

# Unusual Carcinoma of the Lung: "Usual" Suspects and New Kids on the Block

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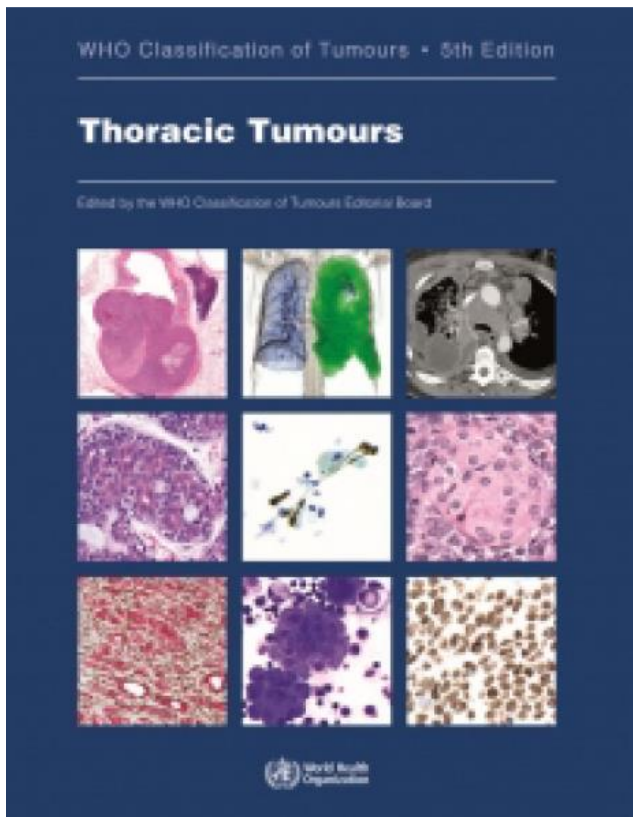
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**Tumours of the lung: Introduction**

**Small diagnostic samples**

**Epithelial tumours**

*Papillomas*

Bronchial papillomas

*Adenomas*

Sclerosing pneumocytoma

Alveolar adenoma

Papillary adenoma of the lung

Bronchiolar adenoma / ciliated muconodular papillary tumour

Mucinous cystadenoma of the lung

Mucous gland adenoma of the lung

*Precursor glandular lesions*

Atypical adenomatous hyperplasia of the lung

Adenocarcinoma in situ of the lung

*Adenocarcinomas*

Minimally invasive adenocarcinoma of the lung

Invasive non-mucinous adenocarcinoma of the lung

Invasive mucinous adenocarcinoma of the lung

Colloid adenocarcinoma of the lung

Fetal adenocarcinoma of the lung

Enteric-type adenocarcinoma of the lung

*Squamous precursor lesions*

Squamous dysplasia and carcinoma in situ of the lung

*Squamous cell carcinomas*

Squamous cell carcinoma of the lung

Lymphoepithelial carcinoma of the lung

*Large cell carcinomas*

Large cell carcinoma of the lung

*Adenosquamous carcinomas*

Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung

*Sarcomatoid carcinomas*

Pleomorphic carcinoma of the lung

Pulmonary blastoma

Carcinosarcoma of the lung

*Other epithelial tumours*

NUT carcinoma of the lung (see NUT carcinoma of the thorax)

Thoracic SMARCA4-deficient undifferentiated tumour

*Salivary gland-type tumours*

Pleomorphic adenoma of the lung

Epithelial myoepithelial carcinoma of the lung

Hyalinizing clear cell carcinoma of the lung

Myoepithelioma and myoepithelial carcinoma of the lung

**Lung neuroendocrine neoplasms**

Lung neuroendocrine neoplasms: Introduction

*Precursor lesion*

Diffuse idiopathic pulmonary neuroendocrine cell hyperplasia

*Neuroendocrine tumours*

Carcinoid/neuroendocrine tumour of the lung

*Neuroendocrine carcinomas*

Small cell lung carcinoma

Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma of the lung

**Tumours of ectopic tissues**

Melanoma of the lung

Meningioma of the lung

**Mesenchymal tumours specific to the lung**

Pulmonary hamartoma

Pulmonary chondroma

Diffuse pulmonary lymphangiomatosis

Pleuropulmonary blastoma

Pulmonary artery intimal sarcoma

Congenital peribronchial myofibroblastic tumour

Primary pulmonary myxoid sarcoma with EWSR1-CREB1 fusion

*PEComatous tumours*

Lymphangioliomyomatosis of the lung

PEComa of the lung

**Haematolymphoid tumours**

Haematolymphoid tumours of the lung: Introduction

MALT lymphoma of the lung

Pulmonary diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

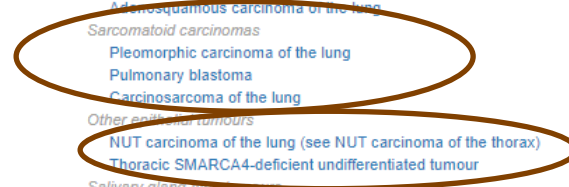
Pulmonary primary angioimmunoblastic T-cell lymphoma of the lung

Primary mediastinal large B-cell lymphoma of the lung

Pulmonary Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Pulmonary Erdheim-Chester disease

“Usual” suspect: Sarcomatoid carcinoma



New kids on the block: NUT carcinoma & Thoracic SMARCA4-deficient undifferentiated tumor



# Sarcomatoid Carcinoma

- carcinoma with mesenchymal-like or sarcomatoid / sarcomatous component -

- Pleomorphic carcinoma of the lung
  - Pulmonary blastoma
  - Carcinosarcoma of the lung
- ✓ Carcinoma in transition: the mesenchymal-like or sarcomatoid / sarcomatous component derived from carcinoma cells through activation of a stable epithelial – mesenchymal transition program



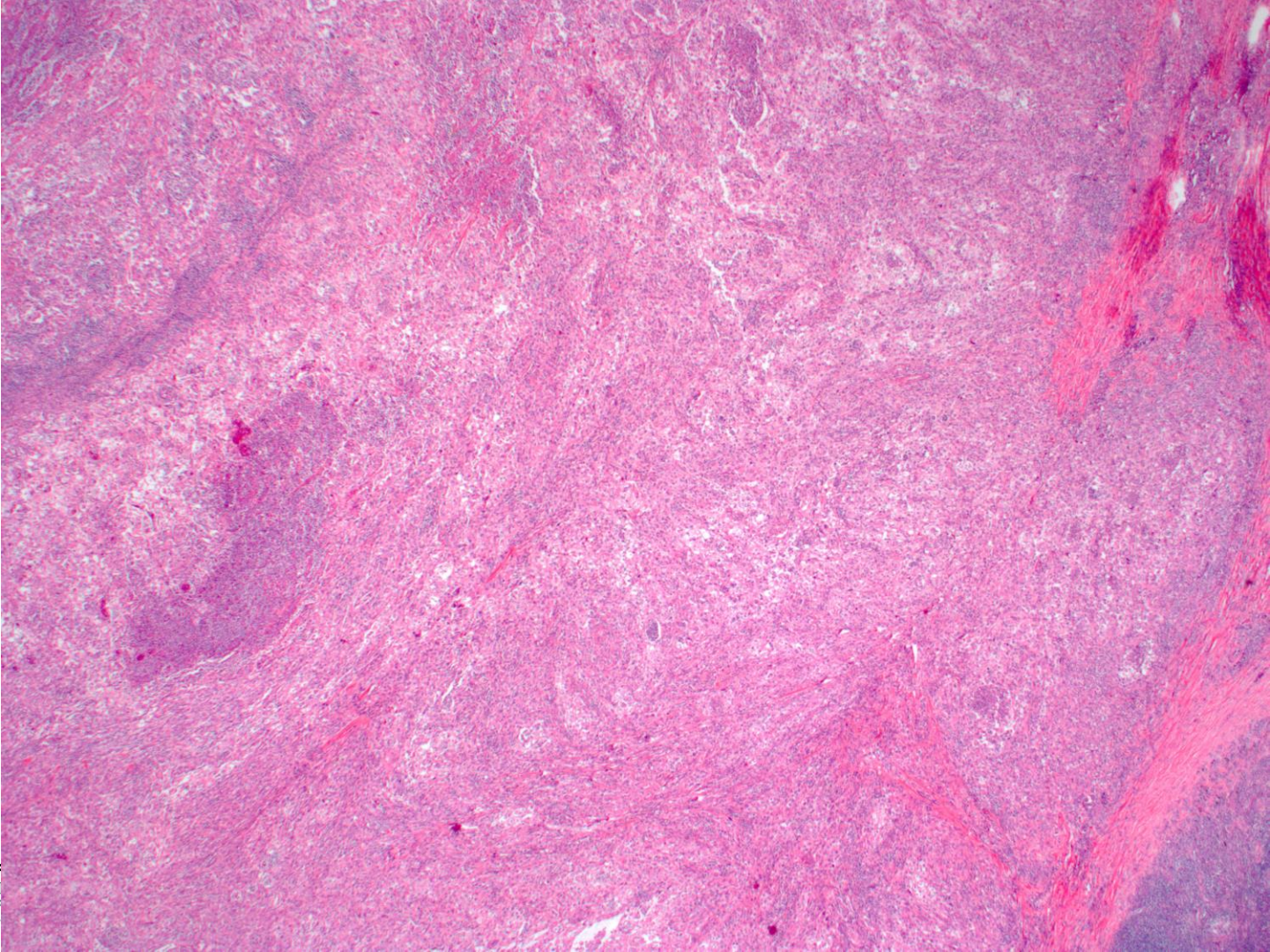


# Pleomorphic Carcinoma of the Lung

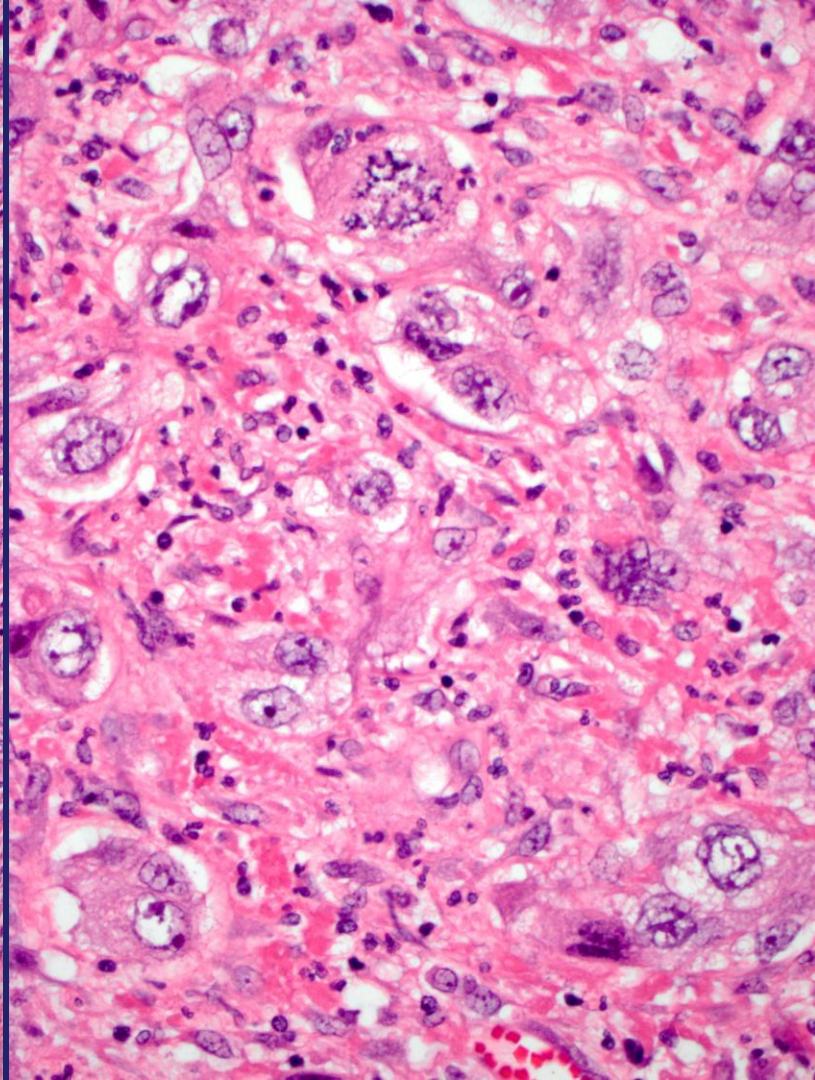
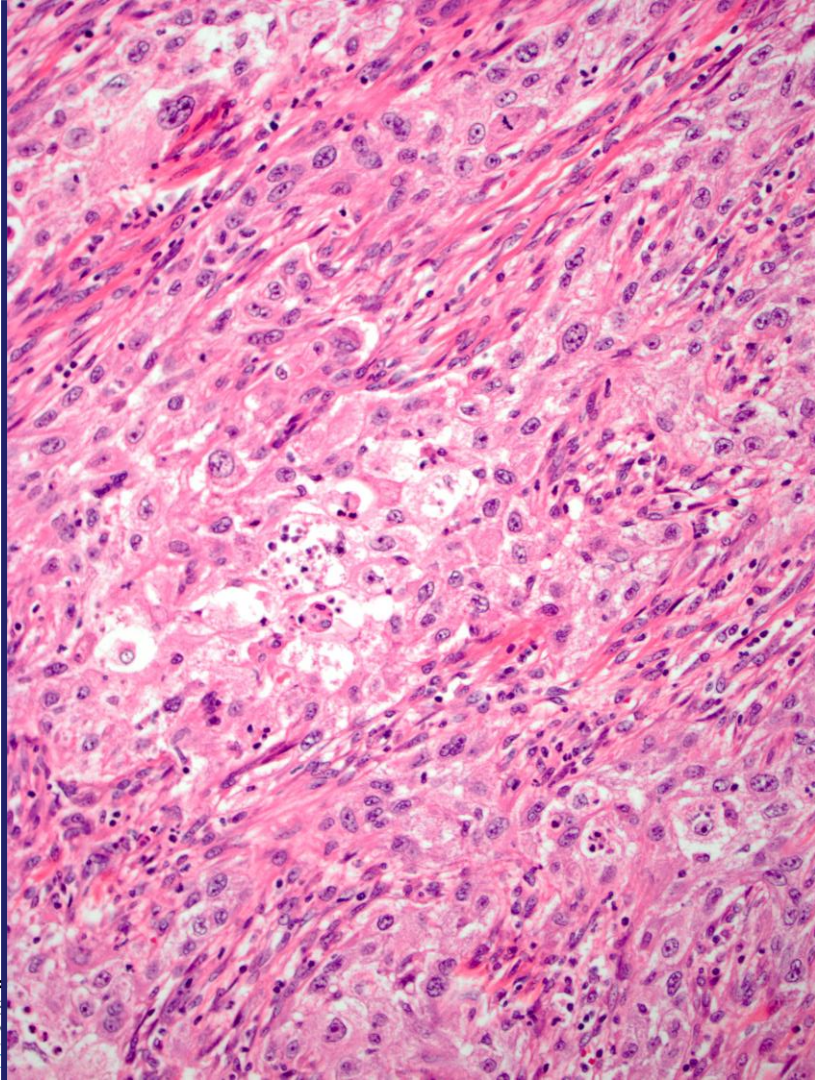
- Poorly differentiated NSCLC with at least 10% spindle cell and/or giant cells or a carcinoma consisting only of spindle and neoplastic giant cells
- 2-3% of all lung cancers in surgical series, but < 1% in the epidemiological studies
- Pure spindle cell and giant cell carcinomas are even rarer
- Peak incidence in the seventy decade with male predominance
- The majority occurs in tobacco smokers, although rare cases in never-smokers have been reported
- Aggressive tumors with distant metastases commonly found, and resistance to chemo- and radiotherapy

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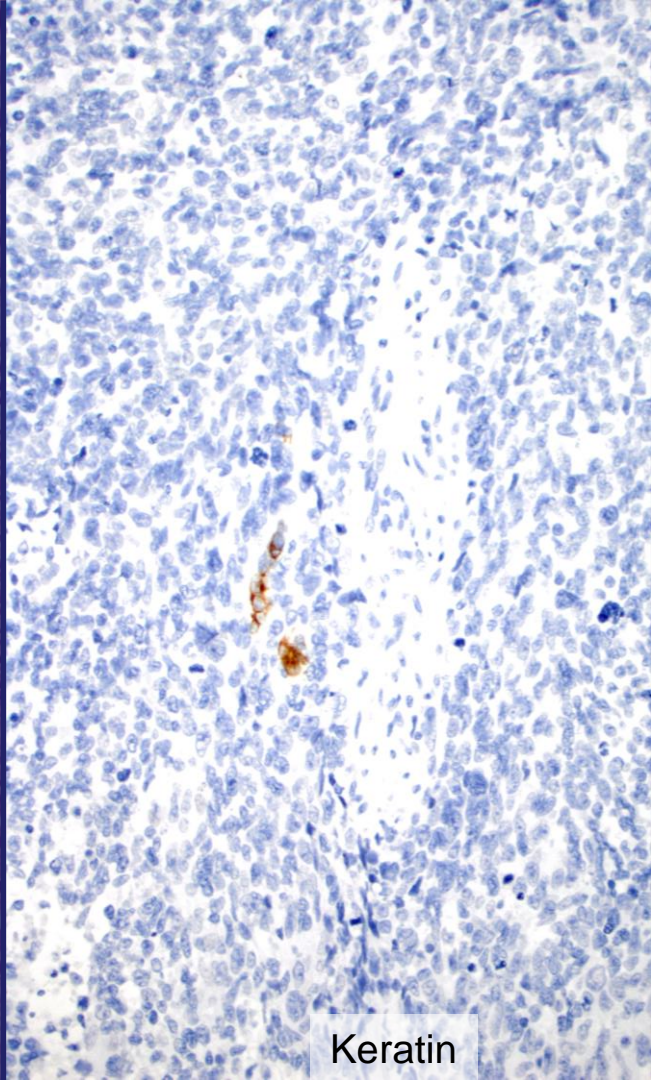
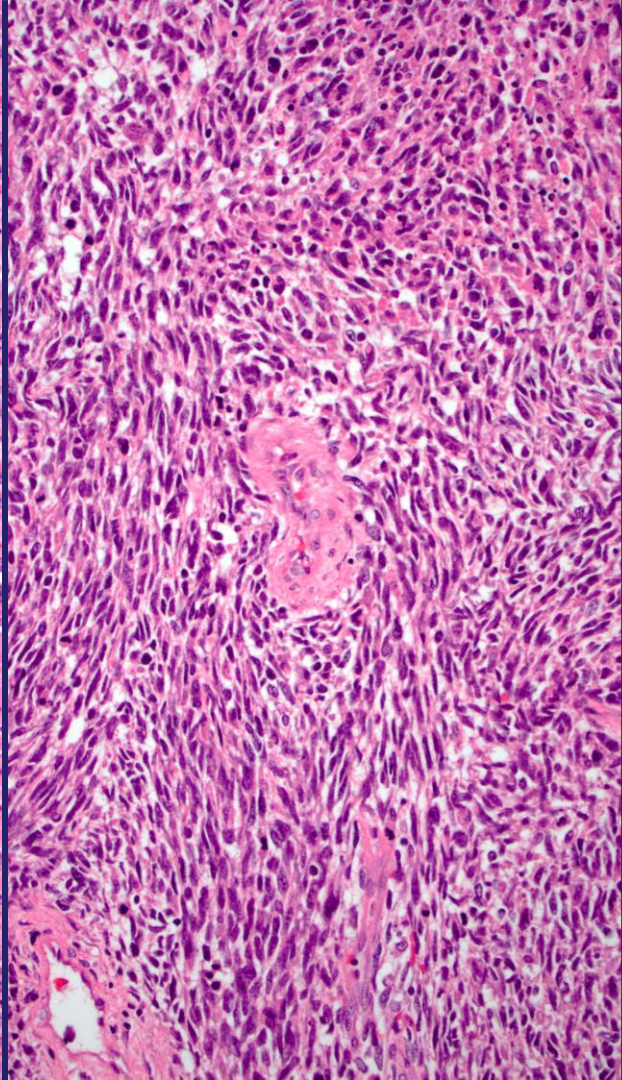
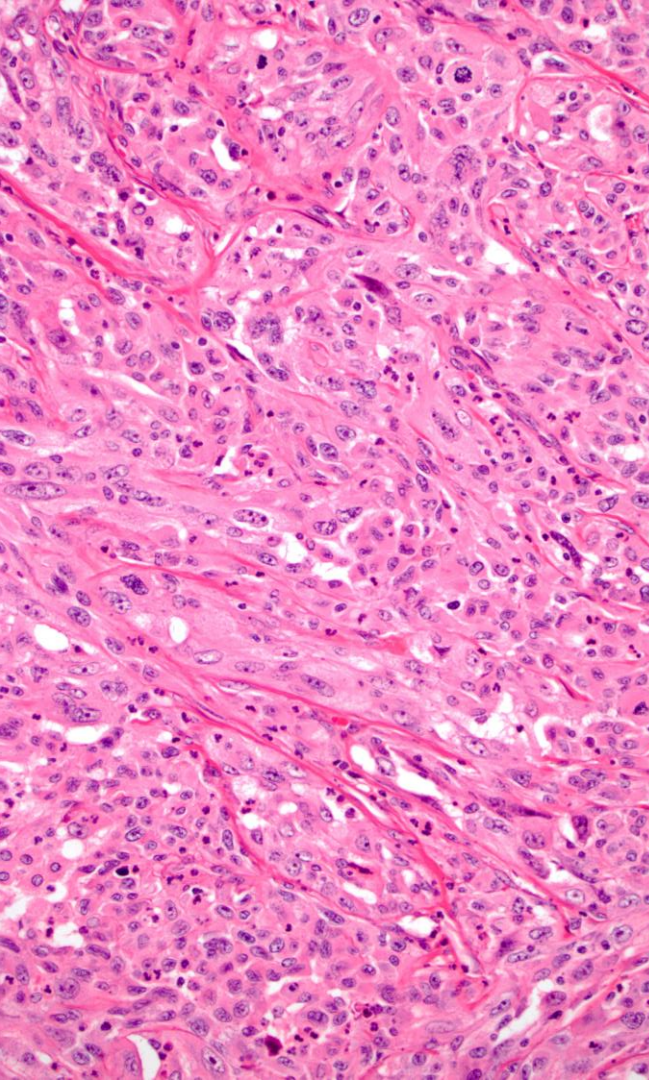
- The NSCC component can be squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma and/or undifferentiated NSCC (“large cell carcinoma”)
- If high-grade neuroendocrine carcinoma is present, the tumor should be classified as combined small cell carcinoma or large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma
- The definite diagnosis may be rendered only on a resected tumor
- The specific histological components should be mentioned in the diagnosis





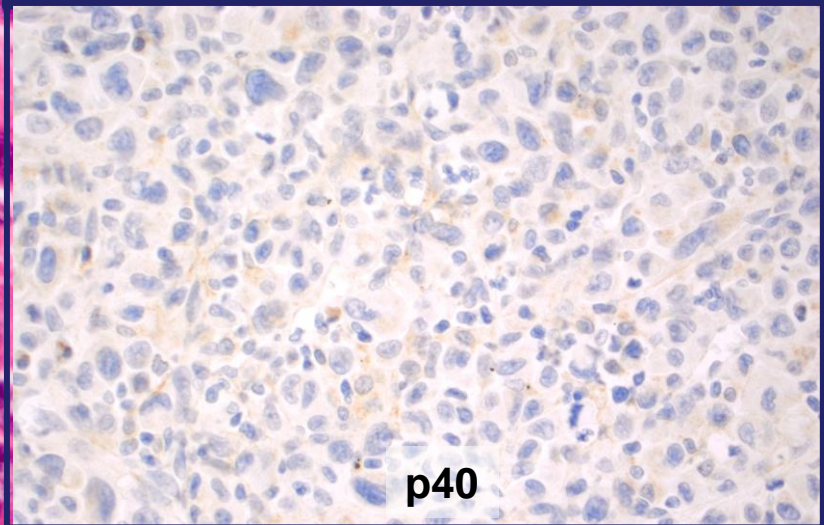
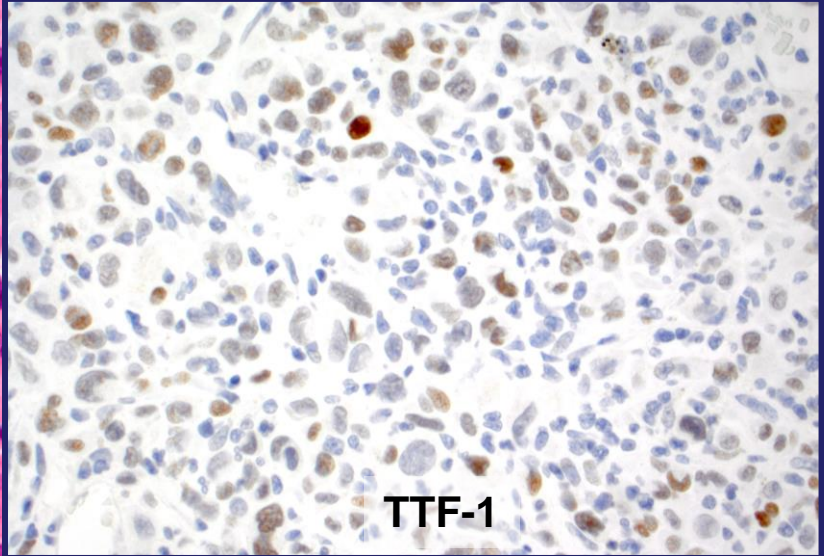
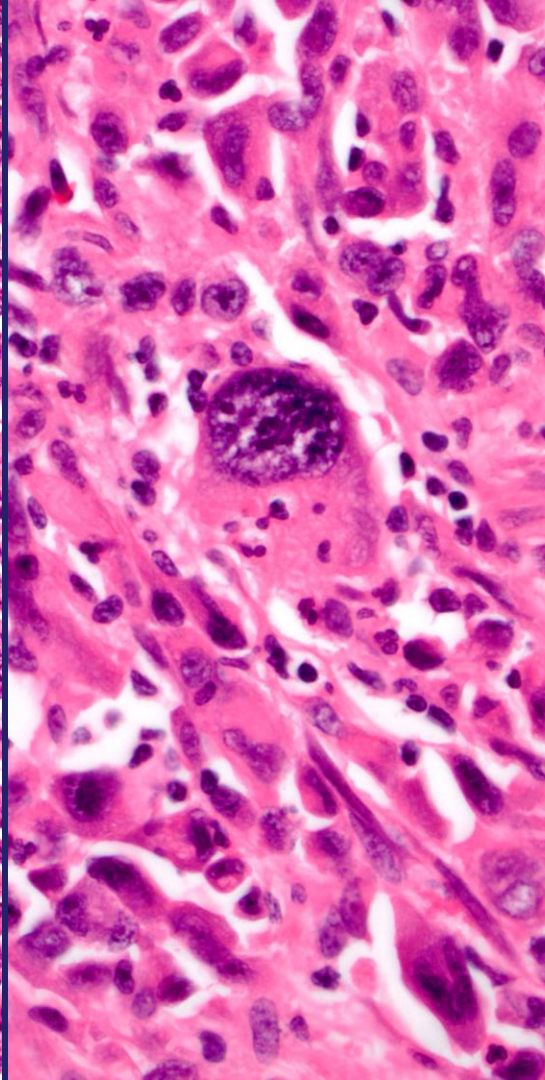
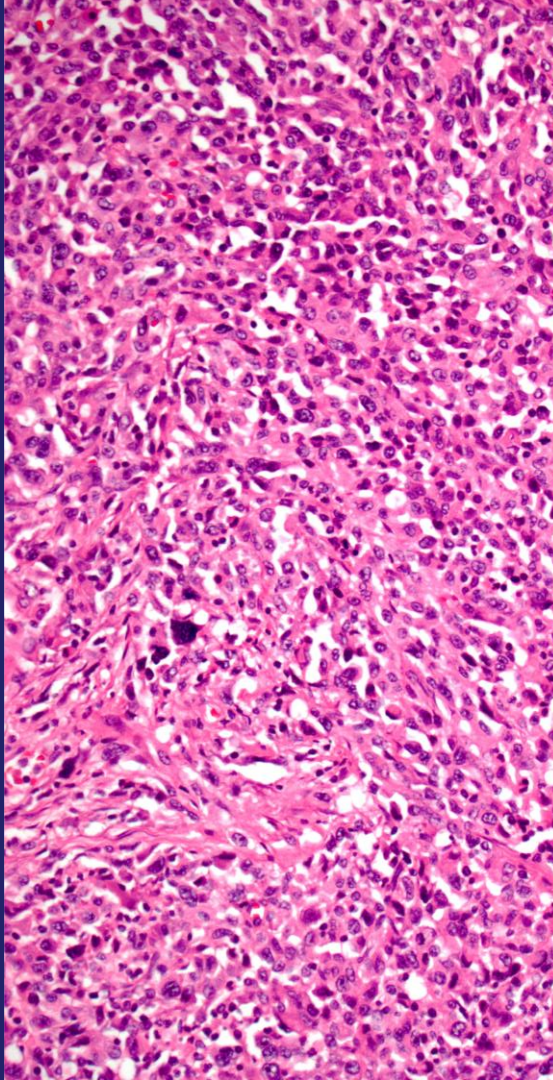






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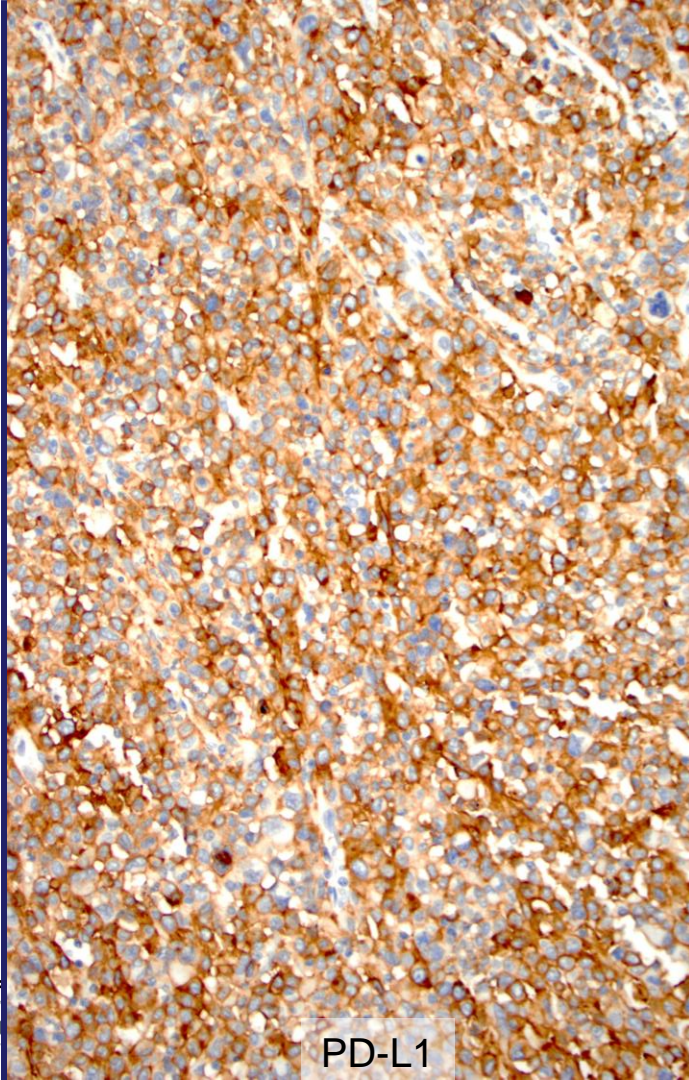




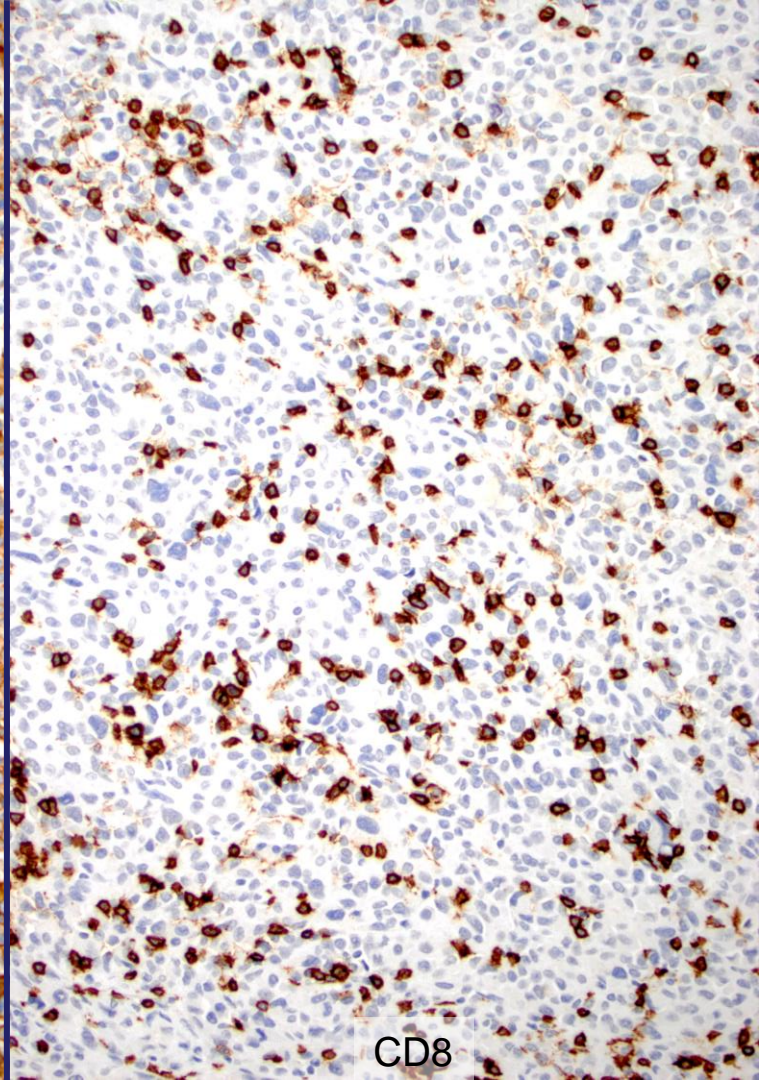
# Molecular Alterations in Pleomorphic Carcinoma

- Similar to those found in other NSCLC, in particular lung adenocarcinoma
  - *KRAS* mutations (in up to 38% of cases)
  - *EGFR* mutations (in up to 25% of cases)
  - Frequent *TP53* mutations
- MET exon 14 skipping mutations in 12-22% of cases
- Frequent PD-L1 expression (60-90%) with more prominent expression in the sarcomatoid area





PD-L1



CD8





# Differential diagnosis

- Carcinosarcoma of the lung
- Pulmonary blastoma
- Metastatic sarcomatoid carcinoma
- Primary or metastatic sarcoma: synovial sarcoma, epithelioid hemangioendothelioma/angiosarcoma, follicular dendritic cell sarcoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, etc.
- Metastatic melanoma (spindle cell pattern)
- Pleural mesothelioma, biphasic or sarcomatoid
- Metastatic adrenocortical carcinoma
- Metastatic choriocarcinoma
- Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor
- Reactive fibrotic and inflammatory processes

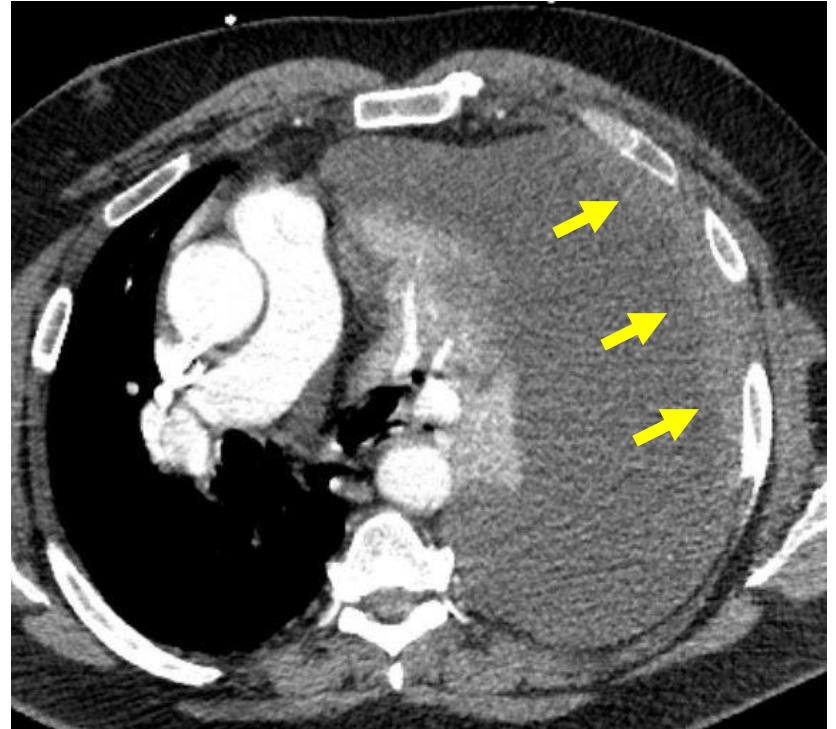
# Pleomorphic Carcinoma vs. Sarcomatoid Mesothelioma

IHC marker	Pleomorphic carcinoma	Sarcomatoid mesothelioma
GATA 3	4%	100%
Claudin 4	36%	0%
EpCAM	23%	0%
HEG1	0%	44%
WT1	17%	49%
D2-40	15%	46%
Calretinin	33%	54%

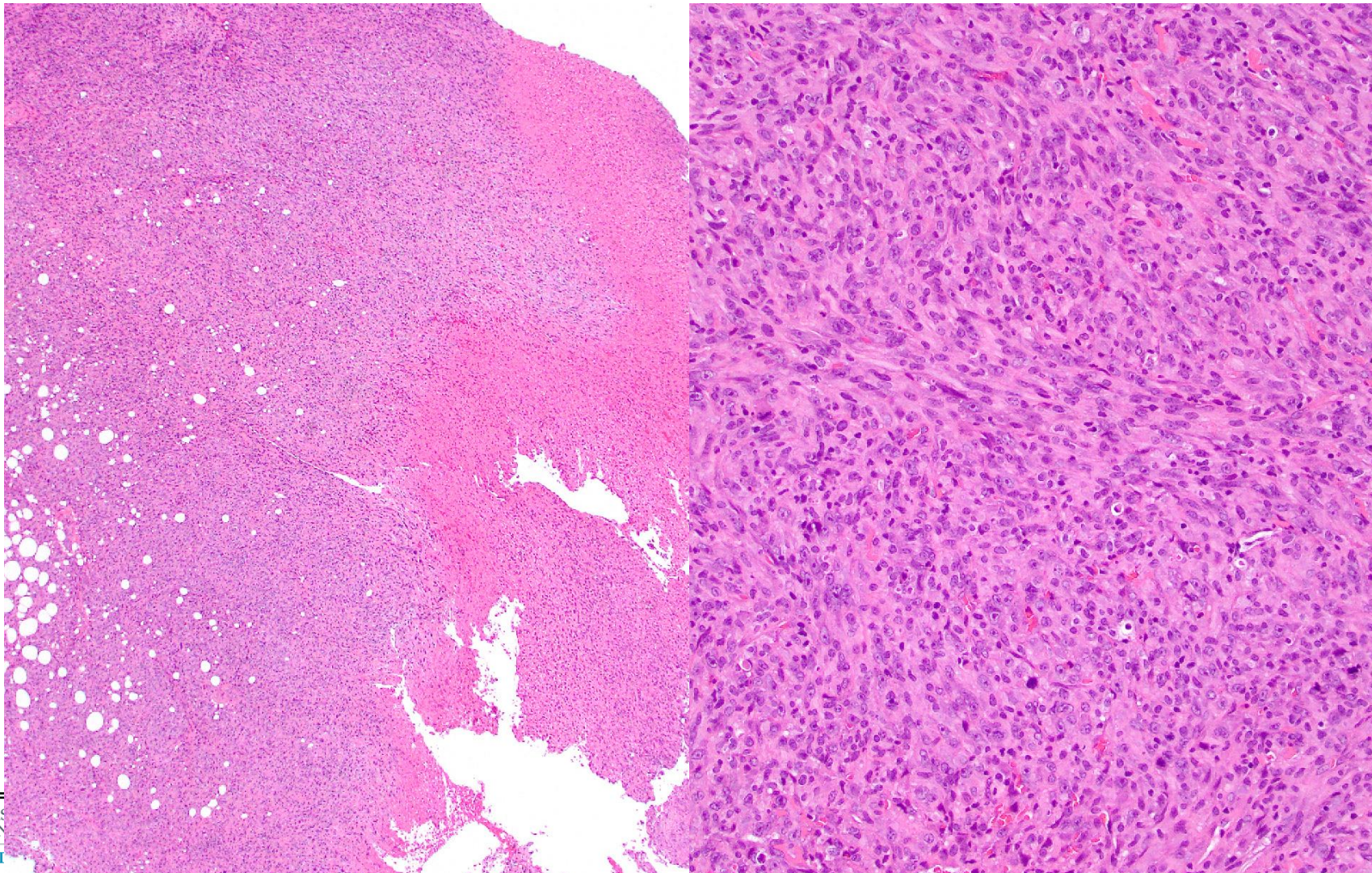
BAP1 loss: 34% of sarcomatoid mesothelioma; MTAP loss: 83% of sarcomatoid mesothelioma

# 64-year-old man

- Never – smoker
- Presented with dyspnea and cough
- A large left pleural effusion + pleural nodules depicted by imaging studies
- During VATS biopsy from left parietal pleura, studding noted throughout most of the parietal pleura



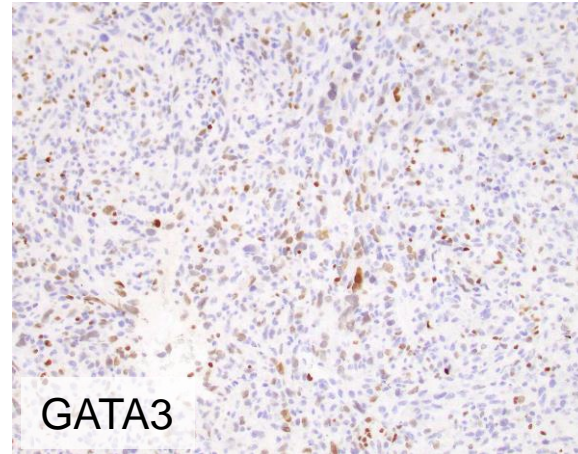
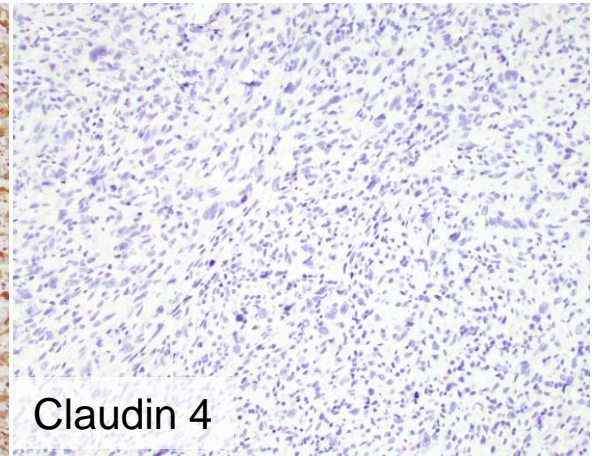
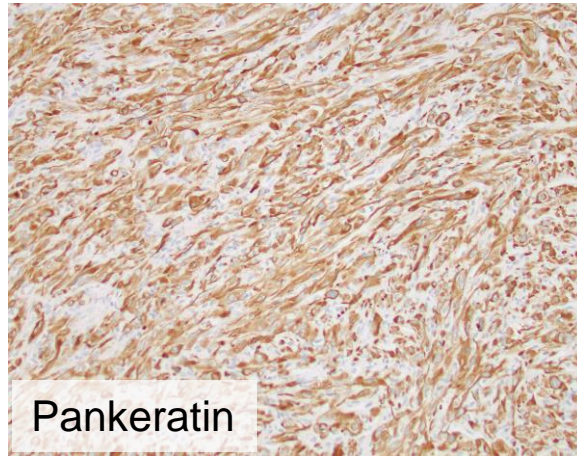






# Mesothelioma

Positive	Negative
Pankeratin	Claudin 4
CK5/6 (focal)	MOC31
Calretinin (focal)	TTF-1/p40
D2-40 (focal)	CD31/CD34
GATA3 (weak & focal)	Desmin
	S100
	BAP1 (retained)



PD-L1 TPS 50%

-> Treated with Ipilimumab / nivolumab

# NGS



*MET* exon 14 skipping mutation supportive for the diagnosis of sarcomatoid carcinoma

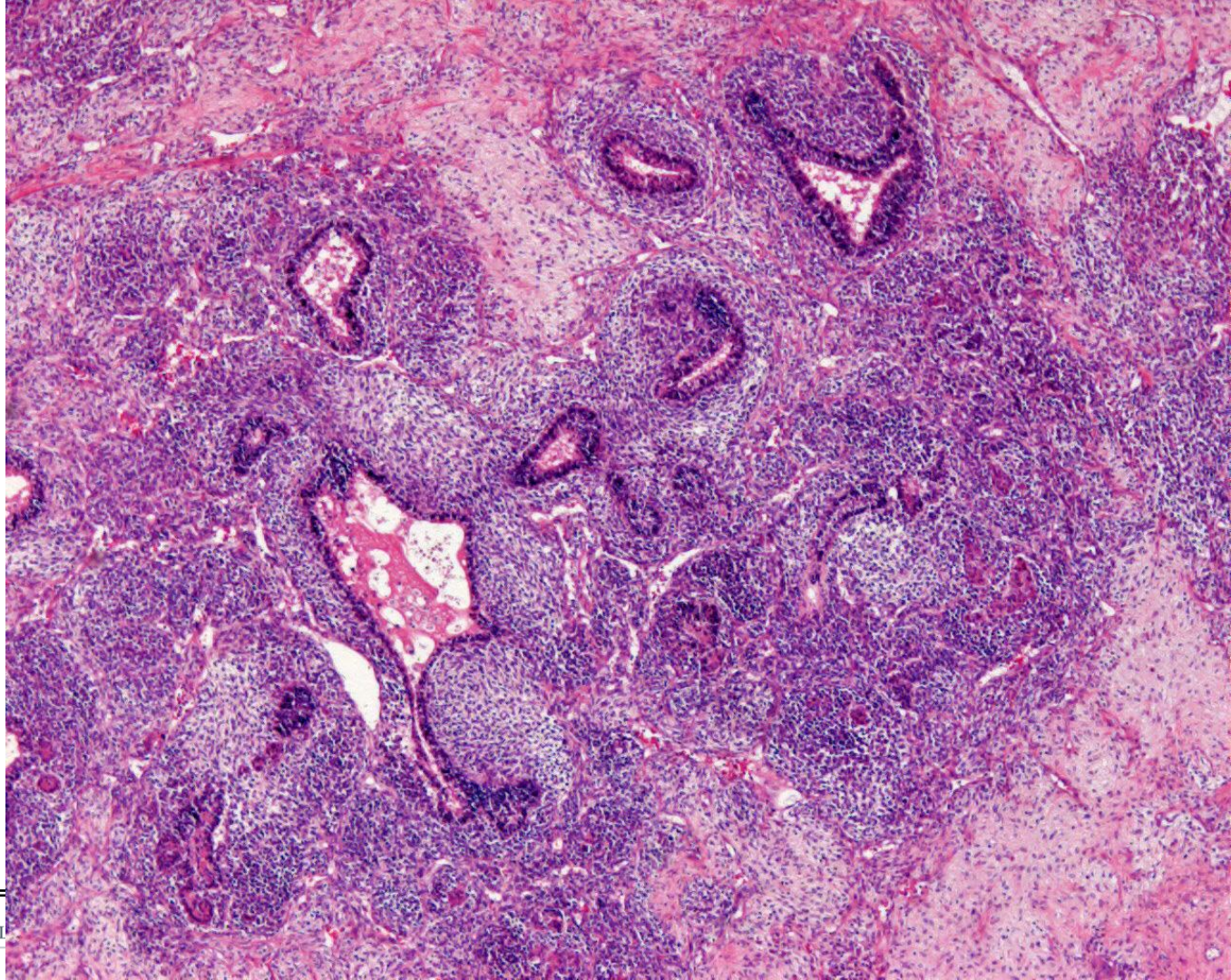
# Pulmonary Blastoma

- A biphasic tumor consisting of low-grade fetal adenocarcinoma and primitive mesenchymal stroma; foci of specific mesenchymal differentiation may also be present, but not required for the diagnosis
- Completely different pleuropulmonary blastoma
- Very rare - <0.1% of all resected lung cancers
- Most common in the 5<sup>th</sup> decade with no gender predominance
- Distant metastases and tumor recurrence are common, and prognosis correlates is generally poor



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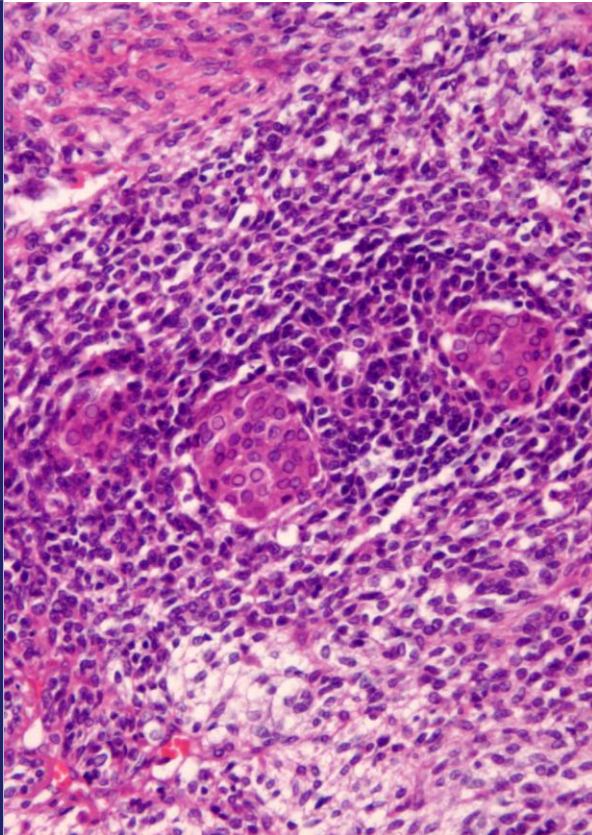
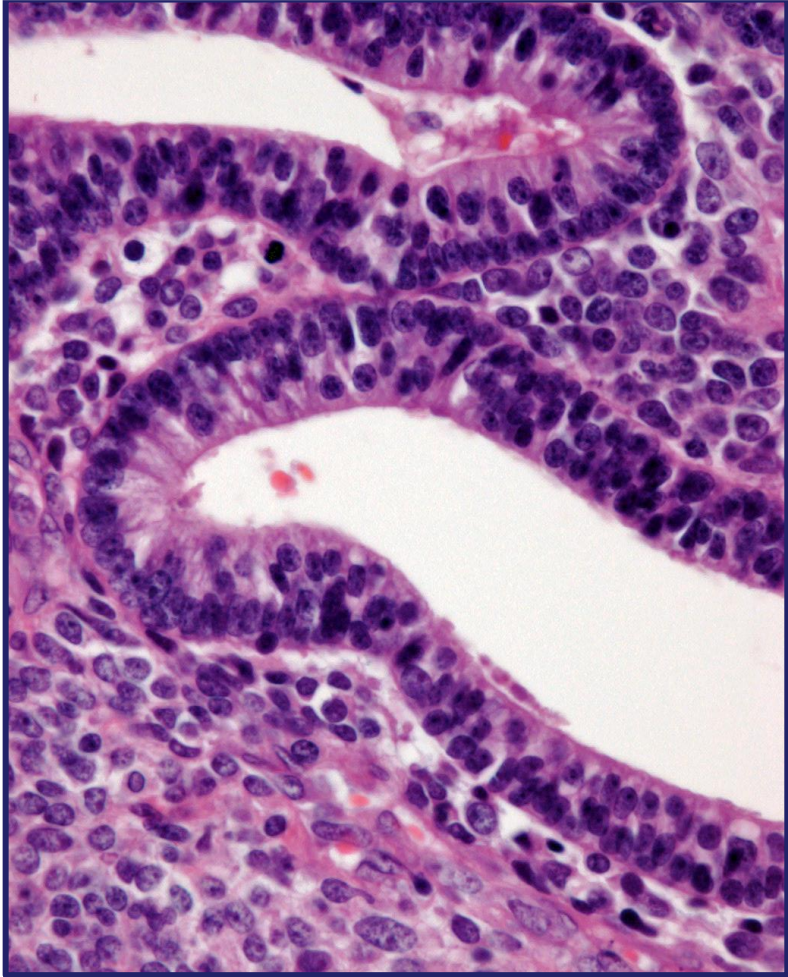


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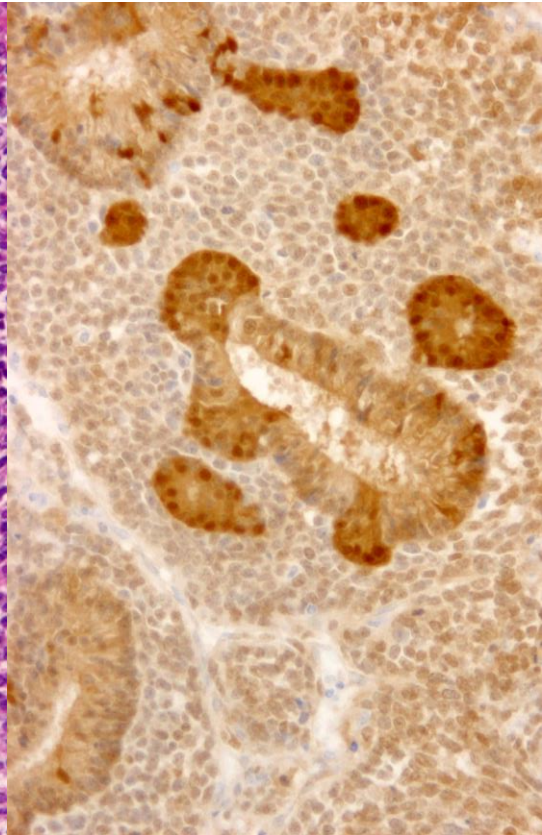
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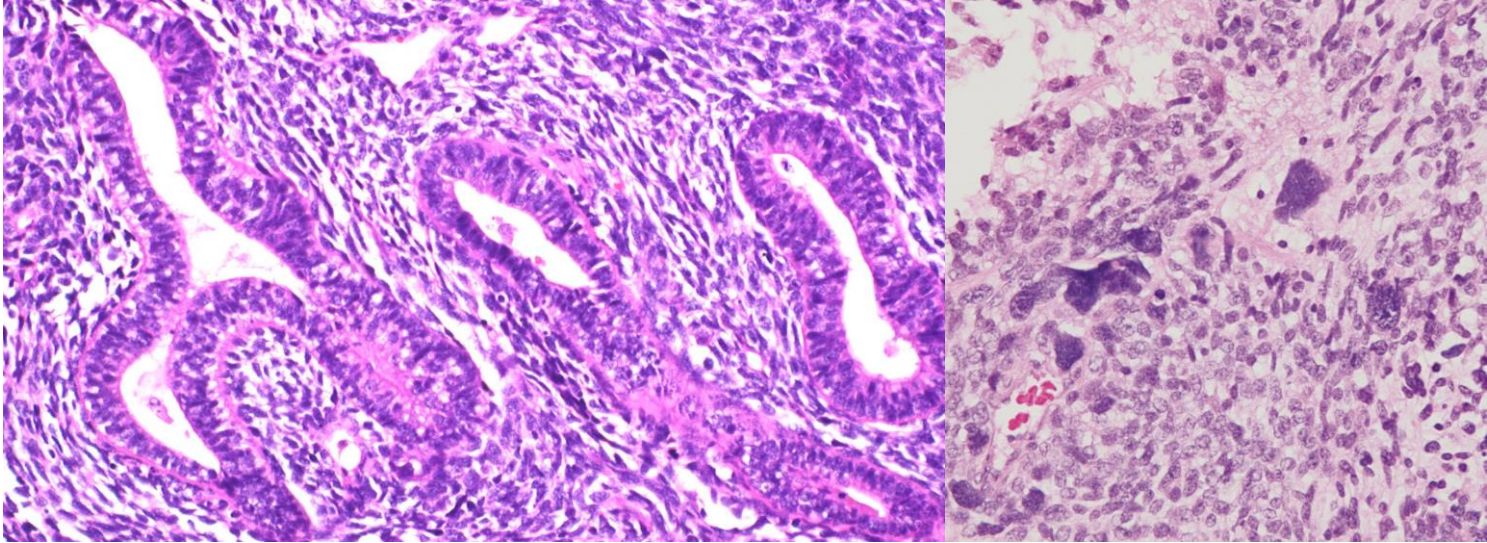
**Morule formation**



**B-catenin**



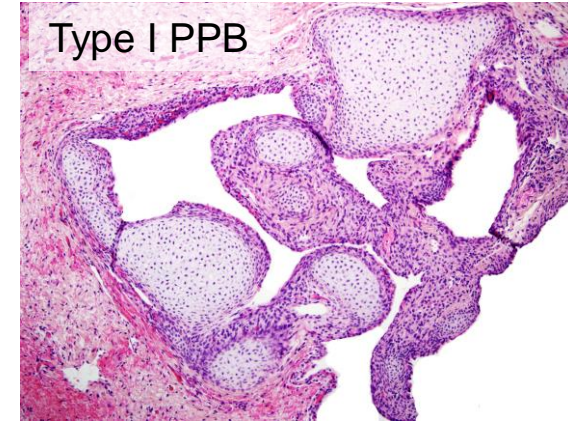
# Mesenchymal Component



- Primitive mesenchymal stroma with a tendency to differentiate towards more mature fibroblast-like cells in the myxoid or fibrous background
- Occasional bizarre giant cells may be seen
- Heterologous elements reported in up to 25% of cases

# Pulmonary Blastoma: Comparison with Low-grade Fetal Adenocarcinoma and Pleuropulmonary Blastoma

Feature	Fetal Adenocarcinoma	Biphasic Pulmonary Blastoma	Pleuropulmonary Blastoma
<b>Clinical</b>			
Younger than 10 years, %	0	0	>90
Smoker	Often	Often	No
Location	Lung	Lung	Lung, pleura, mediastinum
Average size, cm	4.5	10.1	NA, typically large
Asymptomatic	Often	Occasional	Rare
Prognosis	Good	Poor	Favorable for type I; poor for types II and III
<b>Pathologic</b>			
Malignant epithelium/stroma	Yes/no	Yes/yes	No/yes
Associated cystic change	No	No	In type I cases
Morules present, %	86	43	0
Chromogranin-positive cells	Frequent	Frequent	No



Abbreviation: NA, not available.

- Missense mutations in exon 3 of *CTNNB1* gene are frequently seen in pulmonary blastoma and shared with low-grade fetal adenocarcinoma

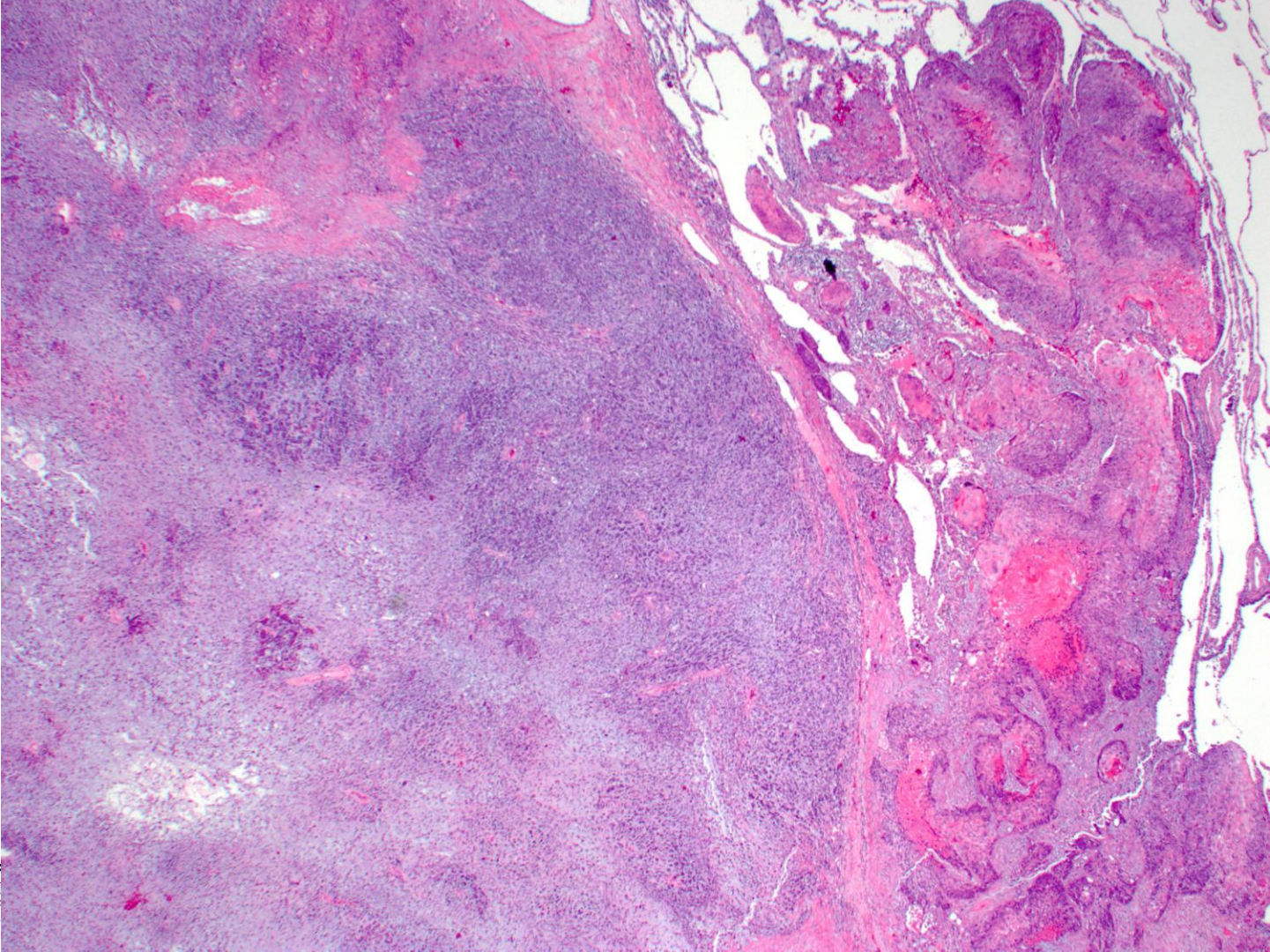
# Carcinosarcoma of the Lung

- A malignant tumor consisting of a mixture of NSCLC (typically squamous cell carcinoma > adenocarcinoma) and sarcoma with heterologous elements
- Very rare - < 0.2% of lung carcinomas
- The median age of 65 years with male predominance (M:F = 7-8:1)
- Prognosis is worse than those of other non-small cell carcinomas; Worse outcome has been associated with older age, comorbidities, higher T and N stages, vascular invasion, and spread through airspaces

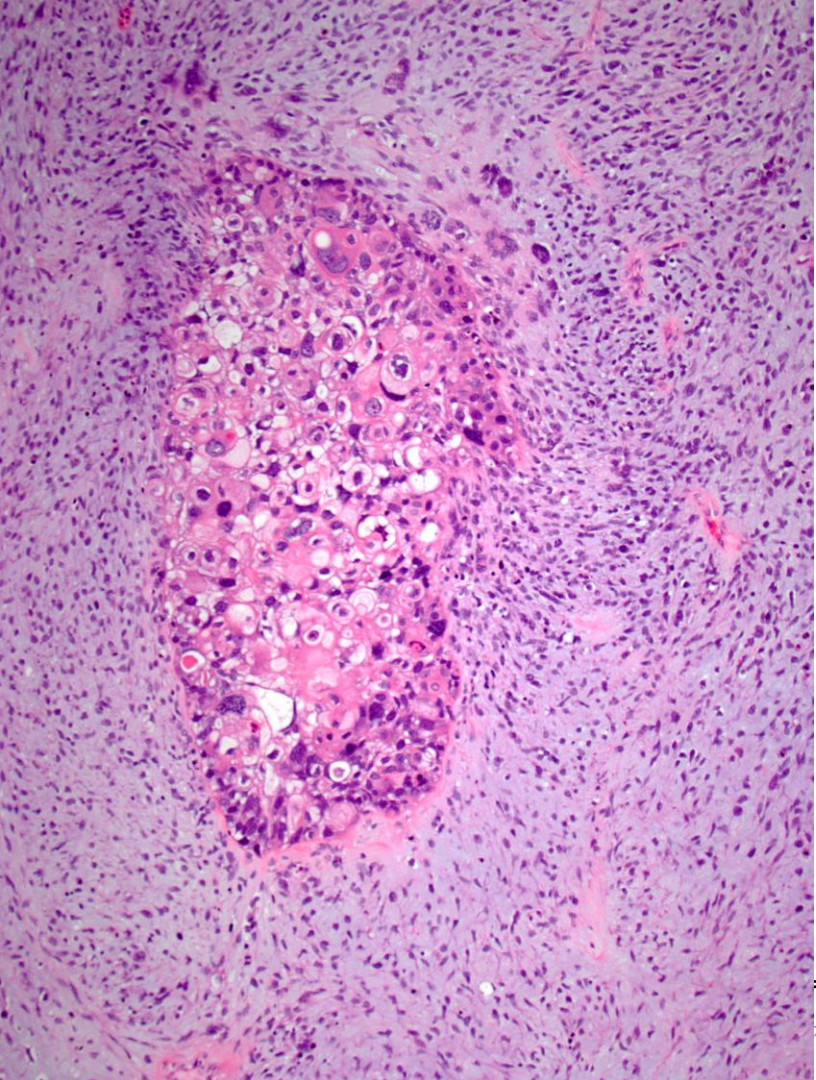
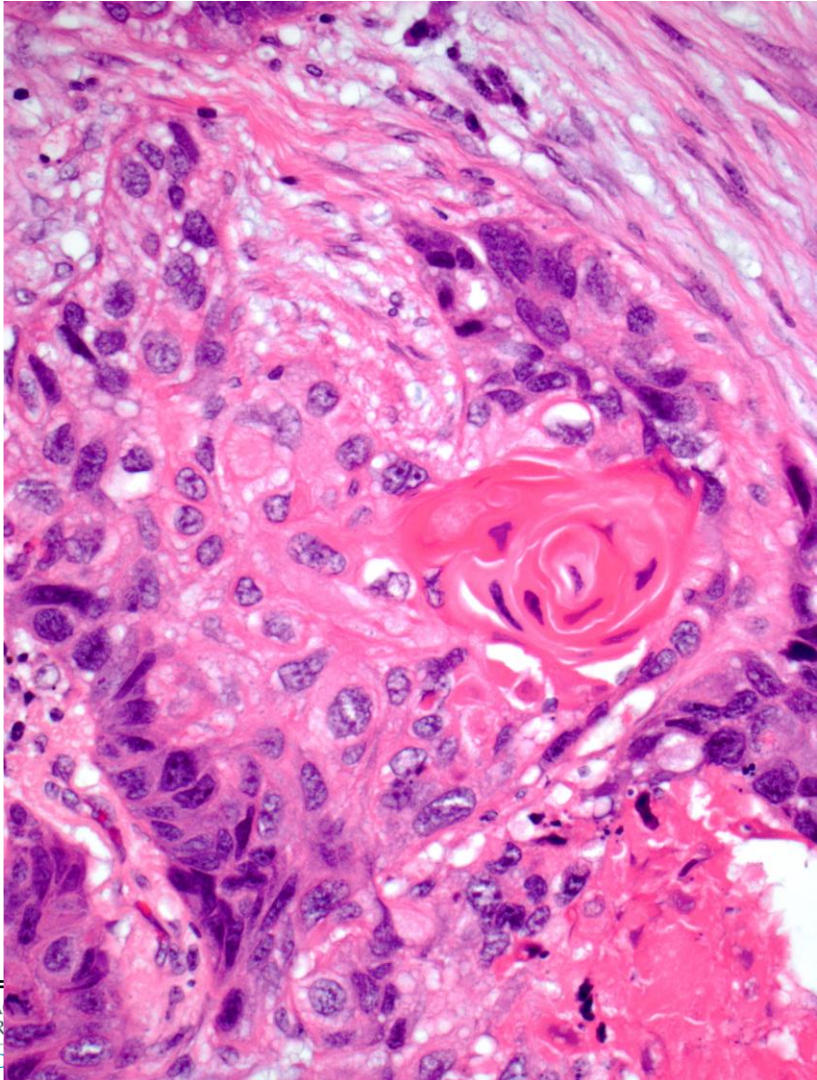
# Carcinosarcoma of the Lung

- High-grade neuroendocrine carcinoma are rare in tumors with heterologous elements and should be classified as combined small cell carcinoma or large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma
- Sarcomatous component - rhabdomyosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, and osteosarcoma; and combinations of these types are common; rarely liposarcoma or angiosarcoma
- Less differentiated area composed of malignant spindle cells
- High-grade fetal adenocarcinoma may be seen as a carcinoma element (“blastomatoid variant”) in up to 18% of cases

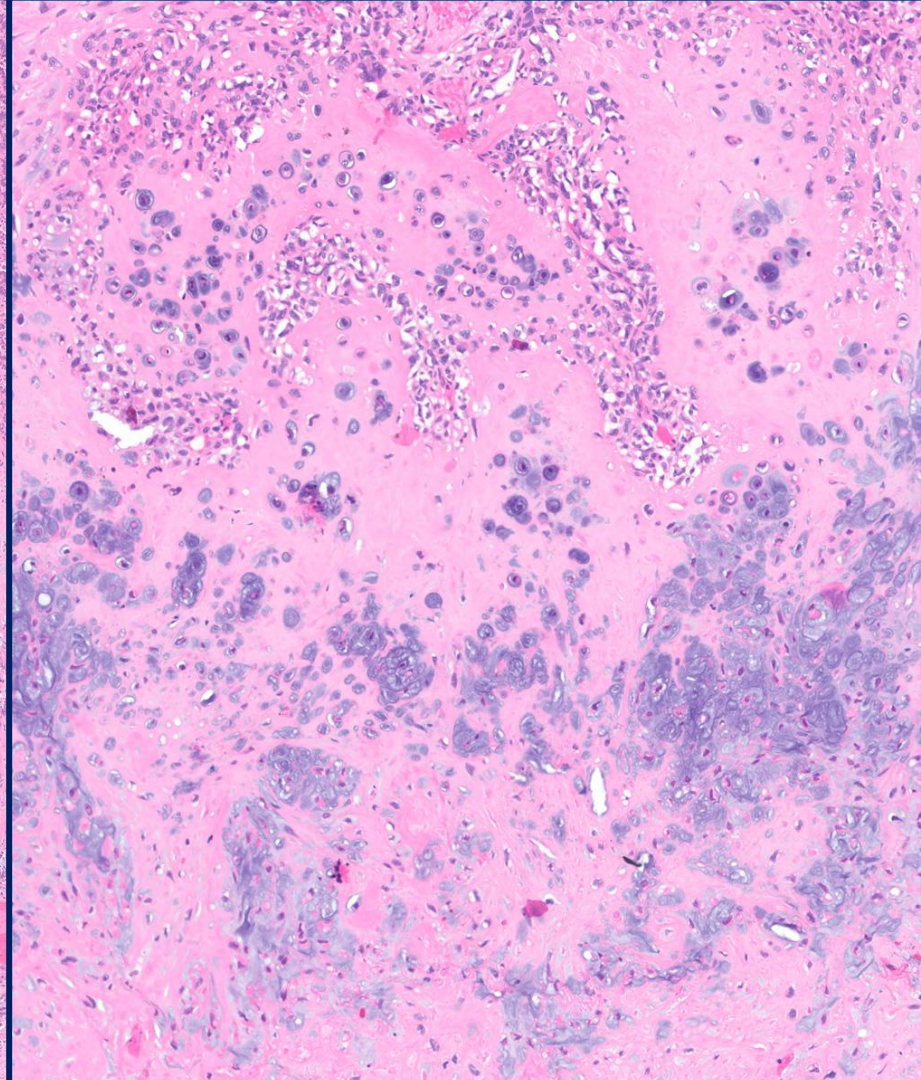
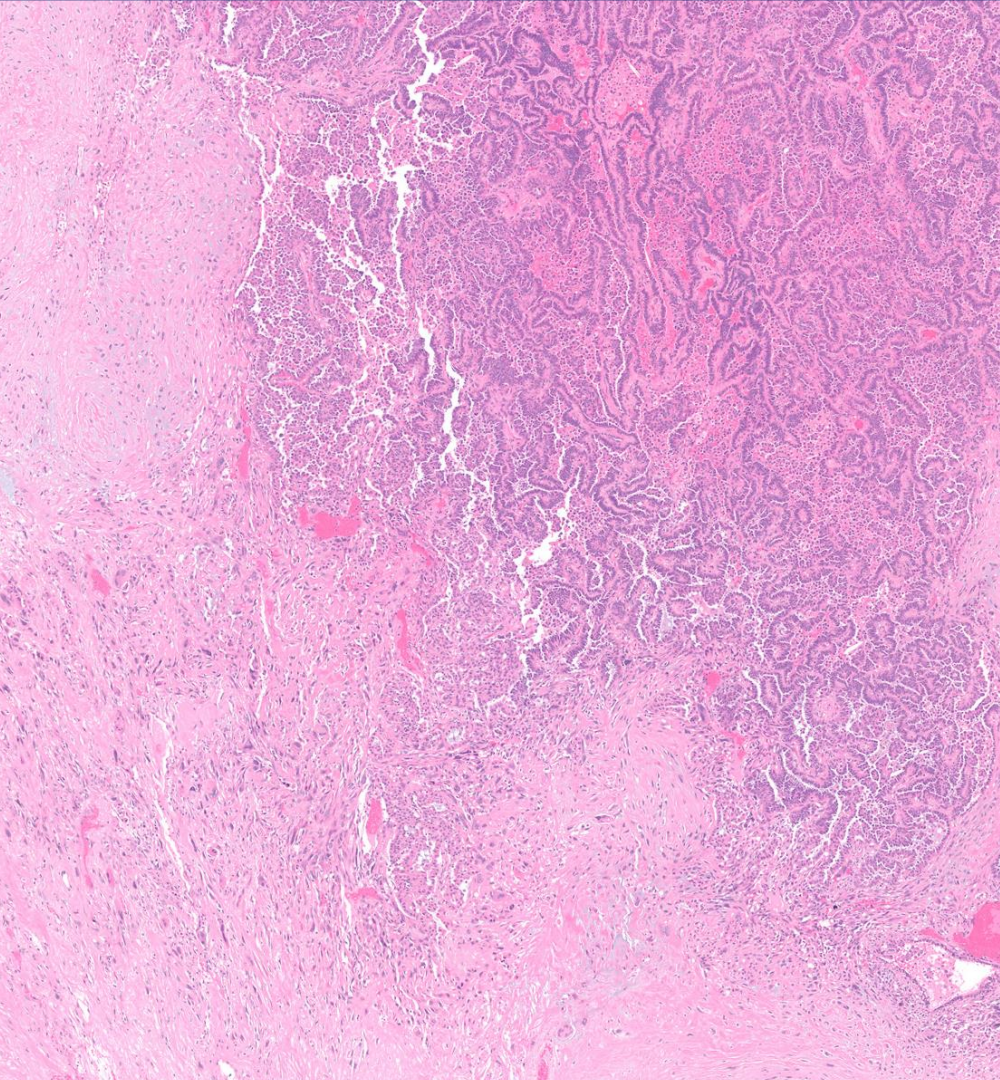






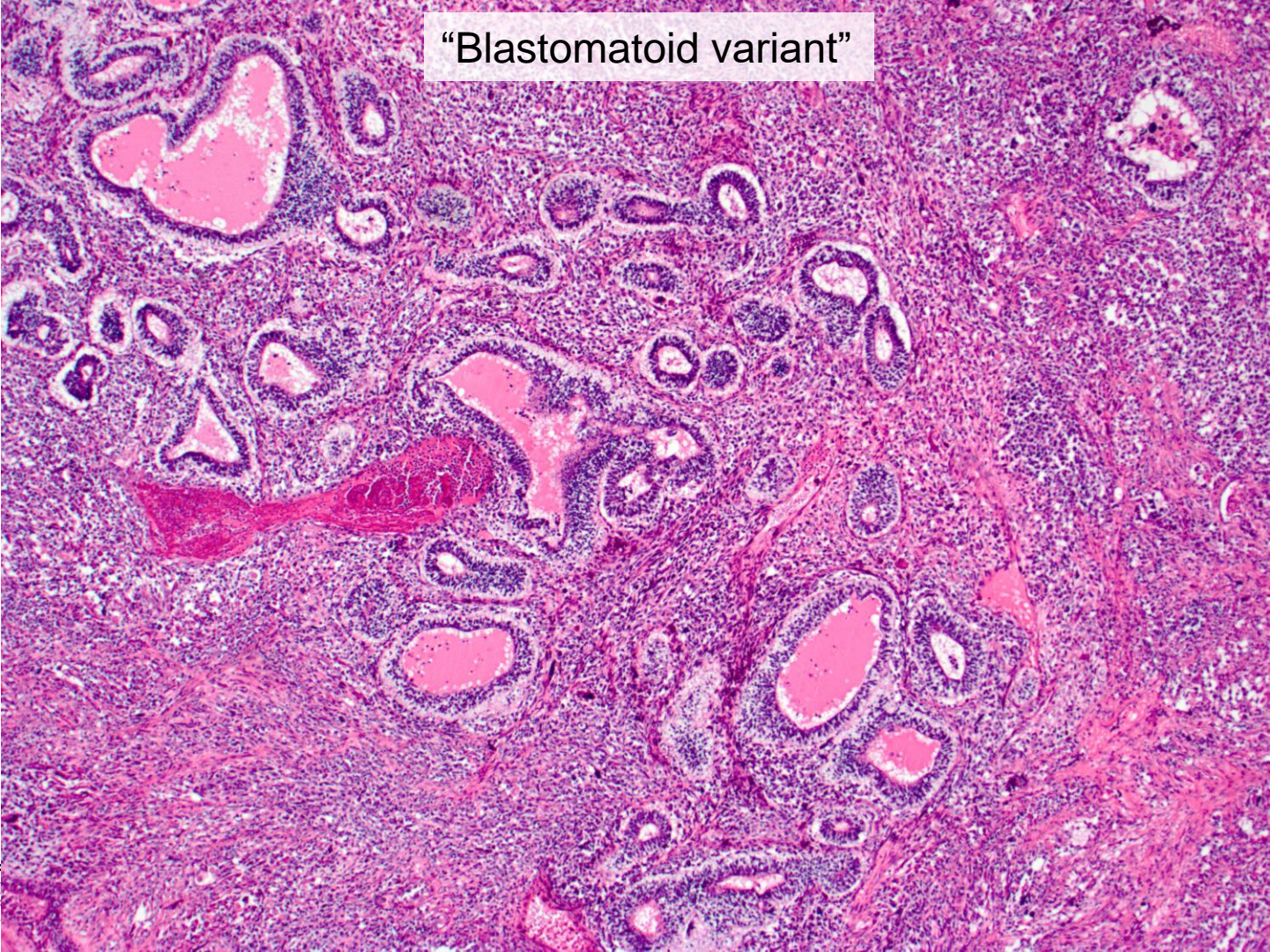




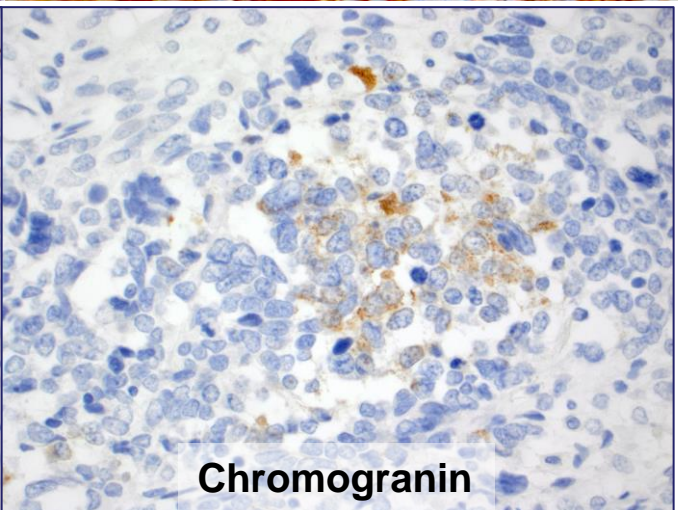
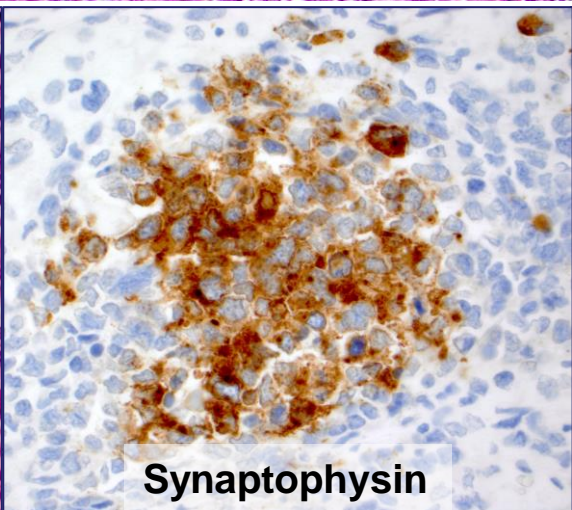
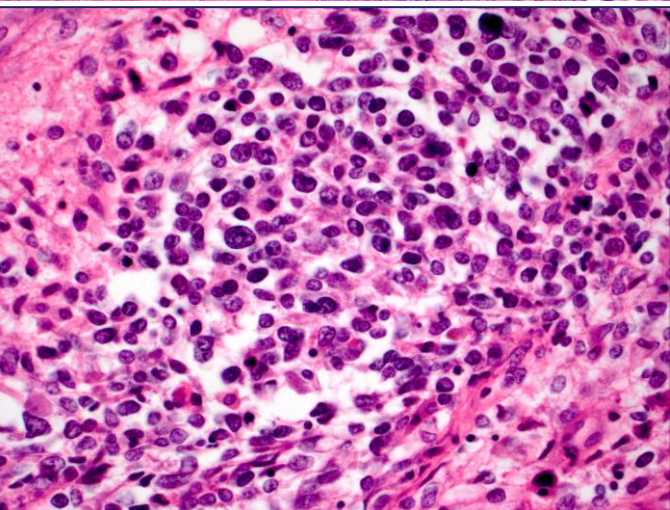
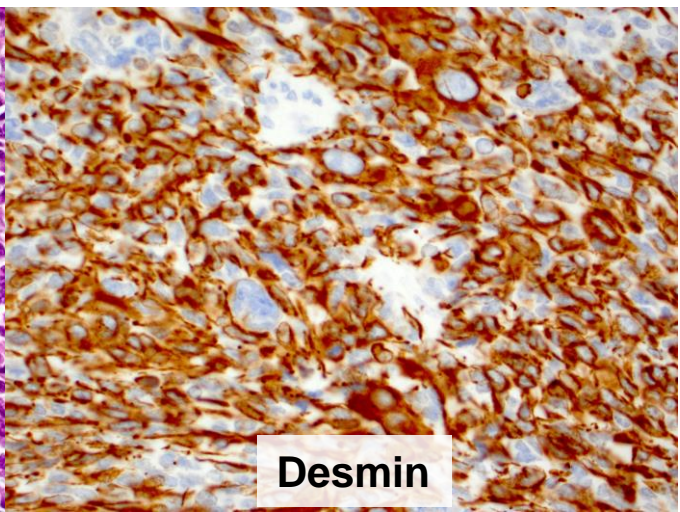
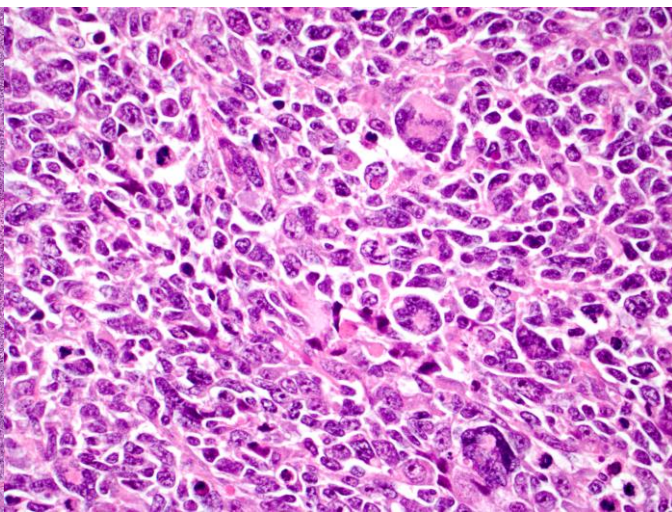
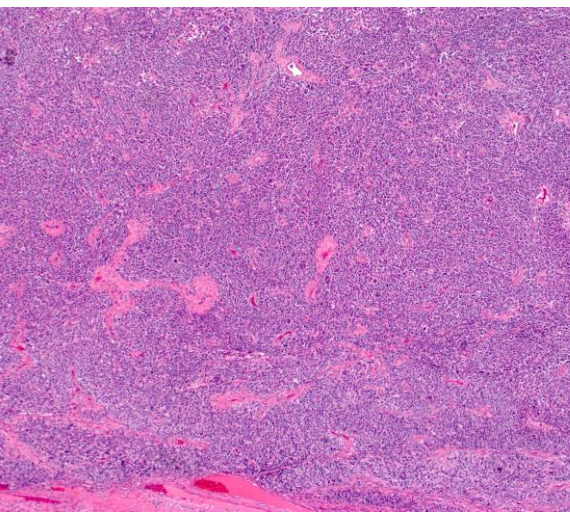




“Blastomatoid variant”

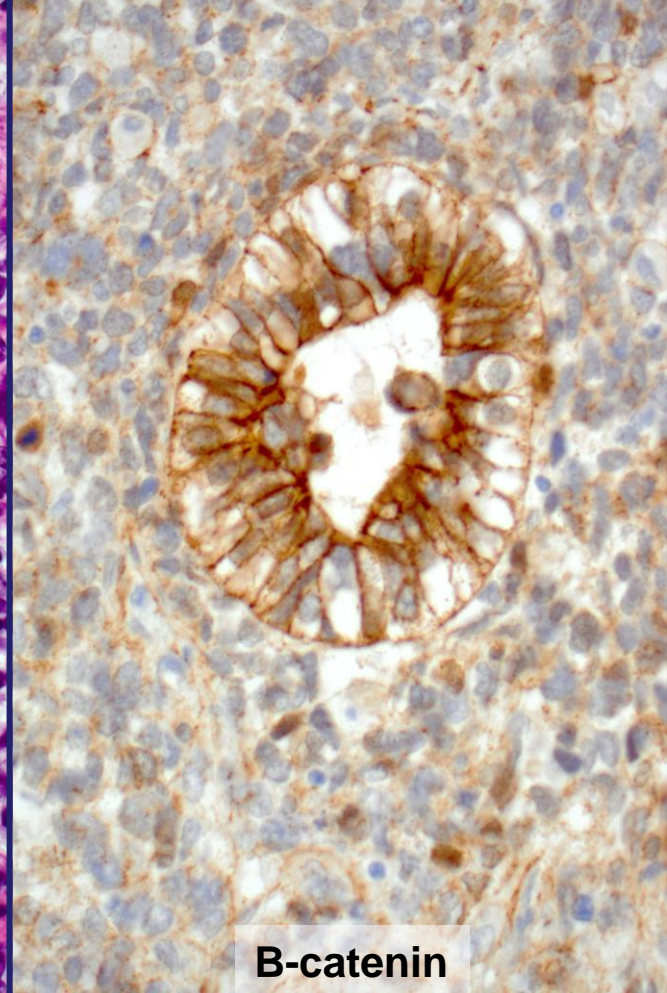
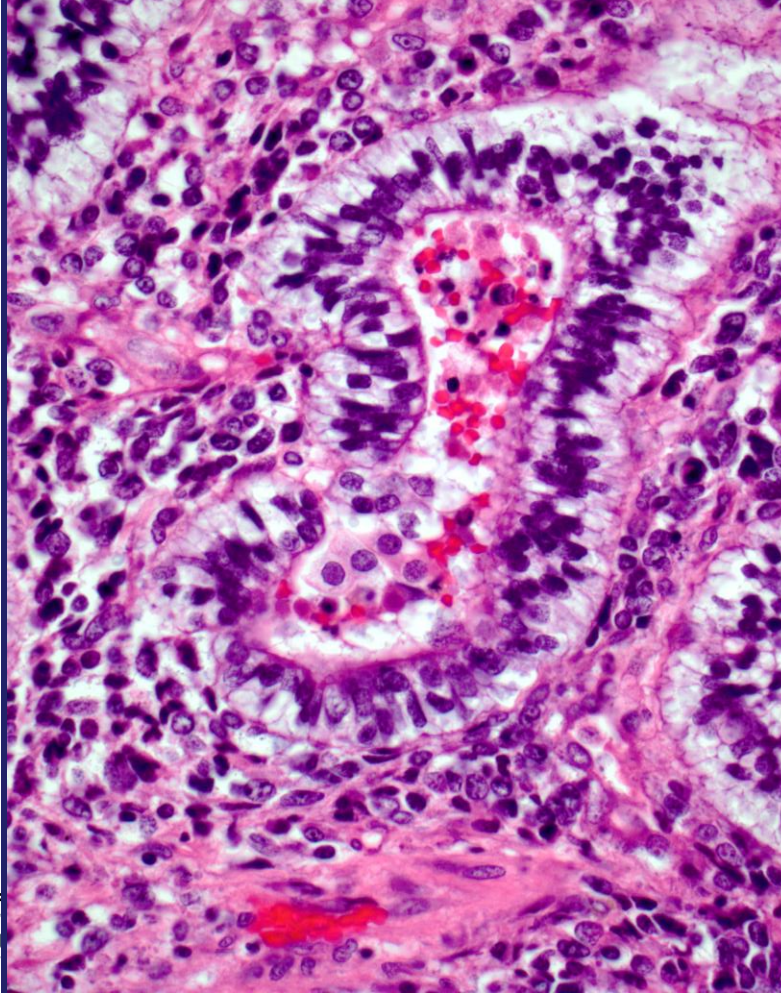








# High-grade fetal adenocarcinoma component



**B-catenin**

# Differential diagnosis

- Pleomorphic carcinoma
- Pulmonary blastoma
- Primary or metastatic sarcoma
  - Entrapped reactive pneumocytes may mimic a carcinoma component
  - Synovial sarcoma, biphasic – lack of heterologous element
- Mesothelioma, biphasic

# Sarcomatoid Carcinoma of the Lung

Components	Pleomorphic carcinoma	Pulmonary blastoma	Carcinosarcoma
Carcinoma	Non-small cell carcinoma except LCNEC*	Fetal adenocarcinoma	Typically squamous cell carcinoma or adenocarcinoma
Sarcomatoid / sarcomatous	Spindle and/or giant cells ( $\geq 10\%$ ) No heterologous element	Blastema-like area present	Heterologous element present

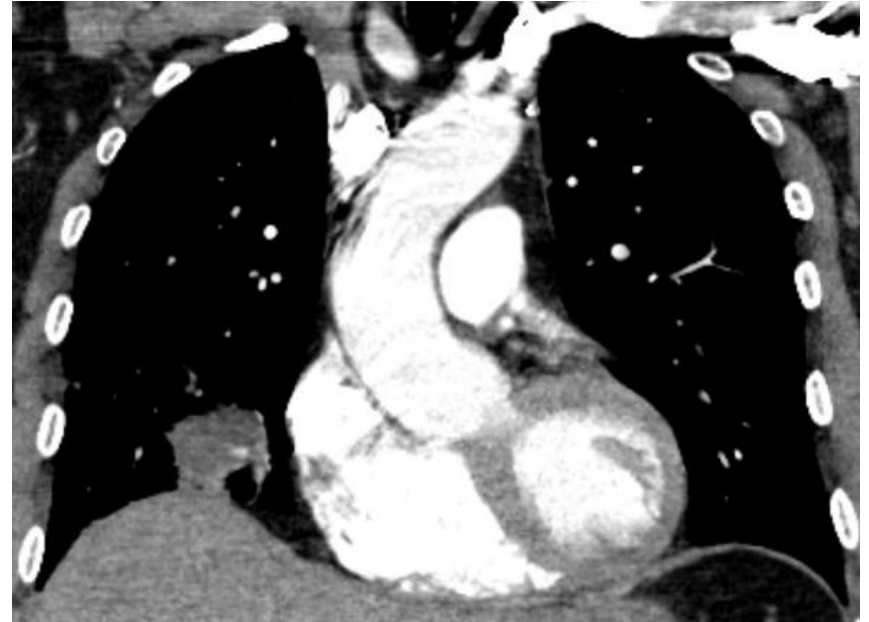
\* LCNEC: large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma



# New Kids on the Block

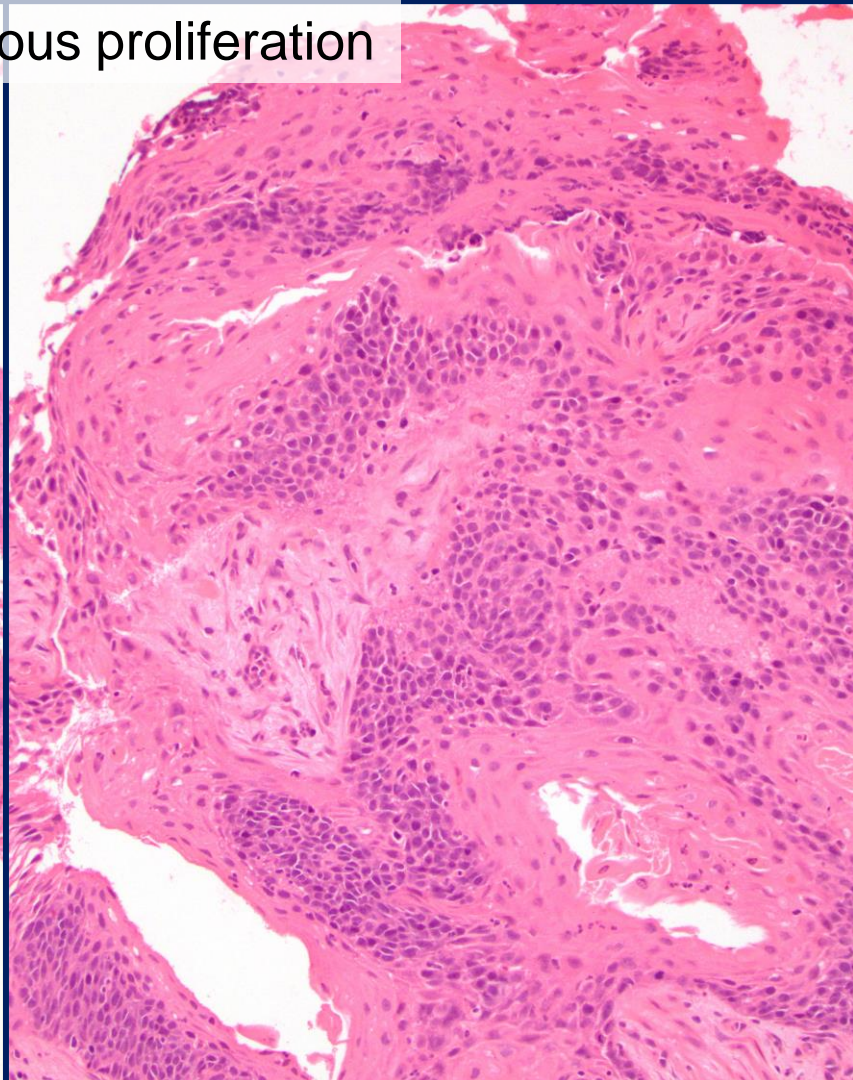
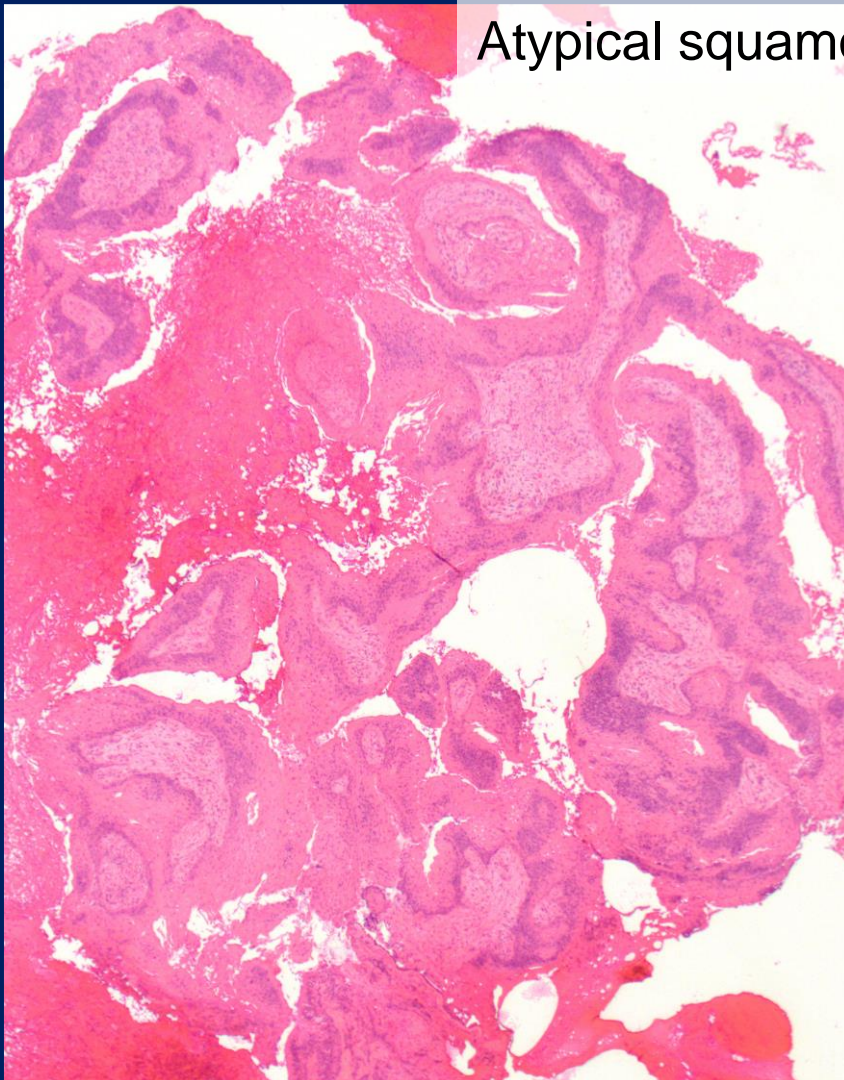
# 53-year-old man

- Never smoker
- Presented with a 3.5 cm mass in the right middle lobe
- No distant metastasis found in the initial staging work-up, but the tumor rapidly grew within 1.5 months
- Neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by curative operation was planned



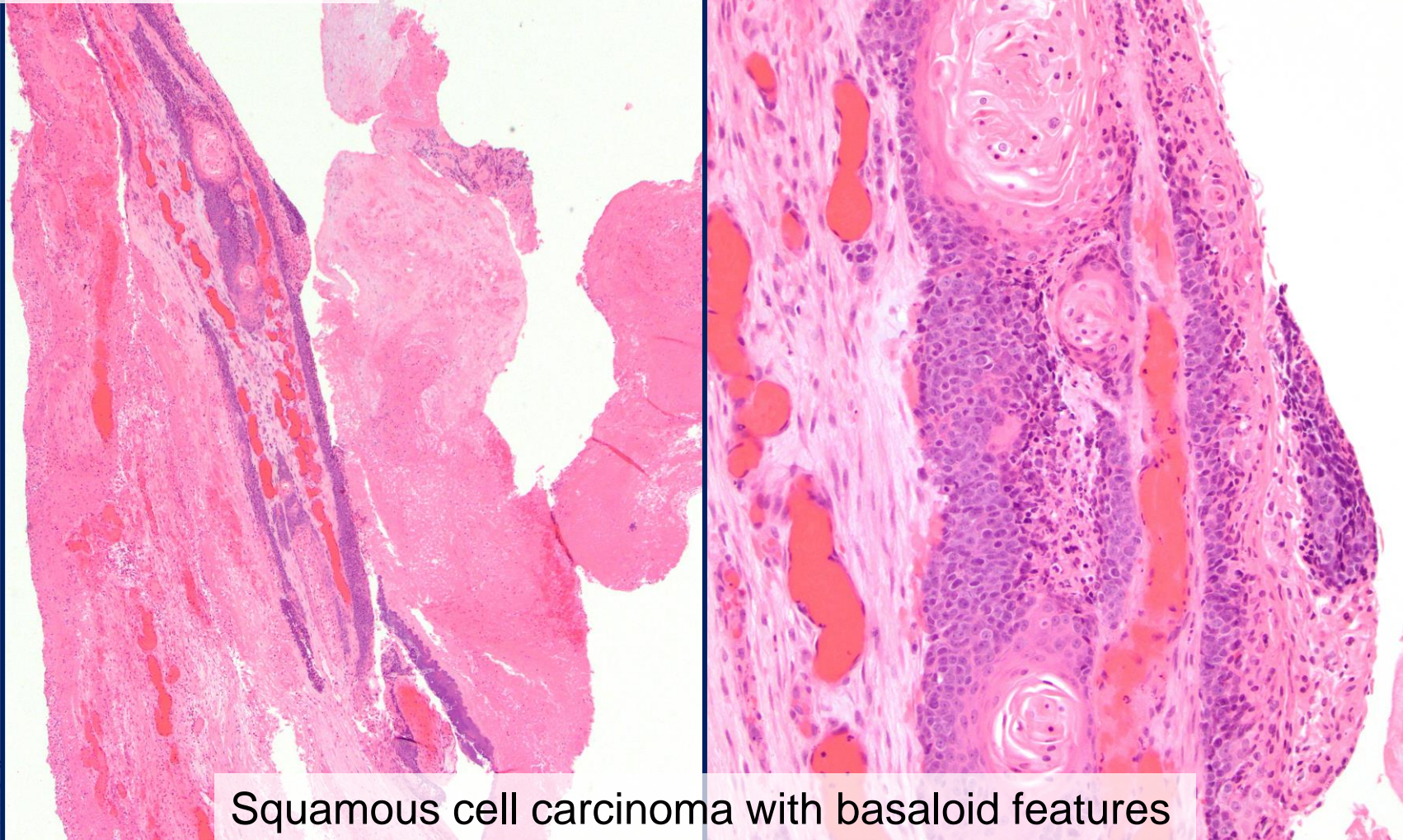


# Atypical squamous proliferation





1.5 months from the first biopsy



Squamous cell carcinoma with basaloid features

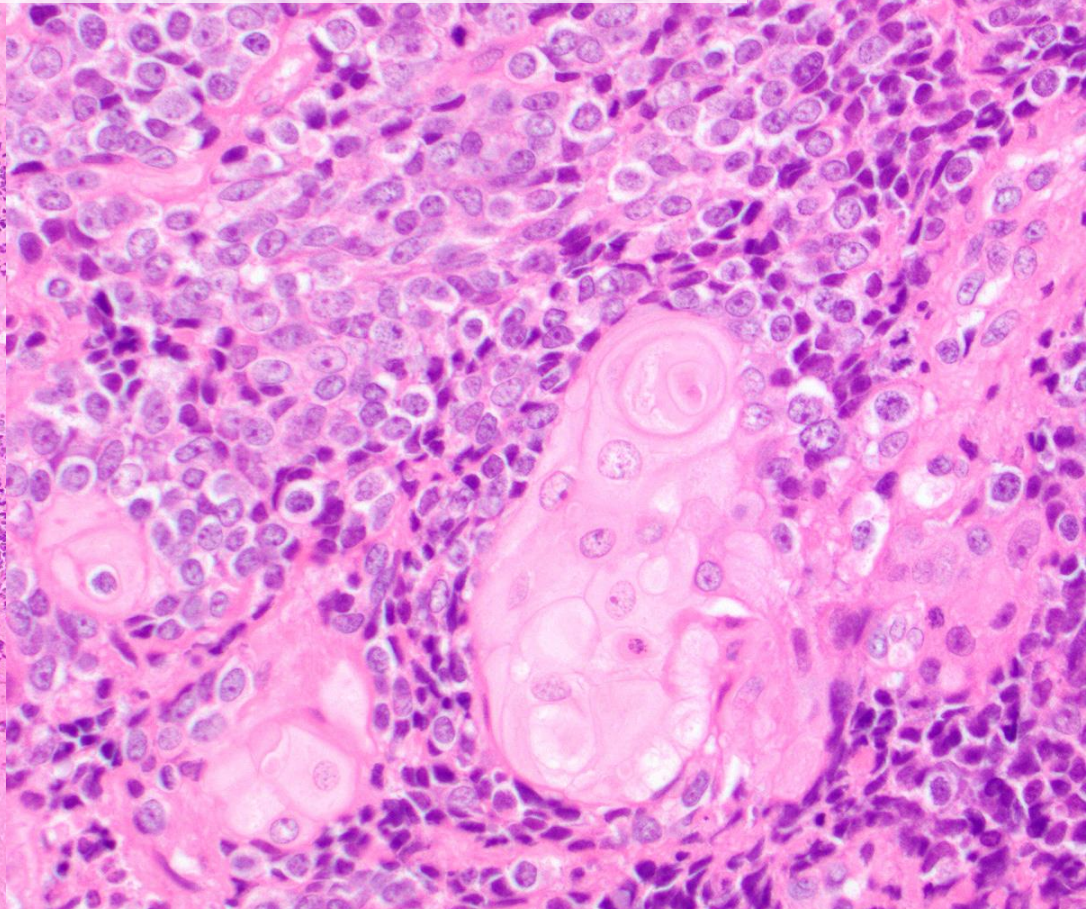
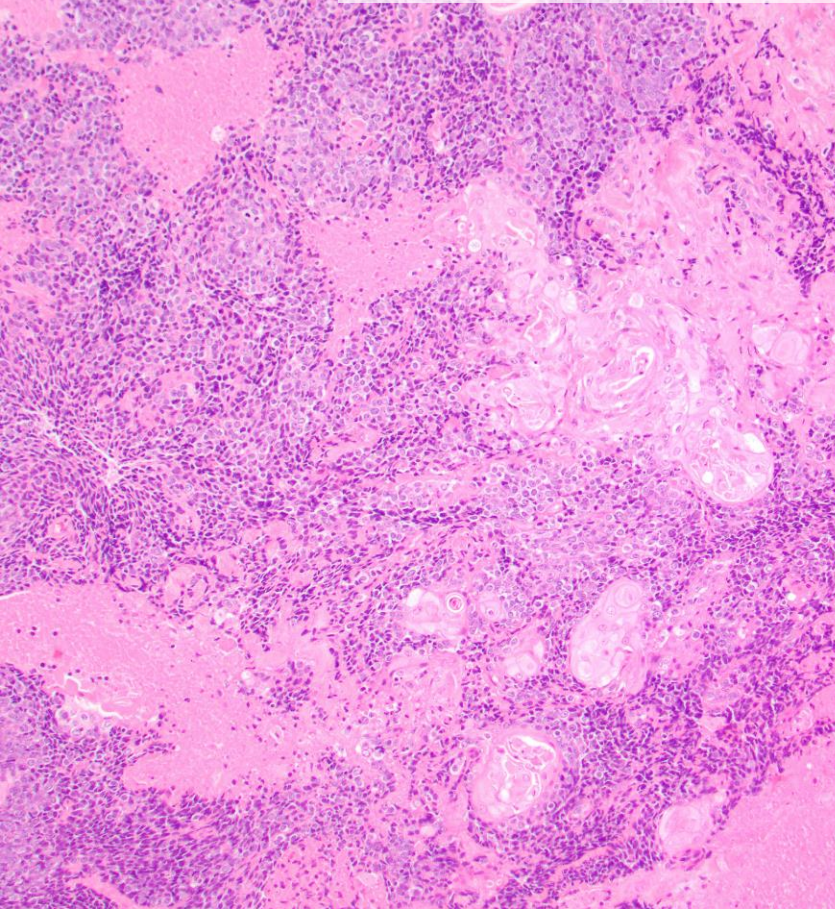
# 53-year-old never smoker

- Despite cisplatin + docetaxel chemotherapy and subsequent radiation therapy, the tumor grew to involve mediastinal and axillary lymph nodes and pleura



Pleural biopsy

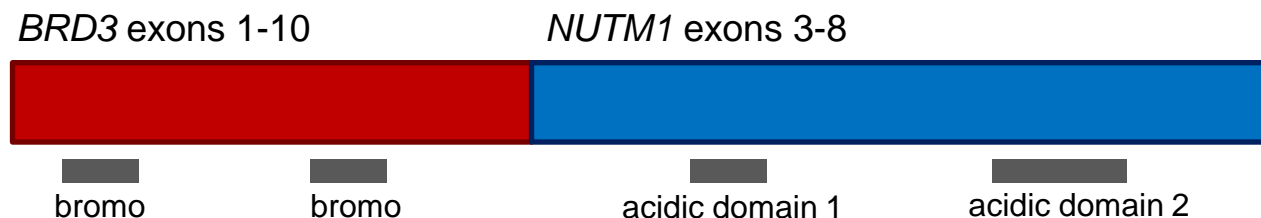
Consistent with basaloid squamous cell carcinoma



# 53-year-old never smoker

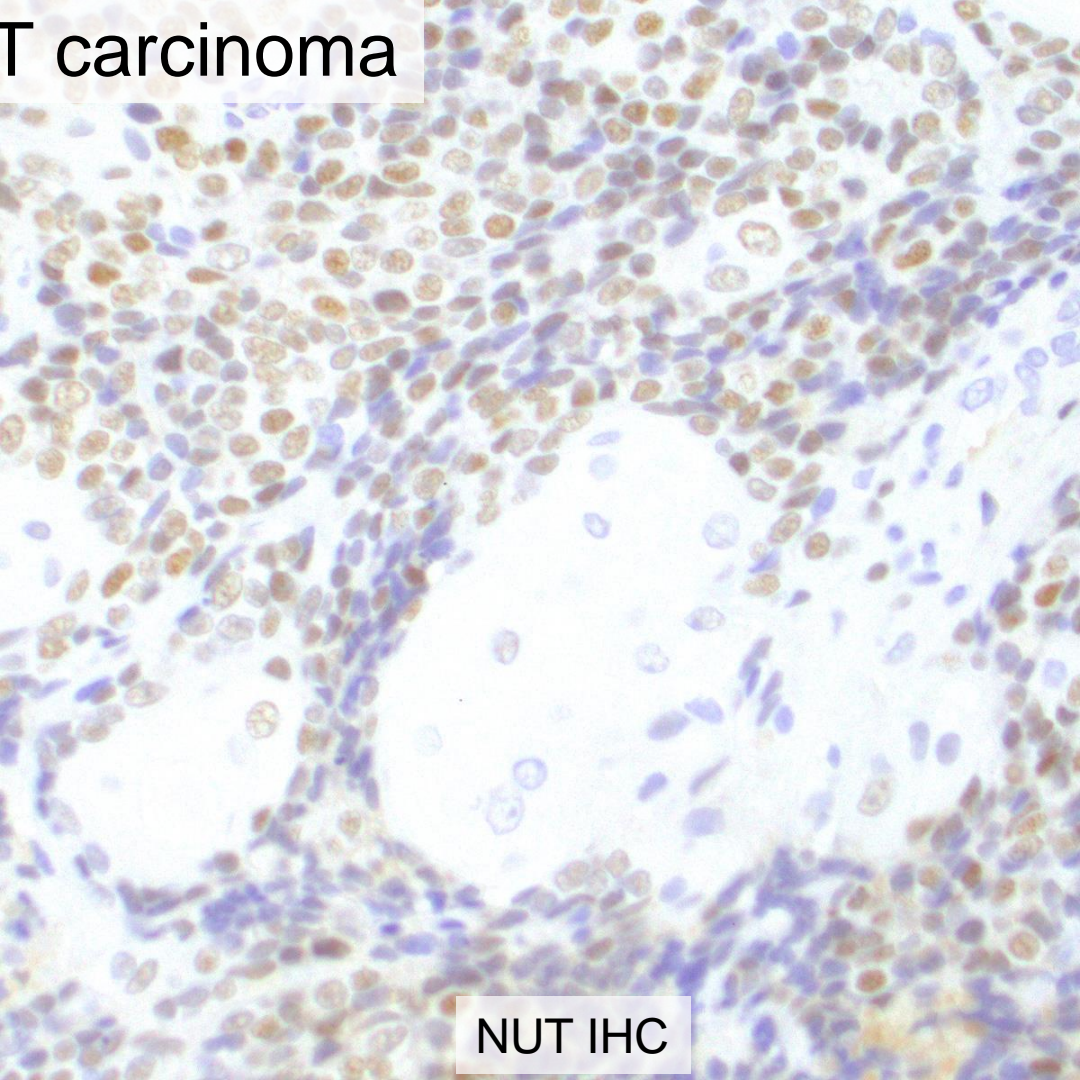
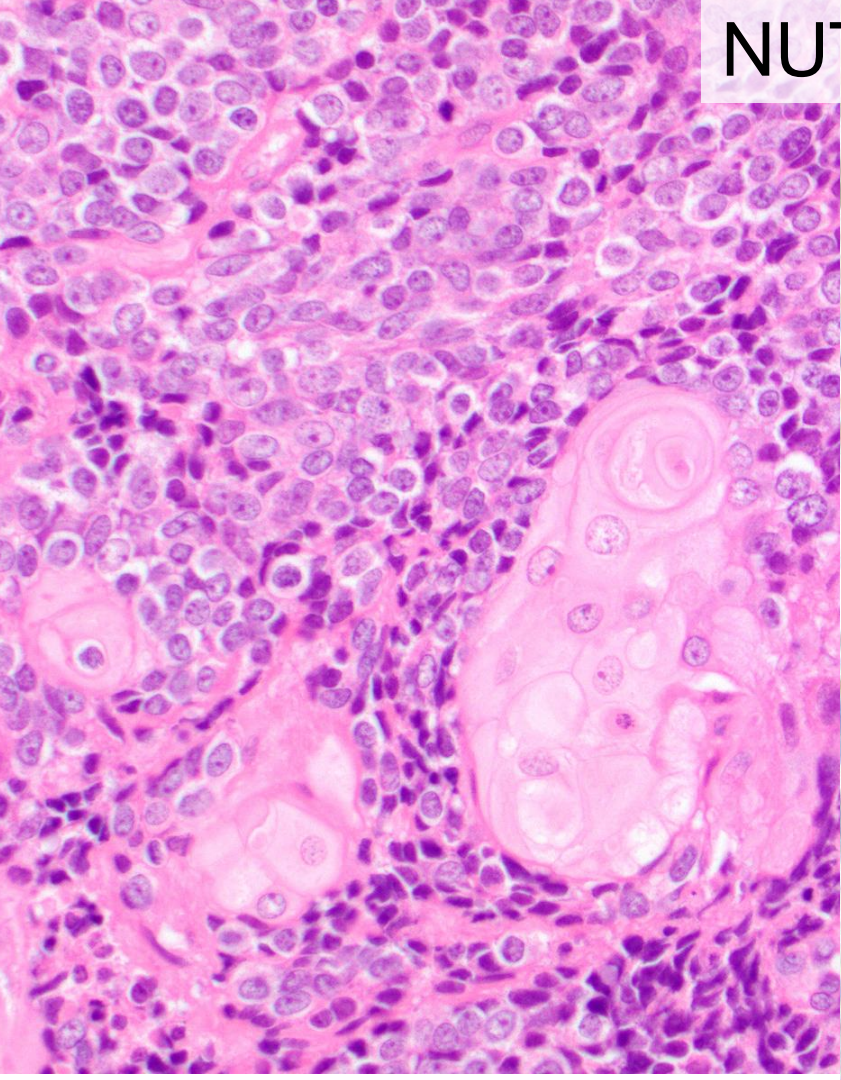
- Started treatment with nivolumab 8 months after the initial presentation, but failed to respond to it
- NGS and fusion assay were performed as part of a search for alternative medical therapies

*BRD3* Exon10 and *NUTM1* Exon3 (NM\_175741)





# NUT carcinoma



NUT IHC

# NUT Carcinoma

- A poorly differentiated carcinoma genetically defined by the presence of *NUTM1* gene rearrangement (*NUT-BRD4* >> *NUTM1-BRD3* > *NUTM1-NSD3* and others)
- Both lung and mediastinum are commonly involved at presentation
- Affect patients of any age (range: 0-80 years) and males and females equally
- 0.6% of lung carcinomas lacking glandular differentiation
- Extremely aggressive; median OS of 6.5 months for all and that of 4.4 months for thoracic *BRD4-NUTM1* carcinomas



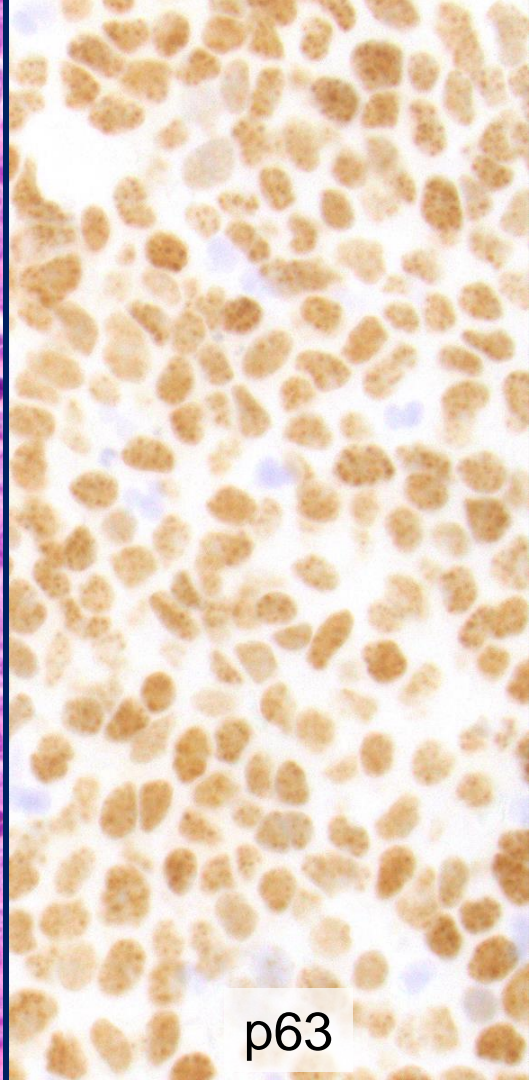
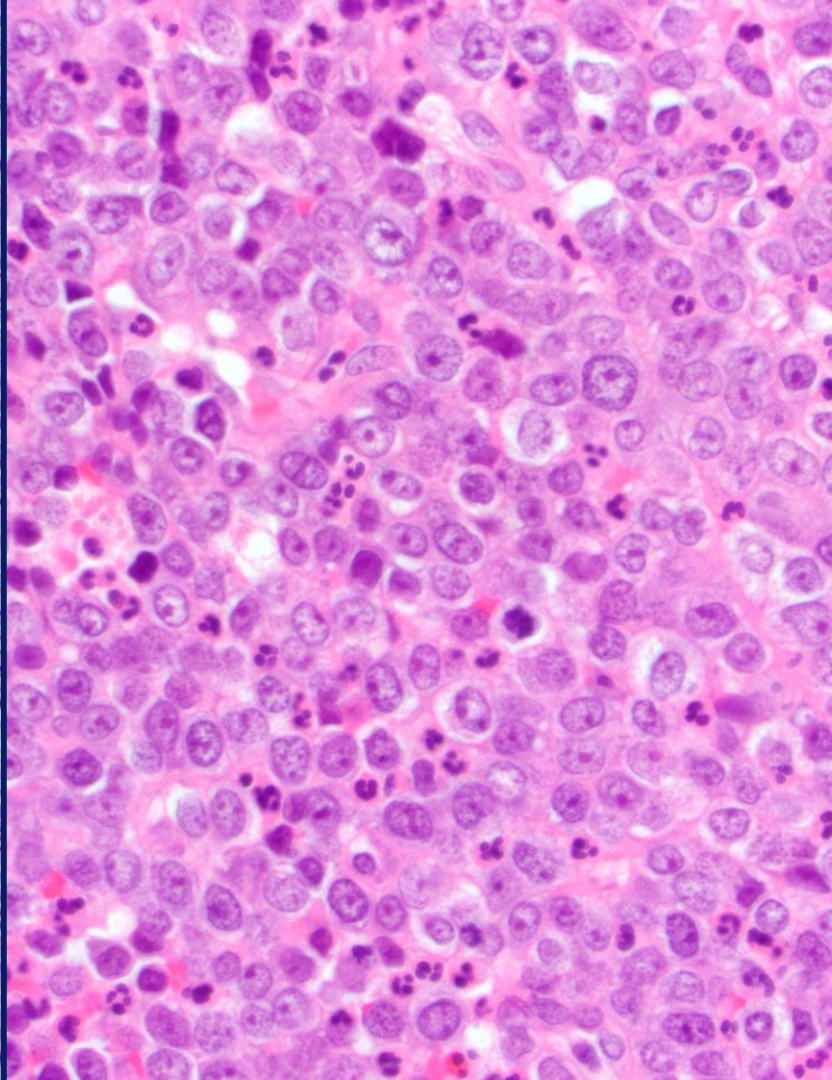
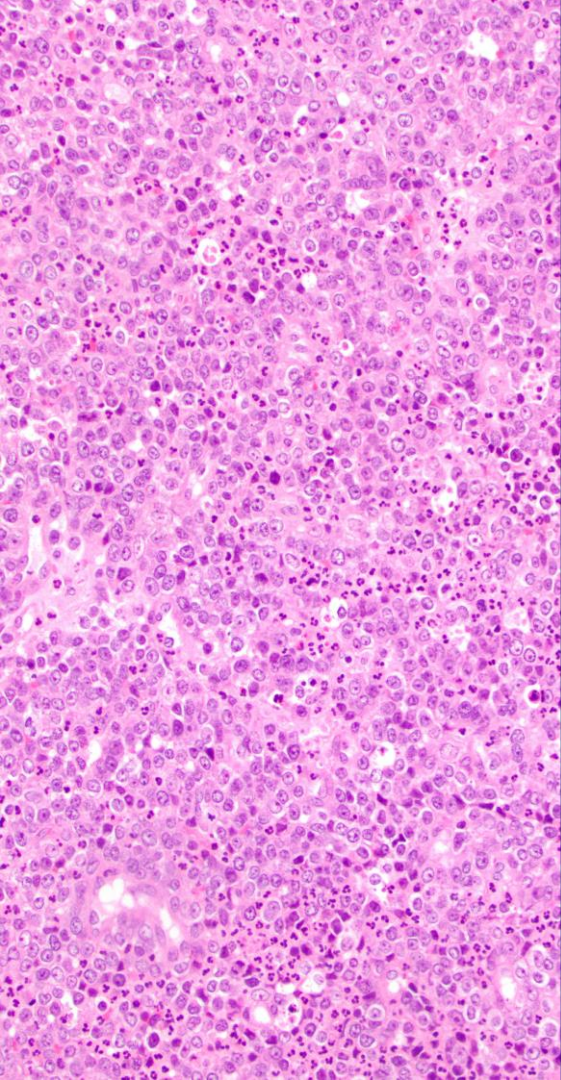
# NUT Carcinoma: Histologic Features

- Sheets and nests of small to intermediate-sized undifferentiated cells with a monomorphic appearance
- Evenly sized nuclei with vesicular chromatin and prominent nucleoli
- Lack of nuclear moulding
- Abrupt foci of keratinization seen in 1/3
- No definitive glandular differentiation
- Prominent neutrophilic infiltrate w/ or w/o associated necrosis

# NUT Carcinoma: Immunohistochemistry

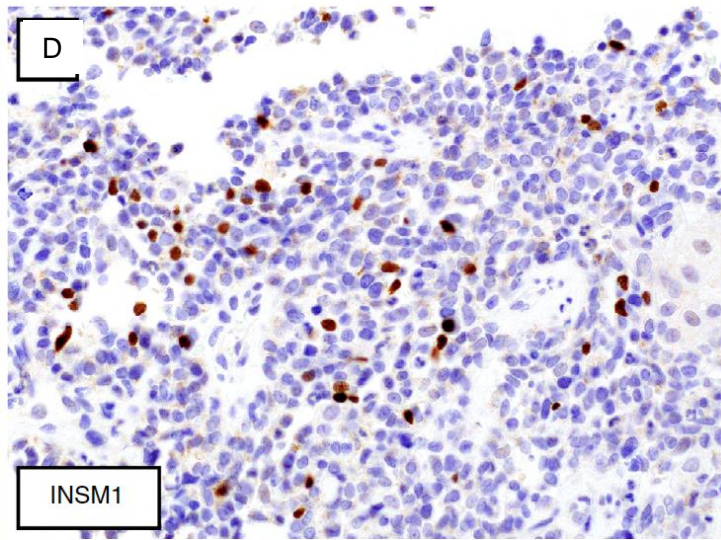
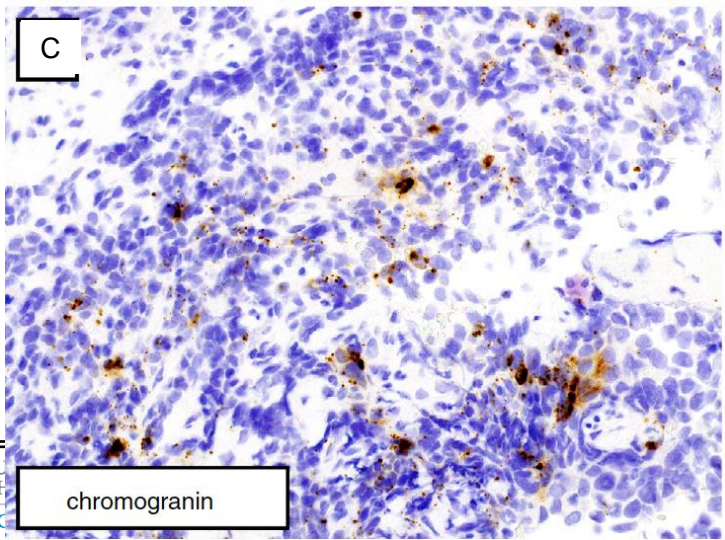
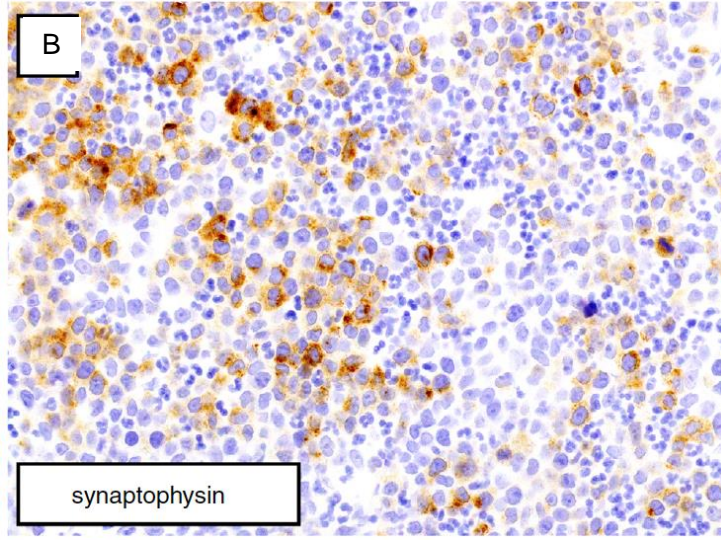
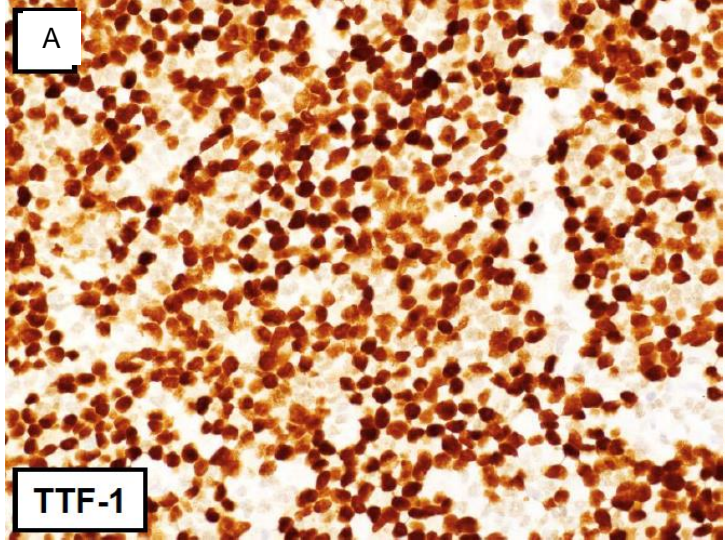
- NUT protein expression in 87% (clone C52B1)
- Pancytokeratin expression in the majority; variable expressions of other epithelial markers (EMA, BerEP4, CEA, etc.)
- p63 /p40 nuclear expression in 90% and 2/3 of cases, respectively, indicative of squamous differentiation
- Chromogranin, synaptophysin and/or TTF-1 expressions can be seen in occasional cases
- CD34 (hematopoietic stem cell marker) is often expressed
- Very high KI-67 proliferative index





p63



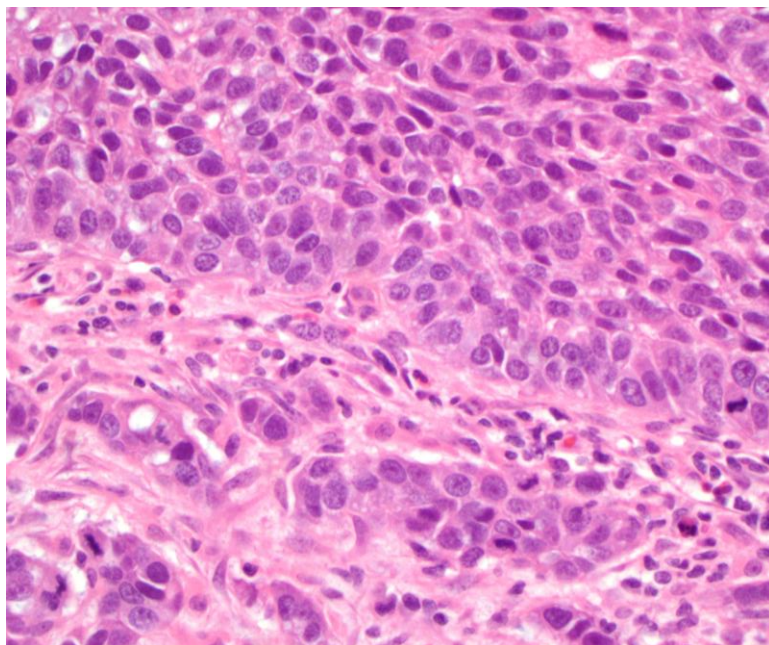




# Differential Diagnosis

- Poorly differentiated / basaloid squamous cell carcinoma
  - Small cell carcinoma
    - **Caution:** Neuroendocrine markers and/or TTF-1 can be expressed in a subset of NUT carcinomas
  - Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma
  - Undifferentiated carcinoma / SMARCA-4 deficient undifferentiated tumor
  - Small round blue cell tumors including leukemia
- ✓ Significant fraction of patients are diagnosed by molecular testing
- ✓ NUT carcinoma needs to be ruled out in cases with histologic features suggestive of poorly differentiated / basaloid squamous cell carcinomas from never or light smokers





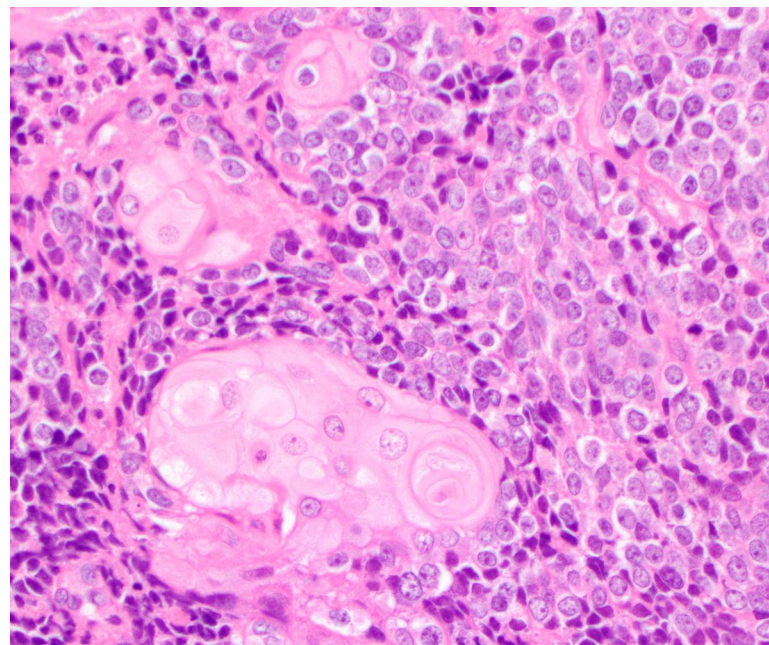
### Basaloid squamous cell carcinoma

Scant but well-defined cytoplasm

Lobular architecture / peripheral palisading

Hyaline or mucoid stroma may be present

Squamous morphology may be seen in  
<50% of tumor cells



### NUT carcinoma

Pale eosinophilic to basophilic cytoplasm

Sheets / nests with even spacing of cells

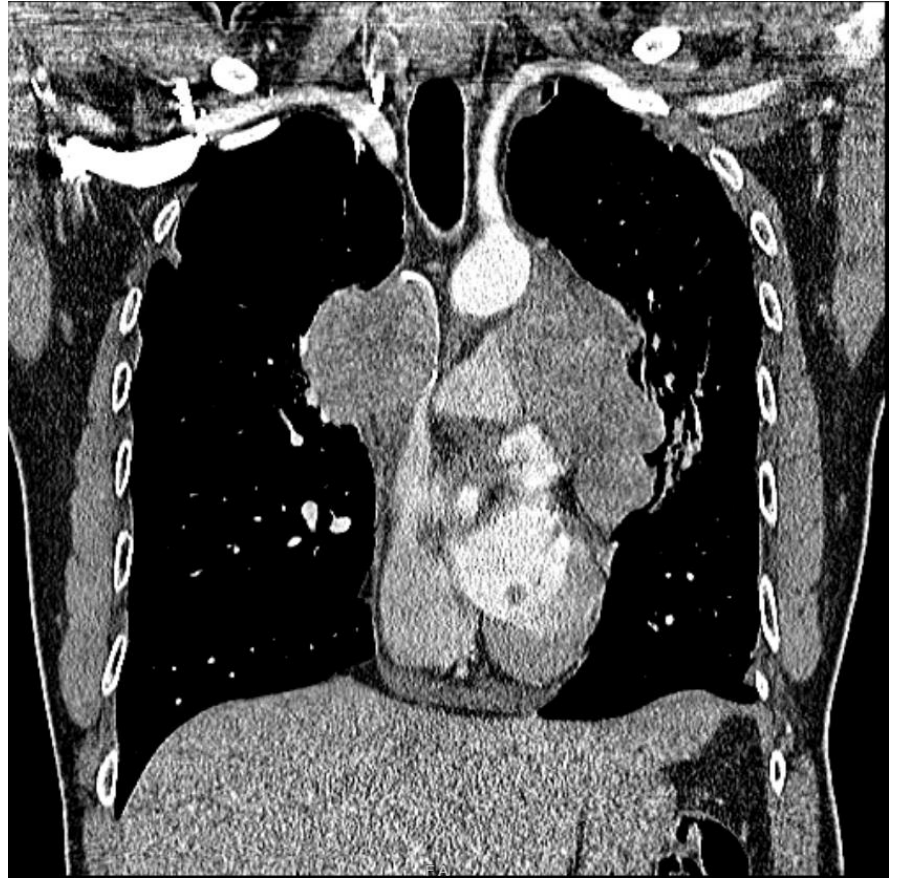
Prominent neutrophilic infiltrate

Abrupt foci of keratinization in 1/3

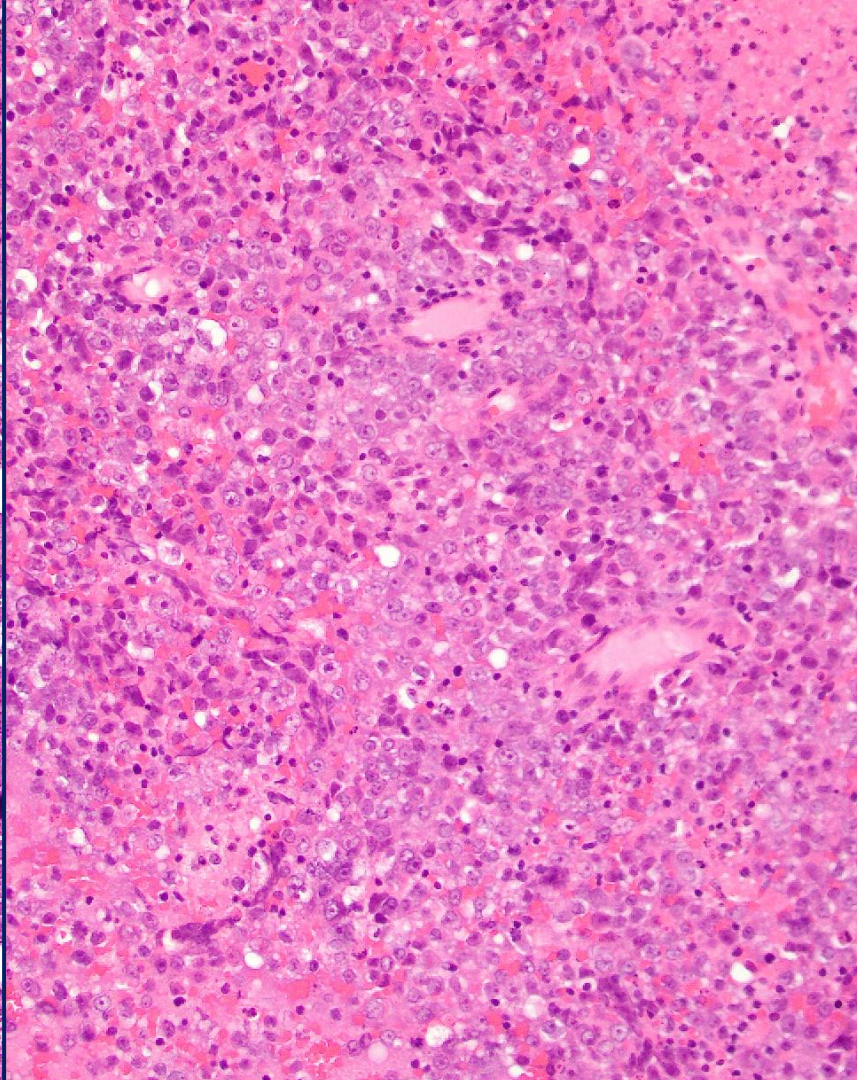
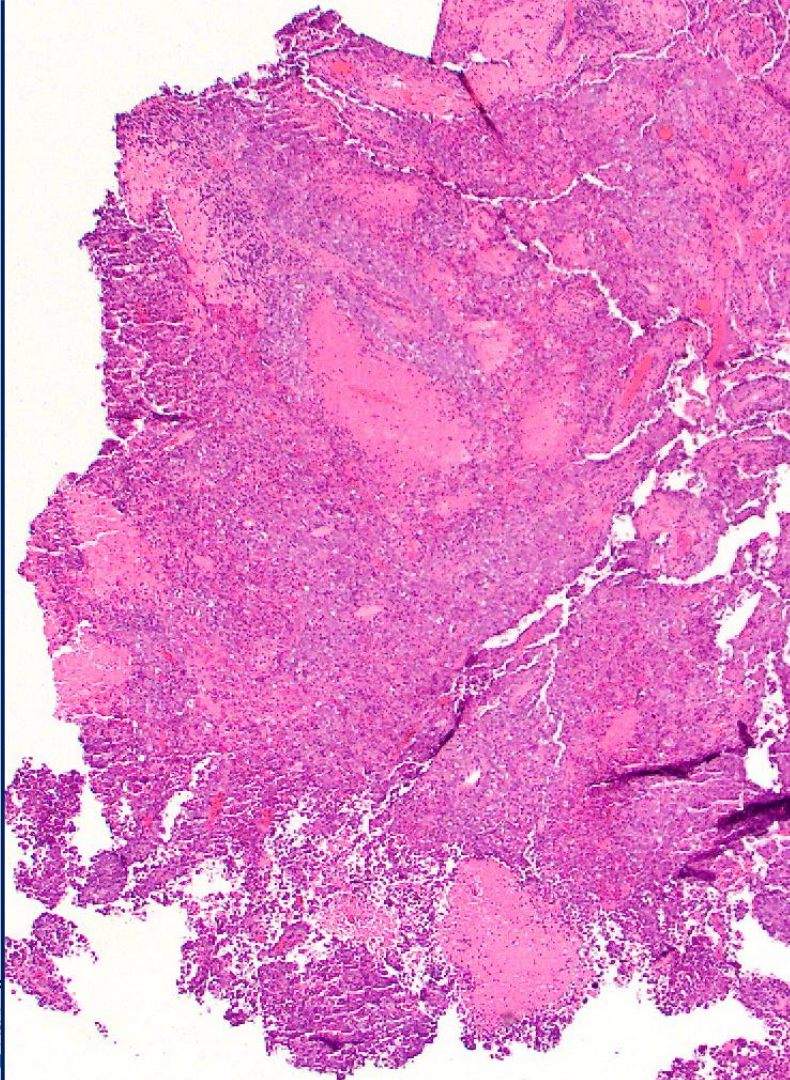


# 60-year-old man

- 45 pack-year smoking history
- Emphysema
- Presented with chest pain and short of breath
- A bulky mediastinal tumor without a lung lesion on imaging studies

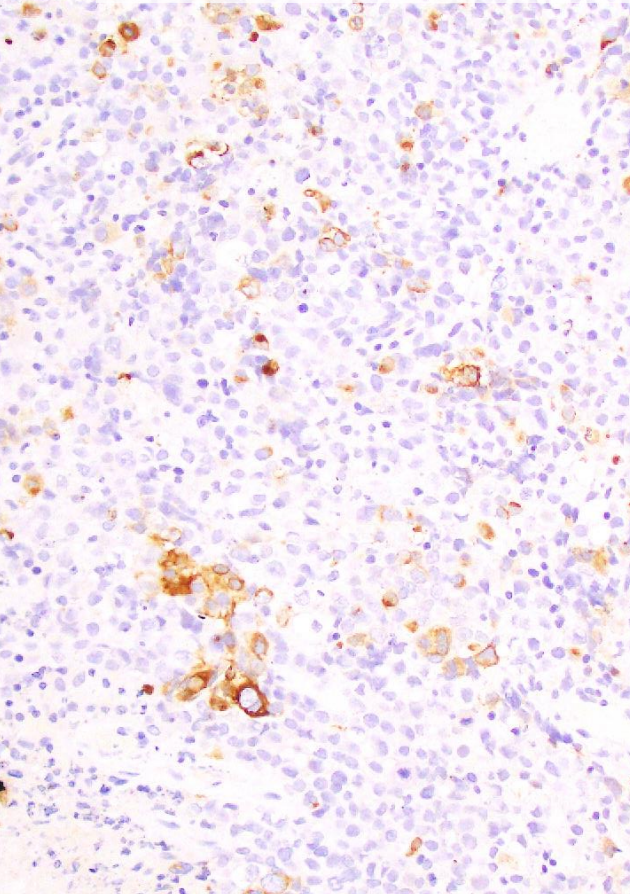




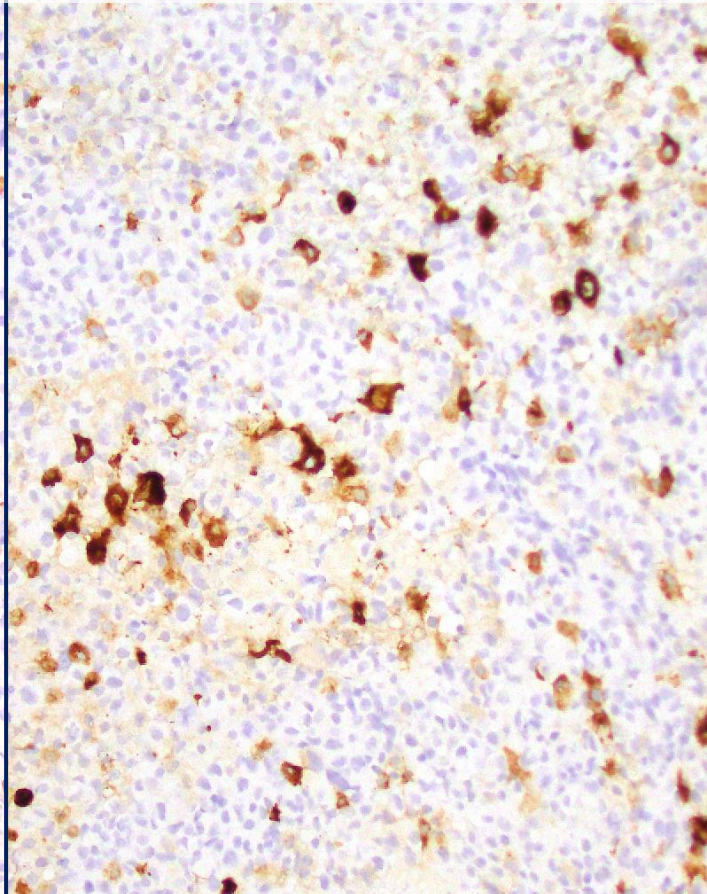




# Poorly differentiated carcinoma with NE features, possible LCNEC



AE 1/3



Synaptophysin

## IHC Results

### Positive:

- AE1/3 (patchy)
- CAM 5.2 (patchy)
- Synaptophysin (10%)
- TTF-1 (rare)

### Negative:

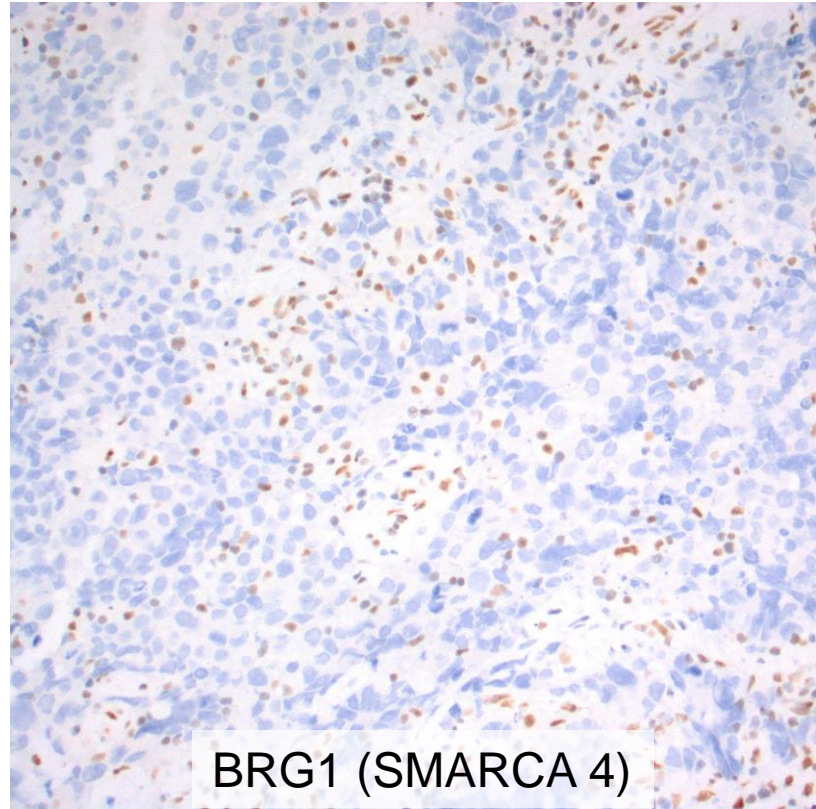
- p40
- Chromogranin
- Napsin A
- NUT



# Thoracic SMARCA4-Deficient Undifferentiated Tumor

## NGS Results

- *KEAP1*
- *SMARCA4*
- *CDKN2A*
- *CSF1R*
- *TP53*
- *NF1*

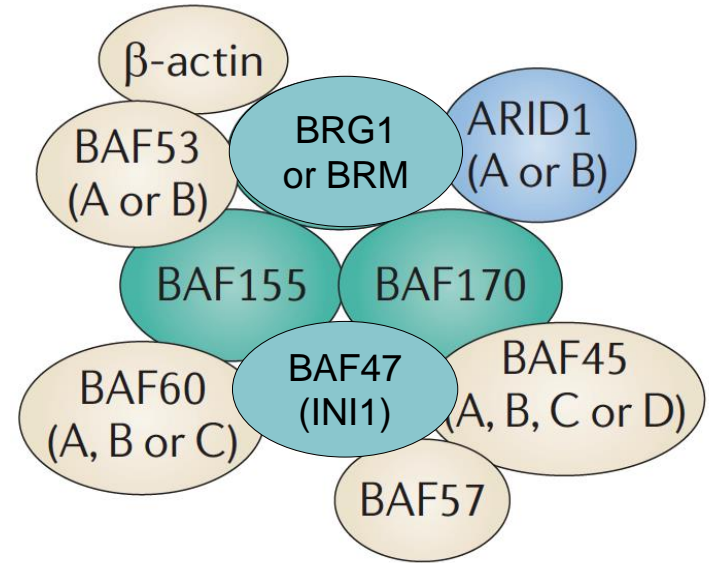




# What does SMARCA4 deficiency mean?

SWI/SNF complexes (ATP-dependent chromatin remodeling complexes)

- Critical tumor suppressor
- Multiple protein complex (>20 proteins)
- Responsible for epigenetic programming
- Regulate transcription by modifying DNA and histones to promote cell differentiation from stem cell to terminal states
- 20% of human cancers harbor mutations of its subunits



Protein	BRG1	BRM	INI1
Gene	SMARCA4	SMARCA2	SMARCB1

# SMARCA4 inactivation defines a group of undifferentiated thoracic malignancies transcriptionally related to BAF-deficient sarcomas

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## Clinicopathological and molecular characterization of SMARCA4-deficient thoracic sarcomas with comparison to potentially related entities

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## SMARCA4-deficient thoracic sarcoma: a distinctive clinicopathological entity with undifferentiated rhabdoid morphology and aggressive behavior

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# Thoracic SMARCA4-Deficient Undifferentiated Tumor (SMARCA4-UT)

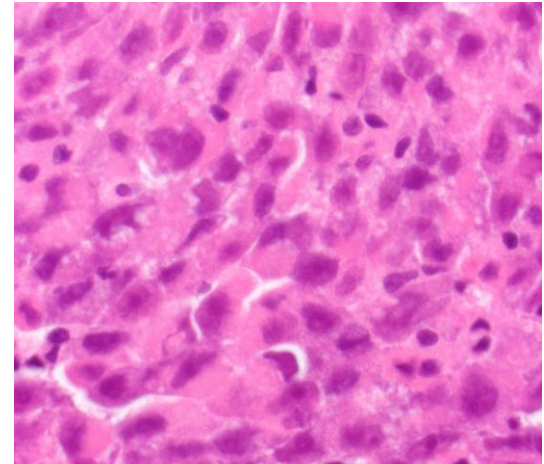
- SMARCA4-UT is a high-grade malignant neoplasm that significantly involves the thorax of adults and shows undifferentiated or rhabdoid phenotype and deficiency of SMARCA4, a key member of the BAF chromatin-remodeling complex

SMARCA4-Deficient Thoracic Sarcomatoid Tumors Represent Primarily Smoking-Related Undifferentiated Carcinomas Rather Than Primary Thoracic Sarcomas



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Rhabdoid cytomorphology

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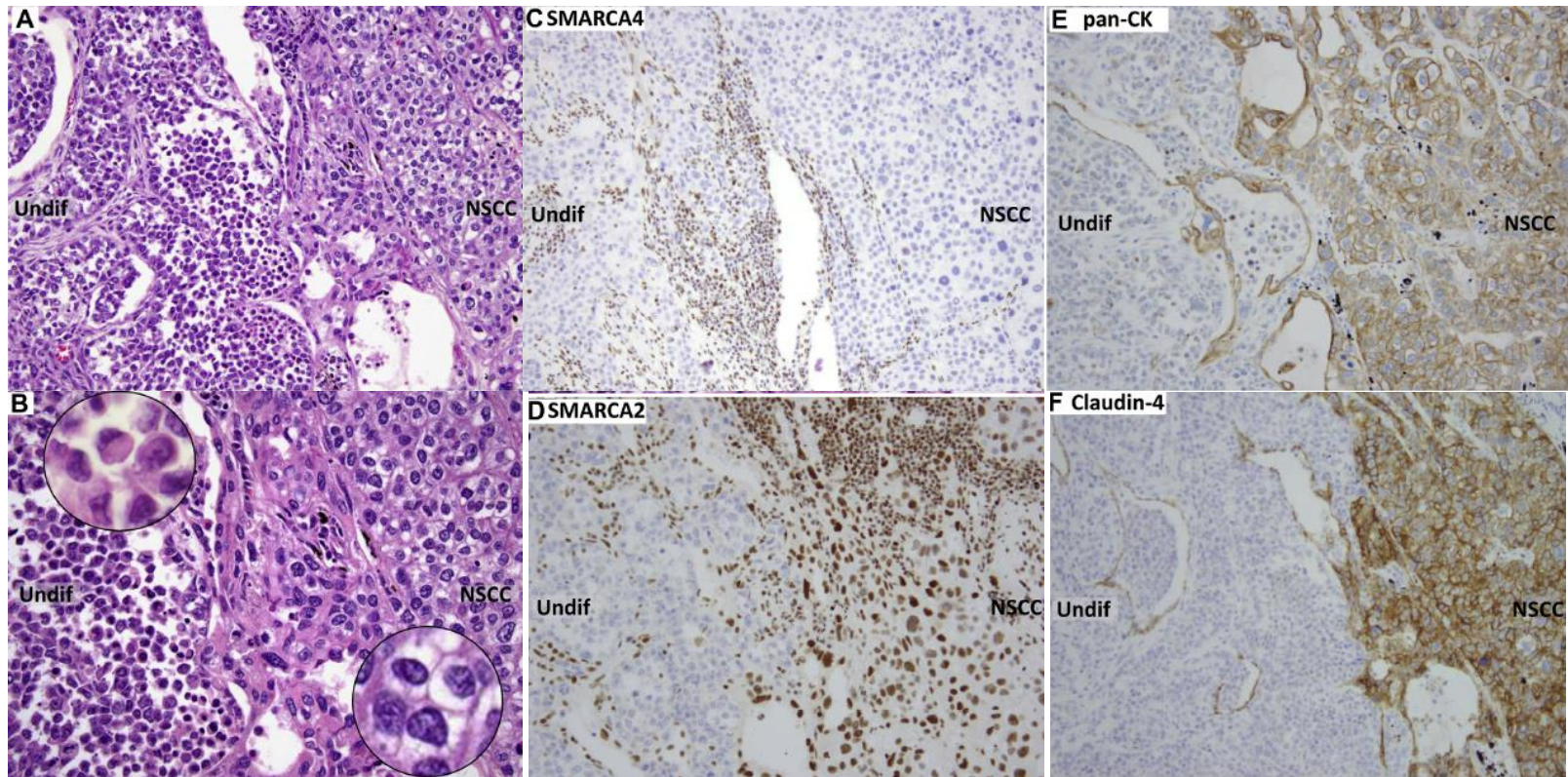
- Primarily present at younger age (30 – 50 year)
- Heavy smoking history
- Bullous emphysema in >50% of cases
- Larger primary tumor size
- Present in all clinical stages including stage I, but the majority (80-90%) present at stage IV
- No consensus guidelines or definitive therapies currently exist
- Overall survival of 4-7 months; worse prognosis compared to conventional NSCLC



# Thoracic SMARCA4-Deficient Undifferentiated Tumor

- Undifferentiated round cells or rhabdoid morphology
- Prominent nucleoli
- Increased mitotic activity +/- atypical mitoses
- Often focal or weak, or negative expression of cytokeratins
- Lack or limited expression of adhesion molecule claudin-4
- SMARCA2 (BRM) codeficiency
- Frequent expression of stem cell markers
- **Commonly exhibit synaptophysin immunoreactivity (up to 70%)**







# Thoracic SMARCA4-Deficient Undifferentiated Tumor (SMARCA4-UT)

## Essential:

- Tumor in **adults, with significant thoracic involvement**
- **Diffuse sheets** of variably discohesive, **round to epithelioid**, relatively monotonous cells with vesicular nuclei and **prominent nucleoli**
- **No clear evidence of epithelial differentiation** (except juxtaposed carcinoma in combined cases)
- **SMARCA4 (BRG1) deficiency** by immunohistochemistry

## Desirable:

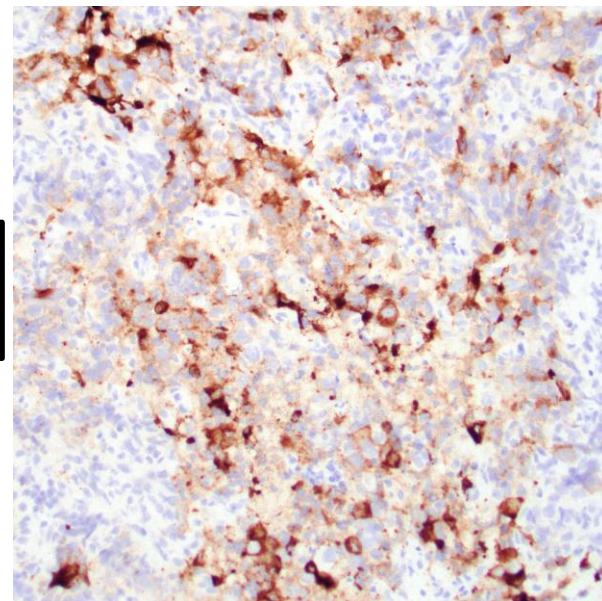
- **SMARCA2 (BRM) deficiency** by immunohistochemistry
- Expression of CD34, SOX2, and/or SALL4
- **Absent or focal claudin-4 expression**

# Differential Diagnosis

- Large cell lymphoma
- NUT carcinoma
- Germ cell tumor
- High-grade neuroendocrine carcinoma (LCMEC)
- Melanoma
- Various type of sarcomas
  - CIC-rearranged sarcoma, malignant rhabdoid tumor, epithelioid sarcoma, etc.
- Conventional NSCLC with SMARCA4 loss

Lack of NE morphology excludes LCNEC diagnosis

**Caution:** up to 70% of SMARCA4-UTs are immunoreactive to **synaptophysin**



Synaptophysin





## Undifferentiated Tumor cells

- Never or light smoker
- Squamous cell carcinoma lineage, but diffuse TTF-1 expression may rarely be seen
- No other driver mutations

- Heavy smoker with emphysematous changes
- Variable epithelial marker expression
- May harbor other driver mutations (associated with lung ADC)

Possible NE marker expressions -  
differential diagnoses of high-grade NE carcinomas

NUT carcinoma

Thoracic SMARCA4-deficient  
undifferentiated tumor



**Thank You!**

