

*Pulmonary Diseases: Structure-Function  
Correlation I*



Review of Histology/Histopathology  
and Airway Diseases (Obstructive)

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- Overview
  - Two lectures will follow the structure/function section of the syllabus:
    - Lecture 1 - Histology/histopathology review and Airways disease.
    - Lecture 2 - Interstitial and parenchymal disease, and vascular disease.

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### **Goals:**

- **To review microanatomy/histology of normal lung and compare to pathologic alterations within those elements**
- **To observe the relationship between structural/morphologic manifestation of diseases to measurable functional parameters using prototypical diseases of the airways**
- **To describe the pathology, Gross and microscopic, of these pulmonary diseases.**



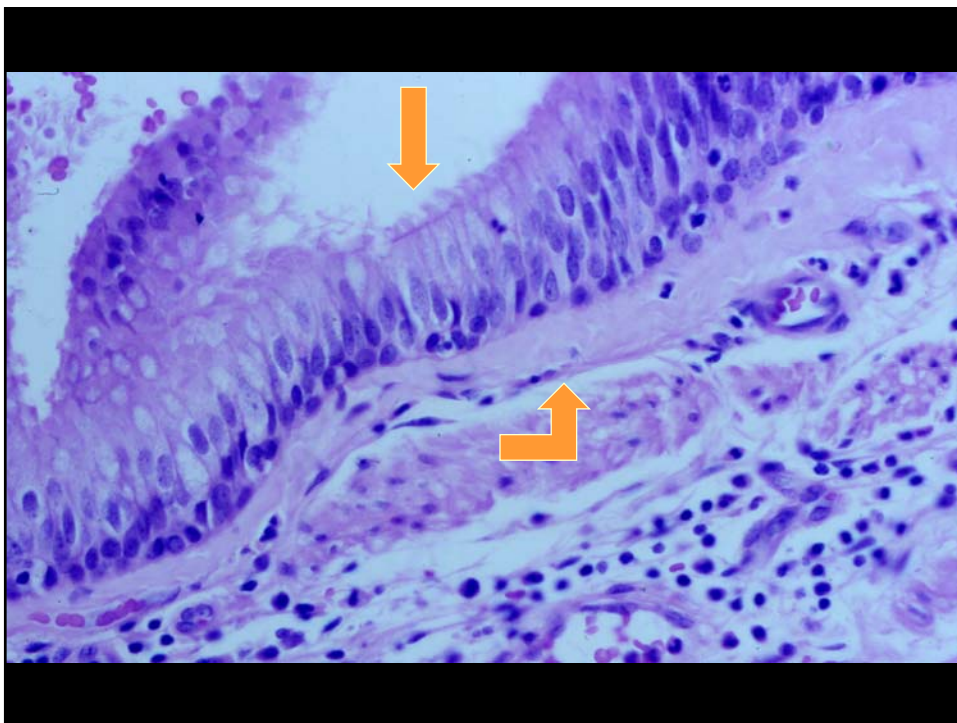
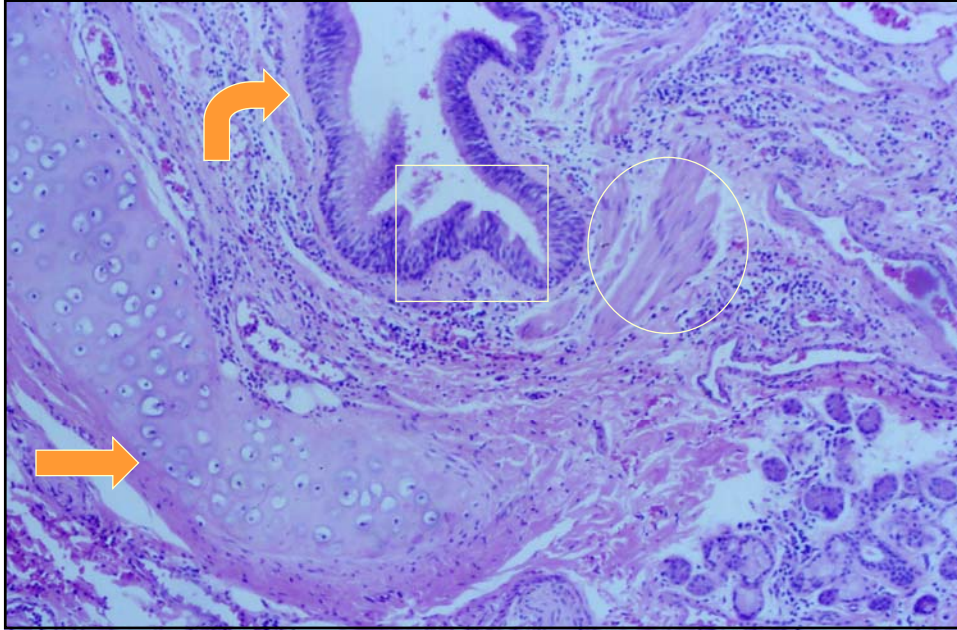
## *Pulmonary Diseases: Structure-Function Correlation I*

- Cast of Characters
  - Airways
    - Conducting
    - Respiratory
  - Vessels
    - Arteries, arterioles - pulmonary and bronchial
    - Capillaries
    - Veins/Venules and Lymphatics
  - Pleura- visceral and parietal

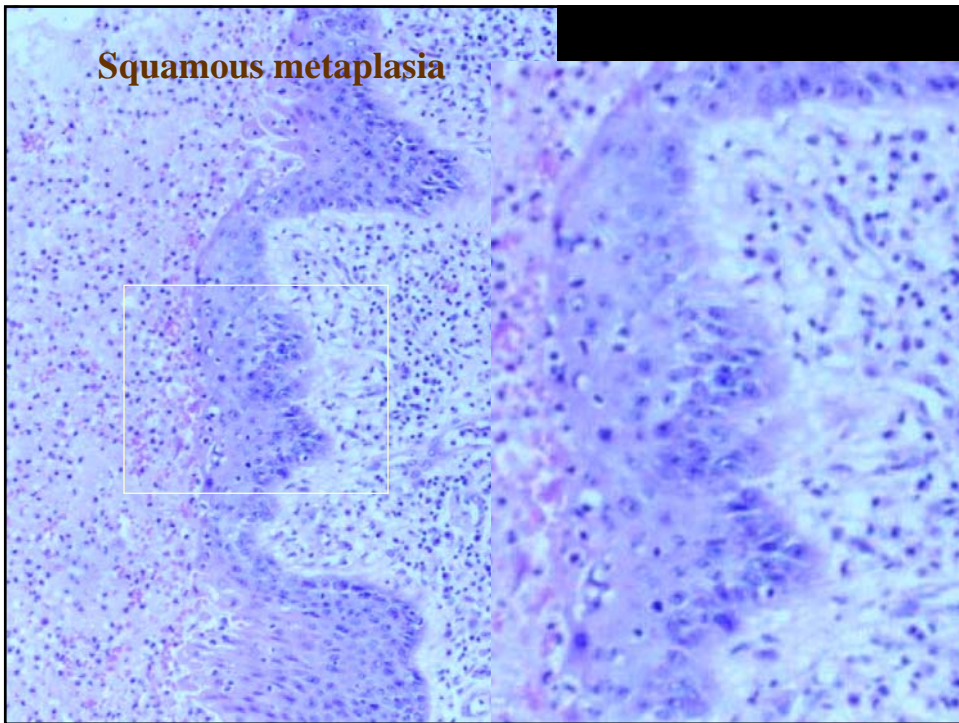
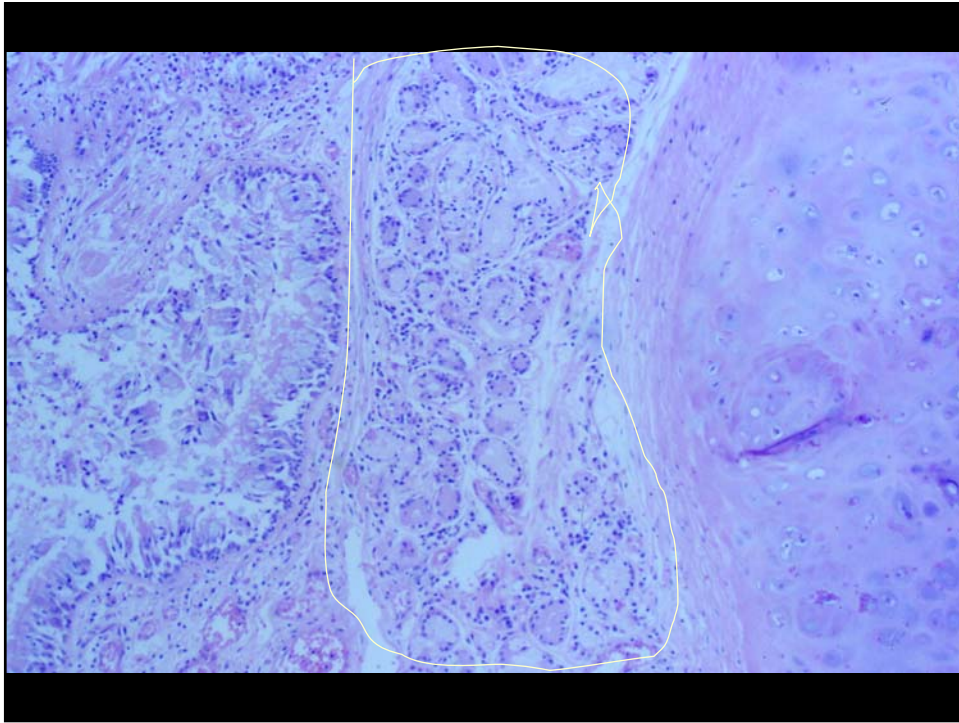
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- Airways Conducting Zone
  - Trachea
  - Bronchi - ciliated and goblet cells, elastic tissue, smooth muscle, glands, cartilage
  - Bronchioles - (1 mm) - No cartilage or bronchial glands, ciliated lining, no goblet cells, smooth muscle
- Cell types
  - CILIATED CELL - beating of cilia contribute to mucociliary elevator
  - GOBLET CELL - Mucus secretion
  - BASAL CELL - reserve cell
  - KULCHITSKY CELL - neuroendocrine cells.

Normal airway

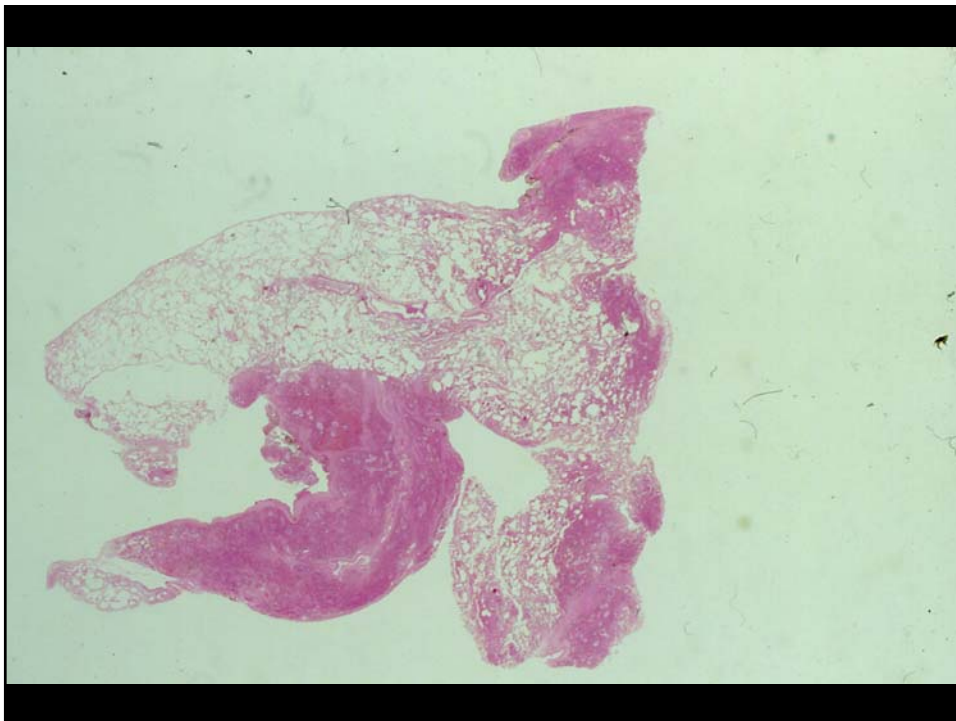


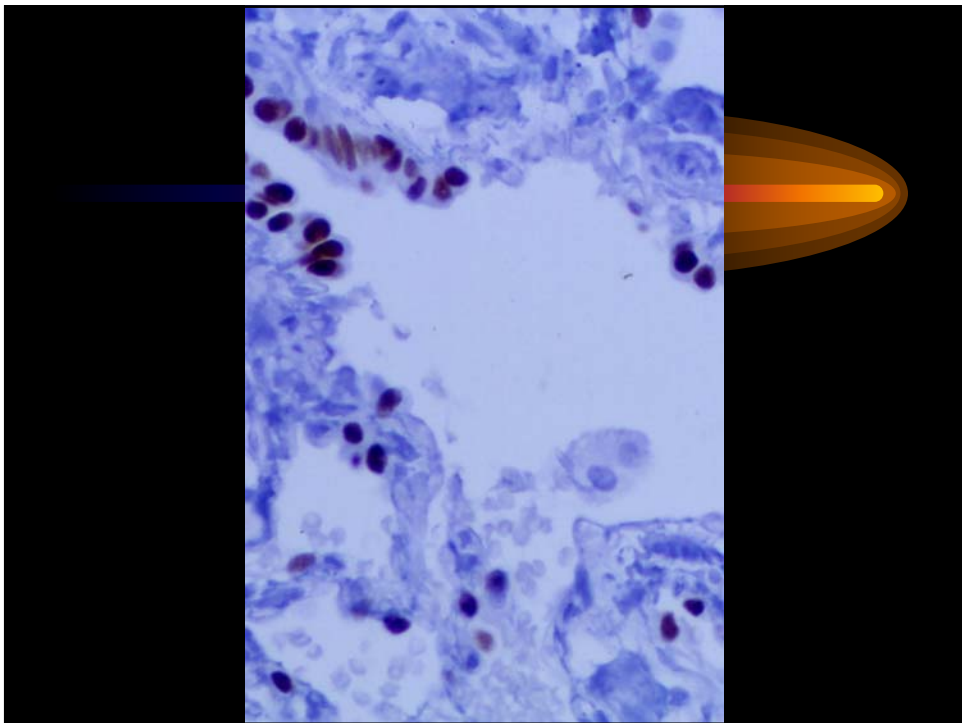
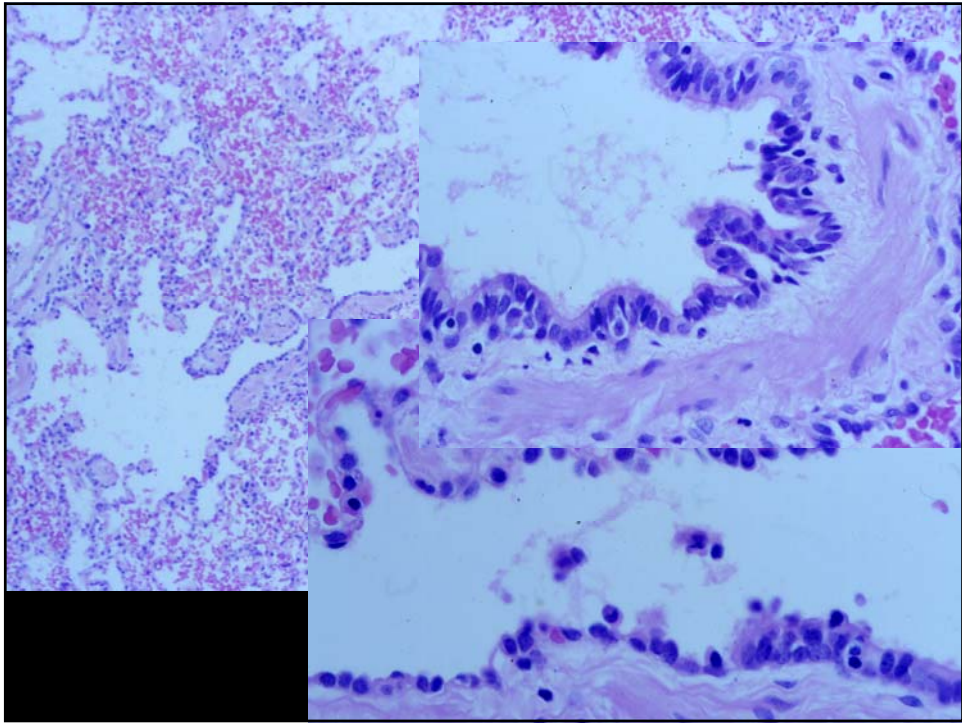




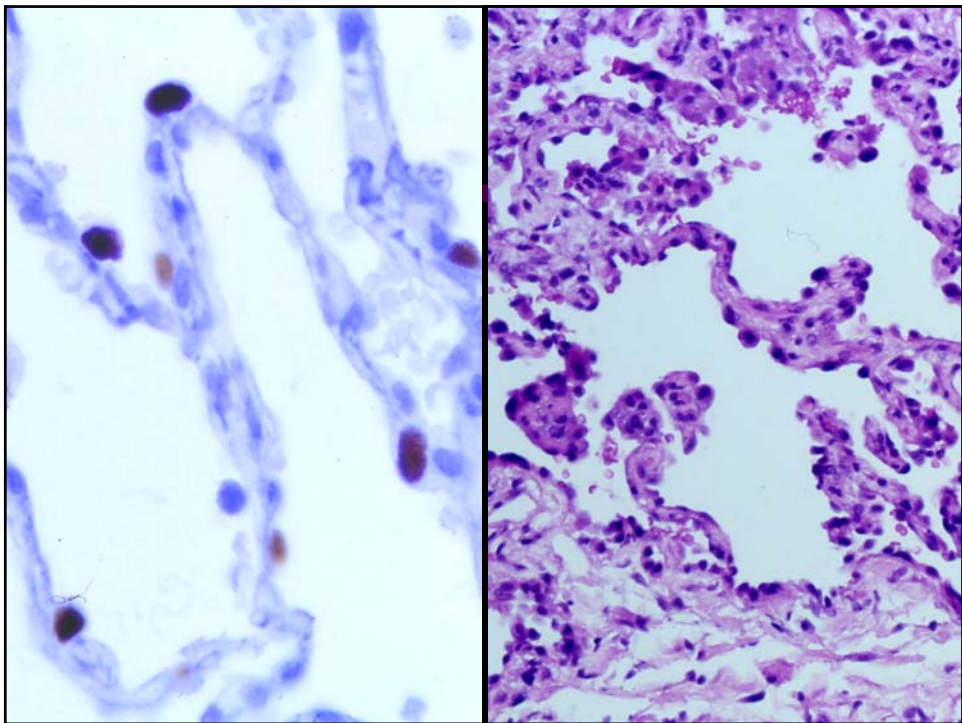
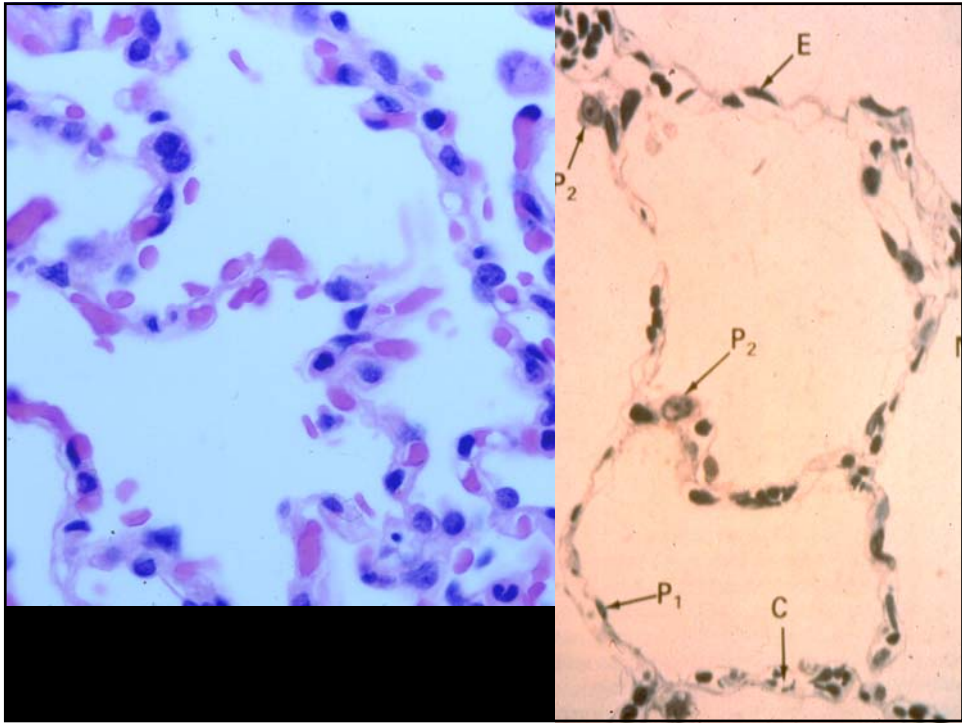
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- Airways Respiratory Zone
  - Respiratory bronchiole - lined by ciliated cells and **CLARA CELLS**
  - Alveolar ducts/sacs
    - **Type I cells**  
90% of alveolar surface
    - **Type II cells**
- Cell types
  - **CLARA CELLS** - produce a component of surfactant and are the bronchiolar reserve cell
  - **TYPE I CELLS** - Thin lining cell for gas exchange
  - **TYPE II CELLS** - surfactant and alveolar reserve cell





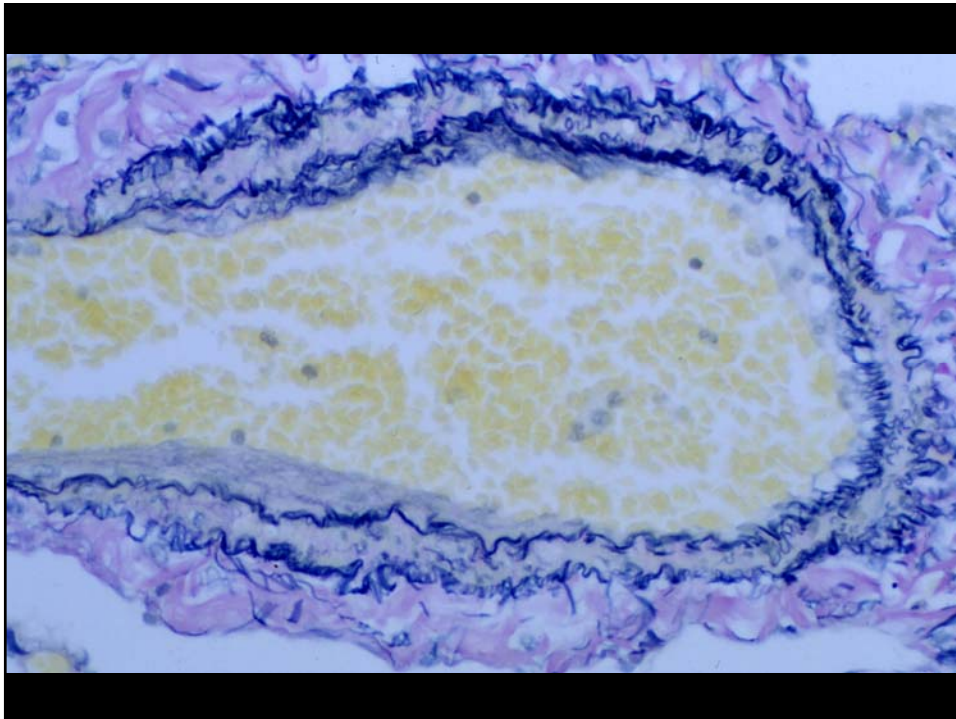


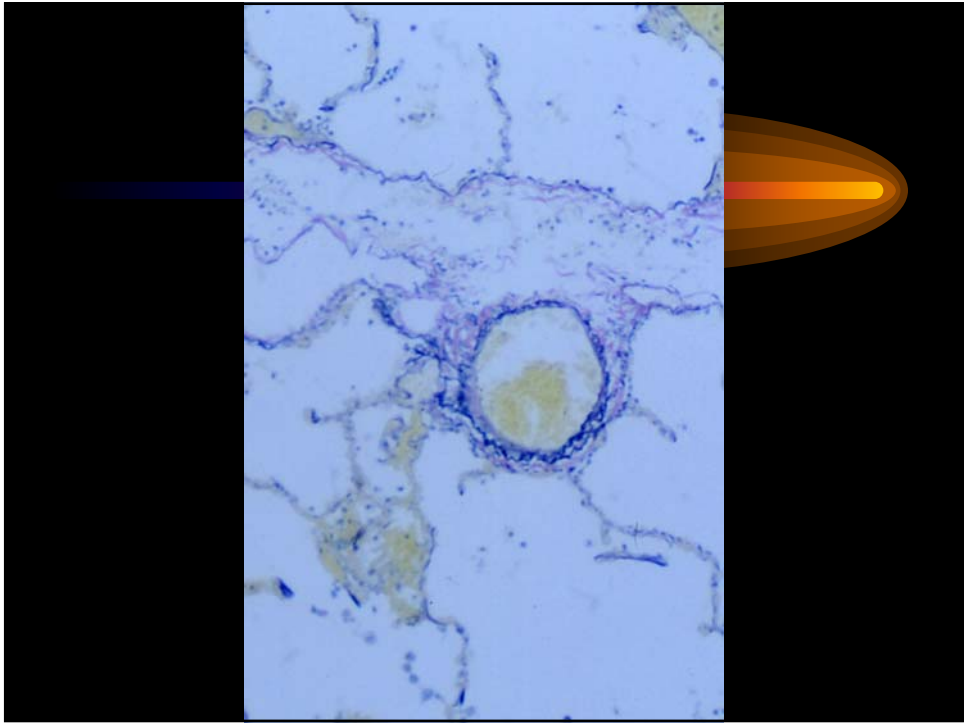




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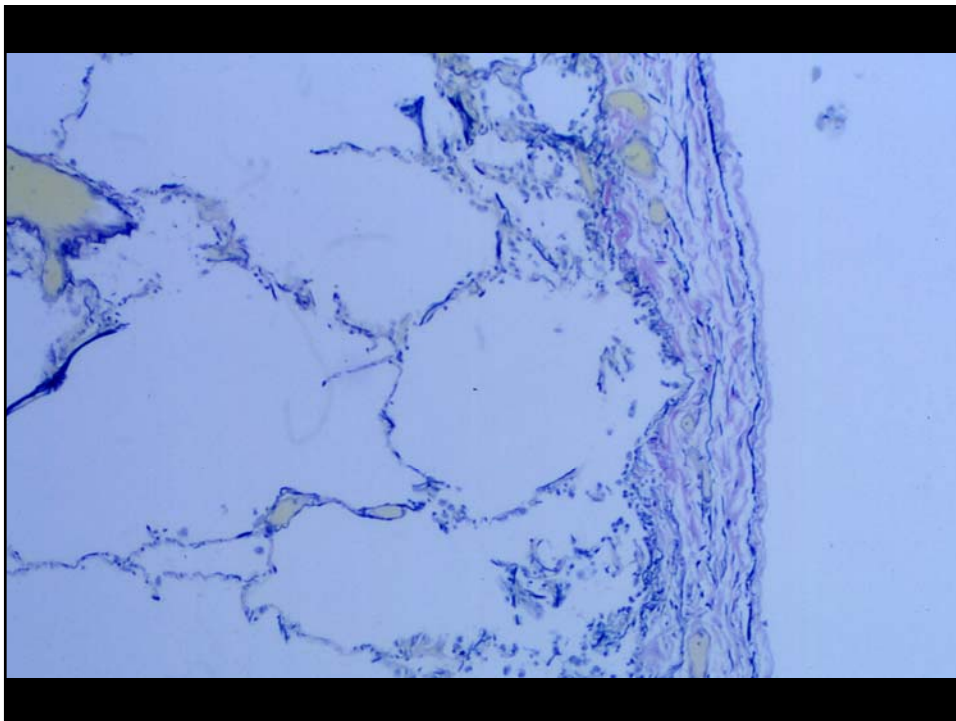
- **Vessels - Pulmonary**
  - Arteries/arterioles - travel and divide with bronchi and bronchioles
  - Produce capillary bed in alveoli for gas exchange
  - Venules collect capillary blood into lobular septa, forming veins and joining at the hilum.
- **Vessels - Bronchial**
  - Artery from aorta
  - Supplies bronchial tree up to respiratory bronchiole
  - Venous drainage to azygous/hemiazygous

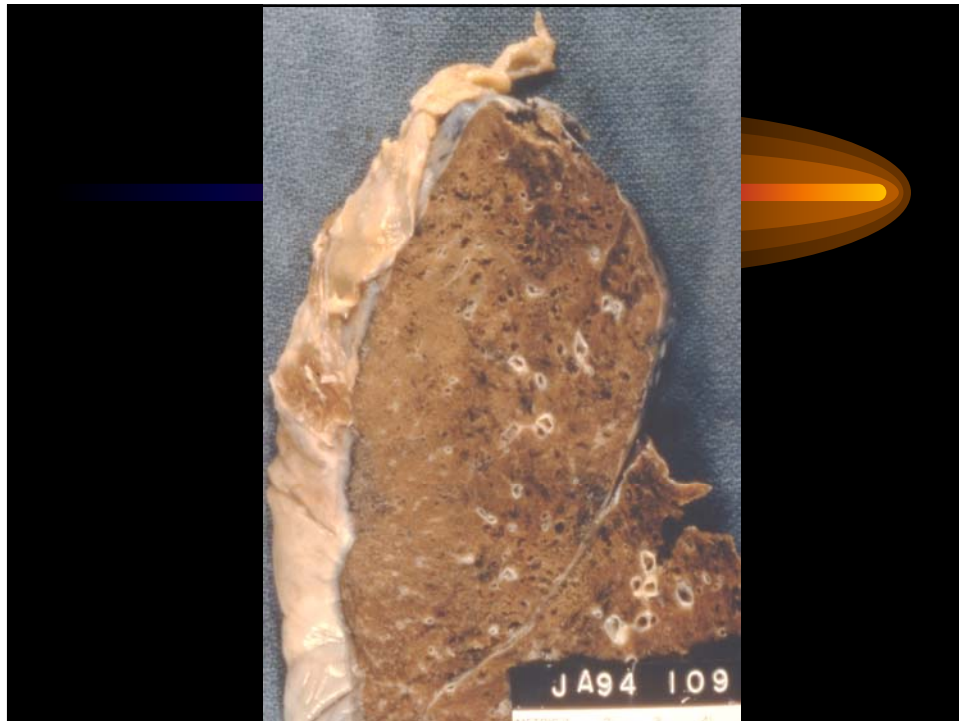




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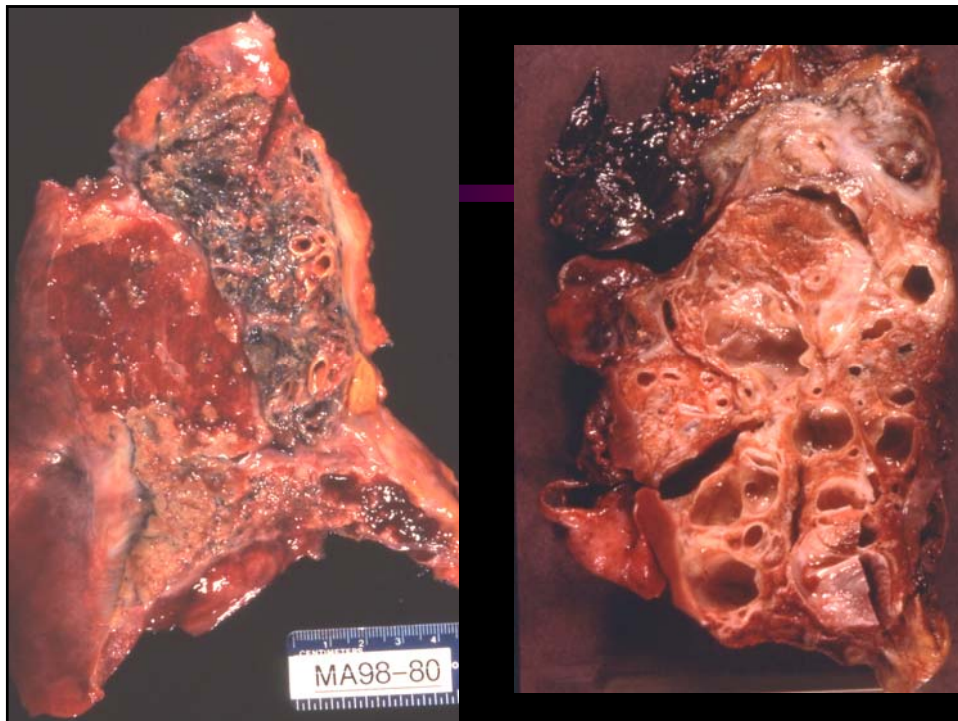
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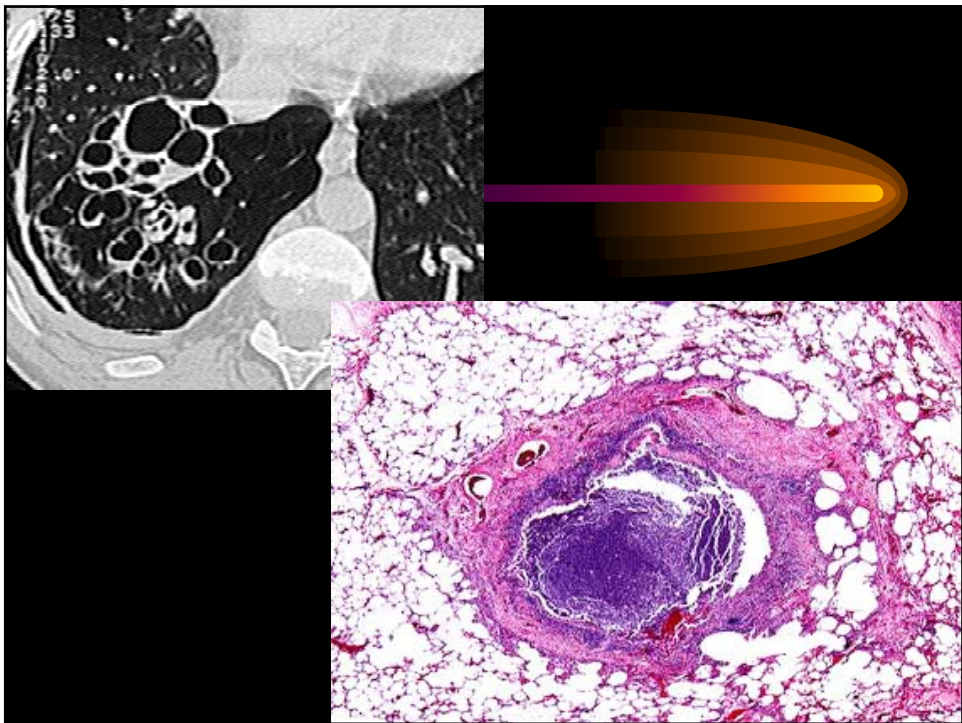
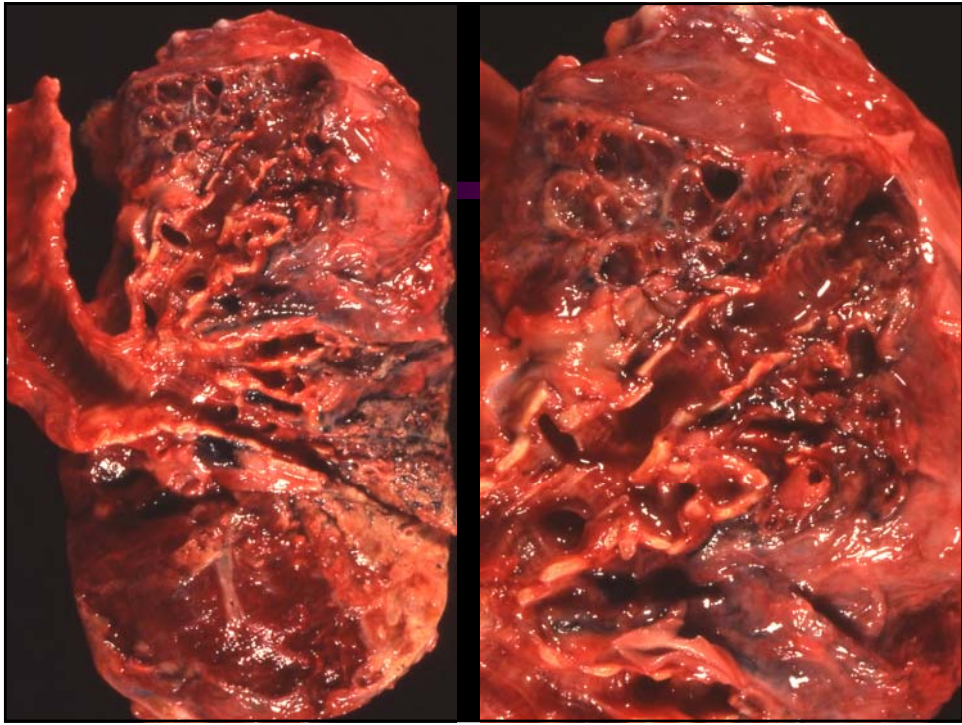
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## *Disease of the conducting airways - Bronchiectasis*

- **Dilatation of bronchi and bronchioles, usually due to necrosis of wall and obstruction**
  - Foreign body
  - Mucoïd impaction
  - Cystic fibrosis
  - Immotile cilia
  - Chronic bronchitis and infection
- **Gross Pathol. - Dilated bronchi, filled with mucus or pus, lower lobes.**
- **Microscopic -**
  - Can have acute and chronic inflammation
  - Varying degrees of fibrosis







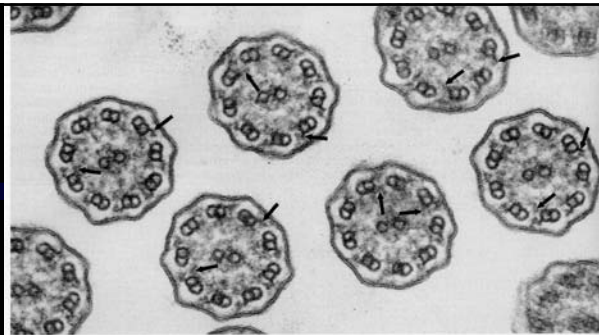
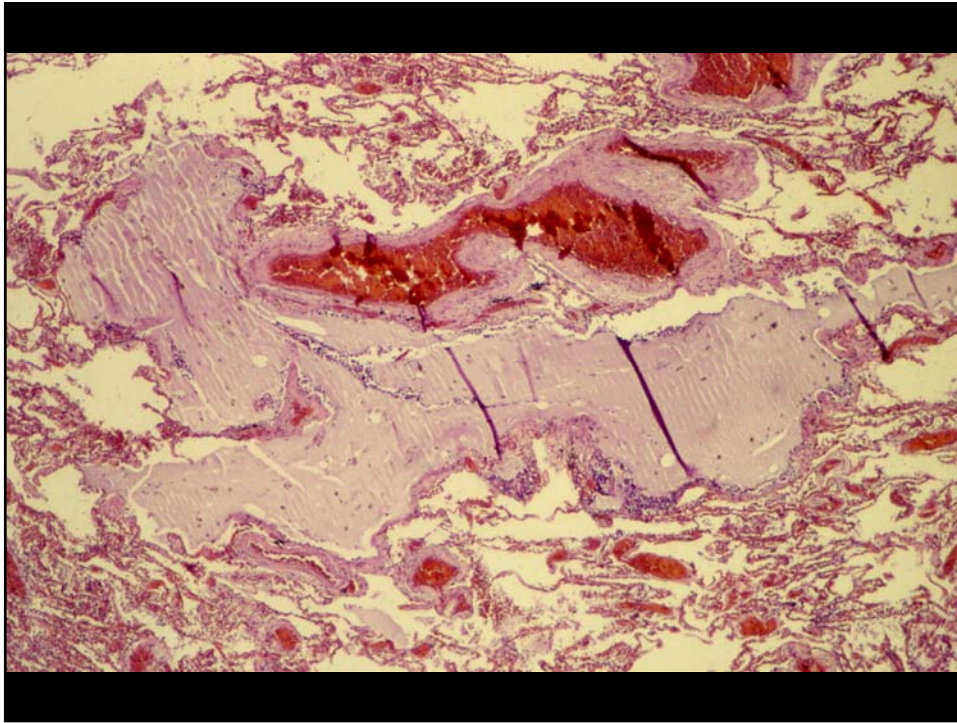
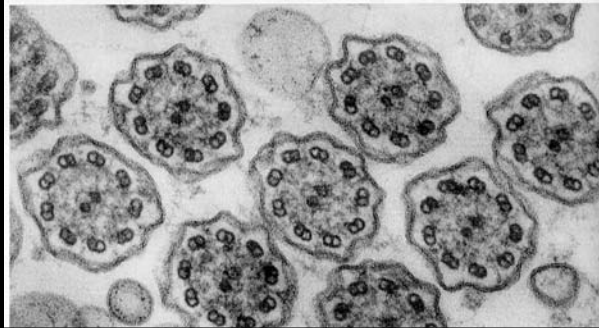


Figure 11.59. Normal cilia (nasal mucosa). Outer and inner dynein arms (arrows) are apparent in these cilia. Inner dynein arms are usually blurred and less distinct than outer arms. (X 150,000)



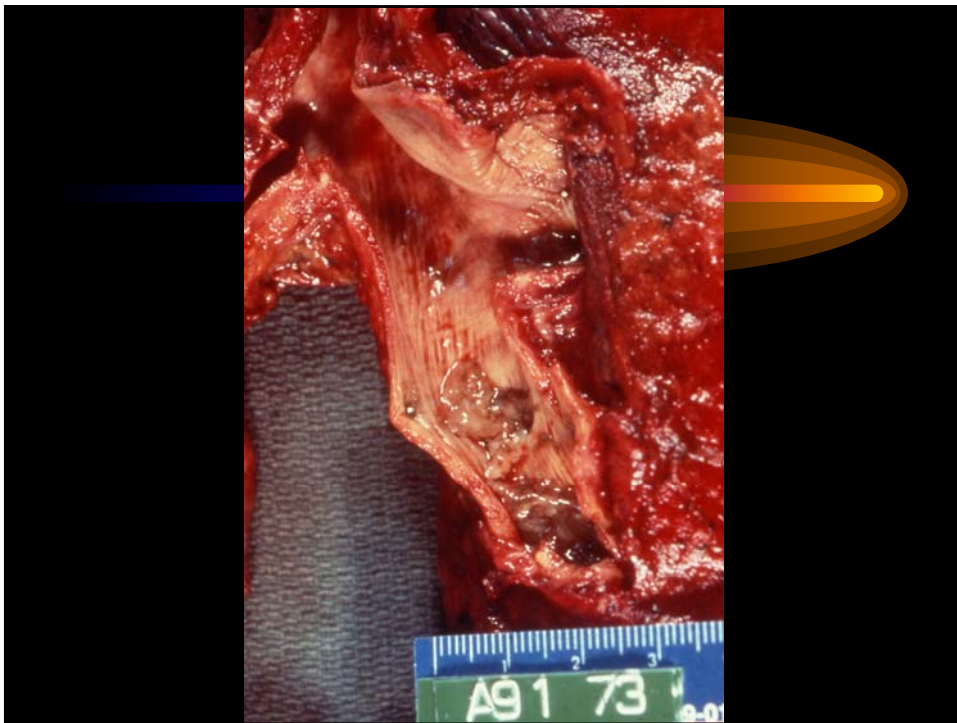
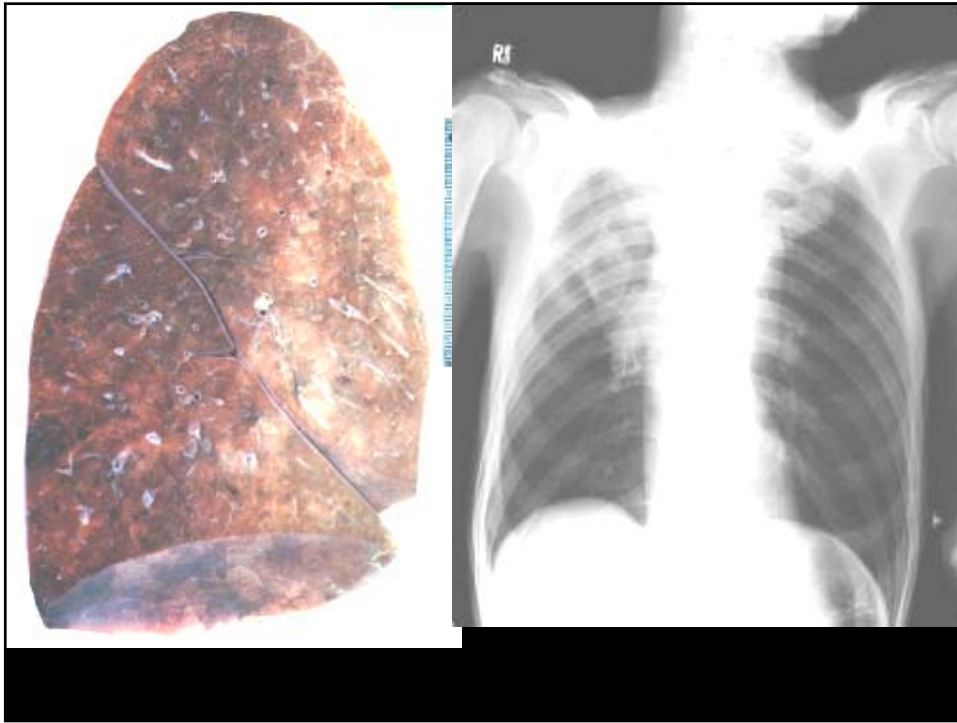


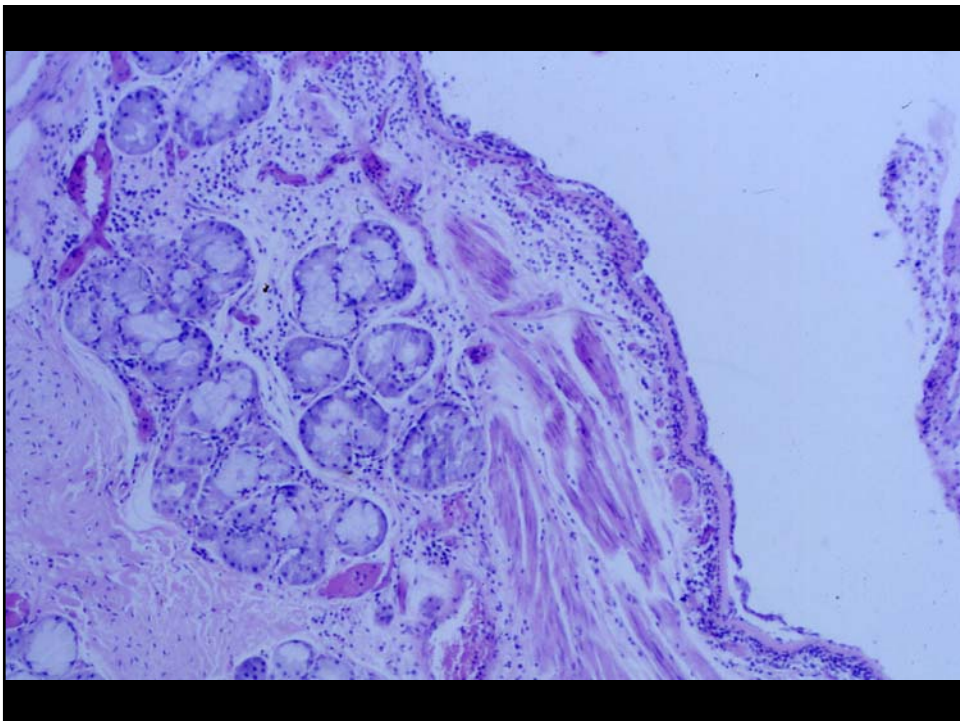
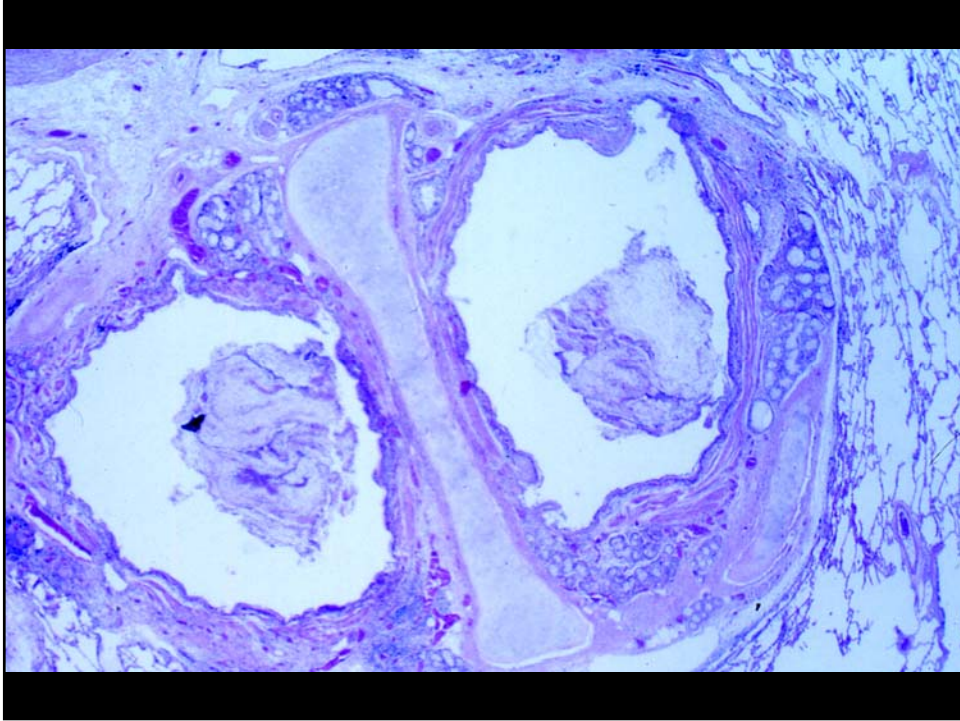
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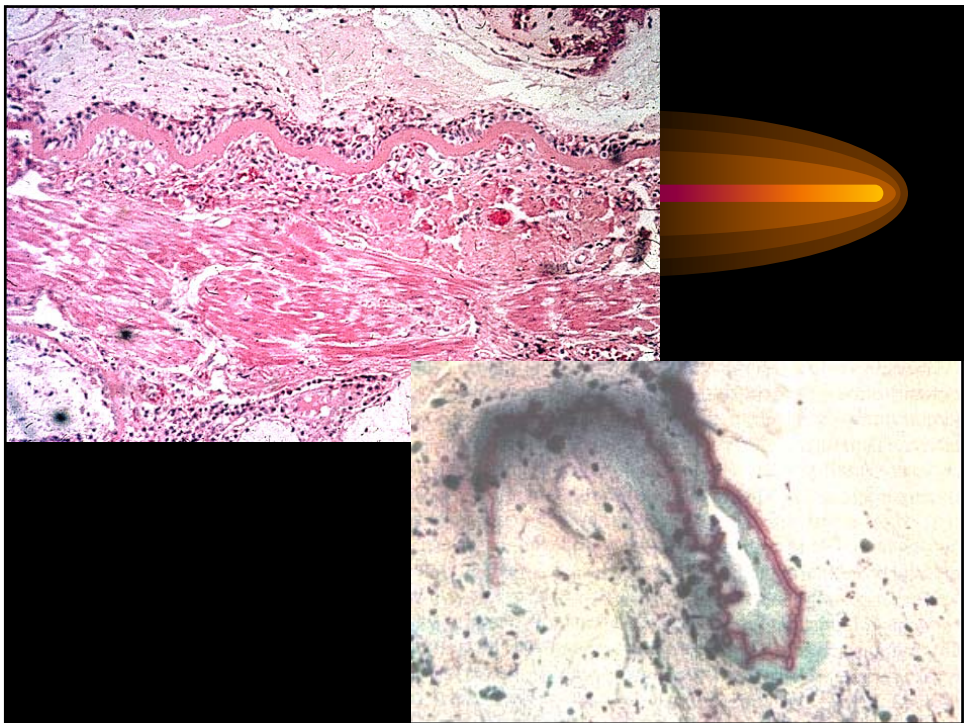
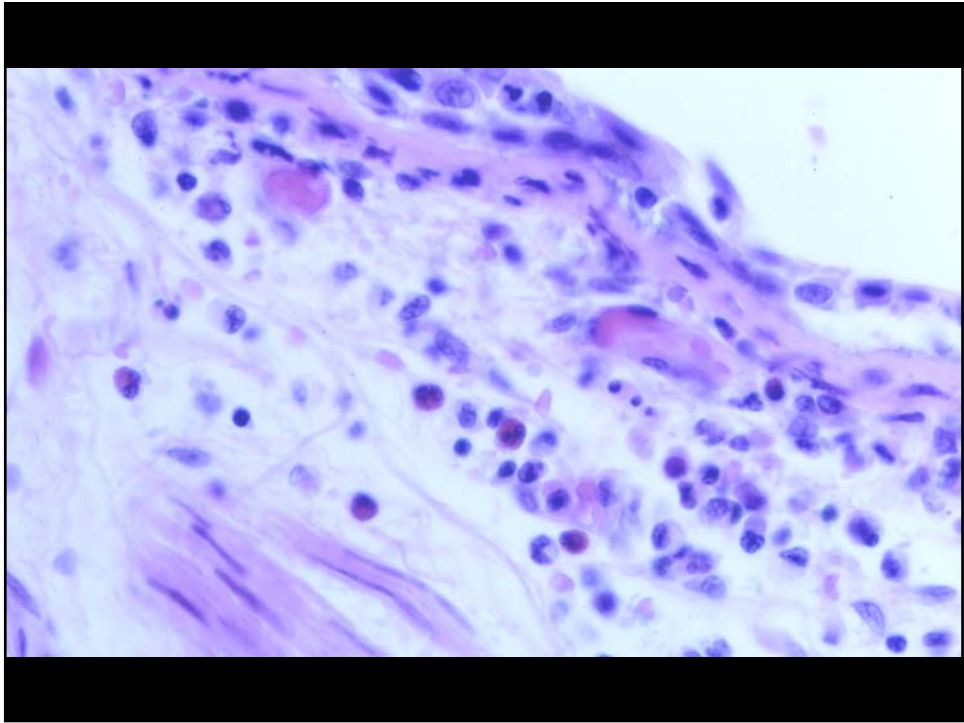
## *Disease of the conducting airways - ASTHMA*

- **Bronchospasm, usually reversible, due to allergic or non-allergic stimuli.**
- **Anatomic targets - bronchial epithelium and smooth muscle.**
- **Inflammation**
- **Obstructive disease**
- **Gross pathology**
  - hyperinflation, severe if status asthmaticus
  - Mucus plugging
- **Microscopic**
  - Smooth muscle hypertrophy
  - Inflammation, eosinophils
  - Basement membrane thickening
  - edema











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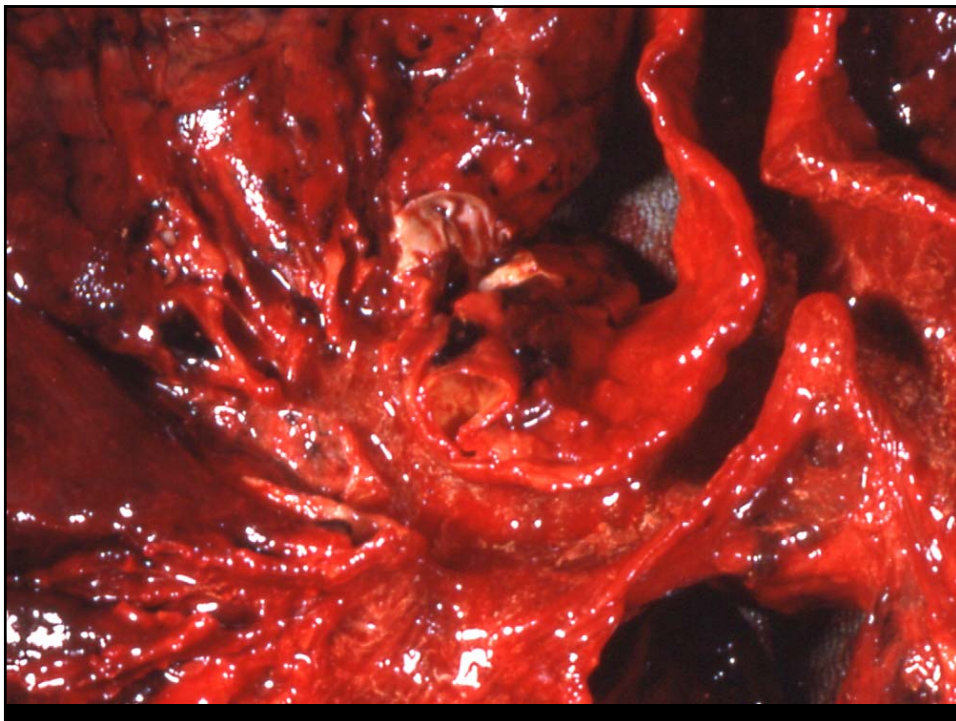
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- Functional significance**
- Total lung capacity - increased during attack
  - Work of breathing increased due to airway resistance
  - Airway resistance increased, on expiration more than inspiration

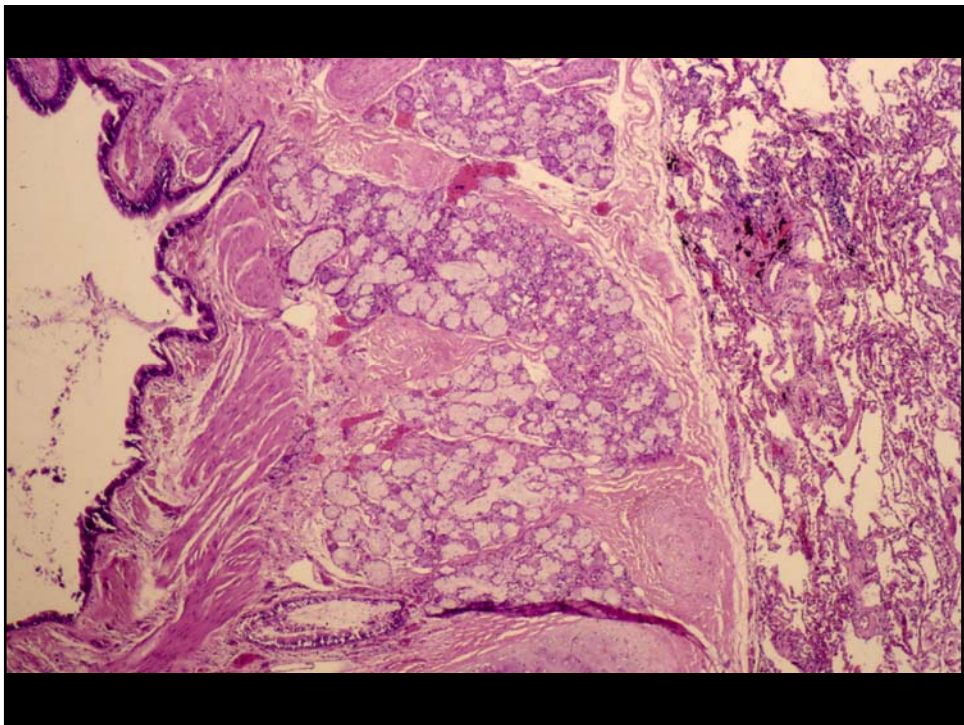
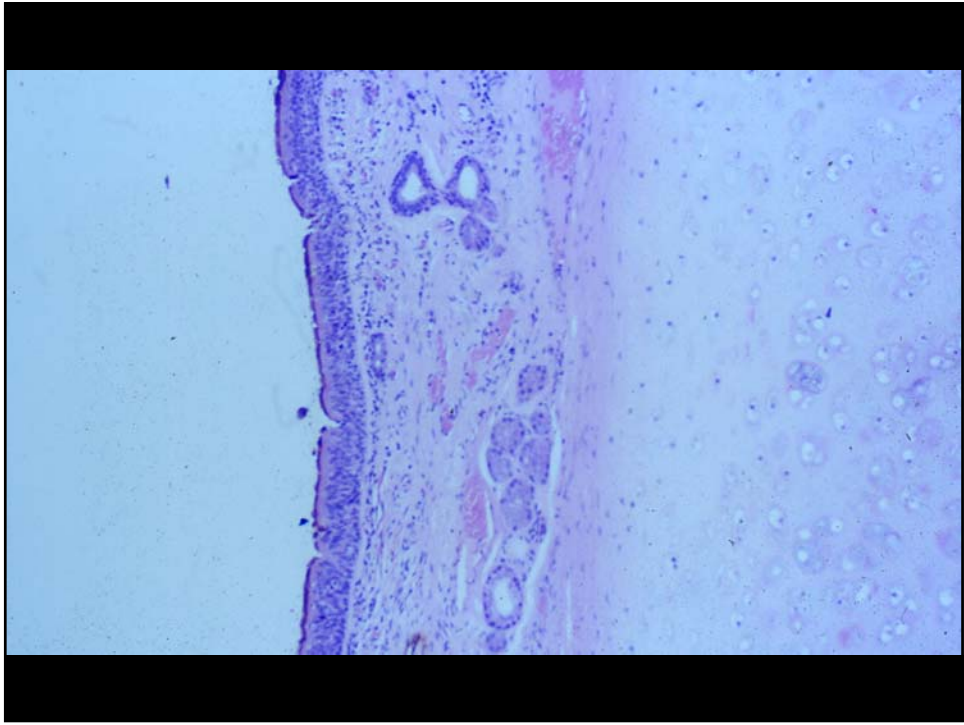
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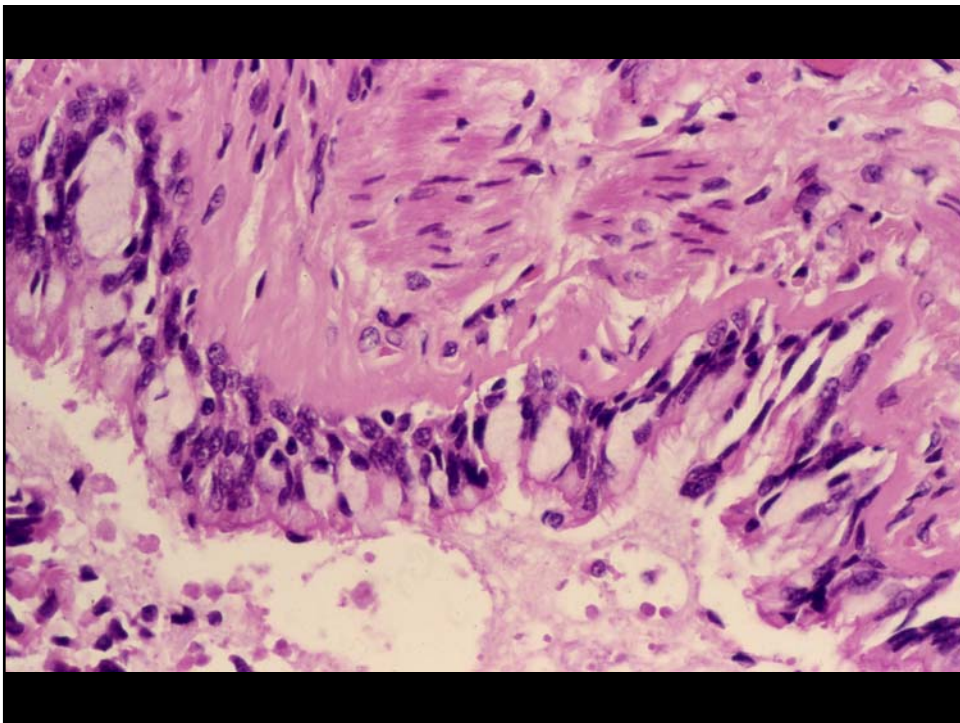
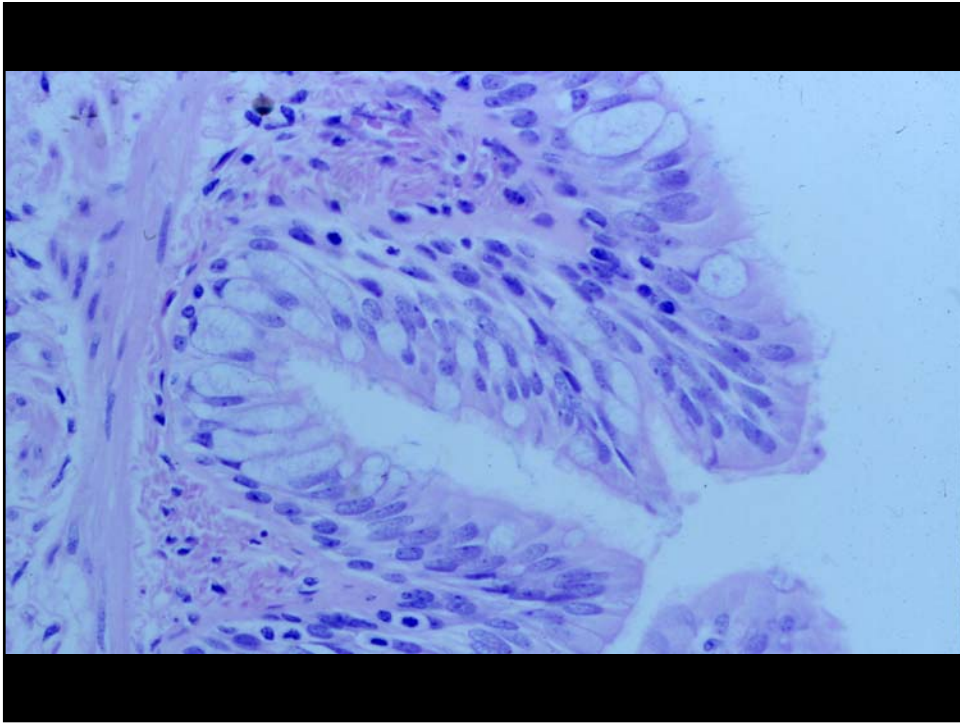
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- Persistent cough with sputum production for 3 months in two consecutive years.
- Smoking
- Repeated infections
- **Gross Pathology: Brown discolored, mucus filled bronchi.**
- **Microscopic :**
  - Bronchial gland hyperplasia
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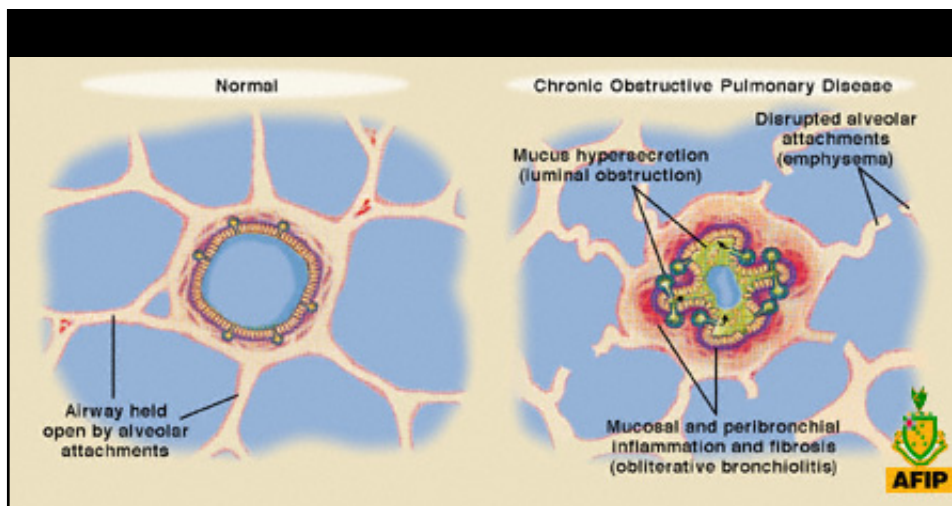


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- **Functional Significance**
  - Airway resistance, due to mucus, edema and narrowing. **Obstructive disease**
  - Degree of obstruction determines extent of V/Q mismatch
  - Lung capacity normal
  - Right heart failure and pulmonary hypertension can occur

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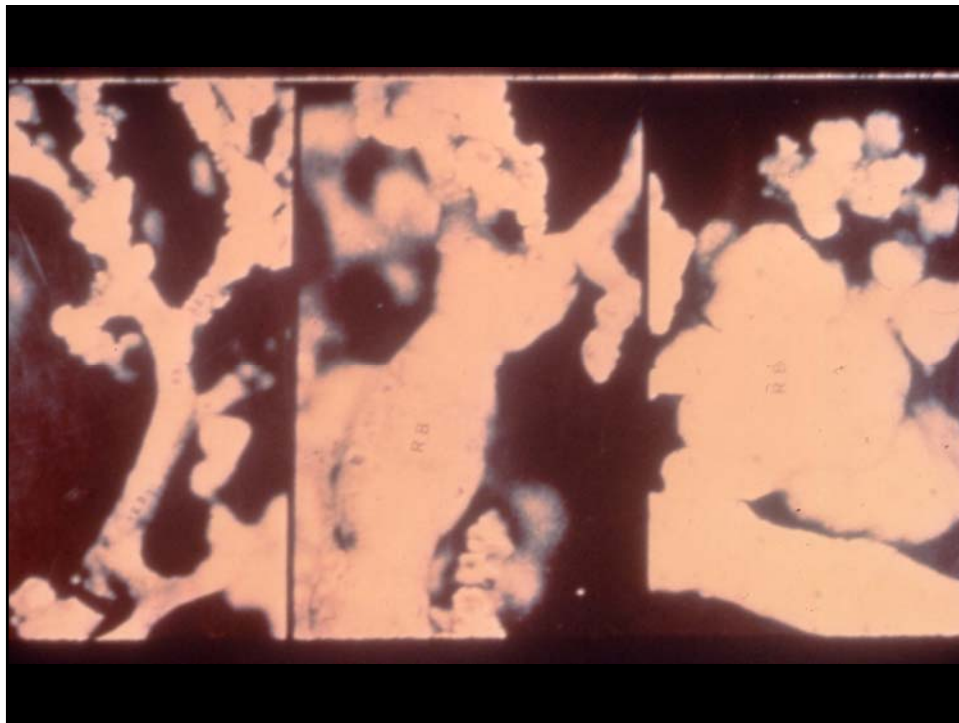
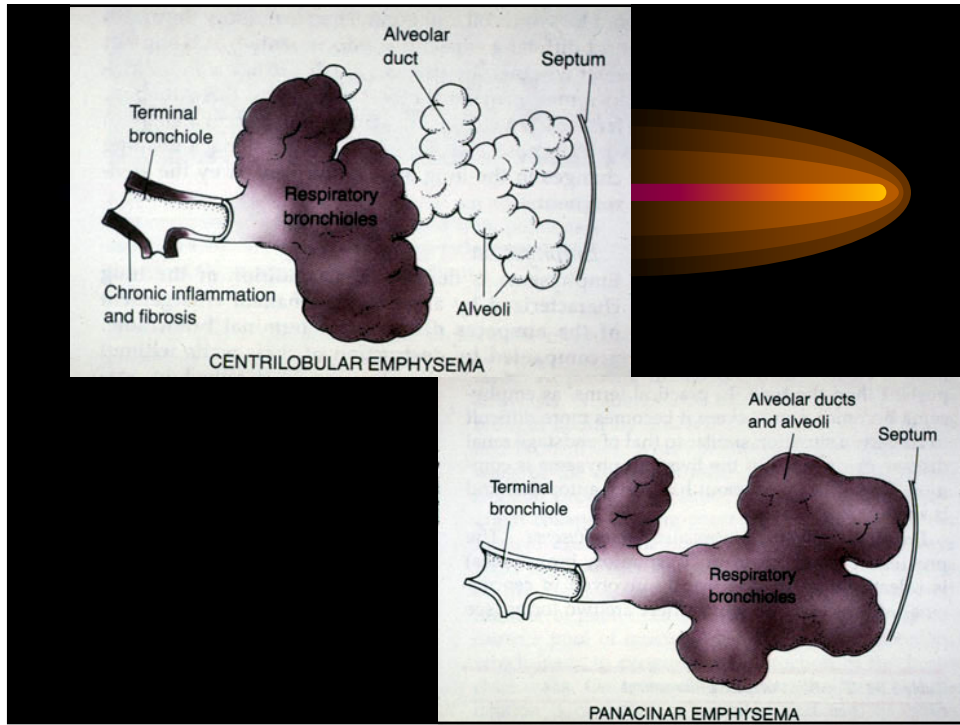
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*Destruction of acinar walls -  
Emphysema*

- Obstructive disease
- Involves the airway distal to the terminal conducting bronchiole
- Airway wall is damaged, and fibrosis can be present.
- Is classified by pattern/ location of damage within the respiratory acinus

*Destruction of acinar walls -  
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- **Centriacinar (Centrilobular)**
  - Smoking
  - Damage is to the respiratory bronchiole. When severe disease develops, whole acinus involved.
  - Upper lobes, especially apical portions most affected
- **Panacinar (Panlobular)**
  - Damage is to the entire acinar unit from respiratory bronchiole to alveolar sac
  - More severe at bases, but is more diffuse than CLE
  - Alpha -1 antitrypsin deficiency





## *Destruction of acinar walls - Emphysema*

- Pathogenesis
  - Protease/Antiprotease hypothesis
    - **Imbalance between neutrophil derived elastase and deficiency in anti-elastase activity from alpha-1-antitrypsin**
    - **Neutrophil elastase is unchecked, causing tissue destruction**
    - **Smoking causes more rapid evolution of panacinar emphysema.**

## *Destruction of acinar walls - Emphysema*

- Pathogenesis
  - Protease/Antiprotease hypothesis
    - **In panacinar emphysema, deficiency in alpha 1 anti-trypsin is a genetic defect**
    - **In centrilobular emphysema, the interplay of cigarette smoke, acquired deactivation of A1AT activity and activation of a perhaps broader spectrum of proteases may be significant. These may include proteinase 3, cathepsins and metal metalloproteinases (1,2,9,12)**
    - **Other inhibitors of protease activity may also play a role – e.g. TIMPs**

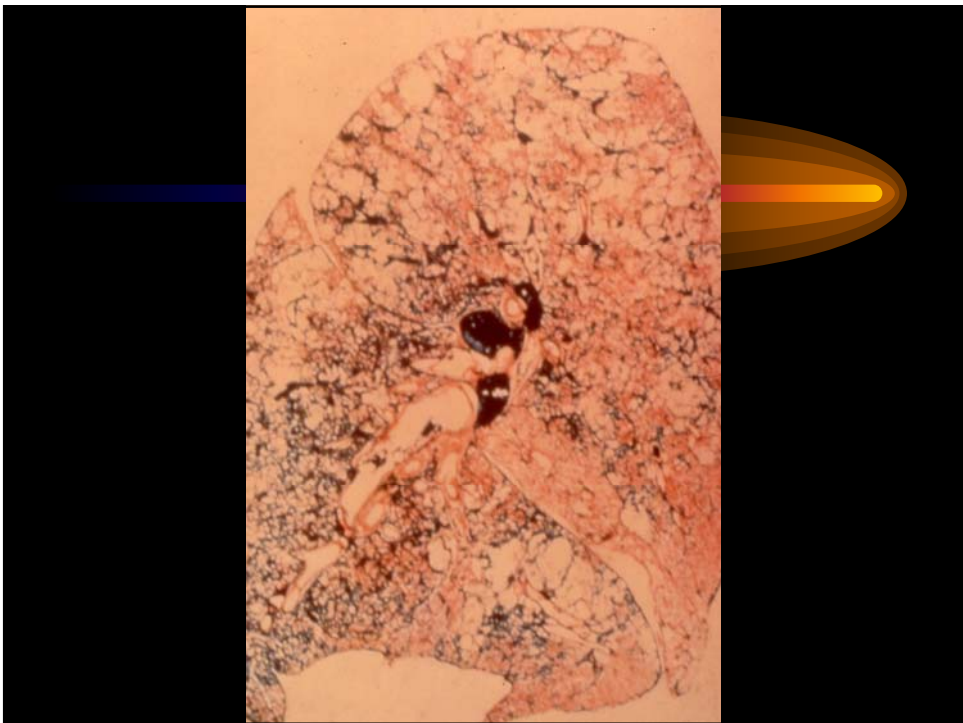
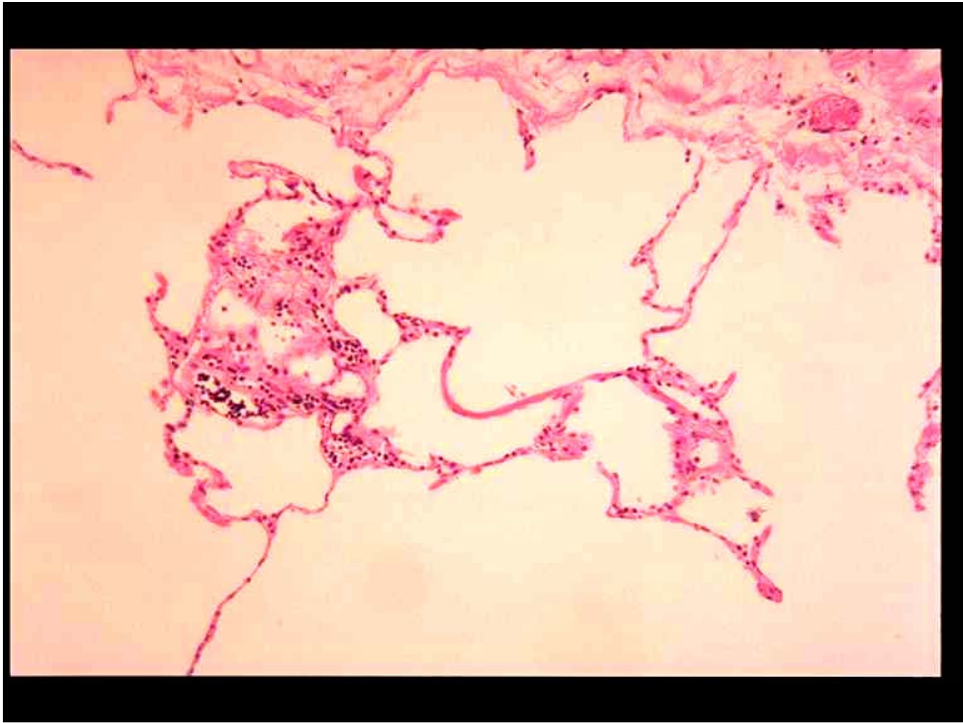
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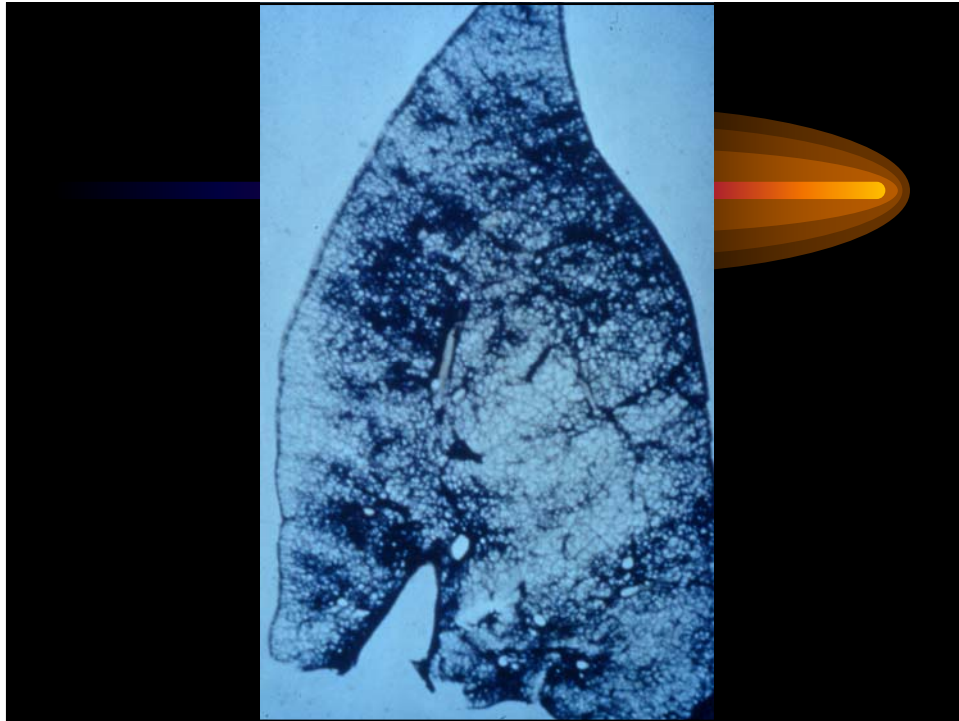
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**VS. PANACINAR**

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    - Upper lobe, irregularly dilated airspaces
    - Thin walled and grossly apparent
  - **Microscopic**
    - Dilated spaces, alongside normal alveoli
    - Anthracotic pigment
- **Gross Pathology**
    - Lower lobe, more uniformly dilated spaces
    - Voluminous lungs
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**STRUCTURAL**

VS.

**FUNCTIONAL**

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    - Upper lobe, irregularly dilated airspaces
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  - **Microscopic**
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- **Total lung capacity increase**
  - **Lung compliance increased (elastin destruction)**
  - **V/Q mismatch mild - airway and capillary destruction**
  - **Recoil decreased; lose radial traction on airways**  
**Obstructive; worsens on forced expiration**