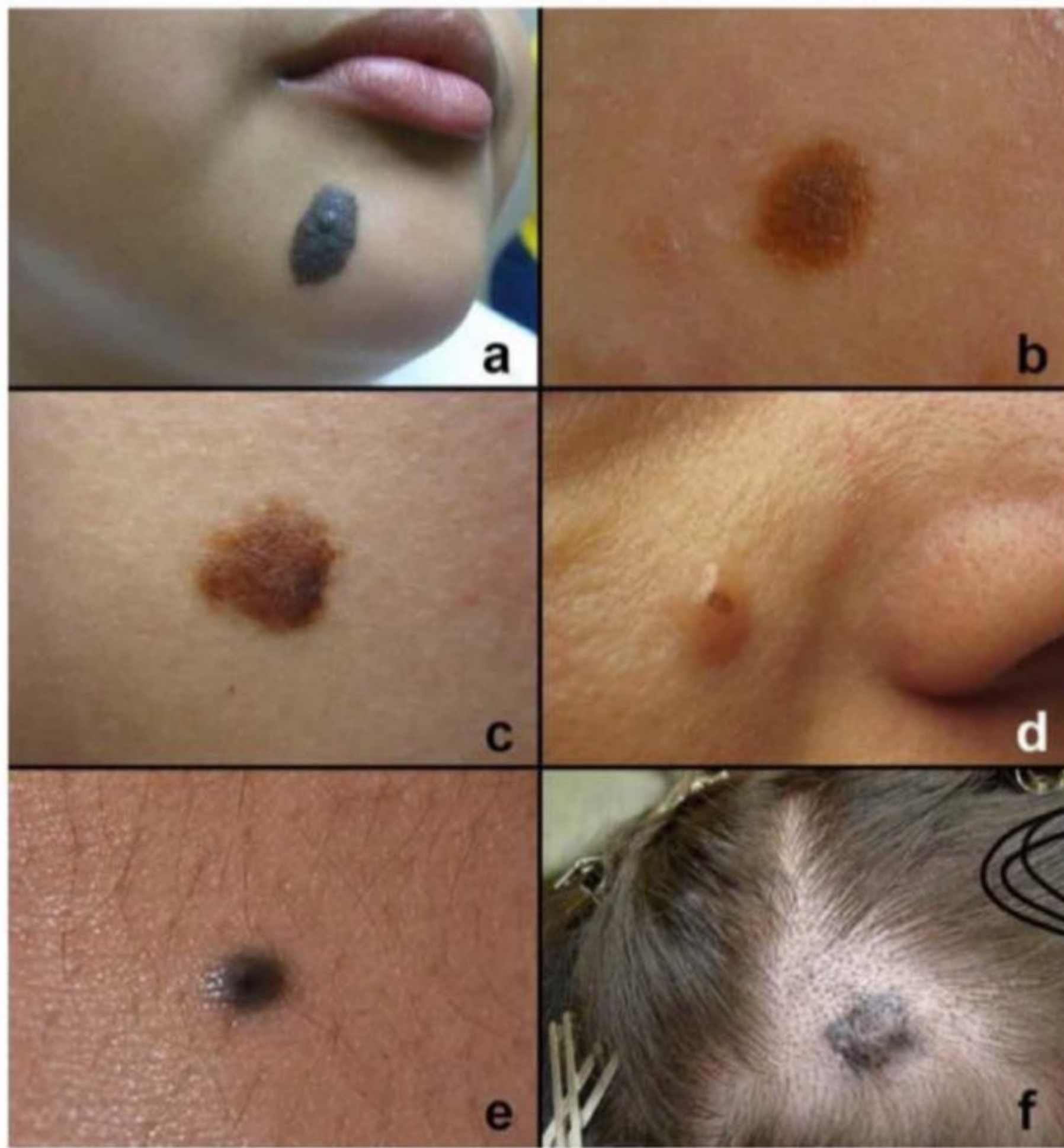


# BENIGN FEATURES OF NEVUS

موجيد



• It is characterized by **well-demarcated and sharp borders**.

• It usually **does not change** significantly over time. ← نقدا شابة عن اول ما تخلقت

• Histologically, it **exhibits symmetry and absence of atypia**, (including

cellular enlargement, nuclear enlargement, nuclear chromatin abnormalities, prominent nucleoli,

mitosis), and **maturation as you move deep into dermis which is a feature**.

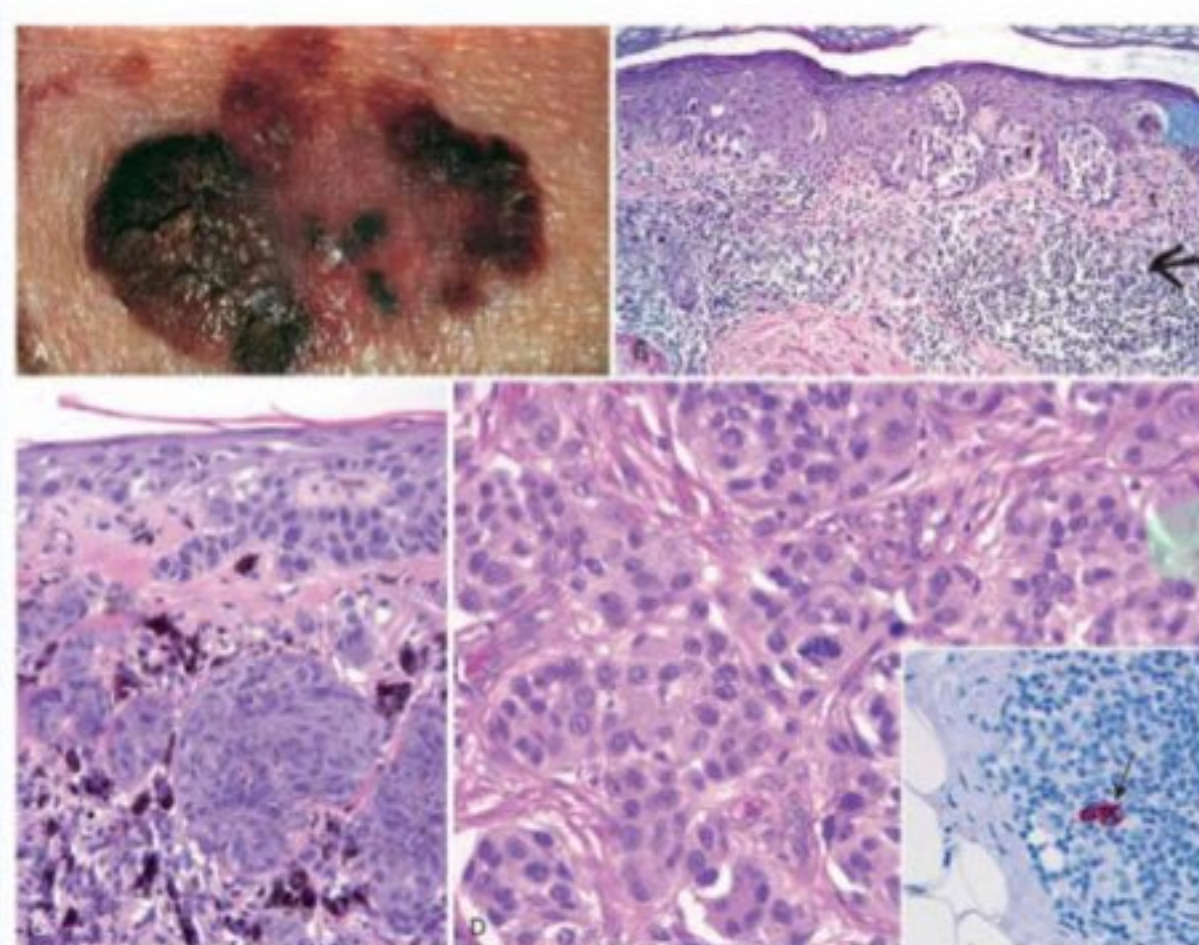
No mitosis  
No atypia

Handwritten scribbles in red ink.

These are the initial heads (early changes): **BRAF & RAS** (Extremely Important!)

## PATHOLOGICAL FEATURES OF MELANOMA (IMPORTANT!)

أم ساريد



• Melanoma has **irregular borders and pigmentation** (not always present).

• It shows **irregular nesting** with **increased numbers of single cells**.

• Melanoma exhibits **radial and vertical growth** (علايا عميقة).

• **The Deeper and thicker** it is, the **worse (prognosis)** it is because it can **metastasize**.

• The more **superficial and thinner** it is, the **better (prognosis)** it is.

• It has **increased thickness (Breslow thickness)**!

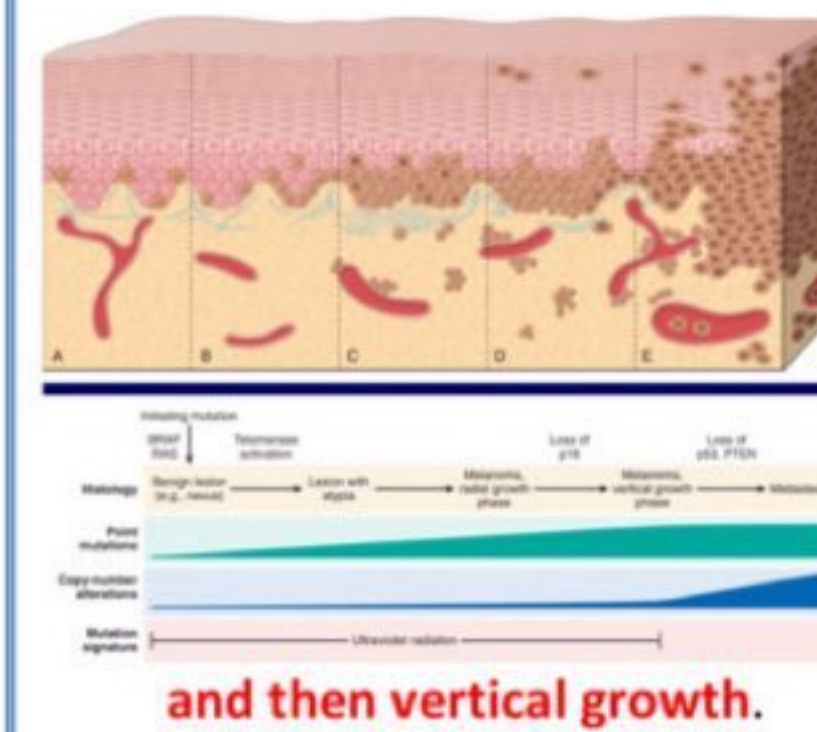
• **Deeper invasion** and **larger atypical cells** are also common.

• The nuclei in melanoma cells are **larger** and atypical with prominent **cherry-red nucleoli**.

• **Nucleus and cytoplasm** are both enlarged; **the ratio of nucleus to cytoplasm will not be high**, as both components are similarly enlarged.

Answer: D) The evolution of melanoma can occur in two ways: either progressing from a benign nevus to a dysplastic nevus and then to melanoma or arising de novo without arising from a pre-existing nevus

## EVOLUTION OF MELANOMA (IMPORTANT!)



- So we have multiple heads:
  - the Initial head: **BRAF and RAS**.
  - The Middle head: **TERT**
  - The Later Heads: **TP53 and PTEN** which mainly involve the **Tumor Suppressor Genes!**
- These Heads are the target of treatment.
- First is Rapidly growth (radial growth) and then vertical growth.

## WARNING SIGNS OF MELANOMA

كثير مهمة

- **Rapid enlargement of a preexisting nevus**
  - A nevus is a mole or pigmented lesion on the skin.
  - If the size of the nevus increases rapidly, it can be a warning sign of melanoma.
- **Itching or pain**
- **New pigmented lesions development**
  - The development of new pigmented lesions on the skin, especially in adulthood.
- **Irregular borders of a pigmented lesion**
  - Melanoma often has an **irregular or asymmetrical shape with blurry or jagged edges**.
- **Variegation of color within a pigmented lesion**
  - Melanoma often has a mix of colors or an uneven distribution of color.
  - Dark brown or black, red, white, or blue shades within a pigmented lesion can be warning signs of melanoma.

Color يتلون  
المنطقة بلون مختلفة

\* Important notes:

→ The doctor said that the main differentiator between Solar elastosis and actinic keratosis is the presence of **CELLULAR ATYPIA**.

- \* **Solar elastosis = NO ATYPIA**. [ thickened + yellow skin + deep wrinkles lines ]
- \* **Actinic keratosis: ATYPIA must be present**. [ it's a pre-malignant ] [ mutation in gene + P53 ]

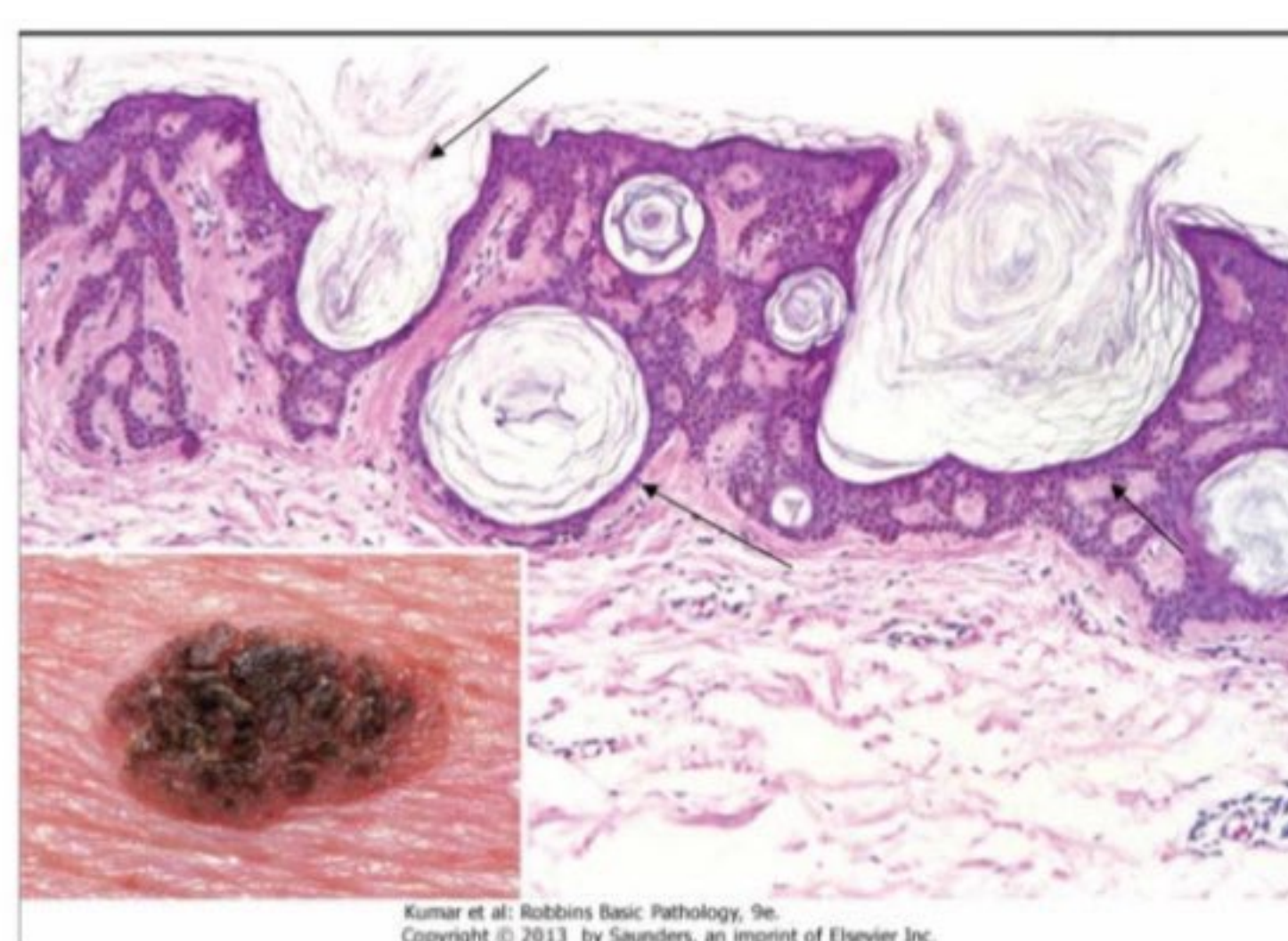


# Seborrheic Keratosis:

→ Coin-like lesions with intra-epidermal keratin filled cysts. They appear "Stuck on" to the skin.

→ The most common mutation occurs in the FGFR3 gene.

→ They can present anywhere on the body, but the trunk is the most common site of presentation.



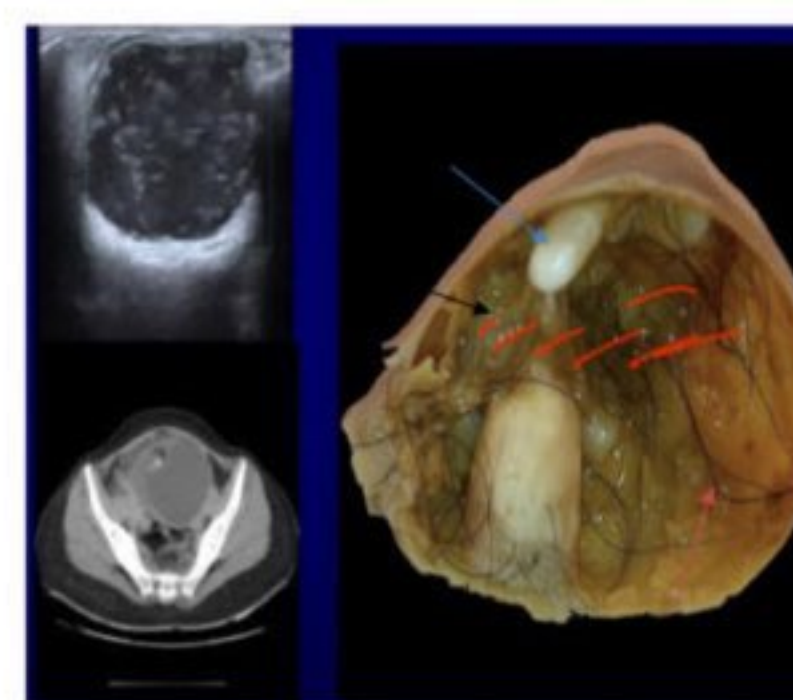
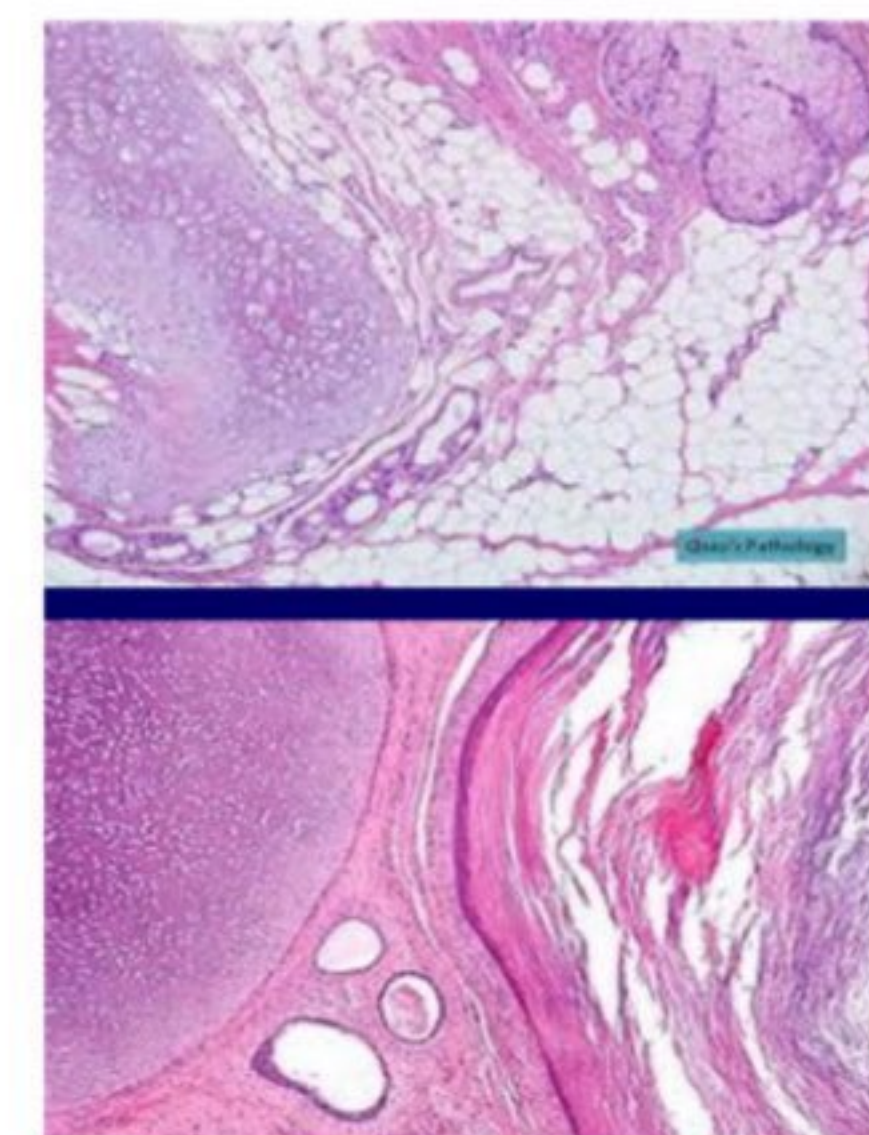
## SKIN cyst:

① → Epidermal (Epithelial) Inclusion cysts: Keratin filled cysts inside fully mature squamous epithelium with granular cell layer (Granulosum layer).

→ They are abnormally located sacs filled with a greasy yellow material and other MATURE mesenchymal tissue such as: Bone, hair, muscle, teeth, cartilage, etc. (Dermoid cyst)

\* → Ovarian teratomas (dermoid cysts) are 90-95% benign,

\* → ALL teratomas found in the testes are malignant.



Perfect representation of how one dermoid cyst can have multiple types of fully mature mesenchymal tissue.

We can see cartilage, skin, adipocytes, and other tissue in one histological sample

## Squamous cell carcinoma:

### Risk factors:

① → Immunosuppression (HPV in cervical cancer cases), prolonged sun exposure, tars and oils, Old Burns (Squamous cell carcinoma that develops on top of old burns is called a Marjolin Ulcer), and Ionizing radiation.

→ They are common neoplasms that happen due to sun damage.

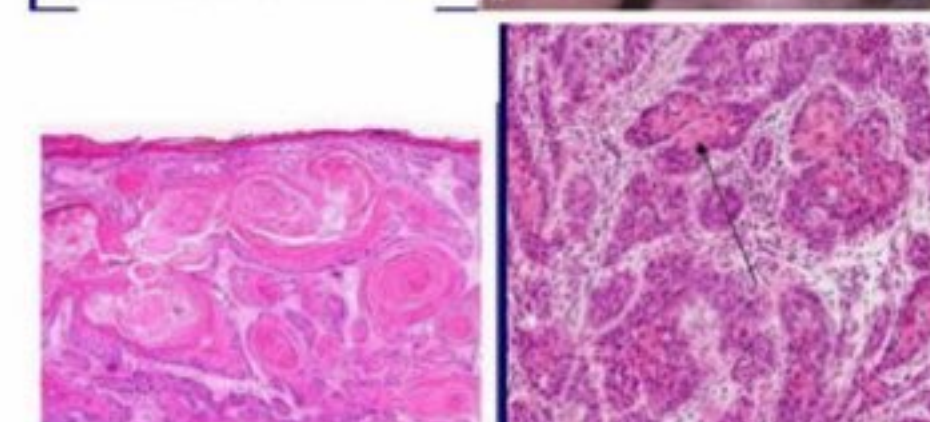
→ They are commonly localized to the epidermis and dermis. Very rarely do they ever metastasize or infiltrate deep tissue layers.

→ They are however invasive.

### two types:

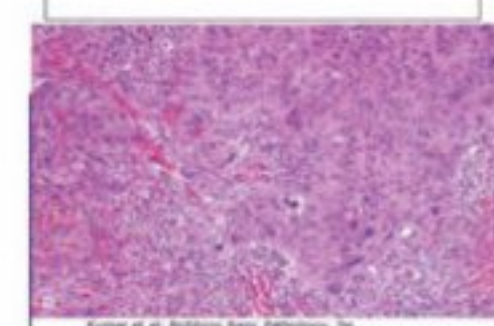
① - Keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma

② - Non-keratinizing Squamous cell carcinoma: More dangerous than its keratinizing counterpart.



GRADE 1. Well differentiated Keratinizing Squamous cell carcinoma. A LOT of keratin → A lot of epithelial maturation

GRADE 2. Moderately differentiated keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma. More cellular, but we can still see bits of keratin (black arrow)



GRADE 3. Poorly differentiated keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma.

Very invasive Squamous cell carcinoma. The doctor said that if a tumor is connected to the epithelium → Primary skin tumor.

## Basal cell carcinoma:

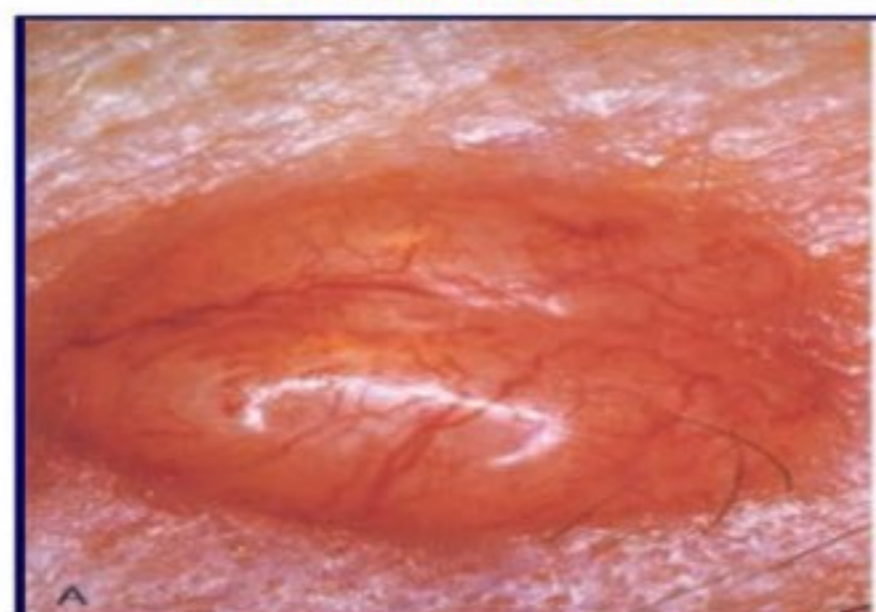
→ Prolonged sun exposure that causes loss of function in tumor suppressor genes such as PTCH1 and TP53 that regulate cell division.

→ Basal cell carcinoma arises from mutated Basal cells of the epidermis.

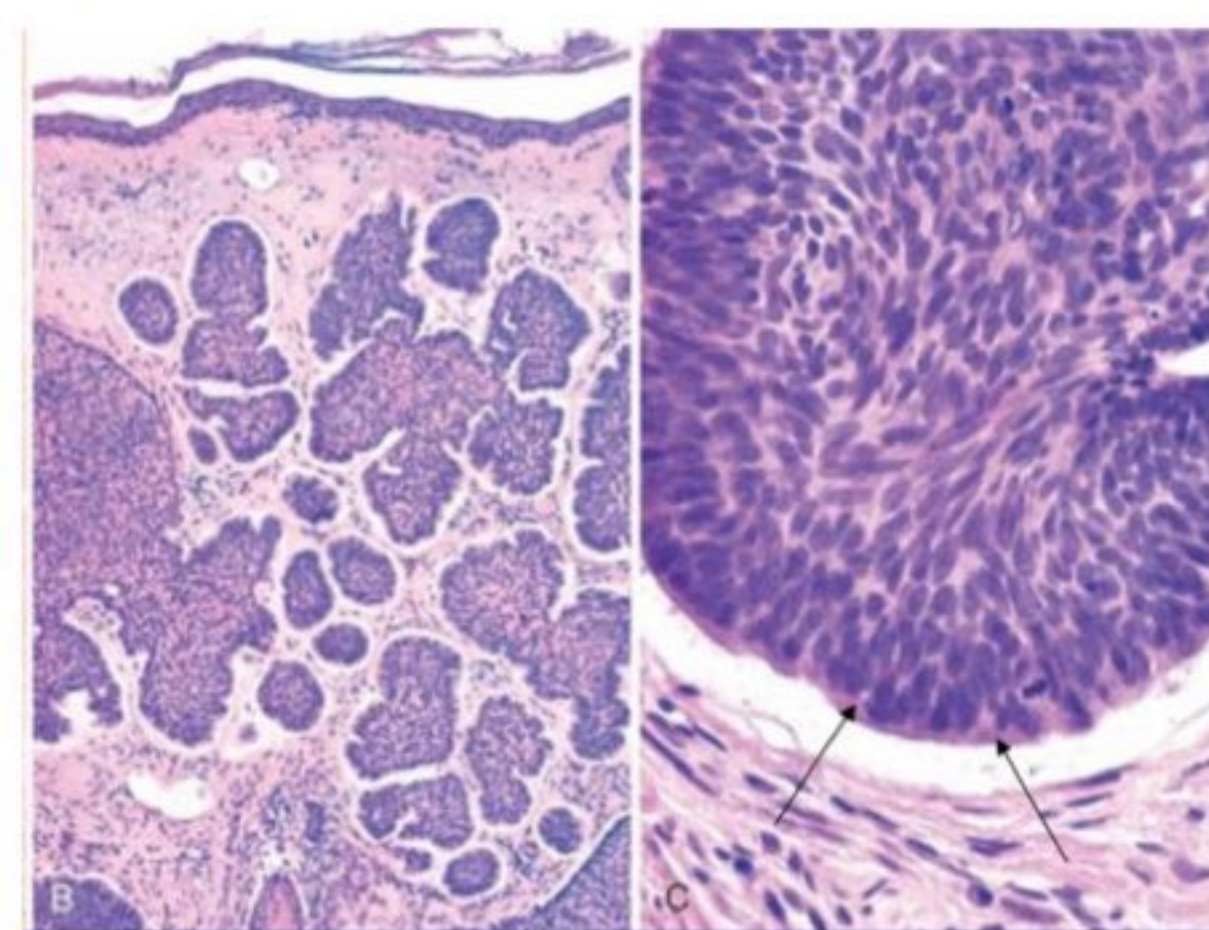
→ Most common tumor of the skin.

→ It is less aggressive than squamous cell carcinoma.

→ The cell mutated in both squamous cell carcinoma and basal cell carcinoma is the keratinocyte. The only difference is where the mutated cell is found.



Pearly papule with prominent, dilated subepidermal blood vessels.



Picture on the left shows multiple basal cell tumors invading the underlying dermis. They show cellular atypia and a more bluish color.

The black arrows on the right show the palisading pattern of basal cell carcinoma. Look at how the nuclei is forming a line that separates the tumor from the stroma.



# FIBROUS TUMORS:

## 1. Nodular Fasciitis: || benign disease.

if culture-like histology.

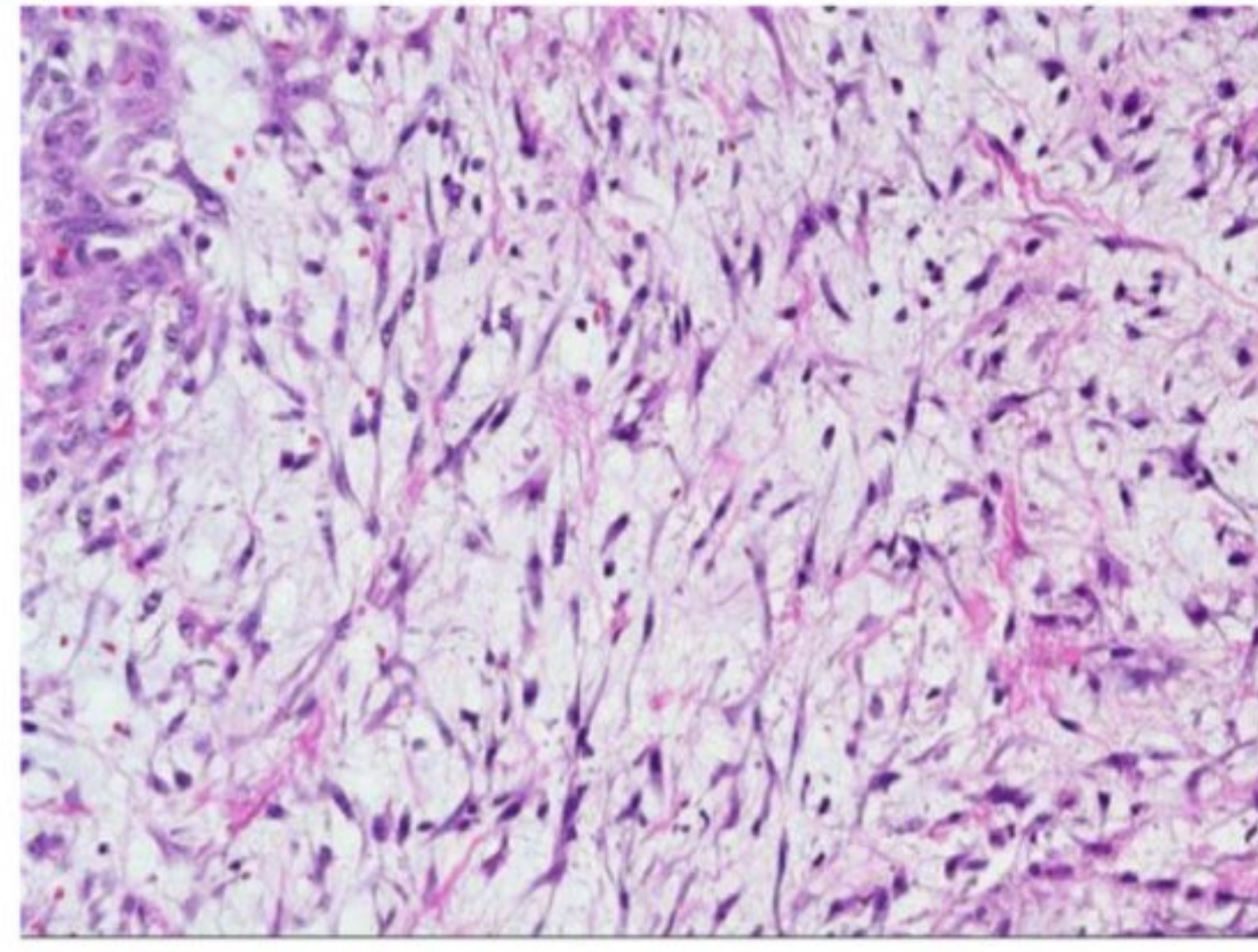
- Nodular fasciitis: thought to be reactive process.
- Now, clonal, **t(17;22)** producing MYH9-USP6 fusion gene.

Nodular fasciitis is a tumor **not** an inflammatory proliferative reaction.

• Maybe self-limiting  
Nodular fasciitis maybe **self-limiting**, and this is the excuse of the people who believe that nodular fasciitis is not a true tumor even though it has a clonal signature change.

- Trauma history, recent rapid size increase \*

**A Case:** 35 or 45 years old patient, who had a chest trauma, after couple of weeks, he came with a mass in nodular fasciitis. (recent trauma history).



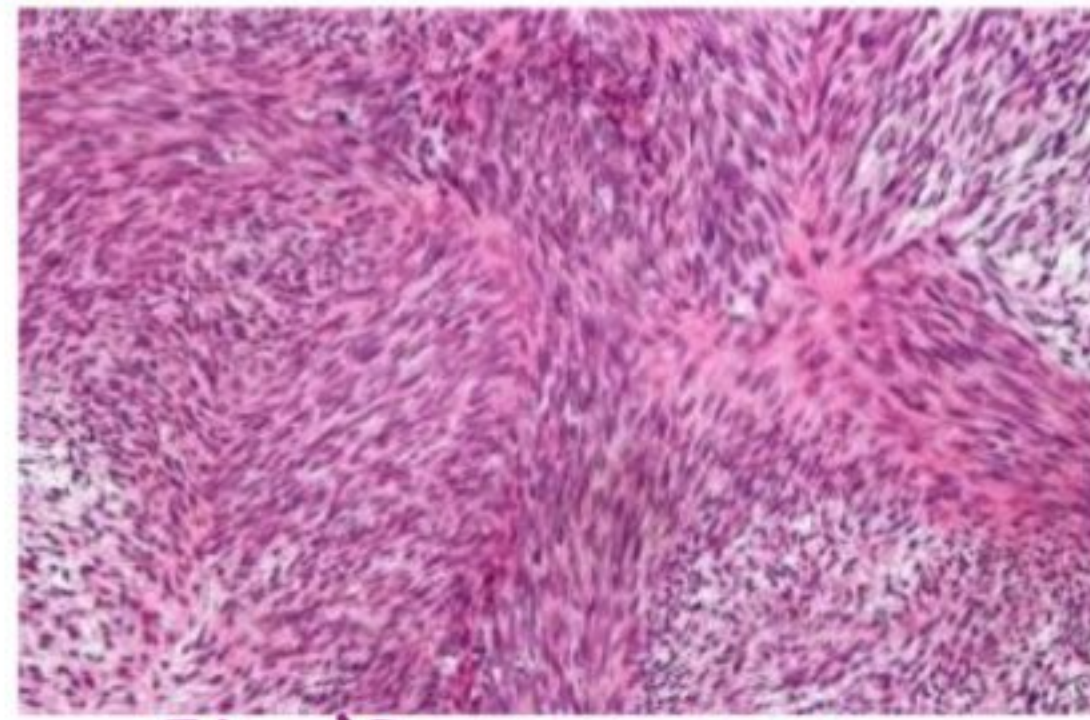
Spindle cells + Frequent mitosis + Inflammatory cell + lymphocytes.

## 2. Fibromas and Fibrosarcoma:

1 • **Fibromas:** benign proliferation of fibroblasts, very common, skin and subcutaneous tissue.



2 • **Fibrosarcoma:** malignant counterpart. usually, superficial cutaneous tumors of fibroblasts, cellular, storiform pattern with increased mitosis.  
Low grade sarcomas, t



- Storiform pattern  
- herring Bone appearance.

## 3 A. Superficial fibromatoses:

- Infiltrative benign fibroblastic proliferation
- May run in families; may impact function

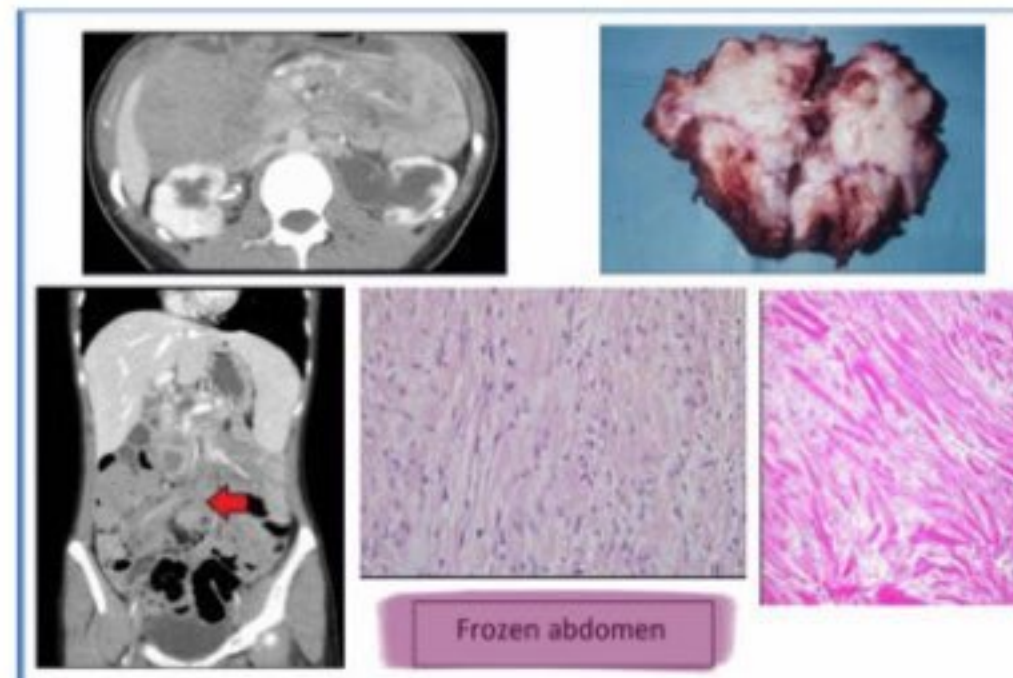
Palmer (DUPUYTREN CONTRACTURE)	PLANTAR FIBROMATOSIS	PENILE (PEYRONIE DISEASE)
Palmar fascia	Sole of foot	Dorsolateral aspect of the penis
Palmer contraction, flexion of finger and you cant open it, so interferes with the function.	they are painful.	Very painful especially in erections and very difficult to treat.

## B. Deep fibromatoses (Desmoid tumor):

- 20-30 years. Females are common
- mostly Common in Intra-abdominal wall + thigh.

• Mutations in **CTNNB1 (β-catenin)** or **APC** genes leading to increased Wnt signaling. • Mostly are sporadic; but patients with Gardner (FAP) syndrome are susceptible.

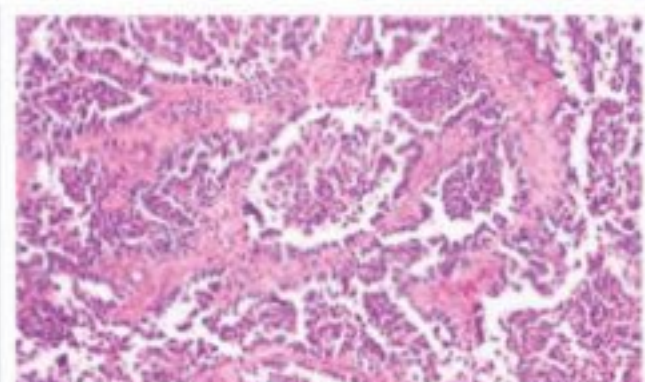
- Infiltrative but not metastasis
- They can Kill you by local Infiltrative Not metastasis.



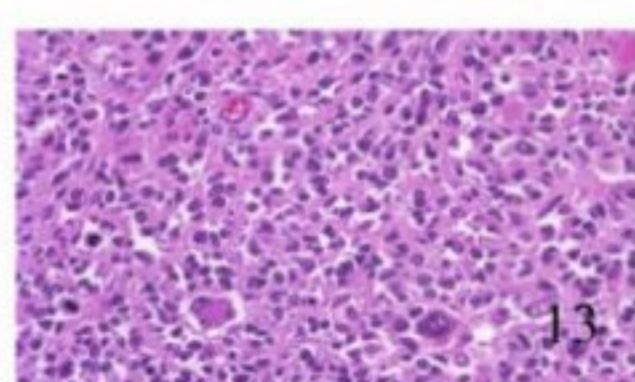
FROZEN abdomen.

# SKELETAL MUSCLE TUMORS

- 1 • Almost all malignant; except **rhabdomyoma** which is **benign, rare,** occurs with **tuberous sclerosis**
- 2 • Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS) is the malignant prototype; most common child sarcoma <15 yr. **more common than rhabdomyoma.**



The alveolar type of rhabdomyosarcoma, because it looks like the alveoli of the lung.

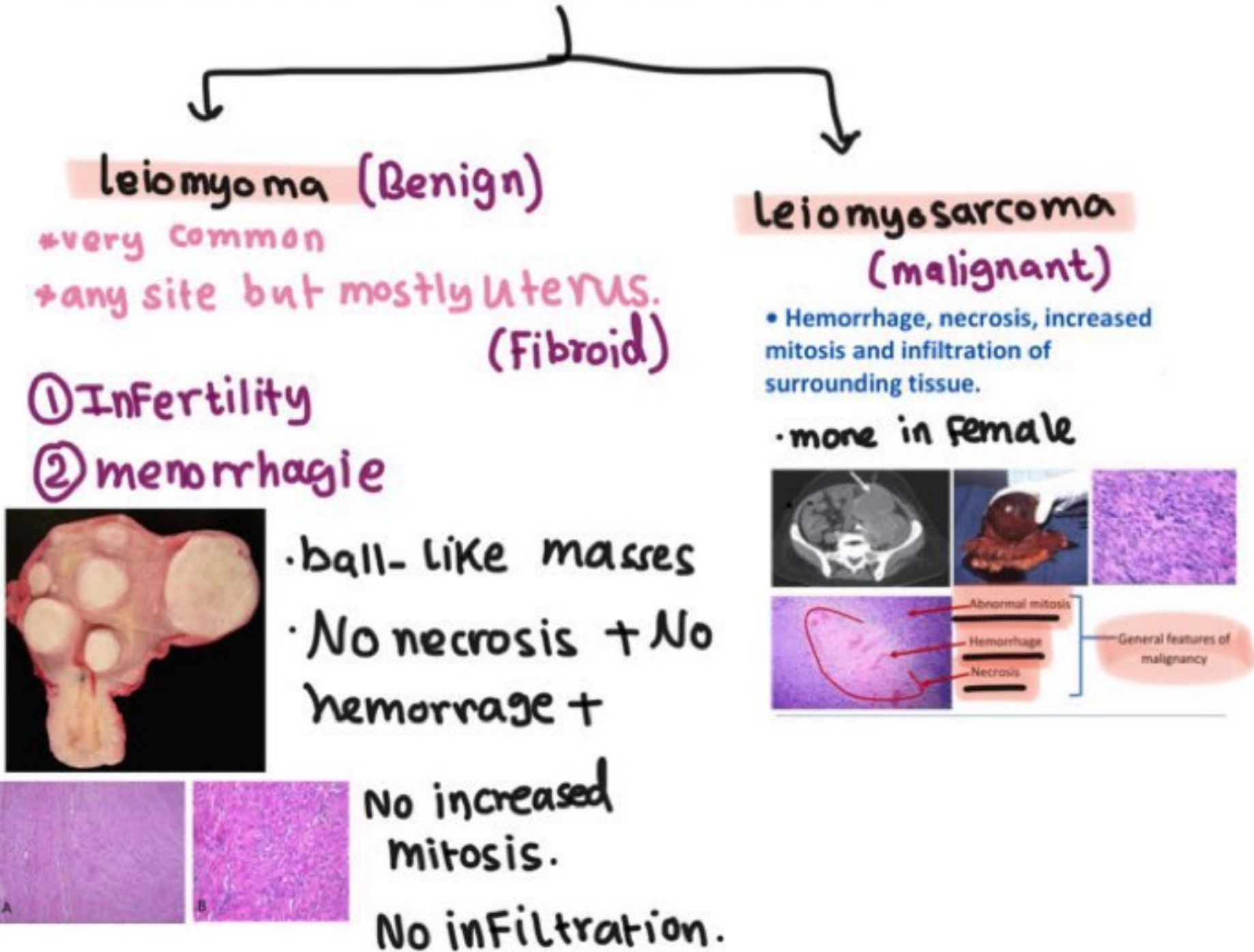


The pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma (Embryonal type).



Rhabdomyosarcoma  
→ bulky + necrosis + hemorrhage

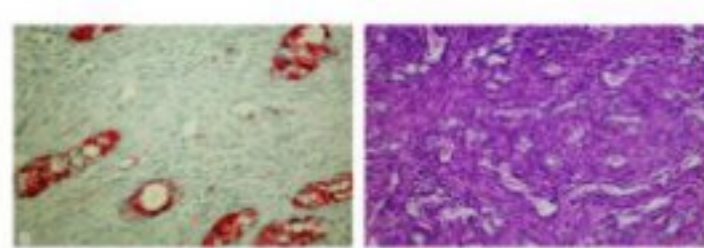
# SMOOTH MUSCLE TUMORS



→ Synovial Sarcoma: it can be anywhere but commonly around joint

→ **T(X;18) (p11;q11) fusion genes SS18...**

monophasic: only spindle cells.



• Metastasis: lung and lymph nodes.

bi phasic (spindle cells + glands)

2. Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma  
\* No origin pleomorphic appearance (ugly + hemorrhage + anaplastic cells + necrosis)  
• Large tumors; anaplastic and pleomorphic cells, abnormal mitoses, necrosis



Giant cell tumors often destroy the overlying cortex, producing a bulging soft tissue mass delineated by a thin shell of reactive bone (Fig. 21.25). Grossly, they are red-brown masses that frequently undergo cystic degeneration. Microscopically, the tumor conspicuously lacks bone or cartilage, consisting of numerous osteoclast-type giant cells with 100 or more nuclei with uniform, oval mononuclear tumor cells in between (Fig. 21.26).



FIG. 21.25 Radiographically, giant cell tumor of the proximal tibia is predomi...

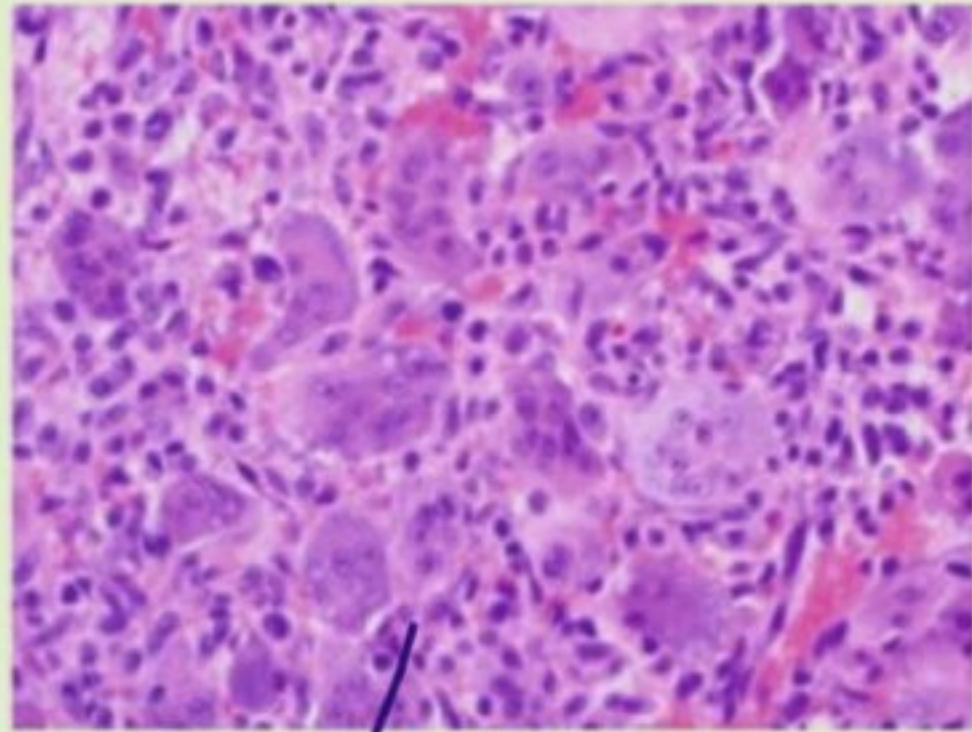


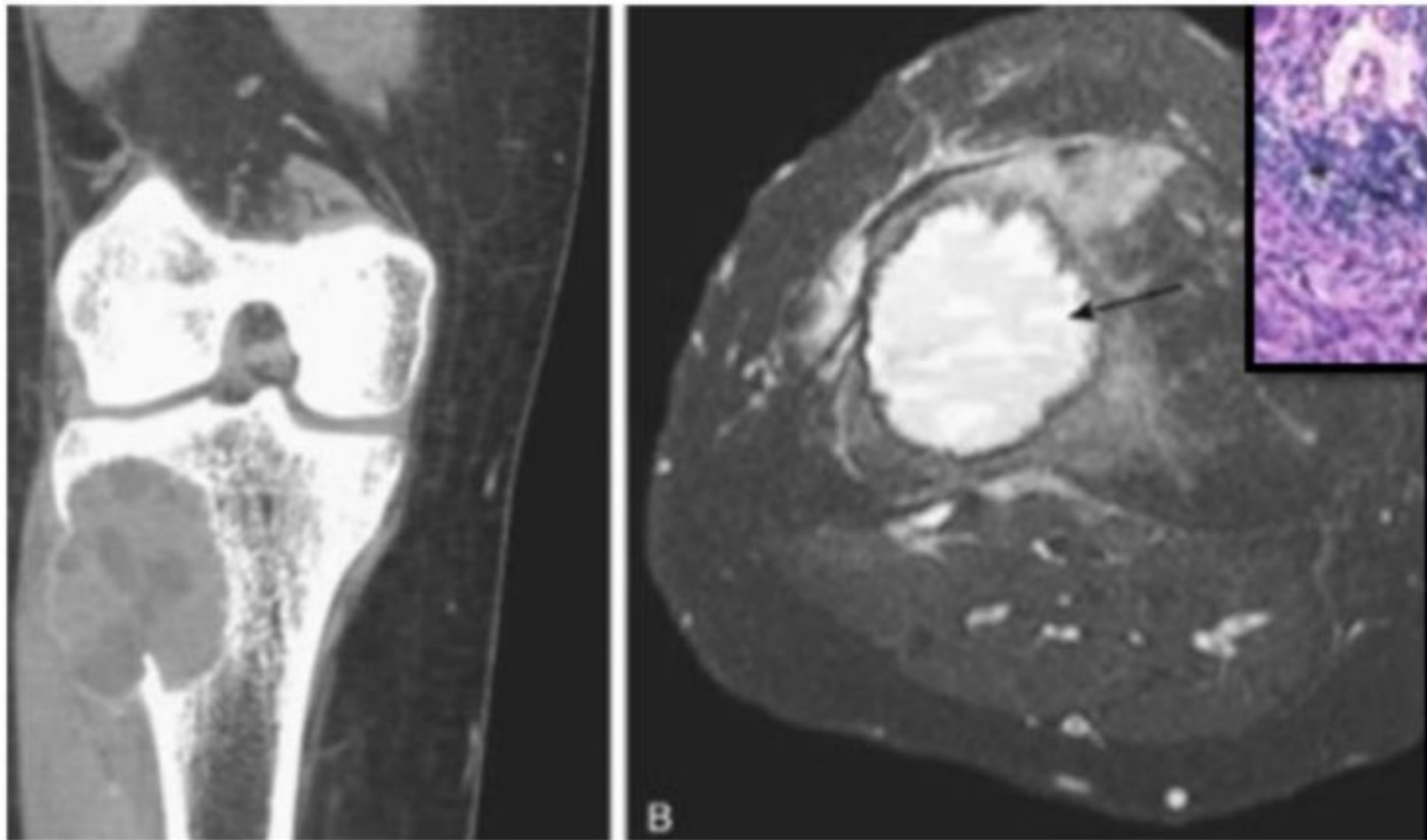
FIG. 21.26 Giant cell tumor illustrating an abundance of multinucleated giant c...

its mononuclear cell  
and multi-nucleated  
giant cell

## giant cell tumor:

- ① 90% - 95% (benign)
- ② potentially malignant
- ③ destroying vertebral bodies
- ④ locally aggressive neoplasm of adult
- ⑤ it's located in Epiphyses of long Bone.
- ⑥ it's called osteoclastoma
- ⑦ cells contain high level of RANKL

## ANEURYSMAL BONE CYST:



- \* benign tumor
- \* cyst filled with blood
- \* it's located in metaphysis of long Bone.
- \* it occurs to old (adult) but not children
- \* No Codman triangle No Filtration.

## FIBROUS DYSPLASIA (FD): something wrong happen during osteoblast

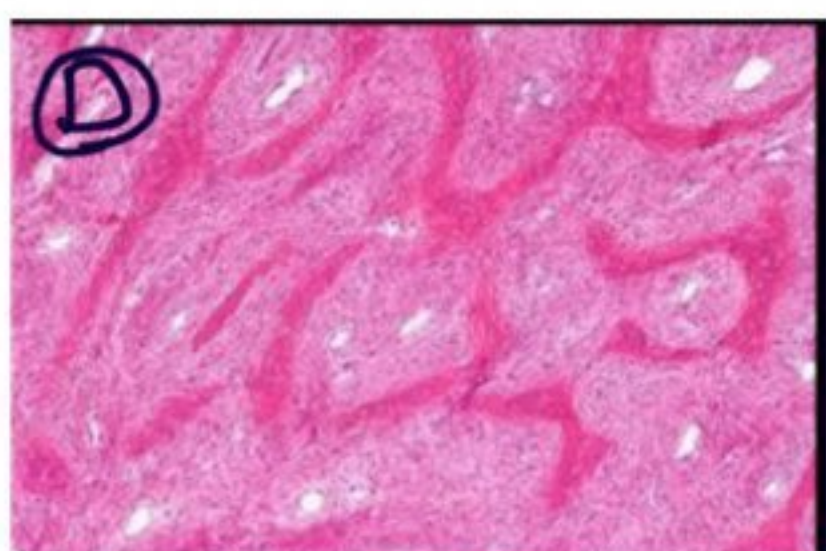
differentiation and maturation. not a real tumor [due to mutation

in GNAS 1 gene (CAMP)

- Mazabraud syndrome: FD (fibrous dysplasia) + soft tissue myxoma (benign tumor of the myxoid cells)



Common locations: face and jaws



abnormal Bone  
Formation + abnormal  
marrow  
(Chinese letter)

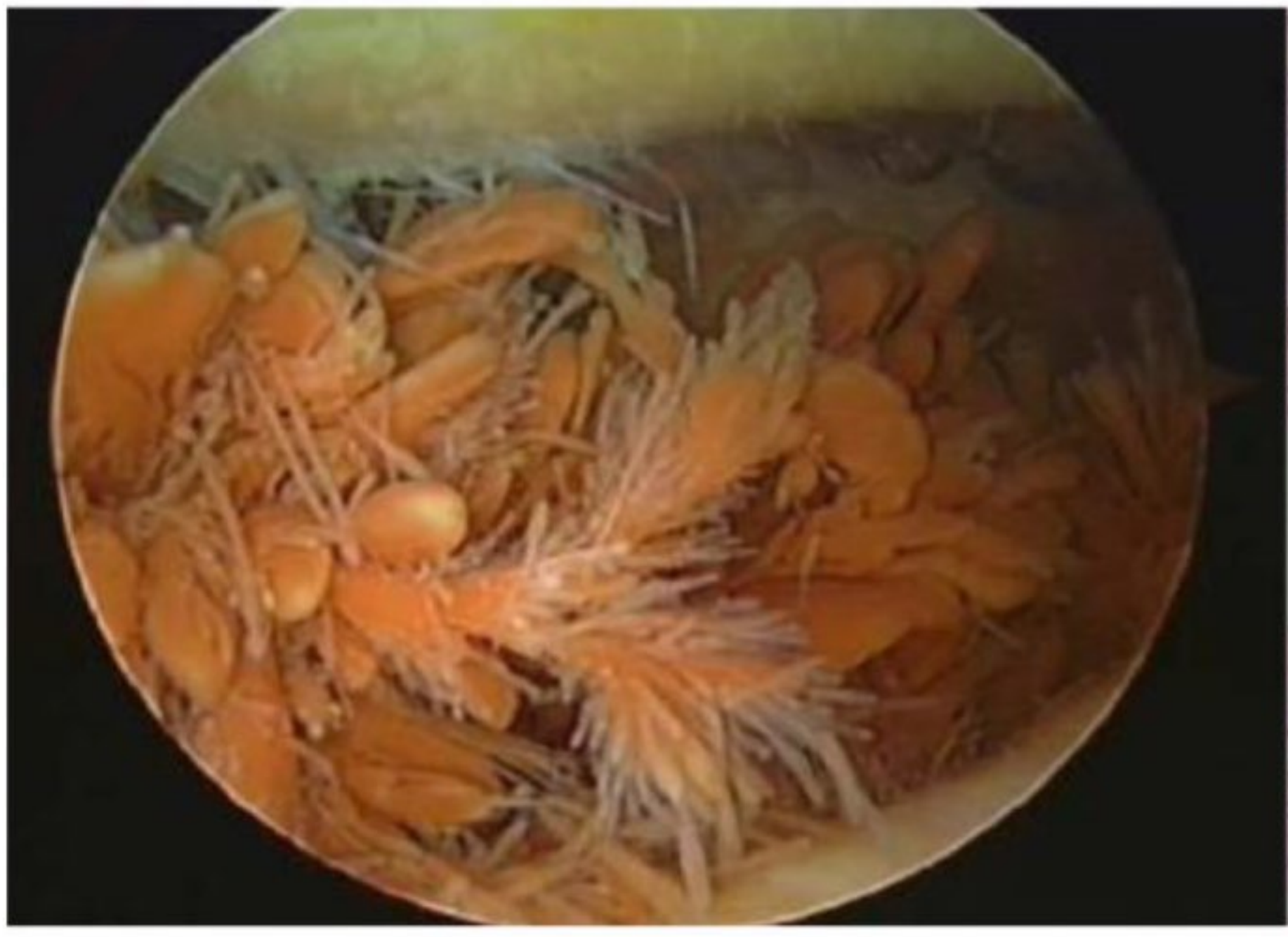
## Mazabraud Syndrome

- ① Polyostotic Fibrous dysplasia
- ② abnormality in Bone of Jaws, Pelvis
- ③ Café-au-lait skin pigmentation
- ④ endocrine abnormality (hyperthyroidism) + precocious puberty









tenosynovial giant cell

- ① Benign neoplasm of synovium
- ② affecting large joint (knee)
- ③ cause severe pain + lock of joint
- ④ pigmented villonodular synovitis  
(villous like shape)

→ because of bleeding  
 → bleeding cause hemosiderin to go out and give brown color

⑤ t(1:2) (p.13, q.37)

⑥ affecting collagen type 6

• 15-20% **simple karyotype** (single mutation or single translocation which makes it easy to diagnose by FISH or next-generation sequencing), **single signature mutation** (Ewing and synovial sarcoma)

- in certain situations in sarcoma we need to do molecular test and check the mutation

• 80-85% **complex karyotype** (genomic instability), **LMS** (leiomyosarcoma), and **pleomorphic Sarcoma**

• **Wide range** (benign-highly malignant)

### SOFT TISSUE TUMORS:

They are much more common than joint tumors.

- Benign is **MUCH** more common than malignant
- Incidence: 1% and cause 2% cancer death (compared to breast, lung, colon cancer, etc)
- Sarcomas are aggressive and metastasize mainly to **lungs**, hematogenous spread
- Most common sites are in extremities (thigh), followed by retroperitoneum.
- Most are sporadic; very few arise from tumor suppressor gene mutations (**NF1**, **Gardner syndrome**, Li-Fraumeni syndrome, Osler-Webber-Rendu Syndrome)
- Few occur after exposure to radiation, burns, & toxins.

These are called **Secondary Sarcomas**: they are becoming more common nowadays due to the heavy use of radiation in treatments.

### JUVENILE IDIOPATHIC ARTHRITIS (JIA):

Another form of RA which affects children

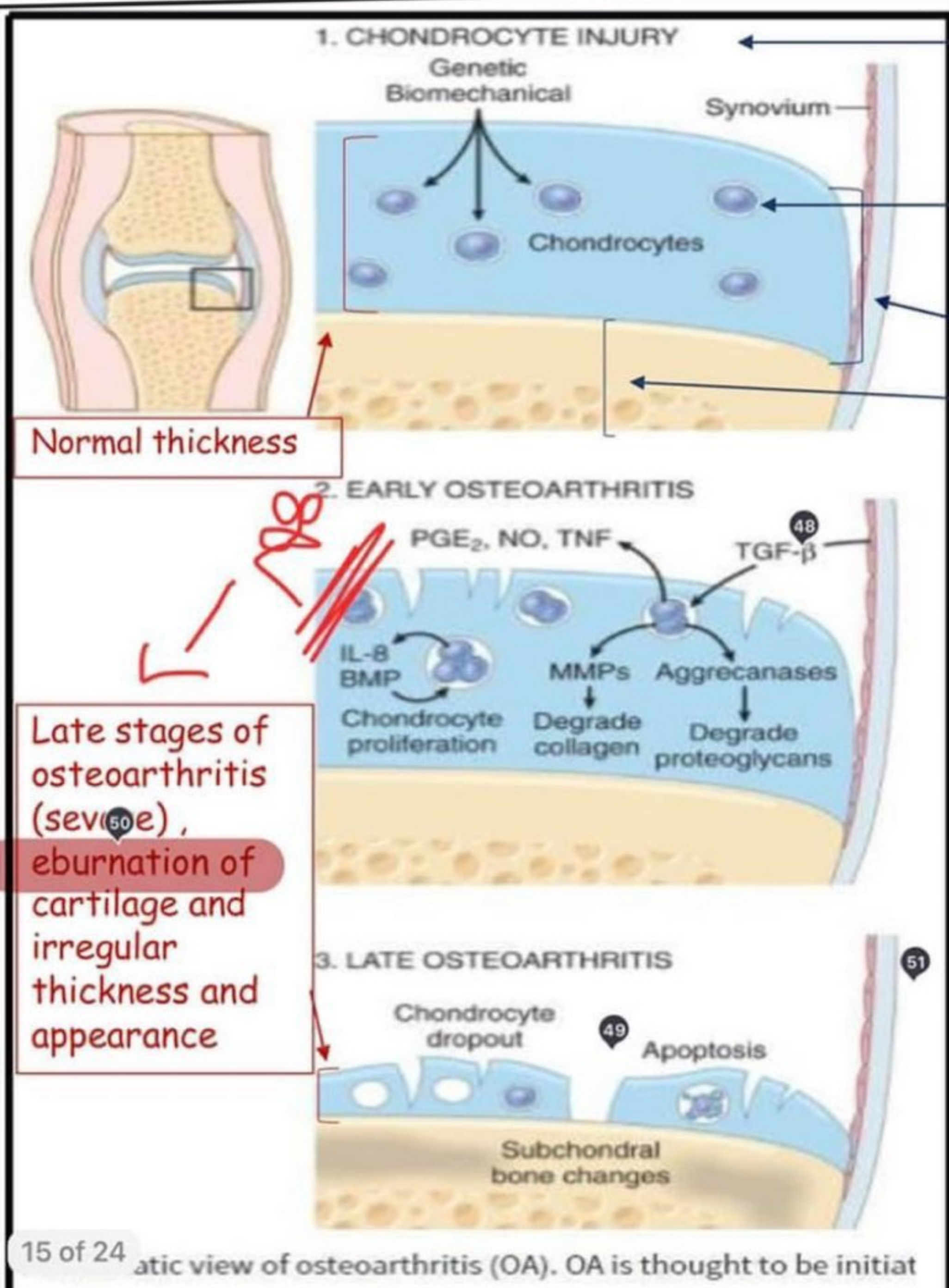
- Heterogeneous group; arthritis of unknown cause; **<16 years for at least 6 weeks** (You can't diagnose a patient with JIA if he didn't have the symptoms for at least 6 weeks!)
- Pathogenesis is similar to adult RA (better, short term complications)
- Prognosis variable; only 10% will have serious functional disability

IN CONTRAST TO ADULTS RA; JIA IS CHARACTERIZED BY:

Oligoarthritis is more common	←
Systemic disease is more common	←
Large joints are affected more than small joints	knee, elbow, ankle
Rheumatoid nodules and Rheum Factor are usually absent	
Anti Nuclear Antibody seropositivity is common	→ ANA Simple screening test

• Asymmetrical pattern  
 • Large, weight-bearing joints (knee, elbow and ankle) are usually affected.

Can have heart problems, skin issues, ophthalmologic abnormalities, both adults RA and JIA can have systemic diseases but in JIA it's more common





# RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS:

True inflammatory joint arthritis, but less common than osteoarthritis

- True and strong **Chronic inflammatory disease; autoimmune in nature; attacks joints with nonsuppurative** (no pus, non pyogenic no bacteria), **proliferative** (proliferation of fibroblasts) and **inflammatory synovitis** (the major target is the synovium and the surrounding ligaments not the articular cartilage); **leading to destruction of joints and adhesions (ankylosis** (fusion of the joint));
- **systemic disease (skin, heart, vessels & lungs)** (it is a multi organ disease, that can affect several regions rather than the knees only "as the osteoarthritis". In this disease, the major factor of mortality is the involvement of other organs such as lung, heart and kidney involvement)
- **1% prevalence in USA; F:M = 3:1** (more common in females); **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> decade**  
 "Important ratio"
- **Genetic predisposition** (some families have a higher RA rate than other) + **environmental factors plays a role in the development, progression and chronicity of the disease**

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## PATHOGENESIS:

Involvement of multiple mediators in the inflammatory process

IFN- $\gamma$ from Th1	Activates macrophages & synovial cells
IL-17 from Th 17	Recruits neutrophils and monocytes
RANKL from T cells	Stimulates osteoclasts & bone resorption
<b>TNF &amp; IL-1</b> from macrophages	Stimulates resident synoviocytes to secrete proteases that destroy hyaline cartilage

The changes in chondrocytes and cartilage are secondary to the nonsuppurative chronic inflammatory cells

TNF is the major player in the pathogenesis of RA

2 tests to confirm the Dx of RA

- **80% of patients with RA have autoantibodies IgG & IgM against the Fc portion of their own IgG** we test this by [**Rheumatoid factor**] which is the basic serum test
- **70% of patients with RA have Anti-Citrullinated Protein Antibodies (ACPA)** Negative rheumatoid factor doesn't rule out RA because 20% of the patients with definitive RA have negative RF

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### SERONEGATIVE SPONDYLOARTHROPATHIES:

- **Ankylosing Spondylitis:**
  - Adolescent boys, HLA B27, axial joints (sacroiliac)
- **Reiter Syndrome:**
  - **Triad of arthritis**, urethritis/cervicitis & conjunctivitis
  - Autoimmune but initiated by bacterial infection.
- **Enteropathic Arthritis:**
  - Secondary to bowel infections (salmonella, shigella)
  - HLA B27 positive
- **Psoriatic Arthritis:**
  - 5% of patients, starts in DIP joints, similar to RA.

specialty Sexually induced infection



# Pathology notes for final:

## LECTURE 6:

GNAS1 GENE abnormality causes fibrous dysplasia (FD)

Mazabraud syndrome => FD+ soft tissue myxoma حسيت الدكتور نبه عليها

McCune-albright syndrome: هيذي مهم جدا جدا وهي غالبا اهم من اللي فوق

\*café au lait pigmentation اهم مميز لهاذ المرض

\*polystatic FD + endocrine abnormalities (hair before puberty)....

\*\*\*\*histologic feature of FD => Chinese letters like

## DJD (osteoarthritis) worsen with use / morning stiffness

Articular cartilage

## LECTURE 7 :

Rheumatoid arthritis

=> **chronic , autoimmune disease , nonsuppurative , inflammatory synovitis , systemic disease , ankylosis joint destruction + adhesion .**

\*\*\* true arthritis \*\*\* more in females, +50 years old

## *Combination of both Genetic predisposition + environmental factors.*##

\*\**Most important mediator in the pathogenesis of RA is ::*

*TNF +IL1 => which stimulate resident synoviocytes to secrete proteases that destroy hyaline cartilage ..*

Stiffness while resting , waxing and waning (مرة كويس مرة لا)

Ulnar deviation characteristic feature of RA

Treated by : \*anti-TNF , \*steroids , \*MTX

Juvenile idiopathic arthritis:

=> -16 years old. Children type of arthritis

Symptoms lasts for at least 6 weeks

Similar to RA

Large joints affected commonly

ANA +ve :main characteristic

Rheumatoid factor and nodules are -ve mainly

Seronegative :

- Most common prototype is **ankylosing spondylitis**
- Main joint involved is **SACROILIAC JOINT**
- 90% **HLA-B27 +ve**
- Anti AL-17 effective treatment.

Reiter syndrome: triad of : arthritis , urethritis , conjunctivitis initiated by bacterial infection (sexually transmitted)

Suppurative arthritis:

SUDDEN acute pain, knee joint mainly affected, systemic manifestations

Bacterial infection



## LECTURE 8:

### \*\*Gout VS pseudogout\*\* :

- Endogenous crystals in GOUT => MSU monosodium urate
- Endogenous crystals in PSEUDOGOUT => CPPD calcium pyrophosphate dehydrogenase.
- *Pseudogout* : weak positively birefringent under polarized light IMP. 💡
- *Acute gout* : strong negatively birefringent under polarized light

### Ganglion cyst:

Not true cyst, no communication with synovial joint ,common condition, located in the dorsum of wrist.

### Baker cyst :

Common location is popliteal fossa , true synovial cyst, herniation process

Diffuse pigmented villonodular synovitis :: affecting type6 collagen  $\alpha 3$

## LECTURE 9:

### About nodular fasciitis :

الدكتور حكي عن انه ضروري ما نغلط ونحددها انها malignant فا ممكن يجيب سؤال عن اعراض المرض ويحطلنا في الخيارات انه ..... diagnosed as malignant tumor 🙄😓

### Deep fibromatoses (desmoid tumors):

\*\* these tumors can kill you by local infiltration NOT metastasis VERY IMP. NOTE

### Smooth muscle tumors :

Leiomyoma do not transform to leiomyosarcoma

### Synovial sarcoma :

\*\* ممكن السؤال يجي عن (x;8)(p11,q11) translocation  
\*\* وممكن يجيبنا في السيناريو spindle cells and glands **biphasic**  
\*\* can go to lymph nodes ممكن يجيبنا خيار تريكي ننتبه