

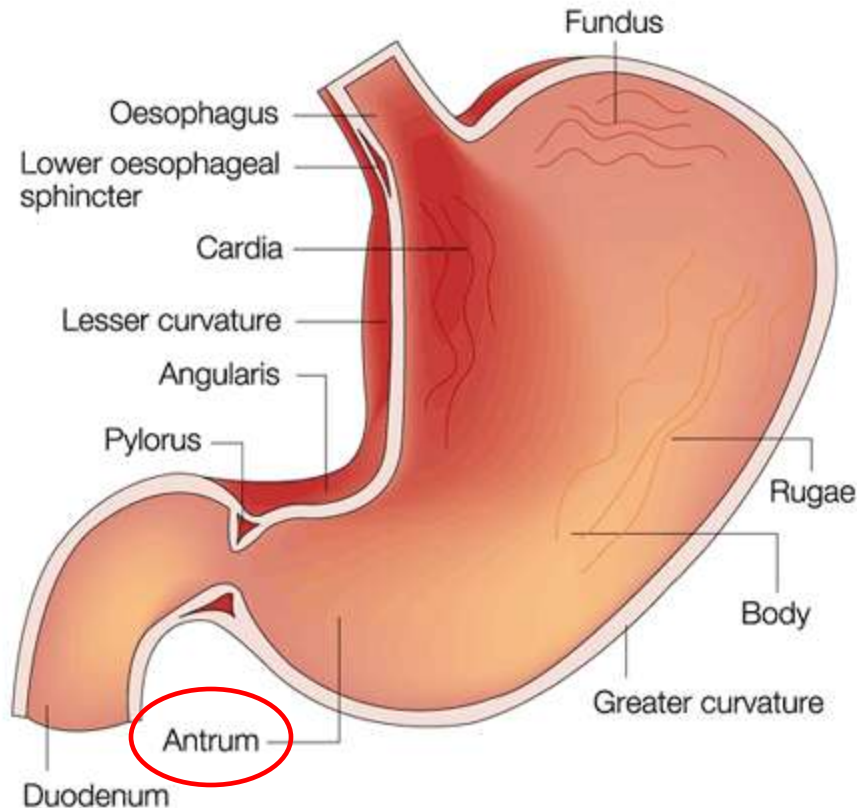
H. pylori Gastritis

Acute: insufficient symptoms to require medical attention

Associated with poor hygiene (poverty, overcrowding...etc.)

Pathogenicity:

- Flagella
- Urease (ammonia pH)
- Adhesins
- Toxins (CagA)



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H. pylori Gastritis

Not present in acid producing mucosa of gastric body, duodenum, or areas of intestinal metaplasia

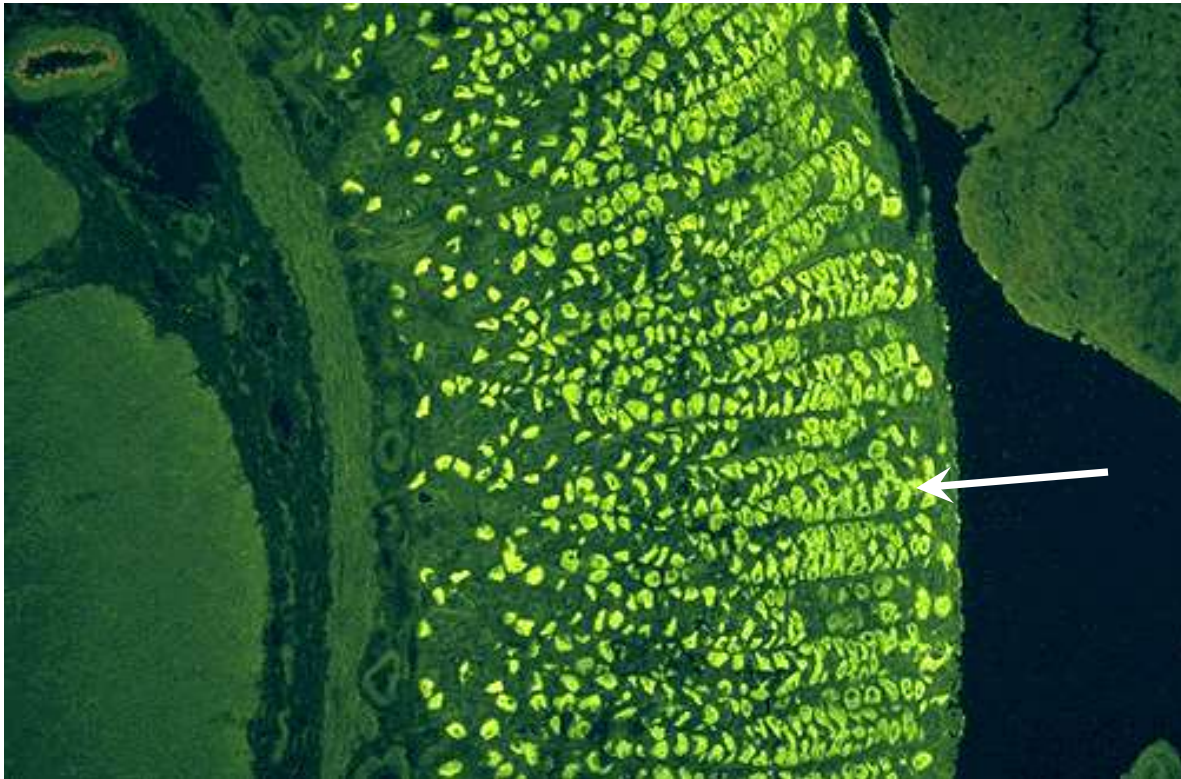
Dx:

- Biopsy antrum
- Serological (Ab)
- Fecal detection
- Urea breath test

Tx:

Antibiotics+PPI

Relapse/reinfection



Autoimmune Gastritis

Antrum spared but with G cell hyperplasia → Hypergastrinemia

Antibodies to parietal cells and intrinsic factor → Achlorhydria & pernicious anemia

Reduced serum pepsinogen I levels (chief cell loss)

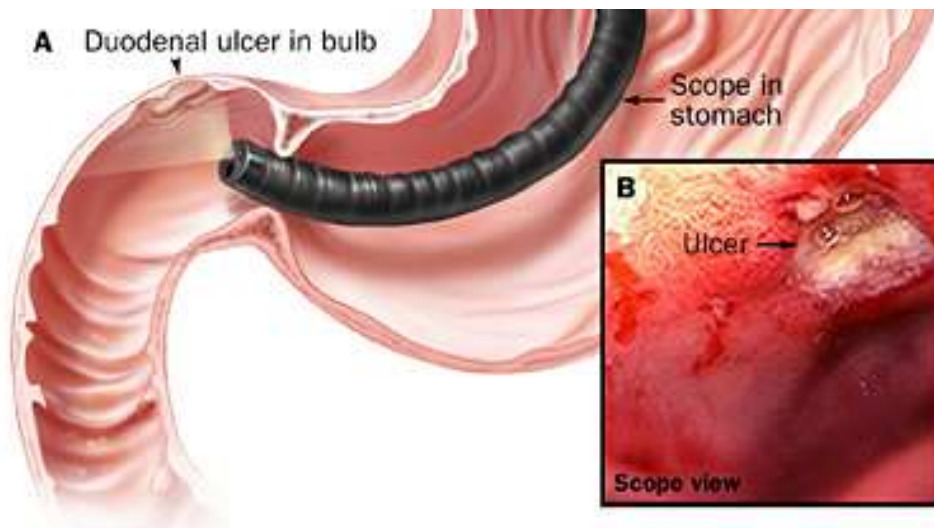
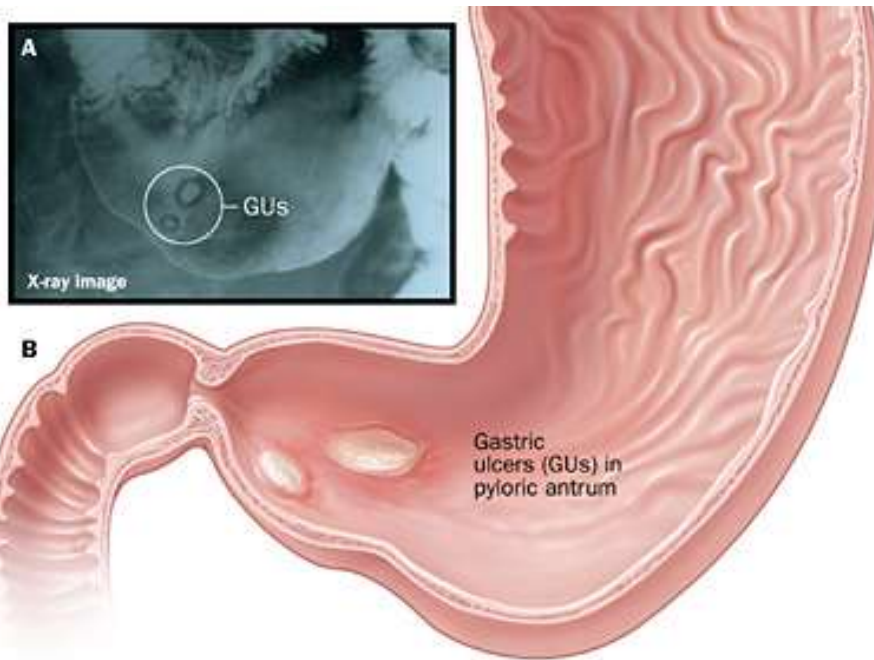
Atrophy seen as loss of rugal folds

Autoimmune vs H.pylori Gastritis

Feature	<i>H. pylori</i> –Associated	Autoimmune
Location	Antrum	Body
Inflammatory infiltrate	Neutrophils, plasma cells	Lymphocytes, macrophages
Acid production	Increased to slightly decreased	Decreased (achlorhydria*)
Gastrin	Normal to decreased	Increased (hypergastrinemia)
Other lesions	Hyperplastic/inflammatory polyps	Neuroendocrine hyperplasia (antrum)
Serology	Antibodies to <i>H. pylori</i>	Antibodies to parietal cells (H ⁺ ,K ⁺ -ATPase, intrinsic factor)
Sequelae	Peptic ulcer, adenocarcinoma, lymphoma	Atrophy*, pernicious anemia (B₁₂-IF), adenocarcinoma, carcinoid tumor
Associations	Low socioeconomic status, poverty, residence in rural areas	Autoimmune disease; thyroiditis, diabetes mellitus, Graves disease

*diffuse damage of the oxyntic (acid-producing) mucosa within the body and fundus





Peptic Ulcer Disease

Same deficiencies in mucosal defences as chronic gastritis + hyperacidity

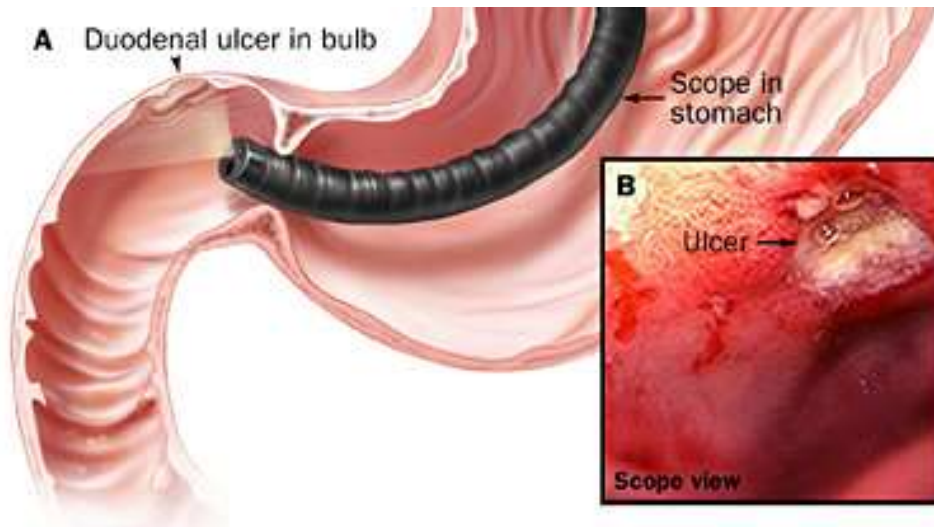
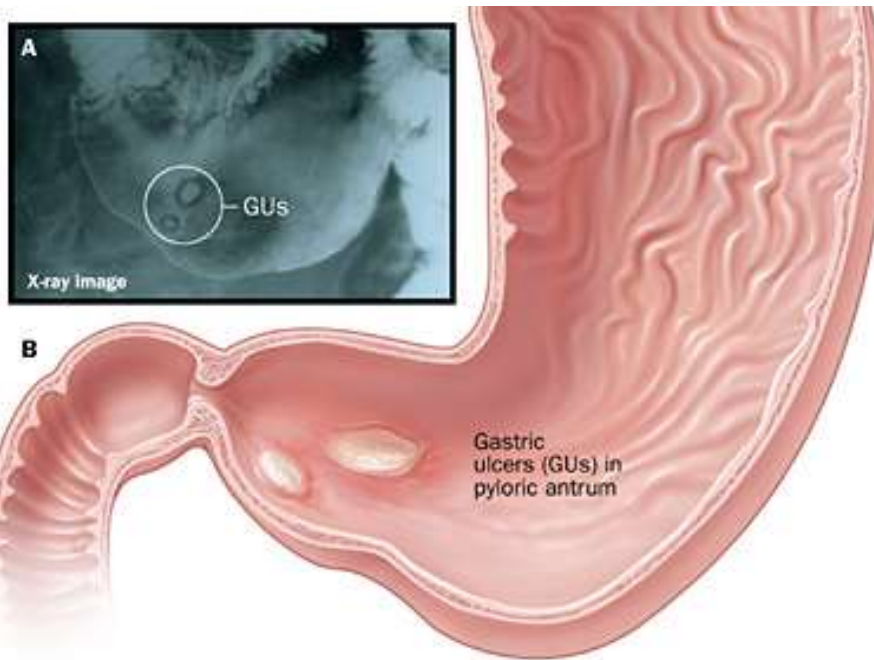
More common in ♂

Any part of the GIT exposed to acid, commonly in:

- Proximal duodenum
- Antrum

Remember GERD, ectopia and heteropia

more common



Peptic Ulcer Disease

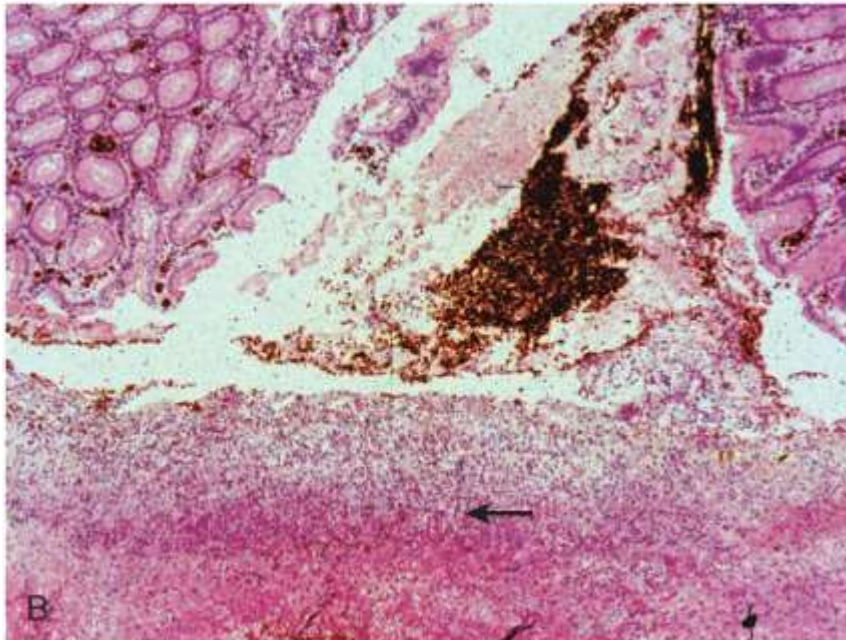
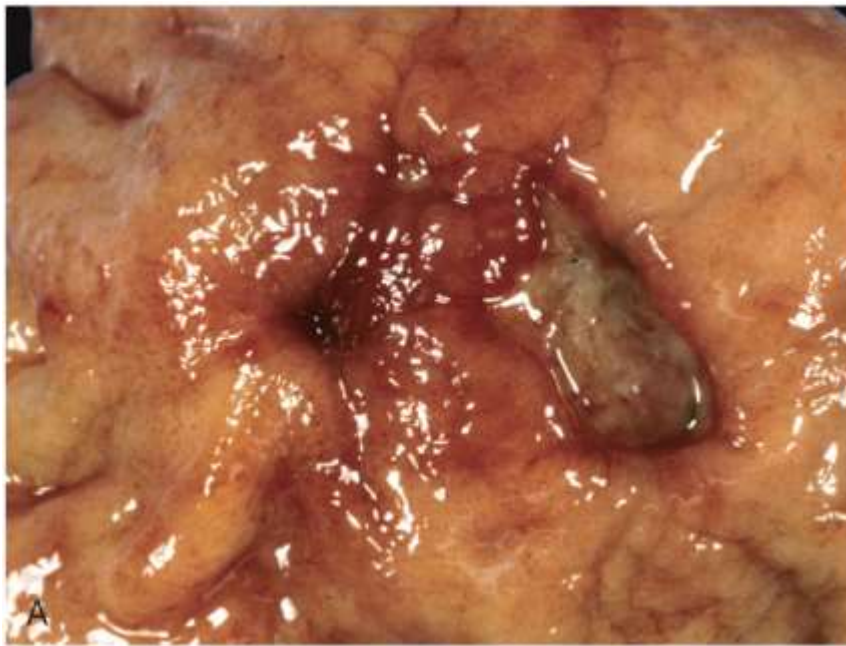
Associated with:

- H.pylori
- NSAIDs (PGs)

- Steroids/ COPD (PGs)
- Smoking (blood flow)
- Alcoholic cirrhosis
- Hyperparathyroidism
- CRF ($\uparrow\text{Ca} \rightarrow \uparrow\text{Gastrin}$)
- Psychological stress

- Zollinger-Ellison synd. (tumor/gastrin)

more common



Peptic Ulcer Disease

Typically solitary

Classically a round to oval sharp punched out defect

Clean base (digestion)
(A)

Richly vascular granulation tissue seen on histology (B)

Complications:

- Bleeding
- Perforation
- Iron deficiency anemia



Peptic Ulcer Disease

Clinical features:

- Epigastric burning/pain
1 to 3 hours after meals
Worse at night
Relieved by alkali/food
- N/V, bloating, belching
- Complications

Tx: H.Pylori eradication +
PPI

Bleeding/perforation can
occur requiring surgery

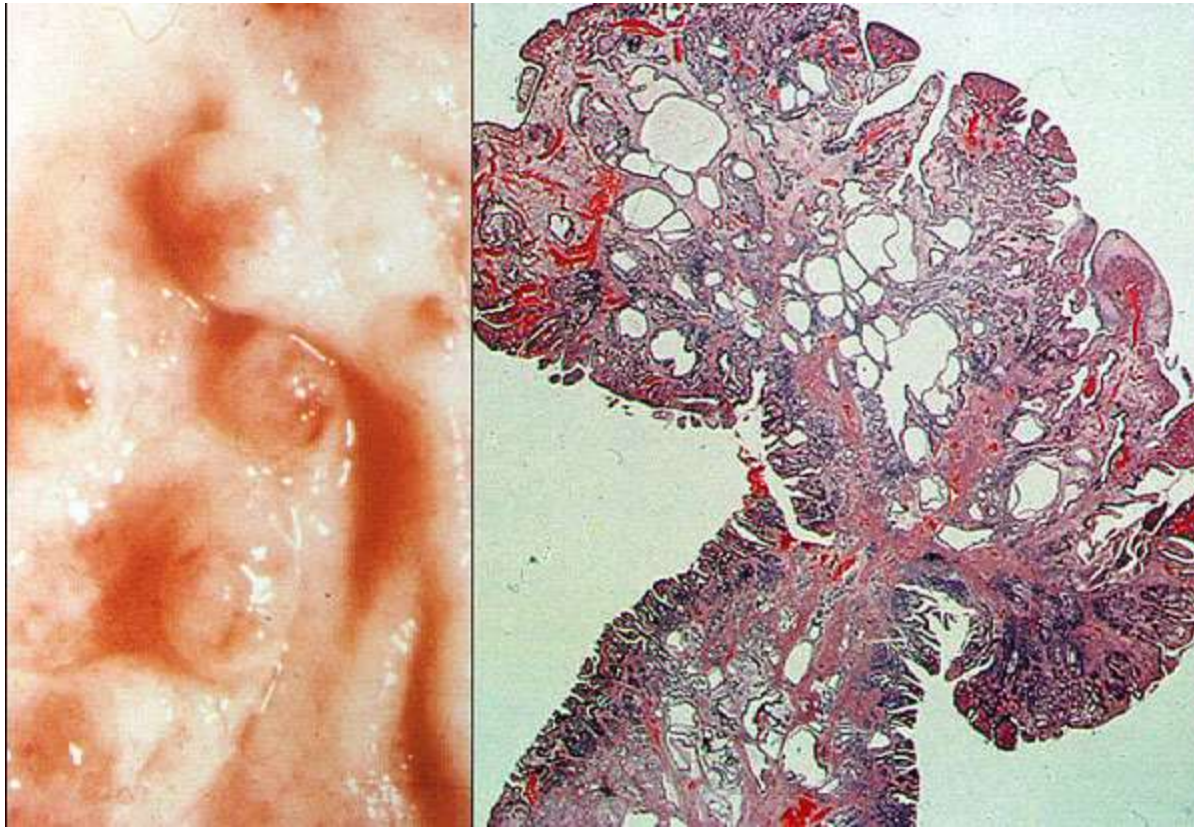
PUD morbidity>mortality



Gastric Polyps

- Hyperplasia
- Inflammation
- Ectopia
- Neoplasia





**irregular, cystically dilated, and
elongated foveolar glands**

Gastric Polyps

Inflammatory & Hyperplastic Polyps

- Older age, 50-60yrs
- Background of chronic gastritis
- Typically multiple
- Ovoid
- Typically <1cm
- Smooth surface

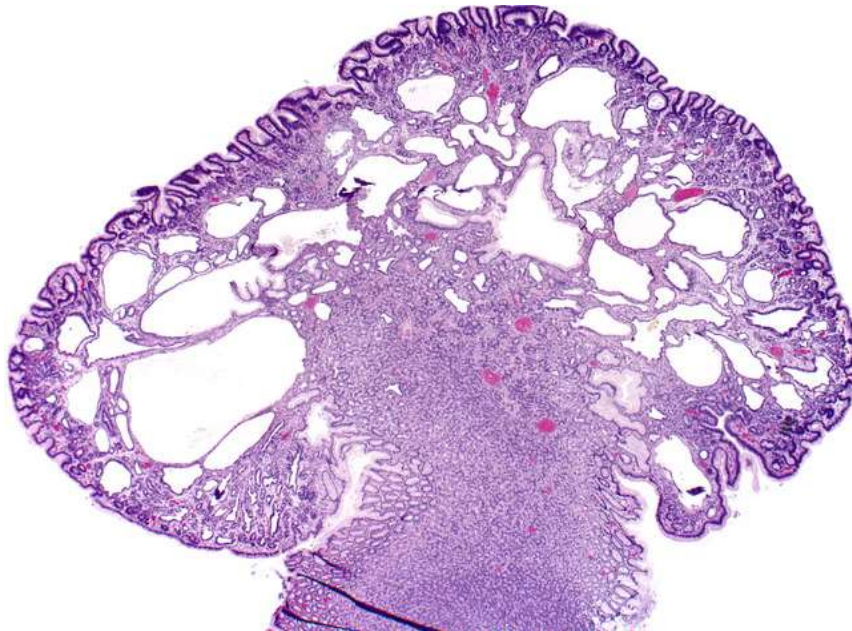
Dysplasia correlates with
size (>1.5cm)

Gastric Polyps

Fundic Gland Polyps

- Sporadic or with FAP
- No neoplastic potential
- Increased incidence with PPI use
- Multiple
- Well-circumscribed
- Body/Fundus

Asymptomatic or N/V, epigastric pain

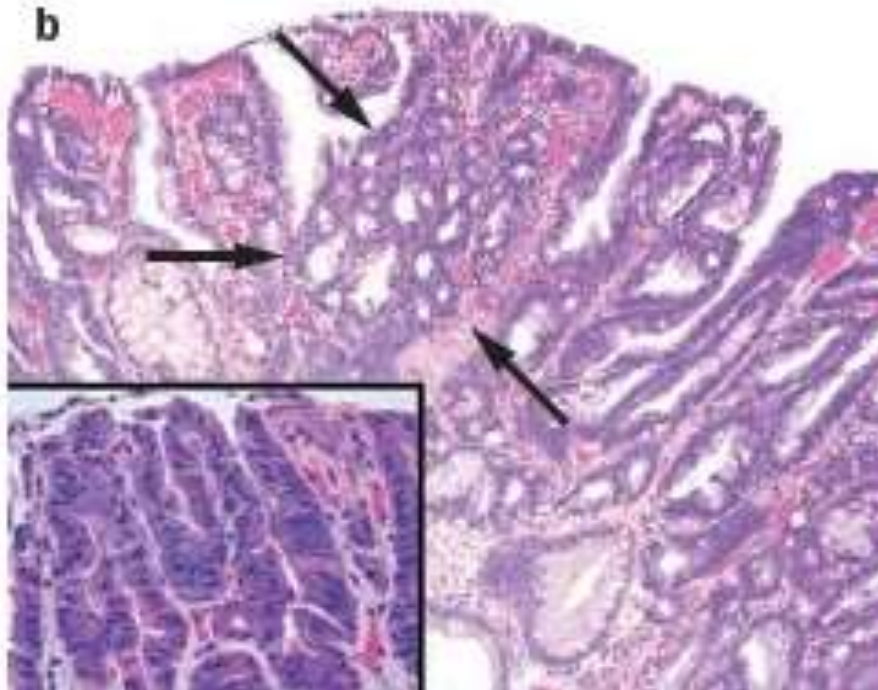


**Cystically dilated, irregular glands
lined by flattened parietal and
chief cells**



Intestinal-type columnar epithelium, crowded, pseudostratification

High grade characterized by cribriform structure (arrows)

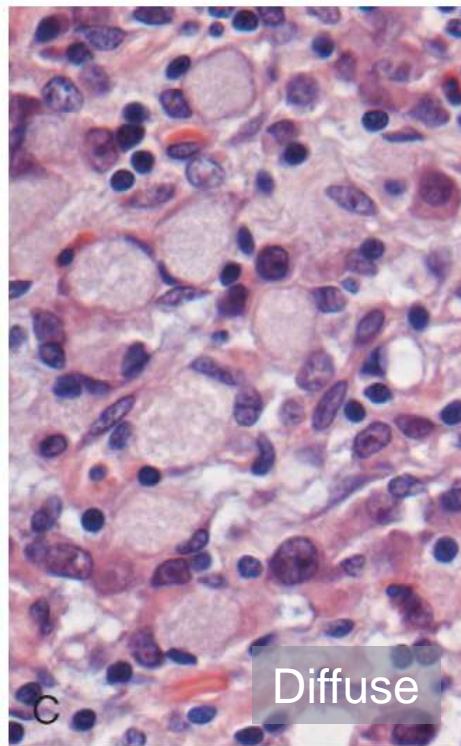
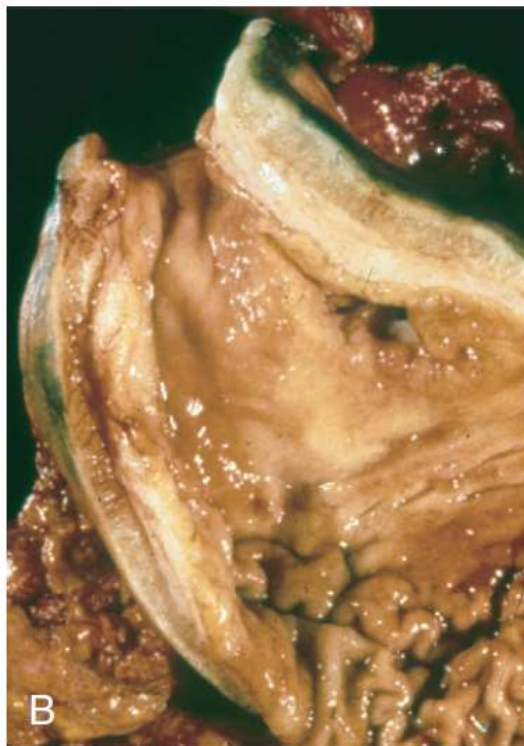
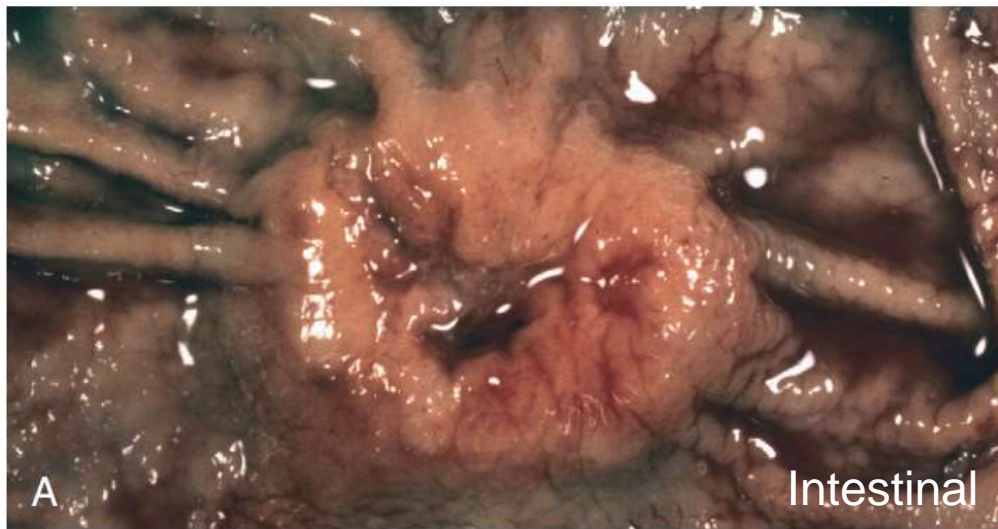


Gastric Polyps

Gastric Adenoma

- Increased incidence with age, 50-60yrs
- Background of chronic gastritis + atrophy + intestinal metaplasia
- Commonly in Antrum

Adenocarcinoma risk correlates with size (>2cm)



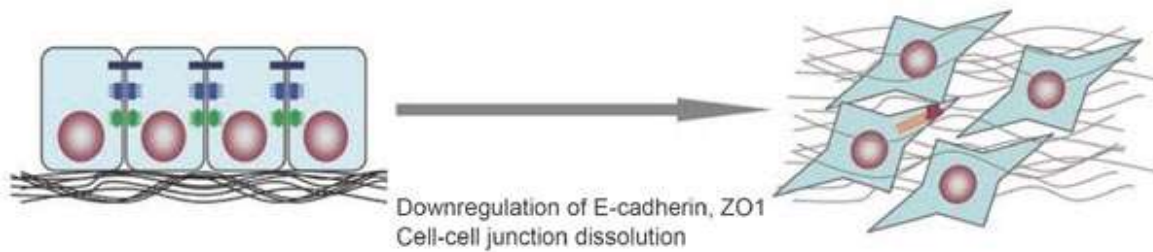
Gastric Adenocarcinoma

The most common malignancy of the stomach

Non specific early stage symptoms, similar to chronic gastritis

Low incidence regions → late presentation:

- weight loss
- anorexia
- altered bowel habits
- anemia
- hemorrhage



Gastric Adenocarcinoma

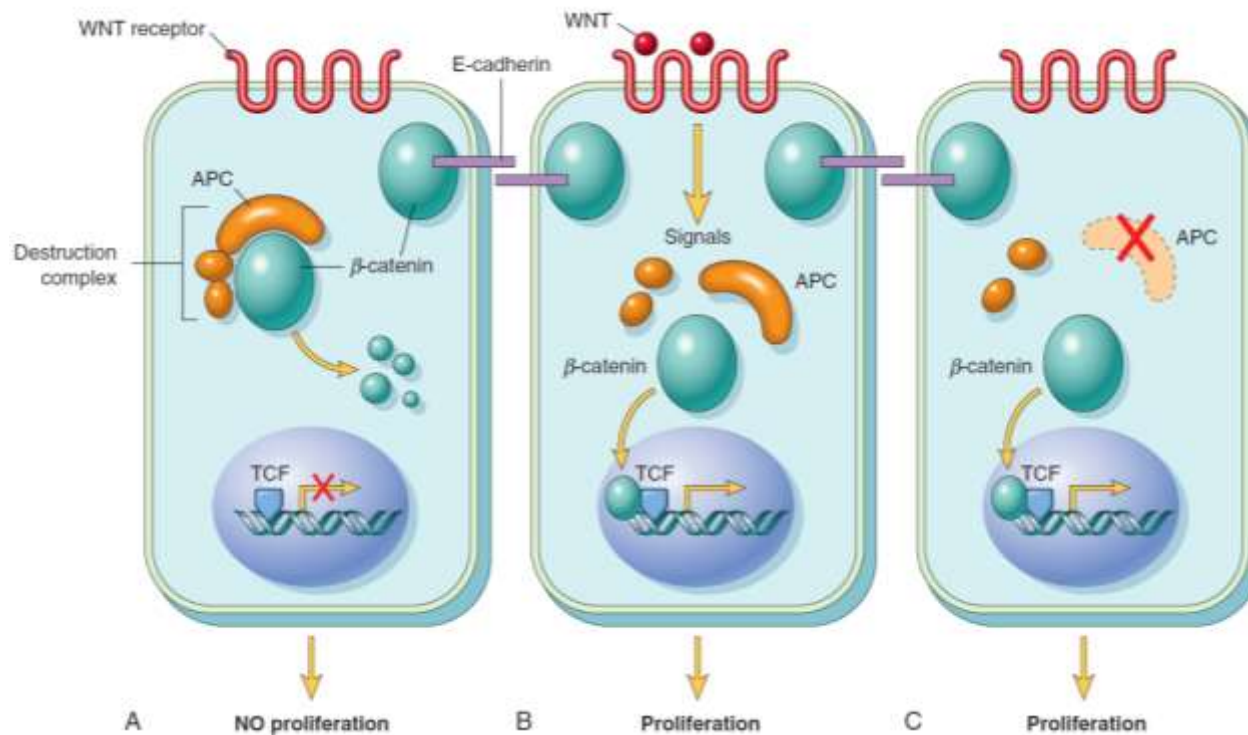
Pathogenesis

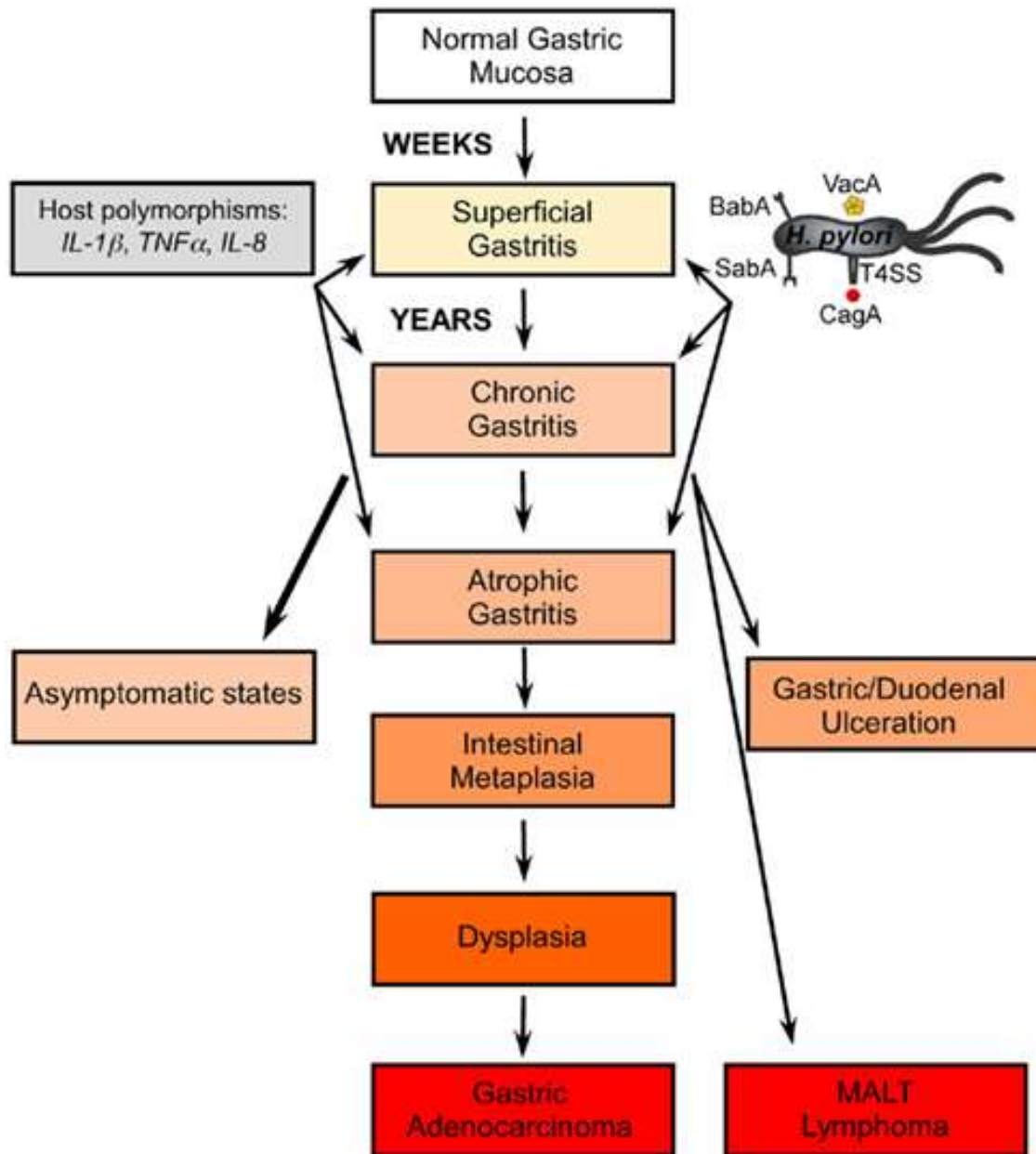
CDH1 (E-Cadherin) mutation/methylation in diffuse-type

Germline APC mutations (FAP) patients have increased risk of intestinal-type

Sporadic intestinal-type:

- β -catenin mutations
- Microsatellite instability
- Hypermethylation (*TGF β R*, *BAX*, *IGFR1I*, *p16/INK4a*)





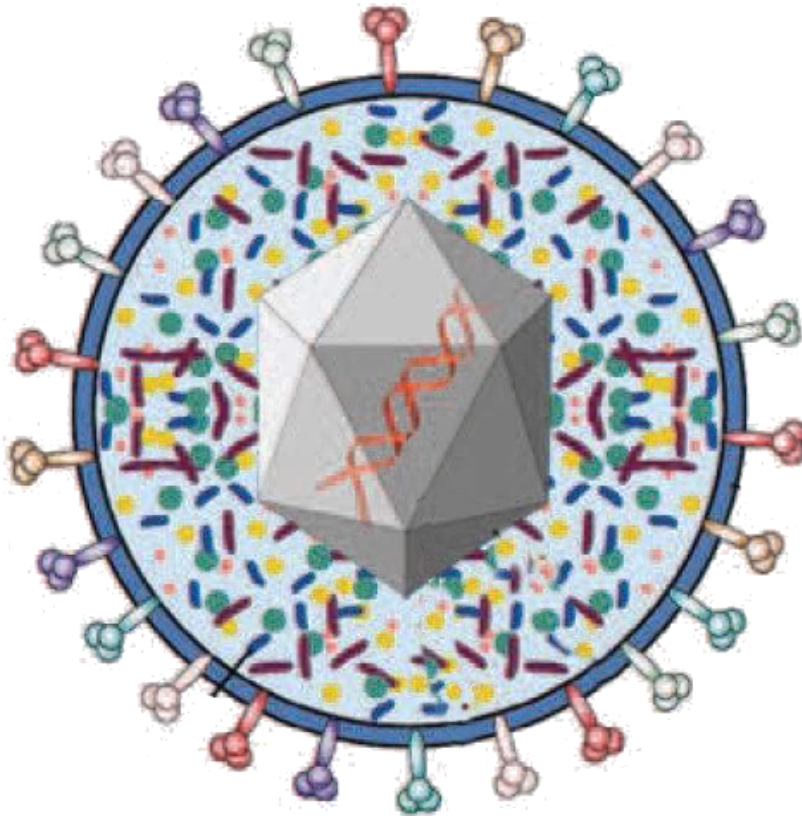
Gastric Adenocarcinoma

Pathogenesis

H. pylori

Increased production of proinflammatory proteins (host polymorphisms increasing them further)

Increased risk of chronic gastritis associated **intestinal-type** gastric cancer



Gastric Adenocarcinoma

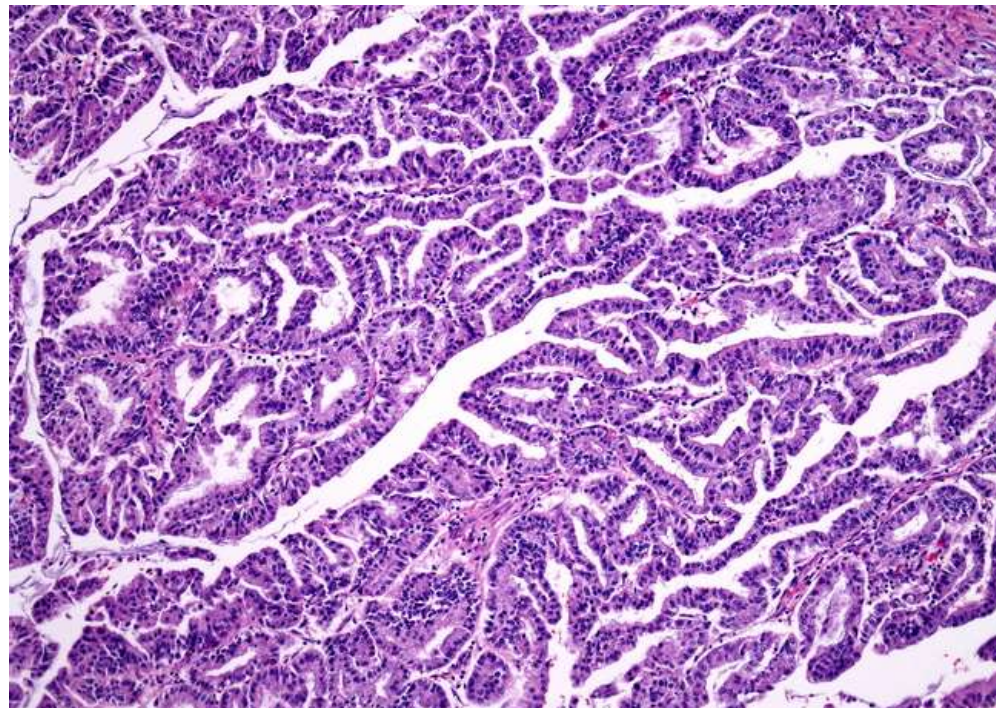
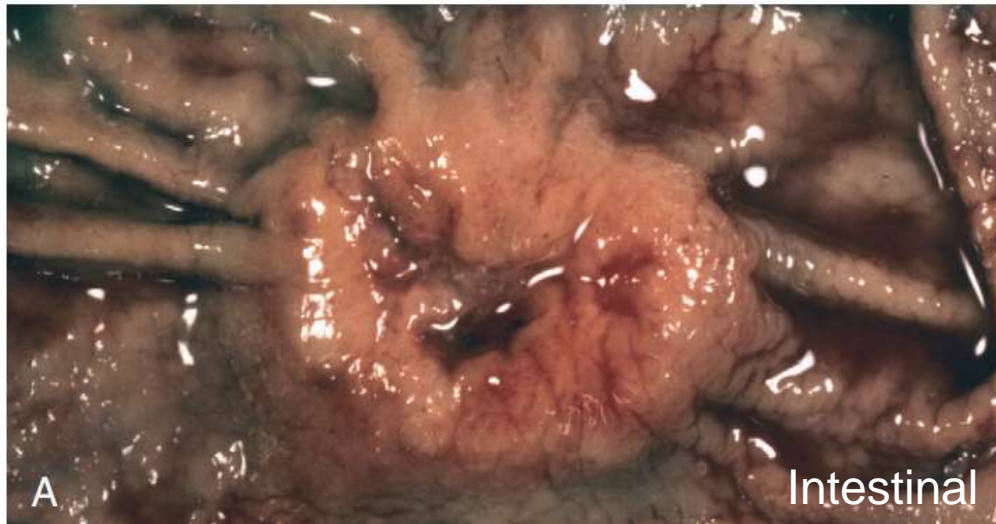
Pathogenesis

EBV

No *TP53* mutations
(distinct molecular
pathology, but still
undefined)

Proximal stomach

Diffuse morphology with
marked lymphocytic
infiltrate



Gastric Adenocarcinoma

Morphology

Intestinal-type

- Bulky lesions
exophytic mass or
ulcerated tumor
- glandular structures
- Neoplastic cells have
apical mucin vacuoles

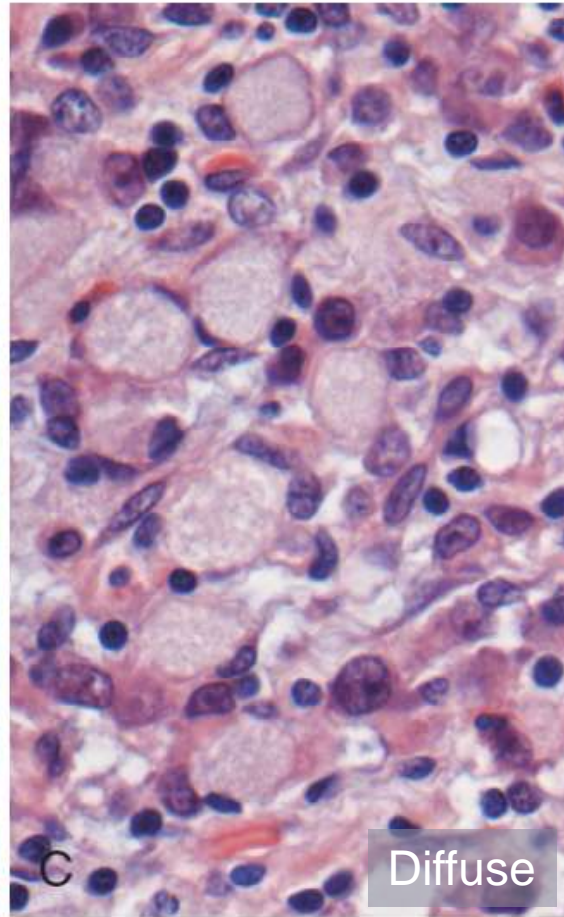
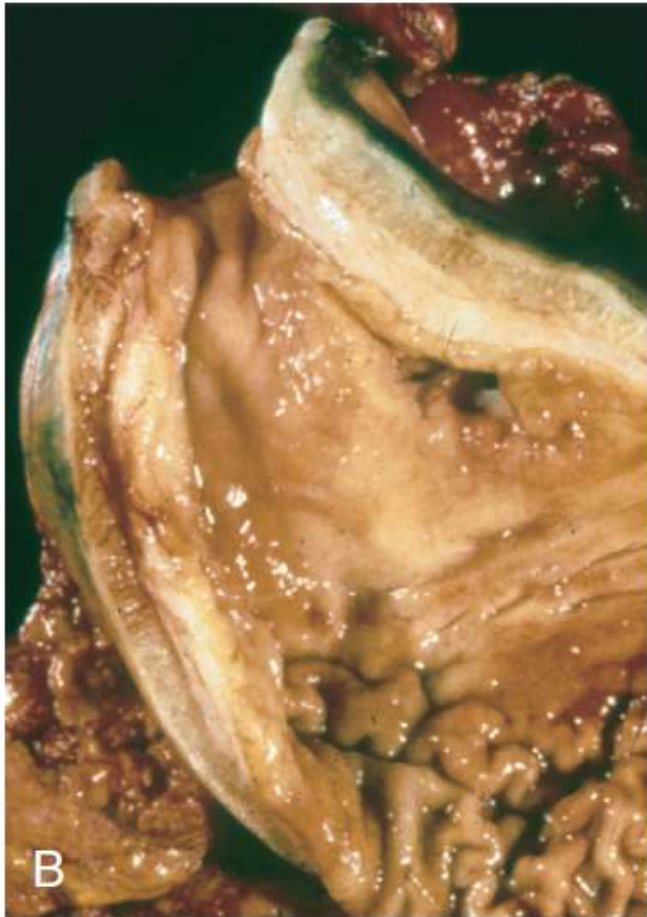
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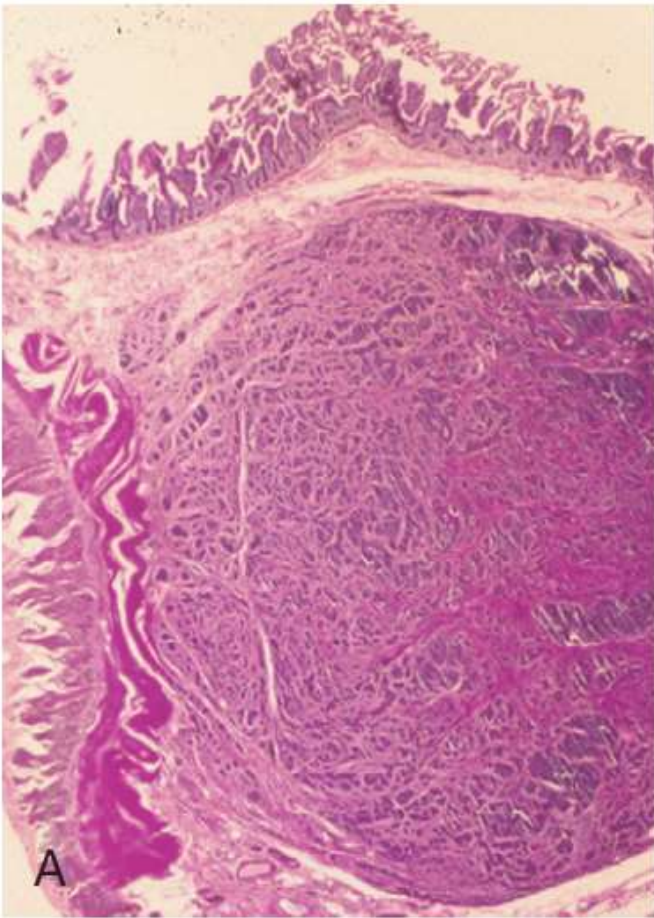
Morphology

Diffuse-type

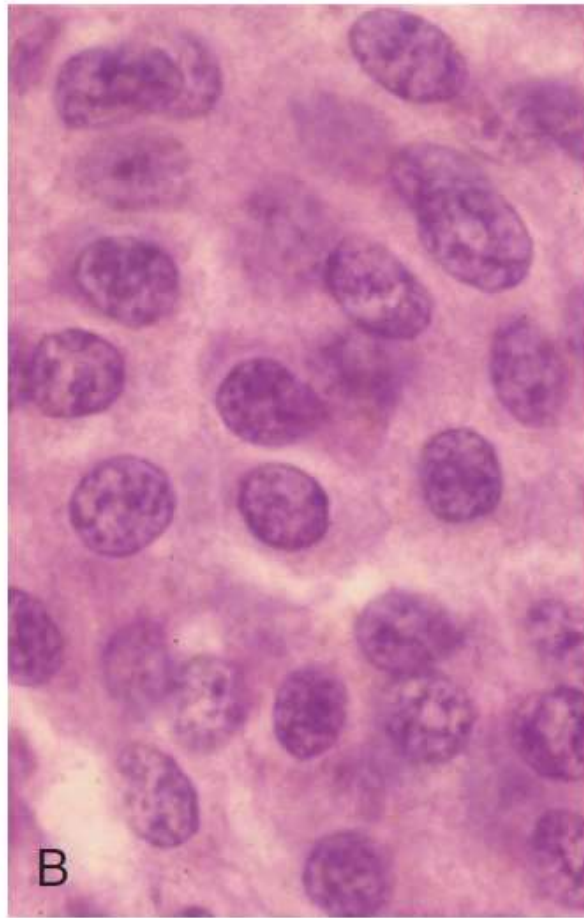
- Infiltrative growth
- Discohesive cells
- Large mucin vacuoles
(**signet ring cell**)

A mass may be difficult to appreciate in diffuse gastric cancer, but desmoplasia can stiffen the gastric wall (**linitis plastica**)





**Submucosal
polypoid
lesion**



**Uniform cells
Little pink granular
cytoplasm
Round/oval stippled
nucleus**

Carcinoid Tumor

Neuroendocrine
organs/cells

Slow growing

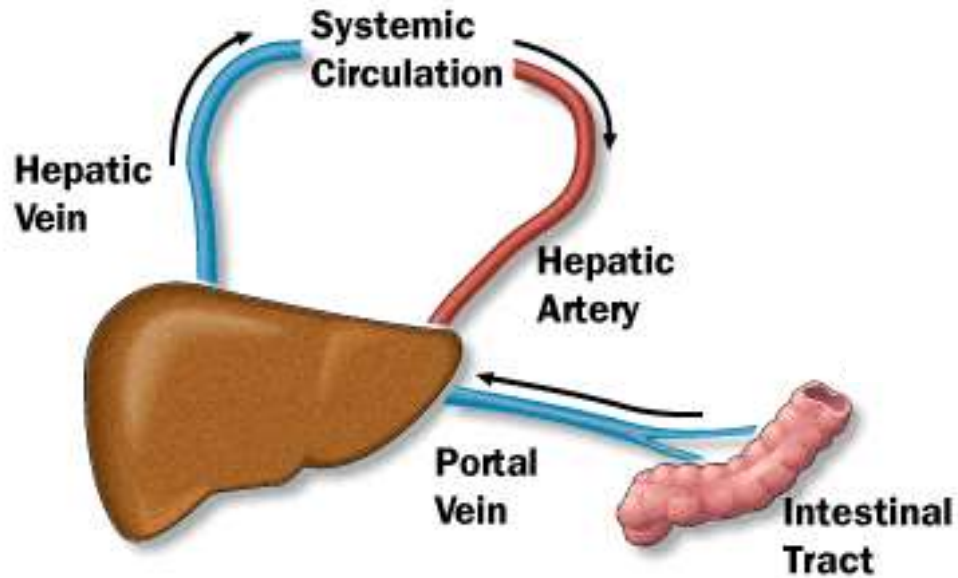
Locations

- GI (SI)
- Tracheobronchial tree
- Lungs

Intense desmoplasia
(obstruction)

When high-grade termed
neuroendocrine
carcinoma





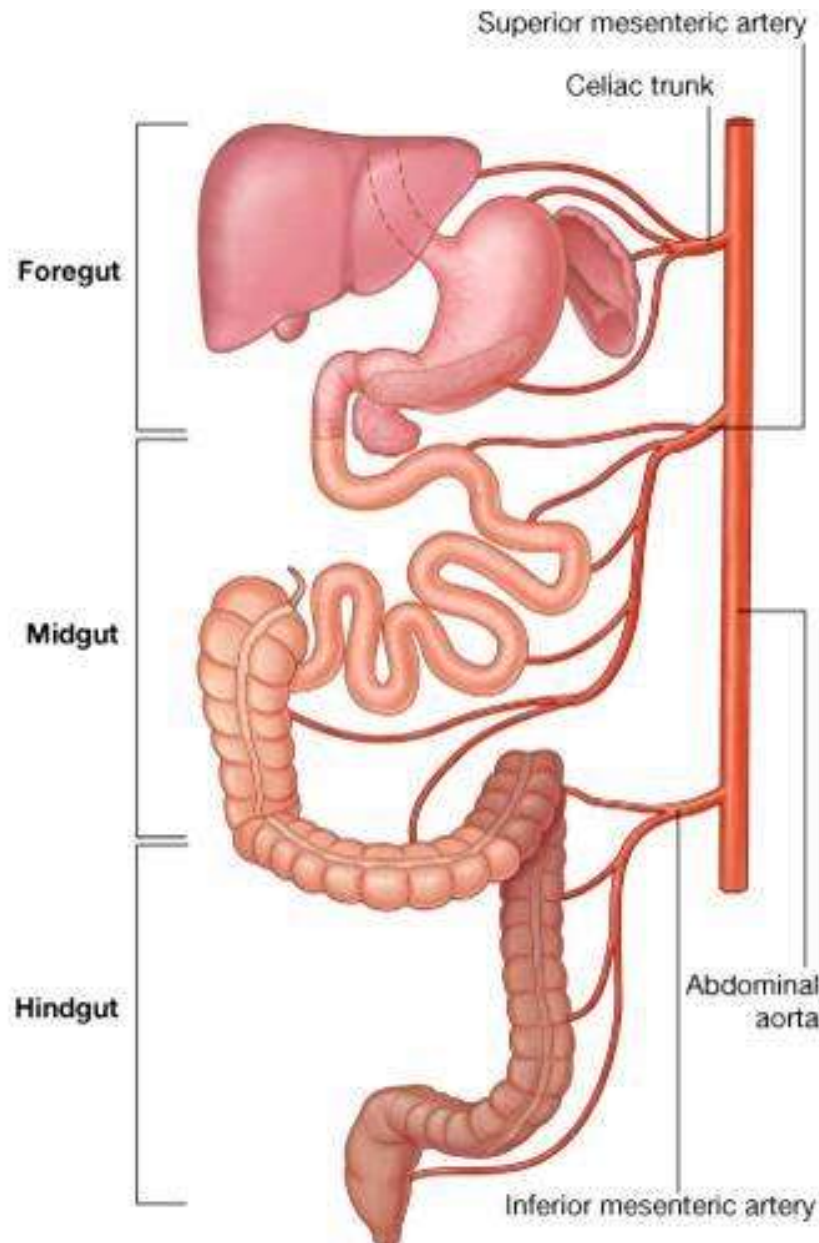
Carcinoid Tumor

Clinical Features

- Peak age 60's
- Symptoms based on hormone produced

When confined to the GI hormones are under the first pass effect and rarely produce symptoms

If symptoms do occur it is strongly associated with **metastasis**



Carcinoid Tumor

Prognosis is strongly based on GI location

Foregut

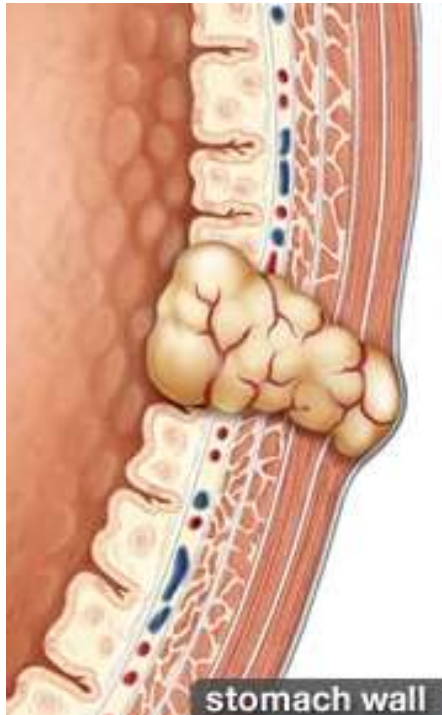
- Rare metastasis
- Resection curative

Midgut

- Often multiple/large
- Aggressive/invasive

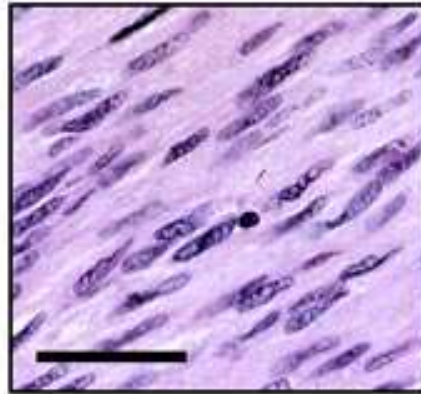
Hindgut

- Uniformly benign in the appendix
- Rectal symptomatic (hormones), occasional metastasis



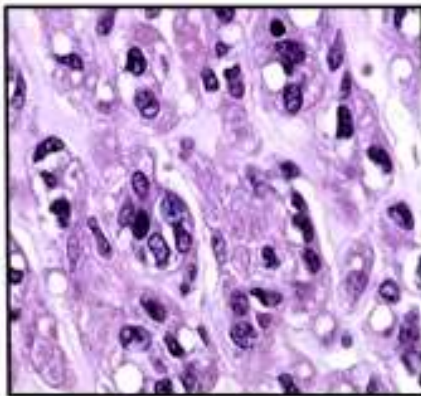
solitary, well
circumscribed, fleshy,
submucosal mass

A



Spindle

B



Epithelioid

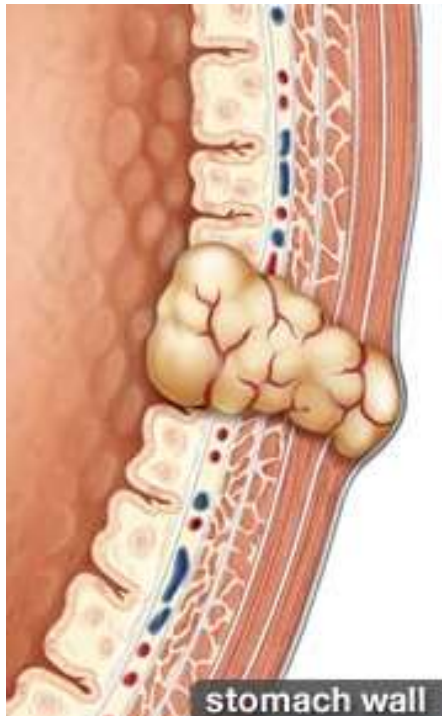
GIST

Most common
mesenchymal tumor of
the abdomen (stomach)

Peak 60's ♂

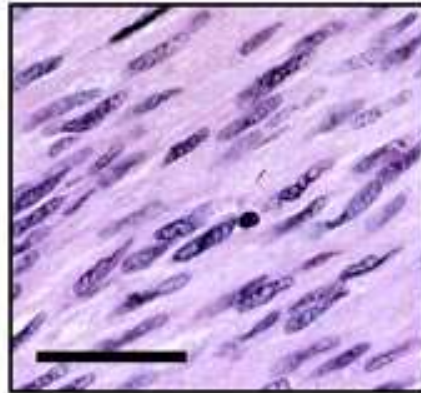
Activating tyrosine kinase
mutations (**c-KIT**,
PDGFRA)

Liver metastasis



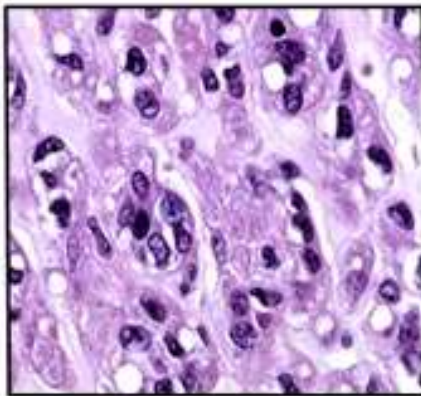
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GIST

Presents with mass
effects or mucosal
ulceration

Prognosis

- Size <5, >10cm
- Mitotic index
- Location

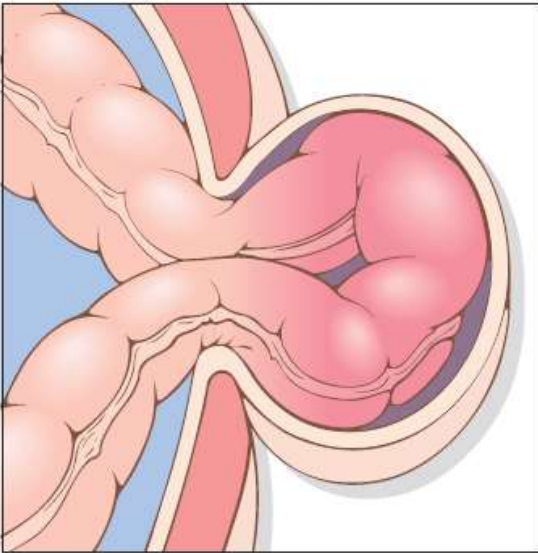
Tx

- Surgical resection
- Imatinib

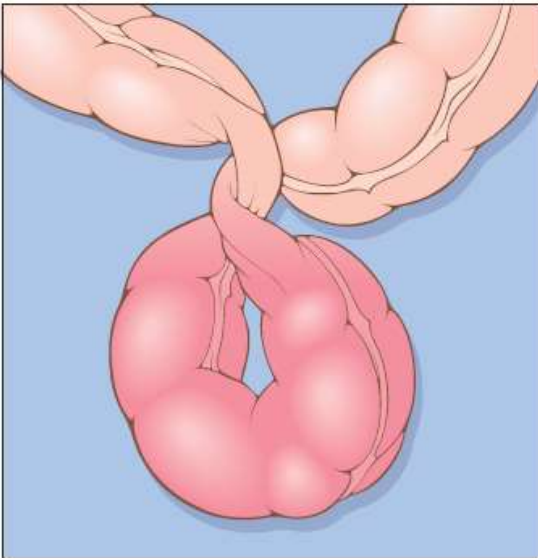
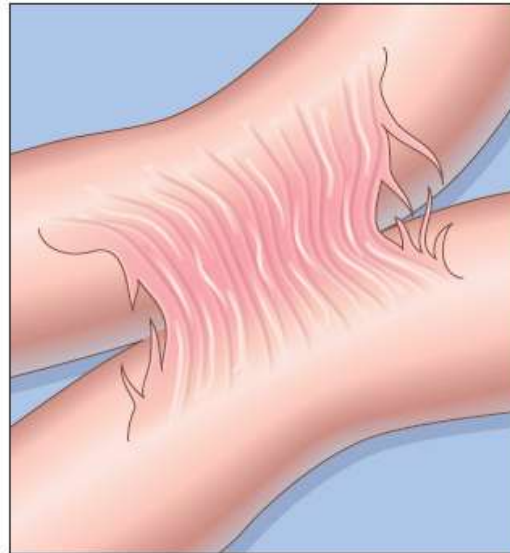


Small & Large Intestines

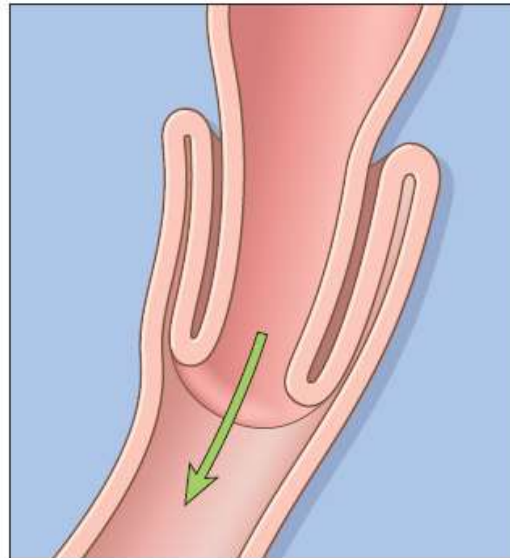
Herniation



Adhesions



Volvulus



Intussusception

Intestinal Obstruction

small intestine:

- relatively narrow lumen
- most often involved

80%

Remaining:

- Tumors
- Infarction (Ischemia-reperfusion)

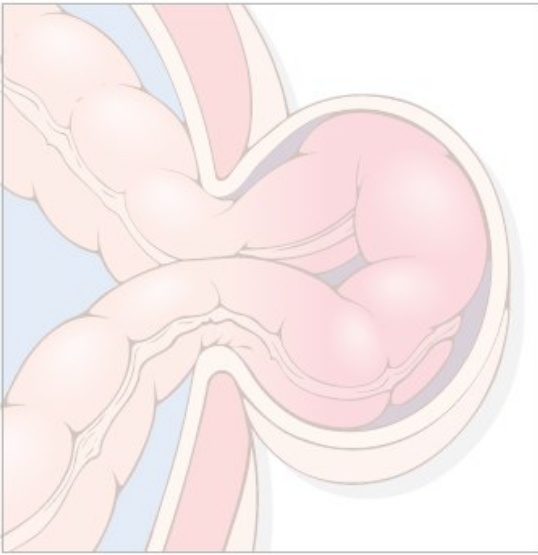
Pain

Distention

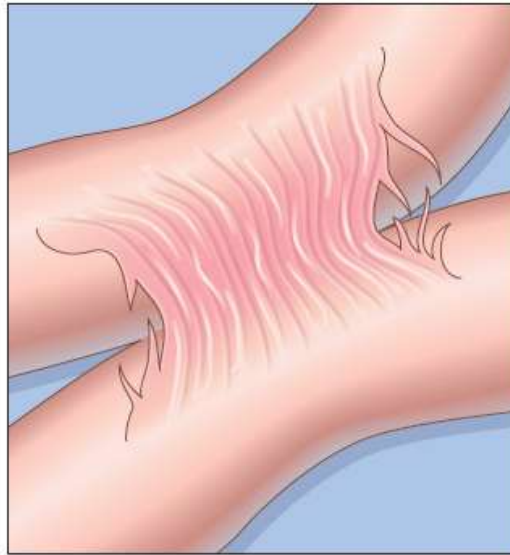
Vomiting

Constipation

Herniation



Adhesions



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Intestinal Obstruction

Hirschsprung Disease:

Congenital defect in colonic innervation

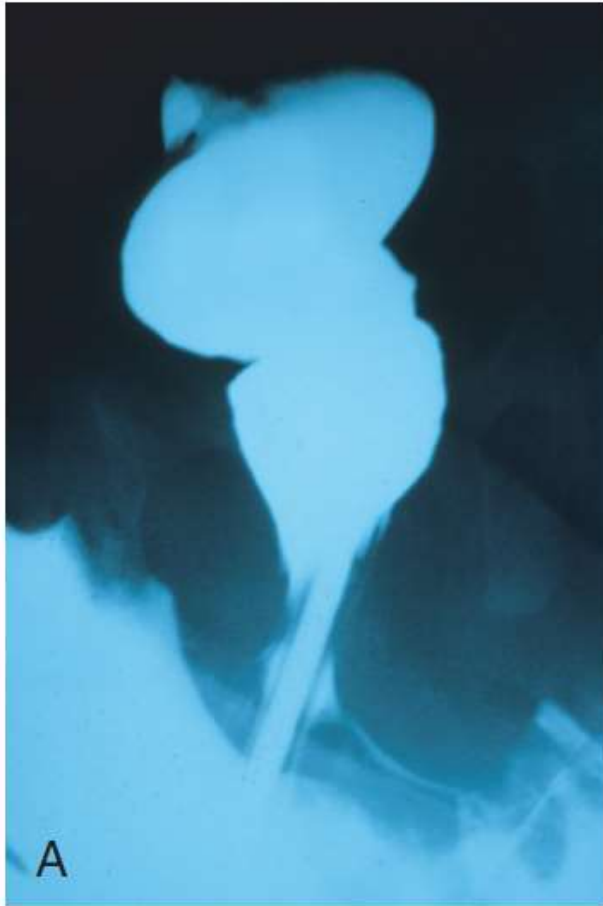
Isolated or in combination

More common in ♂

More severe in ♀

Presentation

- Failure to pass meconium
- Obstructive constipation



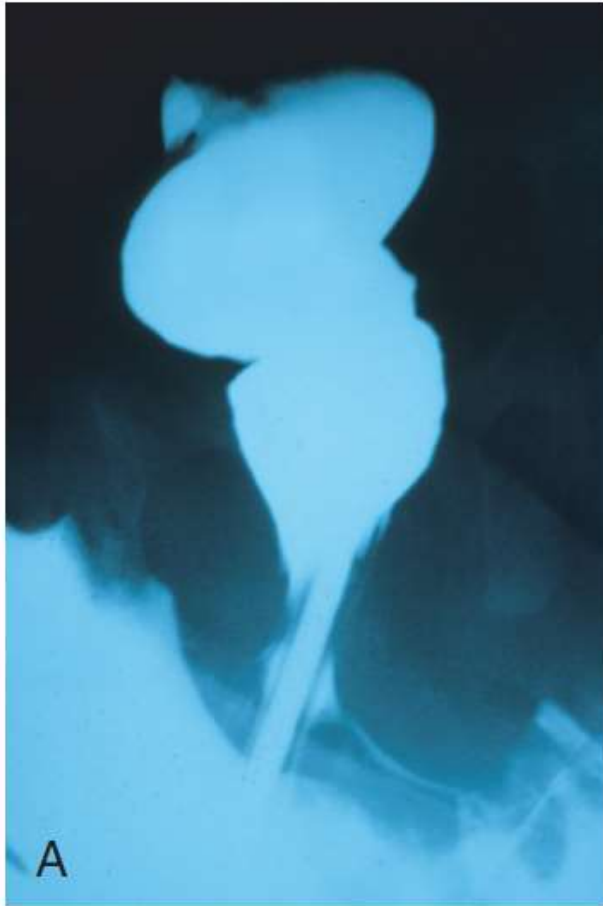
Intestinal Obstruction

Hirschsprung Disease:

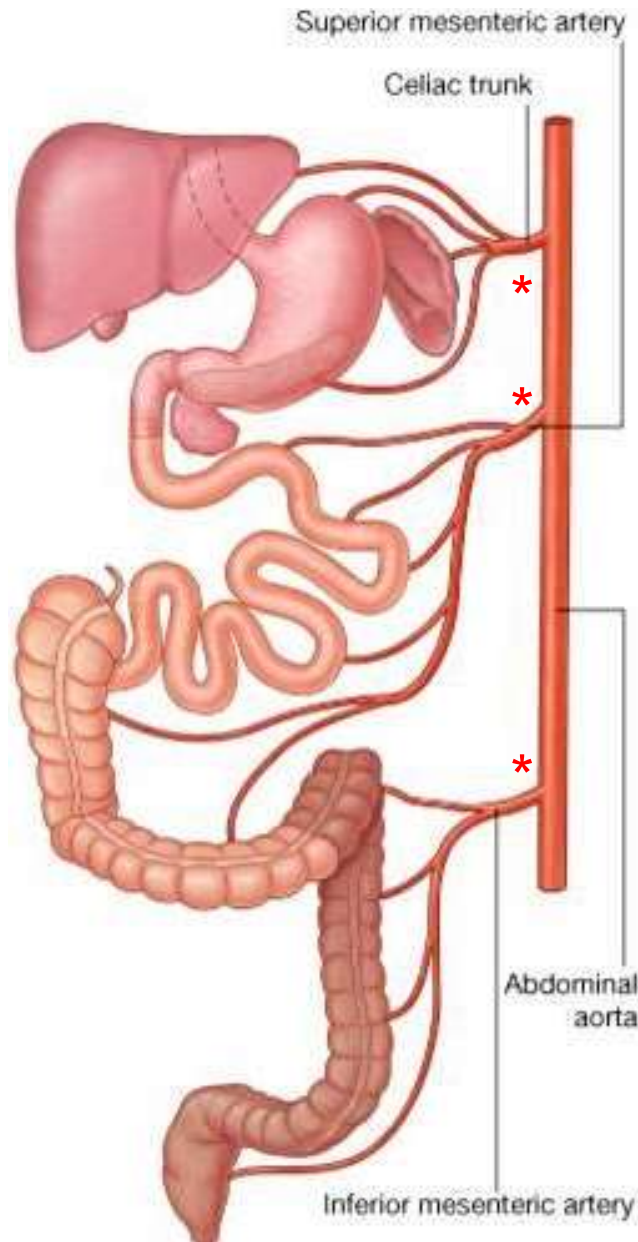
Meissner submucosal plexus and the Auerbach myenteric plexus absent in rectum (always) or more

Aganglionic region normal or contracted with proximal dilation

Tx: Surgical resection



Remember watershed zones

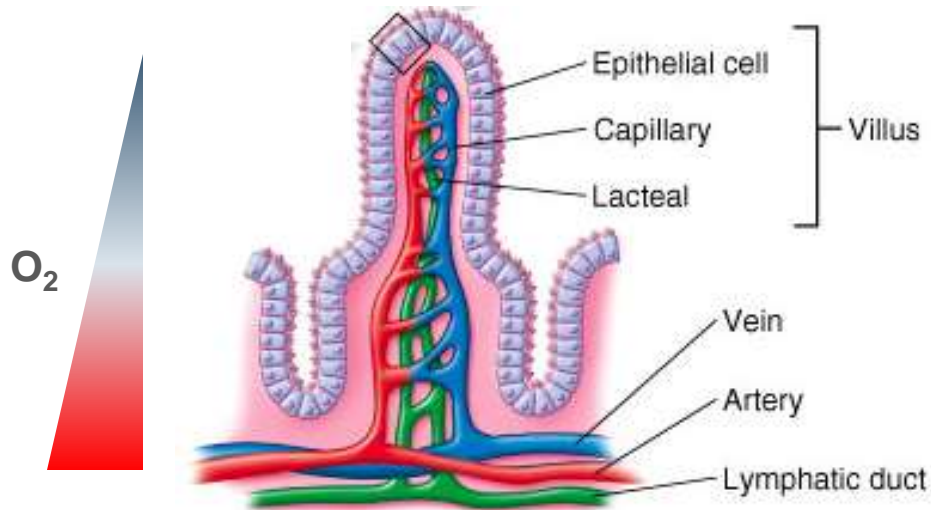


Ischemic Bowel Disease

Interconnections & collaterals make the bowel more resistant to ischemia*

Infarction
Transmural>Mural>
Mucosal

Hypoperfusion vs acute
vascular obstruction



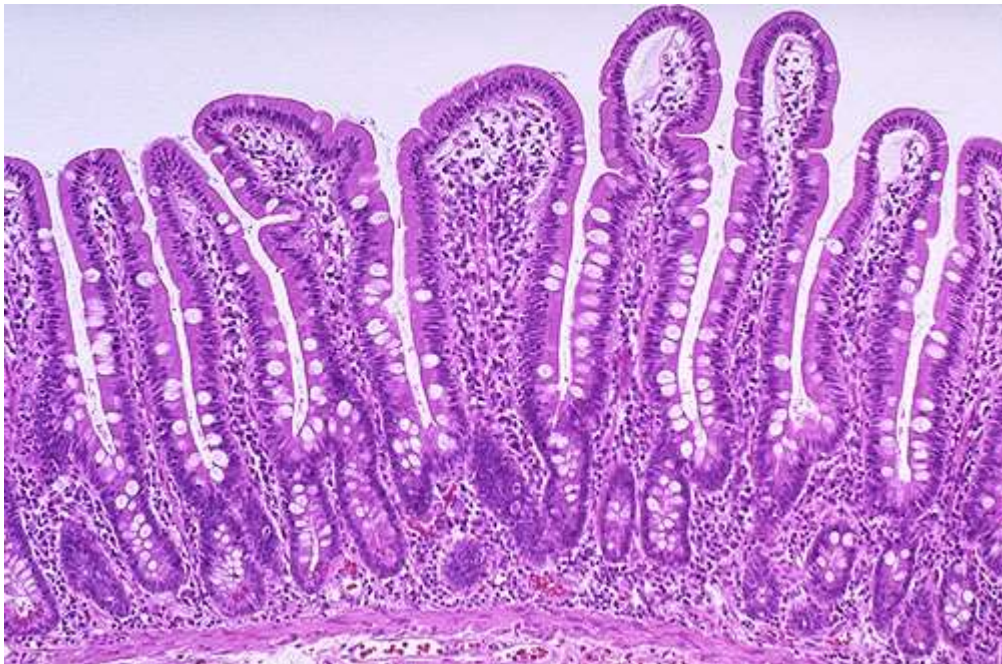
Ischemic Bowel Disease

Crypts protected (stem cell compartment)

Surface epithelium more susceptible to injury

Two injury phases (Ischemia-reperfusion)

Outcome mostly depends on severity of compromise, duration and which vessel



Ischemic Bowel Disease

Morphology

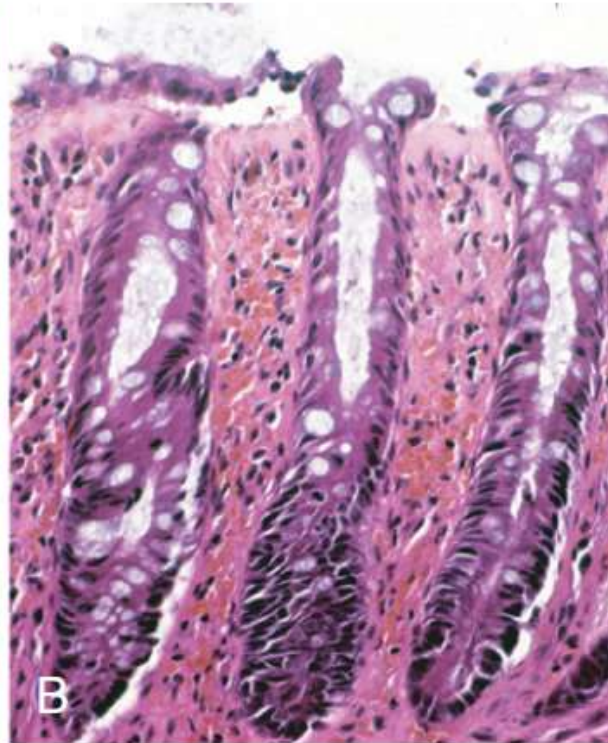
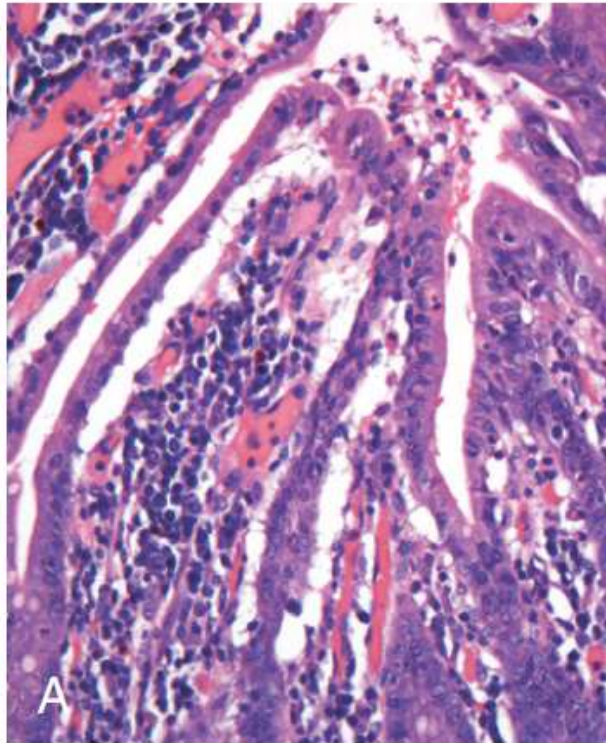
Atrophy or sloughing of surface epithelium (A)

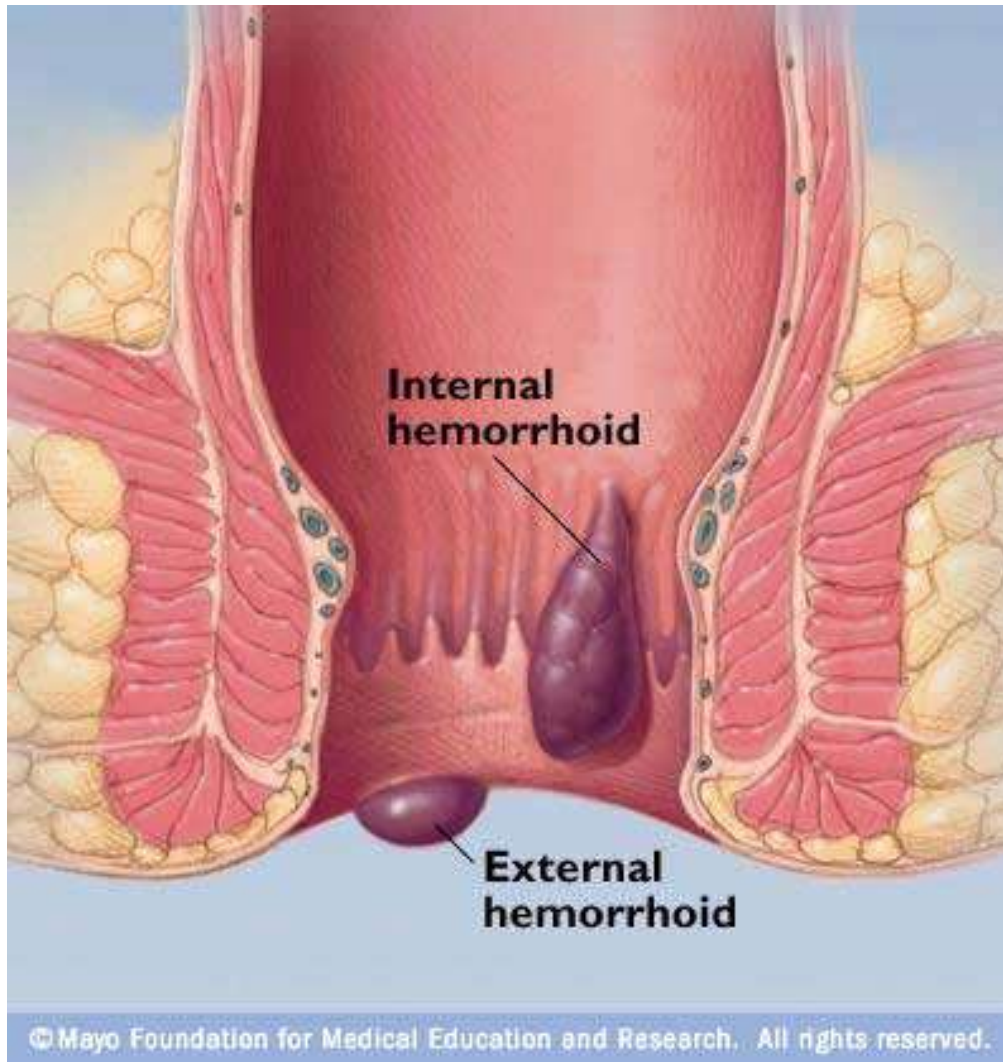
Fibrous scarring with chronic ischemia (B)

Clinical Features

- Older, co-existing CVD
- Severe pain/Guarding
- N/V, bloody diarrhea
- Reduced peristalsis
- Blood loss → Shock
- Sepsis

DDx AA, AC, PU





Hemorrhoids

Dilated anal and perianal collateral vessels

Increased intra-abdominal and venous pressure

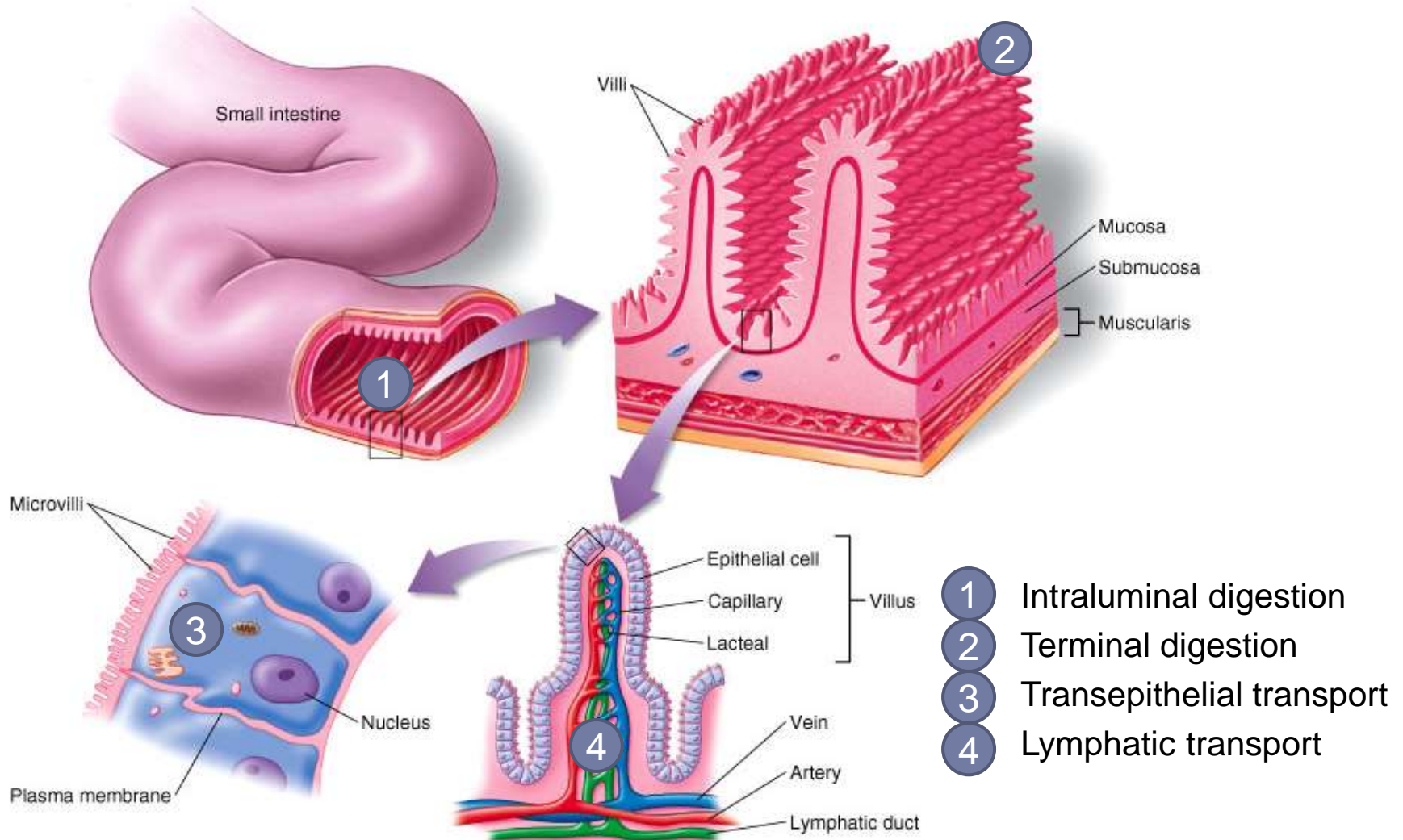
- Constipation/straining
- Pregnancy
- Portal hypertension

Clinical Features

- Pain
- Bleeding (bright red)

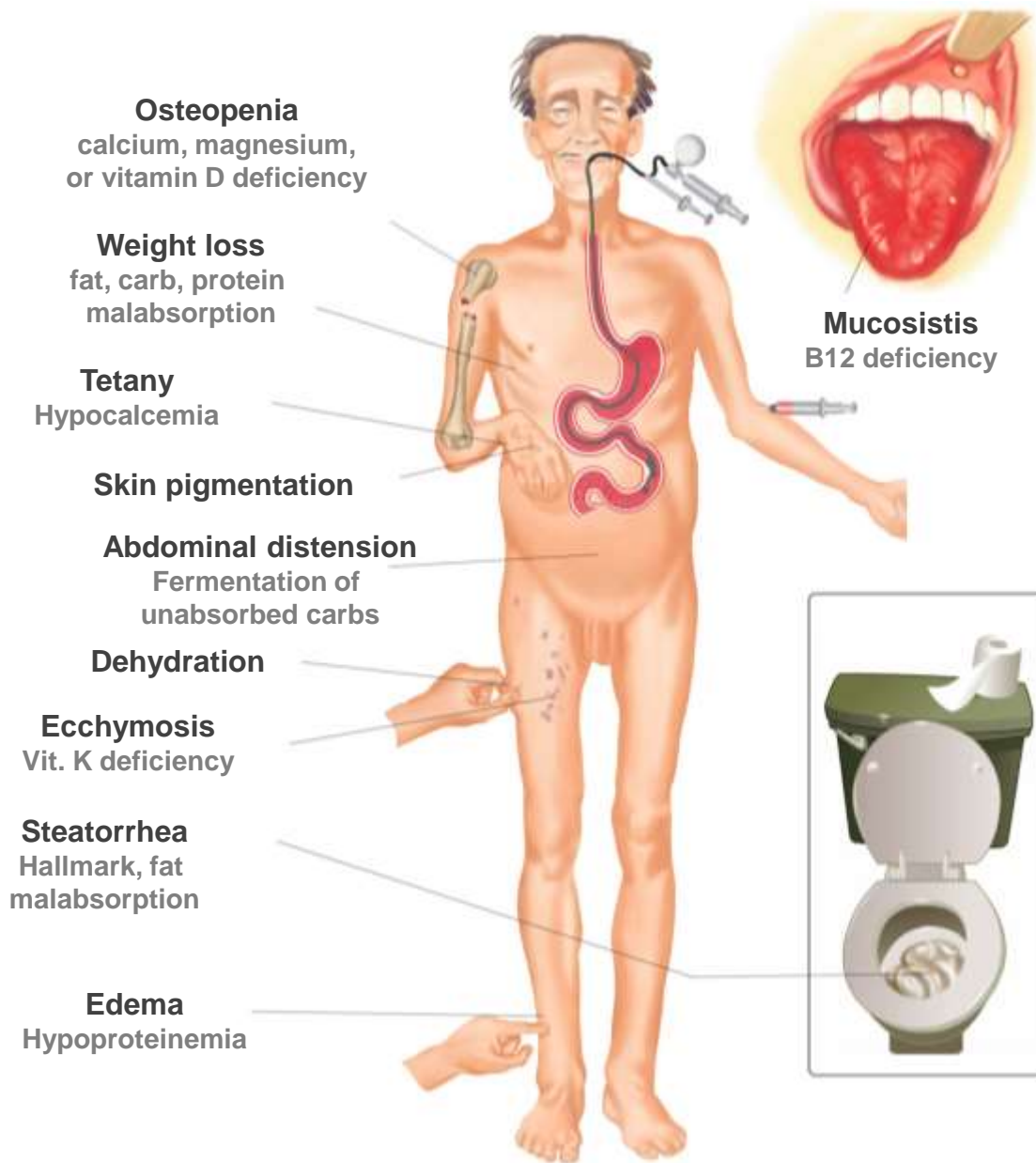
Tx: sclerotherapy, banding, IR coagulation, surgery

Digestion



Malabsorption

	1	2	3	4
Disease	Intraluminal Digestion	Terminal Digestion	Transepithelial Transport	Lymphatic Transport
Celiac disease		+	+	
Tropical sprue		+	+	
Chronic pancreatitis	+			
Cystic fibrosis	+			
Primary bile acid malabsorption	+		+	
Carcinoid syndrome			+	
Autoimmune enteropathy		+	+	
Disaccharidase deficiency		+		
Whipple disease				+
Abetalipoproteinemia			+	
Viral gastroenteritis		+	+	
Bacterial gastroenteritis		+	+	
Parasitic gastroenteritis		+	+	
Inflammatory bowel disease	+	+	+	



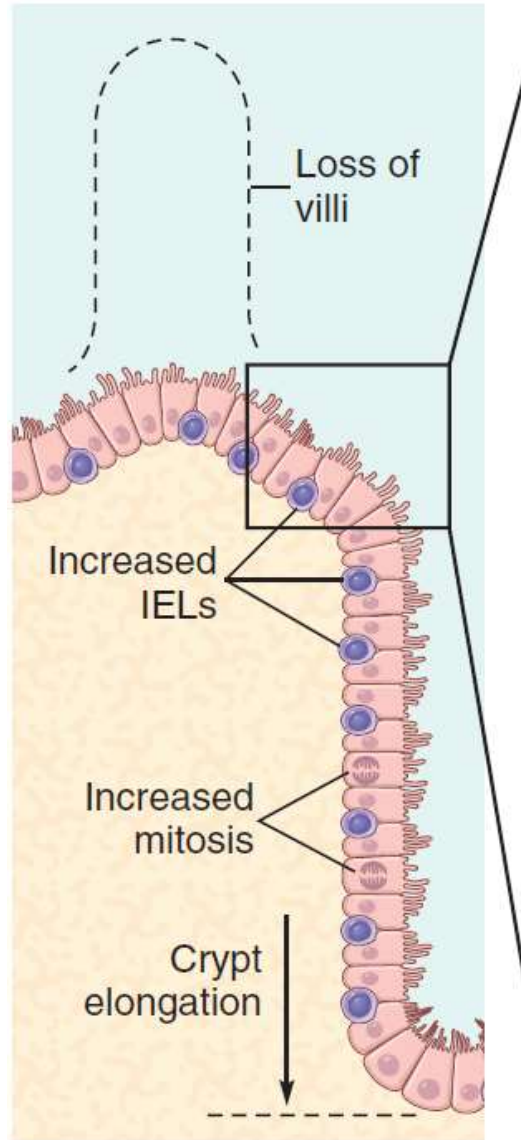
Malabsorption Syndromes

Resemble each other more than they differ

- Diarrhea
- Flatus
- Abdominal pain
- Weight loss

Consequences

- | | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| - Anemia | pyridoxine, |
| - Mucositis | folate, vit B ₁₂ |
| - Bleeding | Vit. K |
| - Osteopenia | Ca, Mg, |
| - Tetany | Vit. D |
| - Neuropathy | Vit. A or B ₁₂ |



Celiac Disease

Gluten-sensitive enteropathy (2 age groups)

Immune mediated reaction to Gliadin resulting in:

- Villous atrophy
- ↑ Intraepithelial lymphocytes (IELs)
- Epithelial proliferation
- Crypt elongation

↓ area → malabsorption
Anemia (Iron, B₁₂, Folate)

Tx: Gluten free diet

Celiac Disease

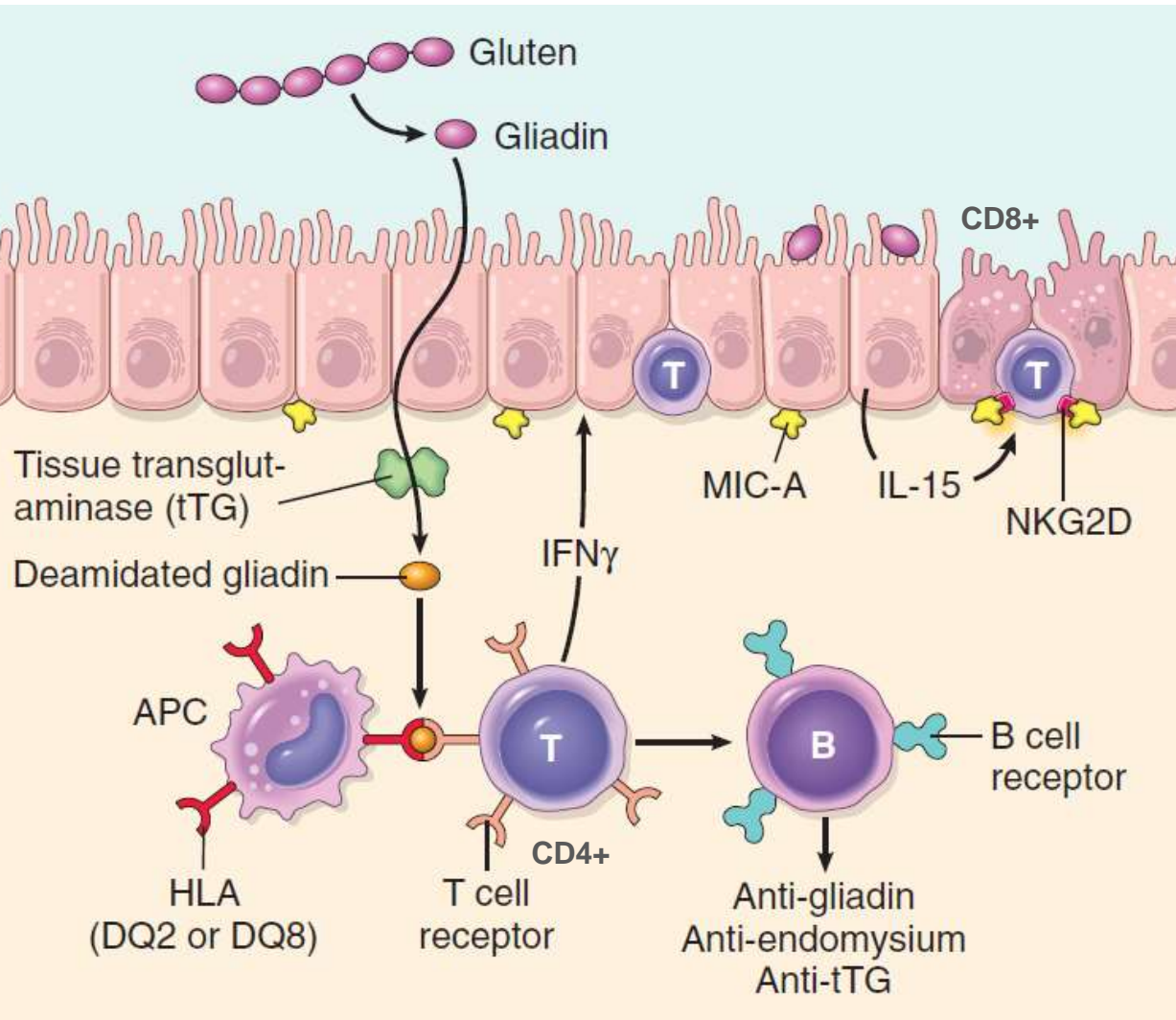
APC-CD4+ activation,
cytokine production

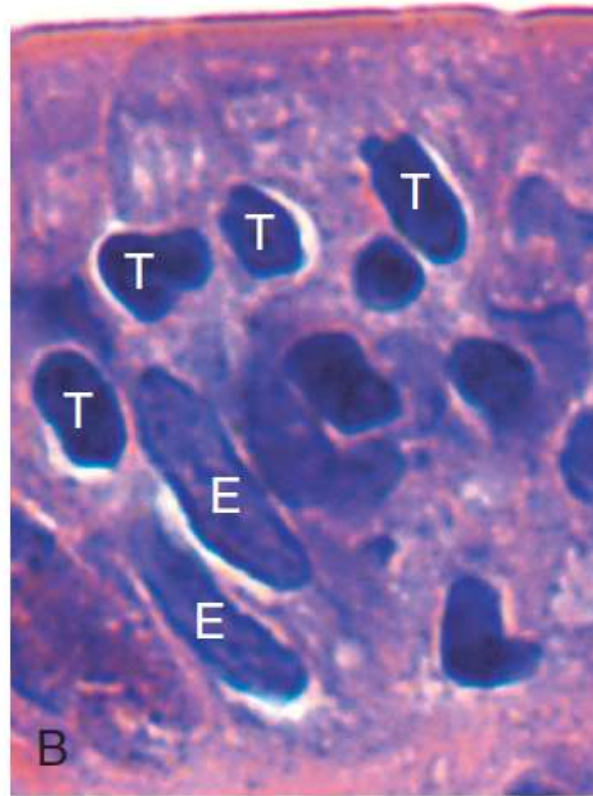
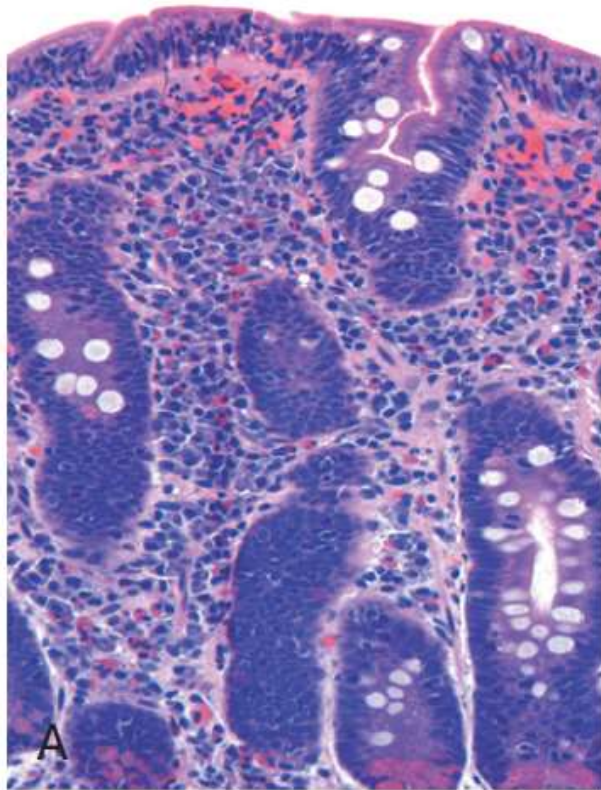
B-cell response (Ab):

- anti-tissue transglutaminase
- anti-deamidated gliadin
- anti-endomysial (Dx)

IL-15 induced CD8+
response

Epithelial damage, more
Gliadin crosses, more
damage.





Celiac Disease

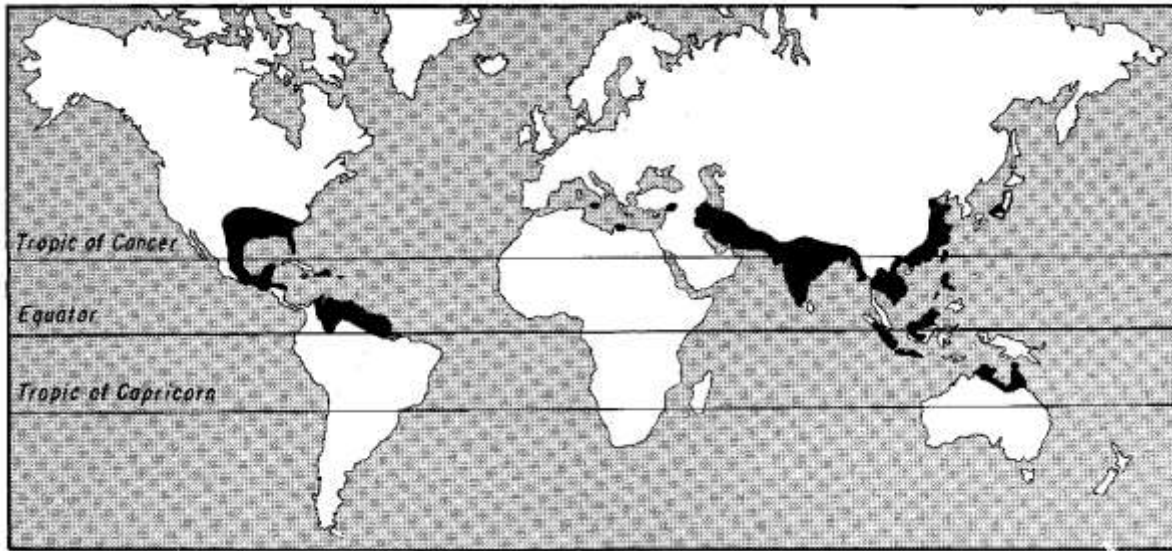
Villous atrophy & crypt hyperplasia (A)

↑ Intraepithelial lymphocytes (IELs) (A,B)

Non-specific changes, combined with serology becomes specific

Silent: Serology + villous atrophy, no symptoms

Latent: Serology only



Environmental Enteropathy

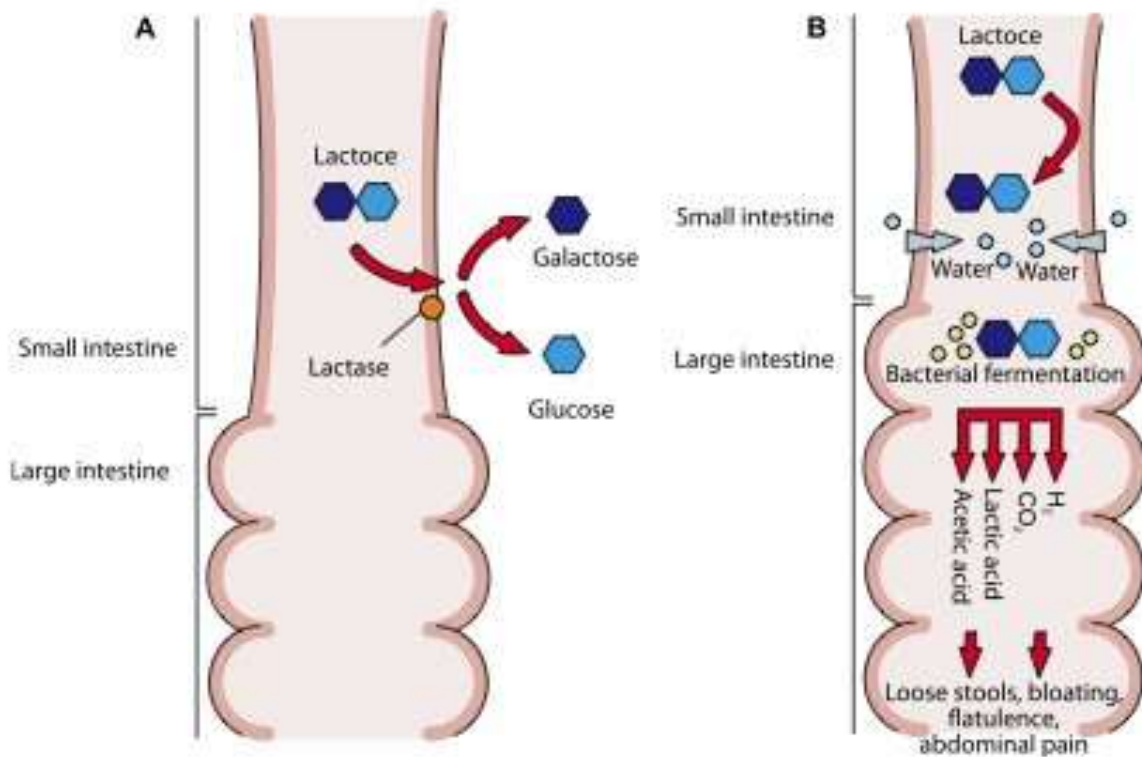
Previously known as tropical sprue

150 million children worldwide (stunted growth)

Malnutrition?
Infection?

Repeated diarrhea during the first 2-3yrs of life

Similar histology to celiac disease



Lactase Deficiency

Biochemical defect with
Unremarkable biopsy

Congenital (AR) rare

Acquired downregulation
after childhood or after
enteric viral/bacterial
infections