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Medium

Colitis associated neoplasia

Inflammation

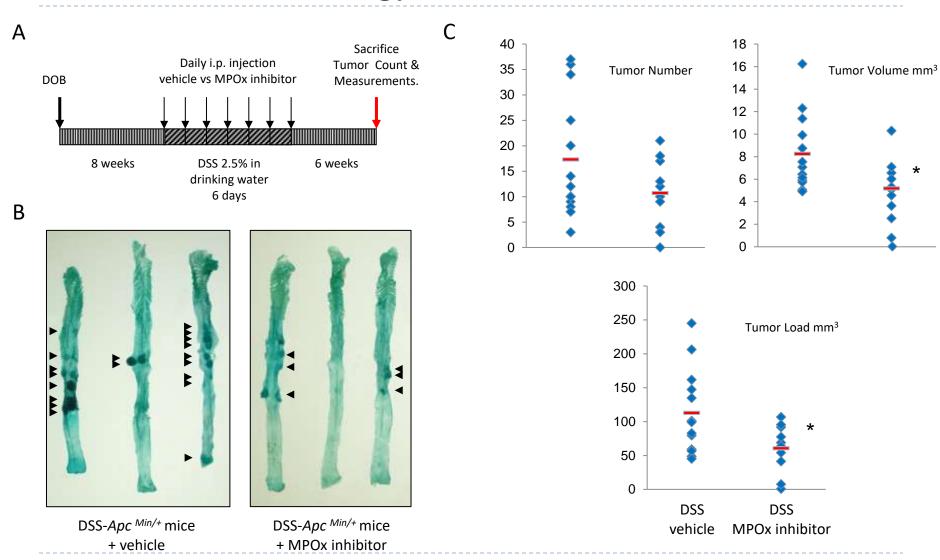
↓
Free radicals

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DNA damage
and/or
Protein modification

- Oncogene activation
- Tumor suppressor inactivation

Time/severity of inflammation increase risk (especially those with PSC)

The molecular biology of it





Normal colon



Sessile polyp



Pedunculated polyp

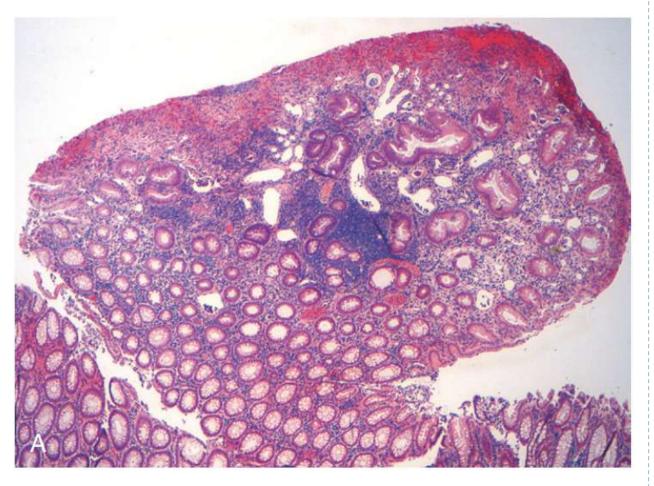
Intestinal Polyps

Most common in the colon

- Sessile
- Pedunculated
- Inflammatory
- Hamartomatous
- Hyperplastic
- Neoplastic



pedunculated, smooth surfaced, reddish lesions <3cm



surface erosion
cystically dilated crypts
filled with mucus, neutrophils,
and debris

Hamartomatous Polyps

Juvenile Polyps

Most common hamartomatous

Sporadic (typically single) or syndromic (multiple)

Juvenile polyposis (AD)

Age <5yrs

Location: Rectum

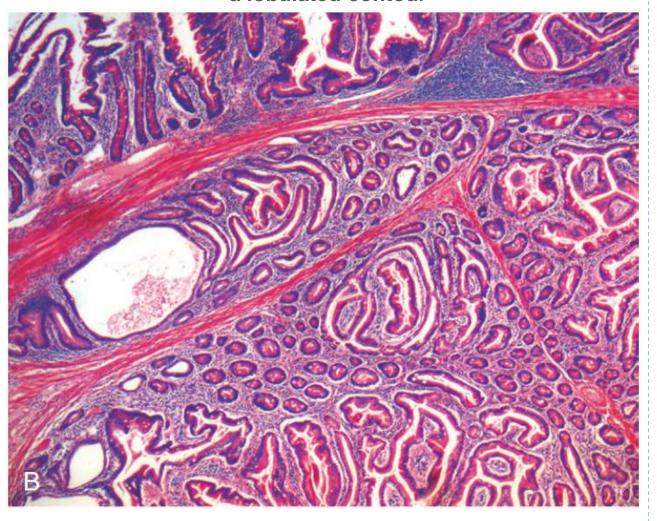
Presentation

- Bleeding
- Prolapse

↑ adenocarcinoma risk



Large, pedunculated with a lobulated contour



Complex glandular architecture and bundles of smooth muscle

Hamartomatous Polyps

Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome (AD)

STK11/LKB1 mutation

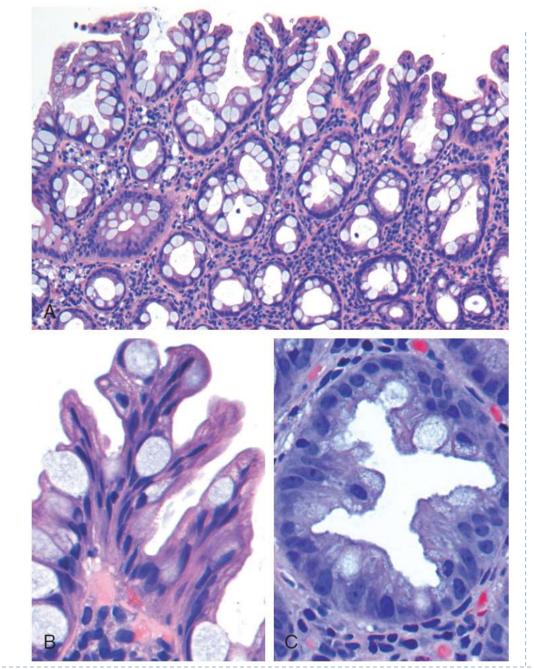
- Multiple GI hamartomatous polyps
- Mucocutaneous hyperpigmentation
- ↑ malignancy risk

Common in SI, can also occur in stomach, colon, bladder, lungs



Smooth, nodular protrusions of the mucosa, often on the crests of mucosal folds

Delayed shedding of mature goblet and absorptive cells creates a serrated surface



Hyperplastic Polyps

6-7th decade of life

No malignant potential

Frequently multiple

Typically left colon <0.5cm

decreased epithelial cell turnover and delayed shedding (over-crowding)

DDx of sessile serrated adenomas that do have malignant potential



Pedunculated



Sessile



surface texture of both types resemble velvet or a raspberry

Adenomas

Most common neoplastic

Epithelial dysplasia is characteristic

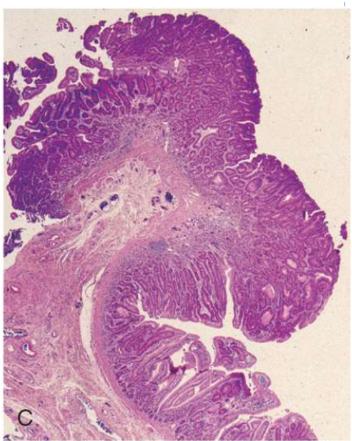
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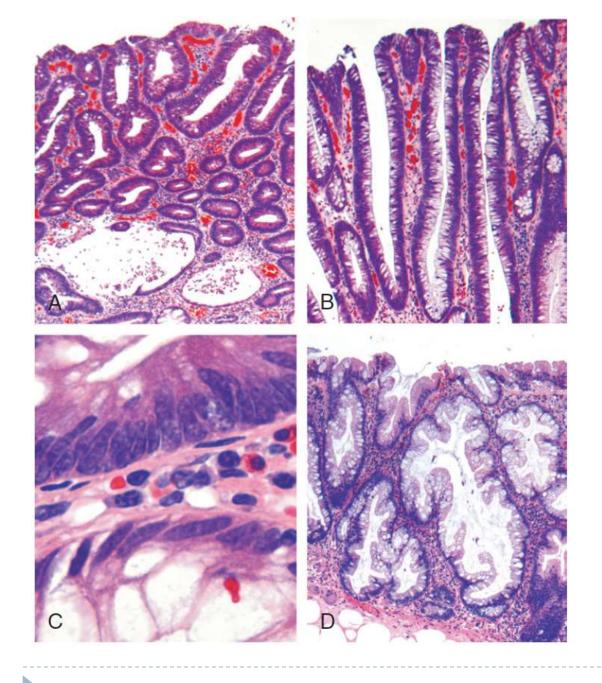
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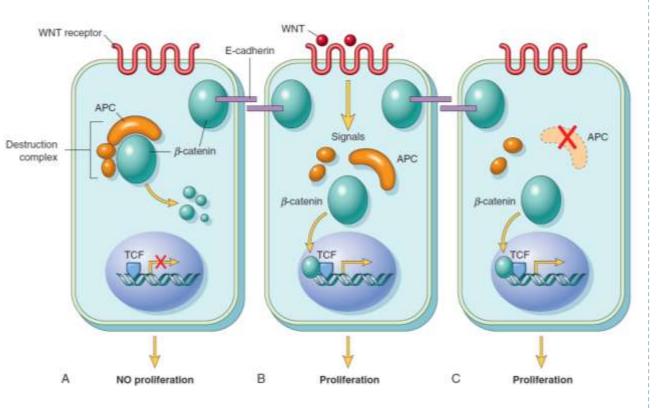
Architecture

- Tubular (A) small
- Tubulovillous
- Villous (B) Large

Epithelial dysplasia (C) (nuclear hyperchromasia, elongation, & stratification TOP)

Sessile serrated adenoma (D) similar to hyperplastic polyps but in right colon, no dysplasia, serration is present all the way down to the crypt

SIZE



Familial Syndromes (FAP)

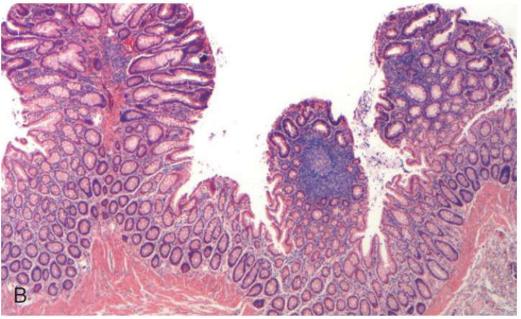
AD

APC or less common MUTYH (base excision repair)

Variants

- Gardner syndrome
 Osteomas, desmoids,
 skin cysts, thyroid
 neoplasia...
- Turcot syndrome
 CNS tumors,
 medulloblastoma vs
 glioblastoma





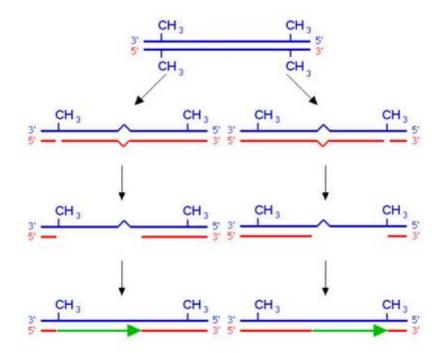
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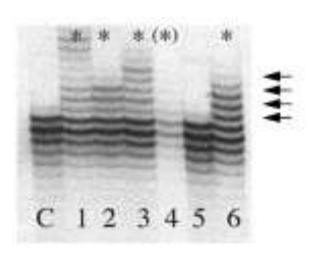
Hundreds to thousands but morphologically indistinguishable from sporadic adenomas

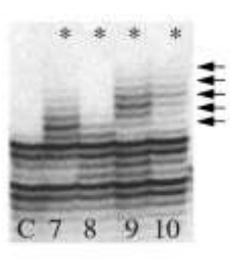
Colorectal
adenocarcinoma
develops in 100% of
patients with untreated
FAP, often before age 30

Tx: prophylactic colectomy









Hereditary Nonpolyposis Colorectal Cancer

HNPCC/Lynch syndrome

AD

DNA mismatch repair gene defects mostly *MSH2* or *MLH1*

Right colon predilection and at younger ages

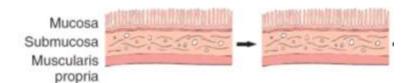
Mutator phenotype (e.g. TGFβ type II receptors, BAX)

Microsatellite instability



NORMAL COLON

MUCOSA AT RISK



Germline (inherited) mutations of cancer suppressor genes ("first hit")

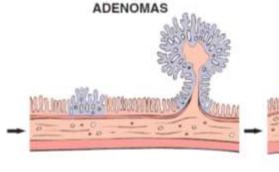
Methylation abnormalities Inactivation of normal alleles ("second hit")

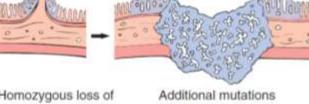
APC B-catenin Remember Knudson

or somatic (acquired)

APC at 5q21

CARCINOMA





Proto-oncogene mutations

Homozygous loss of additional cancer suppressor genes Overexpression of COX-2

Gross chromosomal alterations

KRAS at 12p12

p53 at 17p13 LOH at 18g21 (SMAD 2 and 4)

Telomerase. many genes

Adenocarcinoma

Most common GIT malignancy is Colon adenocarcinoma

Peak incidence 60-70yrs

Diet effect (high fat/low fiber)

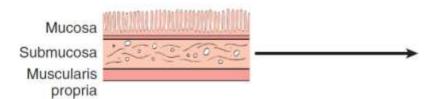
NSAID protective COX-2 over-expression 90%

Adenoma-Carcinoma sequence (APC/Wnt)

80% of sporadic colon tumors



NORMAL COLON

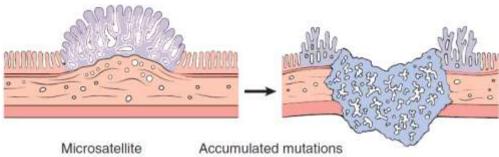


Germline (inherited) or somatic (acquired) mutations of mismatch repair genes Alteration of second allele by LOH, mutation, or promoter methylation

MLH1, MSH2 (MSH6, PMS1, PMS2)

SESSILE SERRATED ADENOMA

CARCINOMA



Microsatellite instability/ "mutator phenotype"

in genes that regulate growth, differentiation, and/or apoptosis

TGFβRII, BAX, BRAF, TCF-4, IGF2R, others

Adenocarcinoma

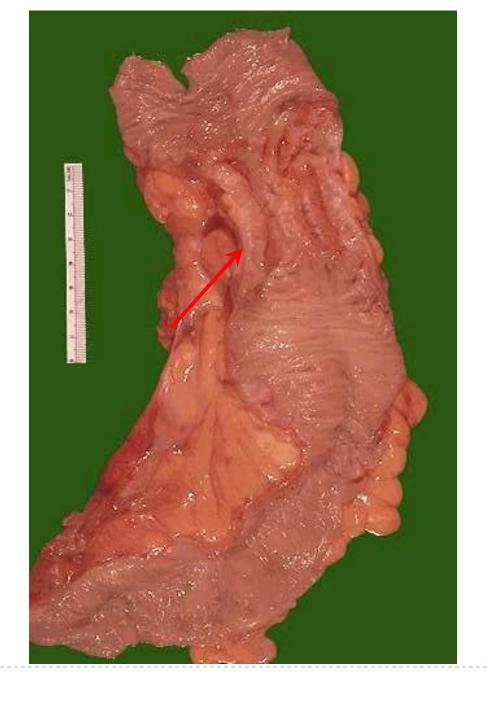
The microsatellite instability pathway

DNA mismatch repair deficiency

Microsatellite instability

Mutator phenotype



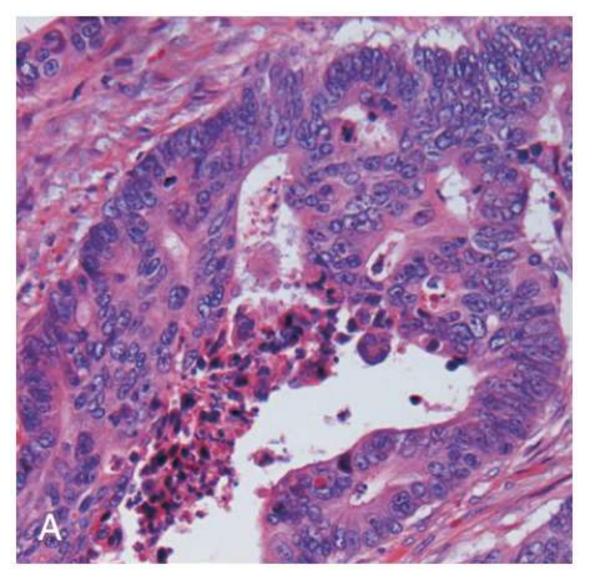


Morphology

Proximal colon: polypoid, exophytic, extend along one wall (rarely cause obstruction)

Distal colon: annular lesions "napkin ring" constrictions (more likely to cause obstruction)

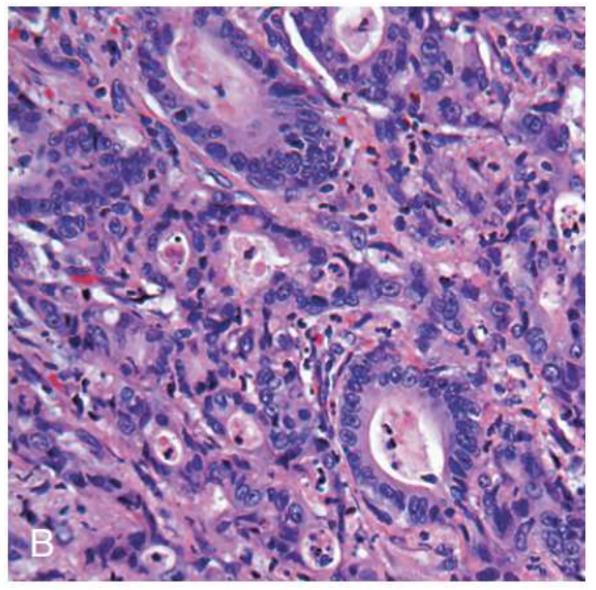
Both forms grow into the bowel wall, become palpable as firm masses (desmoplastic response)



Well-differentiated adenocarcinoma

Morphology

Tall columnar cells that resemble dysplastic epithelium found in adenomas

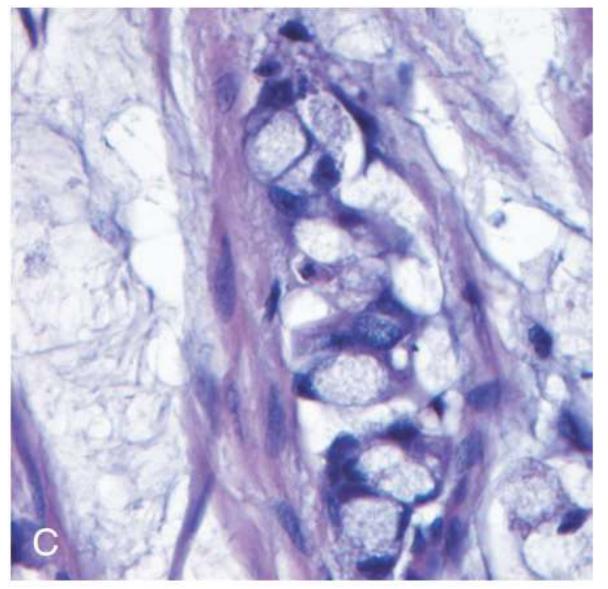


Poorly differentiated adenocarcinoma

Morphology

Poorly differentiated tumors form few glands





Mucinous adenocarcinoma

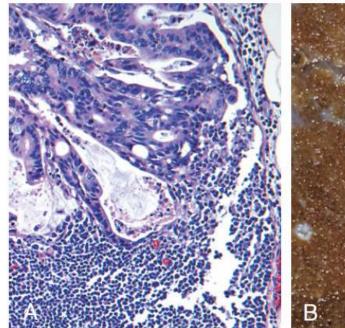
Morphology

Signet ring cells that are similar to those in gastric cancer

Produce abundant mucin that accumulates within the intestinal wall

Poor prognosis





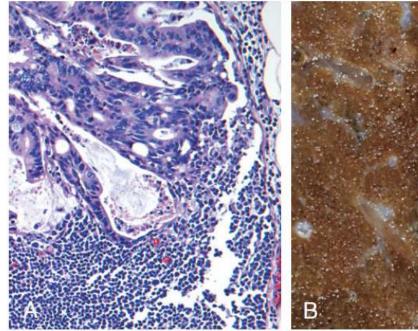




Clinical Features

Right-sided colon cancers most often present with fatigue and weakness due to iron deficiency anemia

Left-sided colorectal adenocarcinomas can present with occult bleeding, changes in bowel habits, or cramping







Prognosis

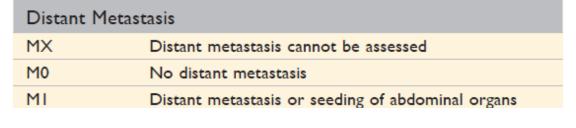
- Depth of invasion
- LN metastasis (A)

Lung (B)

Liver (C) the most common metastatic site except for rectum

Grading & Staging (colorectal cancer)

Designation _	Description	Stage*	Tumor-Node-Metastasis (TNM) Criteria			5-Year Survival (%)
Tumor			Т	N	М	()
Tis	In situ dysplasia or intramucosal carcinoma	1	T1,T2	N0	M0	74
TI	Tumor invades submucosa	II				
T2	Tumor invades into, but not through, muscularis	- IIA IIB	T3 T4	N0 N0	M0 M0	67 59
	propria	III				
Т3	Tumor invades through muscularis propria	IIIA IIIB IIIC	T1,T2 T3,T4 Any T	NI NI N2	M0 M0 M0	73 46 28
T4	Tumor invades adjacent organs or visceral peritoneum	IV	Any T	Any N	MI	6
Regional Lymph Nodes						
NX	Lymph nodes cannot be assessed					
N0	No regional lymph node metastasis					
NI	Metastasis in one to three regional lymph nodes					



Metastasis in four or more regional lymph nodes



N2