

In The Name of God





NEOPLASIA

Why do we need a lecture about neoplasia?

- *To understand patients better*
- *To understand oral neoplasms better*
- *This lecture covers:*
 - *the nature of benign and malignant neoplasms*
 - *how neoplasms start and grow*
 - *how these neoplasms affect the patient*

- *Tumor nomenclature*
- *Tumor characteristics*
- *Cancer pathogenesis*

- *Neoplasm = mass of tissue that grows excessively, and keeps growing even if you remove the stimulus that started it off!*
- *Neoplasm is an abnormal mass of tissue, the growth of which exceeds and is uncoordinated with that of the normal tissues and persists in the same excessive manner after the cessation of the stimuli which evoked the change''*
- *Tumor = neoplasm*
- *Neoplasia = new growth*
- *Tumor = swelling due to inflammation*
- *Oncology = oncos is tumor, logy is study*
- *Cancer = malignant tumors (crab)*

Nomenclature



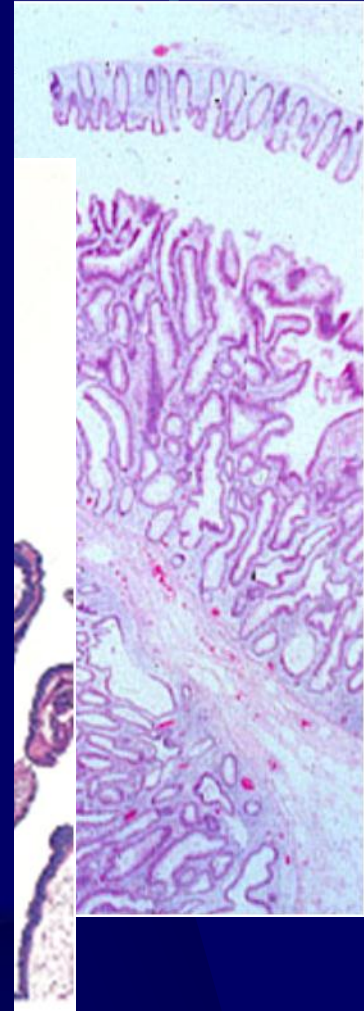
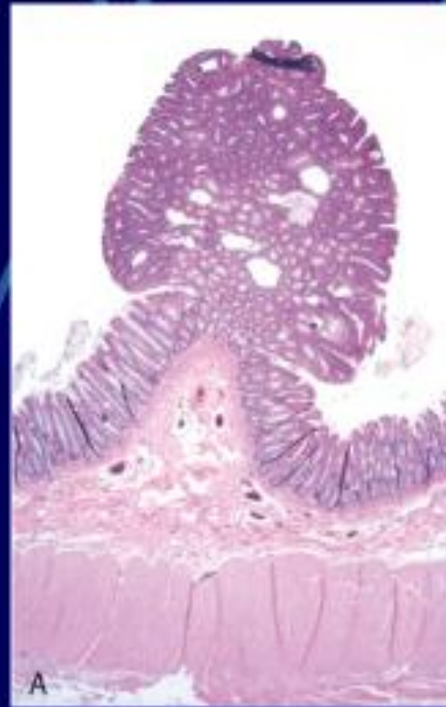
Parenchyma
*Proliferating neoplastic
cells*

Stroma
*Connective tissue and
blood vessels*

Benign Neoplasm

*Cells grow as a compact mass and remain at their
site of origin*

- *Polyp: macroscopic → projection of mucosal surface*



- *polyp – projects upward, forming a lump*

Confusing Terms

- **Malignant tumors**

- *Lymphoma*

- *melanoma*

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- **Non**

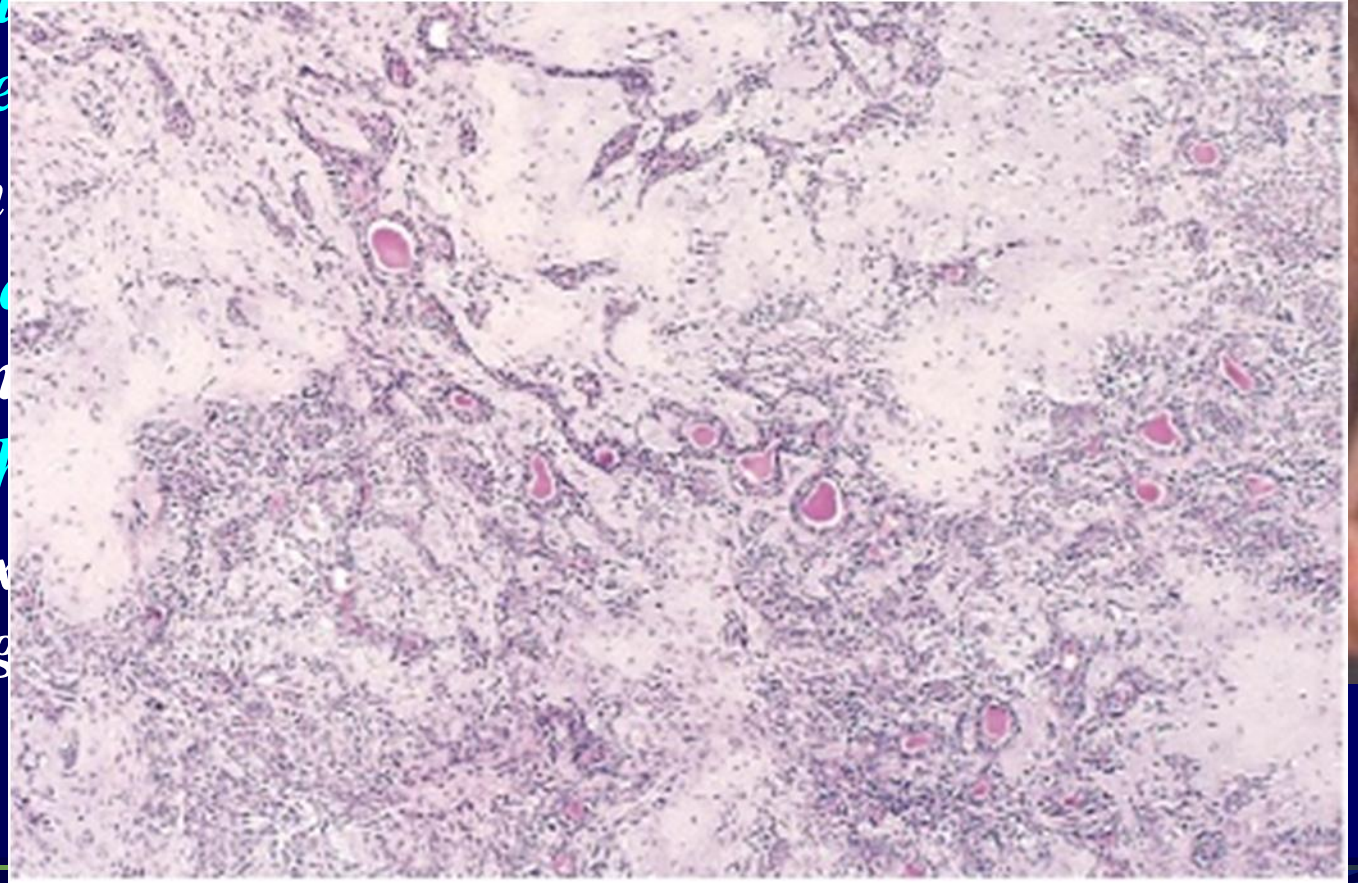
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Malignant Neoplasm

Growth of cells is uncontrolled Cells can spread into surrounding tissue and spread to distant sites

Cancer = a malignant growth



Cancer = Latin for “crab”

Malignant tumors

- *Mesenchymal = sarcomas (sar, fleshy).
Fibrosarcoma, liposarcoma, leiomyosarcoma*
- *Epithelial = carcinomas,*
- *glandular – adenocarcinoma,*
- *squamous – squamous cell carcinoma*

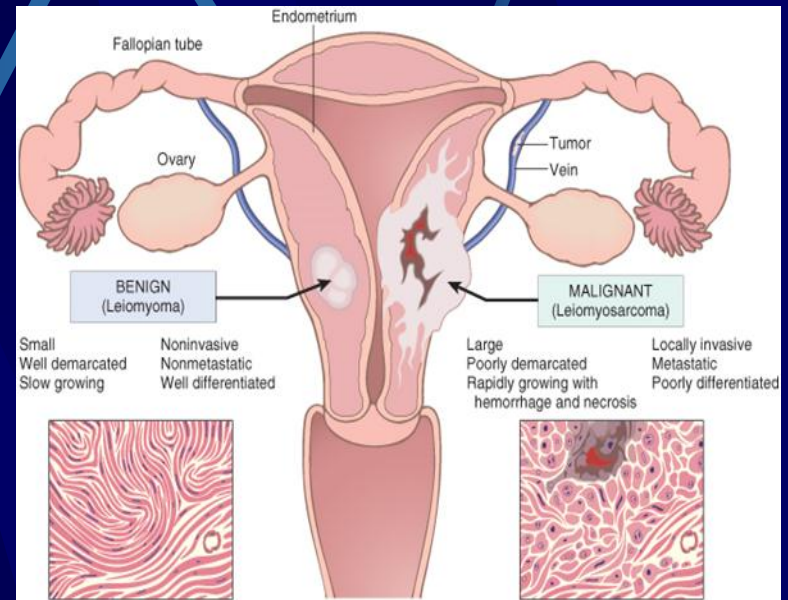
Benign . Malignant

- *Slow growing*
- *Encapsulated*
- *Expansile growth*
- *No Metastasis*
- *Well Differentiated*

- *Rapidly growing*
- *Non encapsulated*
- *Infiltrative growth*
- *Metastasis*
- *Well-Poorly differentiated*

Differences between Benign and Malignant neoplasms

- *Size*
- *Growth characteristics*
- *Vascularity/necrosis*
- *Function*
- *Invasion/metastasis*



The only indisputable quality of malignancy is

metastasis!

*Benign tumors CANNOT metastasize;
malignant tumors CAN.*

If it is metastatic, it MUST BE malignant.

Differentiation

- *“Poorly-differentiated” refers to tumors that show only minimal resemblance to the normal parent tissue they are derived from.*
- *“Anaplastic” means the tumor shows no obvious similarity to it’s parent tissue, usually associated with aggressive behavior*

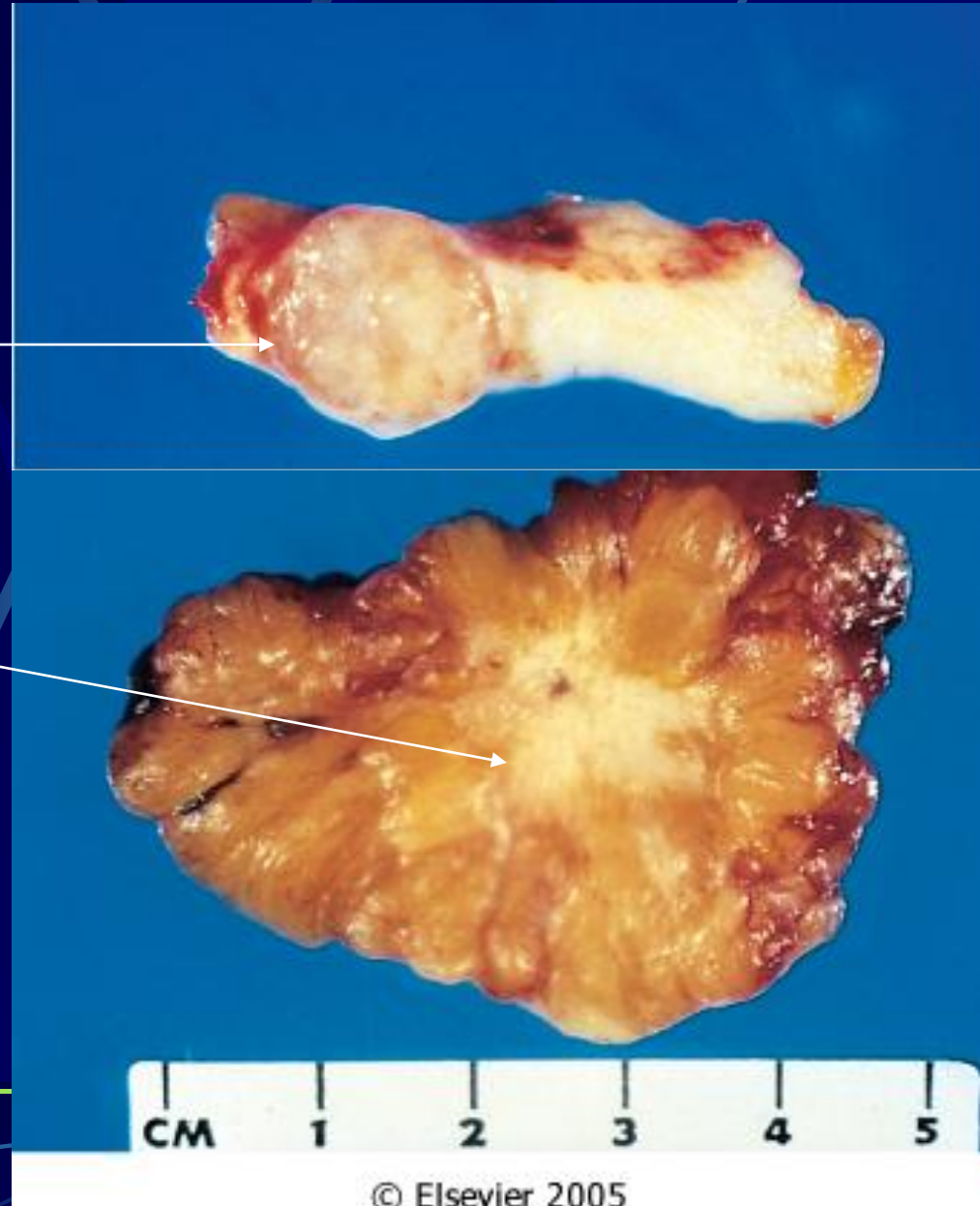
So what?

- *Differentiation often provides clues as to the clinical aggressiveness of the tumor*
- *Tumors often lose differentiation features over time as they become more “malignant” and as they acquire more cumulative genetic mutations*
- *Differentiation often predicts responsiveness to certain therapies, eg estrogen receptors and Tamoxifen in breast cancers*

Gross (macroscopic)
features of two breast
neoplasms

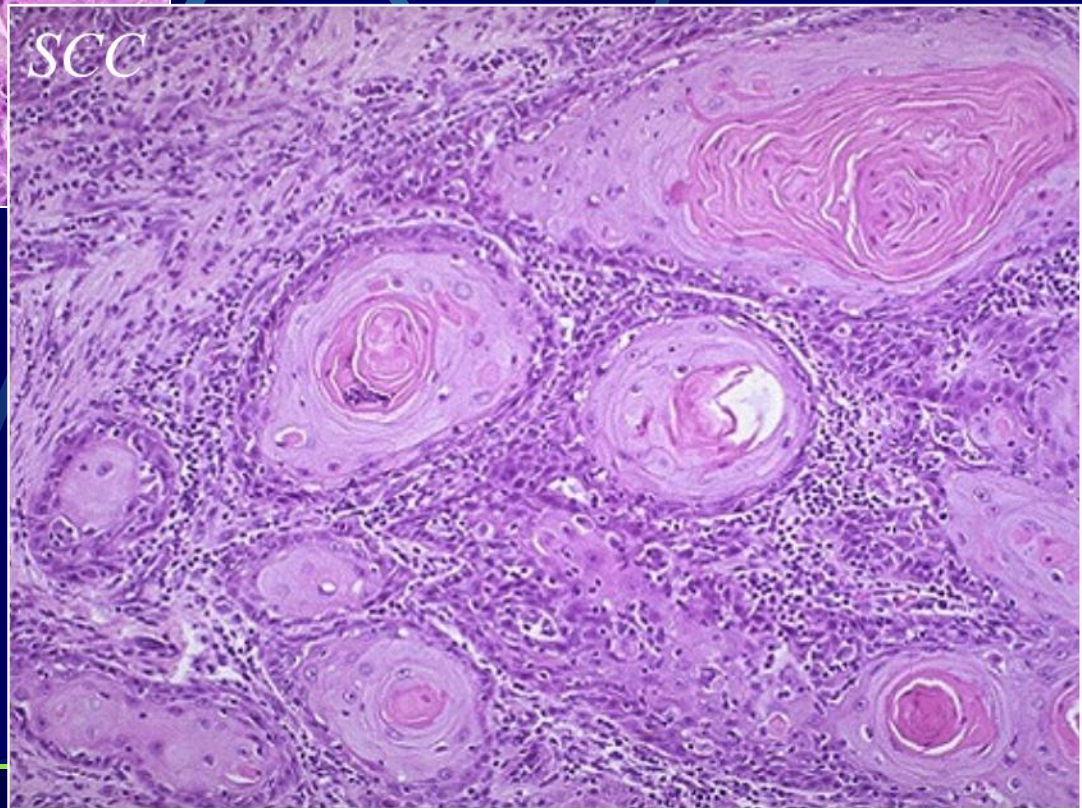
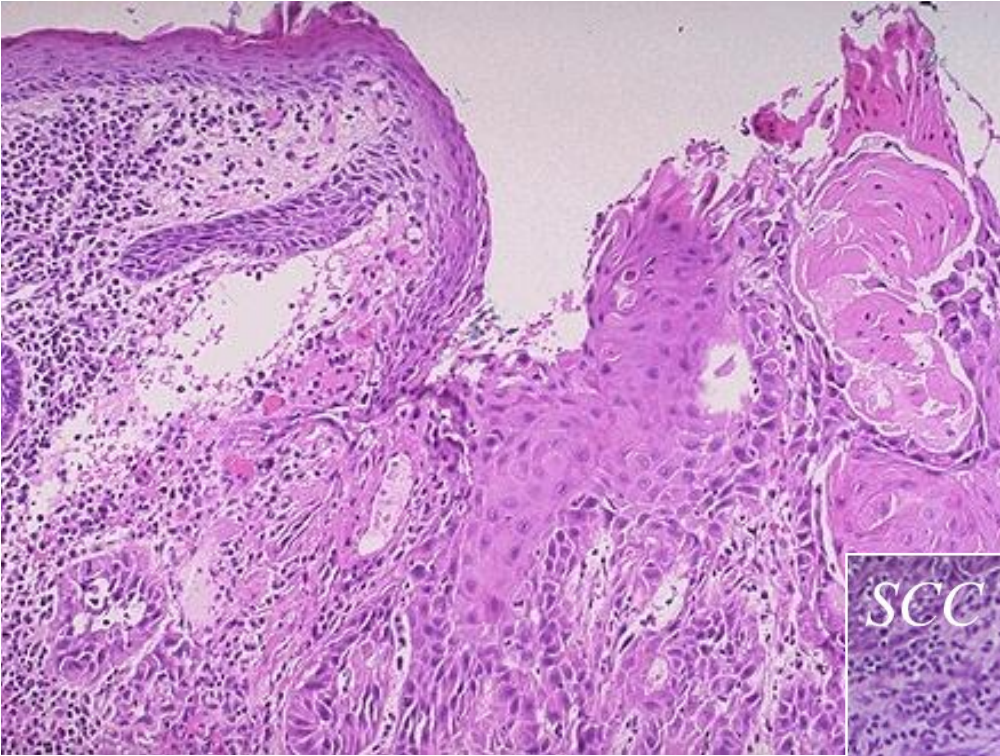
Benign – circumscribed,
often encapsulated,
pushes normal tissue
aside

Malignant – infiltrative
growth, no capsule,
destructive of normal
tissues



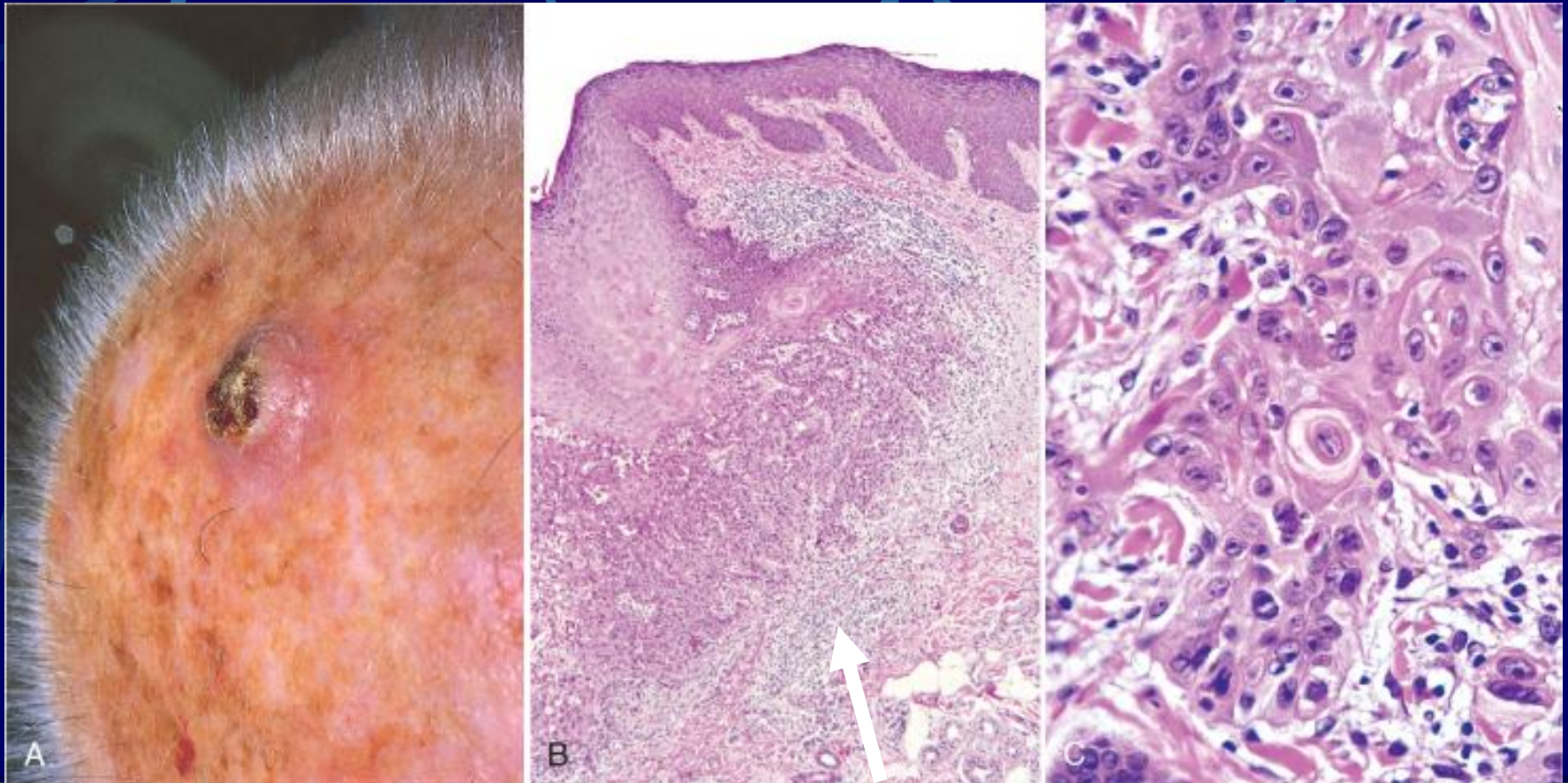
Anaplasia

- *Lack of differentiation*
- *Hallmark of malignant transformation*
- *Numerous morphologic changes*



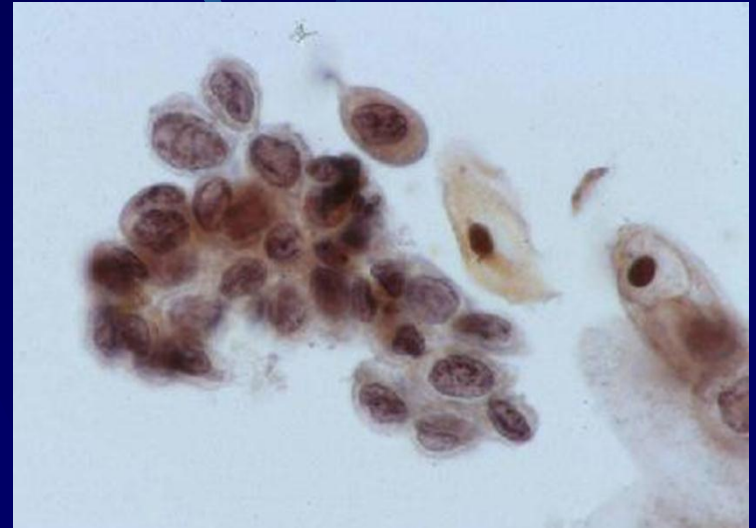
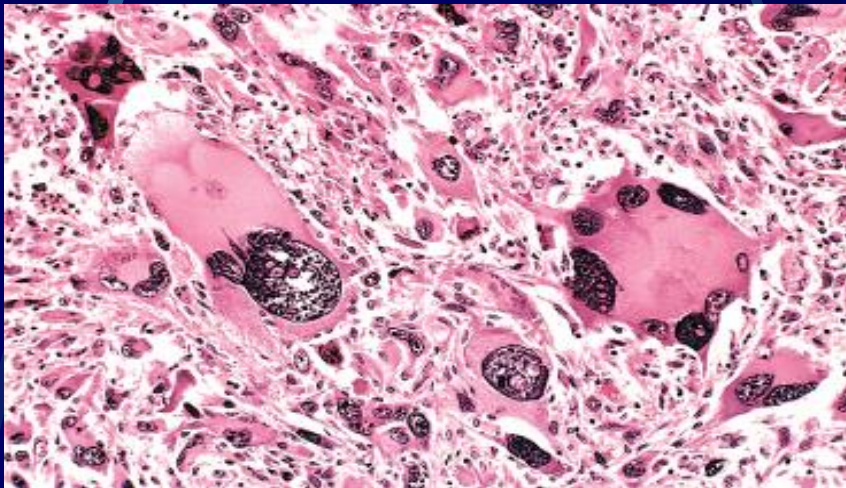
Microscopic features of tumors

- Loss of normal architectural arrangement

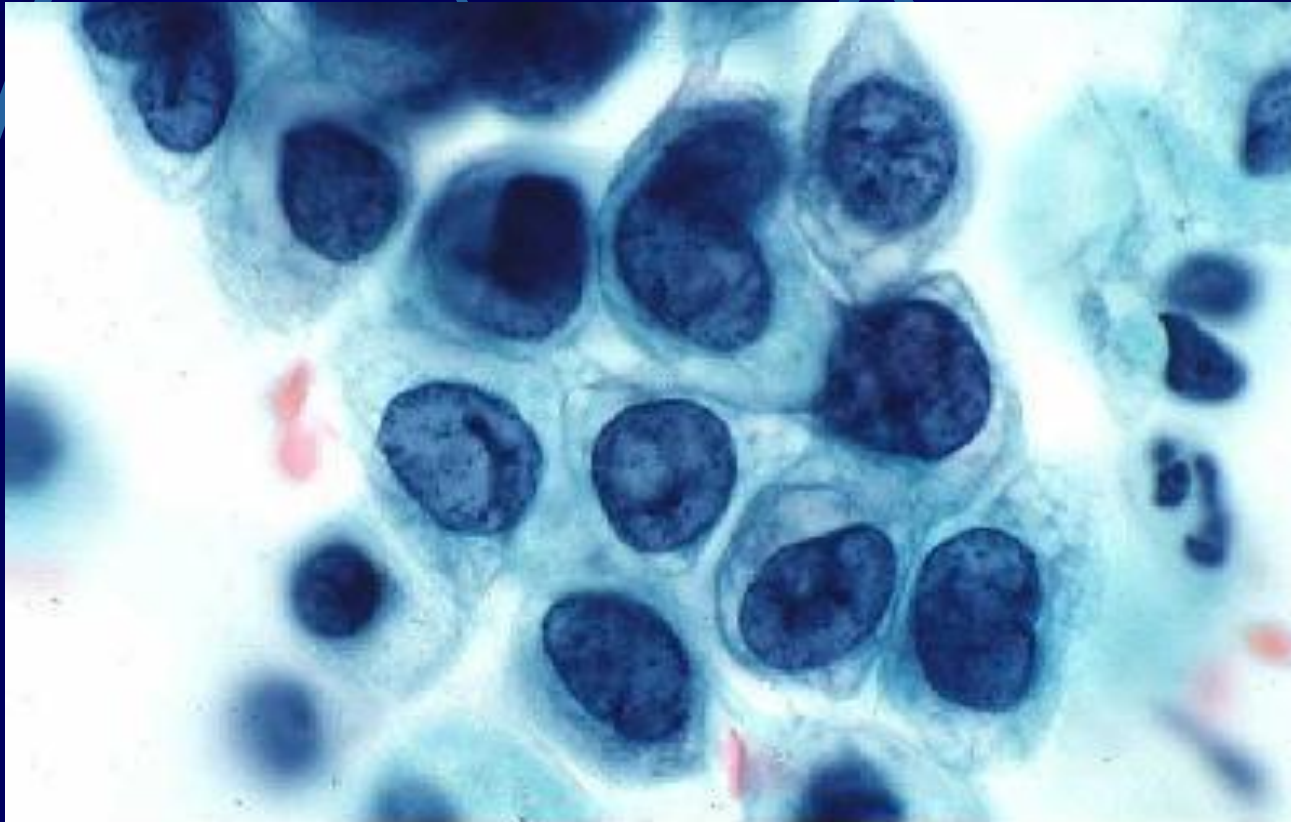


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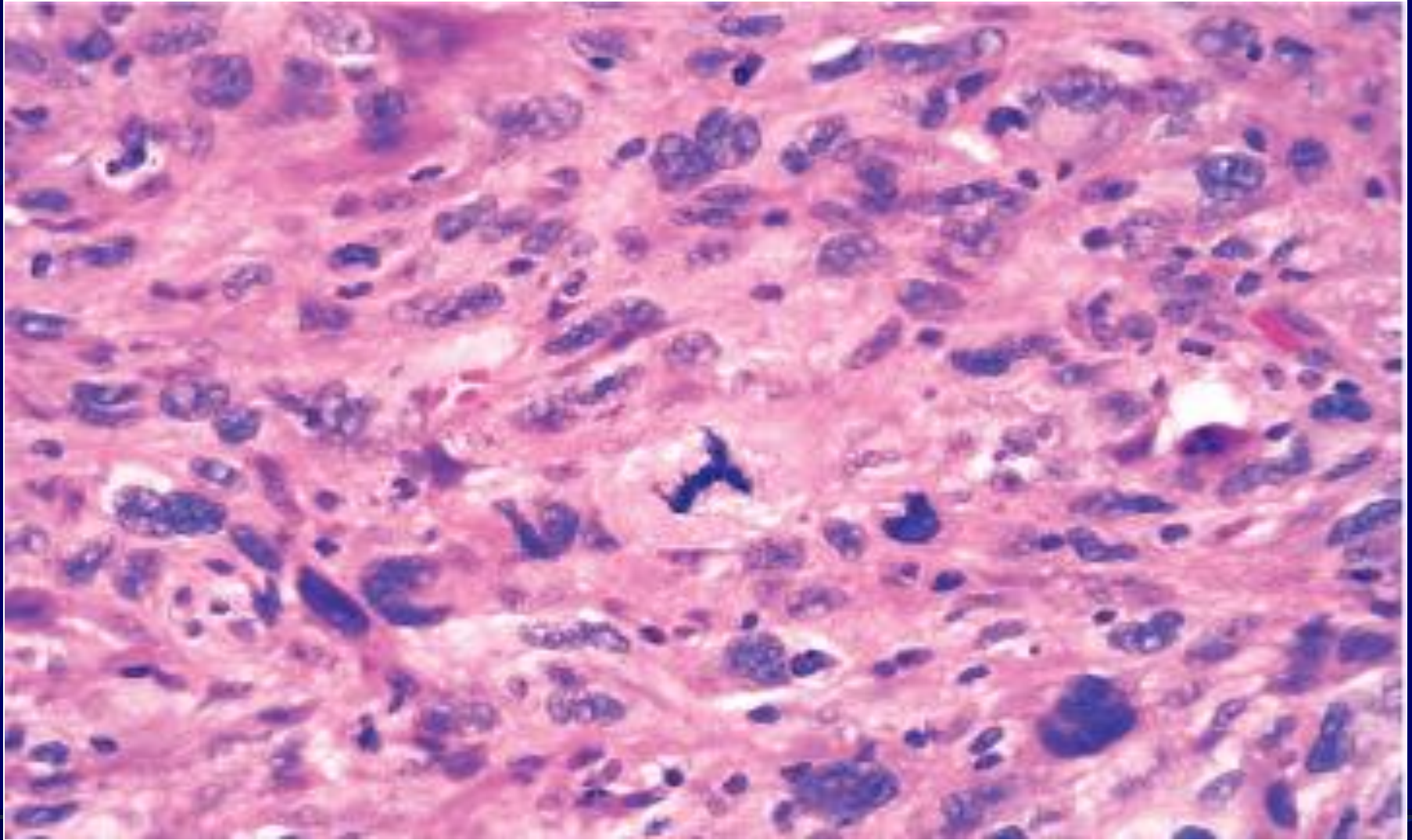
- *Pleomorphism – variation in size and shape of cells within the neoplasm*



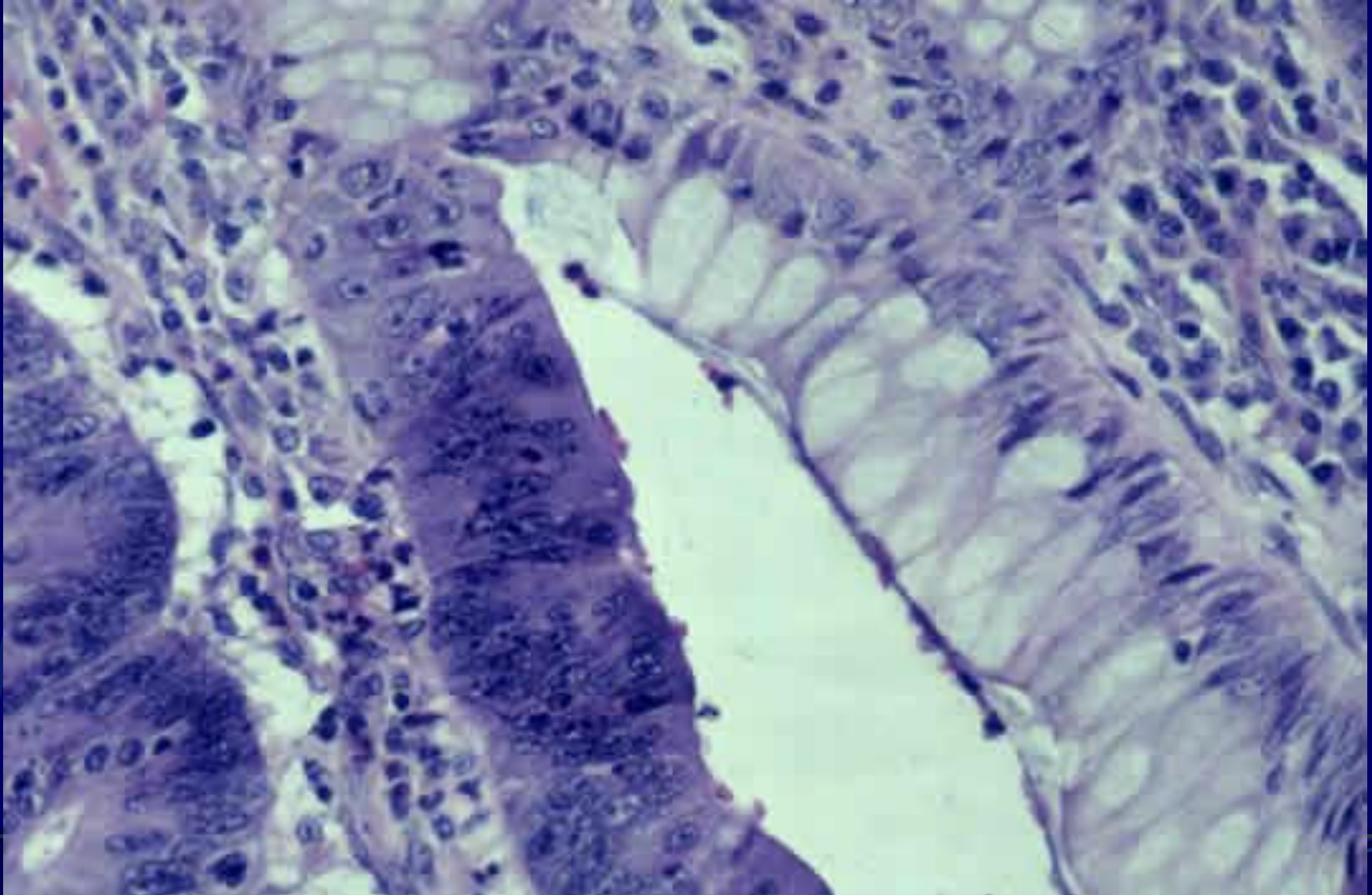
- *Abnormal nuclear morphology: hyperchromatic (abundant DNA), increased N:C ratio (normal 1:4- 1:6)*



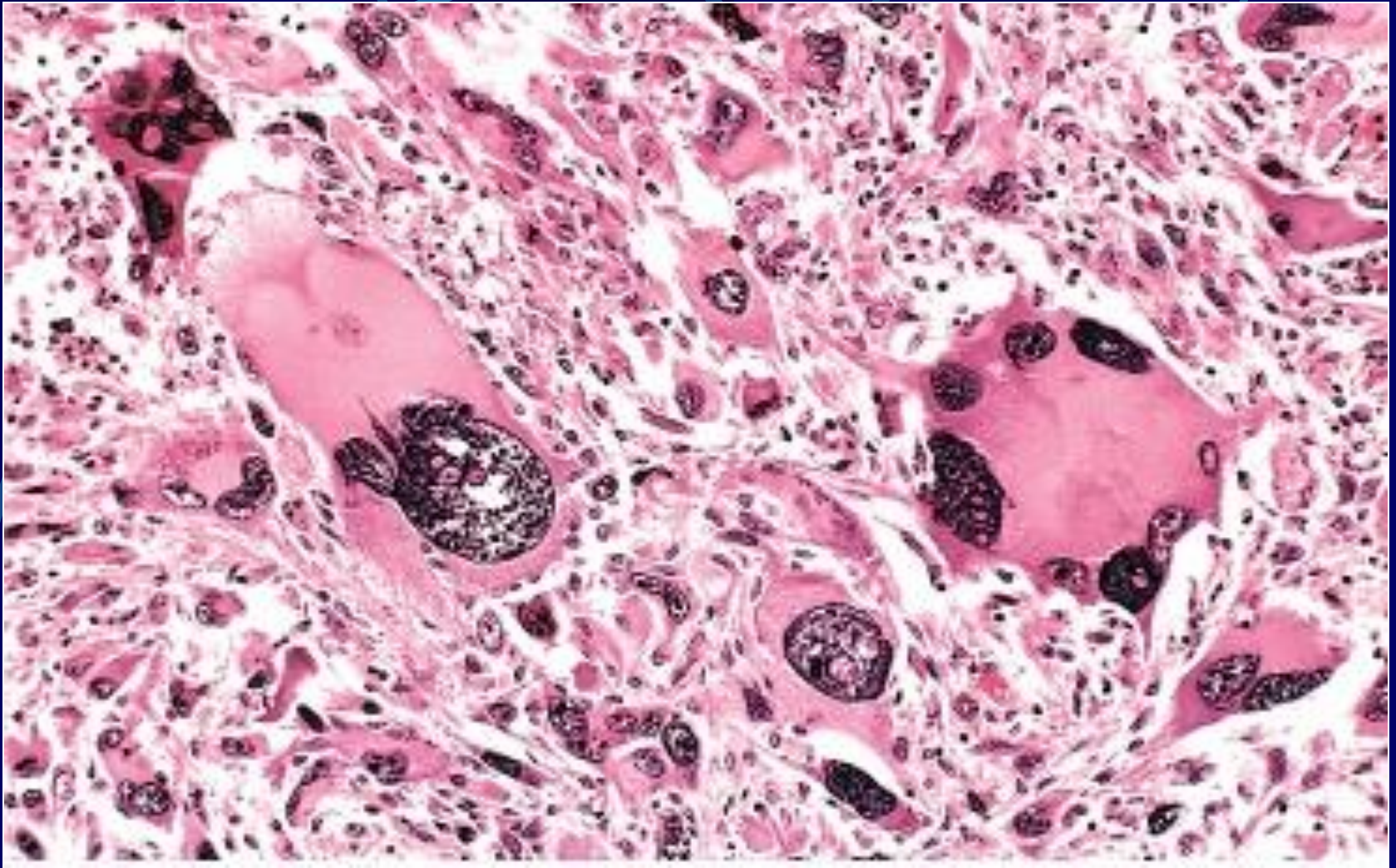
- *Mitoses: increased, bizarre*



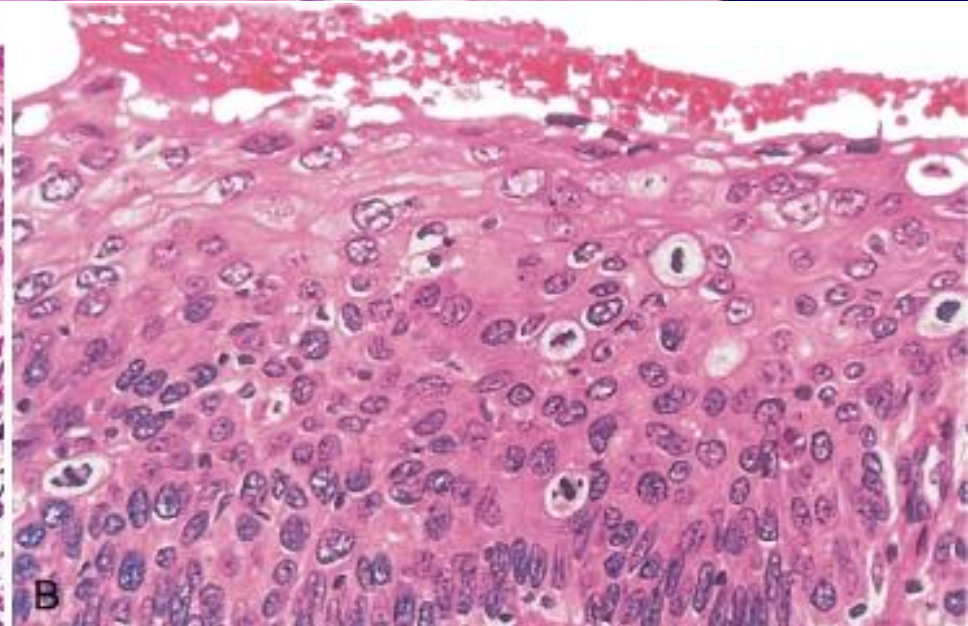
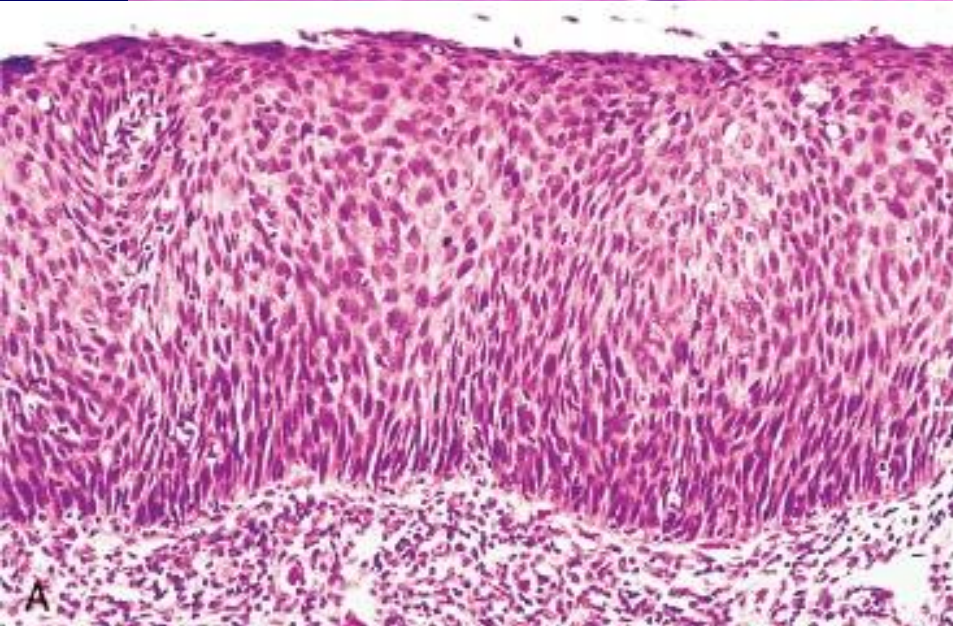
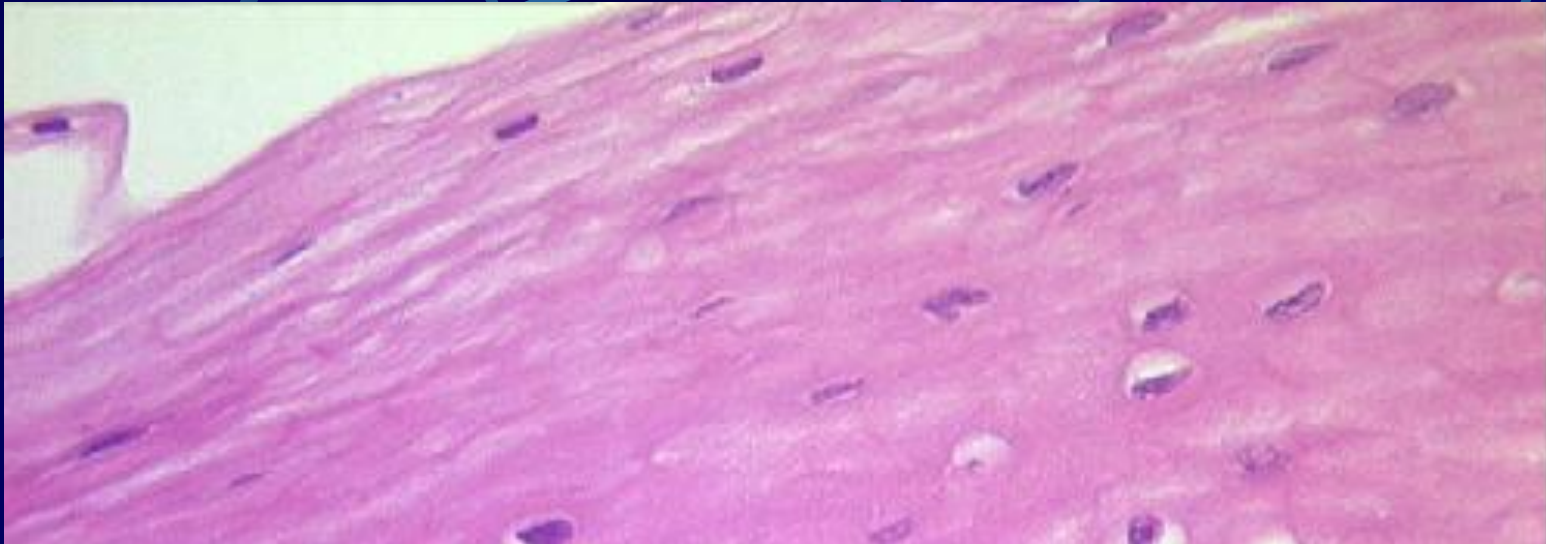
● *Loss of polarity*



● *Tumor giant cells*



● *Dysplasia: disordered growth*



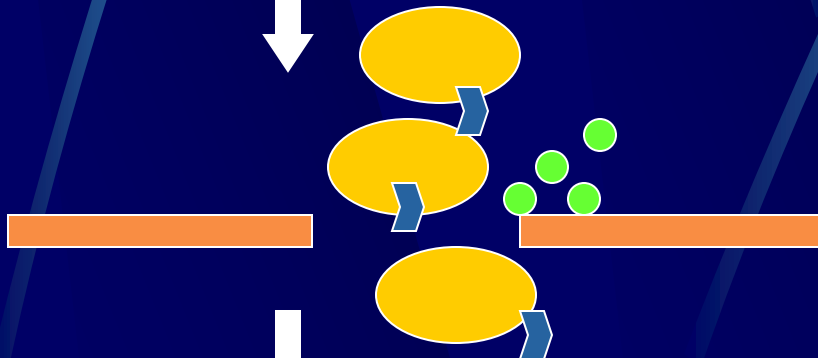
Carcinoma in situ



Cancer cell becomes capable of invasion (expresses surface adhesion molecules)



Tumor cells release proteolytic enzymes, disruption of ECM



Invade ECM



● *Malignant tumors:*

1. *Malignant change in target cell-transformation*
2. *Growth of transformation cells*
3. *Local invasion*
4. *Distant metastases*

How do neoplastic cells differ from normal cells?

Alterations in growth control

- *proliferation*
- *cell death*
- *factors regulating growth and response*

Alterations in cellular interactions

- *cell-cell*
- *cell-stroma*

Differences between Benign and Malignant neoplasms

Benign

Malignant

*Structural
differentiation retained*

*Structural
differentiation shows
wide range of changes*

Organised

Not organised

*Functional
differentiation usually*

*Functional
differentiation often lost*

Causes of Cancer

Environmental

- *Chemical: aromatic hydrocarbons (smoked meat, cigarettes), azo dyes (bladder), aflatoxin (liver), asbestos (mesothelioma)*
- *Radiation: UVB and UVC*
- *Viral: HPV (16,18, 31, 33, 35, 51), EBV (Burkitt), HBV, HTLV I*

● *Age: >55y*

● *Hereditary: 5-10%*

Gene	Inherited predisposition
RB	Retinoblastoma
P53	Li-Fraumeni syndrome
p12INK44	Melanoma
APC	Familial adenomatous polyposis colon CA
NF1,NF2	Neurofibromatosis 1 &2
BRCA1, BRCA2	Breast and ovarian tumors
MEN 1, RET	Multiple endocrine neoplasia 1&2
MSH2, MLH1, MSH6	Hereditary non polyposis colon CA
PATCH	Nevoid BCC syndrome

Familial CA: Breast, ovarian , pancreatic

Inherited AR syndromes, defective repair

Xeroderma pigmentosum

Ataxia-telangiectasia

Bloom syndrome

Fanconi anemia

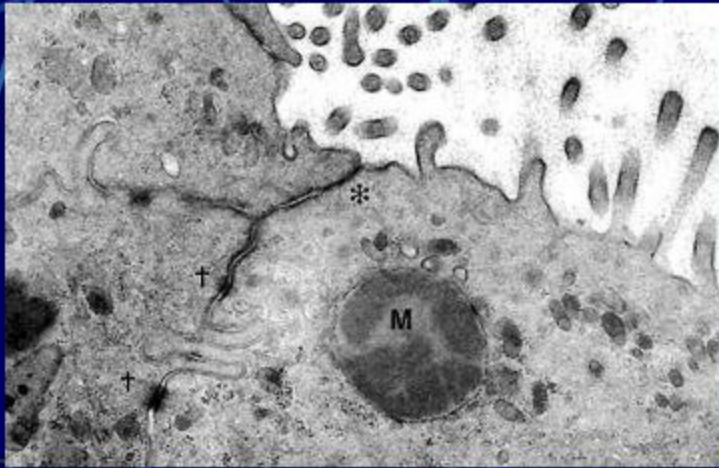
Effects Of Tumor On The Host

- *Local and hormonal effects*
- *Cachexia: loss of body fat and lean body mass with profound weakness, anorexia and anemia. IL1- TNF α*
- *Paraneoplastic syndromes: sx cannot be explained by local or distant spread, tumor elaboration of hormones.*

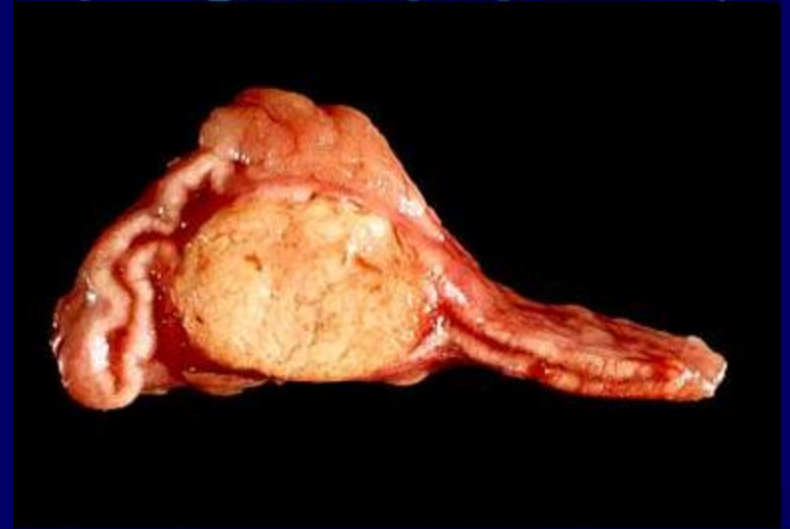
What Are The Final Complications Of Malignancy (Causes Of Death)

- *Pneumonia*
- *Cachexia*
- *Renal Failure*
- *Bleeding*
- *Severe Anemia, Thrombocytopenia*
- *Infections*
- *Hypercoagulability*
- *DIC*
- *Pain more of devastating symptom than a complication...has to be controlled*

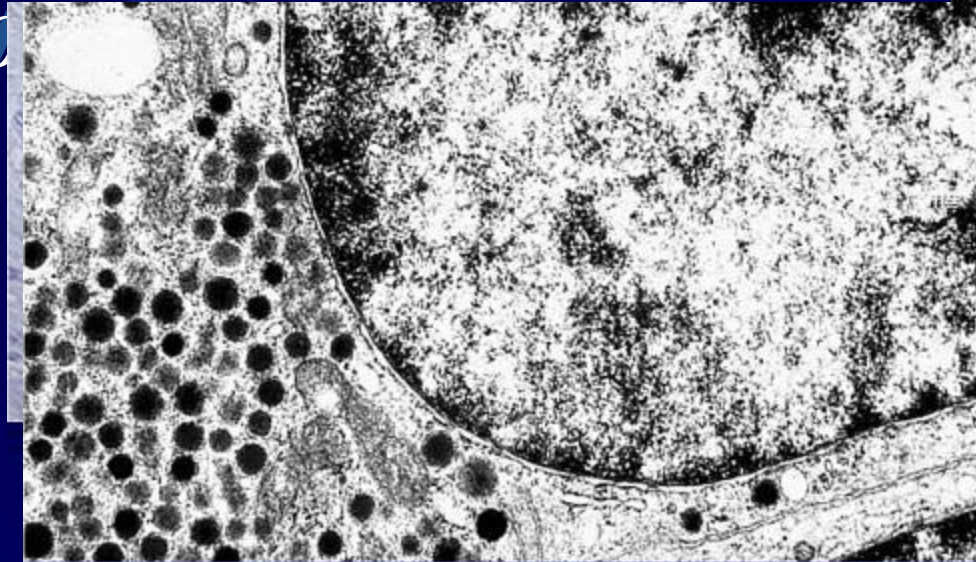
EM: microvilli, tight junction in an adenocarcinoma



adenoma



- **MOLECULAR BIOLOGY**
- **MOLECULAR CYTOGENETICS**
- **MOST IMPORTANT, SCREENING**



Biochemical assays

- *tumor markers: sometimes diagnostic or prognostic*
- *can be helpful in monitoring effectiveness of therapy or in detecting relapses/recurrences*

*some serological markers associated
with malignant tumors*

HCG

AFP

calcitonin

prolactin

CA 125

PSA

chromogranin A

Chorio carcinoma

hepatocellular carcinoma

thyroid medullary
carcinoma

pituitary adenomas

ovarian carcinoma

prostate carcinoma

endocrine neoplasias

Treatment

- *Surgery*
- *Radiotherapy*
- *Chemotherapy*
- *Immunotherapy*
- *Hormonotherapy*
- *Gene therapy*

summary

- *neoplasia- an abnormal mass of tissue which has lost its responsiveness to growth controls*
- *benign neoplasms tend to be slow-growing, well-differentiated tumors which lack the ability to metastasize*
- *benign neoplasms, in general, remain localized and are amenable to surgery*

summary

- *malignant neoplasms tend to be fast-growing lesions which invade normal structures*
- *malignant neoplasms vary in the degree of differentiation and some show anaplasia*
- *malignant neoplasms are capable of metastasis*

summary

- *The prognosis of a patient with any type of neoplasm depends on a number of factors including: the rate of growth of the tumor, the size of the tumor, the tumor site, the cell type and degree of differentiation, the presence of metastasis, responsiveness to therapy, and the general health of the patient.*

Thanks.....