


Head & Neck Pathology

Closer to Extinction of NOS: WHO Head and Neck Tumours Classification 5th Edition Update

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Giving the correct names to cancers,
we are ready for
the mission to defeat them.

—Carl Linnaeus, *Philosophia Botanica*, 1751

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Strategy

- Since 1956, the WHO has been responsible for the classification of tumours in all organs and systems.
- The WHO Blue Books provide a definitive evidence-based classification of all cancer types to enable diagnosis and research worldwide.
- The diagnosis of cancers underpins individual patient treatment, as well as research into all aspects of cancer causation, prevention, therapy, and education.
- **The WHO Blue Books are not just for pathologists...**

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The 5th Edition: What is Different

Better governance

- Editorial Board was formed in 2017 with standing and expert members to lead the classification, and to decide on entries, based on evidence
- Informed bibliometrics used to select editors and authors, removing selection bias
 - 2,500 authors have been involved in the 5th edition
- **Links to other organisations:** from coding, staging, genetics to implementation, among others


Quality and Standards

- One hierarchical classification using Linnean principles, managed in a database
- Greatly improved harmonization across the whole series
 - Neuroendocrine neoplasms, hematolymphoid, soft tissue, melanocytic, familial syndromes
- Improved image quality, linked references, standardized statistics, global epidemiology and mandated SI units (mitoses/2 mm²)
- Multidisciplinary classification


Production

- The edition will be published within 5 years of the first volume appearing
- Website allows easier access to references, digitized whole slide images, and notes

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Carcinomas of the Major Salivary Glands Histopathology Reporting Guide

<https://www.iccr-cancer.org/>

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SCOPE OF THIS DATASET

OPERATIVE PROCEDURE (select all that apply) (Note 1)

☐ Not specified

☒ Biopsy (excisional, incisional), specify

☒ Resection, specify

☐ Neck (lymph node) dissection*, specify

TUMOUR FOCALITY (Note 3)

☐ Unifocal

☒ Multifocal

Specify number of tumours in specimen

☐ Cannot be assessed, specify

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Overview

- 253 unique diagnostic entities
 - Subtypes (formerly called variants) included within the entity
- 288 authors
- 35 countries represented
- Instructions were quite meticulous and comprehensive
- Hierarchical classification (different from malignant 1st in 4th ed.)


Hamartomas/reactive tumor-like

Benign tumors

Uncertain or Borderline tumors

Malignant tumors (low to high grade)

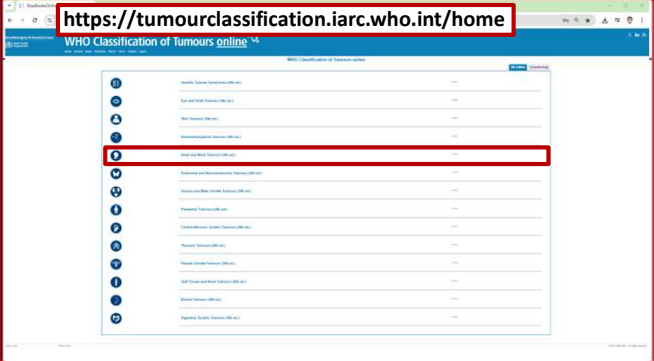
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Major changes


- Aggregated tumors affecting all anatomic sites into their own chapters to avoid redundancy/repetition/duplication
 - Salivary gland tumors (not repeated in each anatomic site)
 - Soft tissue lesions (some site-specific exclusions)
 - Hematolymphoid proliferations and neoplasms
 - Melanocytic tumors
 - Metastases to the head and neck
 - Germ cell tumors
 - Bone tumors grouped with odontogenic & maxillofacial
 - Neuroendocrine tumors and paraganglioma
 - Genetic tumor syndromes (15 with head and neck manifestations)

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https://tumourclassification.iarc.who.int/home

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BFF: Best Features Forever

- Books hosted as interactive on-line books
 - Optimized for desktop and mobile devices for anytime, anywhere, on-demand access
 - Online version has more images than printed book
- Virtual whole slide case for each diagnosis
- All references link to PubMed ID#
- Tables open in new browser window


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Head and Neck Tumours Part A

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Head and Neck Tumours Part B

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Nasal cavity, Paranasal sinuses & Skull base

2005 edition 69 diagnoses

2017 edition 40 diagnoses

2023 edition 24 diagnoses

Hamartomas

Respiratory epithelial adenomatoid hamartoma

Seromucinous hamartoma

Nasal chondromesenchymal hamartoma

Respiratory epithelial lesions

Sinonasal papillomas

Sinonasal papilloma, inverted

Sinonasal papilloma, oncocytic

Sinonasal papilloma, exophytic

Carcinomas

Keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma

Non-keratinizing squamous cell carcinoma

NUT carcinoma

SHV104F complex-deficient sinonasal carcinoma

Sinonasal lymphoepithelial carcinoma

Sinonasal undifferentiated carcinoma

Teratocarcinoma

HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma

Adenocarcinomas

Intestinal-type sinonasal adenocarcinoma

Non-intestinal-type sinonasal adenocarcinoma

Mesenchymal tumours of the sinonasal tract

Sinonasal tract angiofibroma

Sinonasal glomangiopericytoma

Biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma

Chordoma

Other sinonasal tumours

Sinonasal ameloblastoma

Adamantinomatous craniofacial angiosarcoma

Meningioma of the sinonasal tract, ear, and temporal bone

Olfactory neuroblastoma

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Nasal Cavity, Paranasal Sinuses & Skull Base

- **New entities (although emerging in 4th edition):**
 - ◆ *SWI/SNF* complex-deficient sinonasal carcinomas
 - ◆ HPV-related multiphenotypic sinonasal carcinoma
- **Emerging entities:**
 - ◆ *IDH2* hotspot mutations: may develop into a separate entity (provisionally include in sinonasal undifferentiated carcinoma)
 - ◆ *DEK::AFF2* carcinoma (provisionally included in nonkeratinizing squamous cell carcinoma)
- **Updated:**
 - ◆ Teratocarcinosarcoma: recurrent inactivation of *SMARCA4* and activating mutations in *CTNNB1*
 - ◆ Sinonasal adenocarcinoma non-intestinal type: *CTNNB1* mutations and some fusions (*ETV6::NTRK3*) identified

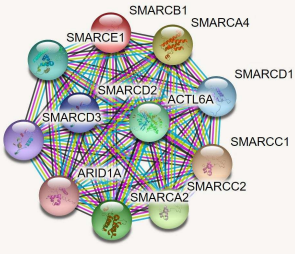
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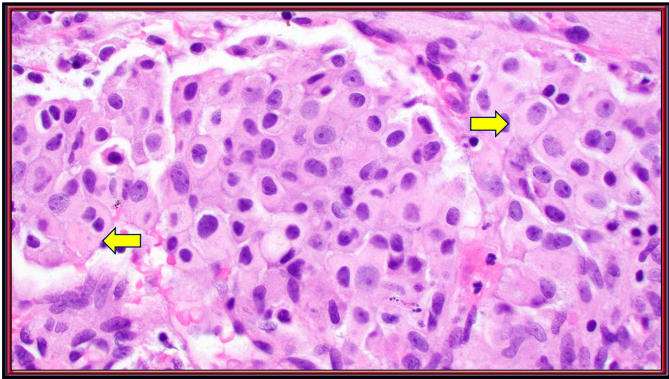
SWI/SNF complex-deficient carcinomas

SWI/SNF complex-deficient sinonasal carcinomas are poorly to undifferentiated epithelial malignancies defined by loss of one *SWI/SNF* complex subunit (either *SMARCB1* [*INI1*] or *SMARCA4* [*BRG1*]) without histologic features allowing classification into another specific entity

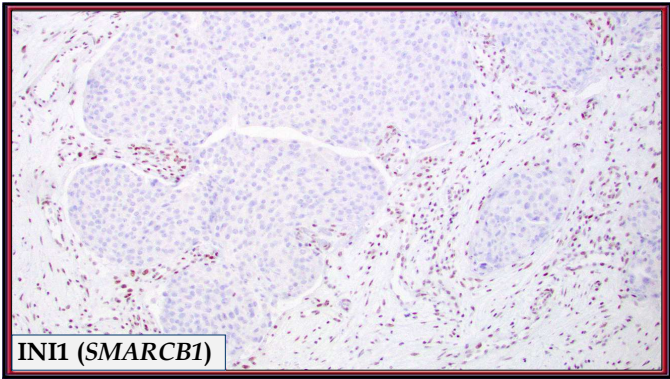
- *SMARCB1* (22q11.2) is most common (rare adenocarcinoma); rare *SMARCA4*-deficient carcinoma
 - ◆ *SWI/SNF* related, matrix associated, actin dependent regulator of chromatin, subfamily b, member 1
- Usually sole genetic driver based on specific *SWI/SNF* complex gene inactivation
- Biallelic inactivation of *SMARCB1* (most often)
 - ◆ Similar region to *EWSR1*: FISH may give false positive
- Age: range 19 — 89 years
 - ◆ Peak in 6th decade; *SMARCA4*: median 44 years
- Sex: slight male predominance
- Paranasal sinuses (especially ethmoid) and nasal cavity, often with orbital extension
- Present with high stage, obstruction, pain, eye symptoms
- Outcome: >50% died of disease (mean, 15 months)



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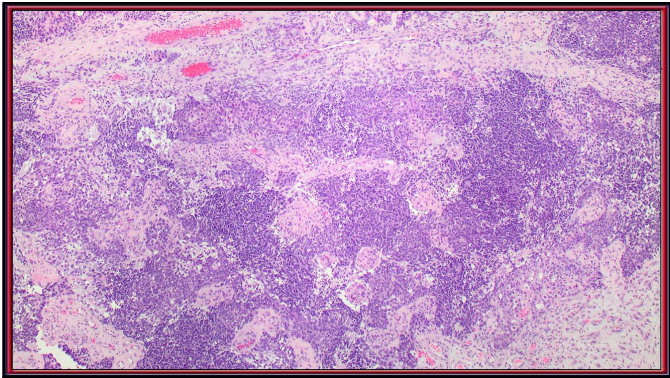
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Teratocarcinosarcoma

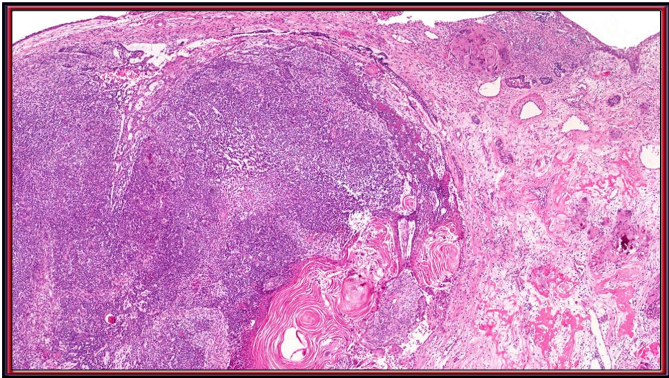
Complex malignant sinonasal neoplasm with immature and malignant endodermal, mesodermal, and neuroepithelial elements resembling immature teratoma

- ◆ No germ cell tumor (embryonal carcinoma, choriocarcinoma, seminoma)
- Rare
- Age: Mean: 54.5 years
- Sex: Male >> female (7:1)
- Sites: High in nasal cavity (72%)
 - ◆ Frequently involves more than 1 paranasal sinus
- Heterogeneous neoplasm with intermingled features of carcinoma, sarcoma, and immature neuroepithelial elements
- Shows loss of *SMARCA4* (*BRG1*)
- Multimodality therapy has mixed outcome, with high recurrence:
 - ◆ 60% dead in <3 years 40% respond, mean survival 6 years

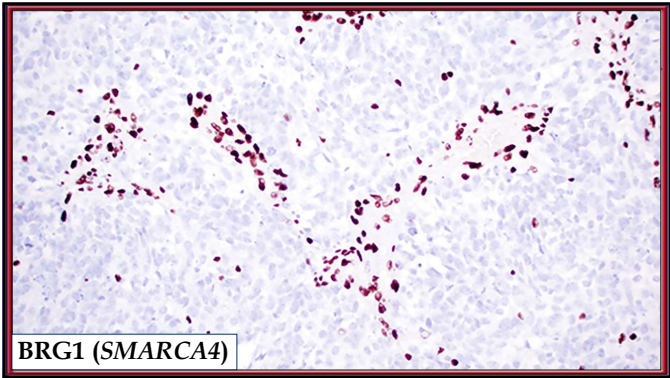
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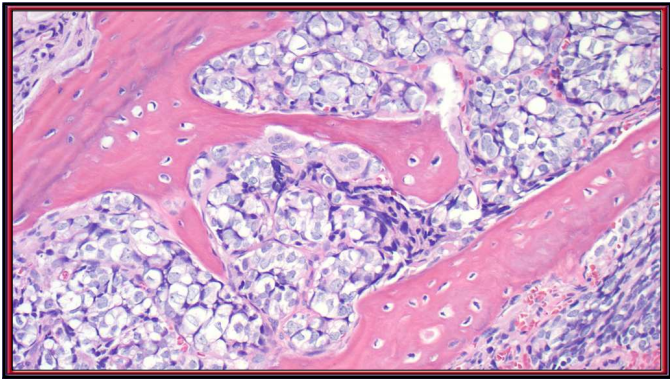
Sinonasal Undifferentiated Carcinoma

Undifferentiated carcinoma of the sinonasal tract without glandular or squamous features and not otherwise classifiable

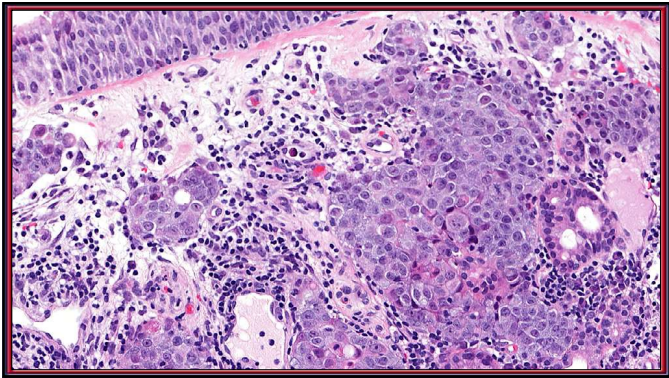
DIAGNOSIS OF EXCLUSION

- **Rare** 3-5% of sinonasal carcinomas
- **Age:** Older patients (mean 50-60 years)
- **Sex:** Males > Females
- **Presentation:** Rapid growth; high frequency of metastatic disease
- **Site:** Multiple sites, extensively infiltrative

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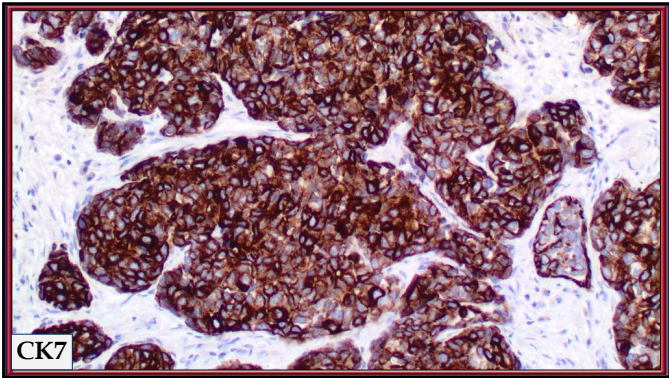
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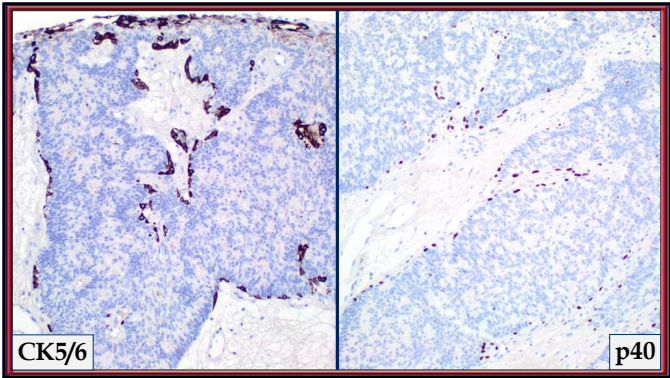
Immunohistochemistry Profile

	CK	p40	Syn	INI1	Des	CD99	S100	CD45	Other
Mucosal Melanoma	N	N	N	I	N	R	P	N	SOX10, HMB45, Melan-A
Rhabdomyosarcoma	S	N	S	I	P	R	R	N	Myogenin, MYOD1, SMA
Teratocarcinosarcoma	P	P	P	I	P	P	P	N	SMARCA4 loss
SNUC	P	-F	-F	I	N	N	N	N	-CK5/6, p63, EBER; +IDH
SMARCB1-Deficient Ca	P	±	±	L	N	N	N	N	+CD56
NUT carcinoma	P	P	N	I	N	N	N	N	+NUT; ±CD34
Lymphoid (NK-T and Plasmacytoma)	N	N	N	I	N	N	N	P	EBER; CD3; CD56, TIA-1, ±p63
Esthesioneuroblastoma (Olfactory Neuroblastoma)	R	N	P	I	R	N	P (S)	N	+Calretinin
Neuroendocrine Carcinoma	P (D)	-F	P	I	N	N	N	N	+ TTF-1, CD56, INSM1, p16
Ewing Sarcoma or Adamantinoma-like ES	S	N	S	I	-F	P	N	N	NKX2.2 strong; ALES: p40
Pituitary Neuroendocrine Tumor	P	N	P	I	N	R	-F	N	Prolactin; Pit1, SF1, TPSt

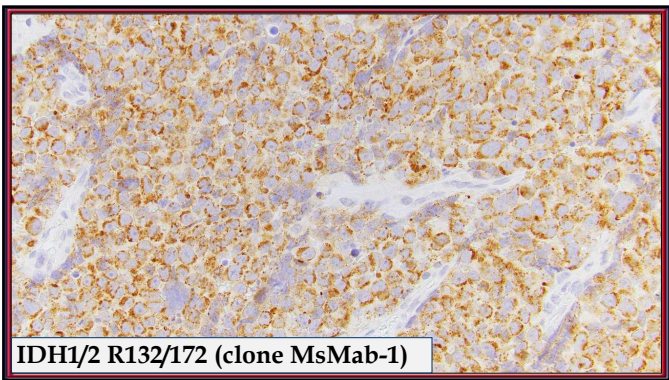
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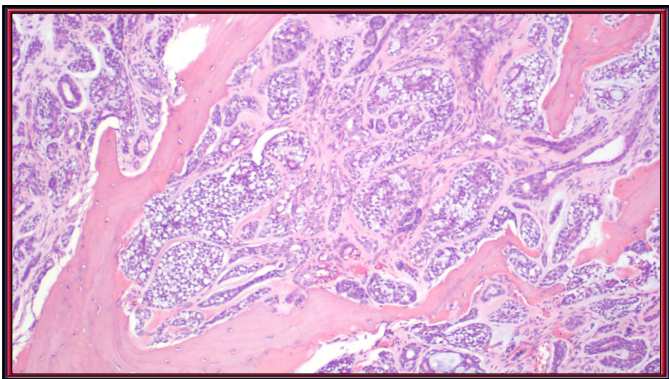
HPV-Related Multiphenotypic Sinonasal Carcinoma (HMSC)

An epithelial neoplasm exhibiting features of both surface- and minor salivary gland-derived elements, harboring transcriptionally active HPV

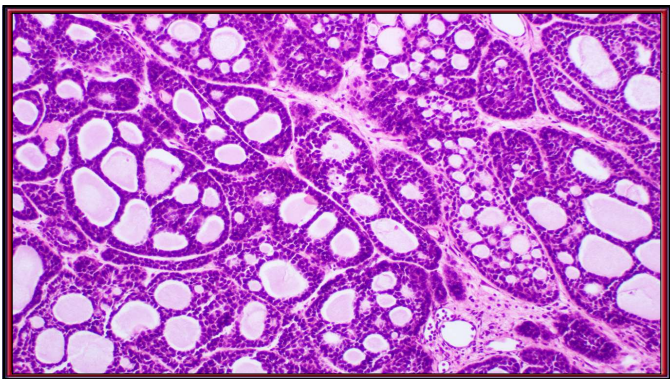
- Rare tumor
- Nasal cavity most often
- Adults
- Slight female predominance
- Excellent long-term prognosis

0.5 cm

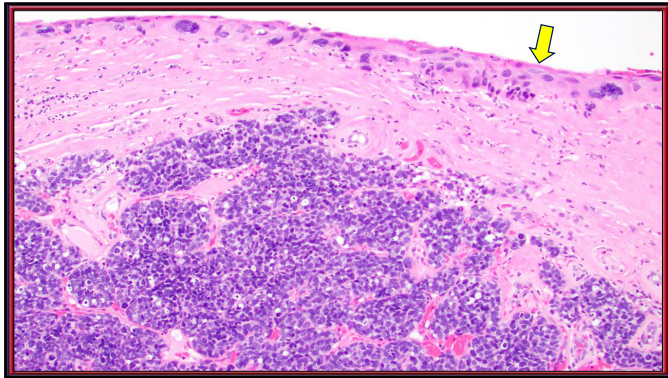
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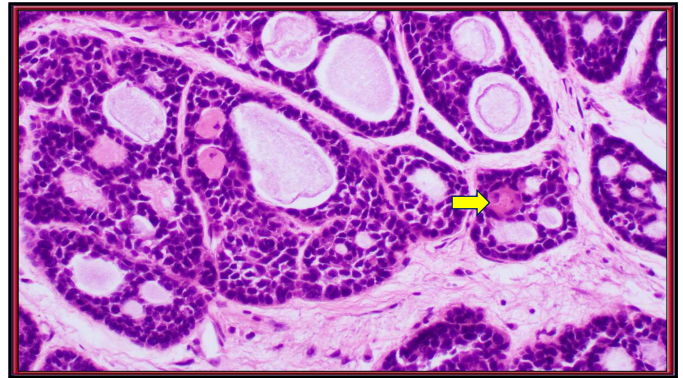
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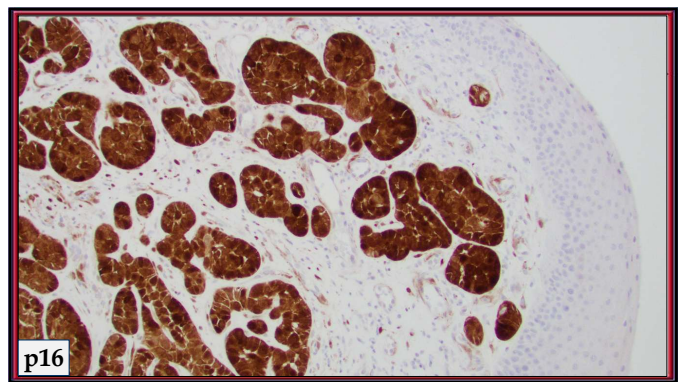
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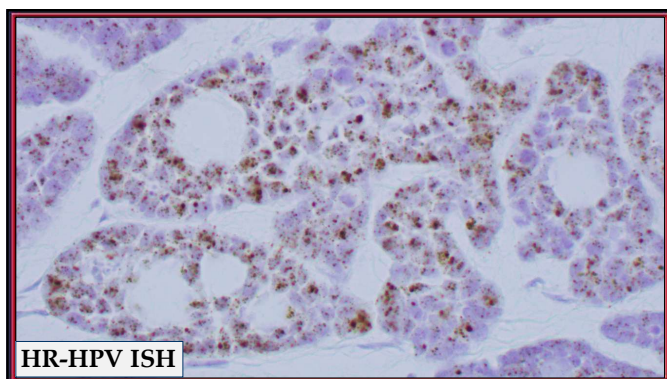
Immunohistochemistry

- **Myoepithelial:** p40, p63, SMA, calponin
- **Ducts:** CD117
- **Both:** S100 protein, SOX10
- MYB immunohistochemistry/RNA ISH positive, but there are no MYB rearrangements
- Strong diffuse p16; but must do HR-HPV RNA ISH (to include HPV33)

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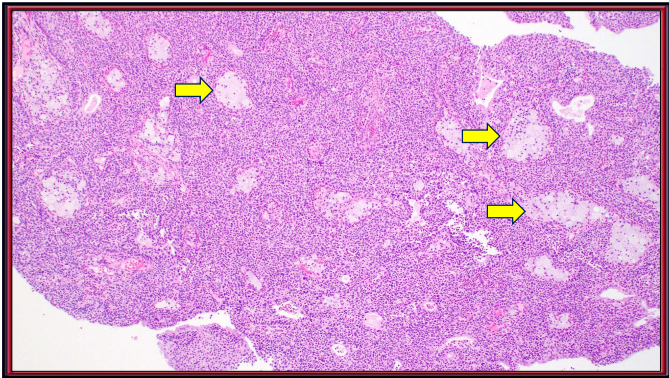


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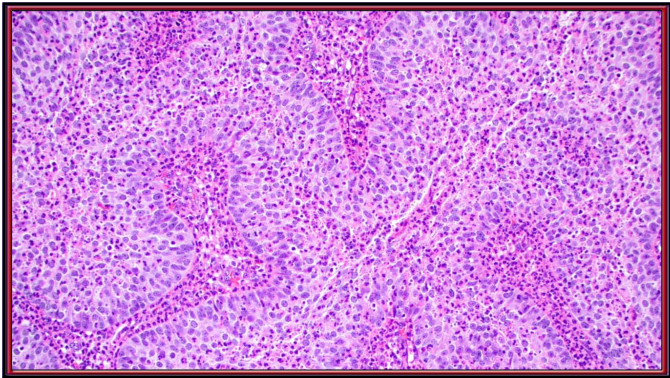
DEK::AFF2 Carcinoma

- Emerging category
- Often complex exophytic and endophytic growth
- Anastomosing lobules composed of monotonous tumor cells with transitional appearance
- Intraepithelial dyscohesion and tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes or neutrophils are unique and plentiful
- Requires DEK::AFF2 fusion by RNA sequencing or DEK break-apart FISH or immunohistochemistry (recently developed to AFF2 C-terminus: nuclear +)

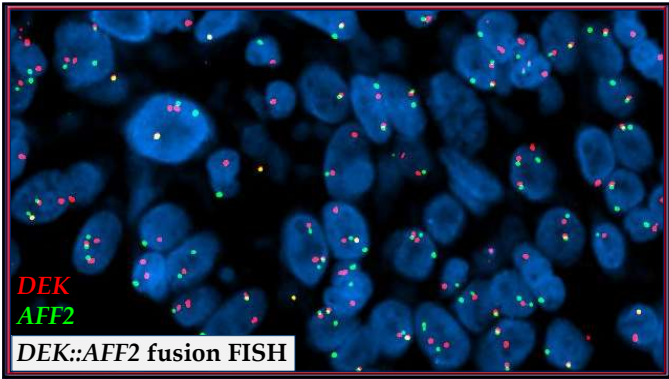
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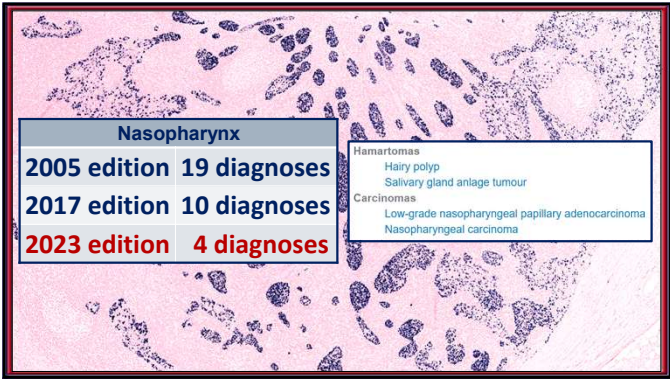
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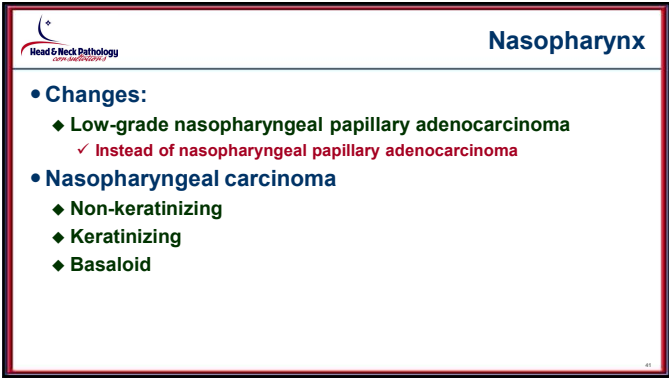
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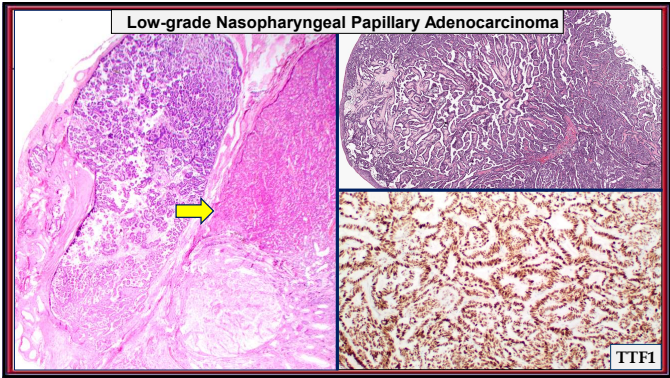
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Salivary Glands

- New Entities
 - Sclerosing polycystic adenoma
 - Keratocystoma
 - Intercalated duct adenoma
 - Striated duct adenoma
 - Microsecretory adenocarcinoma
 - Sclerosing microcystic adenocarcinoma
 - Mucinous adenocarcinoma
- Emerging or Submerging entities
 - Mucinous adenocarcinoma and Intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm
 - Intraductal carcinoma when invasion is present
 - Poorly differentiated carcinoma
 - Oncocytic carcinoma is viewed to be classified by molecular findings into something specific
 - Carcinosarcoma: probably is epithelial-mesenchymal transition

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Salivary Glands

- Molecular data added to definitions when tumor type-specific rearrangements are recognized
 - Mucoepidermoid carcinoma *CRTC1/3::MAML2*
 - Adenoid cystic carcinoma *MYB/L1::NFIB*
 - Secretory carcinoma *ETV6::NTRK3*
 - Polymorphous adenocarcinoma *ARID1A::PRKD1/2/3 or PRKD1*
 - Hyalinizing clear cell carcinoma *EWSR1::ATF1*
 - Mucinous adenocarcinoma *AKT1 p.E17K*
 - Microsecretory adenocarcinoma *MEF2C::SS18*
- Cytologic findings added to most entities
- Histologic grading (high grade transformation rather than de-differentiation) included for appropriate entities

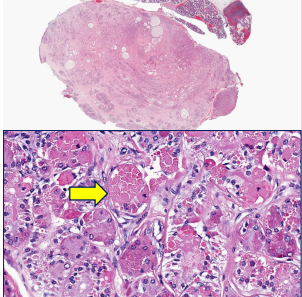
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Sclerosing Polycystic Adenoma

SPA includes fibrosis, cystic alterations, apocrine metaplasia, and proliferations of ducts, acini composed of the cells with abundant eosinophilic cytoplasmic granules, and myoepithelial cells in variable proportions

- Mutations in *PTEN* (ductal component) confirmed neoplastic nature



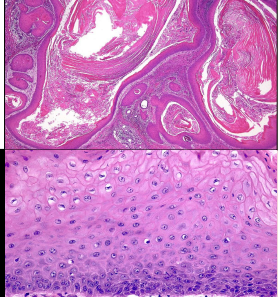
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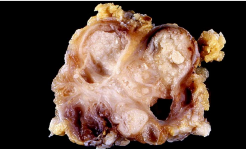
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Keratocystoma

Keratocystoma is a benign salivary gland tumor characterized by multicystic spaces, lined by stratified squamous epithelium, containing keratotic lamellae and focal solid epithelial nests

- Characterized by *RUNX2* rearrangements





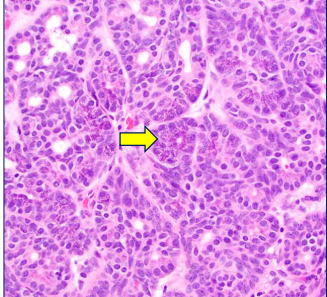
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Intercalated Duct Adenoma

Intercalated duct adenoma-hyperplasia are benign salivary ductal proliferations resembling bi-layered (epithelial and myoepithelial) intercalated ducts

- 85% in the parotid gland
- A nodular to multinodular, proliferation of cuboidal ductal cells with attenuated myoepithelial cells, sometimes containing acinic cells
- Adenomas: when well circumscribed or encapsulated (*HRAS*)
- Hyperplasia: when blending with adjacent acini (*CTNNB1*)
- CTNNB1* and *HRAS* pathogenic variants



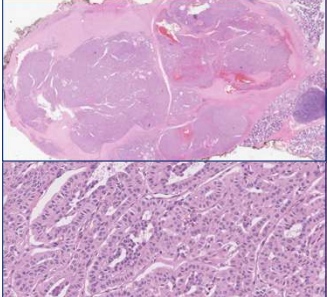
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Striated Duct Adenoma

A benign salivary gland tumour composed of ducts resembling normal striated ducts lined by a single layer of luminal cells with minimal intervening stroma.

- Rare, adults (range 47-78 years) with a slight female predominance
- Well-circumscribed, encapsulated, small, closely spaced ducts with minimal intervening stroma, with ducts lined by a single layer of columnar cells with eosinophilic cytoplasm; vascularized stroma




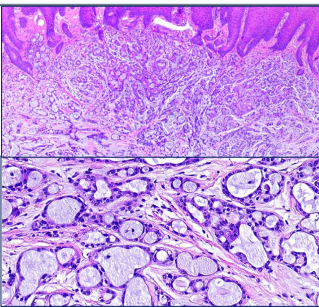
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Microsecretory Adenocarcinoma

Microsecretory adenocarcinoma is a low-grade malignancy with an intercalated duct-like phenotype and MEF2C::SS18 fusion (5q14.3 and 18q11.2)

- Nearly all minor salivary glands
- Positive:** SOX10, S100, p63



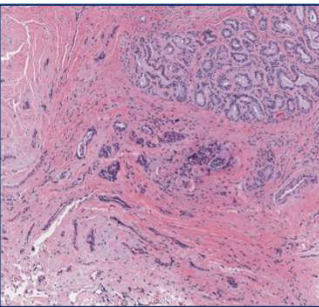


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Sclerosing Microcystic Carcinoma

An indolent infiltrative salivary carcinoma composed of a biphasic population of ductal and myoepithelial cells embedded in a dense collagenous stroma, similar to microcystic adnexal carcinoma

- Site:** Intraoral minor salivary glands
- Sex:** Females > Males
- Age:** Mean, 56 years

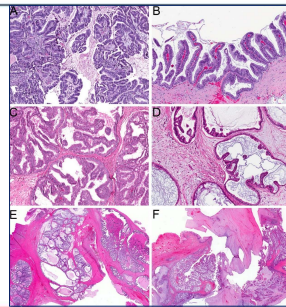


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Mucinous Adenocarcinoma

Primary salivary carcinoma that displays prominent intracellular and/or extracellular mucin, lacks diagnostic features of other tumour types, and is usually associated with AKT1 alterations


- 8th decade; M = F
- Minor salivary glands most often
- Abundant intracellular and/or extracellular mucin production in multiple forms, including goblet cell-like vacuoles, apical caps, foveolar-type cytoplasmic droplets, or stromal pools
- Variable papillary, colloid, or signet ring architecture, with 40% displaying mixed patterns



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Oral Cavity

2005 edition	58 diagnoses
2017 edition	26 diagnoses
2023 edition	16 diagnoses

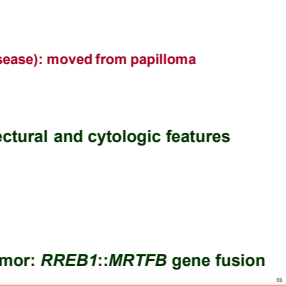


- Non-neoplastic lesions
 - Necrotizing sialometaplasia
 - Multifocal epithelial hyperplasia
 - Oral melanocanthoma
- Epithelial tumours
 - Papillomas
 - Squamous papilloma
 - Oral potentially malignant disorders and oral epithelial dysplasia
 - Oral potentially malignant disorders
 - Proliferative verrucous leukoplakia
 - Submucous fibrosis
 - Oral epithelial dysplasia
 - HPV-associated oral epithelial dysplasia
 - Squamous cell carcinomas
 - Oral squamous cell carcinoma
 - Verrucous carcinoma of the oral cavity and mobile tongue
 - Carcinoma cuniculatum
 - Tumours of uncertain histogenesis
 - Congenital granular cell epulis
 - Granular cell tumour
 - Ectomesenchymal chondromyxoid tumour
 - Melanotic neuroectodermal tumour of infancy

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Oral Cavity and Mobile Tongue

- New Entities:**
 - Non-neoplastic lesions
 - Necrotizing sialometaplasia
 - Multifocal epithelial hyperplasia (Heck disease): moved from papilloma
 - Oral melanocanthoma
- Changes**
 - Oral potentially malignant disorders
 - Oral epithelial dysplasia: more architectural and cytologic features
 - Submucous fibrosis
 - HPV-associated dysplasia
 - Verrucous carcinoma
 - Carcinoma cuniculatum
- Significant update**
 - Ectomesenchymal chondromyxoid tumor: *RREB1::MRTFB* gene fusion

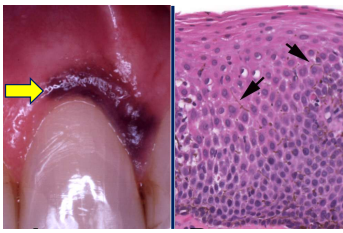


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Oral Melanoacanthoma

Oral melanoacanthoma is a non-neoplastic process, characterized by a dual proliferation of epidermal and melanocytic cells with a characteristic clinical profile of rapid initial growth but indolent behavior

- Dendritic melanocyte proliferation high in the epithelium
- Spongiosis
- Absence of atypia and invasion of melanocytic nests
- Epithelial acanthosis
- Melanin deposition at basal layer



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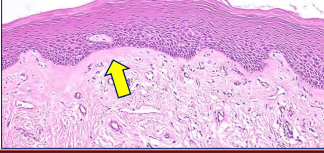
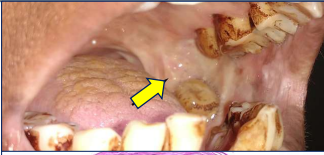
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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL

Submucous Fibrosis

Oral submucous fibrosis (OSF) is a chronic, insidious disease characterized by progressive fibrosis of submucosal tissues of the oral cavity and the oropharynx with a risk of transformation to SCC

- Early stage changes minimal with slightly increased vascularity, inflammatory infiltrate, and increased fibrillar collagen
- Later the collagen becomes homogeneous, starting superficially with juxta-epithelial hyalinization
- Advanced stage show loss of vascularity, hyalinization of collagen, and fibrous connective tissue

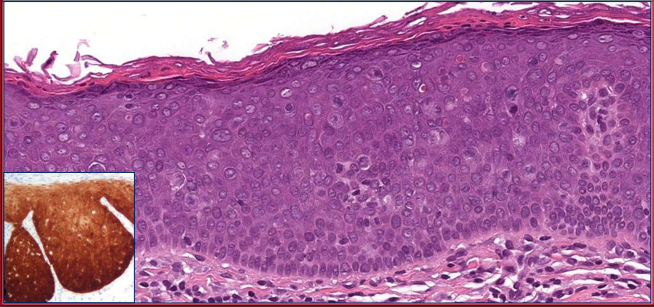


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HPV-associated Dysplasia

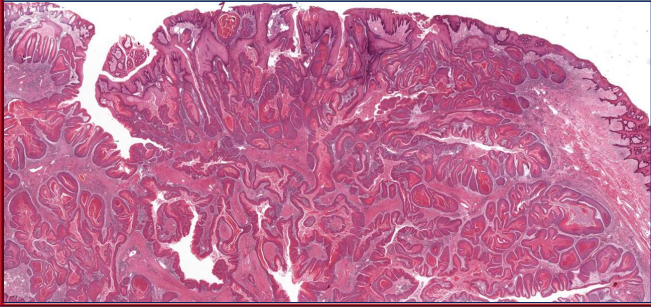


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Carcinoma Cuniculatum



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Oropharynx (base of tongue, tonsils & adenoids)

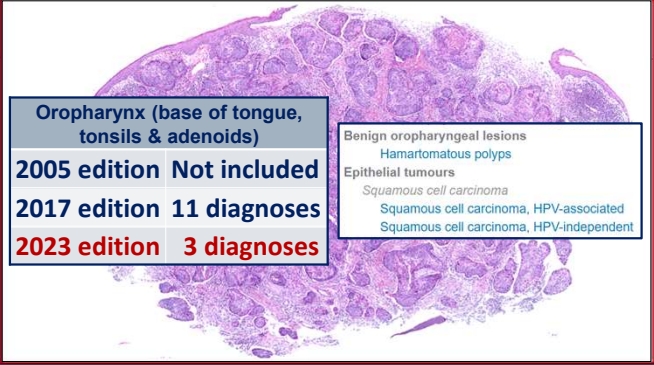
2005 edition	Not included
2017 edition	11 diagnoses
2023 edition	3 diagnoses

Benign oropharyngeal lesions

- Hamartomatous polyps

Epithelial tumours

- Squamous cell carcinoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV-associated
- Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV-independent



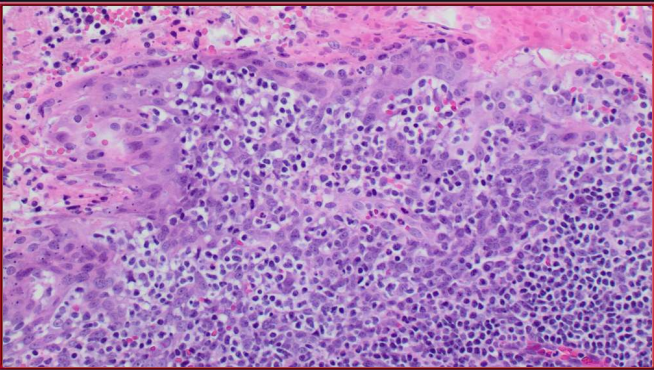
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Oropharynx

- **New Entities:**
 - ◆ Hamartomatous polyps (lymphangiomatous polyps)
- **Updated Entities**
 - ◆ HPV-associated squamous cell carcinoma
 - ✓ No carcinoma in situ
 - ✓ All subtypes of SCC recognized
 - ✓ ≥70% block-like nuclear and cytoplasmic p16+ reaction
 - ✓ Neuroendocrine carcinoma separately reported
 - May be HPV-independent
 - ◆ HPV-independent squamous cell carcinoma

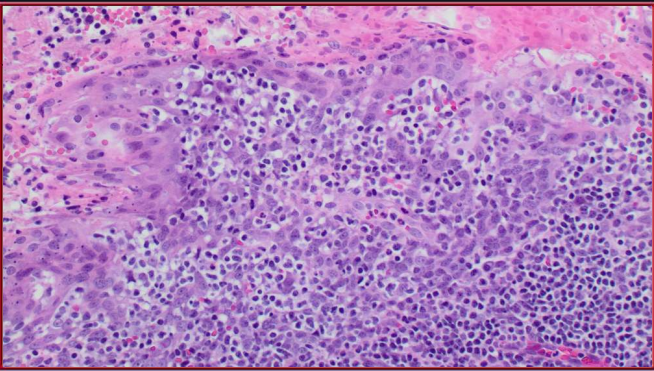


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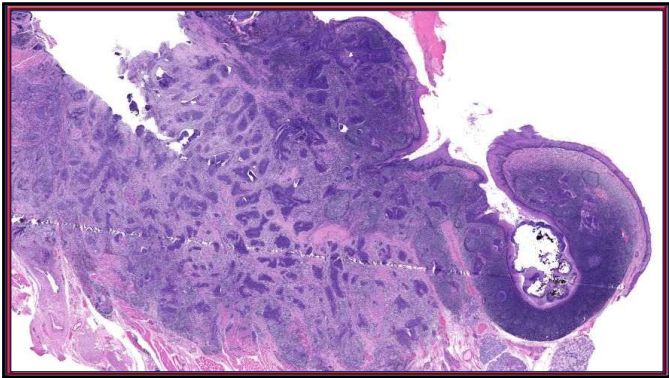
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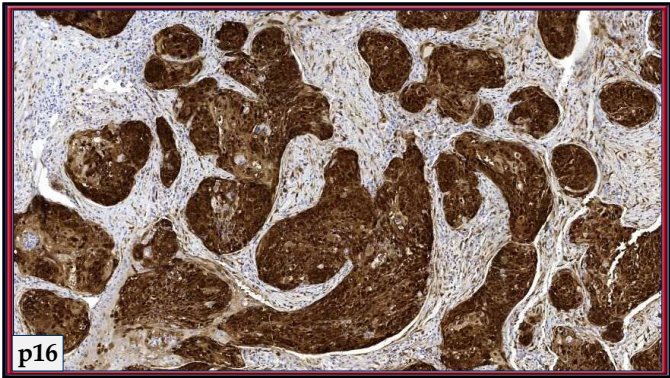
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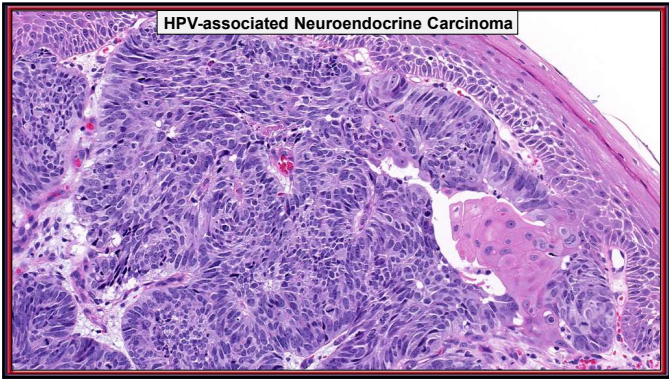
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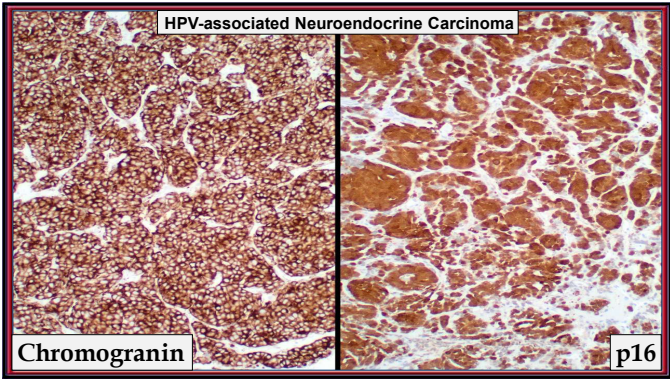
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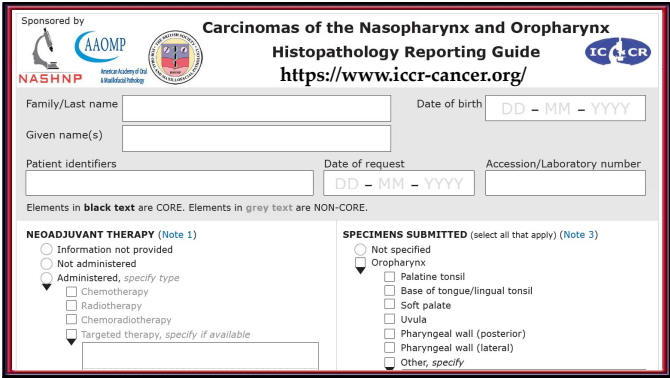
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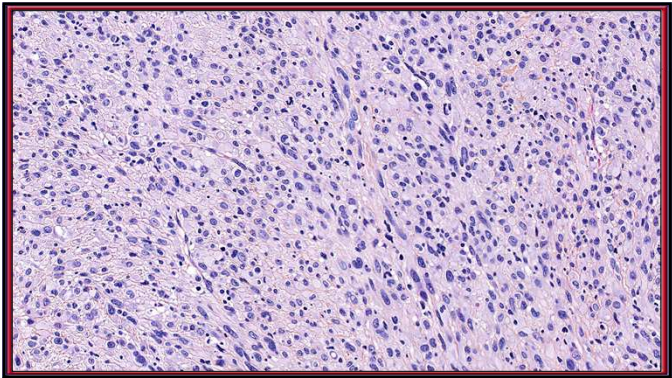
TFCP2-rearranged Rhabdomyosarcoma

Rhabdomyosarcoma with TFCP2 rearrangement is a high grade rhabdomyosarcoma characterized by fusion of TFCP2 to EWSR1 or FUS


- **Age:** Majority in young patients
- **Site:** Most TFCP2-RMS arise in bone, specifically craniofacial bones: mandible > maxilla > skull bones
- Usually biphasic with spindle cell and epithelioid areas in solid sheets or fascicles with scant accompanying stroma
 - ◆ May be purely epithelioid, spindle or round cell
- Tumour nuclei are monotonous and large with conspicuous nucleoli
- High mitotic activity and tumor necrosis
- **Positive:** AE1/E3, desmin, MYOD1, myogenin, ALK
Sometimes p63, CK7, SATB2, p53, CD30, CD4, S100

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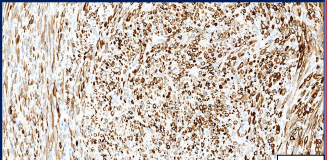
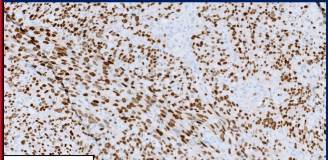
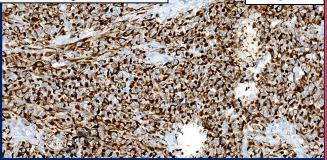
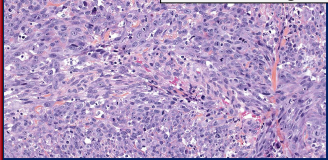
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TFCP2-rearranged Rhabdomyosarcoma



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Tumors of the Ear

2005 edition	37 diagnoses
2017 edition	11 diagnoses
2023 edition	14 diagnoses


Tumours of the external auditory canal

- Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica helices
- Cystic chondromalacia
- Exostosis (osteoma) of the ear
- Ceruminous adenoma
- Ceruminous adenocarcinoma
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the external auditory canal

Tumours of the middle and inner ear

- Otosclerosis
- Cholesteatoma
- Middle ear papilloma
- Vestibular schwannoma
- Middle ear neuroendocrine tumour
- Endolymphatic sac tumour
- Middle ear squamous cell carcinoma
- Middle ear adenocarcinoma


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Tumors of the Ear

- **New Entities (well not really: in 3rd but not in 4th edition)**
 - ◆ Chondrodermatitis nodularis chronica helices
 - ◆ Cystic chondromalacia
 - ◆ Osteoma
 - ◆ Middle ear papilloma
 - ✓ *MKN1::BRAF* fusion identified in sinonasal-papilloma-like tumor
 - ◆ Middle ear squamous cell carcinoma includes emerging entity of *DEK::AFF2* fusion carcinoma
- **Renamed**
 - ◆ Middle ear neuroendocrine tumor (MeNET) from middle ear adenoma (kept in ear for this edition)
 - ◆ Middle ear adenocarcinoma from middle ear aggressive papillary tumor

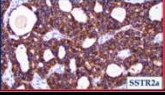
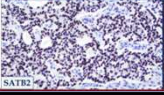

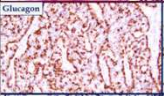
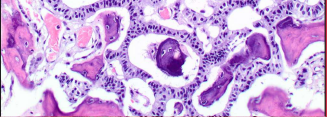
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Middle Ear Neuroendocrine Tumor (MeNET)

Neoplasm arising from the middle ear mucosa with epithelial and neuroendocrine differentiation

- Neuroendocrine Adenoma of the Middle Ear (NAME)
- Middle ear adenoma (MEA)
- Middle ear adenomatous tumor (MEAT)
- Middle ear adenoma with neuroendocrine differentiation (MEA-ND)
- Carcinoid tumor (CT)
- Amphicrine tumor (APT)
- Amphicrine adenoma of the middle ear (AAME)
- Adenoma of the middle ear (AME)
- Adenocarcinoid (AC)
- Adenomatoid tumor of middle ear (ATME)
- Adenomatous tumor of the middle ear (ATME)
- Neuroendocrine tumor of middle ear (NETME)
- Mixed epithelial neuroendocrine tumor of the middle ear (MENETME)



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Soft tissue tumors

2005 edition 44 diagnoses

2017 edition 32 diagnoses

2023 edition 32 diagnoses

Lipomas

Liposarcomas

Leiomyomas and leiomyosarcomas

Neuromas

Neurofibromas

Solitary fibrous tumor

Low-grade myofibroblastic sarcoma

Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor

Desmoid tumor

Hemangioma

Epithelioid hemangioma

Lymphangioma

Epithelioid hemangioendothelioma

Kaposi sarcoma

Angiosarcoma

Trichoblastoma

Myofibrosarcoma

Leiomyosarcoma

Leiomyoma and angiolipoma

EBV-associated smooth muscle tumor

Breast muscle tumor of uncertain malignant potential

Leiomyosarcoma

Leiomyoma

Rhabdomyoma

Rhabdomyosarcoma

Chondroma

Chondrosarcoma

Chondroblastoma

Neurofibroma

Schwannoma

Neuroma

Malignant peripheral nerve sheath tumor

Tumors of uncertain differentiation

Phosphaturic mesenchymal tumor

Myxoma

Extracranial myxoid chondrosarcoma

Synovial sarcoma

GLI1-altered soft tissue tumor

Undifferentiated sarcoma

Undifferentiated round cell sarcoma of bone and soft tissue

Basal sarcoma

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Soft tissue tumors

- Except for site-specific lesions, all soft tissue tumors aggregated into one chapter, divided into histogenic groups
 - Such as glomangiopericytoma, biphenotypic sinonasal sarcoma, sialolipoma
- New Entities:
 - EBV-associated smooth muscle tumor
 - Phosphaturic mesenchymal tumor
 - Extracranial myxoid chondrosarcoma
 - GLI1-altered soft tissue tumor
- New Names:
 - Epithelioid hemangioma (formerly angiolymphoid hyperplasia with eosinophilia)
 - Rhabdomyosarcoma family (all grouped, although separate lesions in Soft Tissue classification)
 - Ewing sarcoma (includes several *EWSR1*-rearranged neoplasms, especially adamantinoma-like Ewing sarcoma)

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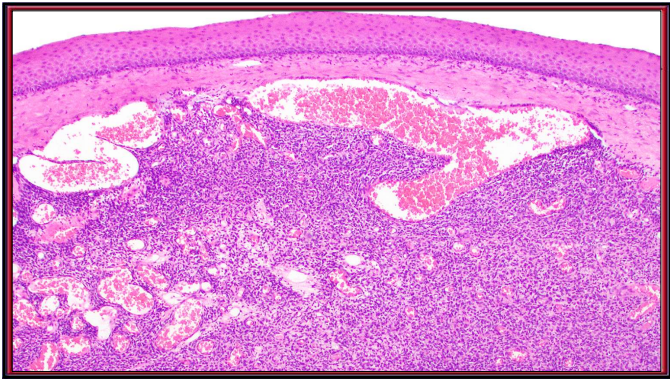
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EBV-associated Smooth Muscle Tumor

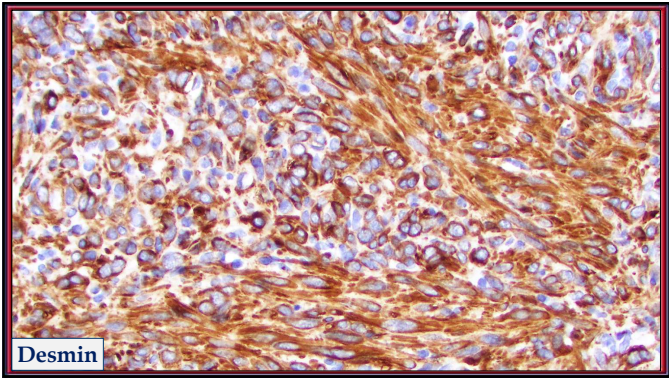
A tumor with smooth muscle differentiation that is associated with EBV infection in the setting of immunosuppression

- Site: most in the larynx; then oropharynx and orbit
- Vast majority have transplantation history (usually kidney)
 - HIV infection, malnutrition, or other disease/events causing immunodeficiency
- Histology:
 - Intersecting fascicles of spindle cells with ample eosinophilic cytoplasm
 - Blunt ended nuclei
 - Epithelioid cells with open nuclear chromatin in box-shaped to oval nuclei also seen
 - Nuclear atypia and/or increased mitotic activity can be seen
 - Necrosis is uncommon except in HIV-positive patients
- Positive: SMA, h-caldesmon, desmin, SMMHC; EBV ISH (definitional)

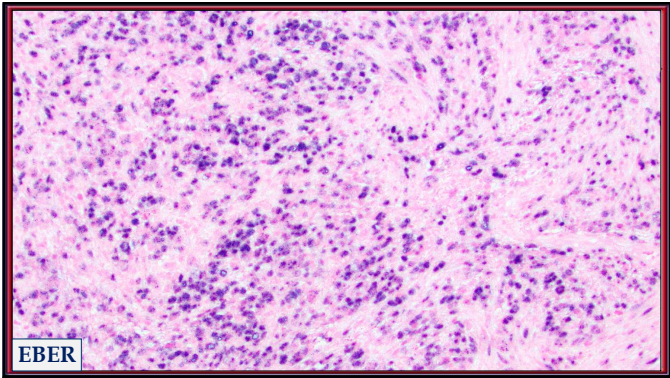
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Phosphaturic Mesenchymal Tumor

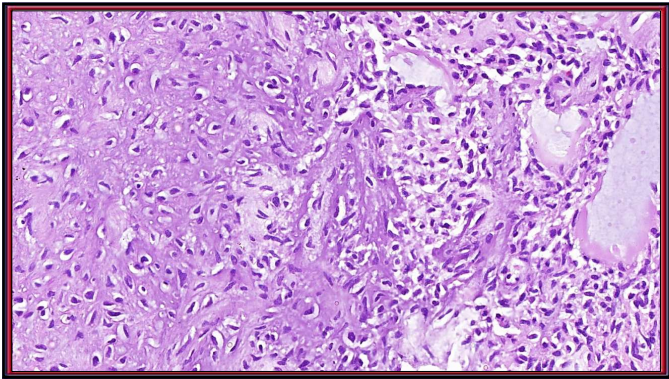
Distinctive neoplasms that cause tumor-induced osteomalacia, usually through production of fibroblast growth factor-23 (FGF23)

- Must have clinical evidence of phosphate wasting and/or osteomalacia
 - ◆ Should be reversed by complete removal of the tumor
 - ◆ FGF23 elevated levels in the serum in many cases
- Site: Head and neck region is the second most common site
 - ◆ About 50% affect the paranasal sinuses
- Histology:
 - ◆ Bland, ovoid, spindle to stellate cells embedded in a richly vascularized stroma
 - ◆ Pathognomonic basophilic, smudgy matrix with 'grungy' or 'flocculent' calcification
 - ◆ May contain adipose tissue and are more myoid with prominent thick-walled blood vessels
 - ◆ Head and neck cases show minimal/absent calcified matrix
- Positive: ERG, D2-40, SATB2, SSTR2A, FGF23, NSE, CD56

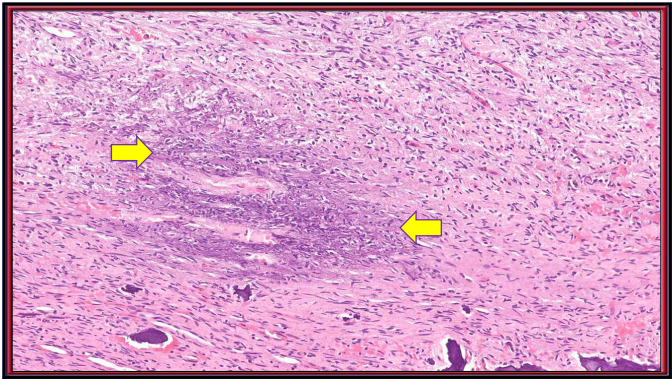
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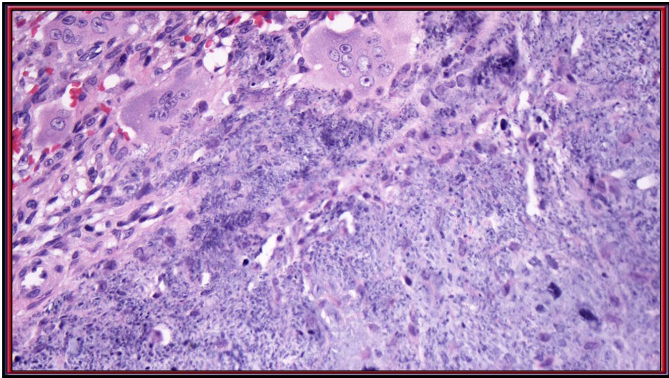
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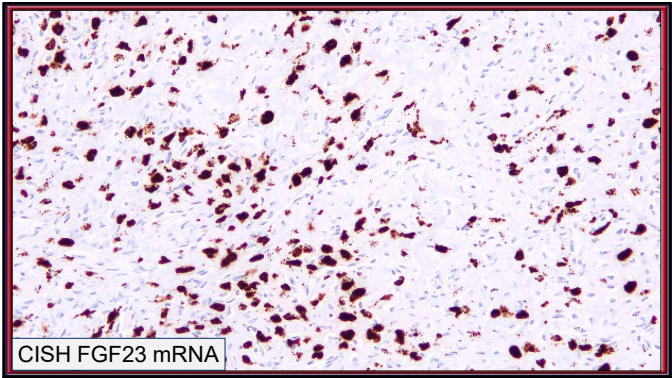
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GLI1-altered Soft Tissue Tumor

A mesenchymal neoplasm of uncertain histogenesis characterized by an epithelioid morphology and GLI1 alterations

- Gene fusions seen in 2/3 with remaining cases showing amplification, sometimes with co-amplification of neighboring genes
- Site: ~40% occur in the head and neck (tongue most commonly)
- Histology:
 - ◆ Protrusion into vascular spaces is common
 - ◆ Wide spectrum of architectural and cytologic findings
 - ◆ Arranged in nests and sheets, fascicles, pseudorosettes, cords and/or reticular pattern
 - ◆ Small-medium cells that range from epithelioid to ovoid to spindled, with variable eosinophilic to clear cytoplasm
 - ◆ Monomorphic round to ovoid nuclei, with pin-point nucleoli
 - ◆ Limited mitotic activity
 - ◆ A prominent capillary-sized vasculature is often present
 - ◆ Stroma may be myxoid or hyalinized

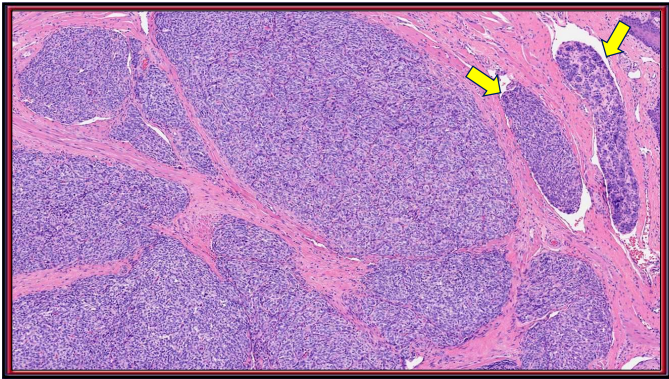
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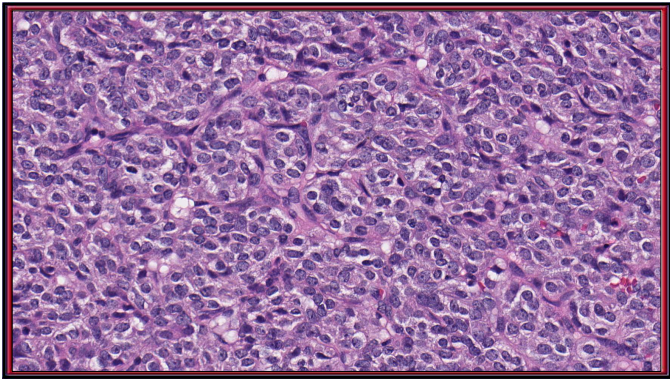
GLI1-altered Soft Tissue Tumor

- **Variable and patchy, focal immunohistochemistry**
 - ◆ Smooth muscle actin, S100 protein, CD10, CD56, CD99, EMA, p16
 - ◆ Usually negative: SOX10, HMB45, GFAP, CD34, p63, chromogranin, synaptophysin
 - ◆ May have overexpression of CDK4, MDM2 and STAT6 (especially in GLI1-amplified tumors)
- **FISH for *DDIT3* surrogate for *GLI1*; *GLI1* FISH for rearrangement not amplification**
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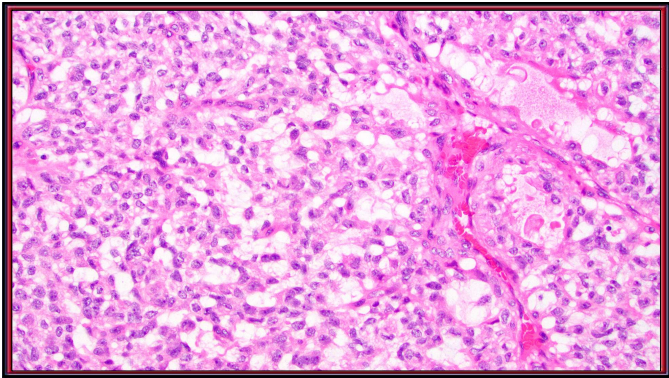
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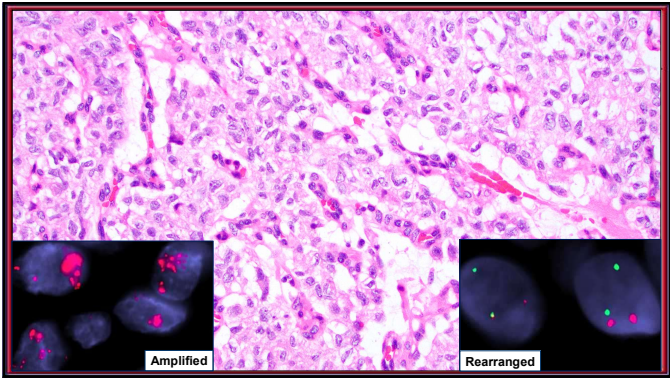
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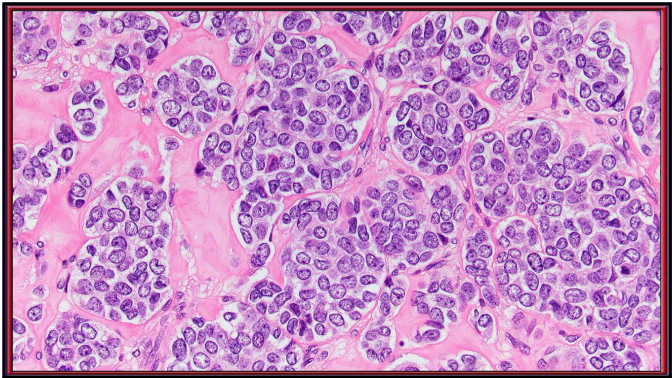
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Adamantinoma-like Ewing Sarcoma

A primitive small round cell sarcoma defined by fusions involving members of the FET and ETS gene families

- Age: 85% in first 4 decades of life
- Sex: Slight male predominance
- Site: adamantinoma-like subtype usually head and neck: salivary glands, thyroid gland, and sinonasal tract
- Histology: Lobulated architecture, peripheral palisading, and myxoid to hyalinized stroma; squamous differentiation focally present (but not in every case)
- Positive: CD99 (M), NKX2.2, FLI1, ERG, CK-pan, p40/p63
- Variable: chromogranin, synaptophysin

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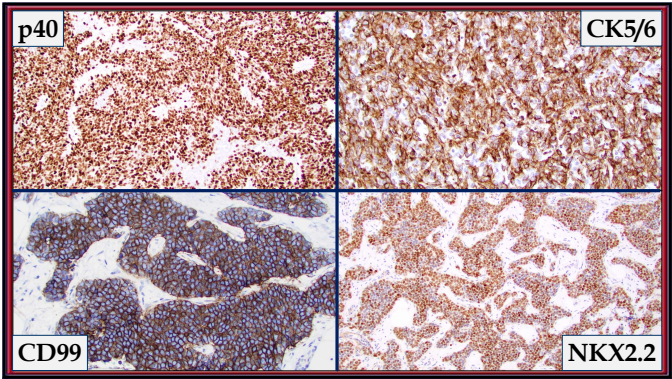
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Immunohistochemistry Profile

	CK	p40	Syn	INI1	Des	CD99	S100	CD45	Other
Mucosal Melanoma	N	N	N	I	N	R	P	N	SOX10, HMB45, Melan-A
Rhabdomyosarcoma	S	N	S	I	P	R	R	N	Myogenin, MYOD1, SMA
Teratocarcinosarcoma	P	P	P	I	P	P	P	N	SMARCA4 loss
SNUC	P	-F	-F	I	N	N	N	N	- CK5/6, p63; IDH2 mut.
SMARCB1-Deficient Ca	P	±	±	L	N	N	N	N	
NUT carcinoma	P	P	N	I	N	N	N	N	+NUT; ±CD34
Lymphoid (NK-T and Plasmacytoma)	N	N	N	I	N	N	N	P	EBER; CD3; CD56, TIA-1, ±p63
Esthesioneuroblastoma (Olfactory Neuroblastoma)	R	N	P	I	R	N	P (S)	N	+Calretinin
Neuroendocrine Carcinoma	P (D)	-F	P	I	N	N	N	N	+ TTF-1, INSM1, p16
Ewing Sarcoma or Adamantinoma-like ES	S	N	S	I	-F	P	N	N	NKX2.2 strong; ALES p40
Pituitary neuroendocrine tumor	P	N	P	I	N	R	-F	N	Prolactin; Pit1, SF1

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Hematolymphoid Proliferations and Neoplasia

2005 edition 35 diagnoses

2017 edition 16 diagnoses

2023 edition 22 diagnoses

Reactive hemolymphoid and related lesions

Reactive lymphoid hyperplasia

EBV-positive mucocutaneous ulcer

IgG4-related disease

Myeloid sarcoma

B-cell lymphomas

Extranodal marginal zone lymphoma of mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue

Mantle cell lymphoma

Follicular lymphoma

Paediatric-type follicular lymphoma

Large B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangement

Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

Burkitt lymphoma

Plasmacytoma

Plasmablastic lymphoma

T/NK-cell tumours

T-lymphoblastic leukaemia/lymphoma

Primary mucosal CD30-positive T-cell lymphoproliferative disorder

Extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma

Hodgkin lymphoma

Histiocytic and dendritic cell tumours

Juvenile xanthogranuloma

Erdheim-Chester disease

Rosai-Dorfman disease

Langerhans cell histiocytosis

Follicular dendritic cell sarcoma

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Hematolymphoid Proliferations and Neoplasia

- Except for site-specific lesions, all hematolymphoid proliferations and neoplasms aggregated into one chapter, divided into groups
- New Entities:
 - ◆ EBV+ mucocutaneous ulcer
 - ◆ IgG4-related disease
 - ◆ Large B-cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangement
 - ◆ Juvenile xanthogranuloma
 - ◆ Erdheim Chester disease

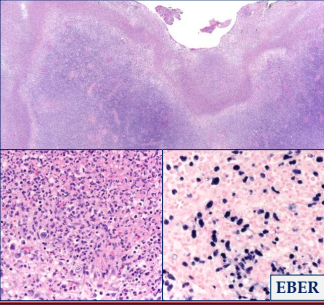
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EBV+ Mucocutaneous Ulcer

A self-limiting lymphoproliferative disorder with a polymorphous lymphoid infiltrate including Hodgkin-like cells that typically involves mucosal and cutaneous sites in immunocompromised patients

- Immunosuppressed patients
 - Elderly, autoimmune, iatrogenic, HIV, and posttransplant settings
- Histology:
 - Well-circumscribed ulcers
 - At the base is a polymorphous infiltrate ranging from small to large lymphoid cells, variable numbers of immunoblasts, plasma cells, and Hodgkin-like cells
 - Vascular destruction, thrombosis and necrosis is often prominent
 - Overlying epithelium may show PEH
- Positive: mixed CD20 & CD3; EBER; CD30; rare CD15



EBER

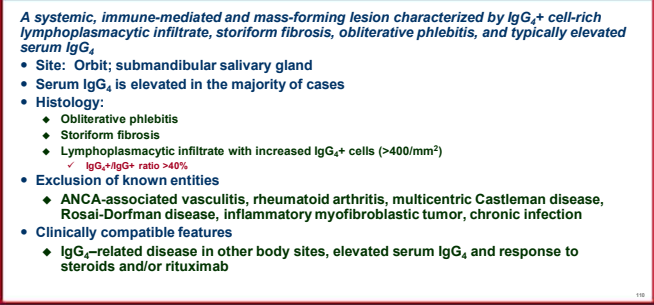
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IgG₄-related Disease

A systemic, immune-mediated and mass-forming lesion characterized by IgG₄⁺ cell-rich lymphoplasmacytic infiltrate, storiform fibrosis, obliterative phlebitis, and typically elevated serum IgG₄

- Site: Orbit; submandibular salivary gland
- Serum IgG₄ is elevated in the majority of cases
- Histology:
 - Obliterative phlebitis
 - Storiform fibrosis
 - Lymphoplasmacytic infiltrate with increased IgG₄⁺ cells (>400/mm²)
 - IgG₄⁺/IgG⁺ ratio >40%
- Exclusion of known entities
 - ANCA-associated vasculitis, rheumatoid arthritis, multicentric Castleman disease, Rosai-Dorfman disease, inflammatory myofibroblastic tumor, chronic infection
- Clinically compatible features
 - IgG₄-related disease in other body sites, elevated serum IgG₄ and response to steroids and/or rituximab



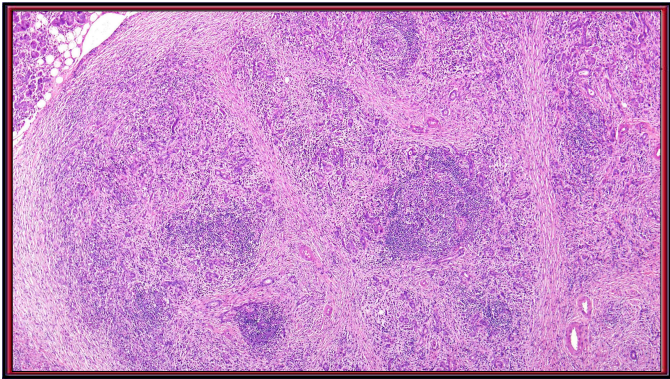
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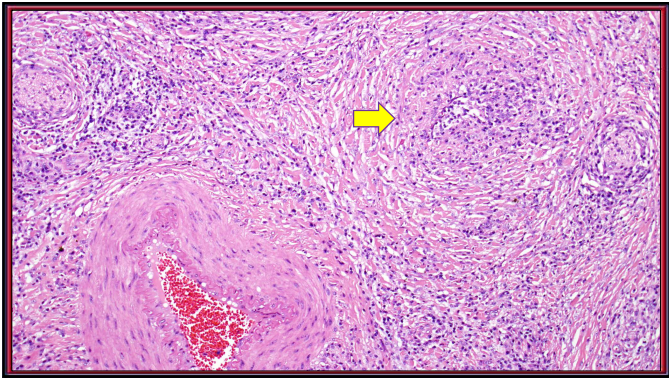
Table of Criteria for IgG₄-related Disease

Affected Sites	Nomenclature (obsolete terminology)	IgG ₄ ⁺ Cell Count	Salient Clinical Features
Orbit, including lacrimal glands	IgG ₄ -related ophthalmic disease IgG ₄ -related orbital inflammation IgG ₄ -related orbital myositis (Pseudotumor; idiopathic fibroinflammatory disease)	>400/mm ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unilateral or bilateral painless orbital swelling, proptosis and diplopia, rarely eye pain and visual impairmentContrast-enhancing soft tissue massPreferentially affecting lateral rectus muscleBilateral infraorbital nerve involvement on imaging is pathognomonic of IgG₄-related ophthalmic disease
Salivary glands	IgG ₄ -related sialadenitis (Küttner tumor, chronic sclerosing sialadenitis)	>400/mm ²	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Unilateral or bilateral painless swelling most commonly involving submandibular glandOccasionally simultaneous bilateral lacrimal, parotid and submandibular gland involvement (Mikulicz disease)Xerostomia is usually mild and responds well to steroidsSialography normal

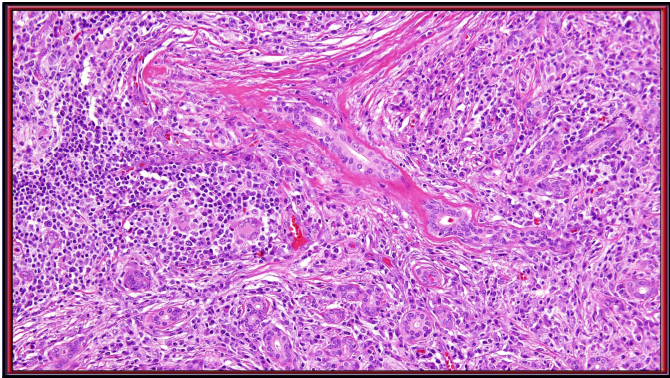
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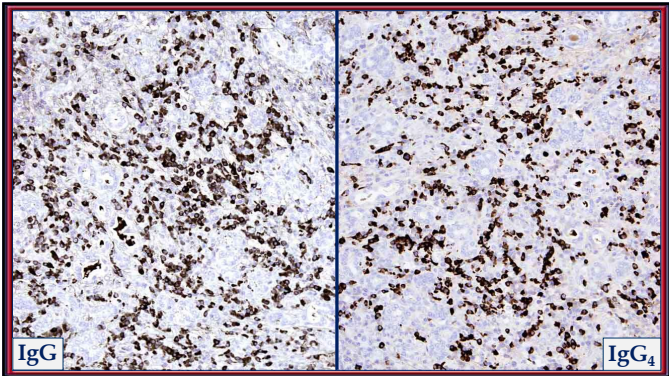
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Erdheim Chester disease

A systemic histiocytic neoplasm characterized by multi-organ proliferation of mature histiocytes in a background of fibrosis

- **Site:** Xanthelasma-like lesions around the eyes, face, and neck
- **Sex:** Male predominance
- **Sclerosis of facial sinuses** (imaging studies)
- **Underlying clonal hematopoiesis or overt myeloid neoplasms** (mostly CMML) may be seen
- **Histology:**
 - ◆ Collections of histiocytes with bland cytologic features
 - ◆ Foamy and/or eosinophilic cytoplasm
- **Positive:** CD163, CD68, CD14, FXIIIa, CD4
- **Negative:** CD1a, CD207

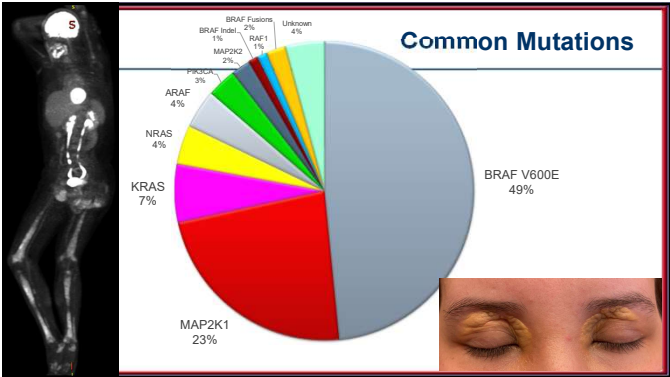
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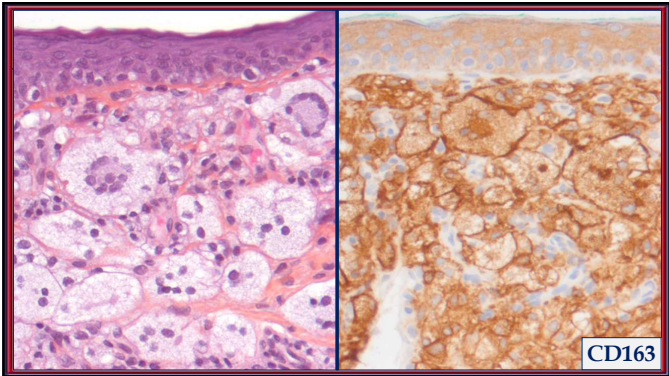
Common sites of Erdheim-Chester Disease

Site	Presentation
Bones (80-95%)	Bilateral symmetric long bone involvement at the metadiaphysis
Retroperitoneum (55-65%)	Perinephric infiltration ("hairy kidneys")
Vasculature (50-80%)	Periaortic infiltration of entire thoracoabdominal aorta "coated aorta"
Heart (40-70%)	Right atrial pseudotumor; valvular infiltration; pericardial infiltration and effusion
Endocrine system (40-70%)	Diabetes insipidus; anterior pituitary dysfunction; testicular insufficiency; adrenal infiltration
Nervous system (40%)	Brainstem/cerebellum masses; cerebral white matter enhancement; dural and pituitary stalk thickening
Respiratory tract (30-55%)	Mediastinal infiltration; pleural, septal, and maxillary sinus thickening
Orbits (30%)	Orbital masses
Skin (25-30%)	Xanthelasma-like lesions around eyes, face, neck, and inguinal folds

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Melanocytic tumors

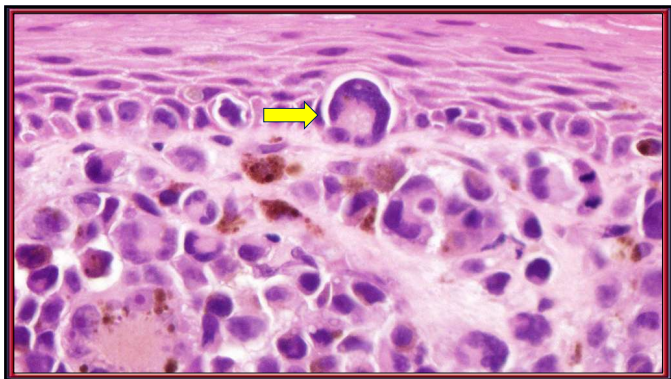
2005 edition 6 diagnoses

2017 edition 3 diagnoses

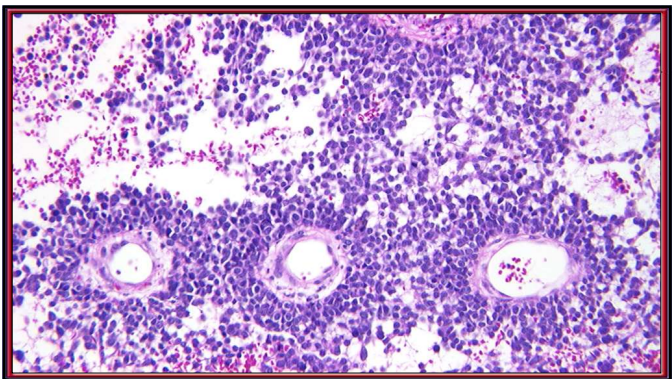
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Mucosal melanoma

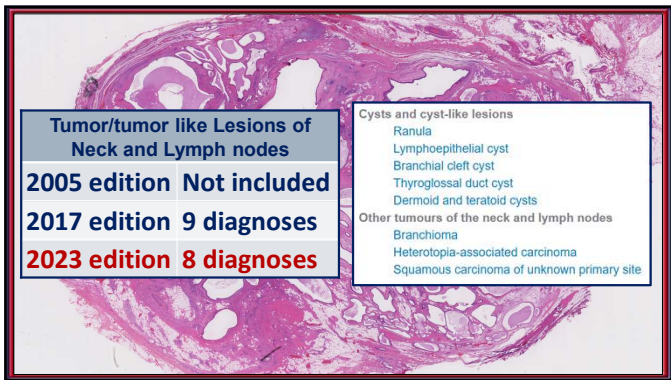
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Tumor/tumor like Lesions of Neck and Lymph nodes

- New Entities:
 - ◆ Lymphoepithelial cyst
 - ◆ Branchioma
- Moved:
 - ◆ Merkel cell carcinoma to Neuroendocrine Neoplasms section

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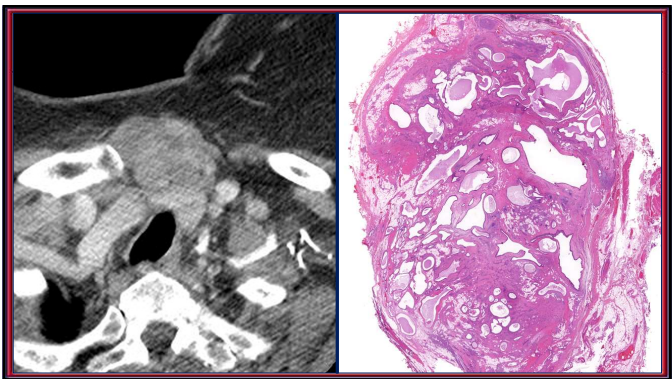
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Branchioma

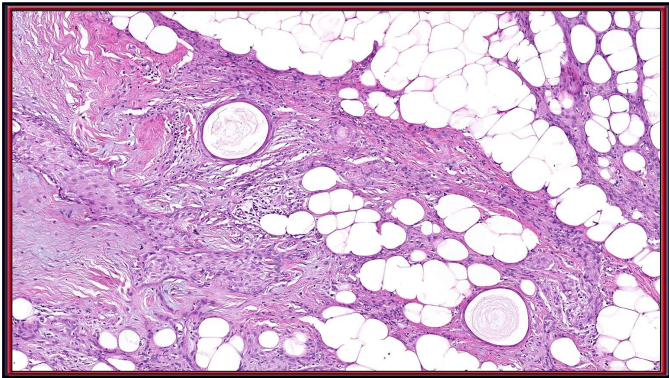
Branchioma is a benign neoplasm composed of an admixture of spindled cells, epithelial islands, and adipocytes, generally affecting the lower anterior neck

- AKA: Ectopic hamartomatous thymoma; Branchial anlage mixed tumor
- Solitary, well circumscribed mass affecting lower anterior neck, proximate to supra-sternoclavicular area
- Haphazard proliferation of benign spindled cells, epithelial islands, and adipocytes, in the absence of primitive elements
- Non-keratinizing squamoid islands, anastomosing cords, cysts, or glandular structures
- Plump spindled cells show fascicular, storiform or lattice-like growth, often merging into the epithelial component
- Myoid features may occasionally be prominent
- Fat cells are haphazardly present
- Carcinoma may rarely develop

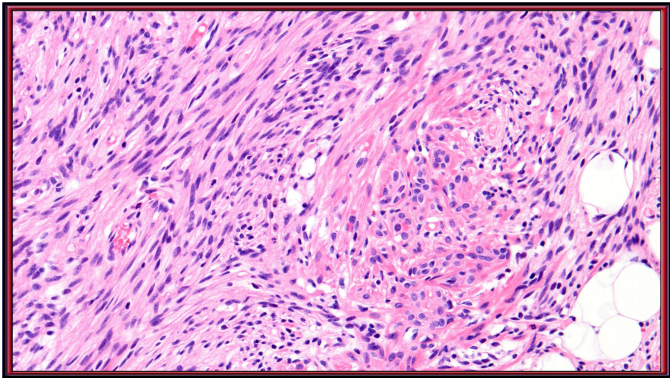
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Germ Cell Tumours

2005 edition	6 diagnoses
2017 edition	Not included
2023 edition	8 diagnosis

9080/0 Mature teratoma
9080/3 Immature teratoma
9084/3 Teratoma with somatic-type malignancy
9064/3 Germinoma
9070/3 Embryonal carcinoma
9071/3 Yolk sac tumour
9100/3 Choriocarcinoma
9085/3 Mixed germ cell tumour

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Germ Cell Tumours of the Head and Neck

Teratoma in the head and neck is a germ cell tumor defined by the presence of mature or immature tissues derived from all three germ cell layers

Extragenital malignant germ cell tumours encompass a spectrum of malignant germ cell neoplasms identical to those occurring in the gonads

- Head and neck teratomas and malignant germ cell tumours are exceptionally rare, described in the sinonasal tract, nasopharynx, and rarely in other sites
- Teratoma: proliferation of tissue from all three germ layers; usually mature tissues, but foci of immature neuroectodermal tissues may be seen
- Malignant germ cell tumor: yolk sac tumor most common
- Exclusion of SMARCB1-deficient carcinomas in the sinonasal tract and teratocarcinosarcoma
- Exclusion of primary in another site

Teratoma

Yolk sac tumor

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Metastases

2005 edition	6 diagnoses
2017 edition	Not included
2023 edition	1 diagnosis

Metastases to the head and neck region

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Metastases to Head and Neck Region

Metastatic tumours are neoplasms that involve various head and neck sites as a result of lymphatic or vascular spread from non-contiguous primary malignancies. Hematolymphoid tumours are excluded by definition

- Separated by anatomic site but one chapter
 - ◆ Neck
 - ◆ Oral cavity
 - ◆ Nasopharynx
 - ◆ Pharynx
 - ◆ Sinonasal tract
 - ◆ Ear and temporal bone
 - ◆ Larynx
 - ◆ Maxillofacial bones

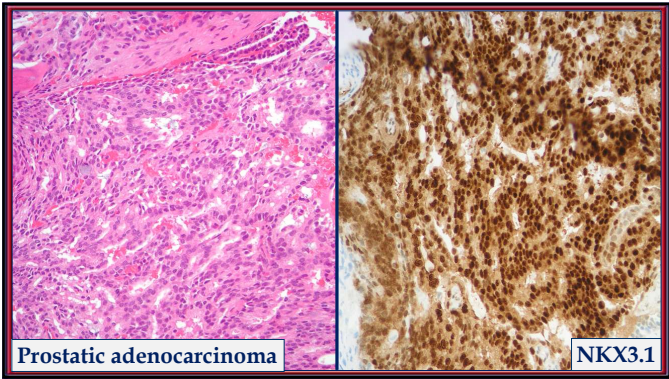
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Metastases to Head and Neck		
Anatomic Location	Most Common Metastatic Malignancies	Relevant Immunohistochemical Markers
Neck and lymph nodes	Squamous cell carcinoma (mucosa and skin of head and neck) Papillary thyroid carcinoma Salivary gland carcinoma	Squamous carcinoma: pan-keratin, p40, p63, p16, CK5/6. Thyroid: PAX-8, TTF-1, thyroglobulin Salivary gland: pan-keratin, DOG-1, androgen receptor, CD117, mammaglobin, p40, p63, SOX-10, calponin, smooth muscle actin, β -catenin, GATA-3, NR4A3, and GFAP
Oral cavity	Lung Breast Renal cell carcinomas Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma Melanoma Sarcoma (angiosarcoma, liposarcoma)	Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, claudin-4, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1 Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Renal: pan-keratin, PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Cutaneous squamous: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6 Melanoma: S-100 protein, SOX-10, HMB-45, MiTF, Melan-A Sarcoma: pan-keratin, CD34, SS18, DDIT3, MDM2, MUC4, CD31, ERG, SMARCB-1, desmin, smooth muscle actin, myogenin, MyoD1, S-100, NKX2.2, and CD99
Maxillo-facial bones	Breast (most common) Renal cell Prostate carcinoma Cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma (head/neck) Melanoma Merkel cell carcinoma Breast carcinoma Lung carcinoma	Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Renal: PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Prostate: NKX3.1, PSA, PSAP Squamous carcinoma: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6 Melanoma: S-100 protein, SOX-10, HMB-45, MiTF, Melan-A Merkel cell: pan-keratin, CK20, SATB2, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1 Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, claudin-4

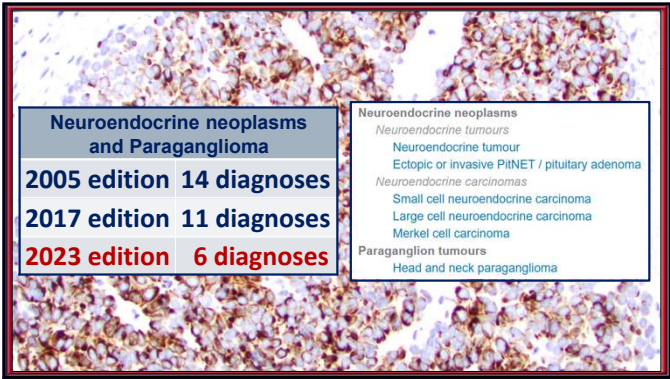
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Metastases to Head and Neck		
Anatomic Location	Most Common Metastatic Malignancies	Relevant Immunohistochemical Markers
Pharynx (nasopharynx and oropharynx)	Lung GI tract Renal Breast Skin SCC Melanoma	Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1 GI: pan-keratin, CK20, CDX2, SATB2 Renal: pan-keratin, PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Skin: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6; CK20 (Merkel cell) Melanoma: S-100 protein, SOX-10, HMB-45, MiTF, Melan-A, PRAME
Nasal cavity & paranasal sinuses	Renal cell carcinoma Breast carcinoma Lung carcinoma	Renal: pan-keratin, PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1
Ear and temporal bone	Breast, Female genital tract Lung and prostate carcinoma (male) Renal cell carcinoma Melanoma	Breast/Müllerian tract: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin, PAX-8, WT-1, p16 Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1, NKX3.1, PSA Renal: pan-keratin, PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Melanoma: S-100 protein, SOX-10, HMB-45, MiTF, Melan-A
Larynx, trachea, parapharyngeal	Lung Breast Renal cell carcinoma Melanoma	Lung: pan-keratin, p40, p63, CK5/6, TTF-1, synaptophysin, chromogranin, INSM-1 Breast: GATA-3, ER, PR, TRPS1, mammaglobin Renal: pan-keratin, PAX-8, CAIX, CK7 Melanoma: S-100 protein, SOX-10, HMB-45, MiTF, Melan-A

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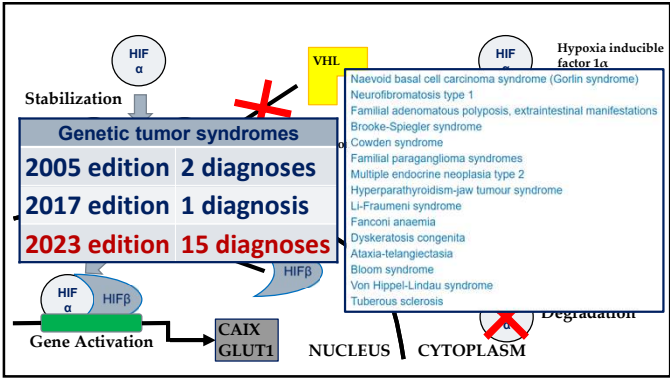
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Neuroendocrine Neoplasms & Paragangliomas	
• New Entities	
One of the most significant changes in the book!!!	
◆ Neuroendocrine tumor (NET)	✓ Grades 1, 2, and 3 ✓ Site specific – but not yet defined in many locations
◆ Neuroendocrine carcinoma (NEC)	✓ Small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma ✓ Large cell neuroendocrine carcinoma ✓ Merkel cell carcinoma

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Genetic Tumor Syndromes

- Familial-heritable tumor syndromes with tumors or lesions in the head and neck especially
 - ◆ Establish associated findings and disorders
 - ◆ Recommendations for monitoring
 - ◆ Recommendations for treating
- 15 syndromes presented
 - ◆ Careful family history documentation
 - ◆ DNA sequencing aids classification
 - ◆ Sporadic tumors are less likely and syndrome association increases

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Overall terminology

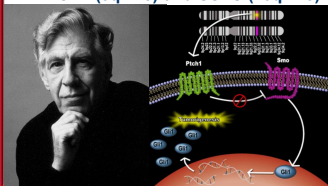
- **Syndrome name** is an **autosomal dominant/recessive** tumour syndrome caused by constitutional pathogenic variants affecting **gene name** located on **gene site** and characterized by these major defining features: **features**.
 - ◆ Naevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome (NBCCS) is an autosomal dominant tumour syndrome caused by constitutional pathogenic variants of *PTCH1* and/or *SUFU*, and very rarely *GPCR1*, associated with developmental disorders and predisposition to benign and malignant tumors.
- MIM number standardized throughout
 - ◆ 109400 Basal cell nevus syndrome 1; BCNS1
- Incidence: 1 per 100,000 population
 - ◆ 0.6 100,000 population in Australia

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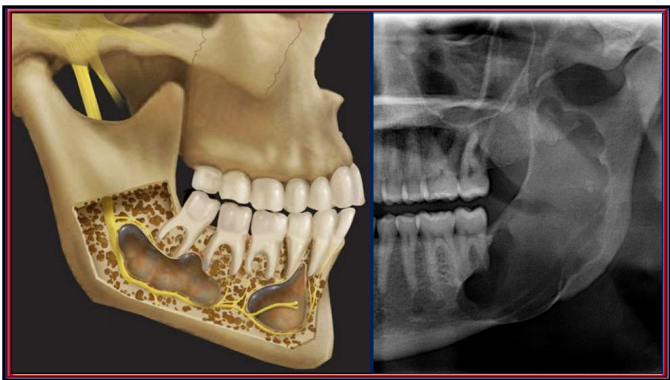
Nevoid Basal Cell Carcinoma Syndrome

- Described in 1894, but recognized as a distinct entity in 1959
- Autosomal dominant
- Sonic hedgehog pathway, including *PTCH1* (9q22.3) and *SUFU* (10q24.3)

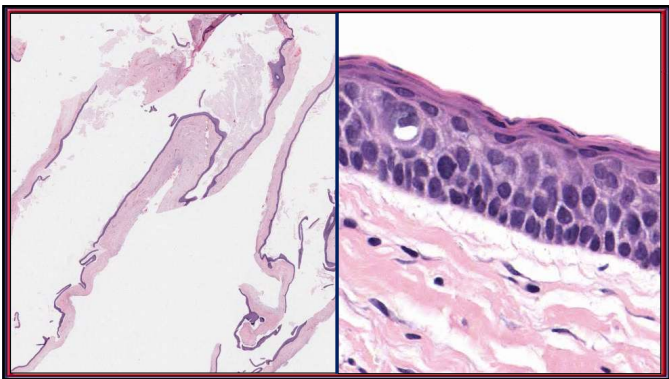


Major Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Basal cell carcinomas before 20 years• Odontogenic keratocysts before 20 years• Palmar/plantar pitting• Falx calcification• Medulloblastoma• 1st degree relative with syndrome
Minor Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rib abnormalities• Other skeletal abnormalities• Cleft lip/palate• Macrocephaly• Ovarian or cardiac fibromas• Lymphoenteric cysts• Ocular abnormalities
2 Major and 1 Minor or 1 Major and 3 Minor	

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