

Neoplasia I Definitions, Terminology, and Morphology

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| Tissue Type | Cell Type | Benign | Malignant |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Conn. Tissue | Fibroblast | Fibroma | Fibrosarcoma |
| | Adipocyte | Lipoma | Liposarcoma |
| | Cartilage | Chondroma | Chondrosarcoma |
| | Bone | Osteoma | Osteosarcoma |
| Vessels, etc | Endothelial cells | Hemangioma | Angiosarcoma |
| | Meninges | Meningioma | Invasive meningioma |
| Muscle | Smooth muscle | Leiomyoma | Leiomyosarcoma |
| | Skeletal muscle | Rhabdomyoma | Rhabdomyosarcoma |
| Epithelium | Stratified Squamous | Squamous papilloma | Squamous cell carcinoma |
| | Ducts or glands | Adenoma | Adenocarcinoma |
| | Melanocytes | Melanocytes | Nevus |

Cancer - second leading cause of deaths in the US after CV disease

Characteristics of Benign & Malignant Neoplasms

- Tissue Architecture – histologic features
- Cytologic features
- Terminology
 - Differentiation/anaplasia
 - Dysplasia
 - Rate of growth
 - Local Invasion
 - Metastasis

Nomenclature

- Neoplasia “new growth”
- Neoplasms arise from genetic changes that allow excessive, unregulated cell proliferation
- Cell type of parenchyma + OMA

Characteristics of Benign & Malignant Neoplasms

- **Tissue architecture**
 - **Benign** - well circumscribed, usually encapsulated
 - **Malignant** – poorly circumscribed, lack of cell polarity and epithelial cell connections

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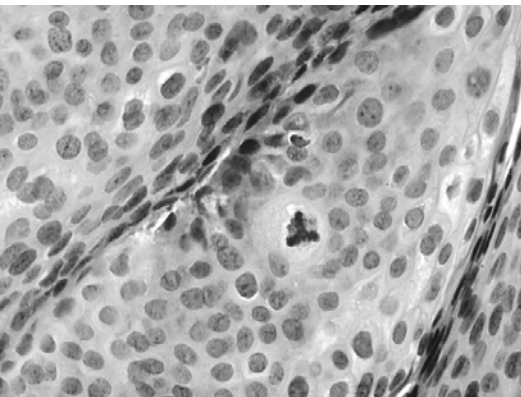
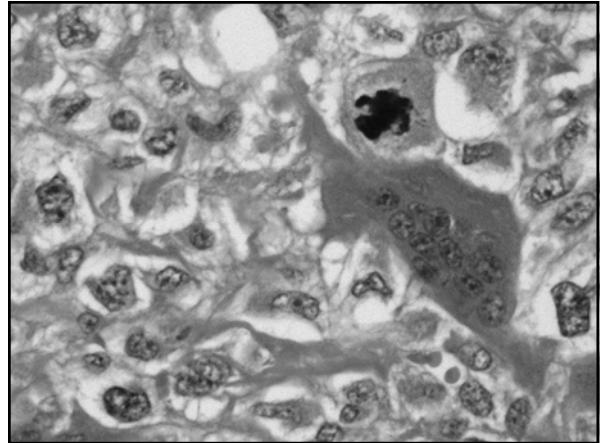
- **Cytologic features**
 - **Benign** – small, uniform cells, no visible nucleoli
 - **Malignant** – large, pleomorphic cells with large hyperchromatic nuclei, N:C ratio 1:1 (nl. 1:4), large nucleoli, irregular nuclear outlines

Anaplasia

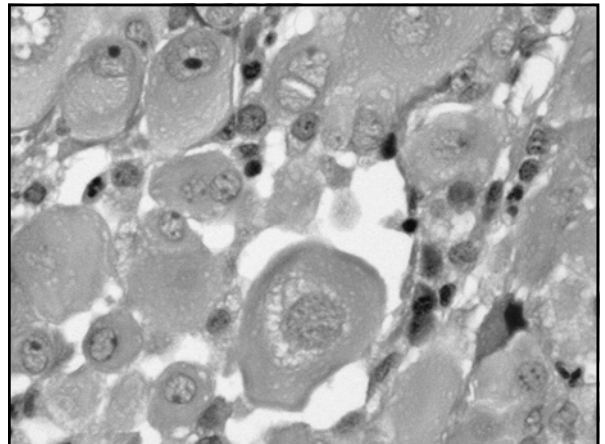
- Neoplasm without apparent differentiation, undifferentiated cells

Differentiation

- Refers to original parenchymal cell, tissue appearance and function
 - **Benign** - well differentiated, resembles cell of origin with few mitoses, secretion of products, hormones, mucins, etc.
 - **Malignant** - well to poorly differentiated with numerous, bizarre mitoses



Abnormal mitosis

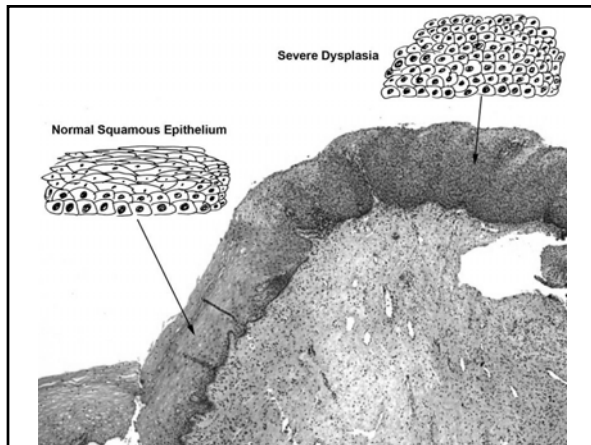


Dysplasia

- Disorderly cellular maturation
- If, full epithelial involvement –carcinoma in situ, pre-invasive stage
- HPV – cervix
- Smoking- respiratory tract
- GERD – esophagus

Local Invasion

- Benign – most encapsulated and cannot invade or spread to other sites
- Malignant – not encapsulated and can invade

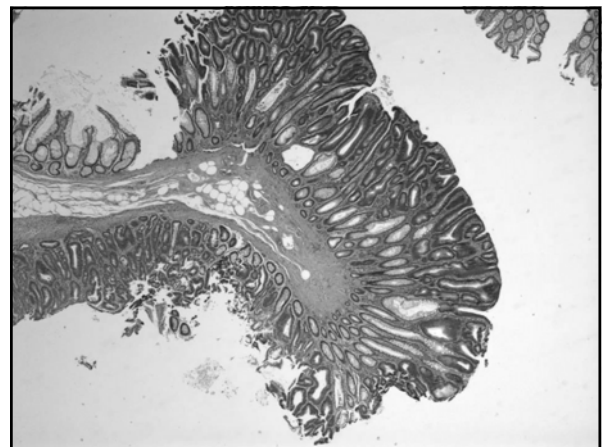


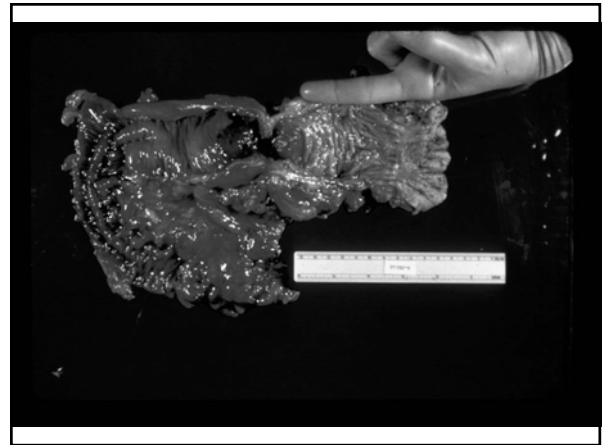
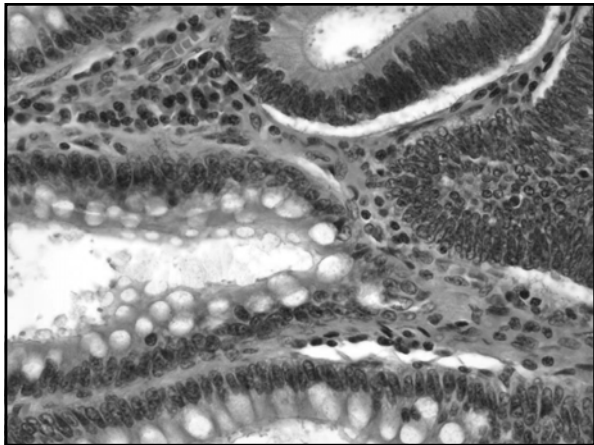
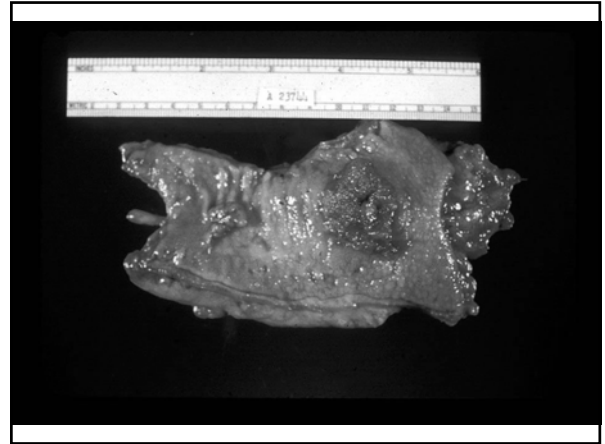
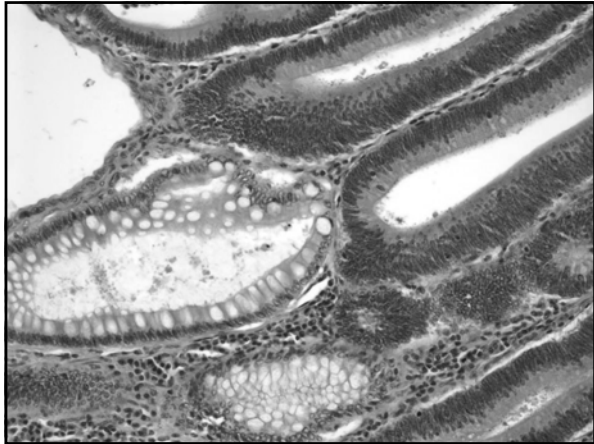
Benign Neoplasia

- Remains localized
- Cannot spread to other sites
- Most patients survive, but some tumor locations can cause serious problems (brain stem, spinal cord, pituitary)

Rate of Growth

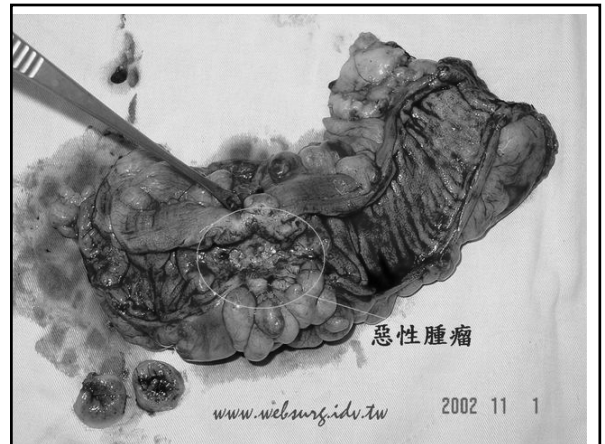
- Benign – slower growth, some dependent on hormones, leiomyoma
- Malignant – more rapid growth, areas of necrosis

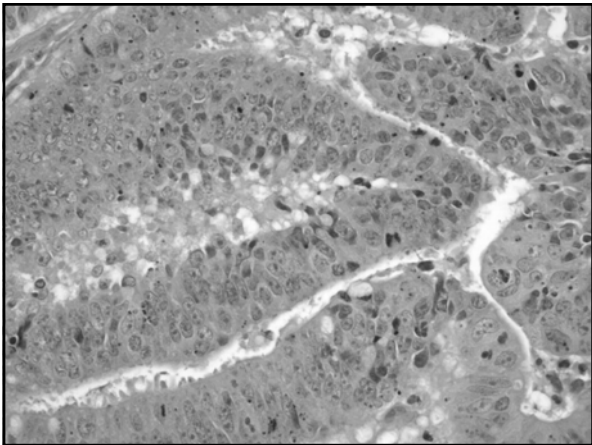
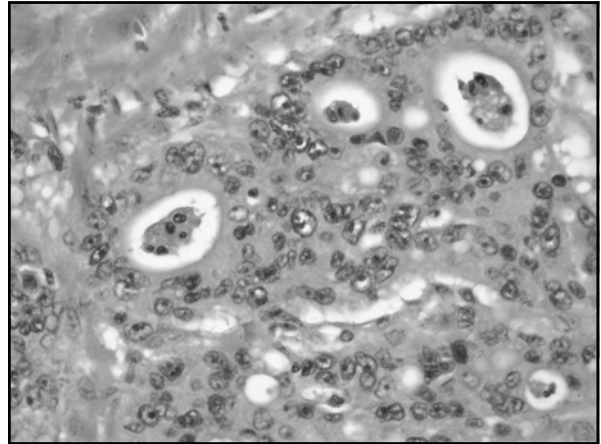
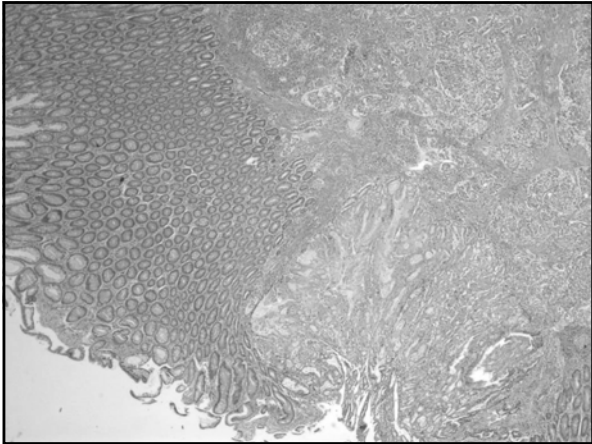




Malignant Neoplasia

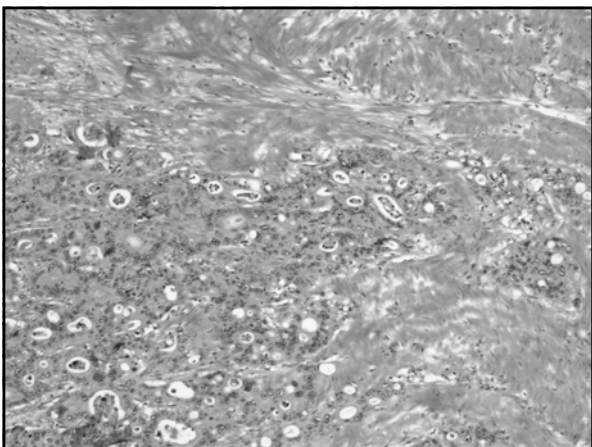
- Can invade and destroy adjacent tissue
- Can spread to distant sites, metastasis





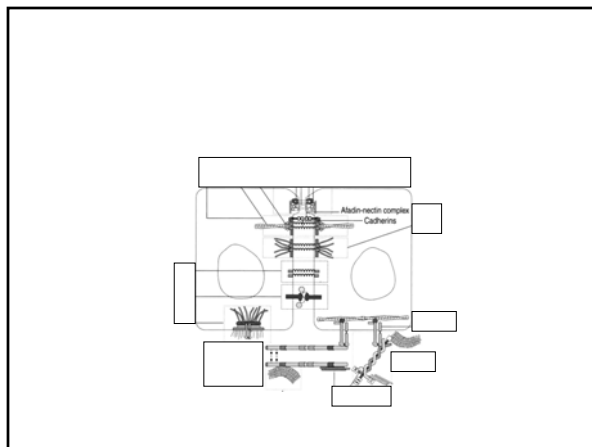
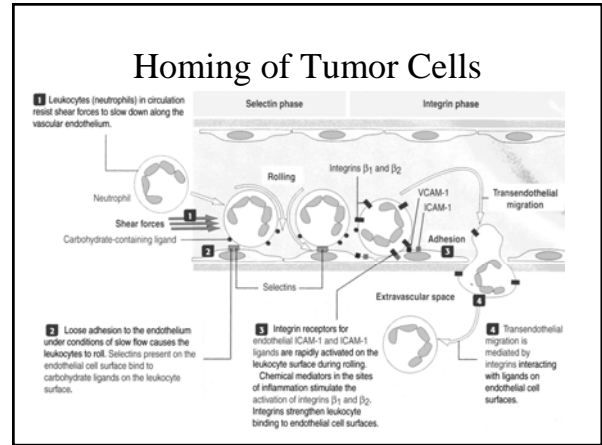
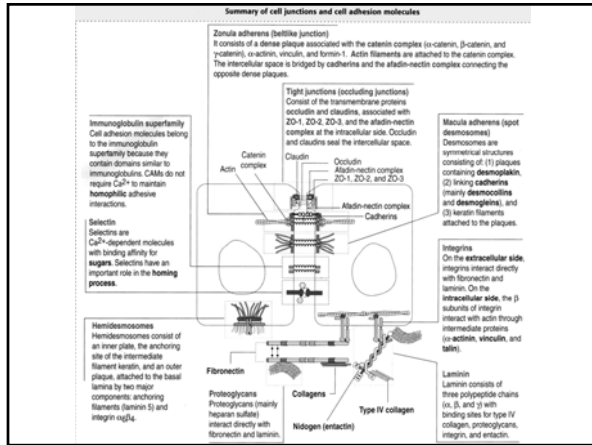
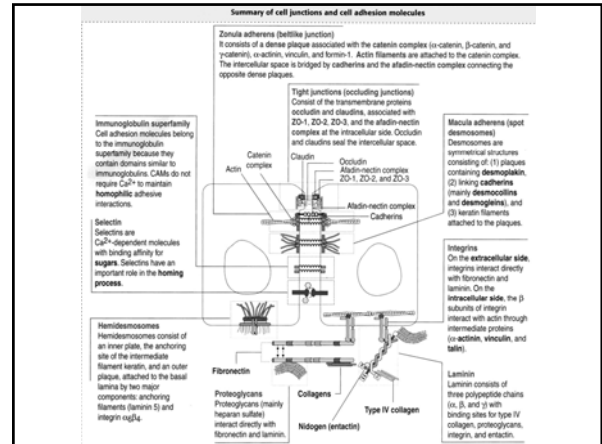
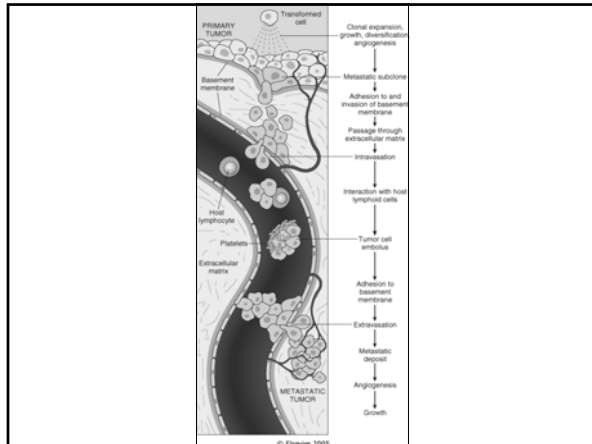
Metastasis

- Dissemination to other organs:
 - Seeding of body cavities (ovary)
 - Lymphatic spread (carcinoma)
 - Hematogenous dissemination (sarcoma)

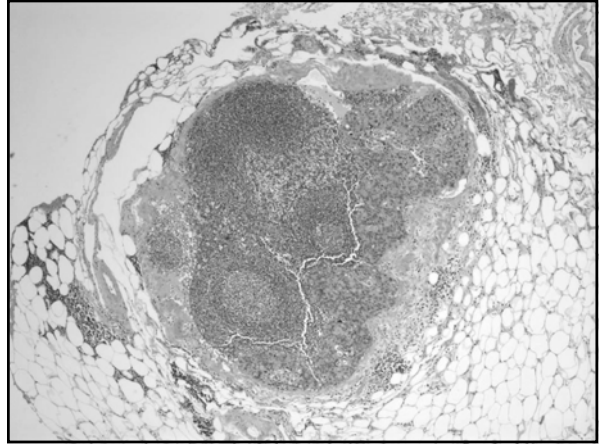
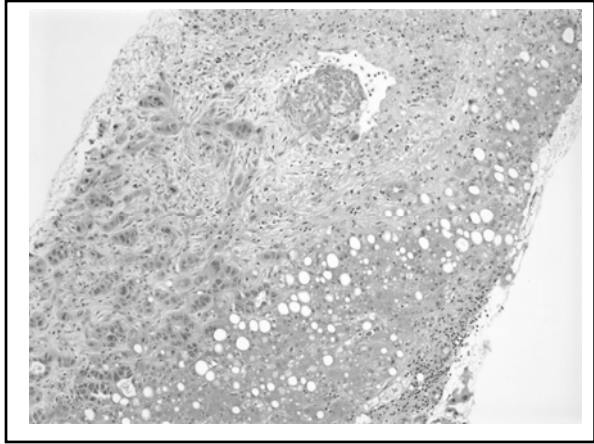
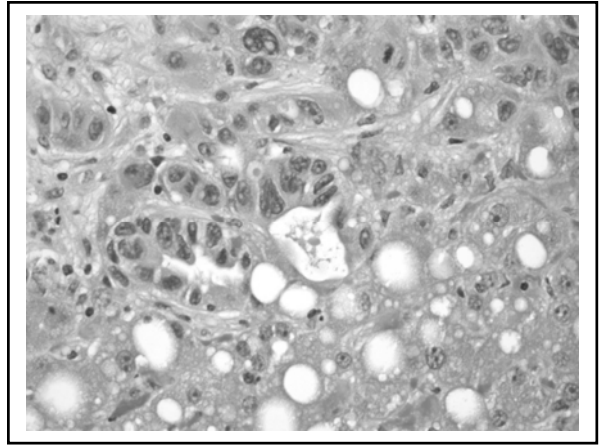
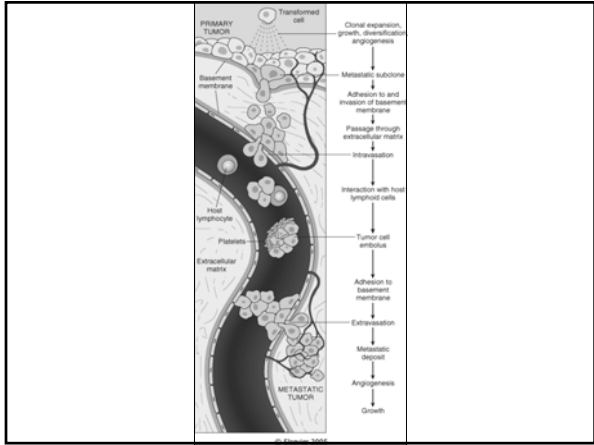
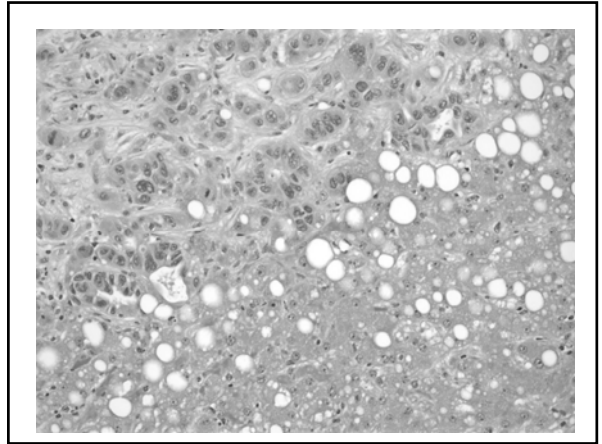
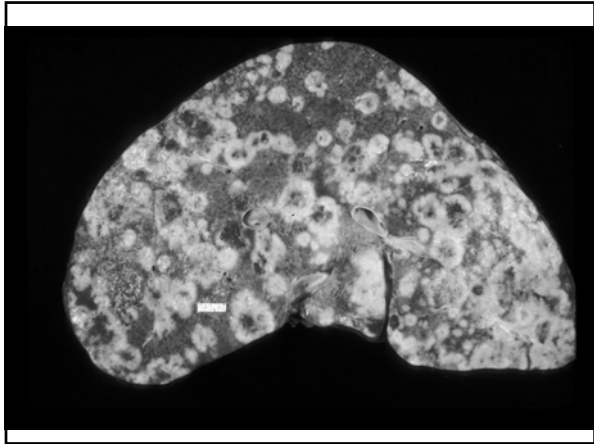


Steps of Successful Metastasis

- **Detachment of tumor cells** (E-cadherin loss)
- **Degradation of ECM** (MMP's - overexpressed and TIMP's - reduced)
- **Attachment to new ECM proteins** (cleavage products of collagen and laminin bind to receptors on tumor cells - stimulate migration)
- **Migration of tumor cells** (cytokines from tumor cells direct movement, autocrine, and stromal cells produce paracrine effectors, HGF/SCF, for motility that bind to tumor cells)



- Homing of Tumor Cells**
- Most metastases predicted by vascular and lymphatic drainage
 - Some homing related to expression of endothelial adhesion molecules
 - **Chemokines and chemokine receptors** are also involved in homing. (breast ca cells-chemokine receptors: CXCR-4 and -7 bind to the chemokines CXCL12 and CCL21 on distant organs)
 - After extravasation, tumor cells survive only in receptive ECM and stroma



Clinical Aspects of Neoplasia

1. Epidemiology:

Cancer incidence—Cancer deaths

2. Pathogenetic factors: a balance of risks

3. Clinical effects of cancer

4. Death in cancer

5. Grading and Staging

6. Diagnosis

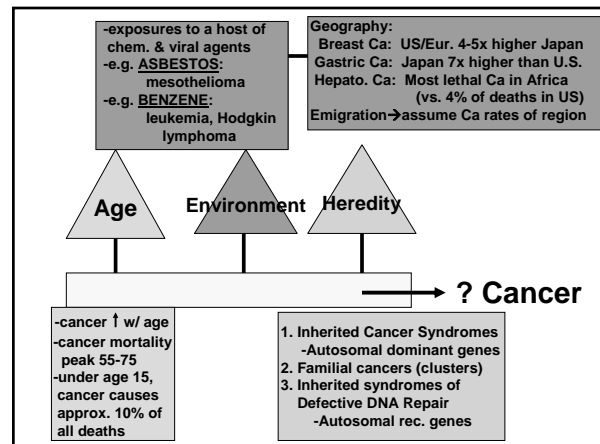
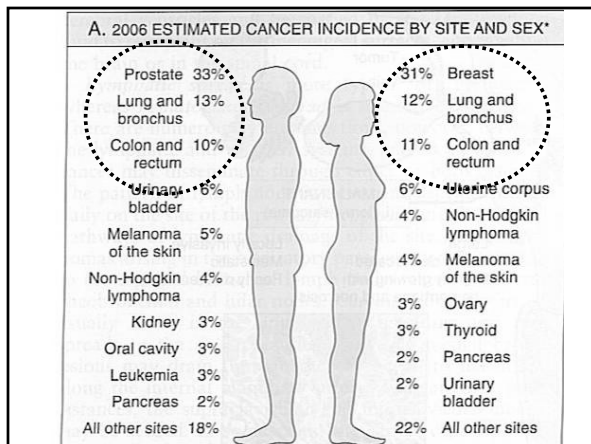
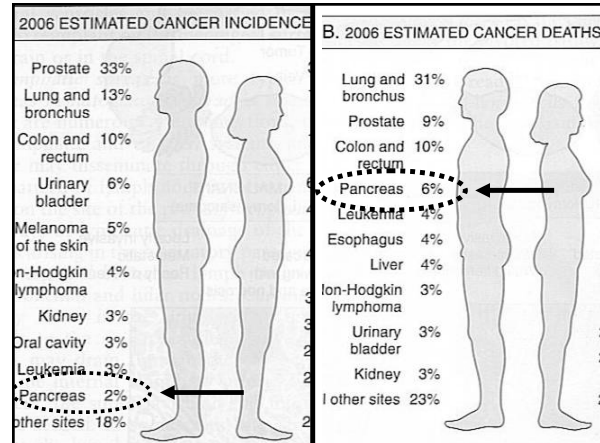
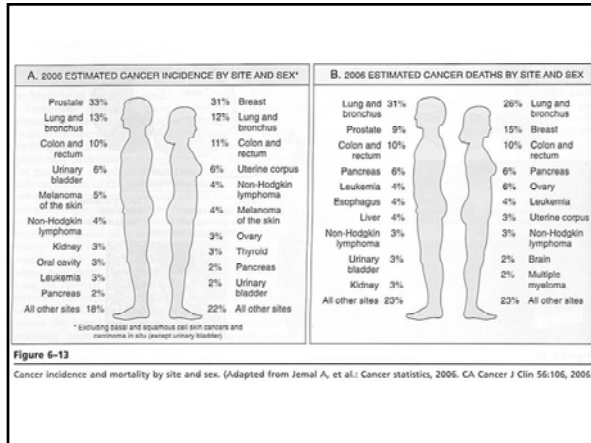
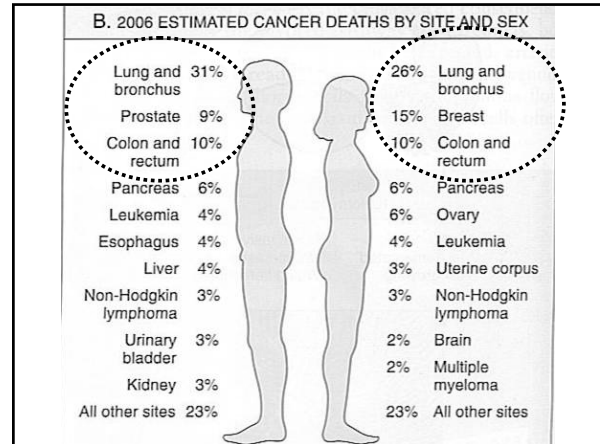


Table 6-3 Inherited Predisposition to Cancer

| Inherited Cancer Syndromes (Autosomal Dominant) | |
|---|---|
| Gene | Inherited Predisposition |
| <i>RB</i> | Retinoblastoma |
| <i>p53</i> | Li-Fraumeni syndrome (various tumors) |
| <i>p16INK4A</i> | Melanoma |
| <i>APC</i> | Familial adenomatous polyposis/colon cancer |
| <i>NF1, NF2</i> | Neurofibromatosis 1 and 2 |
| <i>BRCA1, BRCA2</i> | Breast and ovarian tumors |
| <i>MEN1, RET</i> | Multiple endocrine neoplasia 1 and 2 |
| <i>MSH2, MLH1, MSH6</i> | Hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer |
| <i>PATCH</i> | Nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome |

Clinical Effects of Cancer

- Cachexia**
 - cytokines → anorexia
 - TNF**: from macrophages/tumor cells
 - suppresses appetite
 - inhibits lipoprotein lipase (inhibits FFA release from lipoprot's)
 - Proteolysis-inducing factor**: -breaks down skeletal muscle
- Paraneoplastic syndromes**
 - hormone production by tumor cells
 - present in 10% - 15% of pts. with cancer
- Venous thrombosis**
 - mucins from Ca's activate clotting
 - e.g. Pancreas: Trousseau phenomenon

Small cell Ca
-ACTH or ACTH-like subst. → Cushing syndrome
-ADH → SIADH

Squamous cell Ca
→ PTH-related prot. → hypercalcemia

Familial Cancers

Familial clustering of cases, but role of inherited predisposition not clear for each individual

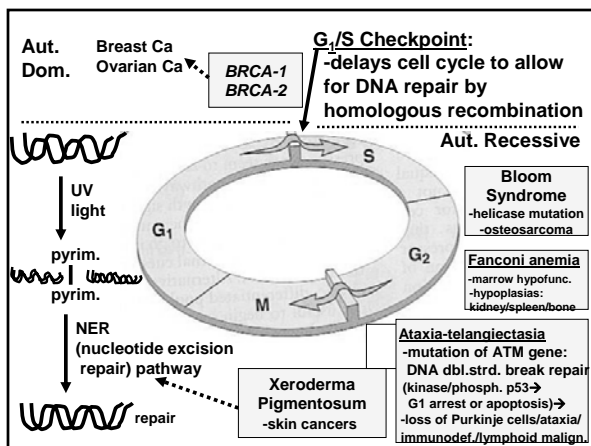
- Breast cancer (not linked to BRCA1 or BRCA2)
- Ovarian cancer
- Pancreatic cancer

Inherited Autosomal Recessive Syndromes of Defective DNA Repair

- Xeroderma pigmentosum
- Ataxia-telangiectasia
- Bloom syndrome
- Fanconi anemia

Death in Cancer

- Overwhelm organ function**
 - liver: ↓ coagulation, other protein synthesis
 - lung: ↓ diffusion/oxygenation
 - pancreas: biliary obstruction/liver mets → anorexia
- Pulmonary embolus** (pro-thrombotic Ca's)
- Progressive somnolence**: hypercalcemia, etc.
- Systemic electrolyte imbalances**:
 - cardiac arrhythmia
 - ↓ mentation
- Tumor-related products**:
 - depression/other CNS effects



Diagnosis of Cancer

- History—physical—occupation—exposure
- Radiology
- Blood tests: tumor markers
- Morphologic Diagnosis
 - light microscopy: biopsy
 - cytology (Fine Needle Aspiration—FNA)
 - immunohistochemistry
 - fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)
 - molecular probes, incl. gene microarray
 - flow cytometry (lymphomas, leukemias)

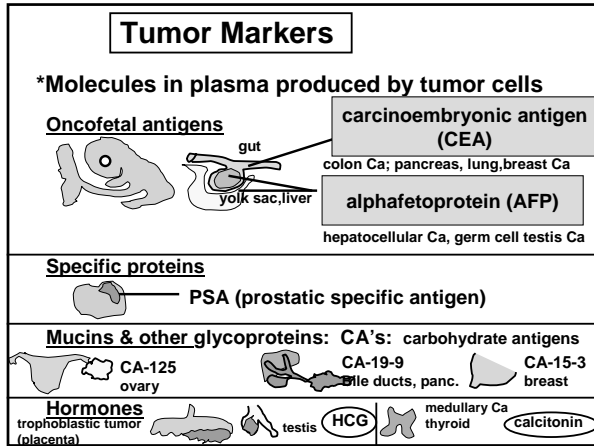
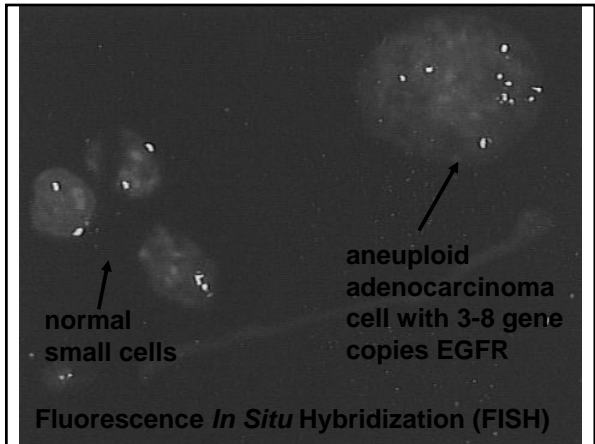
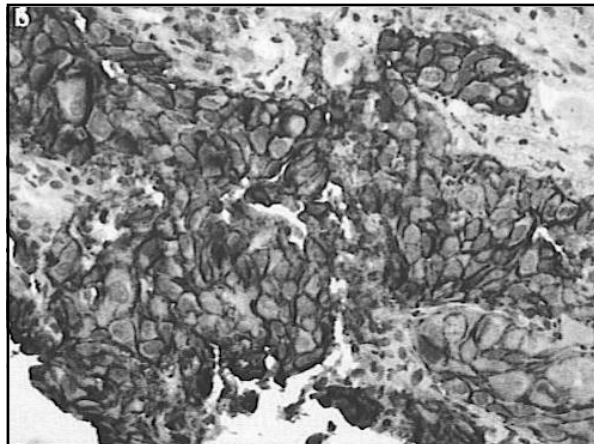
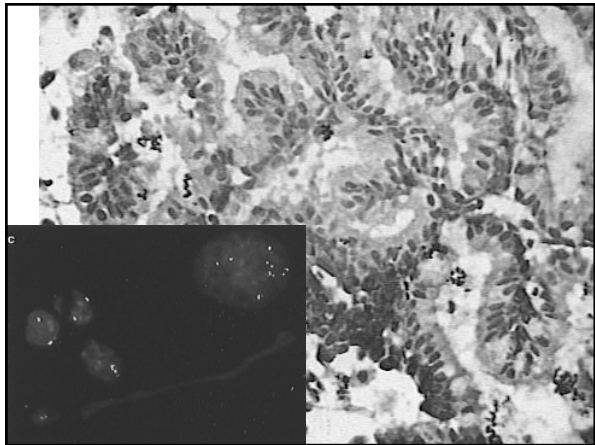
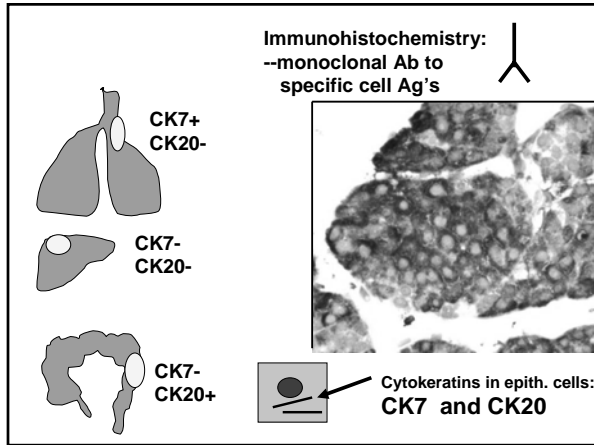
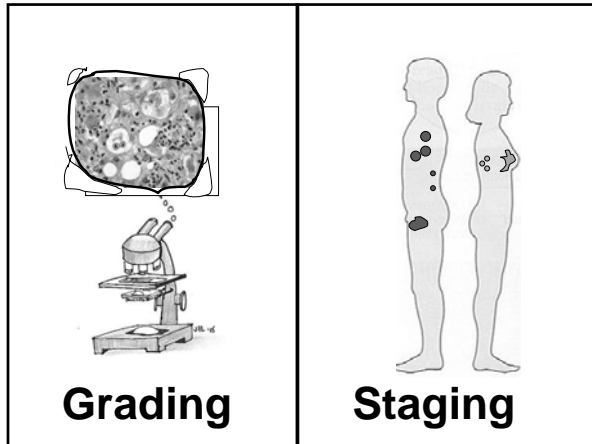


Table 2. Frequency of high epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) expression in lung cancer by histologic characterization

| Histology | EGFR expression, % (n) |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Small cell | 0 (19) |
| Adenocarcinoma | 65 (563) |
| Large cell | 68 (72) |
| Squamous | 84 (754) |

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Staging: TNM
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DEFINITION OF TNM

Primary Tumor (T)

- TX Primary tumor cannot be assessed
- T0 No evidence of primary tumor
- Tis Carcinoma *in situ**
- T1 Tumor limited to the pancreas, 2 cm or less in greatest dimension
- T2 Tumor limited to the pancreas, more than 2 cm in greatest dimension
- T3 Tumor extends beyond the pancreas but without involvement of the celiac axis or the superior mesenteric artery
- T4 Tumor involves the celiac axis or the superior mesenteric artery (unresectable primary tumor)

Regional Lymph Nodes (N)

- NX Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed
- N0 No regional lymph node metastasis
- N1 Regional lymph node metastasis

Distant Metastasis (M)

- MX Distant metastasis cannot be assessed
- M0 No distant metastasis
- M1 Distant metastasis

| STAGE GROUPING | | | |
|----------------|-------|-------|----|
| AJC | | | |
| Stage 0 | Tis | N0 | M0 |
| Stage IA | T1 | N0 | M0 |
| Stage IB | T2 | N0 | M0 |
| Stage IIA | T3 | N0 | M0 |
| Stage IIB | T1 | N1 | M0 |
| | T2 | N1 | M0 |
| | T3 | N1 | M0 |
| Stage III | T4 | Any N | M0 |
| Stage IV | Any T | Any N | M1 |