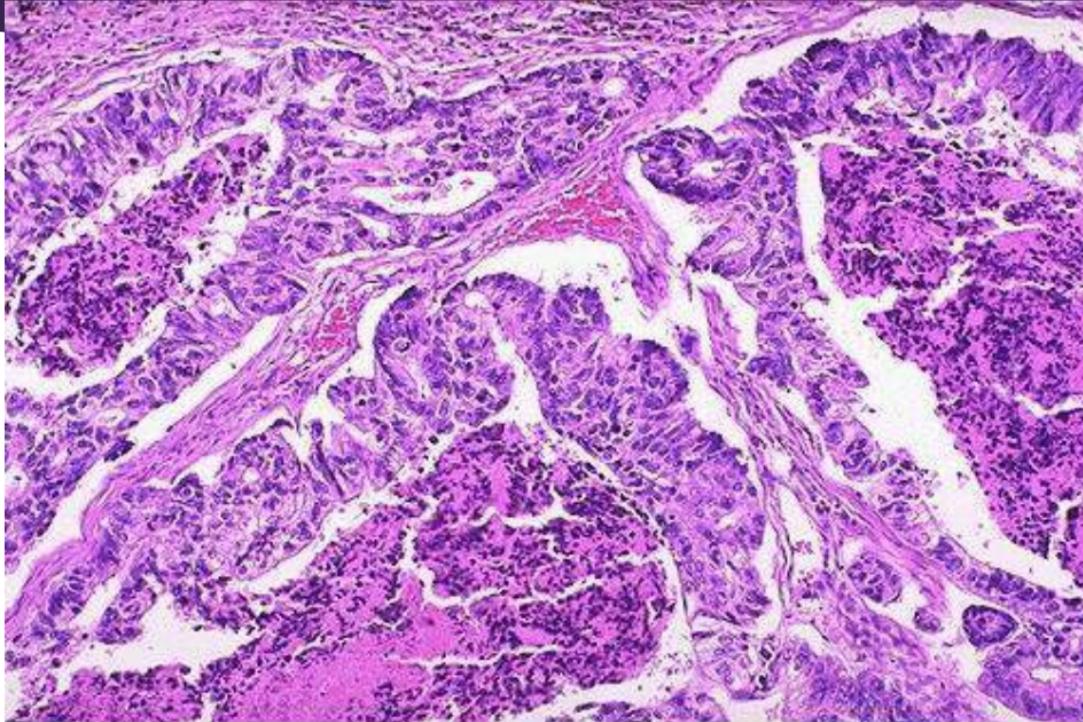
# Rectosigmoid adenocarcinoma, napkin ring



# Exophytic adenocarcinoma



# Adenocarcinoma with necrosis



# Clinical Features

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- ▶ Endoscopic screening >> cancer prevention
- ▶ Early cancer is asymptomatic !!!!!!!
- ▶ Cecal and right side cancers: Fatigue and weakness (iron deficiency anemia)
- ▶ **Iron-deficiency anemia in an older male or postmenopausal female is gastrointestinal cancer until proven otherwise.**

Left sided carcinomas: occult bleeding, changes in bowel habits, cramping left lower-quadrant discomfort.

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lower abdominal Pain

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▶ Poor differentiation and mucinous histology >> poor prognosis

▶ *Most important two prognostic factors are*

Depth of invasion

Lymph node metastasis.

stage → مراحم

▶ Distant metastases (lung and liver) can be resected.

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T<sub>4</sub>M<sub>0</sub> is stage N<sub>1</sub>

# Liver metastasis.



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# Appendix

- ▶ Normal true diverticulum of the cecum
  
- ▶ ACUTE APPENDICITIS
- ▶ TUMORS OF THE APPENDIX

# ACUTE APPENDICITIS

- ▶ Most common in adolescents and young adults.
- ▶ May occur in any age.
- ▶ Difficult to confirm preoperatively

- ▶ DDX:

Mesenteric lymphadenitis,

Acute salpingitis,

Ectopic pregnancy,

Mittelschmerz (pain associated with ovulation),

Meckel diverticulitis.



- ▶ Luminal obstruction in 50-80% of cases >> increased luminal pressure >> impaired venous drainage >> ischemic injury & stasis associated bacterial proliferation >>> inflammatory response rich in neutrophils & edema.
- ▶ Obstruction by fecalith, less commonly : gallstone, tumor, worms...
- ▶ Diagnosis requires neutrophilic infiltration of the muscularis propria
- ▶ Acute suppurative appendicitis >> more severe >> focal abscess formation.
- ▶ Acute gangrenous appendicitis >> necrosis and ulceration.

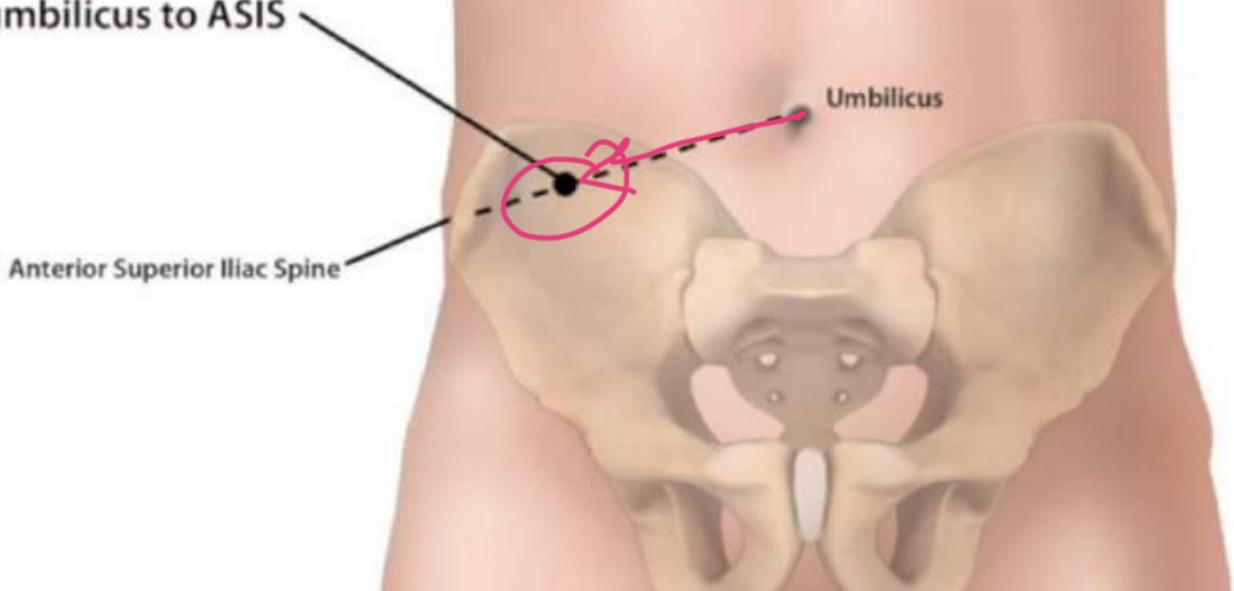
# Clinical Features

- ▶ Early acute appendicitis: periumbilical pain
- ▶ Later: pain localizes to the right lower quadrant,
- ▶ Nausea, vomiting, low-grade fever, mildly leukocytosis.  
A classic physical finding is McBurney's sign (McBurney's point).
- ▶ Signs and symptoms are often absent, creating difficulty in clinical diagnosis.



## McBurney's Point

2/3 of the way from  
umbilicus to ASIS



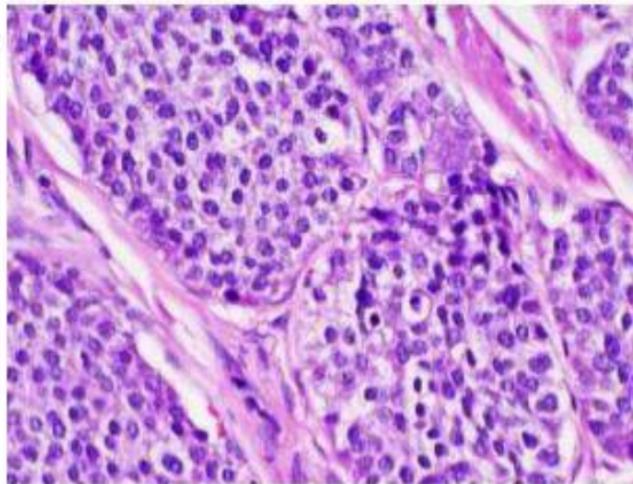
# TUMORS OF THE APPENDIX

- ▶ The most common tumor: *carcinoid* (neuroendocrine tumor)
- ▶ Incidentally found during surgery or on examination of a resected appendix
- ▶ Distal tip of the appendix
- ▶ Nodal metastases & distant spread are rare.

# Carcinoid tumor



Gross



Microscopic