

Modes of Spread

1. Lymphatic spread – colon carcinoma
2. Hematogenous spread – renal cell carcinoma

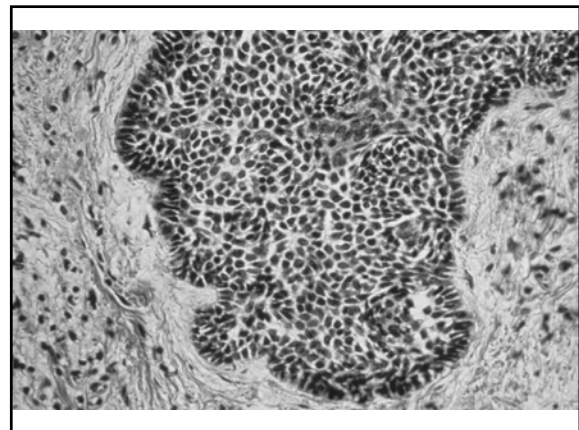
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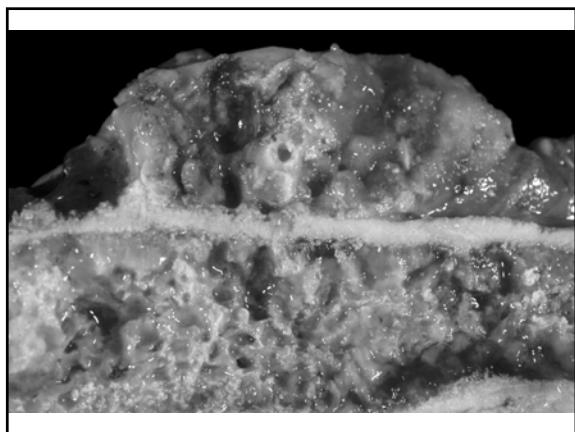
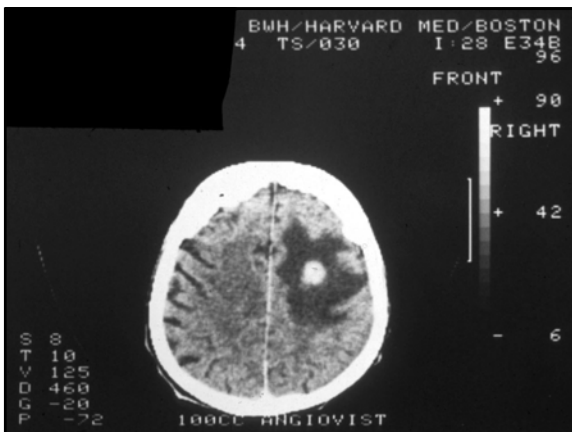
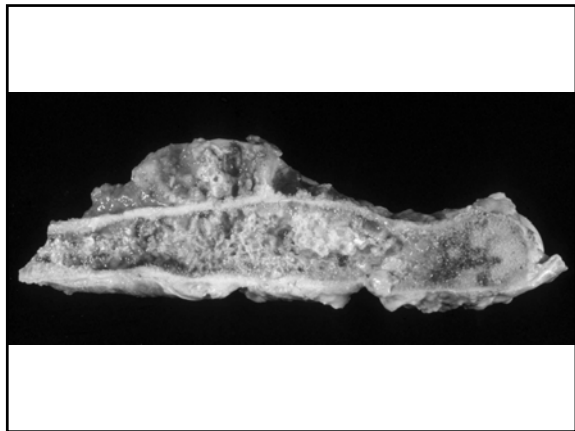
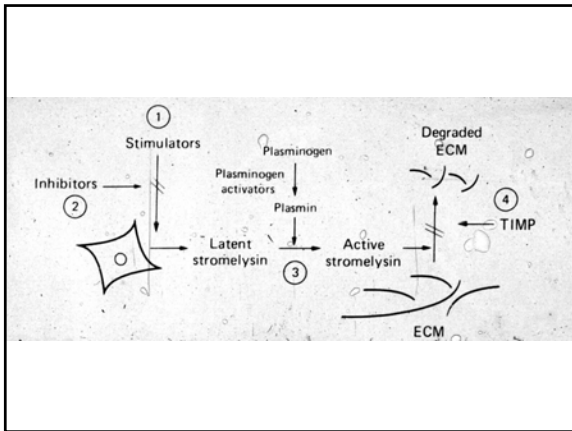
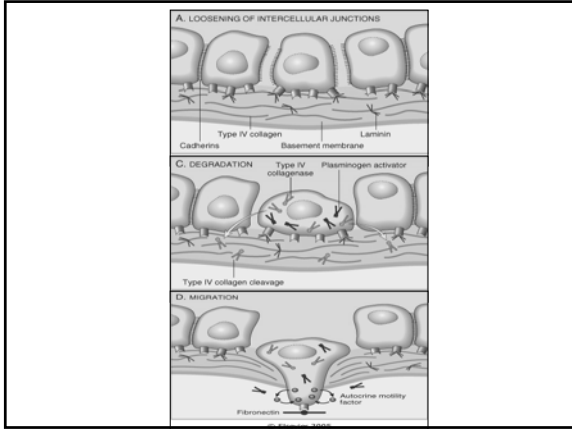
- Invasion – necessary by not sufficient
- Increased protease activity necessary to degrade basement membrane and other tissue compartments.
- Basal cell carcinoma – an example of an invasive but not metastatic tumor.

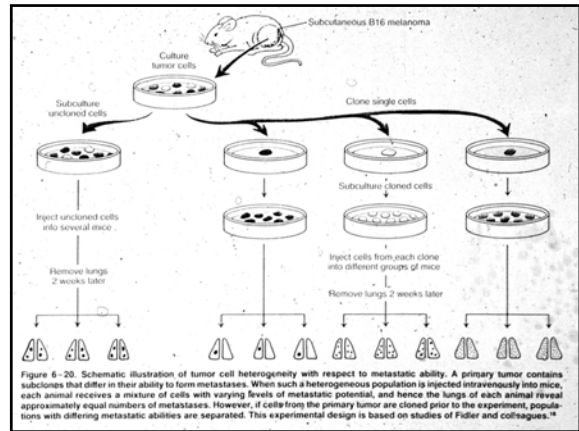
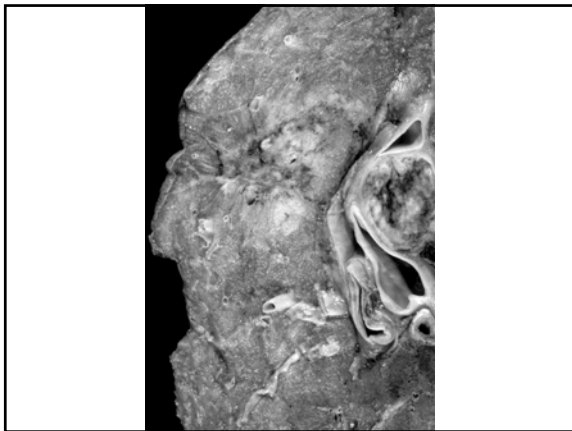
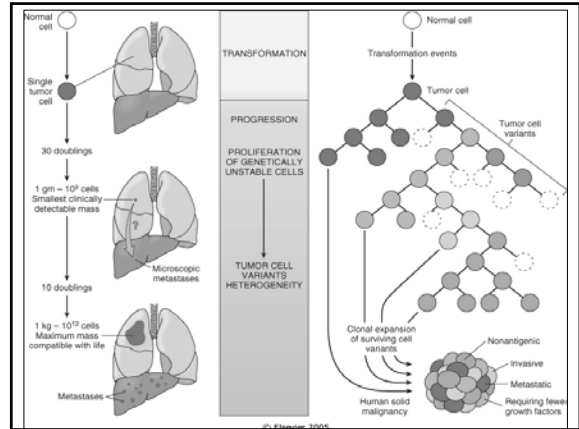
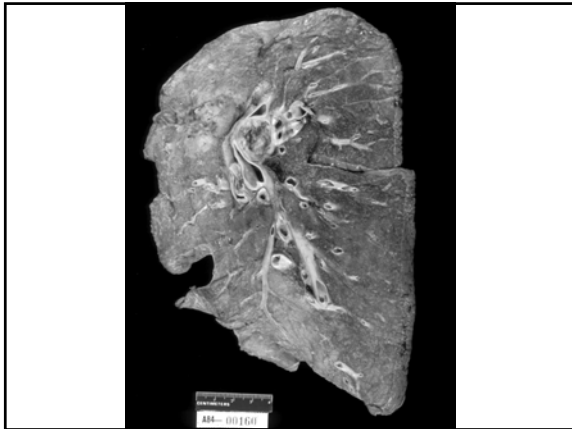
Tumor Progression to Metastasis

Multiple Genetic Changes Lead To:

- Loss of regulated growth or death
- Invasion
- Increased angiogenesis
- Cell adhesive changes
- Metastasis

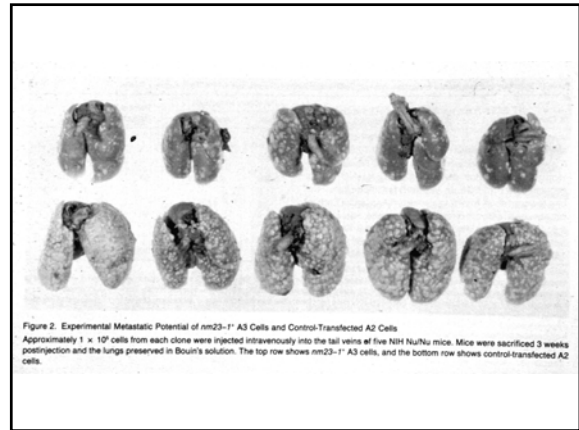






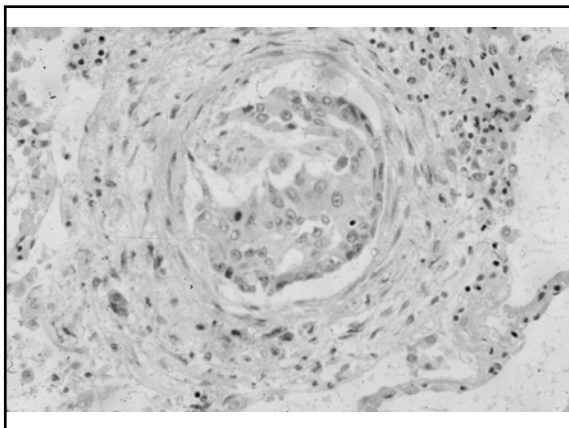
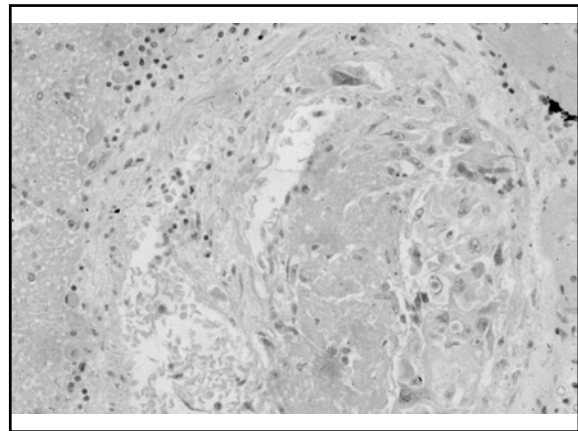
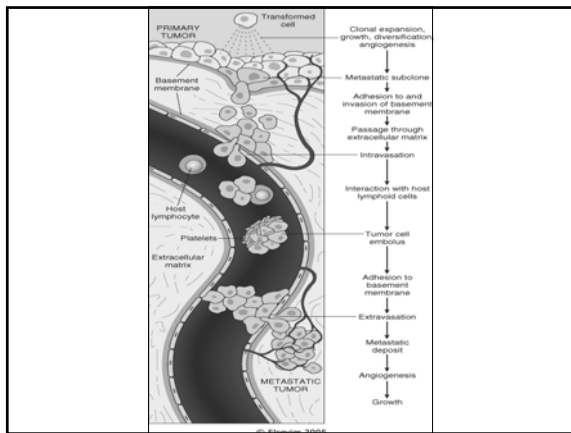
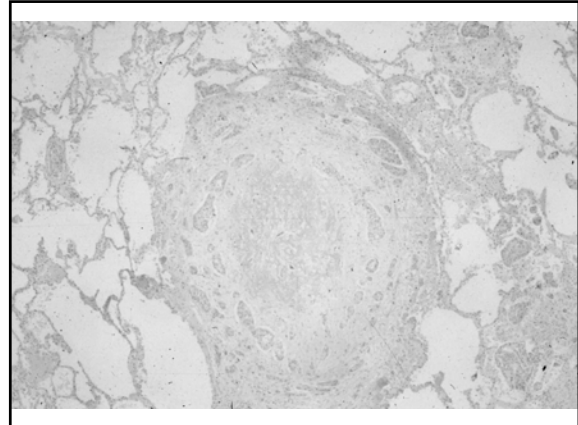
Metastasis Concepts

1. Only a small subset of tumor cells can metastasize.
2. The increased genetic instability of tumors leads to heterogeneity and the generation of metastatic variants.
3. Remember that often by the time a tumor is identified clinically there may be cells which have acquired metastatic ability



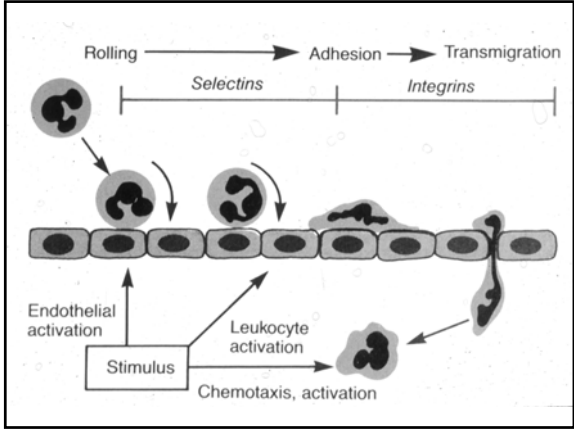
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- After the cells enter the circulation (or lymphatics) they must be able to survive.
- One mechanism is platelet-tumor emboli.
- Another is lack of immune recognition.



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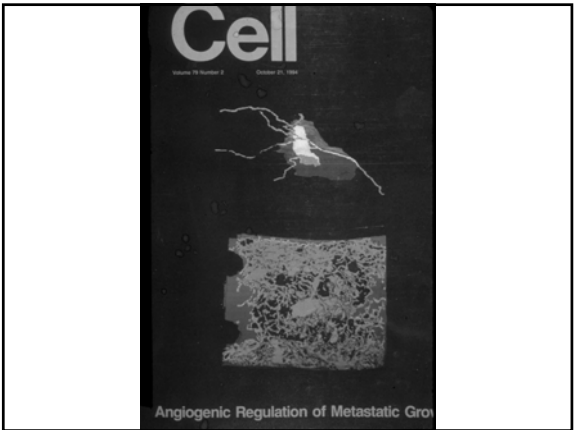
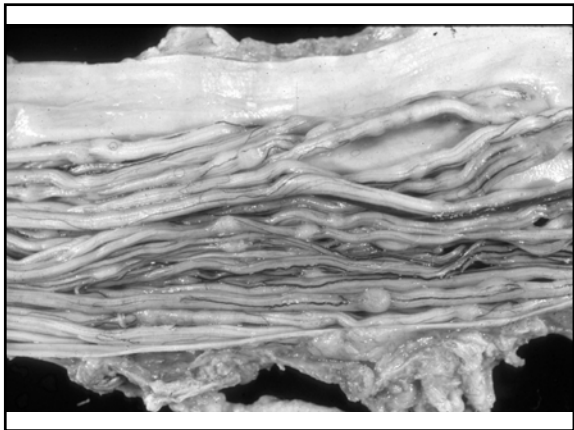
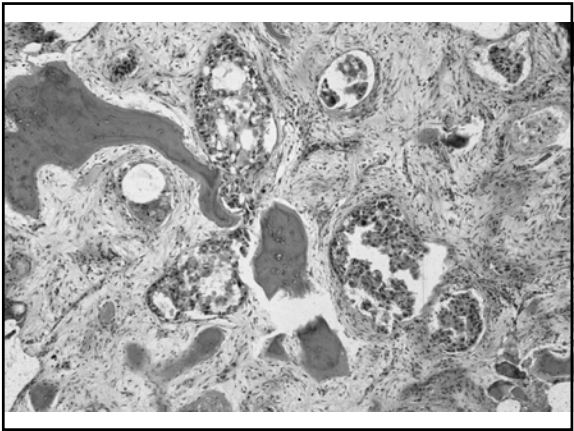
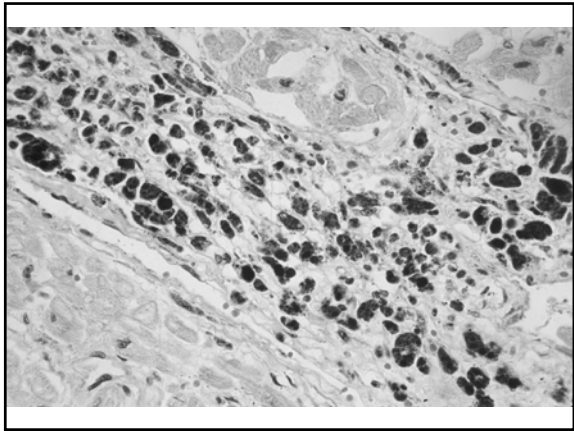
- Efficient metastatic spread requires cells to cross endothelium and basement membranes to reach tissues.
- Melanoma – a very deadly tumor, mimicks lymphocytes and monocytes in crossing endothelium.
- These tumor cells have $\alpha 4\beta 1$ integrin and make interleukins to activate endothelium to express VCAM.



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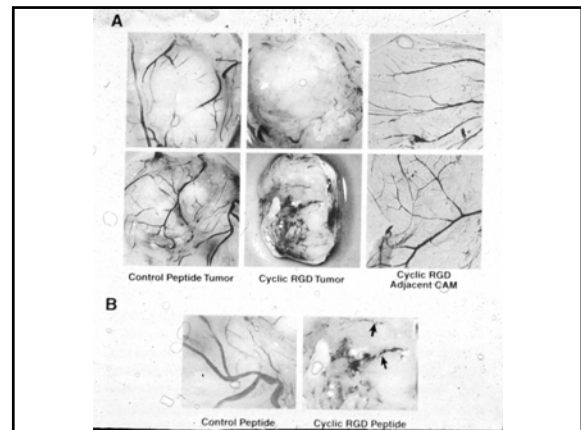
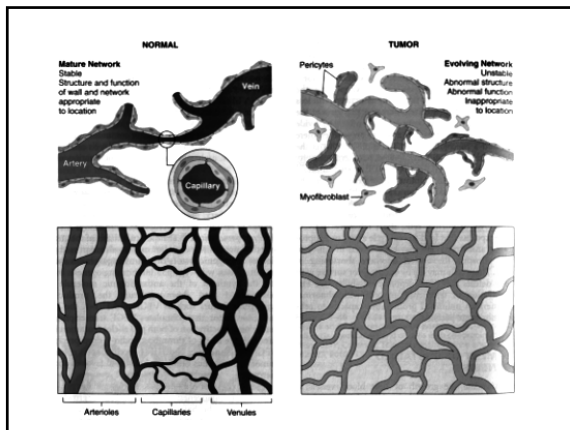
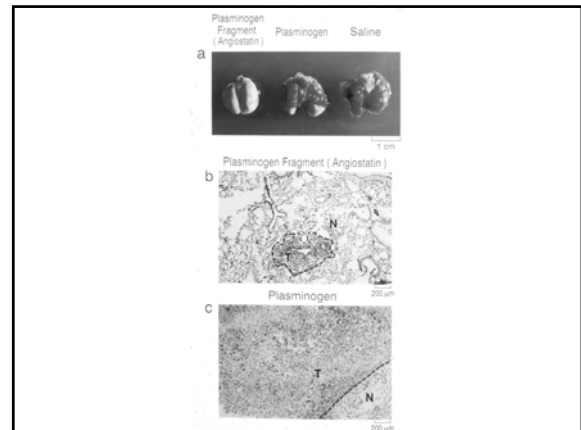
Why do some tumors prefer selected tissues?

- Accessibility due to differences in tissue endothelium
- Enhanced growth or survival in specific tissues, due to growth factors or extracellular matrix.
- A striking example is bone growth in breast and prostate cancers.



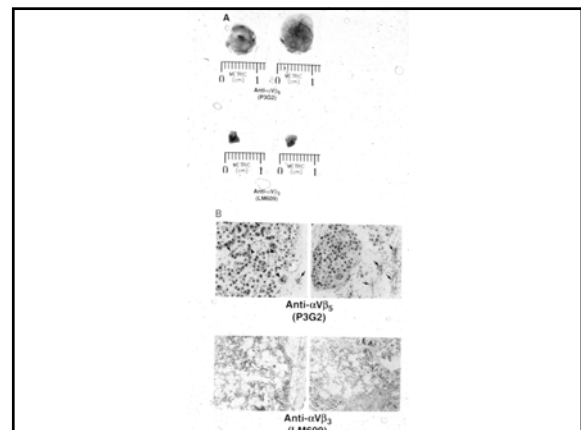
Angiogenesis and Metastasis

- Highly metastatic tumors may produce angiogenic stimuli, such as fibroblast growth factor (FGF).
- Non-metastatic tumors may produce inhibitors of angiogenesis (angiostatins).
- Blockade of tumor angiogenesis may shrink metastases



Tumor Angiogenesis and the Magic Bullet

- Blockade of endothelial integrins (particularly $\alpha v \beta 3$) may prevent tumor neovascularization.
- This integrin is expressed on activated, migrating endothelium, but not resting.
- Anti- $\alpha v \beta 3$ peptides cause tumor associated endothelium to die, leading to necrosis of tumors.



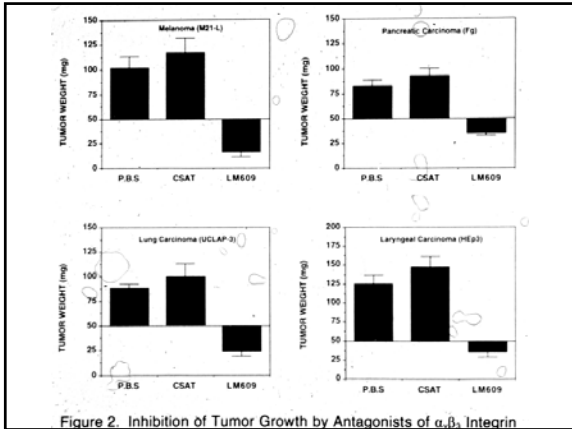
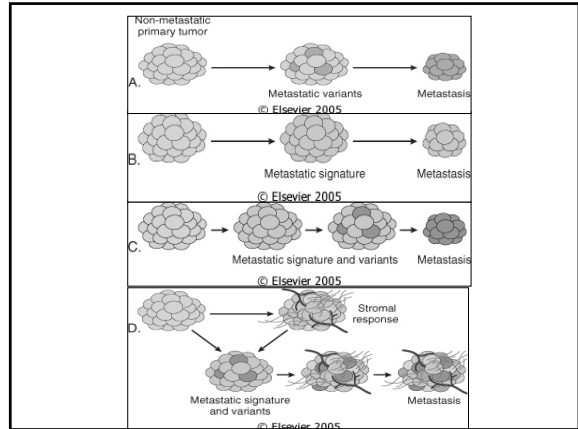


Figure 2. Inhibition of Tumor Growth by Antagonists of $\alpha\beta_1$ Integrin

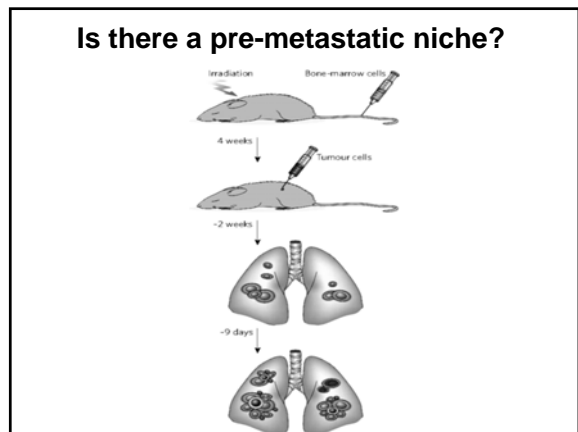
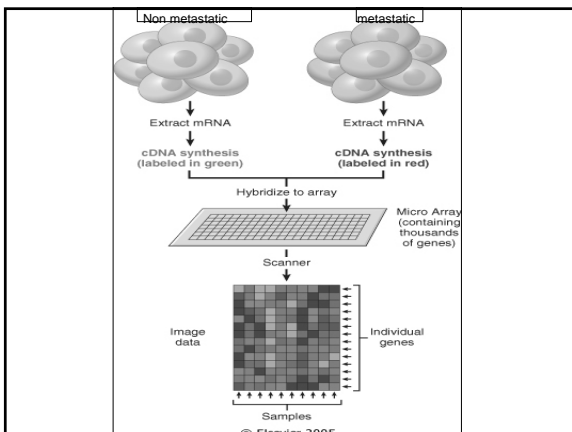


Metastasis Genes

- Despite years of searching, there is no one gene or even a common small subset of genes that lead to metastasis.
- However, for some tumors, there appears to be a metastasis signature, a group of genes whose expression correlates with metastasis.
- This signature appears to be the result of a number of activated signaling pathways, rather than a single one that could be inhibited.

Regulators of Metastasis

1. Many genetics screens have been used to identify metastasis suppressors or required genes.
2. These screens have evolved as the technologies have changed, but the result is usually the same.
3. There is not one key regulator or master switch which turns on the metastatic program.
4. For many carcinomas, activation of RTK's such as EGFR, HER2 or Met may be a critical regulator of such a program.



Is there a pre-metastatic niche? Yes, in experimental metastasis

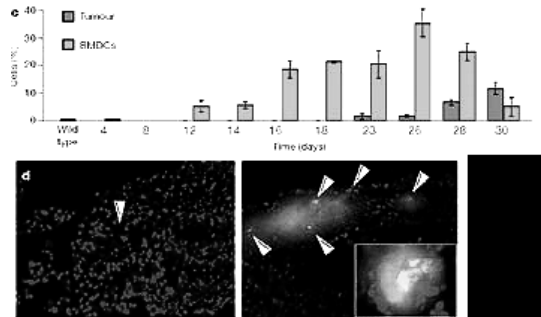


Table 7-10. INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS AND THEIR DISTRIBUTION

Keratins	Carcinomas
Desmin	Mesothelioma
Vimentin	Muscle tumors: smooth, striated
Glial filaments	Mesenchymal tumors, some carcinomas
Neurofilaments	Glomatous tumors
	Neuronal tumors

The production of the “pre-metastatic” niche

1. Lyden and colleagues have shown that bone marrow derived cells (BMDC) precede tumor cells at future metastatic sites.
2. The BMDC are VEGFR1 positive cells. Removing these cells from the marrow prevents experimental metastasis. Unknown factors secreted by the tumor cells stimulate these BMDC to go to distant sites.
3. The more highly metastatic cell lines (such as melanoma) were much better at stimulation of BMDCs than less metastatic ones.
4. This result may have future implications if it is true for human tumors.

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Table 7-11. SELECTED TUMOR MARKERS

MARKERS	ASSOCIATED CANCERS
Hormones	
Human chorionic gonadotropin	Trophoblastic tumors, nonseminomatous testicular tumors
Calcitonin	Medullary carcinoma of thyroid
Catecholamine and metabolites	Pheochromocytoma and related tumors
Ectopic hormones	See Paraneoplastic Syndromes in Table 7-9
Oncofetal Antigens	
Alpha-fetoprotein	Liver cell cancer, nonseminomatous germ cell tumors of testis
Carcinoembryonic antigen	Carcinomas of the colon, pancreas, lung, stomach, and breast
Isoenzymes	
Prostatic acid phosphatase	Prostate cancer
Neuron-specific enolase	Small cell cancer of lung, neuroblastoma
Specific Proteins	
Immunoglobulins	Multiple myeloma and other gammopathies
Prostate-specific antigen	Prostate cancer
Mucins and Other Glycoproteins	
CA-125	Ovarian cancer
CA-19-9	Colon cancer, pancreatic cancer
CA-15-3	Breast cancer

based amplification of *bc1-ab1* transcripts. The expression of the *MyoD1* gene is restricted to cells of

test to support the diagnosis. Some are also of value in determining

