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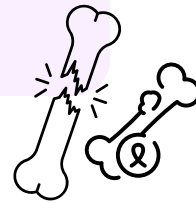
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# MSS & Skin Tumors (Pt.9)

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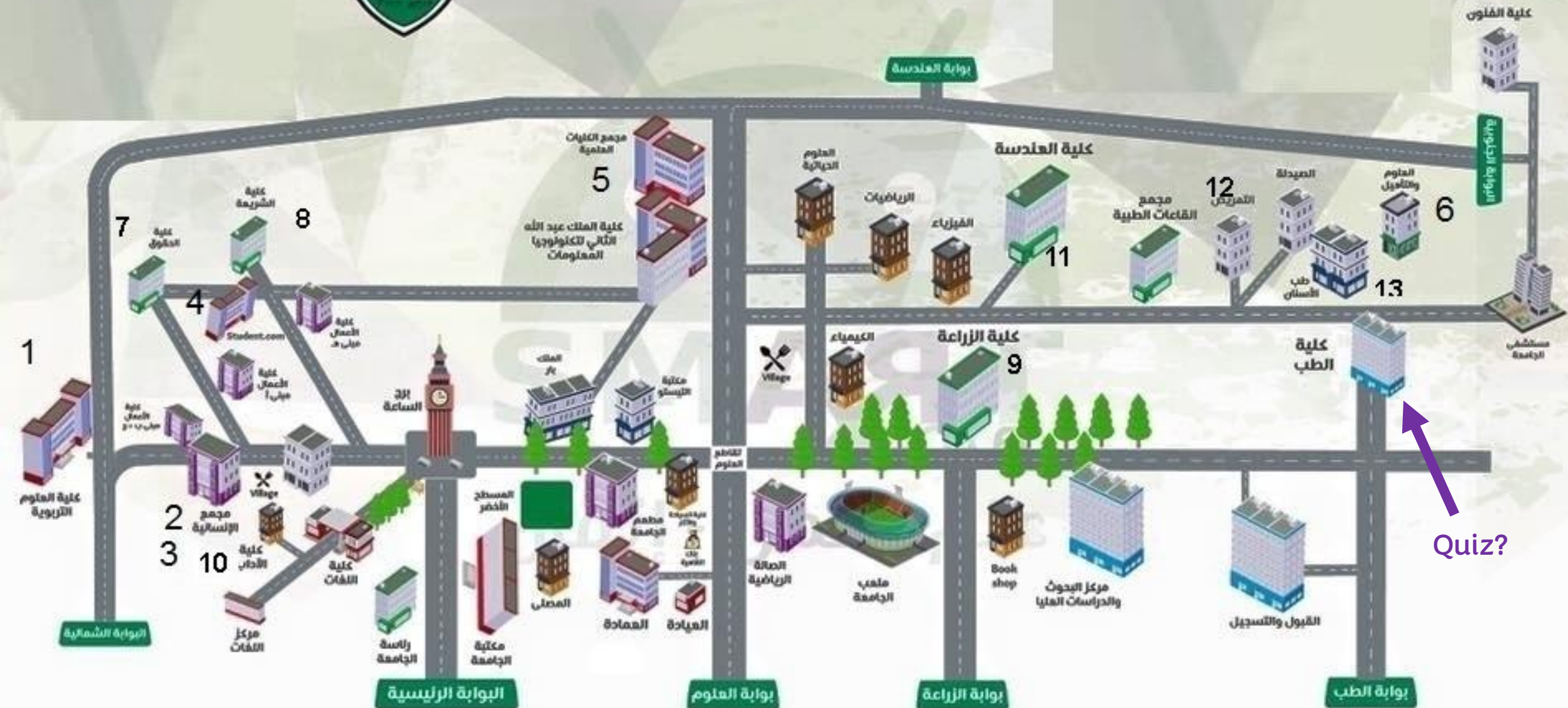


PATHOLOGY





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# REMEMBER FROM GENERAL PATHOLOGY

- Benign tumors are usually less cellular with lower mitotic activity and lower tissue infiltration than their malignant counterparts.
- *APC* (adenomatous polyposis coli) is a tumor suppressor gene that is associated with colonic polyps. These polyps are benign adenomas but can be premalignant, especially in individuals with mutations in the *APC* gene. Over time, they can transform into colorectal cancer, particularly in conditions like familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP).
- Signature mutations are specific mutations that distinguish a neoplastic transformation. They can be used for karyotyping and diagnosis of certain tumors.

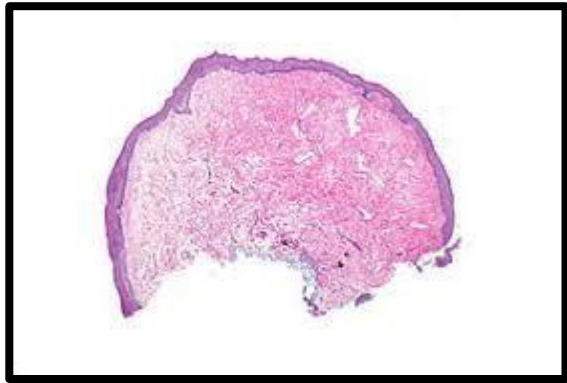


# FIBROMAS & FIBROSARCOMAS:

Both are fibroblastic tumors

## Fibromas:

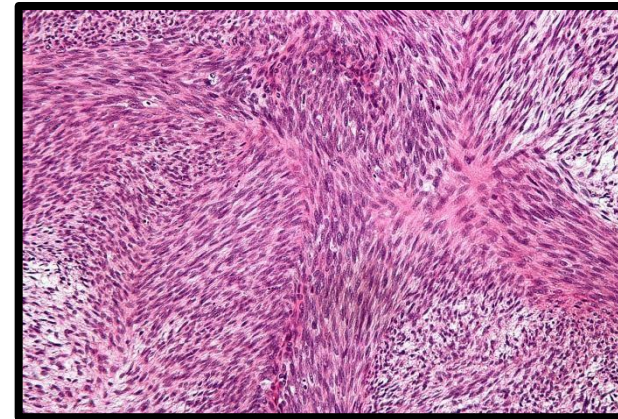
- benign proliferation of fibroblasts,
- very common,
- **involves** skin and subcutaneous tissue



Bland, spindle-shaped, benign fibroblasts.  
Less cellular than fibrosarcomas.

## Fibrosarcomas:

- malignant counterpart;
- **less common than fibromas,**
- usually superficial cutaneous tumors of fibroblasts, cellular, storiform pattern with increased mitosis



Sometimes  
necrosis is  
present.

Storiform pattern:  
Right and acute angles created by this unique  
appearance of malignant cells (fibroblasts in this case).

If unsure of cell of origin, tissue-specific markers are used, such as smooth muscle-, skeletal muscle-, or adipocyte-specific markers. Fibromas and fibrosarcomas are positive only for fibroblast-specific markers.

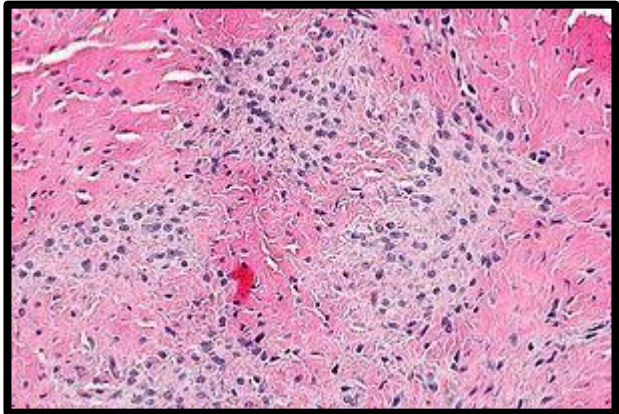
Fibromatoses are benign syndromes involving fibroblast proliferation.  
They have 2 types – superficial and deep.

## SUPERFICIAL FIBROMATOSES:

Without  
metastasis

- Infiltrative benign fibroblastic proliferation
- Occur in cutaneous and subcutaneous tissue close to the skin
- May run in families; may impact function of related organ(s)

PALMAR (DUPUYTREN CONTRACTURE)	PLANTAR FIBROMATOSES	PENILE (PEYRONIE DISEASE)
Palmar fascia is involved. Can affect any finger. Can cause loss of function.	Sole of foot is involved. Affects walking. Patient is prone on their abdomen for diagnosis.	Dorsolateral aspect of the penis Can cause pain during erection or sexual intercourse.



# DEEP FIBROMATOSES (DESMOID TUMORS):

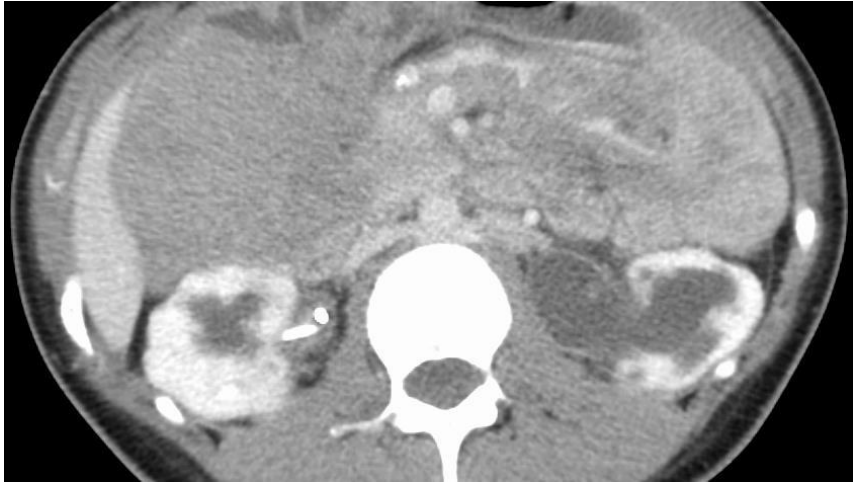
- Deep infiltrative but bland (no atypia, no necrosis, no abnormal mitosis) fibroblastic proliferation; doesn't metastasize, but RECUR
- Similar to superficial fibromatoses, but deeper and usually cannot be seen by the eye since it is inside the body
- 20-30 years, females more common
- Abdominal wall, mesentery (intra-abdominal) and limbs
- Mutations in *CTNNB1* (β-catenin) or *APC* (Adenomatous Polyposis Coli) genes leading to increased Wnt signaling
- Deep fibromatoses are positive for specific immunohistochemical β-catenin stains, which target the signature mutation in the process
- Mostly are sporadic; but patients with Gardner (FAP) syndrome are susceptible → can be familial
- Complete excision (which is not easy due to infiltration, so wider margins must be removed) is needed to prevent recurrence, which is very common
- These tumors kill by local infiltration (by affecting vital organs such as the liver, kidneys, pancreas, etc...) NOT metastasis

100s or 1000s of polyps in the colon; it raises the incidence of deep fibromatoses.

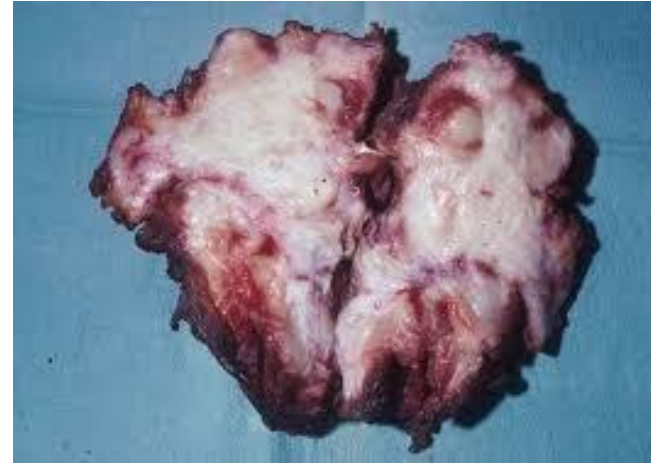
**Frozen abdomen:**  
Large adhesive masses in the abdomen; can be caused by desmoid tumors.



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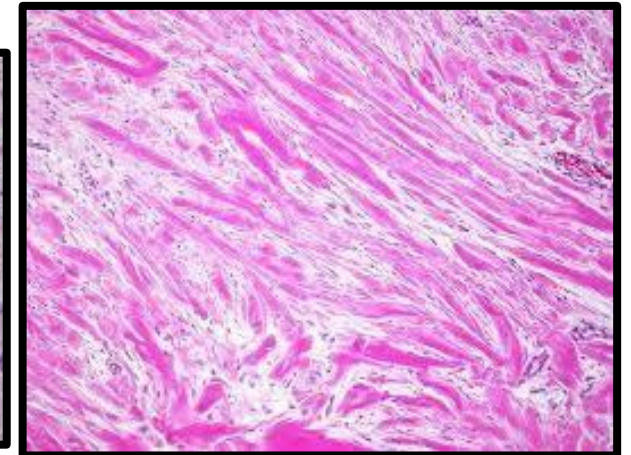
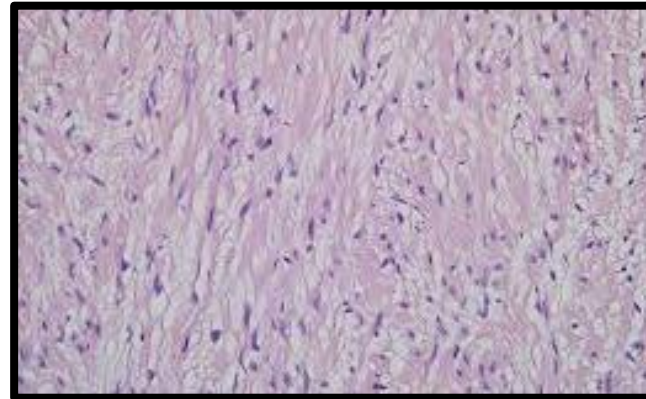
CT scan showing bland tissue surrounding internal vital organs.



Tumor mass extracted by surgery; it appears whitish because of the dense infiltrative fibroblastic bland proliferation.



Longitudinal view also showing bland tissue surrounding internal vital organs.



Although the tumor is benign, the affected patients usually do not survive for long as their vital internal organs are destroyed.

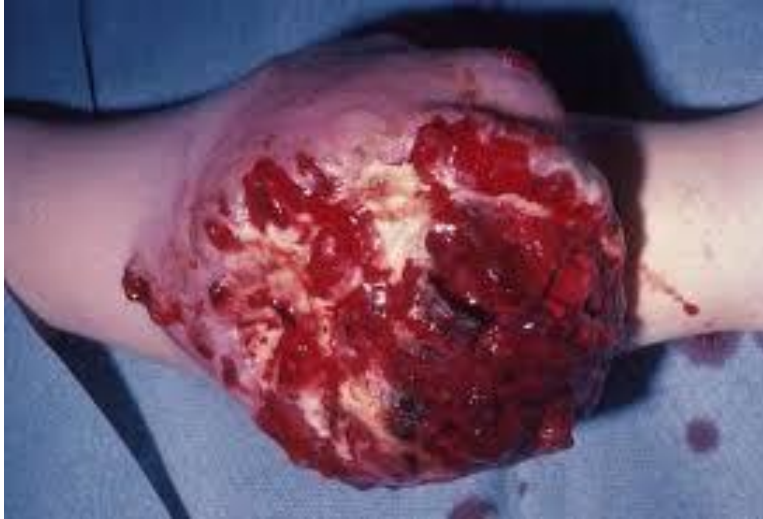
# SKELETAL MUSCLE TUMORS:

The most common site of rhabdomyoma is the in heart & tongue.

- Almost all malignant; except rhabdomyoma which is benign, rare, occurs with tuberous sclerosis
- Rhabdomyosarcoma (RMS) is the malignant prototype; most common child sarcoma
- 3 types (embryonal 60%; alveolar 20%; pleomorphic 20%)
- Specific mutations are common, especially in alveolar types
- Aggressive tumors (high-grade);
- treated by Surgery, Chemotherapy +/- Radiotherapy  
Multimodality approach for treatment



## Gross appearance:



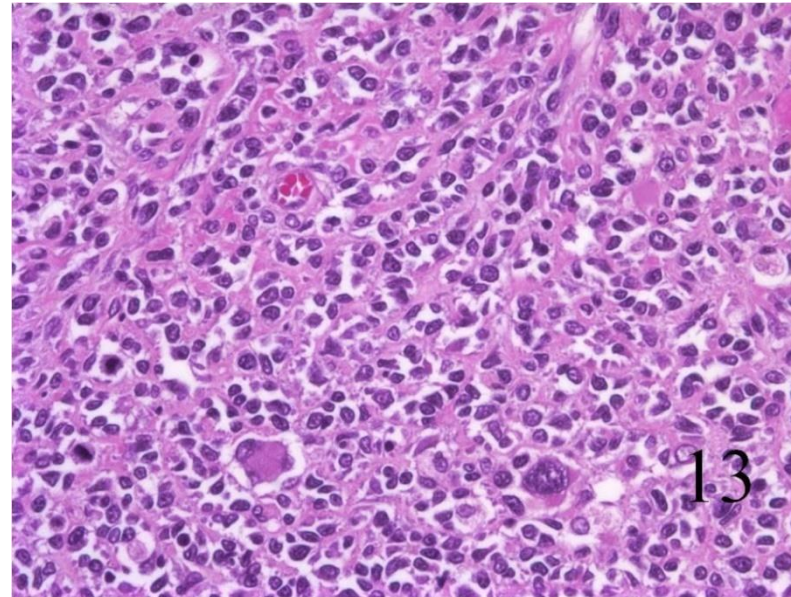
Large, fleshy, hemorrhagic tumors  
Nodules and infiltration (malignant)



# RHABDOMYOSARCOMA

## Microscopic appearance:

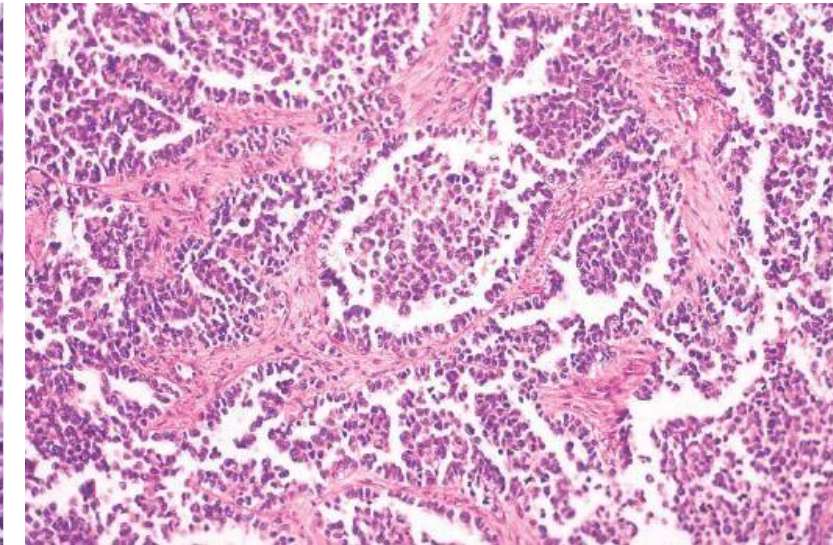
### Pleomorphic rhabdomyosarcoma



**In low-power (as the figure above):**  
Small blue cell tumor (similar to Ewing sarcoma; specific markers are needed to know the cell of origin).

**In high-power:**  
Cross-striations, which are specific to skeletal muscle fibers, can be seen.

### Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma



It resembles the lung alveolae.

Usually, specific markers are used to confirm the diagnosis (in both cases).

# SMOOTH MUSCLE TUMORS:

- Leiomyoma (benign) and leiomyosarcoma (malignant)
- Leiomyoma (LYM): very common; can occur in any site but mostly in the uterus (fibroid) ألياف → Smooth muscles are everywhere!
- Menorrhagia and infertility
- LYM vary in size and location; most of them are
  - well-circumscribed
  - not infiltrative, not hemorrhagic, not necrotic
  - White, with whorly\* cross-sections
- Few can have specific mutations (Fumarate hydratase on chromosome 1q42.3); mutations are of low diagnostic value because gross inspection and histology is usually the way to go

\*Whorly: whirly, whirlsome, whirling, twirly, swirling, wrizzled, wheely (see next slide's image)



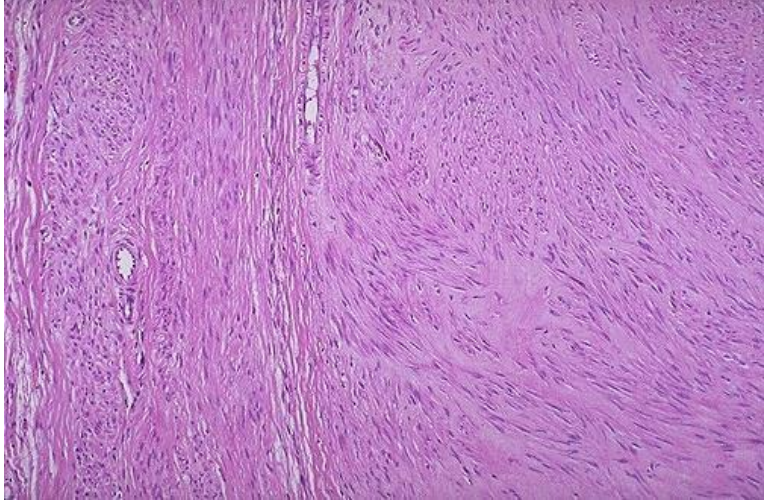
# LEIOMYOMA FEATURES:



- This is a uterus that has been removed and opened for inspection after the detection of multiple fibroids by imaging; the patient had also probably suffered from menorrhagia prior to the intervention.
- These firm, white, whorly, well-circumscribed masses are leiomyomas (or fibroids).
- They are distributed all over the uterine tissues.
- Grossly inspected, these masses clearly suggest the benignity of the neoplasia occurring here; notice the clear demarcation with no necrosis or hemorrhage.
- Anatomical distribution of the fibroids is shown by the numbers on the figure; the professor mentioned them in the lecture, but I think they are out of scope; you can memorize the image with the #'s just in case.

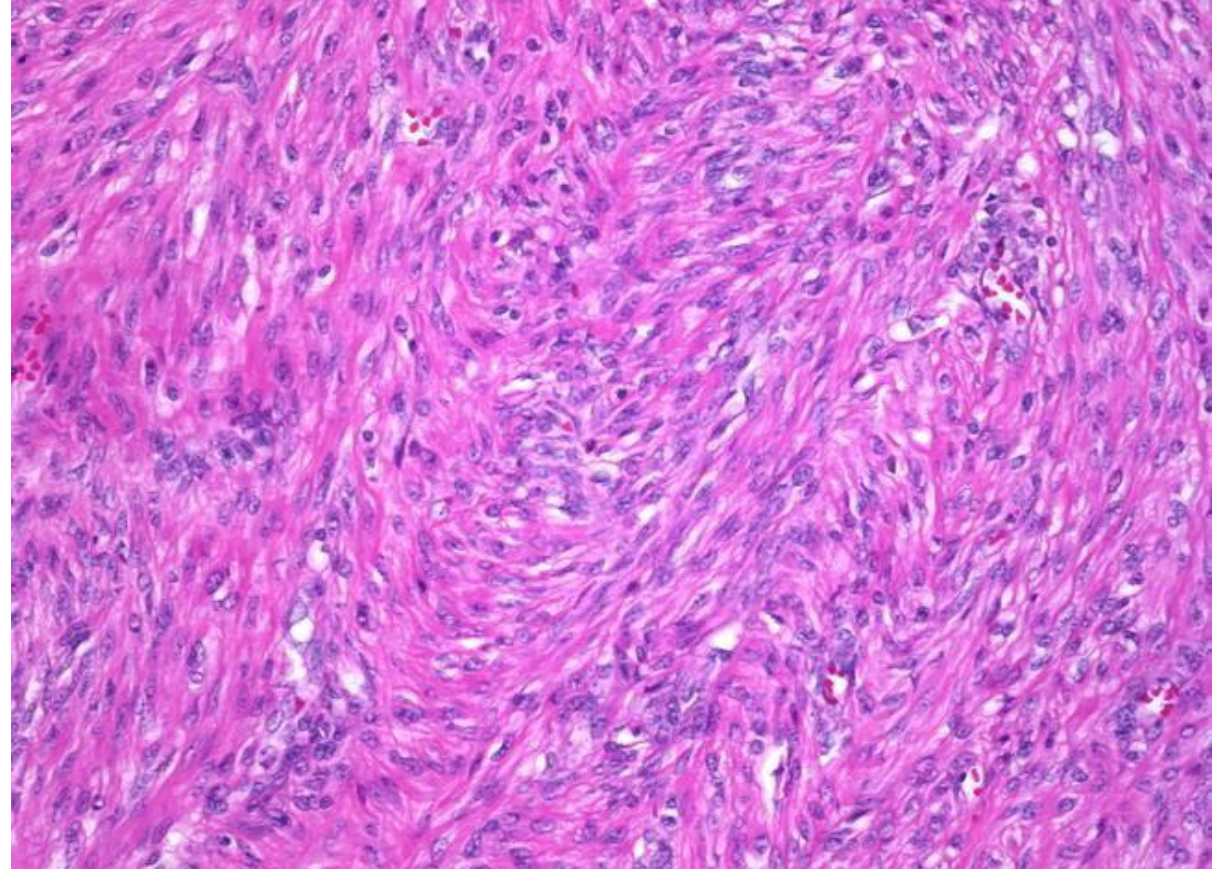
1: Submucosal      2: Intramural      3: Subserosal

# LEIOMYOMA FEATURES:



## Histologically:

- Benign smooth muscle cells
- No increased mitosis or atypia
- No hemorrhage
- No necrosis



Mitosis count is done by counting the number of dividing cells per high-power field at time of inspection. The number should not exceed a certain limit.



# LEIOMYOSARCOMA:

- 10-20% of soft tissue sarcomas
- Adults; more in females
- Deep soft tissue, extremities and retroperitoneum or from great vessels
- Can also occur in the uterus, but rarely (only 1-2%; leiomyomas 98-99%)
- Complex genotypes without specific signature mutations

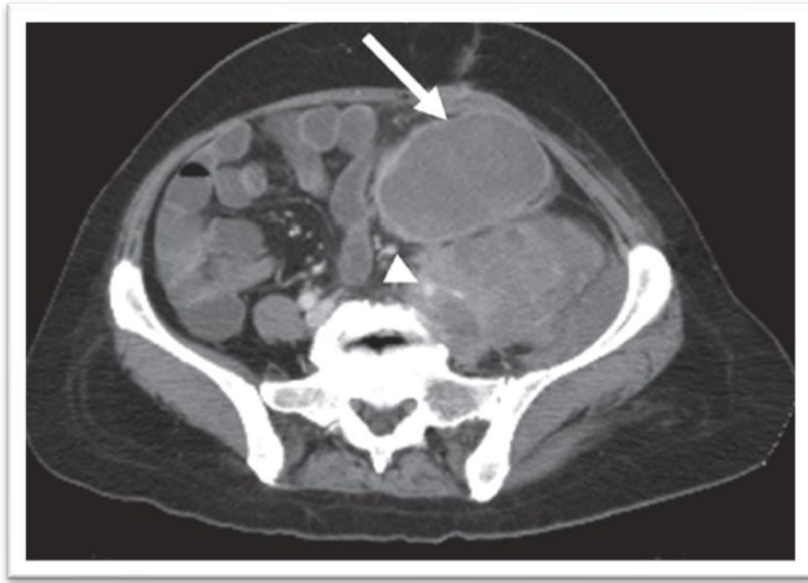
Unlike leiomyomas

- Hemorrhage
- Necrosis
- Increased mitosis
- Infiltration of surrounding tissue

- Treatment: depends on location, size and grade

A combination of techniques may be used in severe cases.

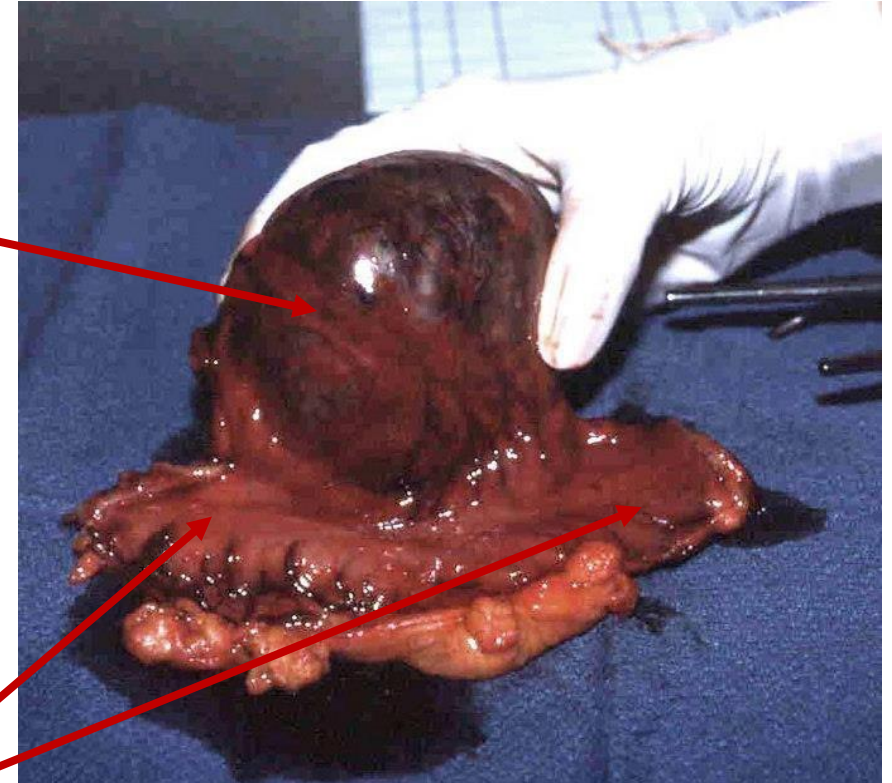
# LEIOMYOSARCOMA FEATURES:



CT scan of large intra-abdominal leiomyosarcoma.

Radiologically, hemorrhage and necrosis suggests malignancy and abdominal infiltration.

Tumor arising from small bowel

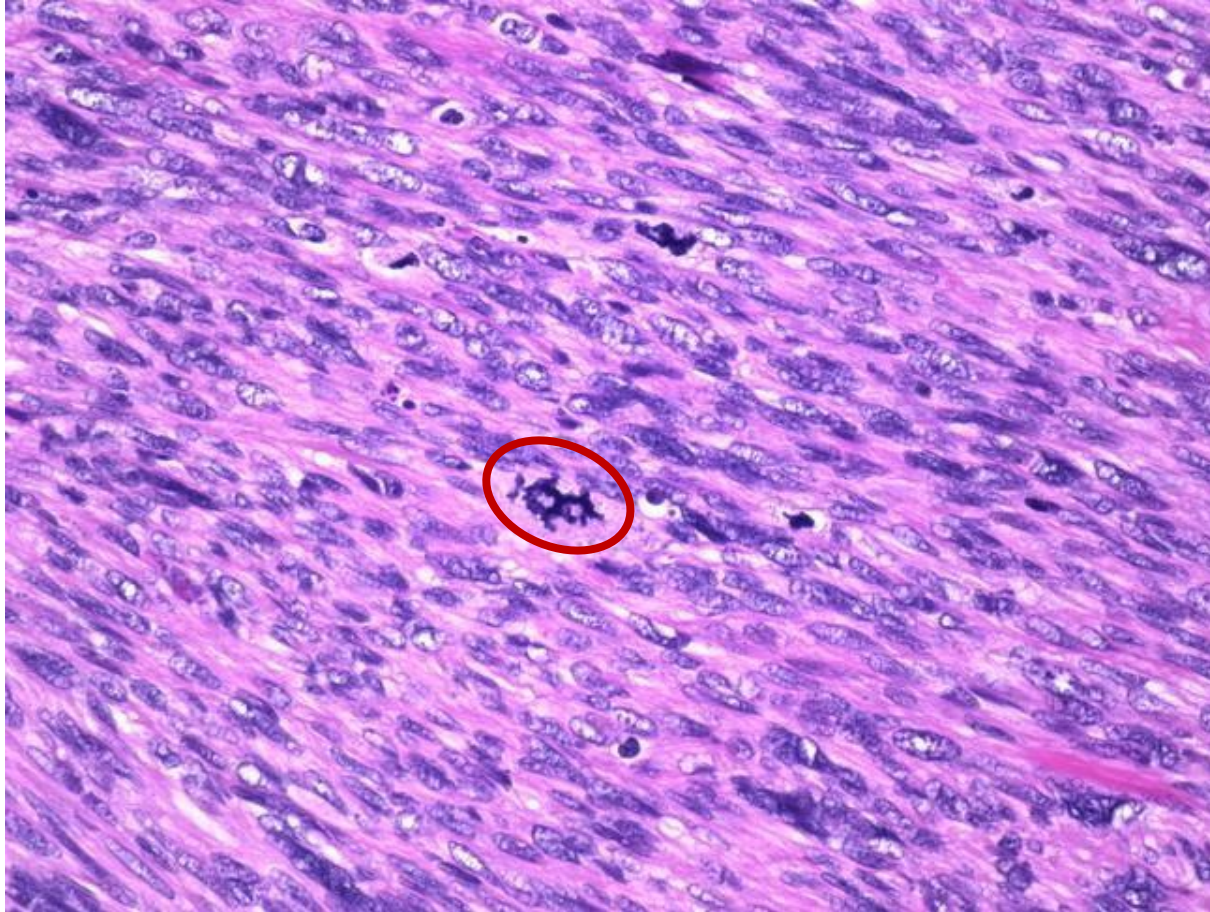


Part of the small bowel wall removed due to infiltration of the tumor; wider margins must be removed to make sure the whole malignancy is removed.

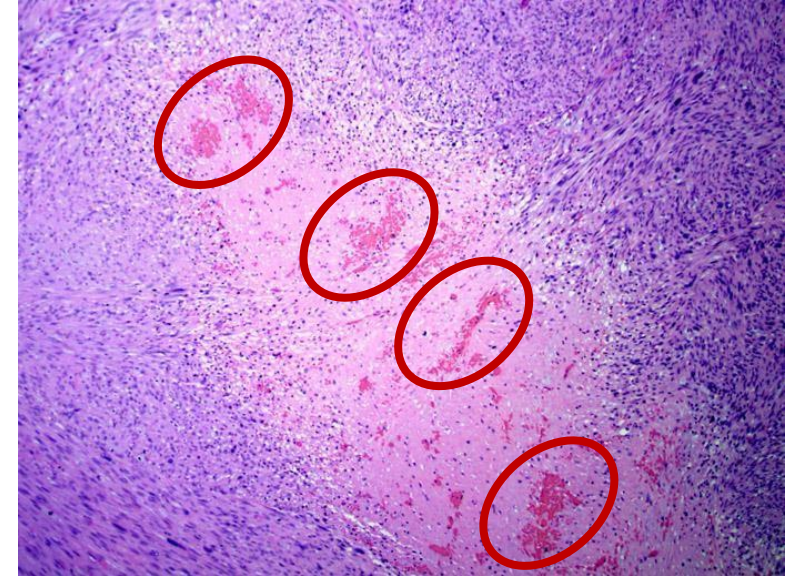
After surgical excision. Hemorrhage is evident.



# LEIOMYOSARCOMA FEATURES:



- High-grade, pleomorphic, abnormal mitosis (encircled)
- Very high cellularity



- Hemorrhage (encircled)
- Necrosis (anucleic center)
- Very high cellularity (on the margins)

## **TUMORS OF UNCERTAIN ORIGIN:**



### **Uncertain mesenchymal lineage:**

- Synovial sarcoma
- Undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma

Ewing sarcoma (if you remember the MID material!!)  
is also of uncertain origin.

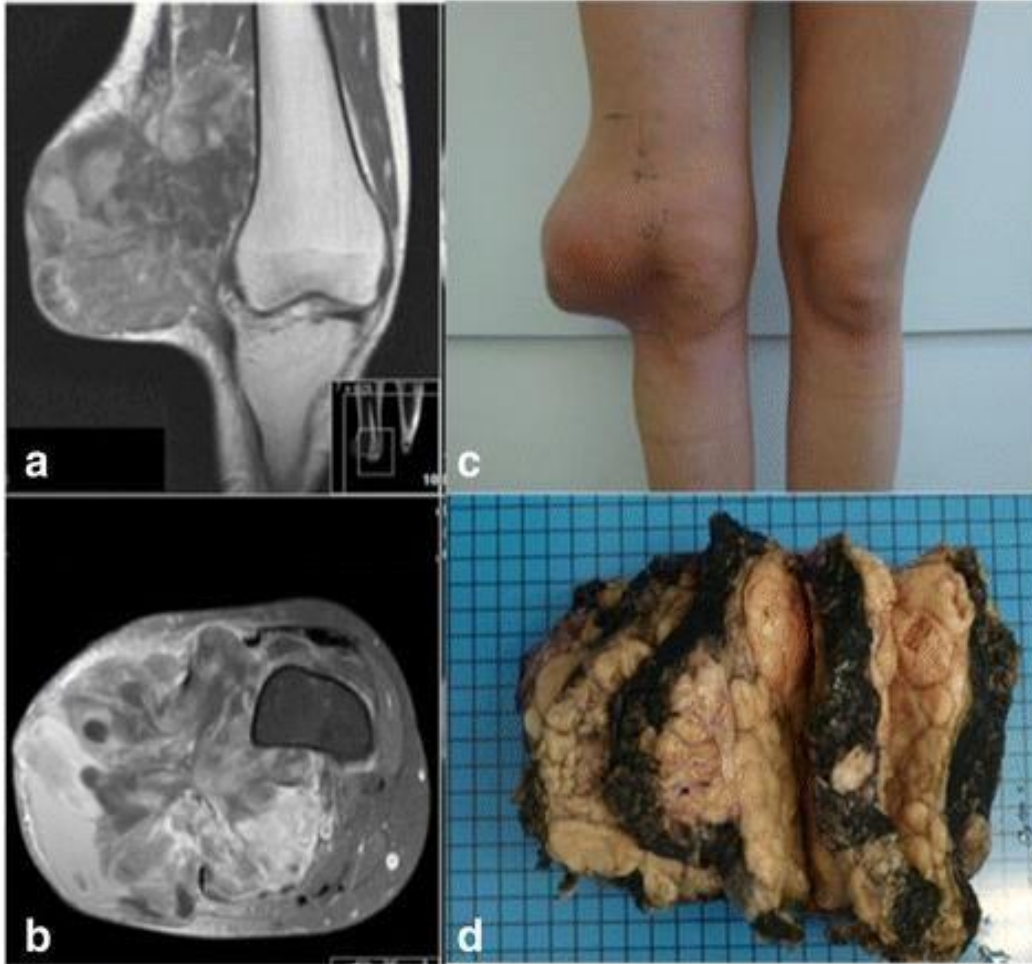


# SYNOVIAL SARCOMA:

- Name is misnomer; classically it was thought to originate from joints, thus the name, but it can occur anywhere
- 10% of all soft tissue sarcomas; young adults 20-40s age
- Deep seated mass of long history
- $T(X;18)(p11;q11)$   fusion genes  fusion protein SS18
- The translocation is detected by FISH analysis
- The fusion protein SS18 can be detected as well
- Monophasic (only spindle cells) or biphasic (spindle cells and glands)
- Both types have same prognosis; prognosis depends on the typical prognostic factors such as stage and grade of the tumor.
- Trx: aggressive with limb sparing excision + Chemotherapy
- 5-year survival is 25-65% depending on stage
- Metastasis: lung and lymph nodes

Sarcomas usually hematogenously metastasize to the lung, however synovial sarcoma is an exception since spreads to the lymph nodes as well.

# SYNOVIAL SARCOMA FEATURES:



Figures [a → d]  
Show different gross aspects of synovial sarcoma around the knee joint.

Radiology shows

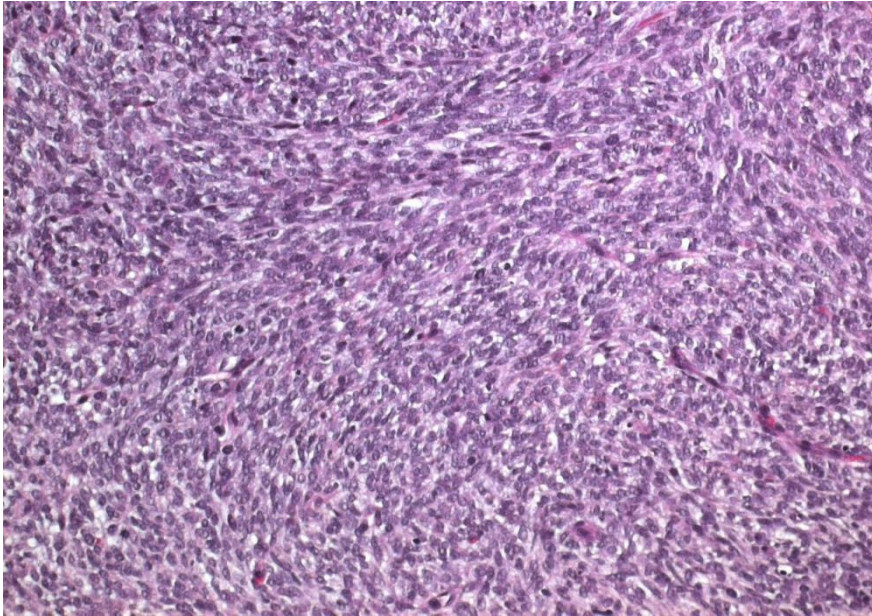
- heterogeneity
- hemorrhage
- necrosis

The black color in figure 'd' is ink, which is used to check if the tumor has reached the margins or not.

# SYNOVIAL SARCOMA FEATURES:

Histologically divided into monophasic and biphasic:

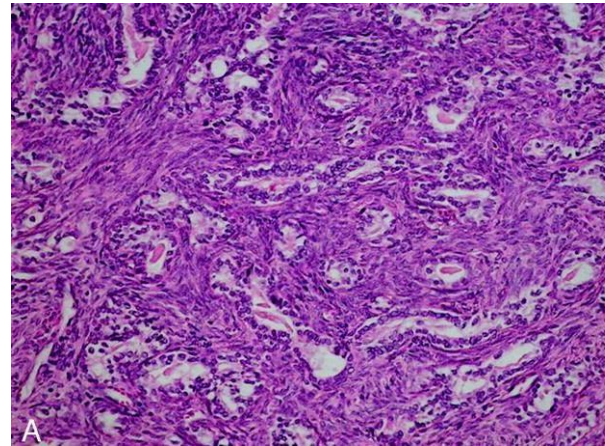
## MONOPHASIC



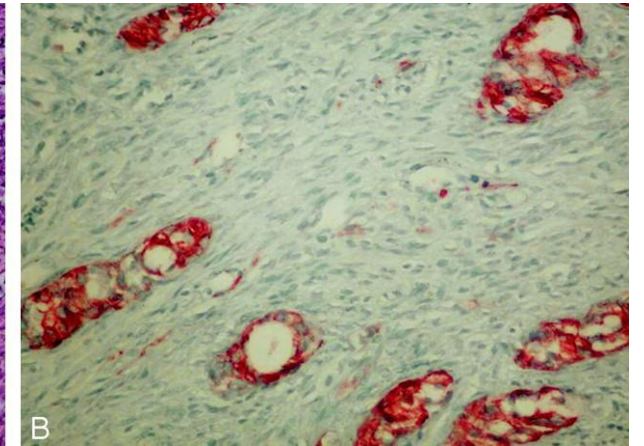
Only spindle-shaped cells with frequent mitosis, so other types – leiomyosarcoma, fibrosarcoma, etc... are probable.

To decide what type of malignancy this is, specific immunohistochemical stains are needed.

## BIPHASIC



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In addition to spindle-shaped cells, epithelium can show up as glandular tissue.

***“This is synovial sarcoma until proven otherwise”***  
~ Dr. Mousa Alabbadi

Keratin stain can be used to detect glandular tissue as it is keratin-positive.



High-grade

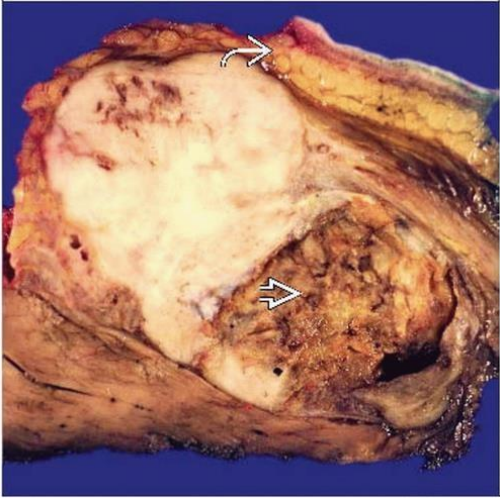
Malignant

# UNDIFFERENTIATED PLEOMORPHIC SARCOMA (UPS):

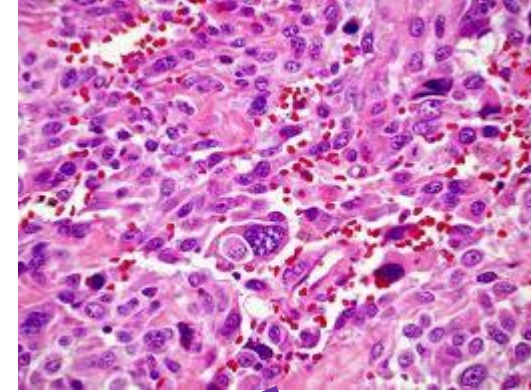
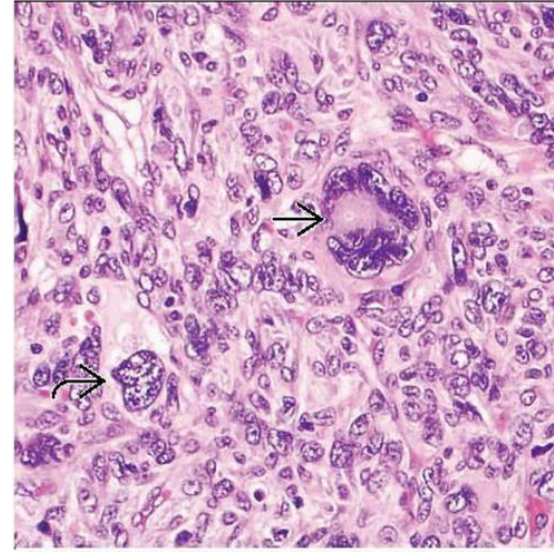
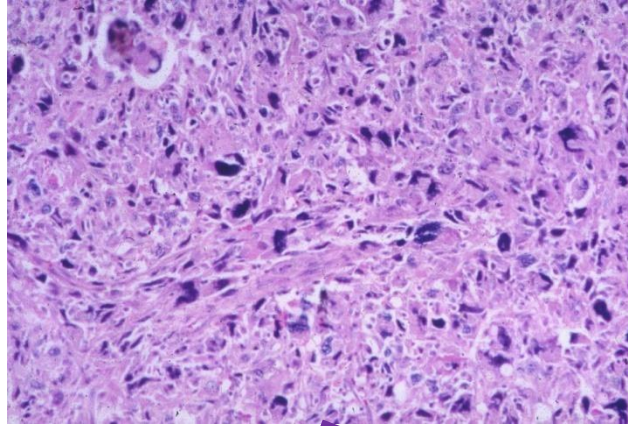
- High grade mesenchymal sarcomas of pleomorphic cells that lack cell lineage, so there is no exact cell type, and stains will not show any exact result for the cell of origin
- Deep soft tissue and extremities and retroperitoneum
- Old terminology: malignant fibrous histiocytoma (MFH), but this name is not used anymore because current methods to identify the cell of origin are available.
- Aneuploid (chromosomes are not 46) and complex genetic abnormalities with multiple possible abnormalities
- Large tumors; anaplastic (ugly, strange-looking) and pleomorphic cells, abnormal mitoses, necrosis, and hemorrhage
- Treatment: aggressive with surgery and adjuvant Chemotherapy +/- Radiotherapy; poor prognosis



# UPS FEATURES:



Large, infiltrative masses.  
Deep in the soft tissue.



Ugly, bizarre cells of unknown origin.

The diagnostic step in this case may include checking some stains specific for tissue types.

If no decision is made and the cells lack lineage (have no specific type), just call it undifferentiated pleomorphic sarcoma (UPS).



Radiology  
of UPS of  
the thigh.



## Summary

### Soft Tissue Tumors

- The category of soft tissue neoplasia describes tumors that arise from non-epithelial tissues, excluding the skeleton, joints, central nervous system, and hematopoietic and lymphoid tissues. A sarcoma is a malignant mesenchymal tumor.
- Although all soft tissue tumors probably arise from pluripotent mesenchymal stem cells, rather than mature cells, they can be classified as
  - Tumors that recapitulate a mature mesenchymal tissue (e.g., fat). These can be further subdivided into benign and malignant forms.
  - Tumors composed of cells for which there is no normal counterpart (e.g., synovial sarcoma, UPS).
- Sarcomas with simple karyotypes demonstrate reproducible, chromosomal, and molecular abnormalities that contribute to pathogenesis and are sufficiently specific to have diagnostic use.
- Most adult sarcomas have complex karyotypes, tend to be pleomorphic, and are genetically heterogeneous with a poor prognosis.

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