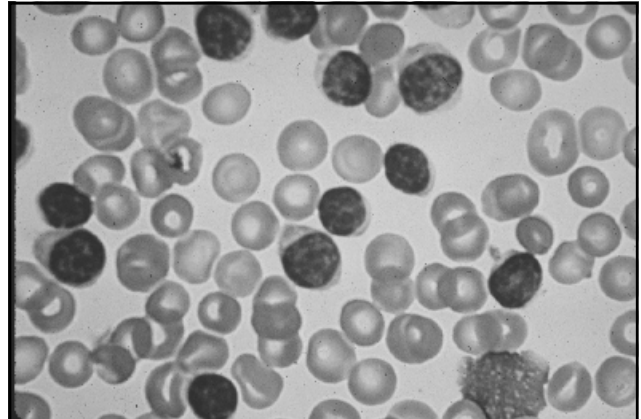


Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

- Most common leukemia
- Usual age > 50 yrs
- Increased proliferation and progressive accumulation of neoplastic, immunologically incompetent, clonal lymphocytes
 - B cell origin > 99%

Clinical Features of CLL

- **Highly variable presentation**
 - Asymptomatic, or vague, non-specific complaints
 - Recurrent infection 10% (often pneumococcus)
- **Signs**
 - Lymphadenopathy (60%)
 - Splenomegaly (50%)
 - Hepatomegaly (< 40%)



Immunological Abnormalities in CLL

- **Disturbed Ab production**
 - Hypogammaglobulinemia (50%) → bacterial infection
 - Monoclonal Ig paraprotein in serum (10%)
 - Autoantibodies (10%)
- **Minor impairments in cell-mediated immunity**
- **Neoplastic lymphocytes**
 - Monoclonal surface Ig
 - Abnormal response to Ig challenge

Clinical Features of CLL

- **Laboratory**
 - blood and marrow lymphocytosis
 - B cell monoclonality:
 - κ vs λ surface light chain
 - single Ig gene rearrangement
 - hypogammaglobulinemia
- **Prognosis**
 - Mean survival = 50-60 months
 - Range = few months to > 20 yrs

Complications of CLL

Rai Staging System for CLL

Classical Diagnostic Features of Myeloma

- Plasmacytosis in marrow
- Monoclonal protein in serum or urine
- Lytic disease of bone

Treatment of CLL

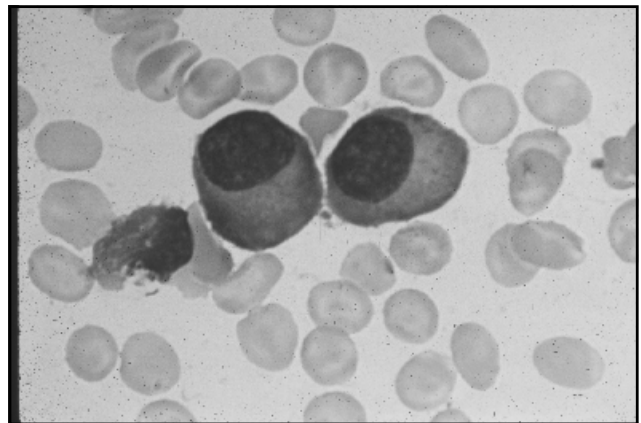
- **No evidence that therapy prolongs survival**
- **Asymptomatic: watch and wait**
- **Symptomatic:**
 - Radiation for local complications
 - Chemotherapy: fludarabine, alkylators, combinations
 - Monoclonal antibodies (eg, Campath)
 - Stem cell transplantation

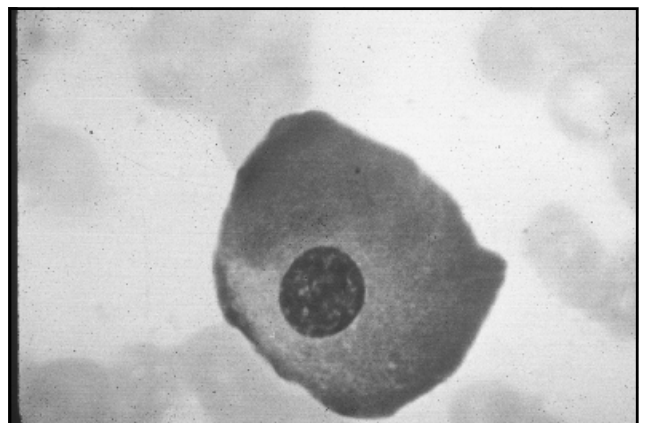
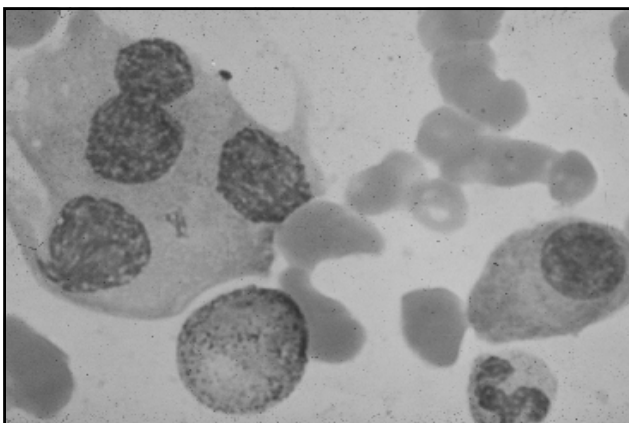
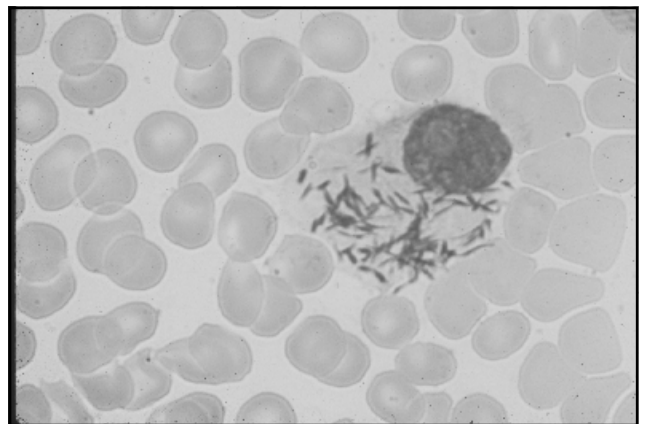
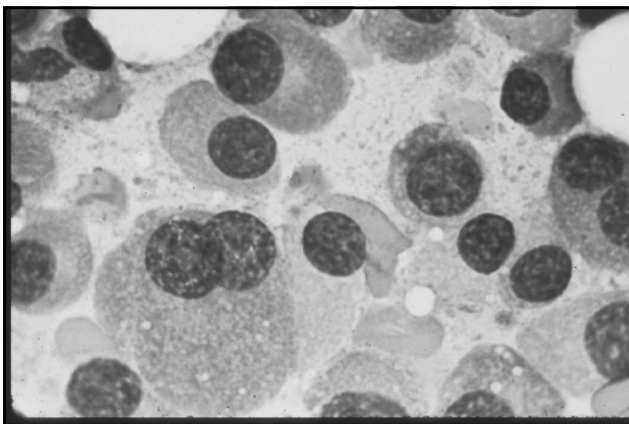
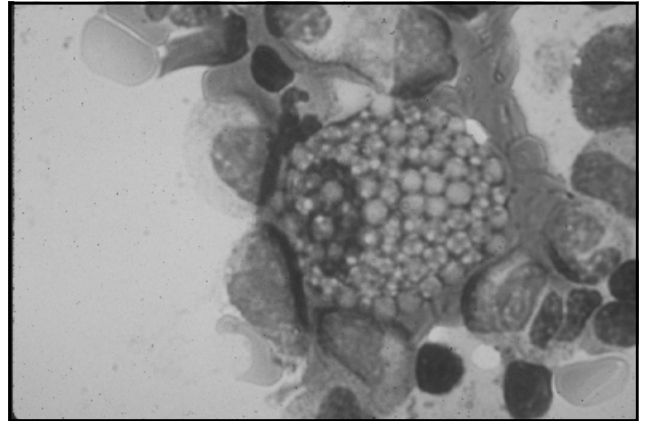
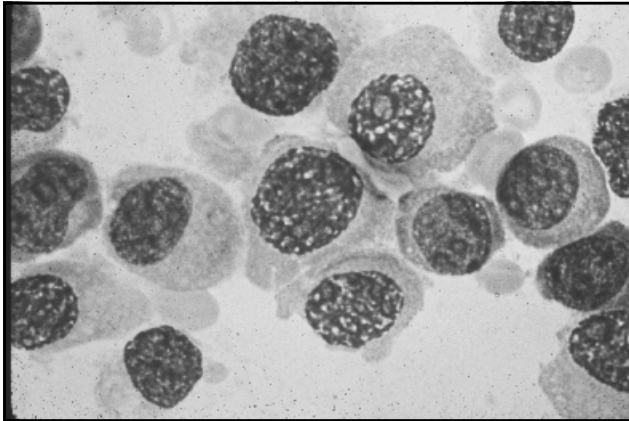
Marrow Plasmacytosis in Myeloma

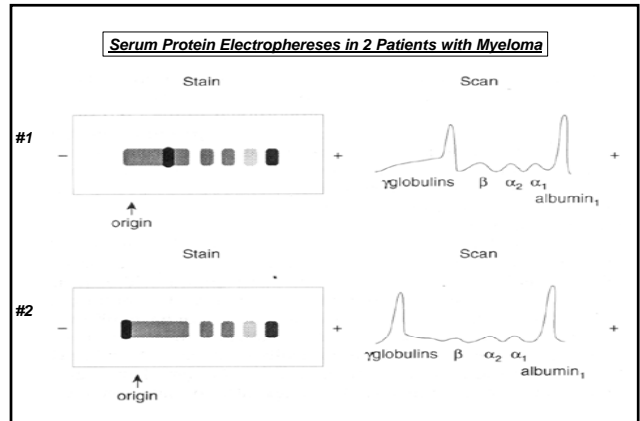
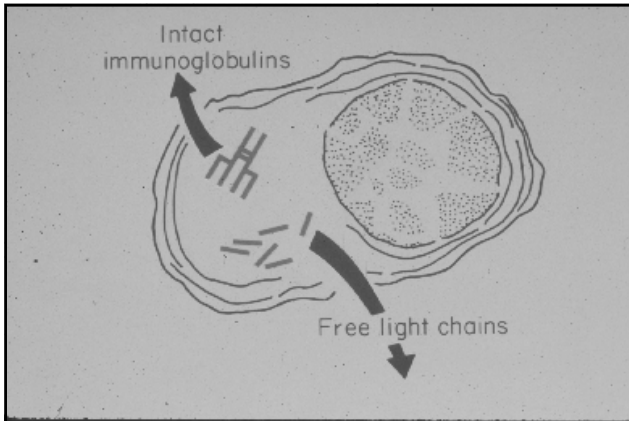
- Plasma cells > 10%
- Usually much higher
- Often present in 'sheets'
- Alternatively, biopsy-proven plasmacytoma
- Other causes of plasmacytosis:
 - inflammation, cirrhosis, AIDS

Multiple Myeloma

- Clonal malignancy of plasma cells
- Increasing incidence
- Blacks:whites 2:1
- Age range 20-100 yrs (peak age 70 yrs)
- Cause unknown
(Environmental/Genetic factors)

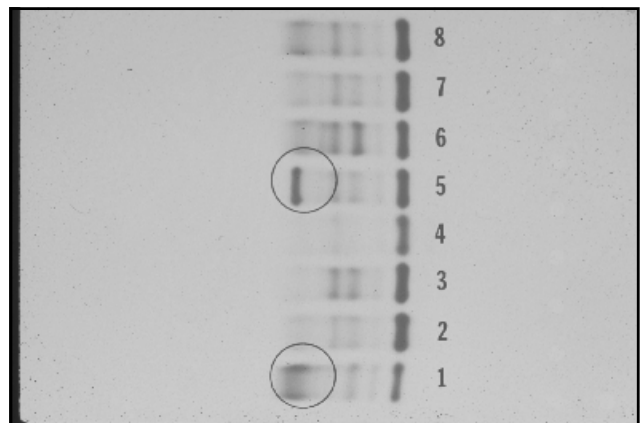
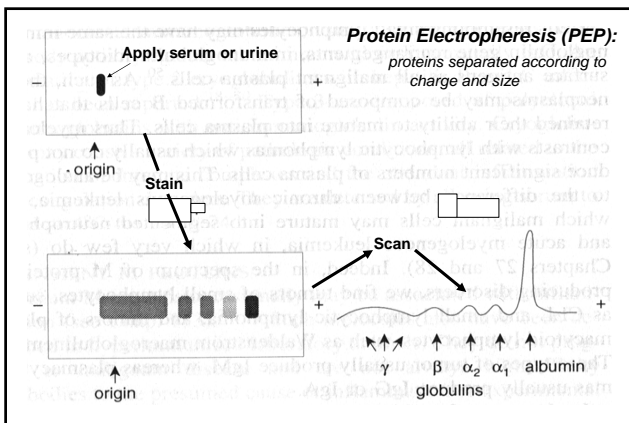
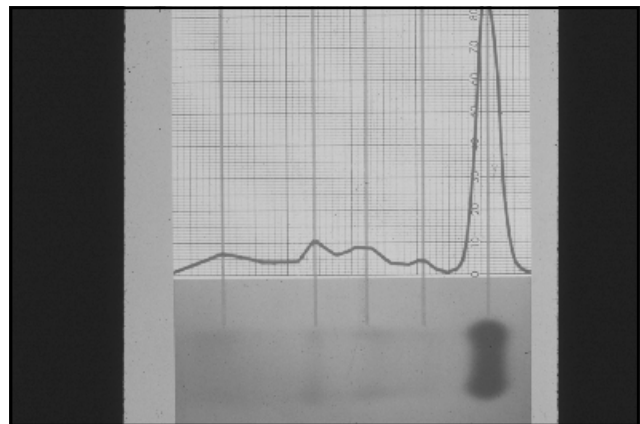


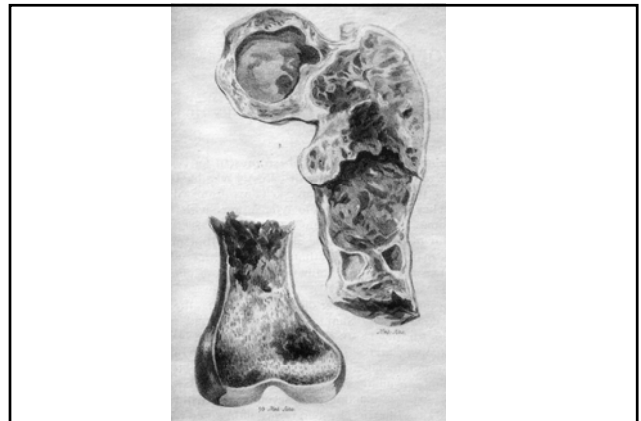
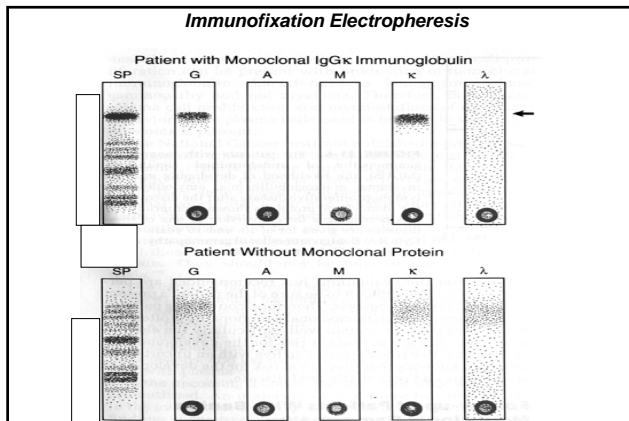




Diagnosis of Myeloma: Monoclonal Proteins

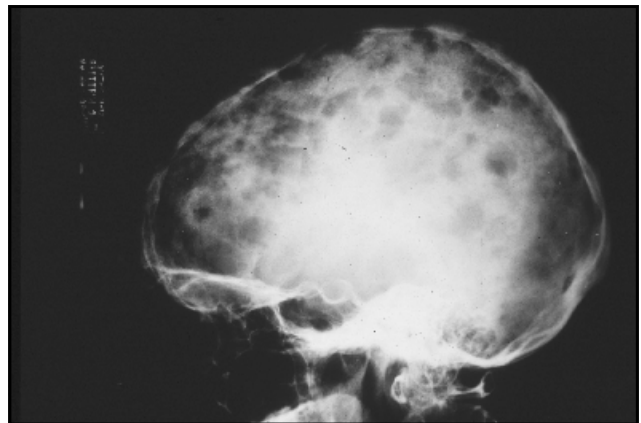
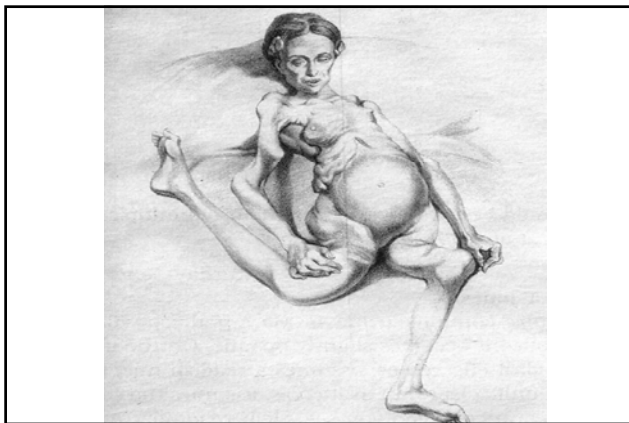
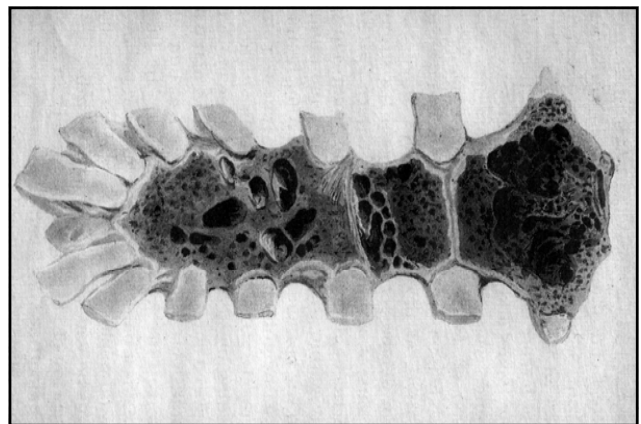
- 75-80% have serum monoclonal Ig (M-component, paraprotein, or 'spike' on electrophoresis)
- 10-20% make light chains only → rapid renal excretion → no paraprotein on serum protein electrophoresis
- Non-secretory myeloma rare (< 1%)
- Other causes of monoclonal proteins (eg, CLL, lymphoma, benign monoclonal gammopathy)

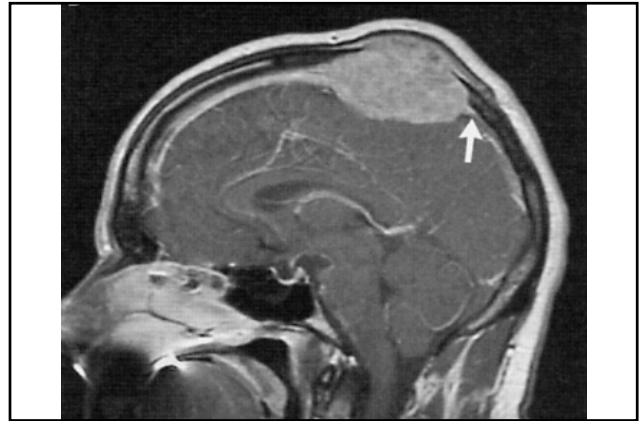
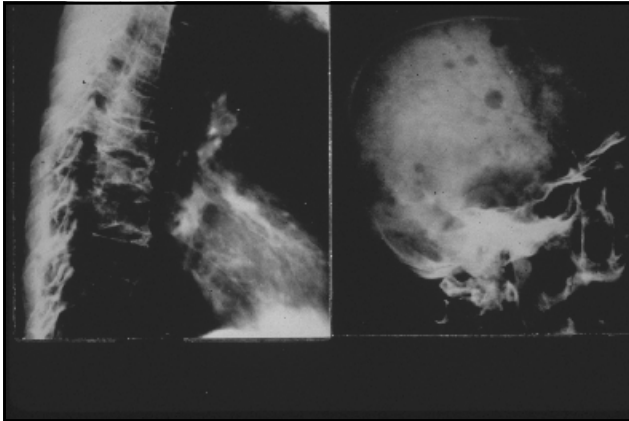




Bone Disease in Myeloma

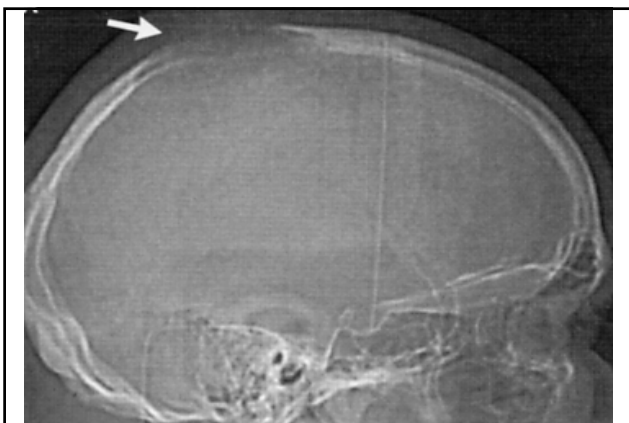
- Unbalanced osteoclast activity
- Radiographic manifestations
 - Osteoporosis almost invariable
 - Usually multiple lytic lesions
 - Axial skeleton involved (active marrow)
 - Osteoblastic reaction minimal
- Hypercalciuria and hypercalcemia





Benign Monoclonal Gammopathy

- Monoclonal Ig as isolated finding
- More common than myeloma
- No bone disease, anemia, renal dysfunction
- Most remain stable
- About 10% eventually develop classical myeloma

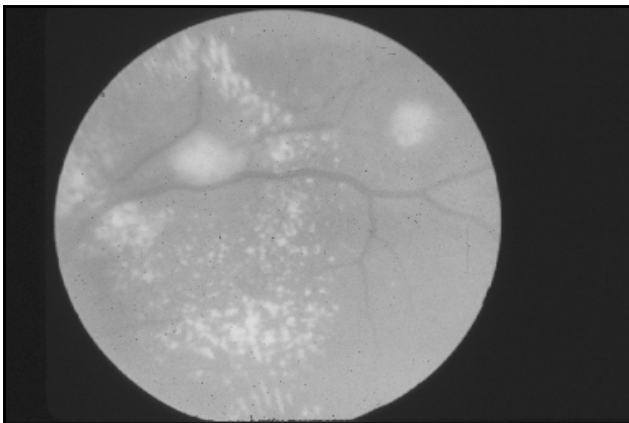
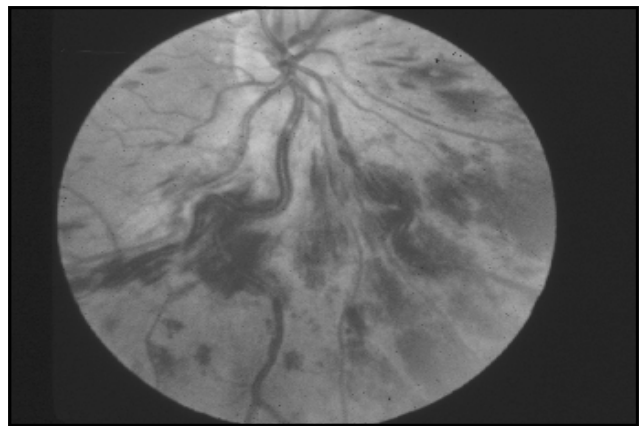
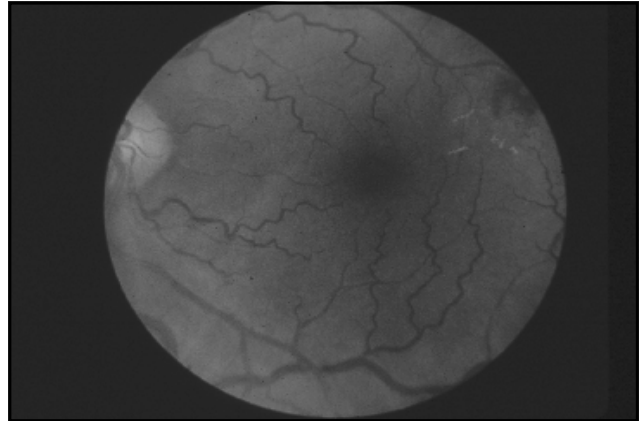


Myeloma at Presentation

- Early - asymptomatic, incidental diagnosis
 - Paraprotein on electrophoresis
 - Mild marrow plasmacytosis
 - Solitary plasmacytoma (10% of cases)
- Late - symptomatic
 - Bone pain (usually lower back)
 - Pneumococcal infection
 - Systemic symptoms (eg, weakness, weight loss)
 - Related to anemia, renal failure, hypercalcemia

Hyperviscosity Syndrome

- Due to aggregating paraprotein
- Pathogenesis
 - Circulatory insufficiency, abnormal hemostasis
- Manifestations
 - Bleeding
 - Dyspnea (congestion on CXR)
 - Encephalopathy and visual disturbances

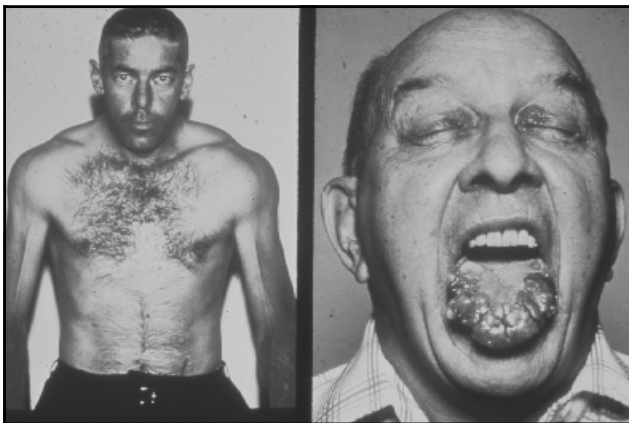
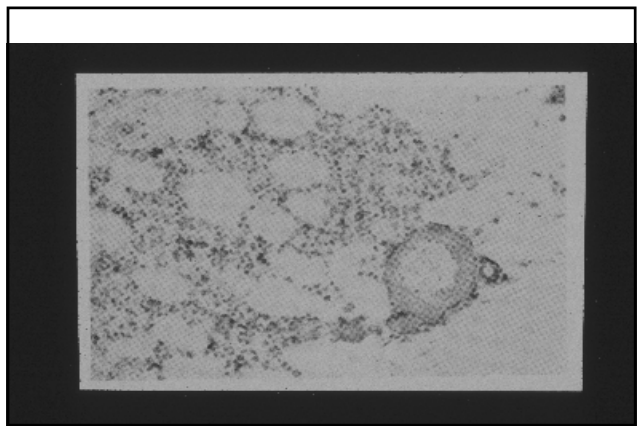
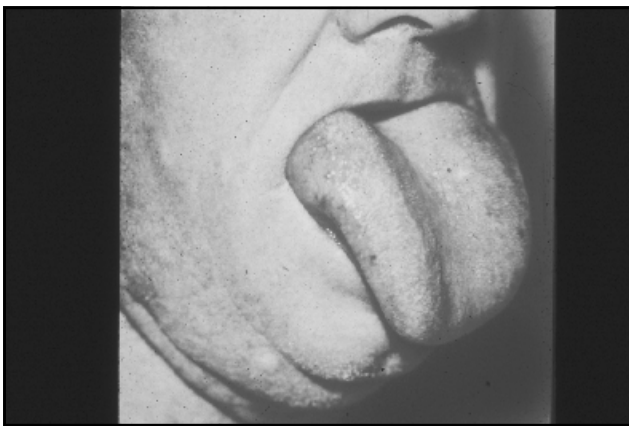


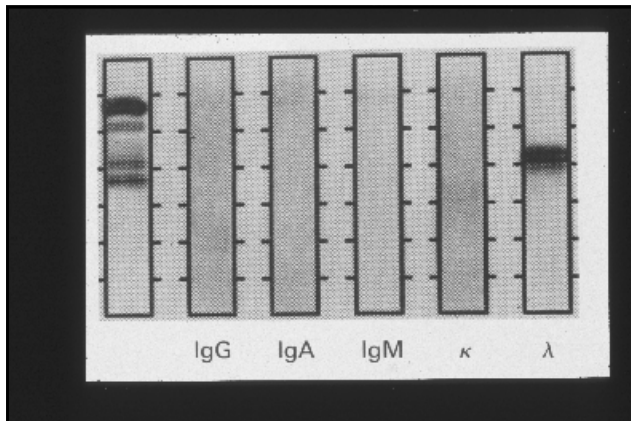
Immunological Features of Myeloma

- Monoclonal Ig and/or monoclonal light chain
- ↓Levels of normal Ig's (hypogammaglobulinemia)
- Cellular immune responses usually preserved
- Bacterial infections common
 - Early: *S pneumoniae*
 - Late: *S aureus*, Gram negative rods

Amyloidosis in Myeloma

- Due to light chain deposition in tissues
- Incidence: λ amyloid $>$ κ amyloid
- Organs commonly involved:
 - Skin
 - Tongue and GI
 - Heart
 - Peripheral nerves
 - Kidneys
 - Soft tissues
- No effective therapy, except ?stem cell transplant





Therapy for Myeloma

- Biphosphonates (pamidronate, zoledronate)
- Radiotherapy
- Corticosteroids and conventional chemotherapy
- Thalidomide (anti-angiogenesis)
- Bortezomib (proteasome inhibitor)
- Stem cell transplantation