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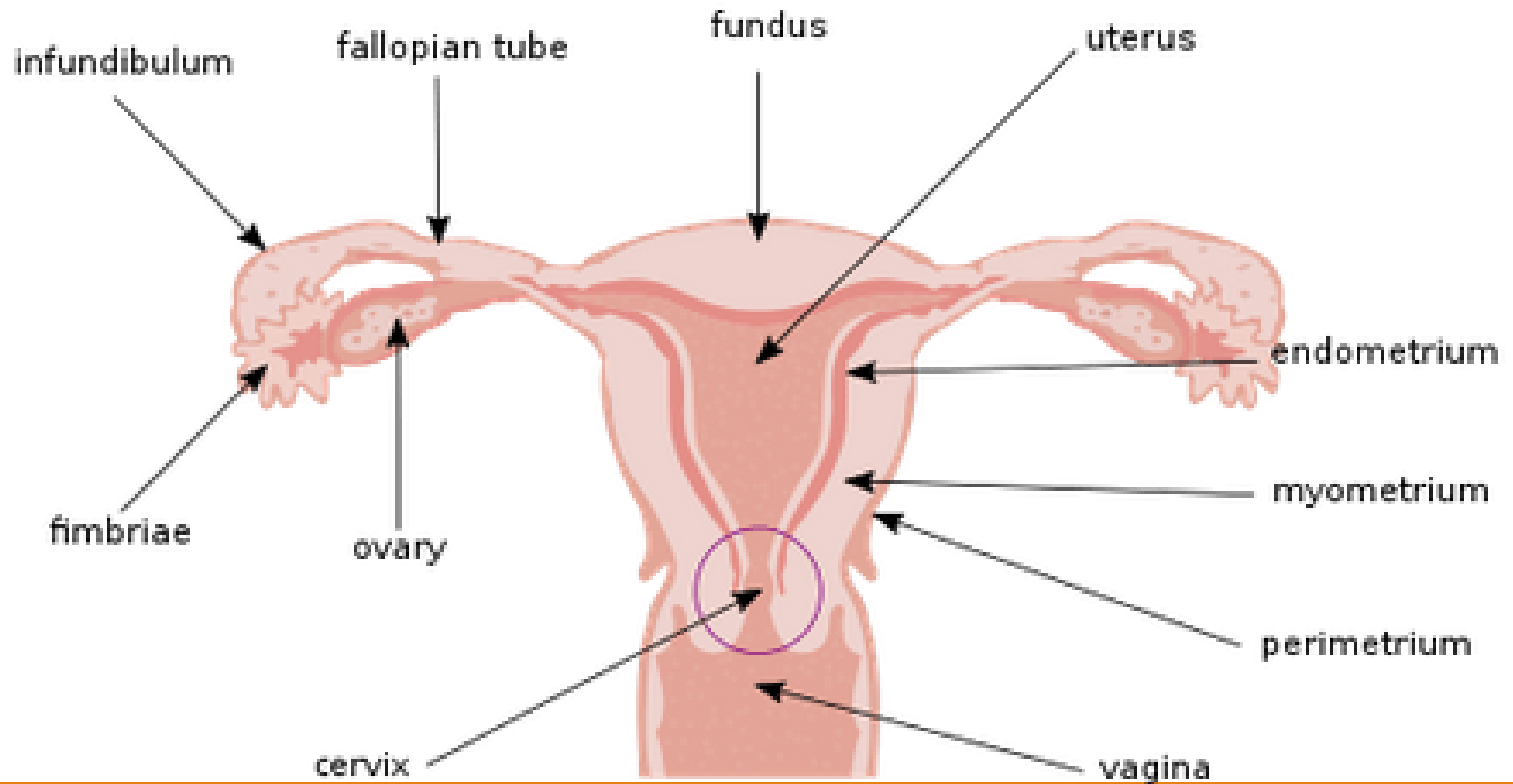
# Female Genital System uterine pathology

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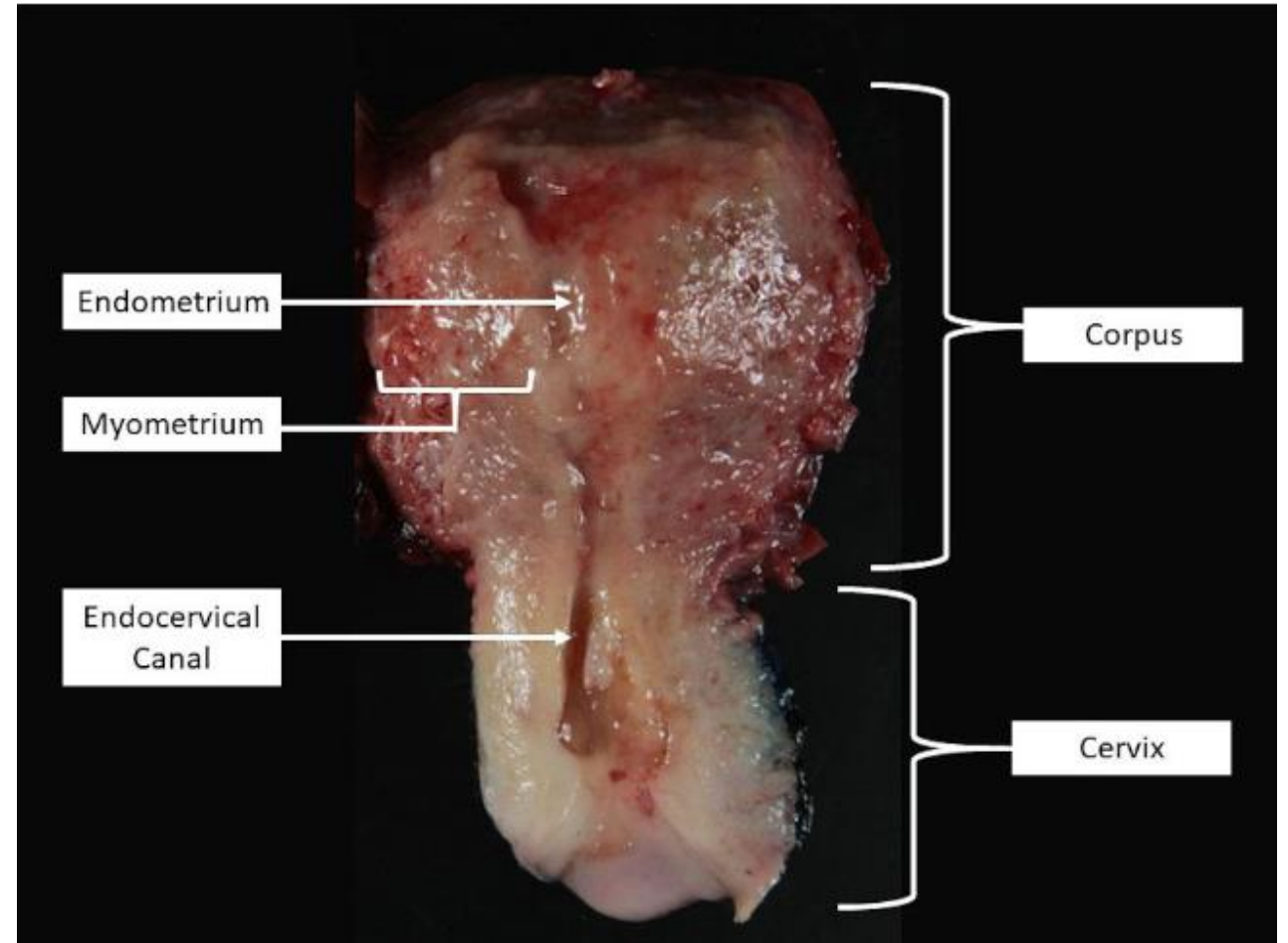
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# Anatomy



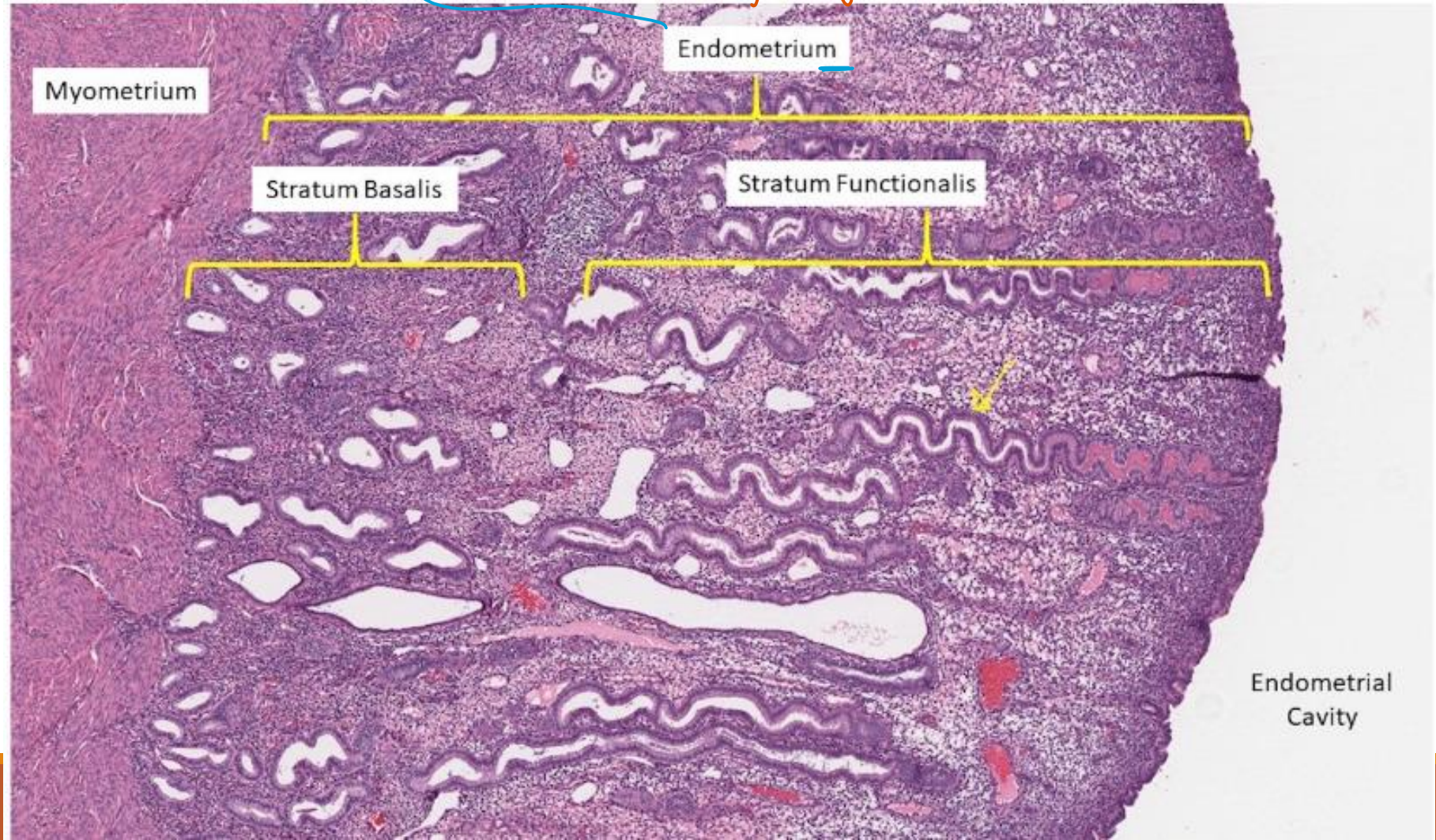
# Gross anatomy





# Histology

true epithelium → gland + supportive stroma  
↳ change throughout cycle according to hormones



# Uterine pathology

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## ➤ Non-neoplastic:

- Endometritis.
- Adenomyosis.
- Endometriosis.
- Hyperplasia.

## ➤ Neoplastic:

- Hyperplasia.
- Malignant tumors.

# 1. Endometritis

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- Inflammation of the endometrium.
- Risk factors:
  - Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID).
  - Retained products of conception. → *After Abortion*
  - Intrauterine device (IUCD).
- Clinically: fever, abdominal pain, menstrual abnormalities, infertility & ectopic pregnancy due to damage to the fallopian tubes.
  - ↳ *fibrosis and Scarring due to inflammation.*
- Management: Correct the cause, antibiotics.

## 2. Adenomyosis

- The presence of endometrial tissue (stroma, glands, or both) in myometrium between muscle bundles.
- Result in "thickened" uterine wall & enlarged uterus due to reactive muscle hypertrophy.
- Presentation: menorrhagia, dysmenorrhea.  
*excessive bleeding* *painful*
- Usually Coexist with: endometriosis.

↳ i.e. myometrium is endometrial tissue

shedding during menstruation

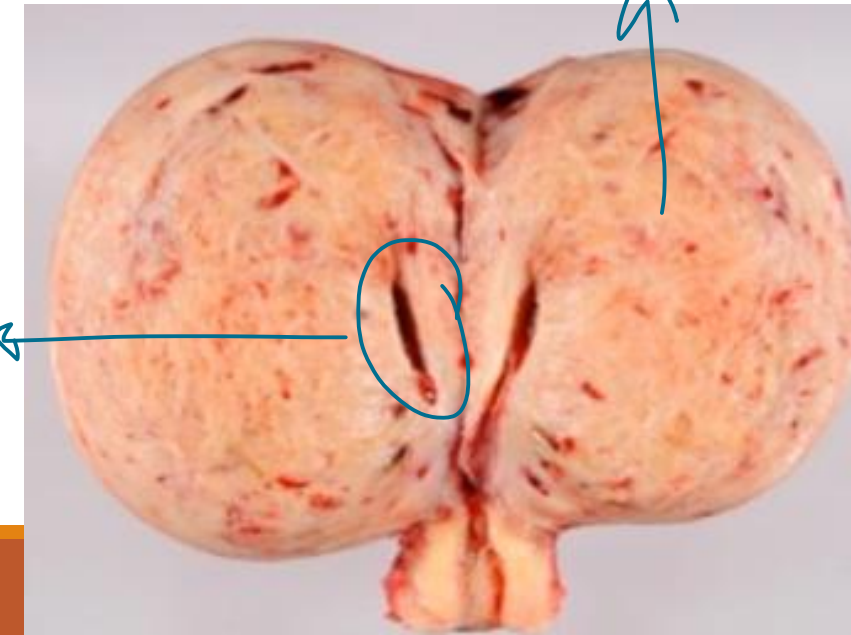
↳ bleeding in muscle bundle

↳ reactive hypertrophy + fibrosis and scarring

Causes abortion and infertility

Compressed  
lumen

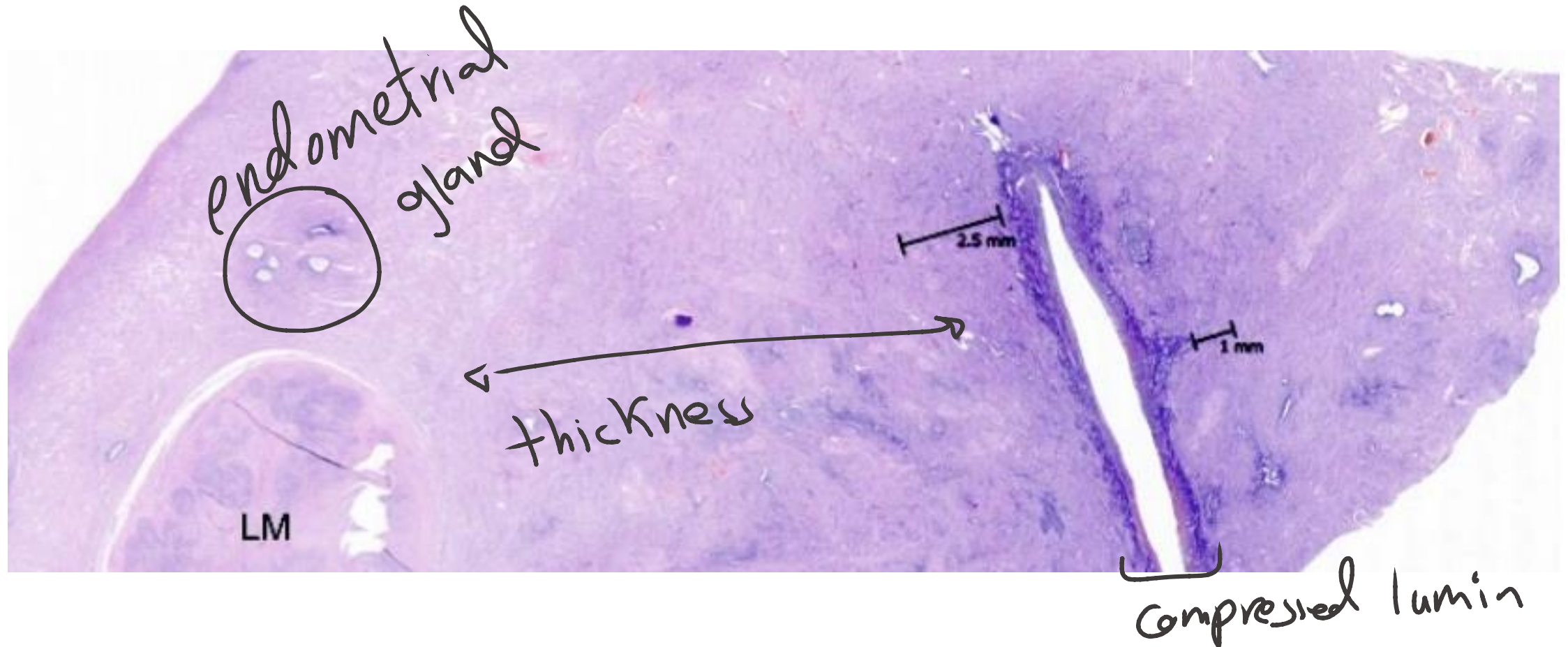
myometrium  
expanded





# Microscopic features

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# 3. Endometriosis

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- The presence of estrogen-dependent endometrial tissue outside the uterine cavity.

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all uterus estrogen dependent  
except strmbasalis "nonfunctional  
and non hormonal sensitive"

- Affecting women in the reproductive years.

- Usually it's a multifocal process involving:

- ❖ pelvic structures: ovaries, uterine ligaments, rectovaginal septum, cul de sac
- ❖ OR involves distant areas of peritoneal cavity or periumbilical tissues.

between rectum  
and uterine

# Endometriosis - Pathogenesis

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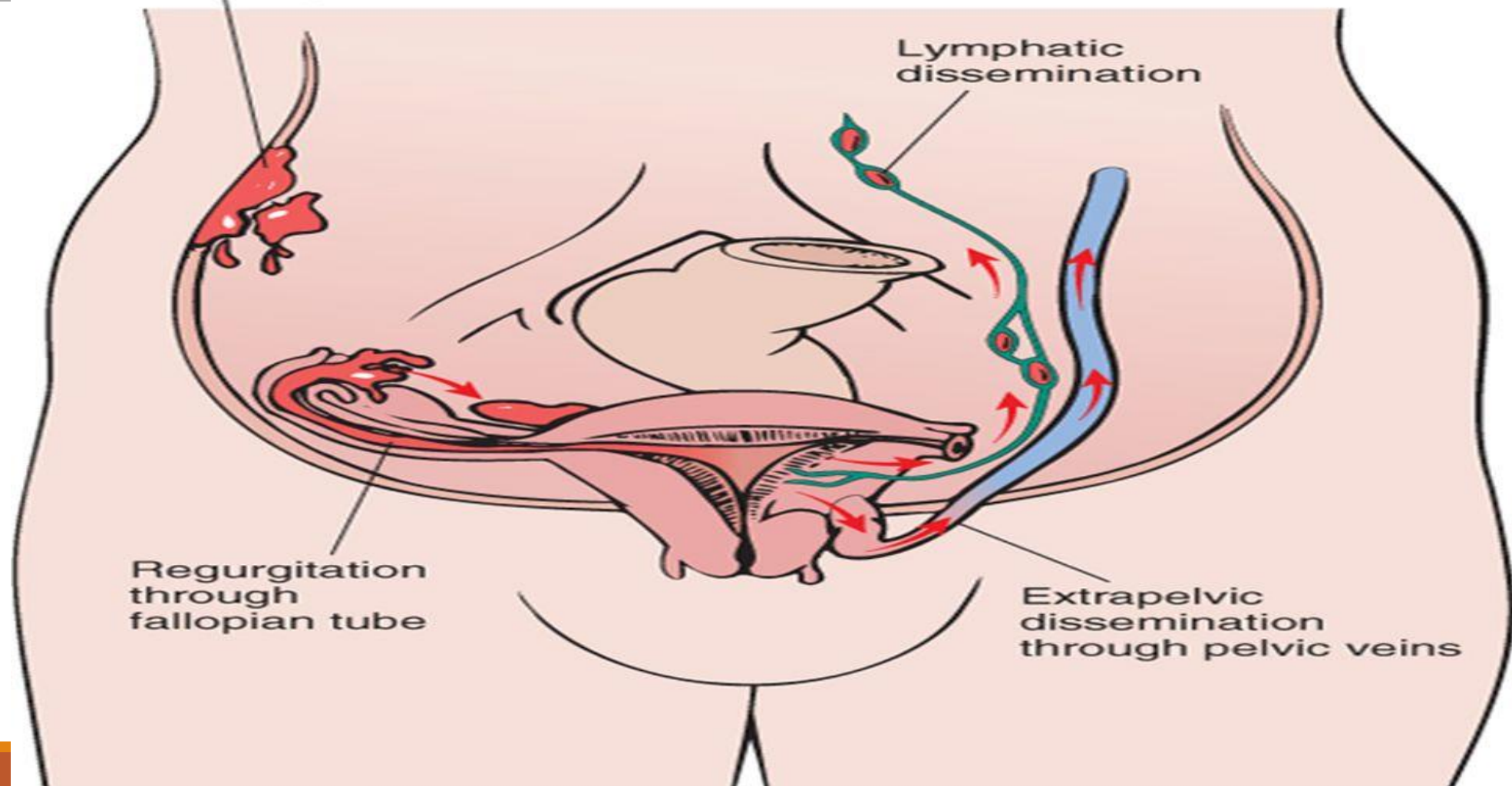
Four hypotheses:

1. Regurgitation theory, **avored**, → menstrual backflow through the tubes → implantation.
2. Benign vascular and lymphatic dissemination.
3. Metaplastic theory, endometrial differentiation of coelomic epithelium → *primitive epithelium*
4. The extrauterine stem/progenitor cell theory.

*ovarian + tubal = cysts  
cause bleeding  
+ excessive scarring and fibrosis*

# Endometriosis - Pathogenesis

Metaplastic differentiation  
of coelomic epithelium



# Clinical presentation

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- Clinically presented with pain and infertility.....  
= due to fibrosis
- Dysmenorrhea.
- pain on defecation. adhesion on rectum
- dyspareunia
- dysuria  
Adhesion on bladder

# Endometriotic foci

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- consists of functioning endometrium → undergoes cyclic bleeding → organization of blood → widespread fibrosis → adhesions among pelvic structures.

endometrium gland  
+ stroma





# Gross features

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Ovarian endometriosis: chocolate cyst.

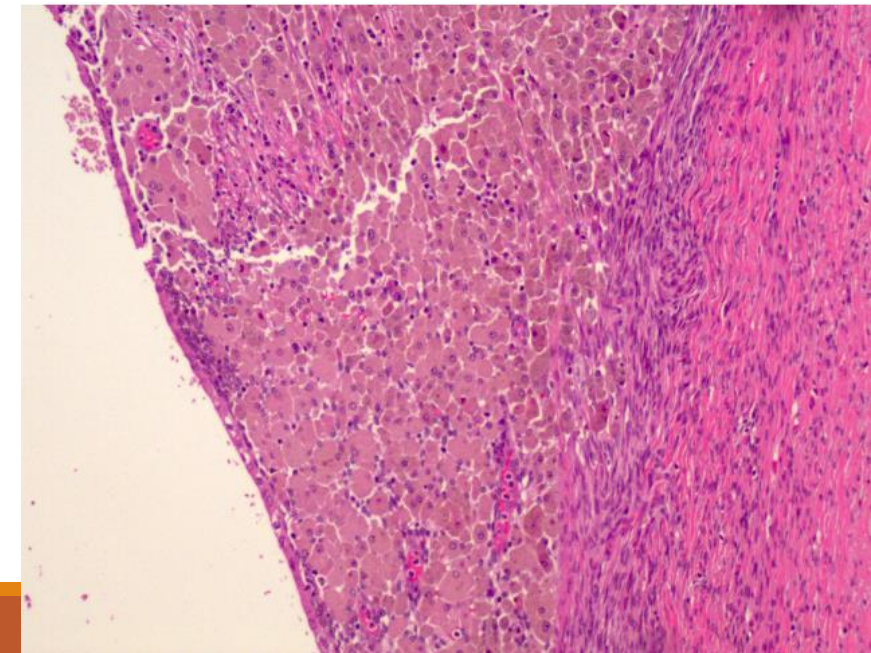
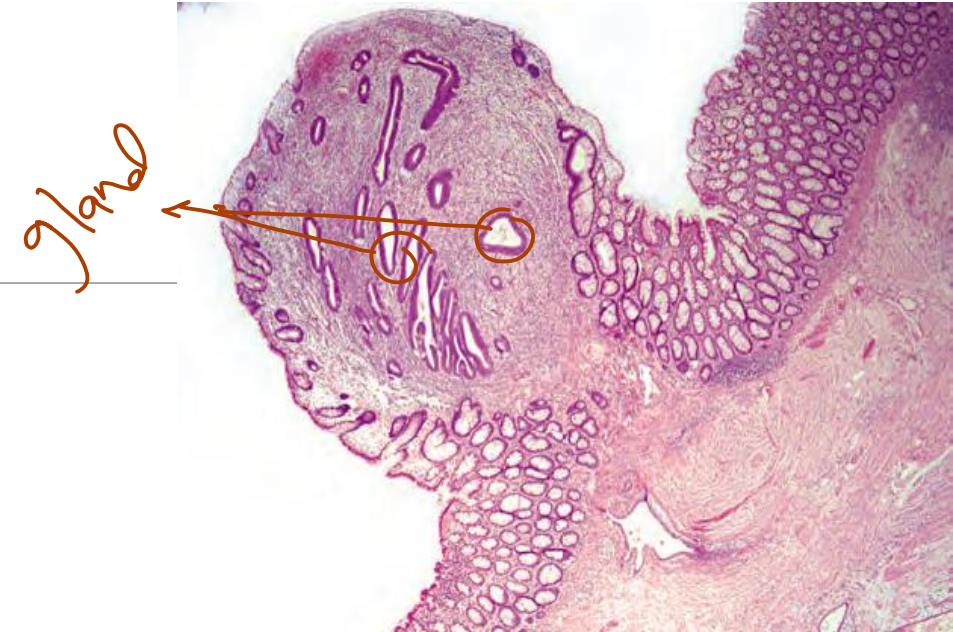


# Microscopically

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At least 2 of the following 3 features

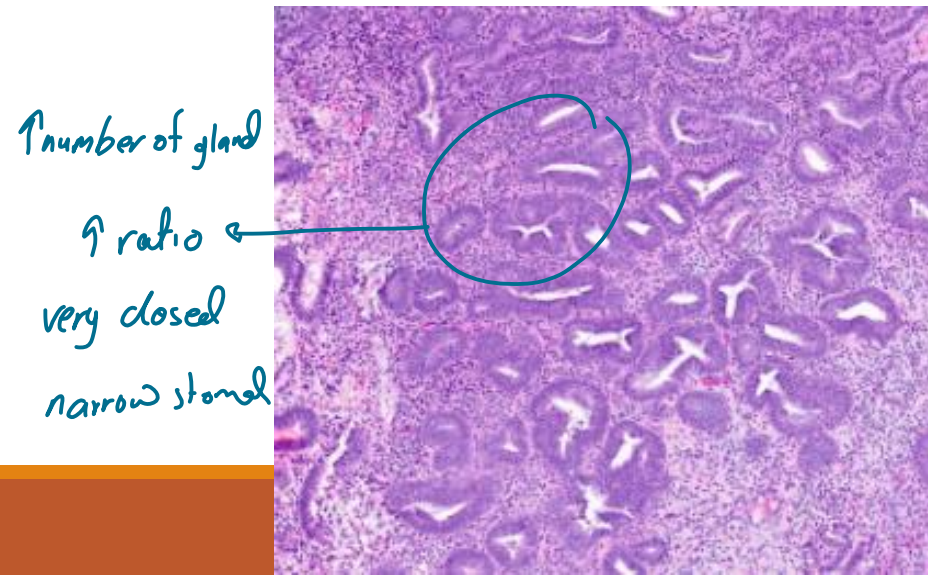
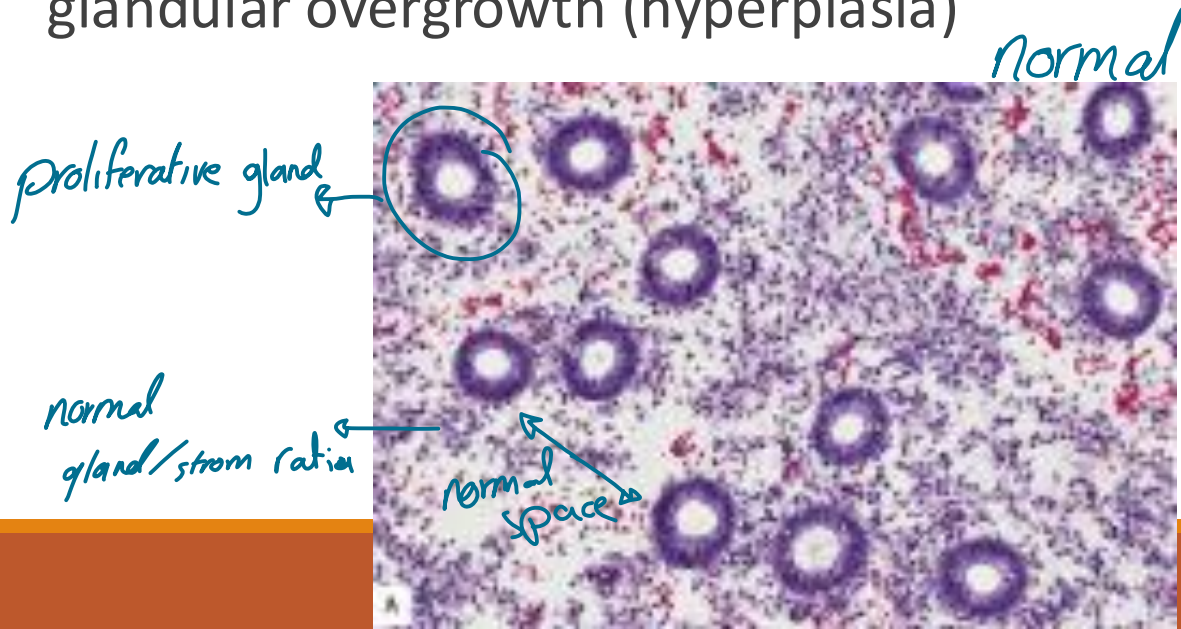
- ❖ endometrial glands.
- ❖ endometrial stroma.
- ❖ hemosiderin pigment.





# 4. Endometrial Hyperplasia

- Proliferation of endometrial glands with a resulting increase in gland to stroma ratio.
- Increased endogenous or exogenous estrogen, unopposed by progesterone .
  - oral contraceptive pills*
  - increase also in tumor ovarian + obese female*
- Chronic estrogenic stimulation without progesterone affects glands to a greater extent → glandular overgrowth (hyperplasia)



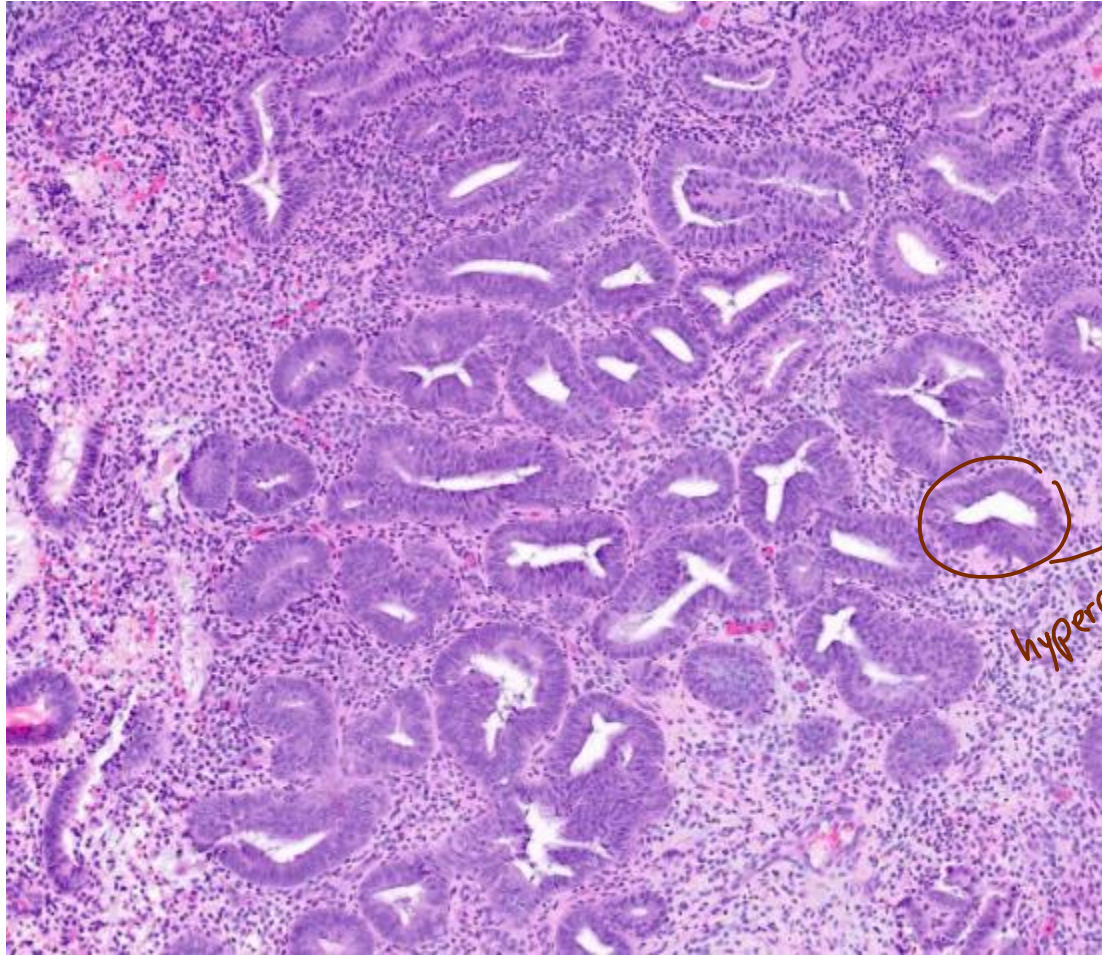
Two categories based on the presence of cytologic atypia:

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1. Hyperplasia without atypia; low risk for progression to endometrial Ca.
2. Hyperplasia with atypia (endometrial intraepithelial neoplasia (EIN)) higher risk for progression to endometrial Ca. → 20%.

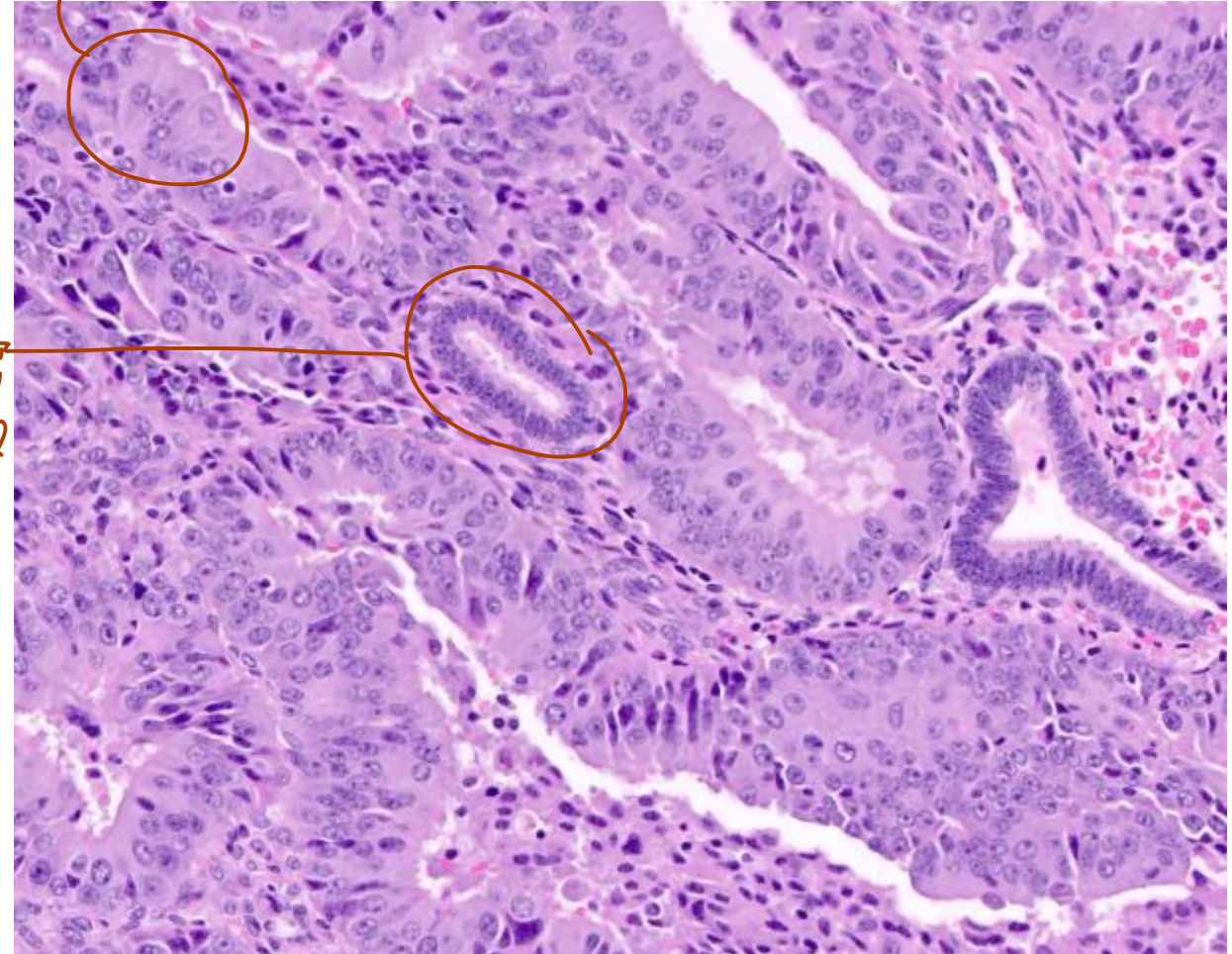


uterus only organ which hyperchrome on endometrium  
not apply to malignant.



Hyperplasia without atypia

neoplasia ass/with openchromatin



Hyperplasia with atypia



# Tumors

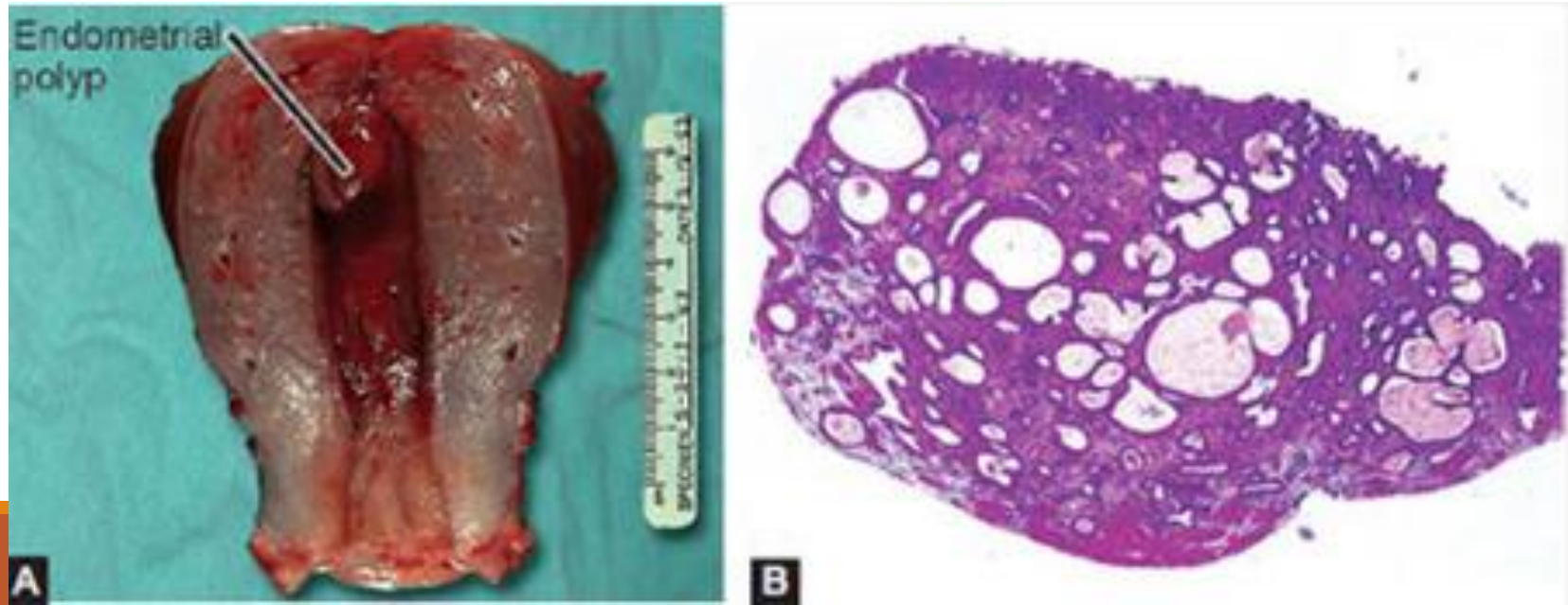
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- Endometrial tumors.
- Myometrial tumors.

# 1. Endometrial Polyps

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- Exophytic masses of variable size that project into the endometrial cavity.
- Endometrial dilated (cystically) glands, with small muscular arteries and fibrotic stroma.
- Present with abnormal uterine bleeding.



## 2. Endometrial Carcinoma

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- The most frequent cancer occurring in the female genital tract.
- Affecting female between 50s & 60s.
- Presentation: irregular or postmenopausal bleeding. With progression, the uterus enlarges.
  - ↳ bael sign  
most ass / with cancer
- Two histological subtypes:
  - 1. Endometrioid carcinomas.
  - 2. Serous carcinoma.

# 1. Endometrioid carcinomas.

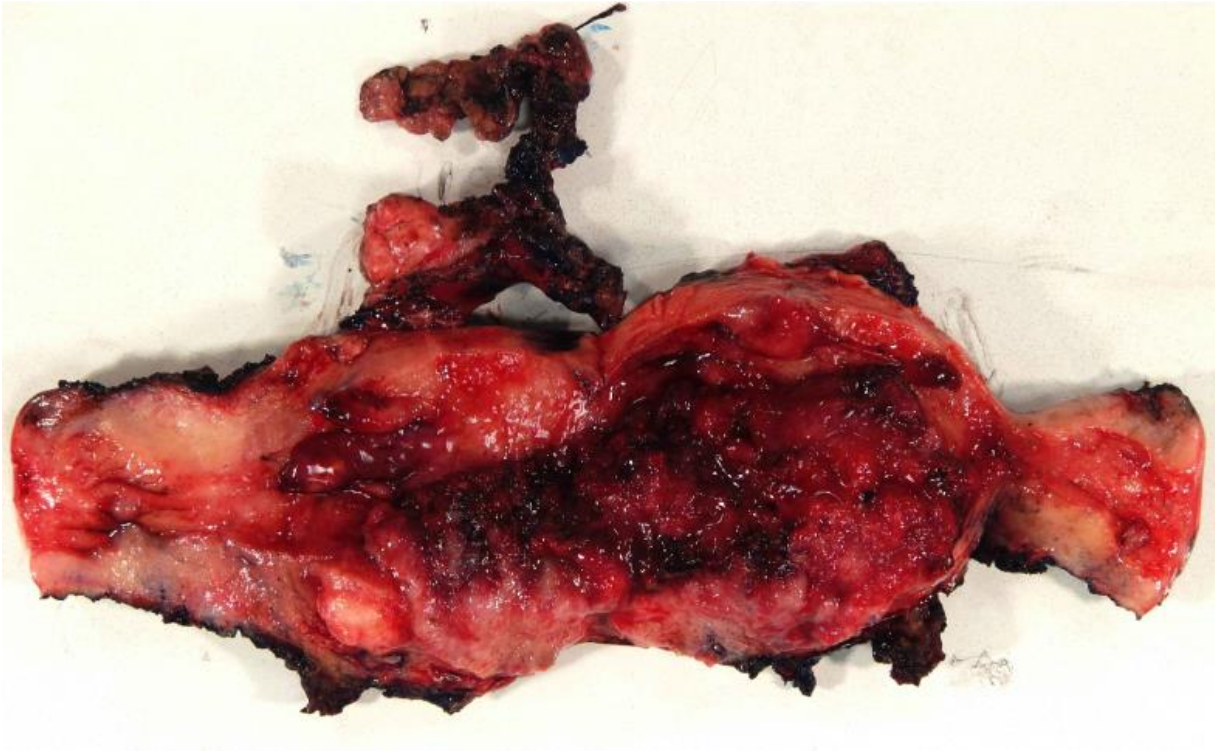
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- 80% of cases of endometrial carcinomas.
- Designated Endometrioid because of their histologic similarity to normal endometrial glands.
- Genetic: Mutations in mismatch repair genes & PTEN tumor suppressor gene.
- Risk factors: → high estrogen
  - (1) obesity.
  - (2) diabetes.
  - (3) hypertension.
  - (4) infertility. *progesterone not rise to high level as pregnancy*  
*high estrogen*
  - (5) exposure to unopposed estrogen. *progesterone not in normal level to inhibit growth endometrium ⇒ so ↑ estrogen ↑ growth*
- Prognosis: slow to metastasize, but if untreated, eventually disseminates to regional nodes & distant sites.

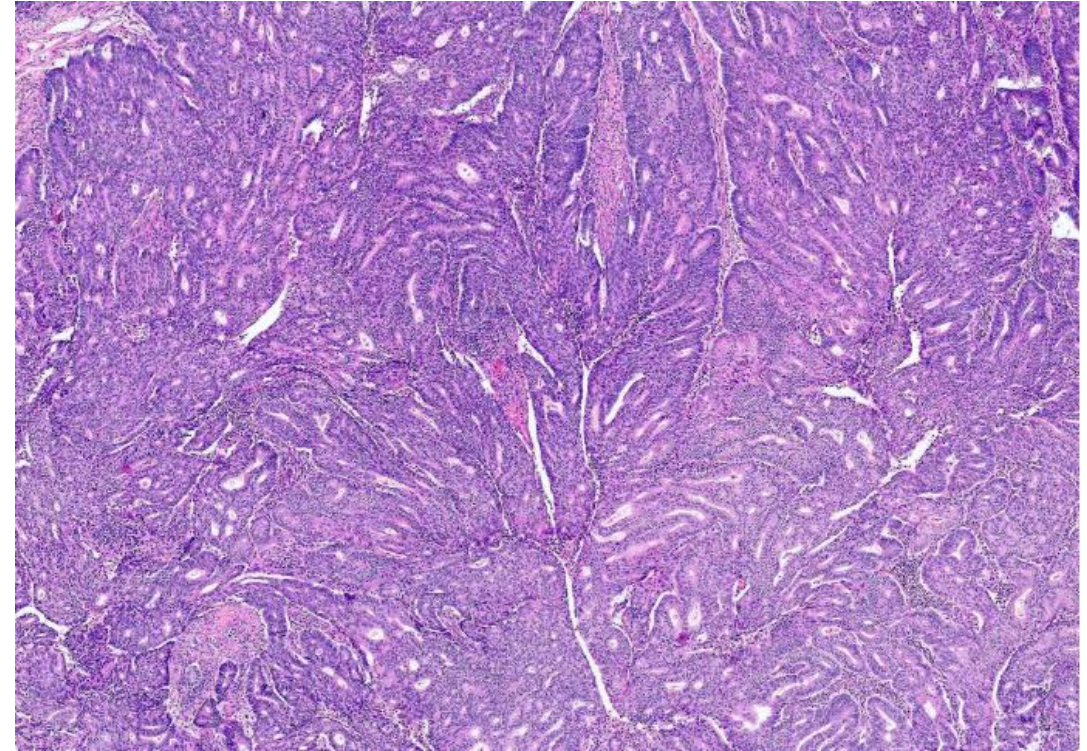


# Gross and microscopic features

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#Friable, hemorrhagic mass occupying the endometrial cavity



#back to back glands lacking intervening stroma.  
#nuclear atypia.



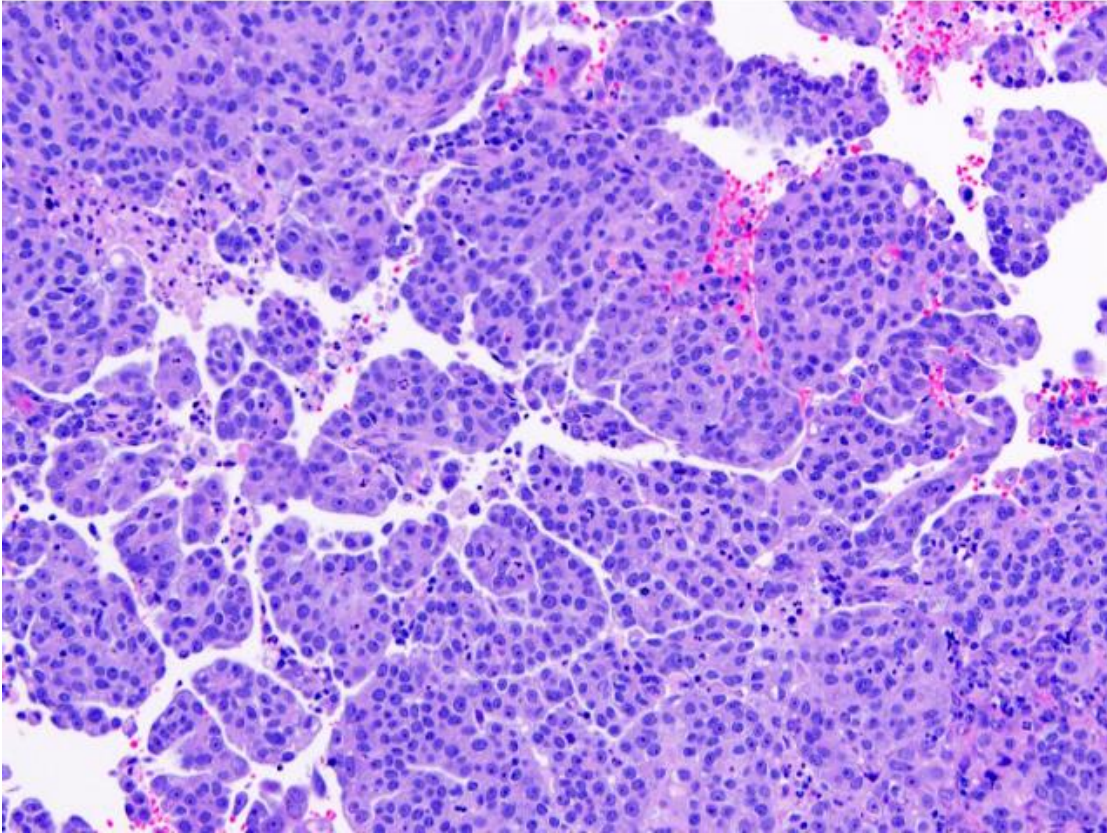
## 2. Serous carcinoma.

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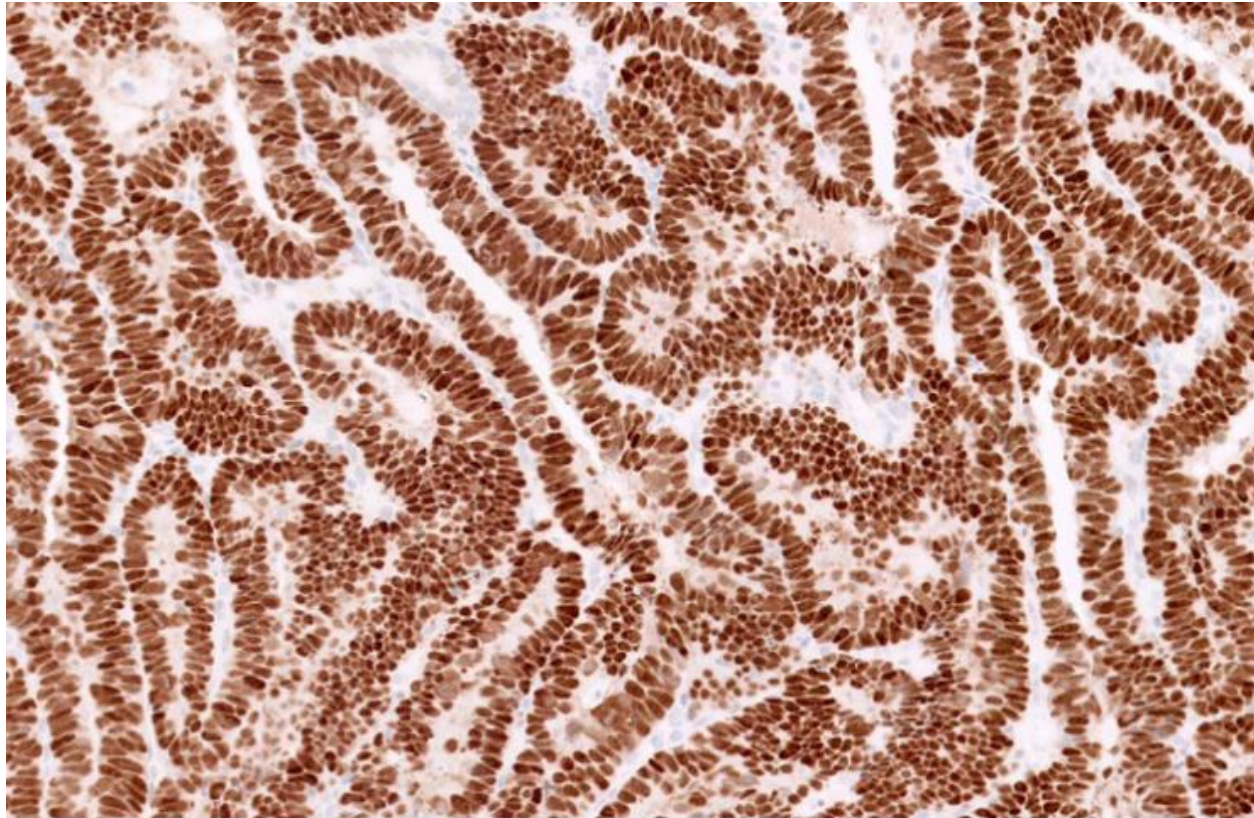
- Less common but far more aggressive.
- Not associated with unopposed estrogen or hyperplasia.  $\Rightarrow$  old age
- Genetic: mutations in the TP53 tumor suppressor gene.
- Prognosis: strongly dependent on staging but because of its aggressive behavior  $\rightarrow$  often high-stage disease with a poor prognosis.

# Microscopic features

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#Sheets and small papillae of endometrial serous carcinoma



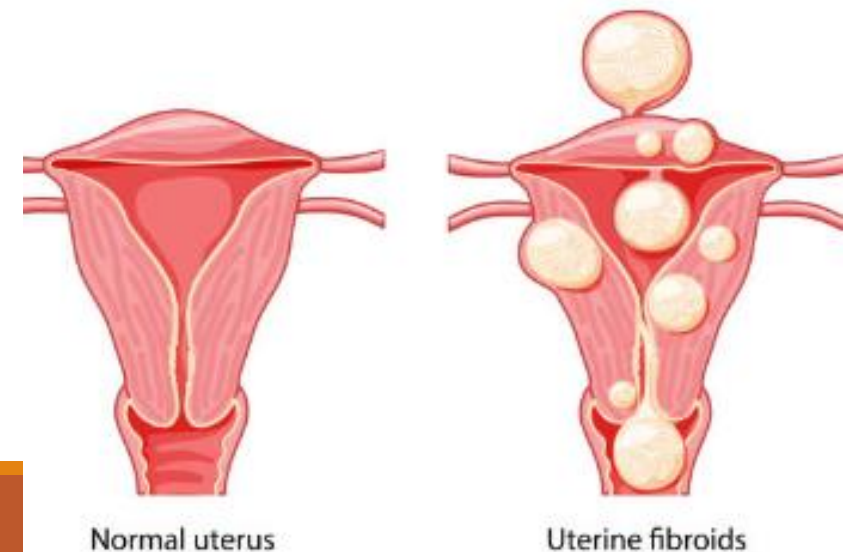
#Strong and diffuse overexpression of p53

# Tumors of the Myometrium

## 1. Leiomyomas (fibroids)

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- Benign tumors from the smooth muscle cells.
- The most common benign tumor in females, 30-50% of women of reproductive age.
- Estrogens stimulate the growth; shrink postmenopausally.
- Often asymptomatic, most frequent sign is menorrhagia.
- Rarely, if ever, transform into sarcomas, multiple lesions does not increase the risk of malignancy.





# Gross morphology

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# sharply circumscribed, firm gray white masses with a characteristic whorled cut surface, often occur as multiple tumors.

# Possible location:

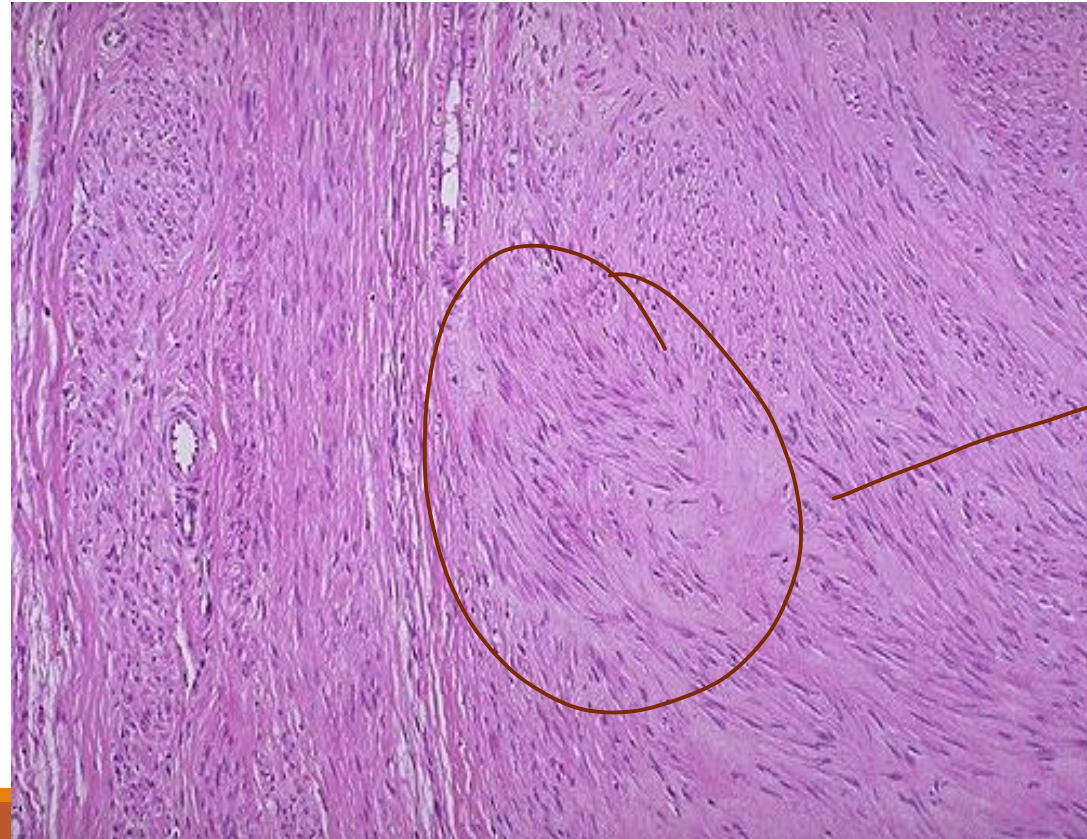
- Intramural.
- Submucosal.
- Subserosal.



# Histological features

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- Bundles of <sup>regular</sup> smooth muscle cells mimicking the appearance of normal myometrium





## 2. Leiomyosarcoma

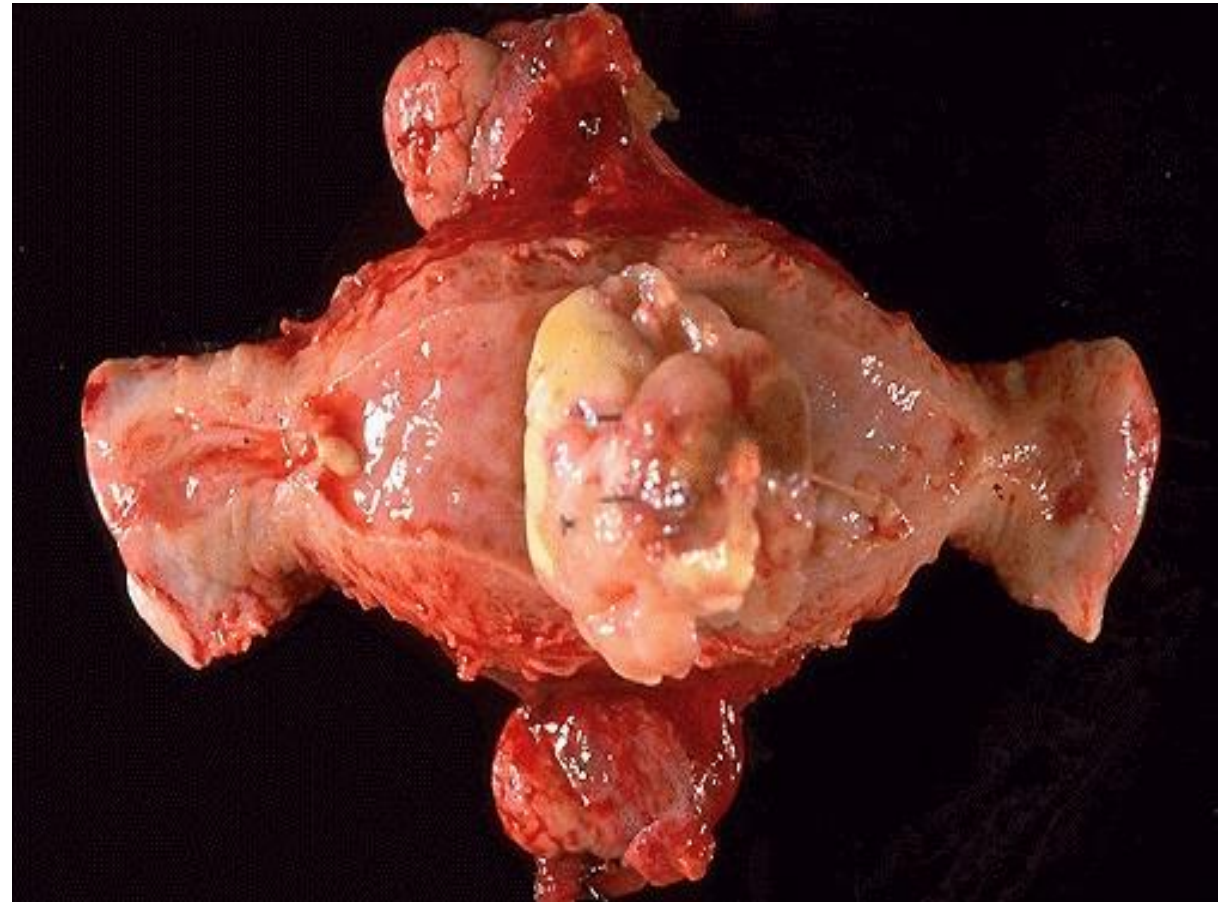
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- Malignant counterpart of Leiomyoma.
- Always arise de novo (not from previous Leiomyoma)
- Solitary and mostly in postmenopausal women.<sup>①</sup> *risk malignant tumor* ⇒ *single tumor*<sup>②</sup>
- Recurrent is common & many metastasize, typically lungs.

# Gross features

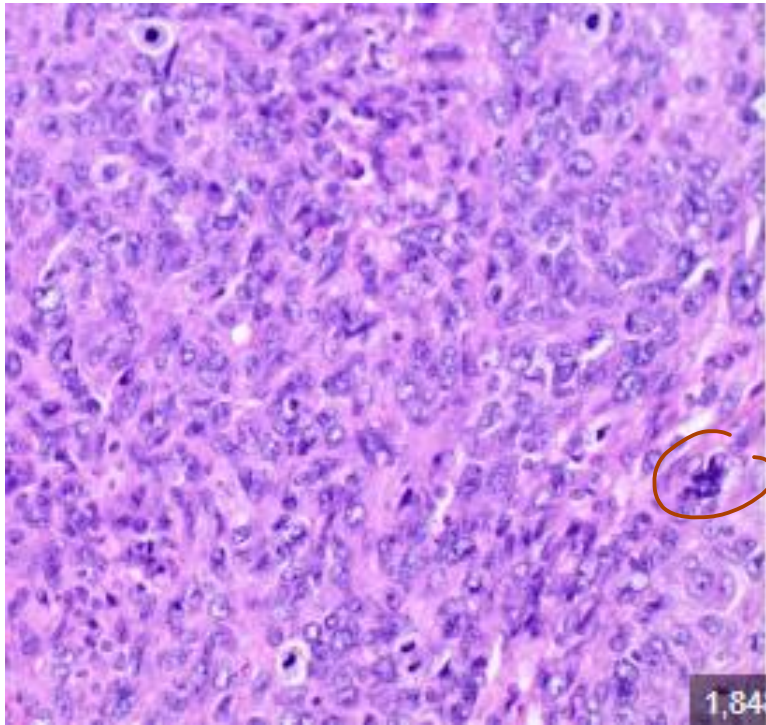
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# soft, hemorrhagic, necrotic masses.  
Irregular borders.

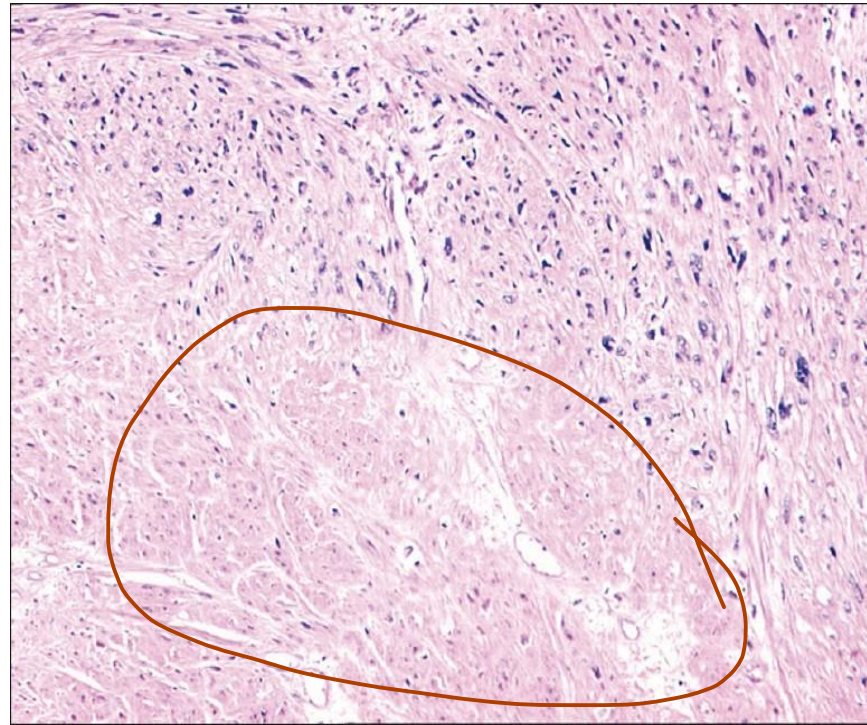


# Microscopic features

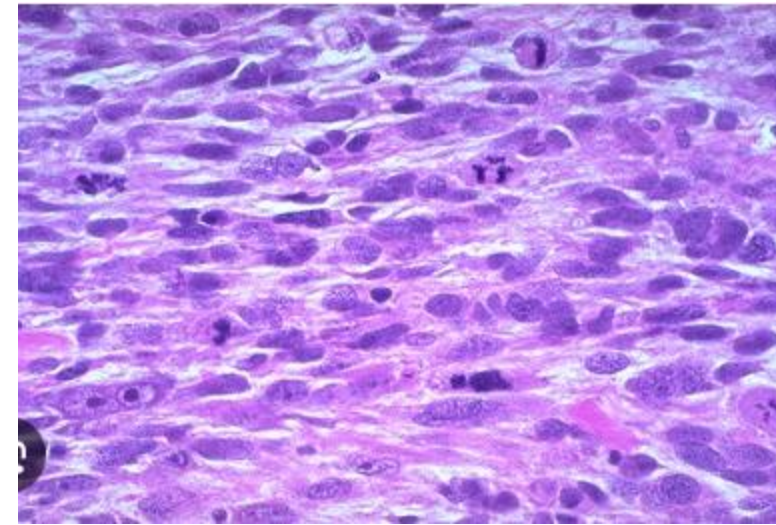
## Diagnostic features of leiomyosarcoma:



enlarged  
hyperchromatic  
cross chromatin  
cytologic atypia



Coagulative necrosis  
tumor necrosis



smooth muscle  
irregular

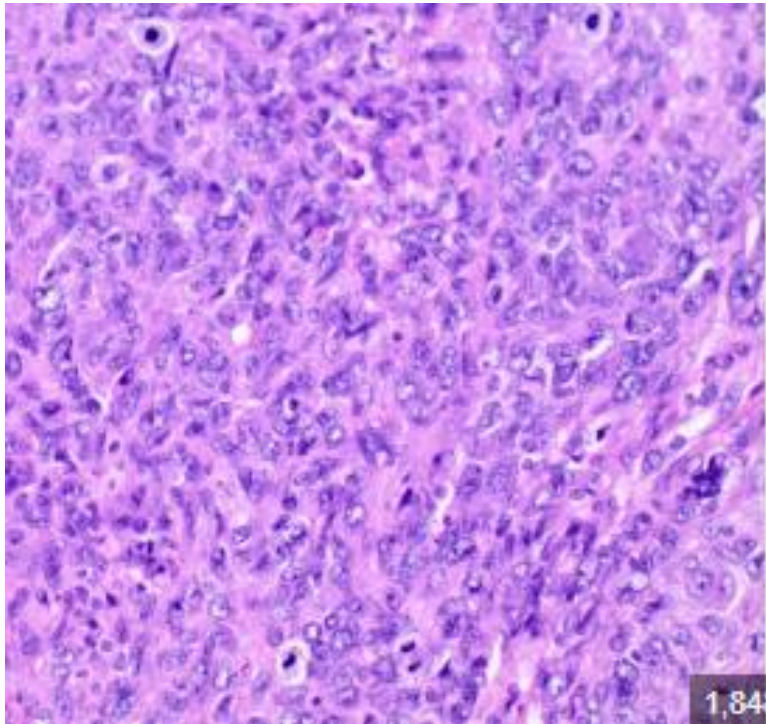
mitotic activity



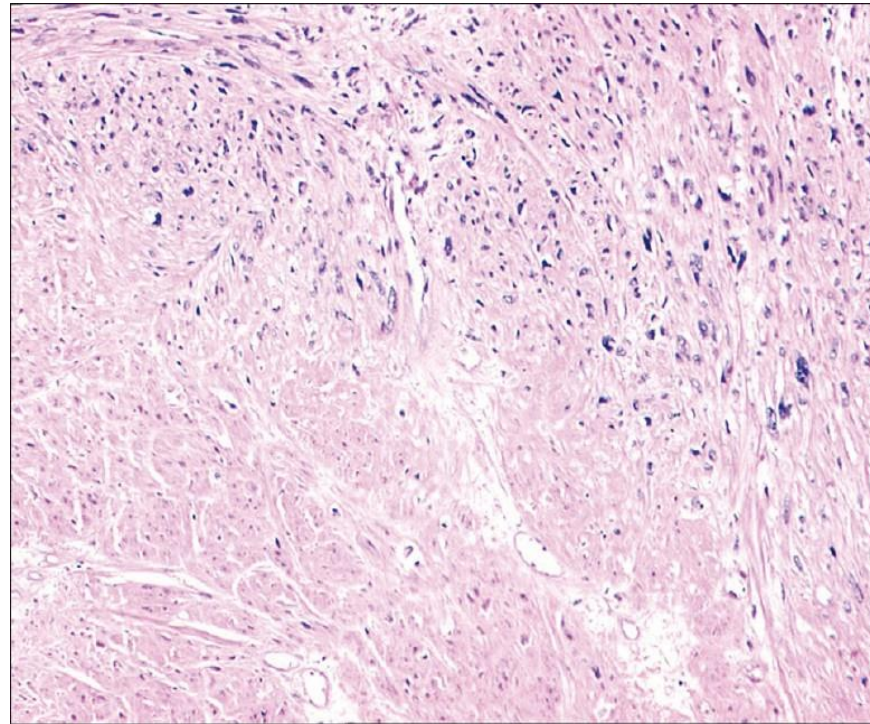
# Microscopic features

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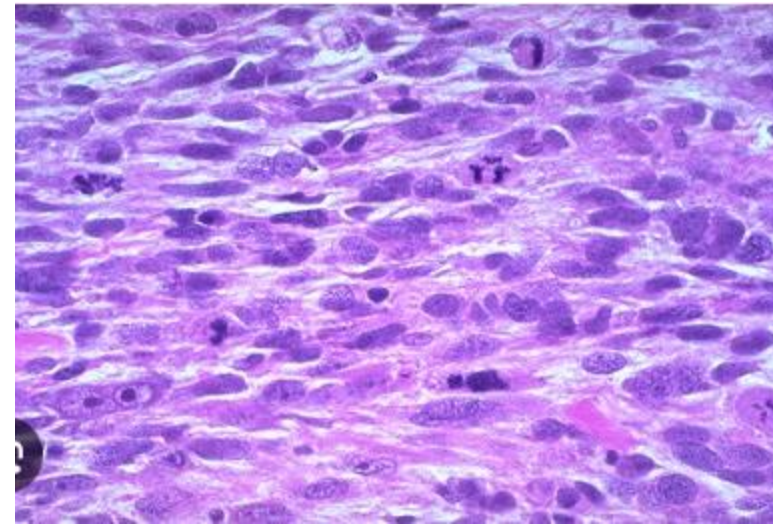
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cytologic atypia



tumor necrosis



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