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Papillary Neoplasms of the Breast

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Papillary Breast Lesions: Overview

- Morphology and diagnostic criteria
- Upgrades and management of papilloma at CNB
- What's NEW according to WHO 5th ed.



BR 5th Edition - Epithelial Tumours of the Breast



1. Benign epithelial proliferations and precursors
2. Adenosis and benign sclerosing lesion
3. Adenomas
4. Epithelial-myoepithelial tumors

5. Papillary neoplasms

6. Non-invasive lobular neoplasia
7. DCIS
8. Invasive Breast Carcinoma
9. Rare and salivary gland-type tumors
10. Neuroendocrine neoplasms

- **Intraductal papilloma (IDP)**
 - Without atypia
 - With ADH
 - With DCIS
- **Papillary DCIS**
- **Encapsulated Papillary Carcinoma (EPC)**
- **Solid Papillary Carcinoma (SPC)**
 - In situ
 - Invasive
- **Invasive Papillary Carcinoma (IPC)**



What's a papillary neoplasm?

How is it diagnosed?

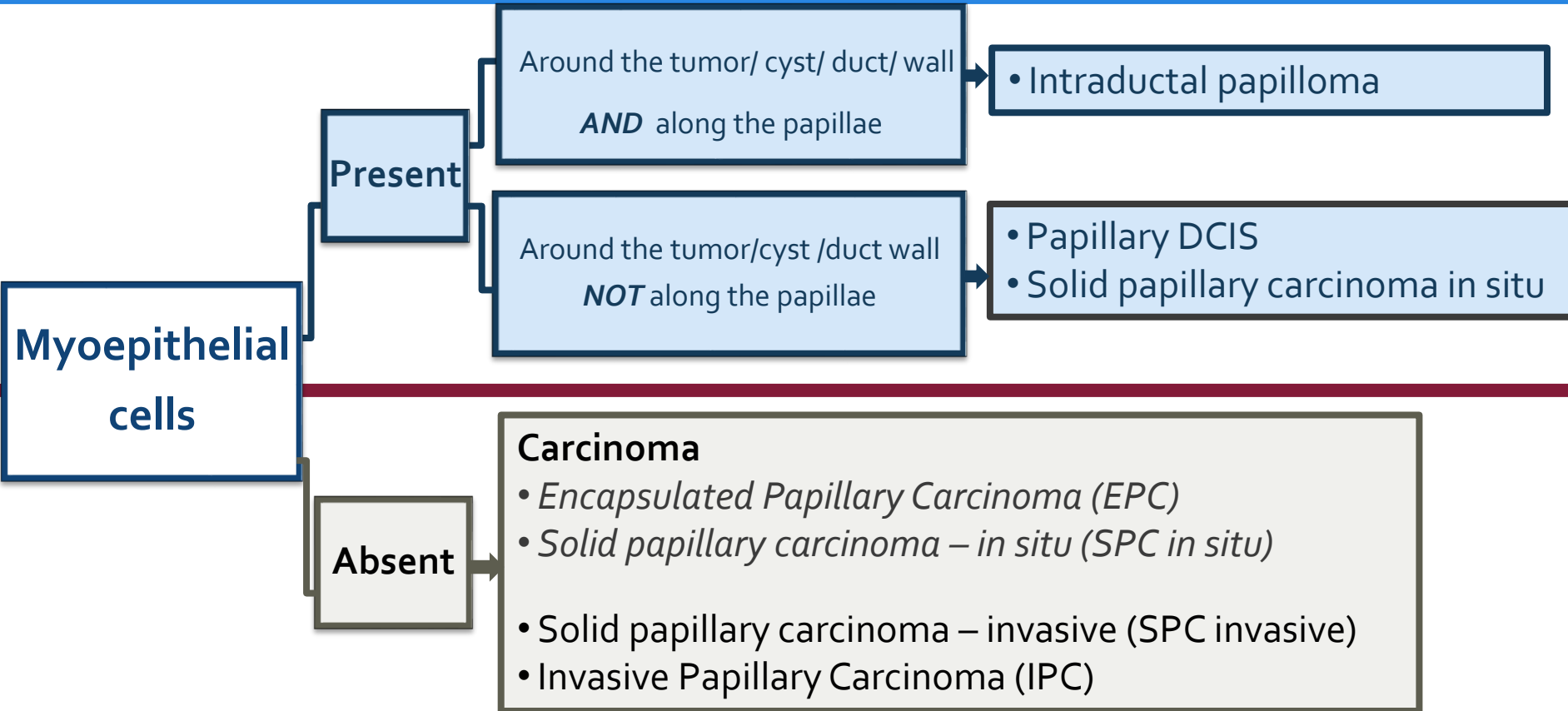
A papillary neoplasm is composed predominantly of papillae, each consisting of a fibrovascular core covered by epithelium with or without a myoepithelial layer, depending on the type of papillary neoplasm.

WHO Breast Tumours 5th ed. (2019)

The diagnosis of a papillary neoplasm requires
evaluation of epithelium *and* myoepithelium

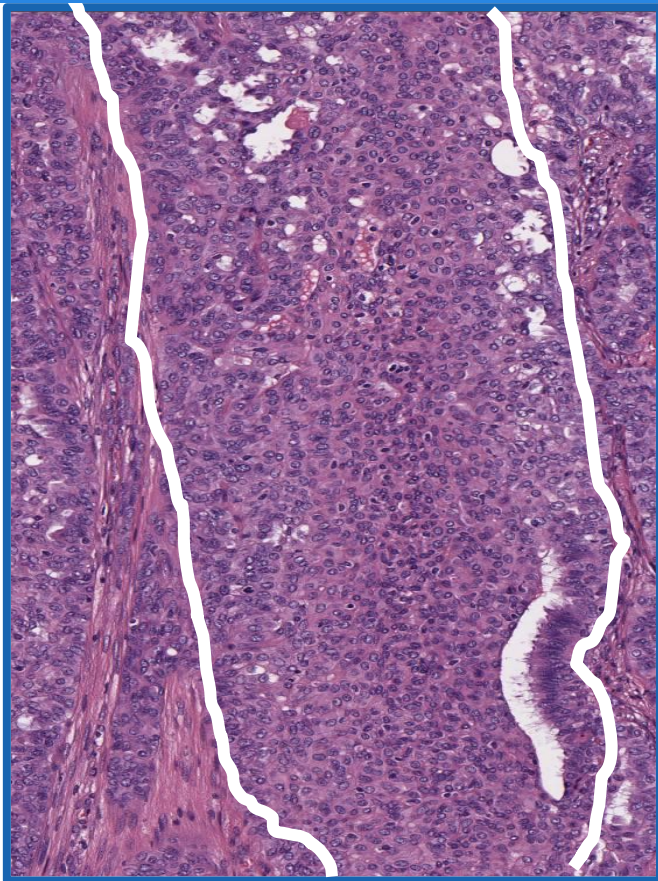
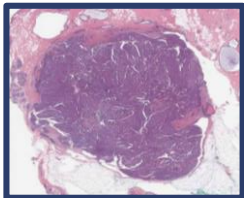


Myoepithelial cells and papillary neoplasms

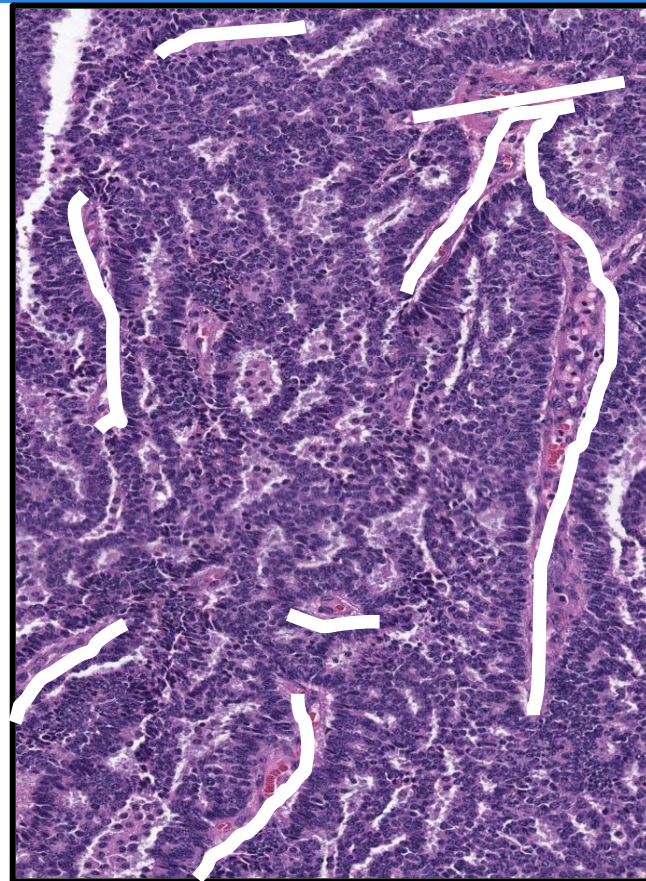
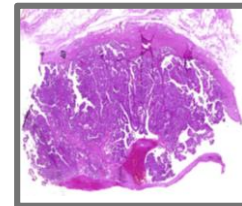


Evaluate the epithelial proliferation between adjacent fibrovascular cores as if it were in a duct

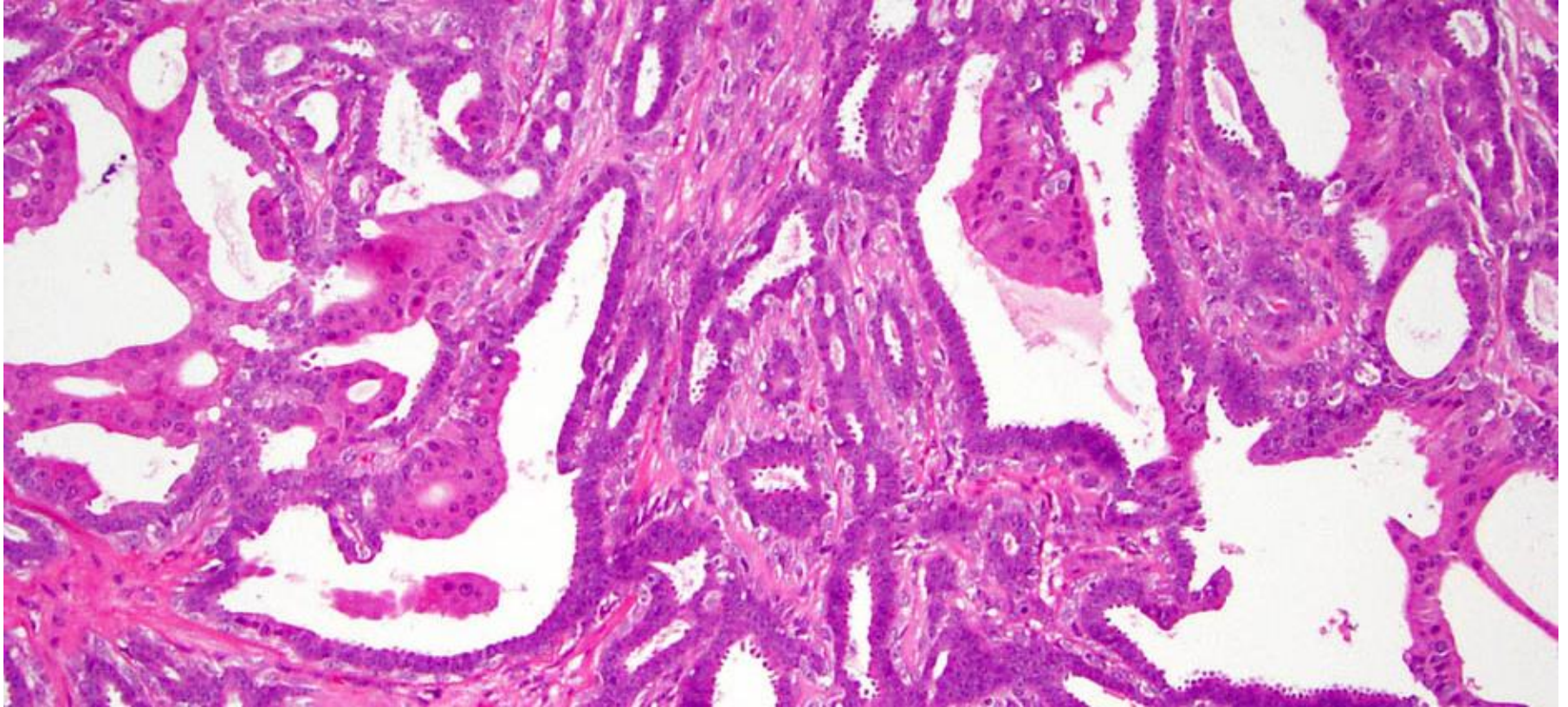
Papilloma with UDH



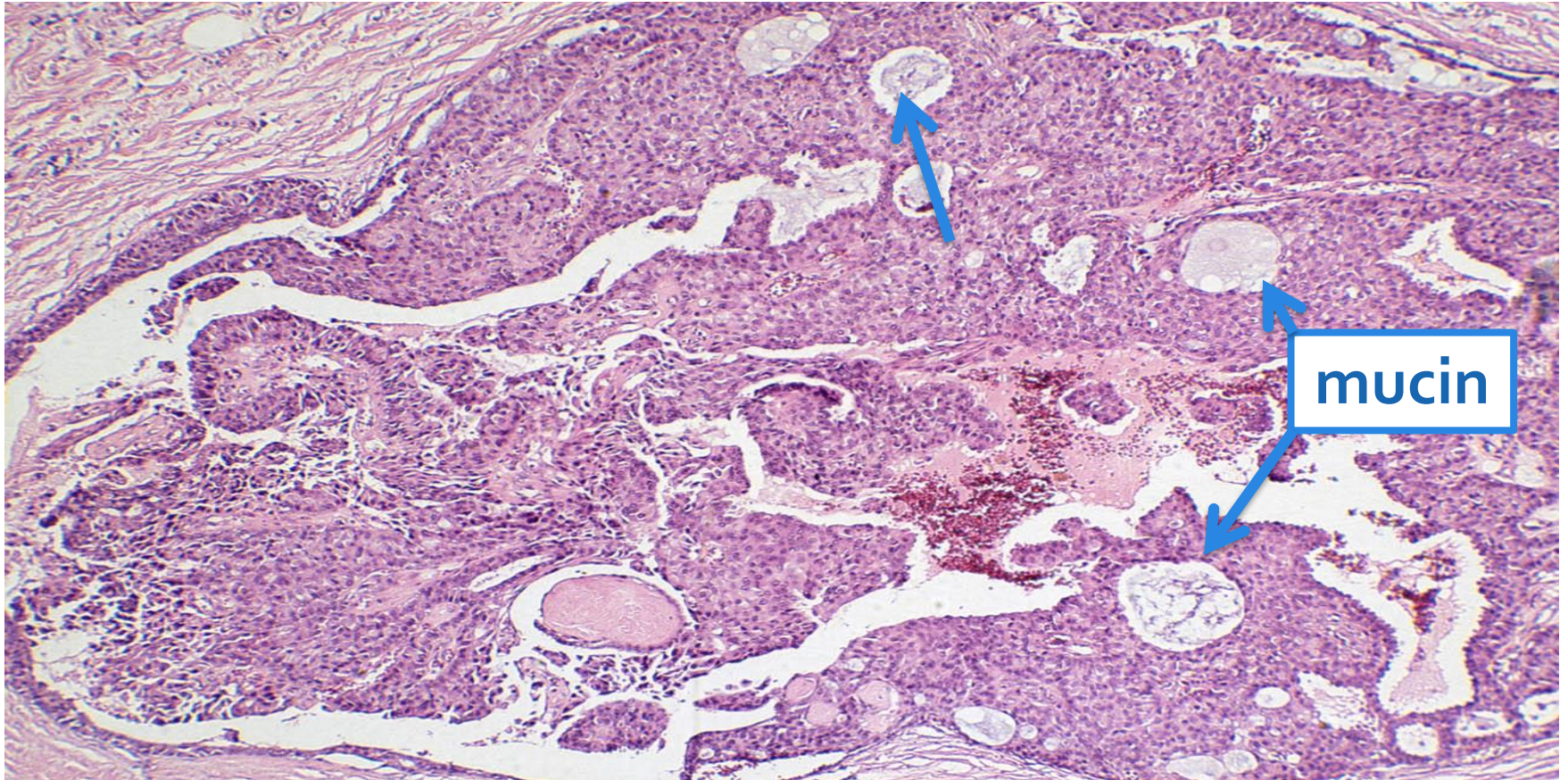
Papillary carcinoma



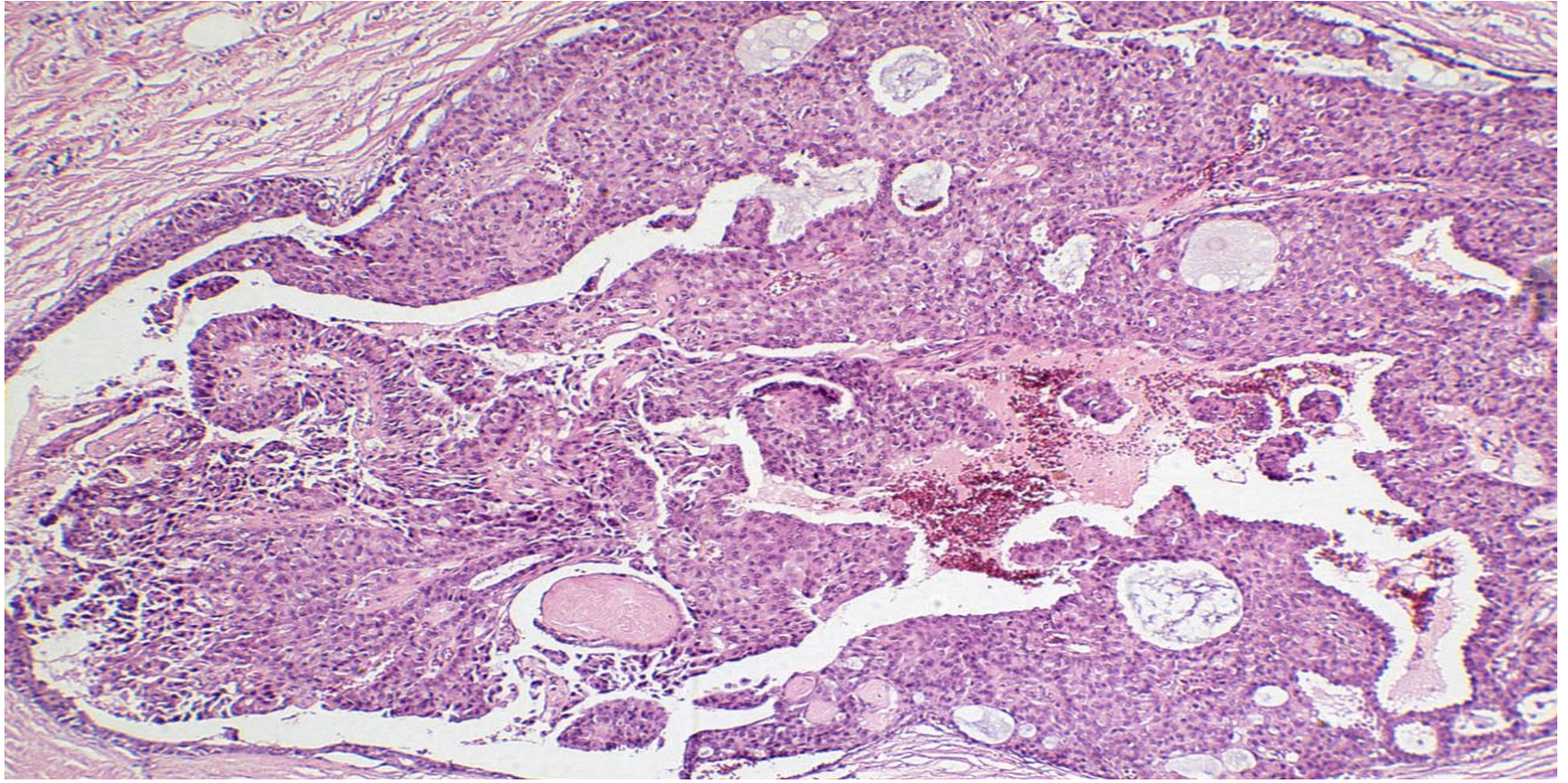
Apocrine metaplasia merging with duct epithelium → favor benign epithelial proliferation



Extracellular mucin in a papillary neoplasm → rule/out solid and papillary carcinoma



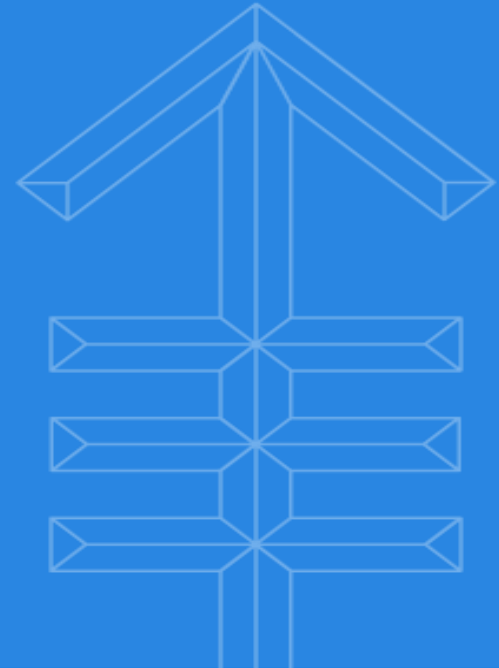
Patient age: Papillary neoplasms in postmenopausal women frequently are malignant





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Intraductal Papilloma



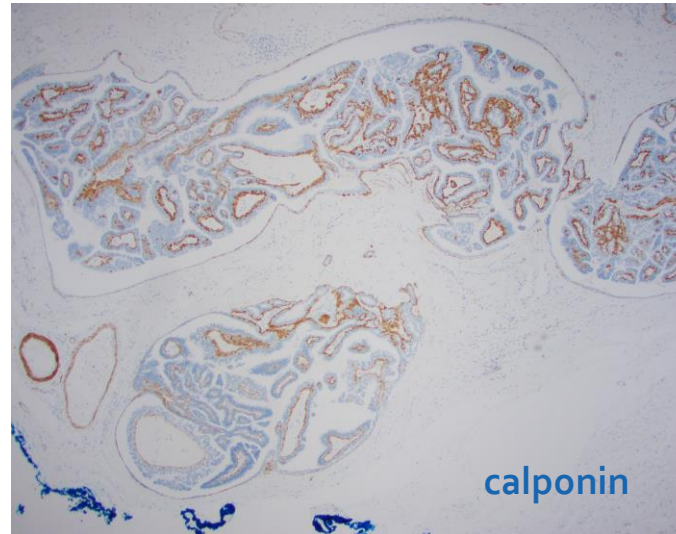
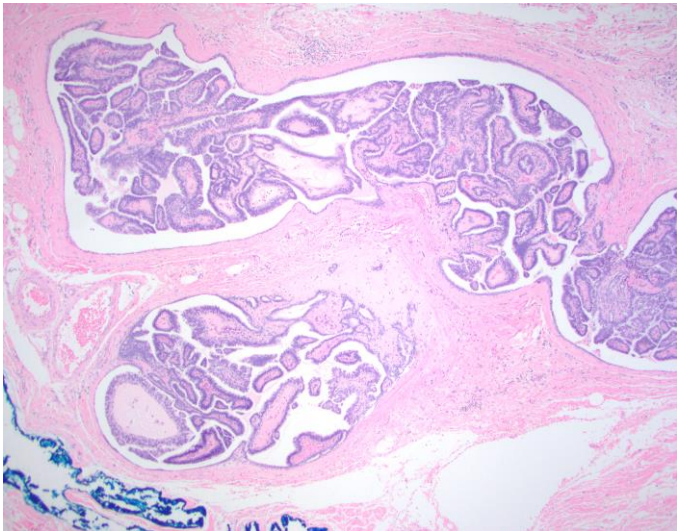
Intraductal Papilloma (IDP)



Benign lesion located within a duct in a central (solitary) or peripheral (multiple) location, composed of papillary projections with fibrovascular cores, covered by an epithelial and myoepithelial layer.

WHO Breast Tumours 5th ed. 2019

IDP is the only papillary neoplasm of the breast with a continuous layer of myoepithelial cells along the papillae and around the duct that contains it



Intraductal Papilloma (IDP)

IDP +/- atypia in 5.3% of >9000 benign breast excisions

Lewis JT et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2006;30:665-672

Central and solitary: most common

Clinical Presentation

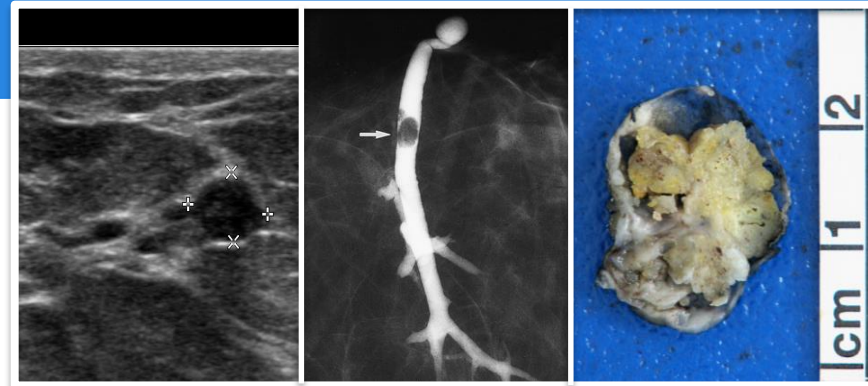
- Unilateral clear (rarely bloody) nipple discharge
- Rarely detected as a palpable mass
- May occur at any age, more frequent in 30-50 y women

Imaging studies

- Mammography: benign-appearing, circumscribed retroareolar mass; +/- Ca²⁺; may be occult
- Ultrasound (U/S): Well-defined, smooth-walled cystic lesion with solid component; +/- adjacent dilated ducts
- Galactography: Intraductal filling defect

Gross appearance

- Well-circumscribed mass composed of papillary fronds attached by one or more pedicles to the wall of the dilated duct
- Size: ranges from few mm to >5 cm



U/S

galactogram

gross exam*

Peripheral papillomas: uncommon, usually incidental

*courtesy T. D'Alfonso MSKCC

Intraductal papilloma (IDP)

IDP without atypia

Atypical IDP

ADH in IDP

IDP with ADH

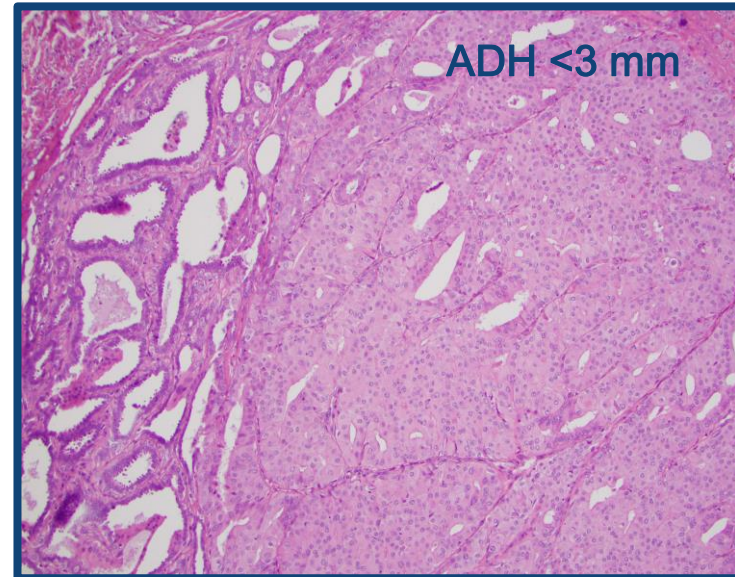
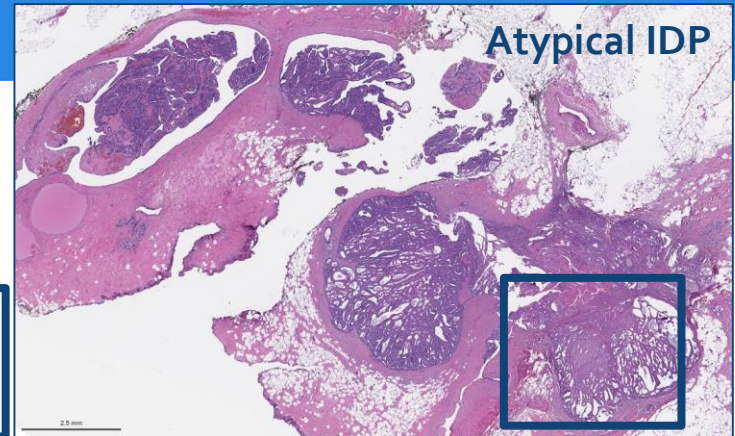
- ADH <3mm
- ADH *in* the IDP (not *near* it)

IDP with ALH not included

DCIS in IDP

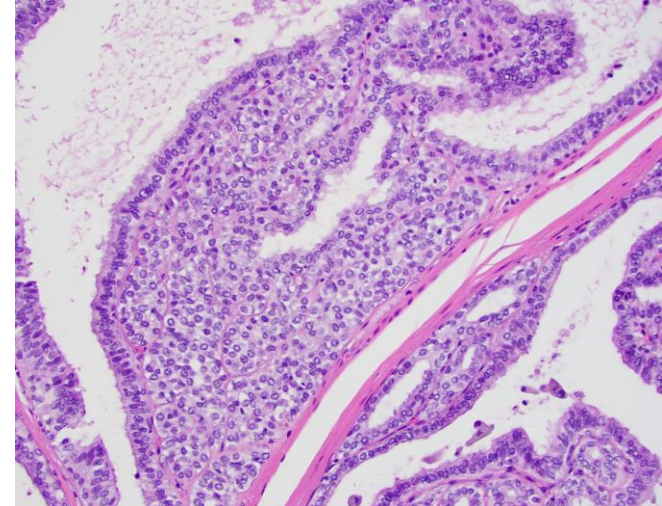
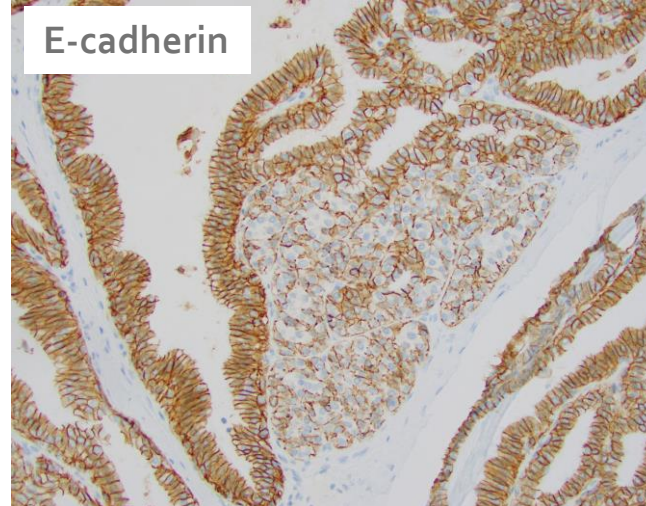
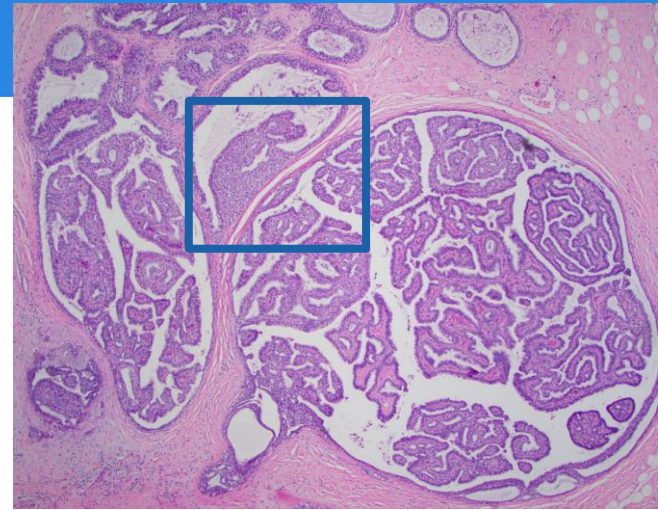
low nuclear grade and size ≥ 3 mm

Intermediate or high nuclear grade, any size



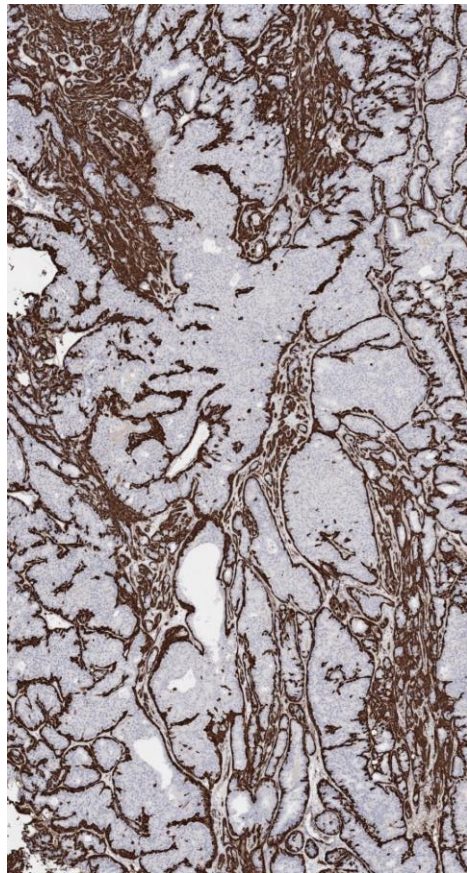
Lobular neoplasia in a papilloma

- ALH/ Classic LCIS
- Florid or Pleomorphic LCIS: very rare
- report and manage as per guidelines

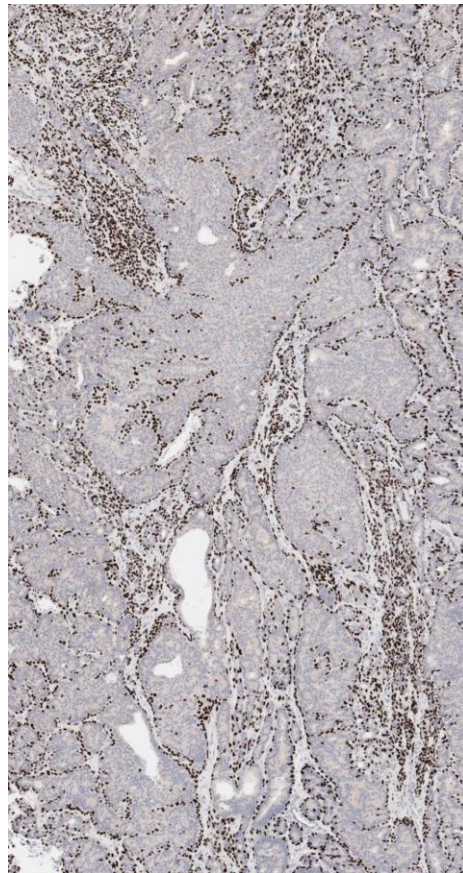


IDP with ADH

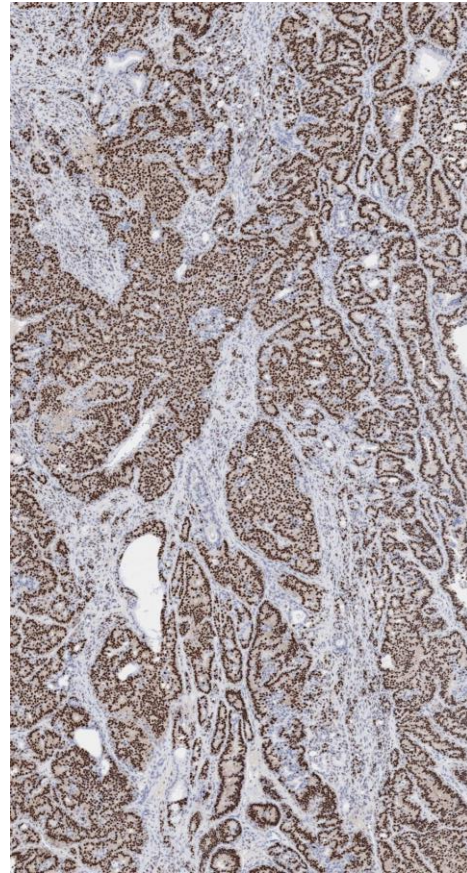
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p63



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Age-Adjusted Relative Risk of IBC in Women with Intraductal Papillomas

Nashville cohort - nested study

IDP +/- atypia

Study group: 31 pts with cancer @F/U

Control group: 91 pts w/o cancer (F/U 17y)

**IDP with atypia: 5-7.5x
Relative Risk (RR) of
subsequent carcinoma**

**IDP w/o atypia: RR
comparable to proliferative
change w/o atypia**

Mayo Benign Breast Disease Cohort

480 excisions with IDP

352 single IDP w/o atypia

54 single IDP + ADH or ALH

41 multiple (>5) IDPs w/o atypia

13 multiple (>5) IDPs with ADH or ALH

Numerator of relative risk	No. ^a	Denominator of relative risk	No. ^a	Relative risk	95% Confidence interval	P value
AH-PAP	6/8	nonAH-PAP	25/114	9.6	1.62-56.91	0.013
AH-PAP no AH	2/3	nonAH-PAP no AH	22/105	7.5	1.14-48.71	0.036
AH-PAP + AH	4/5	nonAH-PAP no AH	22/105	15.8	0.44-57.13	0.131
EH-PAP no AH	7/35	nonEH-PAP no AH	17/73	0.78	0.32-1.90	0.576

IBC: invasive breast cancer; AH-PAP: papilloma with atypical hyperplasia within papilloma; nonAH-PAP: papilloma without atypical hyperplasia within papilloma; AH-PAP + AH: papilloma with atypia within and in breast parenchyma outside papilloma; no AH: no atypical hyperplasia in surrounding parenchyma; EH-PAP: papilloma with moderate or florid degrees of nonatypical hyperplasia (noAH-PAP); nonEH-PAP: no epithelial hyperplasia within the papilloma.

^aThese fractions indicate the number of women developing invasive carcinoma divided by the total number of women in the group: (women with later cancer/all women in group).

Page et al. *Cancer* 1996;78:258-266

	Relative Risk (95% CI) of subsequent carcinoma		
	No IDP	Single IDP	Multiple (>5) IDPs
w/o atypia	non-proliferative 1.28 (1.16-1.42)	NS	NS
w/o atypia	proliferative 1.90 (1.66-2.16)	2.04 (1.43-2.81)	3.01 (1.10-6.55)
with atypia (ADH/ALH)	4.17 (3.10-5.50)	5.11 (2.64-8.92)	7.01 (1.91-17.97)

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Management of Papillary Neoplasms diagnosed at Radiology-Pathology Concordant Core Needle Biopsy

Papilloma without atypia

Does it require excision?

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In situ an/or invasive

Invasive Papillary carcinoma

Follow-up excision is warranted



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Regional differences
Northern America, Australasia
European countries



USA perspective: Papilloma w/o atypia in radiology-pathology concordant CNBs

Upgrade rates @F/U Excision (EXC)

author year	#	# carcinoma at EXC			Predictors of upgrade	Routine EXC
		Total (%)	Invasive (%)	DCIS (%)		
Bennet 2010	45	0	0	0	not investigated	No
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Prospective Excision of IDP w/o atypia @CNB with Rad-Path Concordance *multi-institutional study (TBCRC 034)*

Inclusion criteria

- Imaging-detected abnormality **BI-RADS score ≤ 4**
No palpable mass and/or nipple discharge
- **CNB DX: IDP w/o atypia**
No ADH and/ or non-classic LCIS in the same CNB
- **No personal Hx of breast carcinoma**

Study Cohort

116 patients (10 centers)

- median age 56 y (24-82)
- 59% postmenopausal

Imaging target

108 (93%) BI-RADS score 4

- **77 (66%) Mammographic mass/ distortion**
- 25 (22%) Mammographic Ca²⁺
- 10 (9%) MRI-detected mass
- 4(3%) MRI non-mass enhancement



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LOCAL pathology

- 116 IDPs w/o atypia

CNB

- Carcinoma in 2/116 (1.7%) cases
 - 3 mm low grade DCIS
 - ADH approaching low grade DCIS

EXC

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CNB

CENTRAL pathology

- 85/116 (73%) IDPs w/o atypia confirmed
including 2 cases with upgrade
- 31/116 (27%) IDP w/o atypia NOT confirmed
- DCIS dx NOT confirmed → NO upgrades (0%)
- Atypia in 11/85 (13%) cases
 - 8 (9%) ADH
 - 3 (4%) ALH + LCIS

EXC



Radiology-Pathology concordant CNB Dx of IDP w/o atypia American Society of Breast Surgeons Statement

“The decision to excise a papillary lesion without atypia needs to be individualized based on risk, including such criteria as size; symptomatology, including palpability and presence of nipple discharge; and breast cancer risk factors. Those not excised should be followed closely with imaging.”

https://www.breastsurgeons.org/new_layout/about/statements/PDF_Statements/Concordance_and_High%20RiskLesions.pdf



CBX diagnosis of papilloma w/o atypia

- Diagnostic accuracy is critical
- Possible misdiagnosis
 - Underdiagnosis of atypia
 - Overdiagnosis of papilloma



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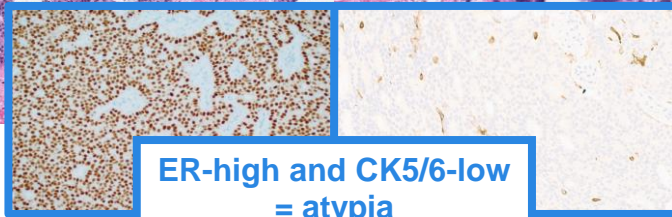
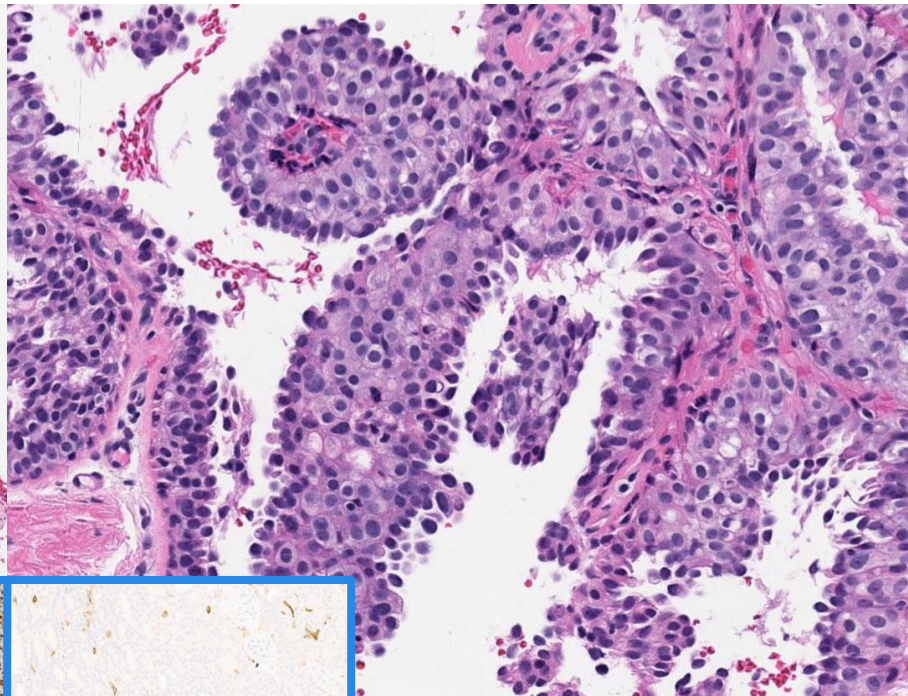
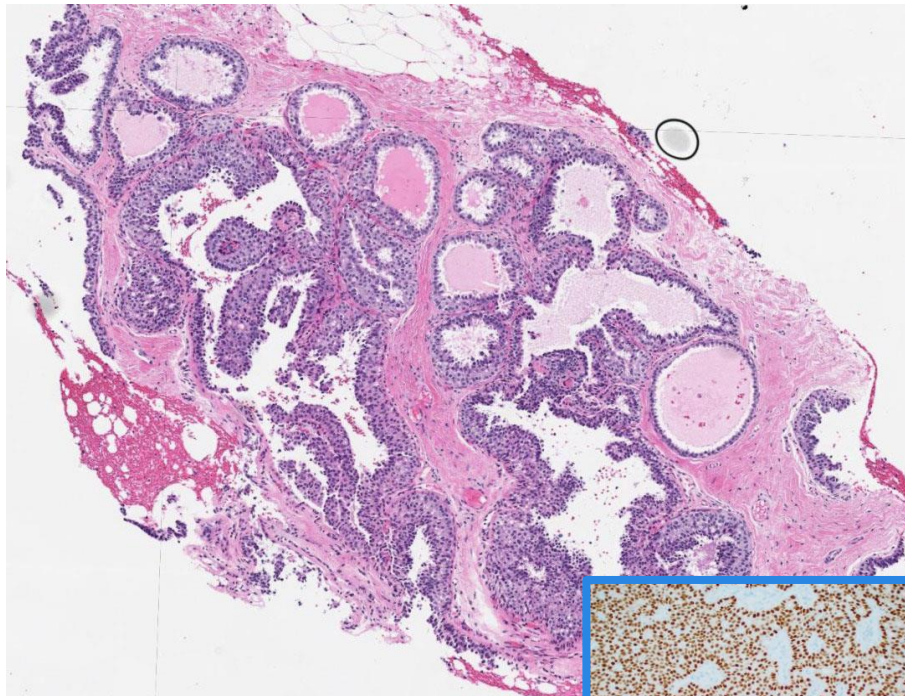
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 - fibroadenomatous change



ADH may mimic papilloma w/o atypia

Original DX: IDP w/o atypia

Revised DX: ADH (papillary)



Case NOT part of the TBCRC study



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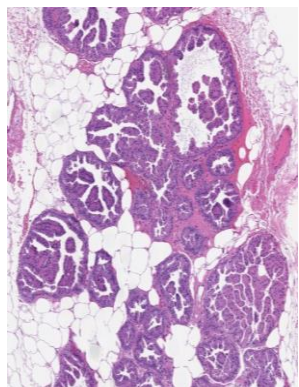
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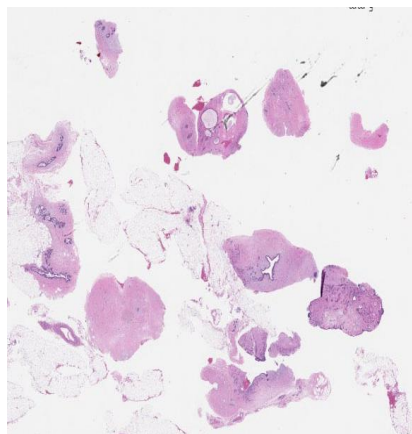
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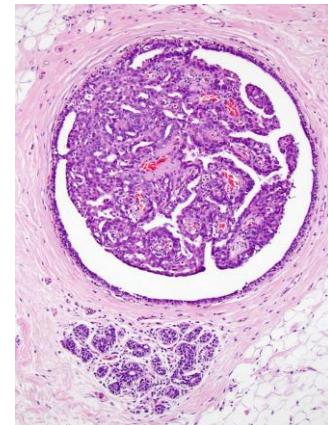
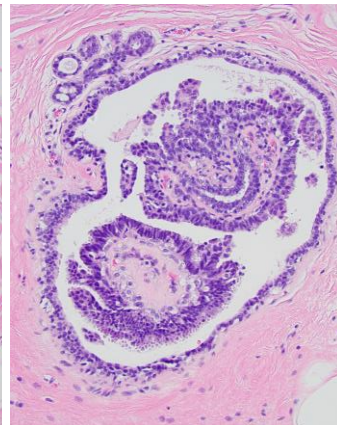
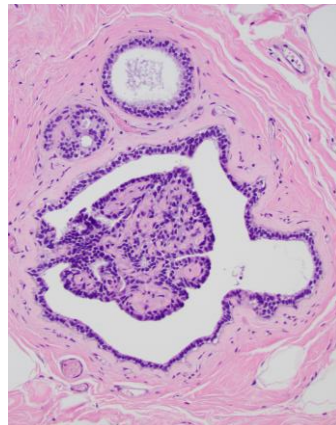
Benign mimics of IDP without atypia



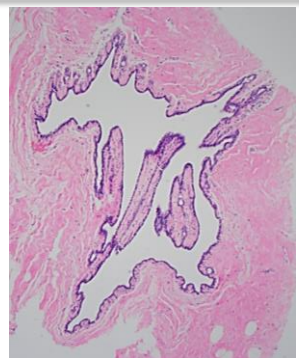
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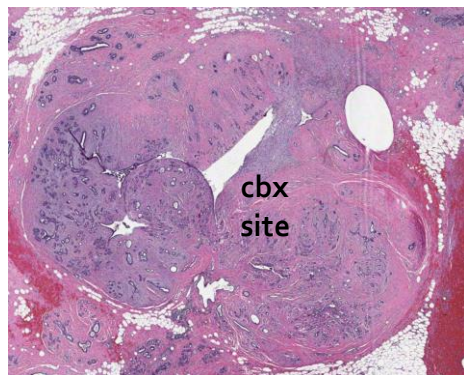
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papillary usual ductal hyperplasia (small papillomas?)



plicated subareolar ducts



excision: fibroadenoma

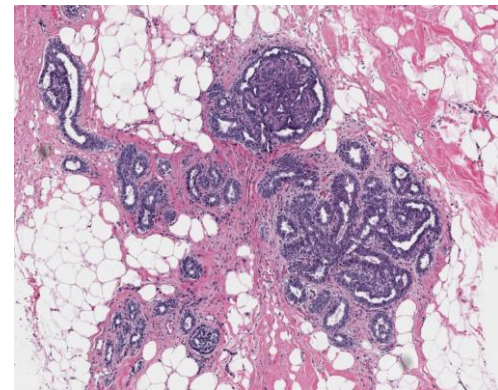
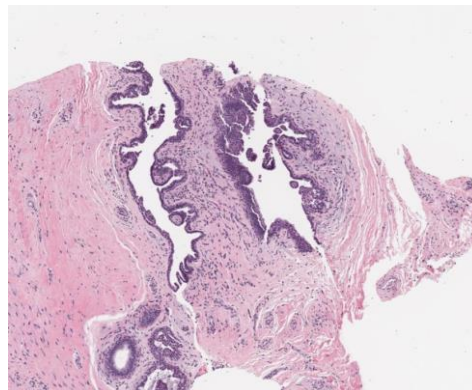


Table 6 Summary of the recent literature on PL since 2015

Author and year	Number of patients analyzed or type of publication if no patients have been analyzed (e.g., review or comment)	Findings	Conclusions
Ahn et al. 2018 [58]	n = 520 PL in CNB 250 with OE Upgrade	➔ Upgrade in 17 of 250 cases (6.8%)	Factors in upgrade -Bloody nipple charge -Size on imaging ≥ 15 mm -BI-RADS $\geq 4b$ -Peripheral location -Palpability
Armes et al. 2017 [59]	n = 103 PL on CNB Upgrade	➔ Upgrade Overall in 30% With atypia in 72% Without atypia in 7%	Conservative management for those without atypia, including those without atypia in which the papillary lesion was found incidental to microcalcification in an adjacent benign lesion
Bianchi et al. 2015 [60]	Upgrade in PL lesions 46 Cases with atypia 68 Cases without atypia	➔ Upgrade in 47.8% (22/46) cases with atypia 13.2% (9/68) without atypia	Underestimation rate in PL without atypia is lower
Khan et al. 2017 [61]	n = 259 PL on CNB Upgrade in OE (n = 147)	➔ Upgrade 7% without atypia (8/107) 33% with atypia (13/40)	Higher upgrade in PL with atypia
Kim et al. 2016 [62]	n = 230 PL in CNB Upgrade In VAB (n = 86) In OE (n = 144)	➔ Upgrade in 2.6% (6/230)	Upgrade in BI-RADS 3-4a :1.4% resp. 1.8% BI-RADS 4b-5: 13% resp. 50% No association with age and size lesion
Ko et al. 2017 [63]	n = 346 PL in CNB Upgrade In VAB (n = 211) In OE (n = 135)	➔ Upgrade Overall in 2.3% If size < 1cm: 0.9%	Size of PL correlates with upgrade Close follow-up with ultrasound instead of excision
Moon et al. 2016 [64]	n = 65 PL in CNB Upgrade In VAB (n = 12) In OE (n = 53)	➔ Upgrade In OE in 9% (5/53) In VAB 8% (1/12)	No recommendation
Niinikoski et al. 2018 [65]	n = 80 PL in CNB	➔ Upgrade In OE 2.3% (4/171)	Small PL in selected patients-OE can be avoided
Pareja et al., 2016 [66]	Upgrade in OE (n = 171) after PL Without atypia In CNB	➔ Upgrade In OE 2.3% (4/171)	Regardless of size, observation is appropriate at radiologic-pathologic concordant CNB
Seely et al. 2017 [67]	n = 107 PL in OE Upgrade after VAB (n = 60) CNB (n = 47)	➔ Upgrade in OE After VAB in 1.6% (1/60) After CNB in 8.5% (4/47)	Higher upgrade in OE if PL is diagnosed on CNB
Tatarian et al. 2016 [68]	n = 16 PL in CNB Upgrade in OE	➔ Upgrade in OE In 2/16 cases (12.5%)	Surgical excision should be considered in patients with benign papillomas
Tran et al. 2017 [69]	n = 43 PL in CNB Upgrade in OE	➔ Upgrade in OE In 1/43 cases (2%)	Low-upgrade rate in OE
Wyss et al. 2014 [70]	n = 156 PL in CNB Upgrade In VAB (n = 135) and Follow-up (n = 21) (Median 3.5 years)	➔ Upgrade after follow-up 1.2% (2/156)	VAB is recommended as the method of choice for removal of PL
Yamaguchi et al. 2015 [71]	n = 142 PL Follow-up imaging After VAB (n = 125) After CNB (n = 17)	➔ Upgrade in OE (n = 17) 4/17	Discordant lesions should undergo OE
Yang et al. 2018 [72]	n = 116 PL (On CNB or VAB) 10 mm or smaller OE n = 74 Surveillance n = 42	➔ Overall upgrade 11% (13/116) Upgrade after VAB (0%) Upgrade after CNB (16.5%)	Higher upgrade in OE -After CNB -Older age -PI with atypia

European perspective on the management of papillary lesions favors VAB

Papilloma without atypia

Broad range of upgrade rates at EXC:
2.3% - 7% - 13.2%
(radiology-pathology concordance?)

EXC after VAB has significantly lower upgrade rate (1.6%) than EXC after CNB (8.5%)

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Papillary lesion without atypia - classified as B3 lesion

Consensus recommendation for management of papillary lesion (w/o atypia) by a European multidisciplinary expert panel

A papillary lesion which is visible on imaging should undergo excision with Vacuum Assisted Biopsy (VAB).

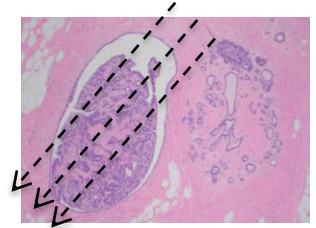
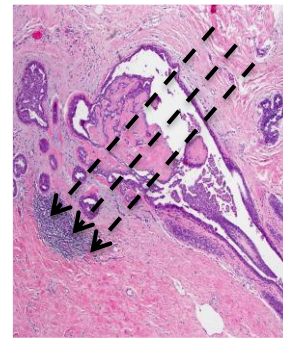
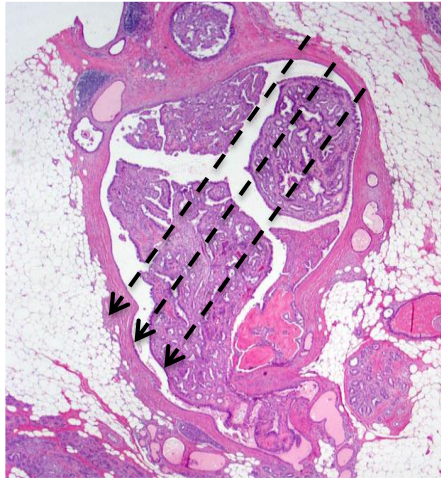
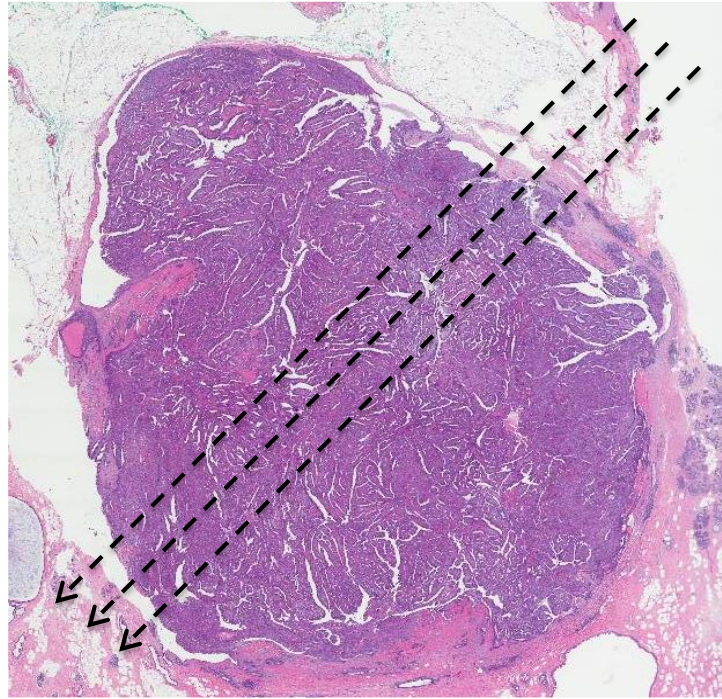
Larger lesions which cannot be completely removed by VAB need open excision. Thereafter surveillance is justified.

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VAB: usually the lesion should not exceed 2.5 cm in diameter.



Intraductal papillomas: wide range in size



"micropapilloma"
size <2 mm

CNB may remove it entirely
No upgrades at excision
No excision required

"B2 lesion if completely
surrounded by a duct
structure"

Rageth et al 2019



Intraductal Papilloma +/- Atypia – Differential Dx

Benign mimics of IDP

Papillary neoplasms

- Papillary DCIS
- Encapsulated papillary carcinoma (EPC)
- Solid papillary carcinoma (SPC) in situ

Tumors that may look papillary

- Adenomyoepithelioma (AME)
- Tall cell carcinoma with reversed polarity (TCCRP)
- Fibroepithelial tumors with polypoid stromal architecture
- Nipple duct adenoma
- Hidradenoma (skin)/ mucoepidermoid carcinoma (breast)
- Etc...

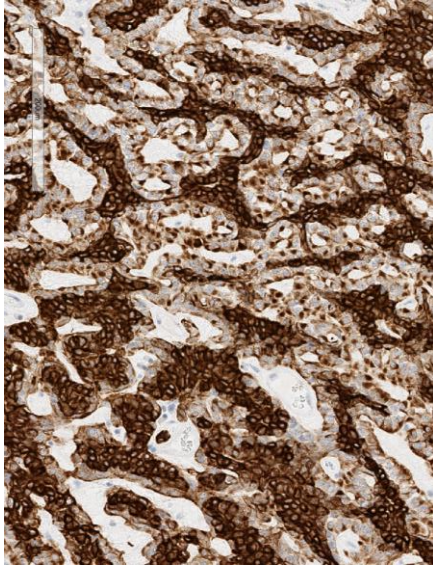


Adenomyoepithelioma (AME)

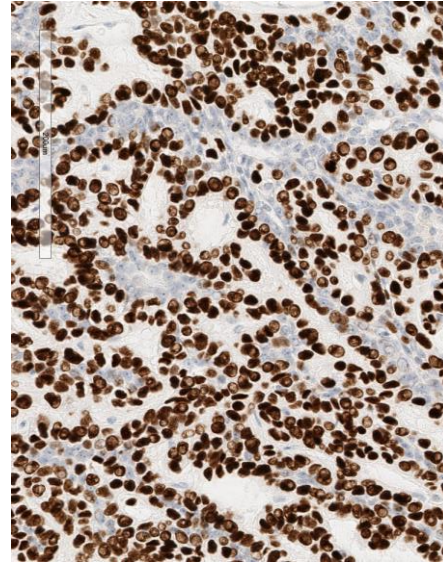
- Rare tumor, incidence unknown
- Can occur at any age, but predominantly affects elderly women
- Biphasic neoplasm composed of
 - small epithelium-lined spaces with inner luminal ductal cells
 - variably enlarged and clearly noticeable abluminal myoepithelial cells



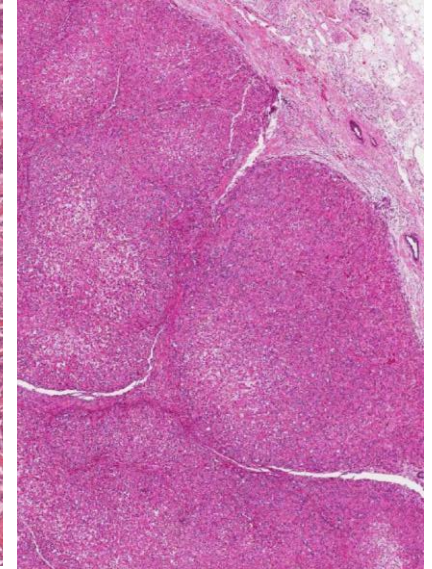
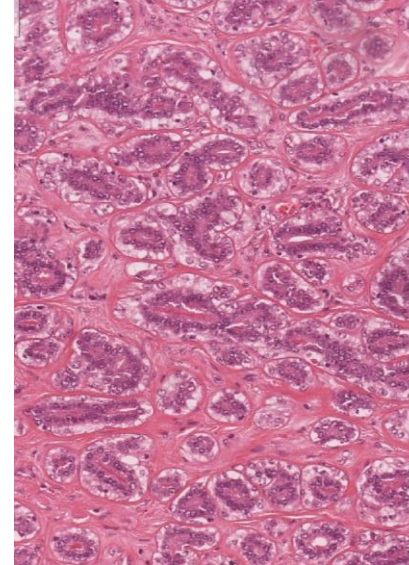
WHO classification
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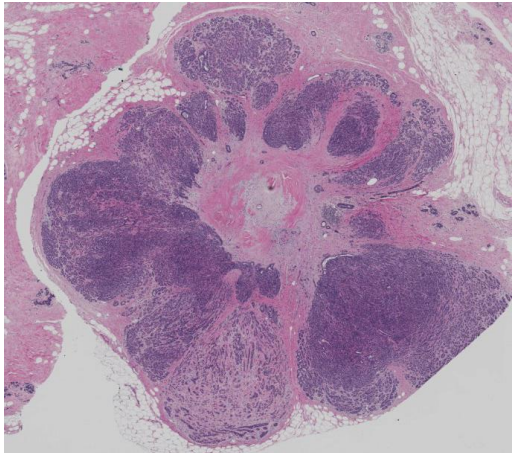
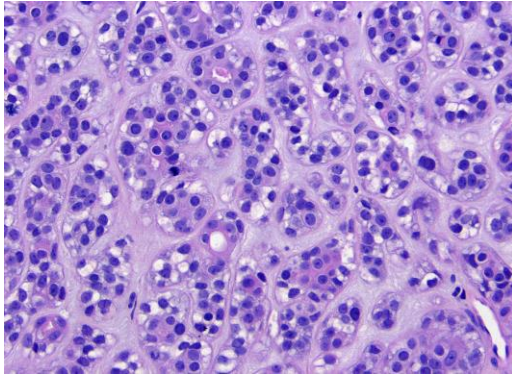


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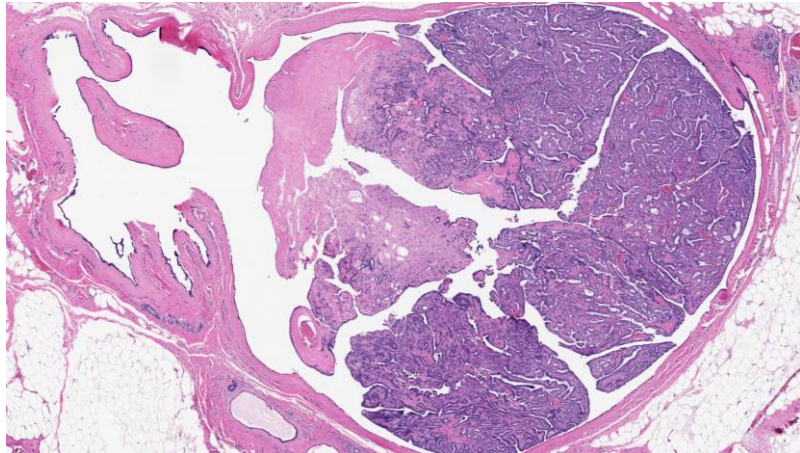
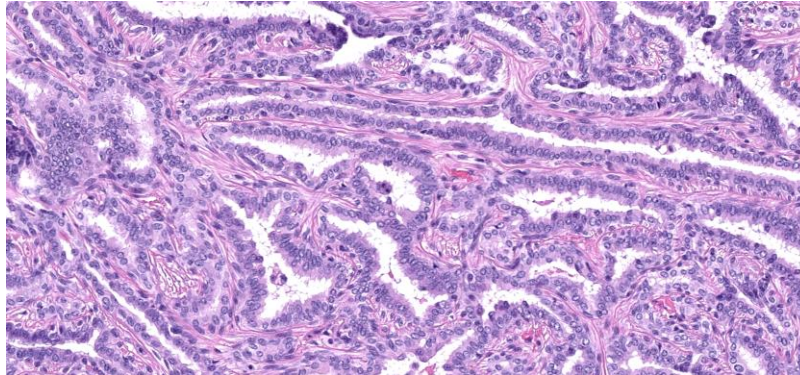


AME - Differential diagnosis

AME



Intraductal Papilloma (IDP)



IDP is contained within a duct/
cystic space



Diagnostic criteria not well defined

Adenomyoepithelioma

*Atypical
adenomyoepithelioma*

**Malignant
adenomyoepithelioma
(Carcinoma in AME)**

Carcinoma may develop from the epithelial or myoepithelial component, or from both (epithelial-myoeplithelial carcinoma)

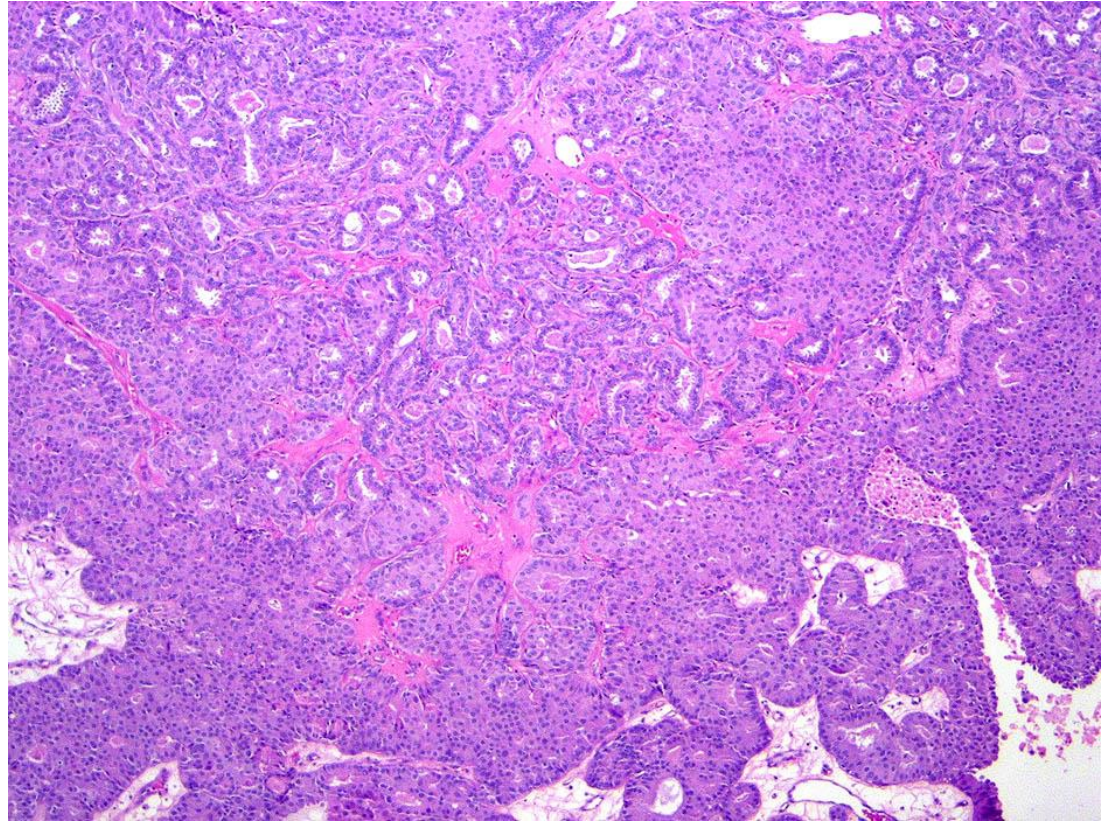


Malignant AME - carcinoma arising in AME

Carcinoma can arise from the epithelium

(usually AME with ADH/ DCIS/ LCIS)

- **Invasive no special type**
- Invasive lobular carcinoma

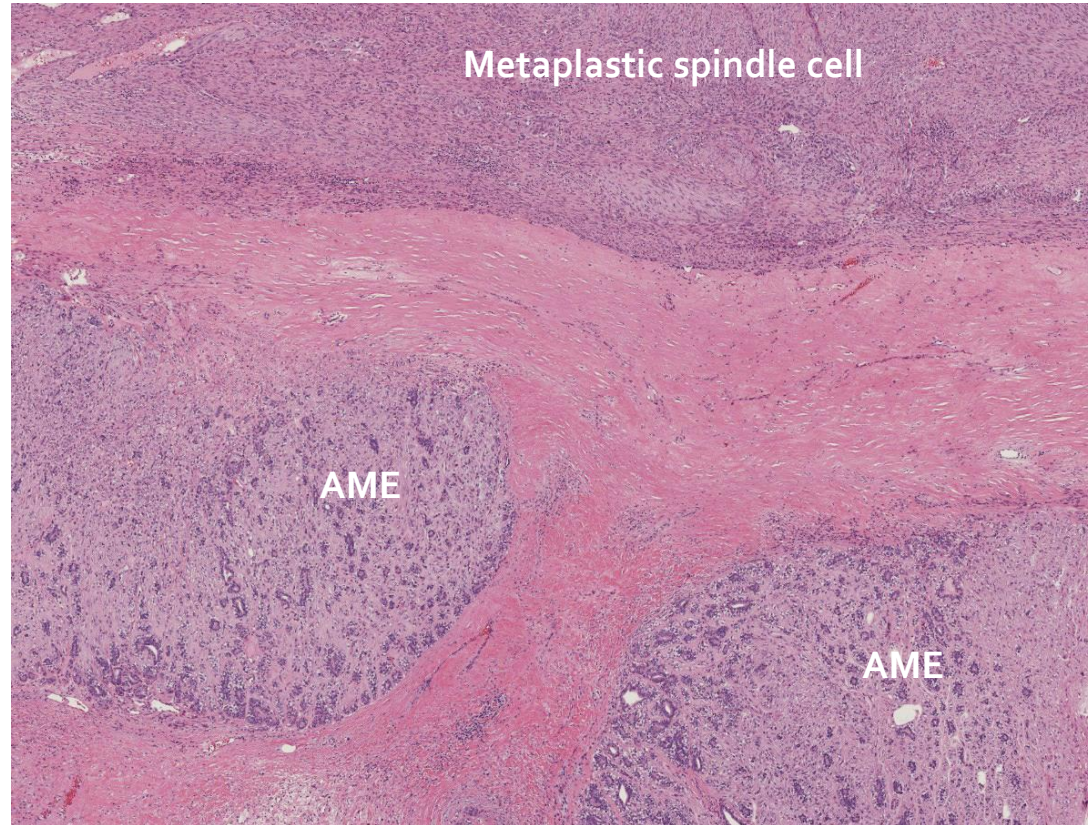


Malignant AME - carcinoma arising in AME

Carcinoma can arise from the myoepithelium

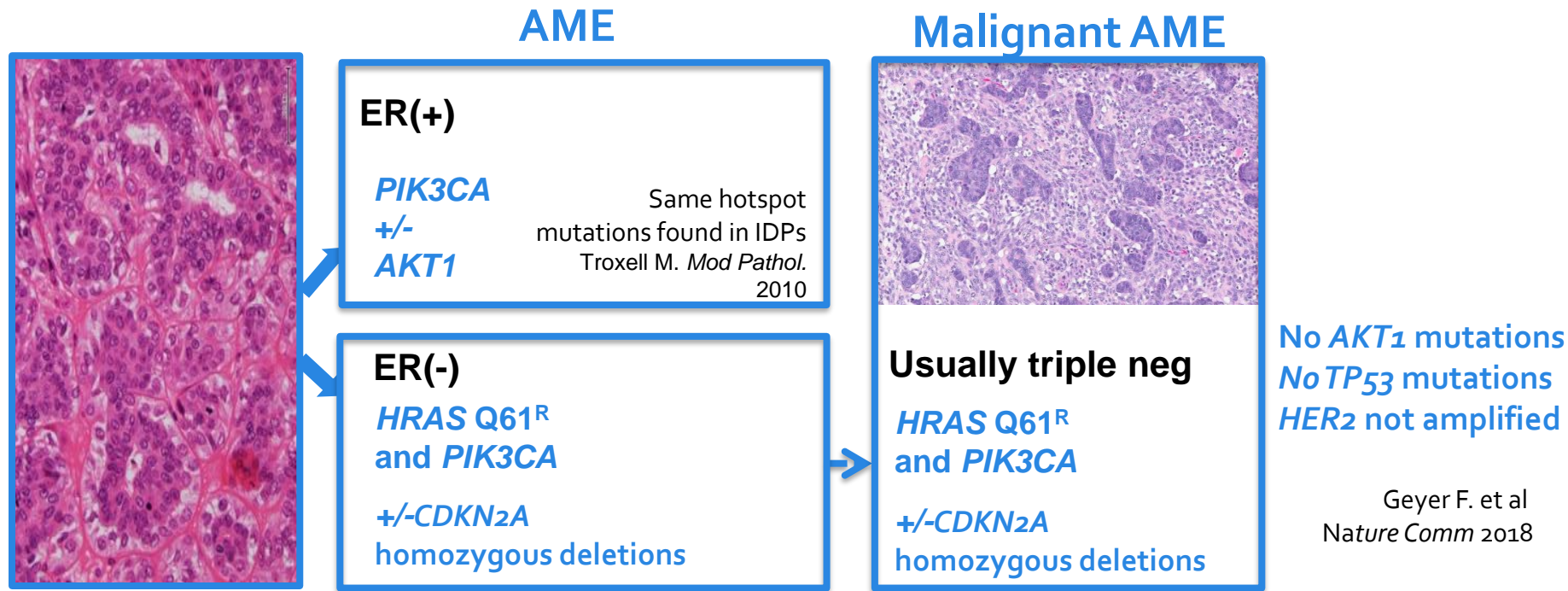
Metaplastic carcinoma

- Squamous cell
- Low grade adenosquamous
- **Spindle cell**
- Matrix-producing



Genetic subtypes of AMEs vary by ER status

Most malignant AMEs develop from ER(-) AMEs



HRAS Q61K, G13R, G12S and G12D found in atypical and malignant AMEs

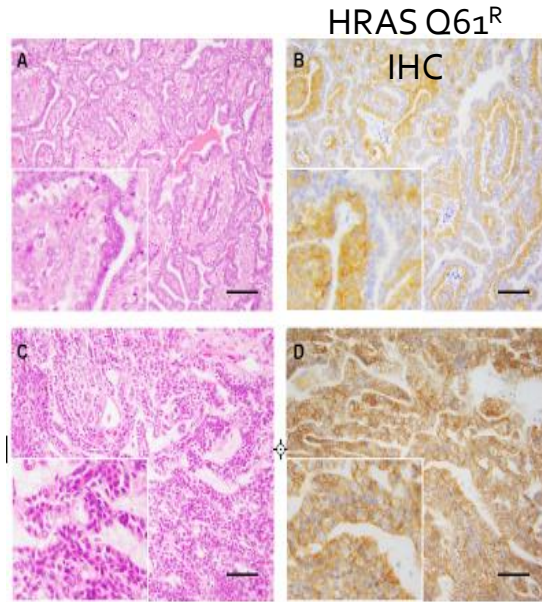
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Ginter P. *Mod Pathol* 2020



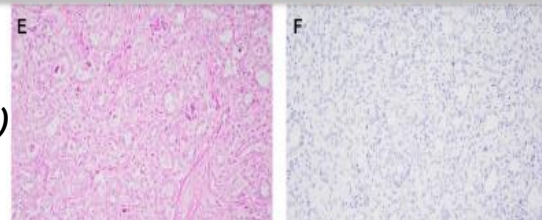
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HRAS Q61^R IHC(+) (SP174 atb) in ER(-) AME and AME-M with *HRAS* Q61R mutation; 100% specificity, 70% sensitivity; potential diagnostic utility

5/7 *HRAS* Q61^R
AMEs were IHC(+)
(mostly in the
MECs)



17/17 AMEs with no
HRAS Q61^R were IHC(-)



Pareja F. *et al.* *Histopathology* 2020

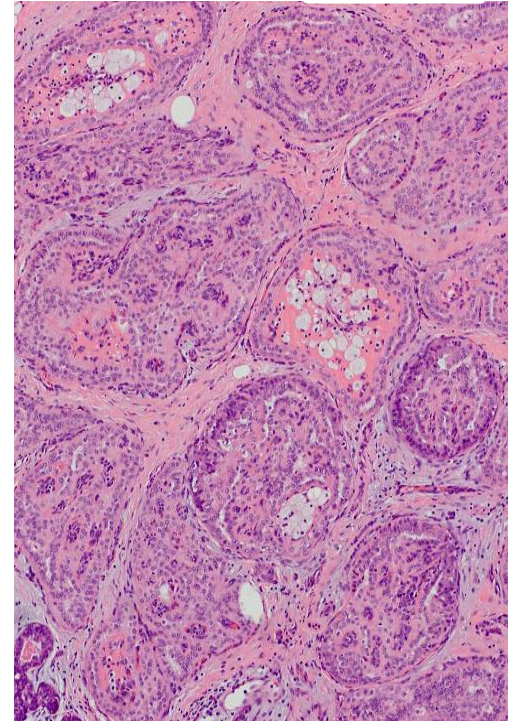
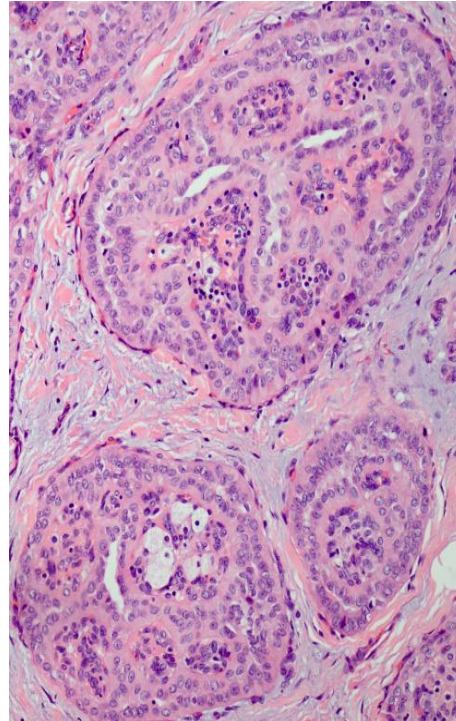
HRAS Q61^R IHC
possible diagnostic application



Tall Cell Carcinoma with Reversed Polarity (TCCRP)



- Rare subtype of invasive carcinoma
- Median age 64 years (45-80)
- Triple negative or ER/PR/AR low
- CK5/6(+), CK7(+), calretinin(+)
- *IDH2* p.Arg172 and PIK3CA mutations
- Indolent behavior



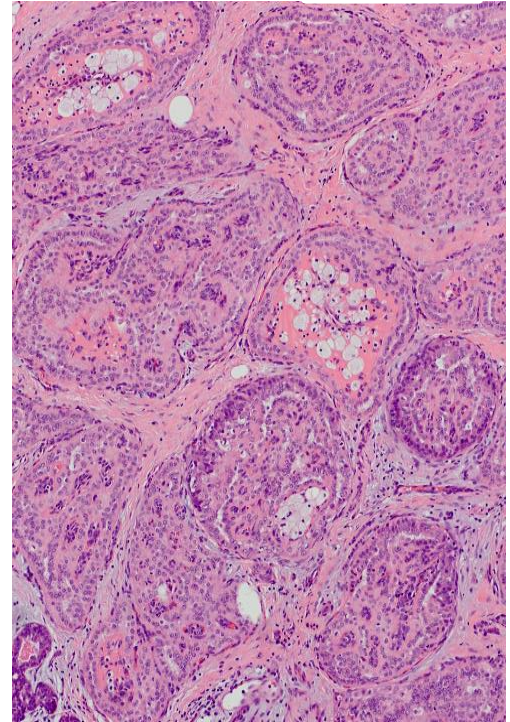
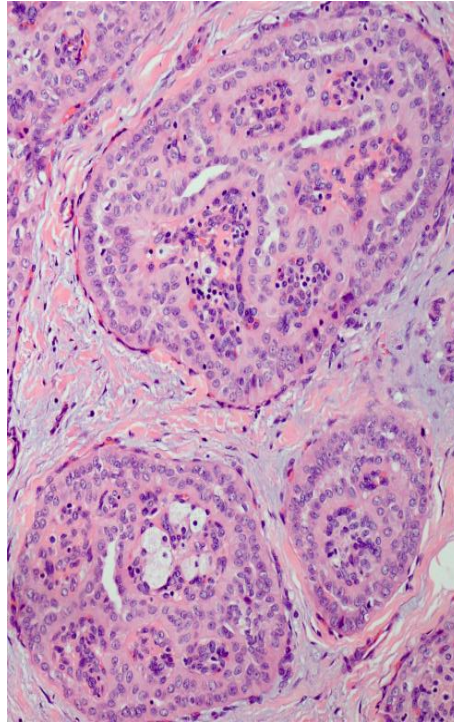
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Foschini MP et al. *Am J Surg Pathol* 2017
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Tall Cell Carcinoma with Reversed Polarity (TCCRP)

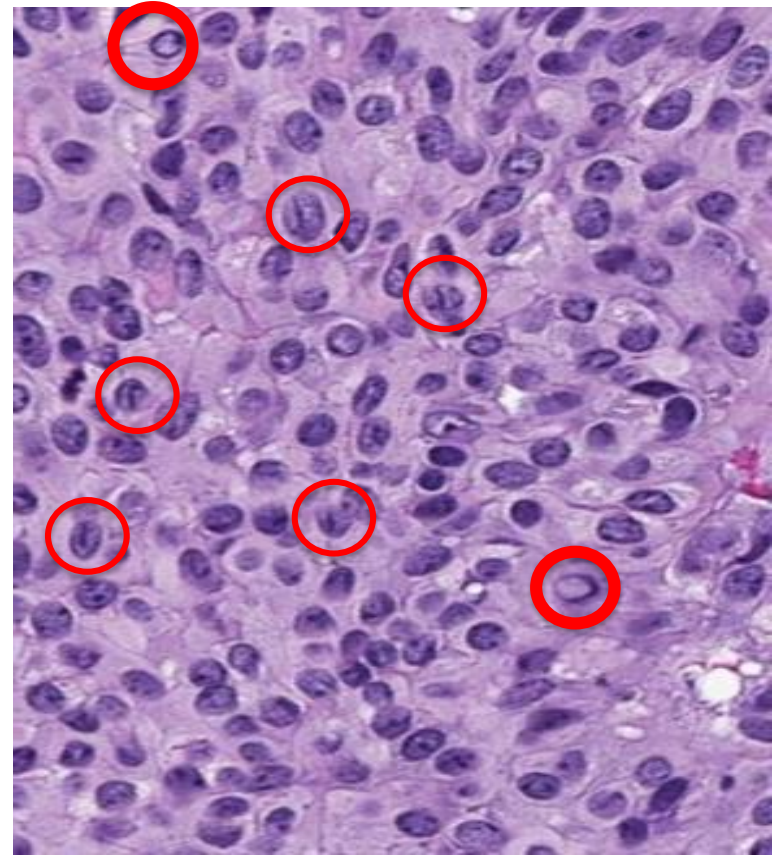
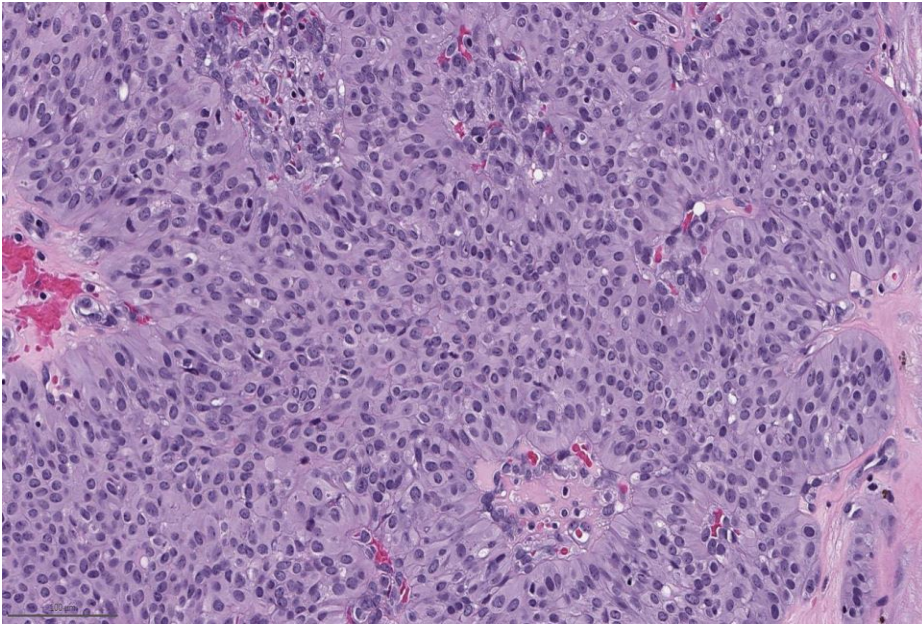


- Solid and papillary patterns
- Solid nests with central fibrovascular cores and foamy histiocytes
- Composed of tall columnar cells with abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm
- Reversed nuclear polarity



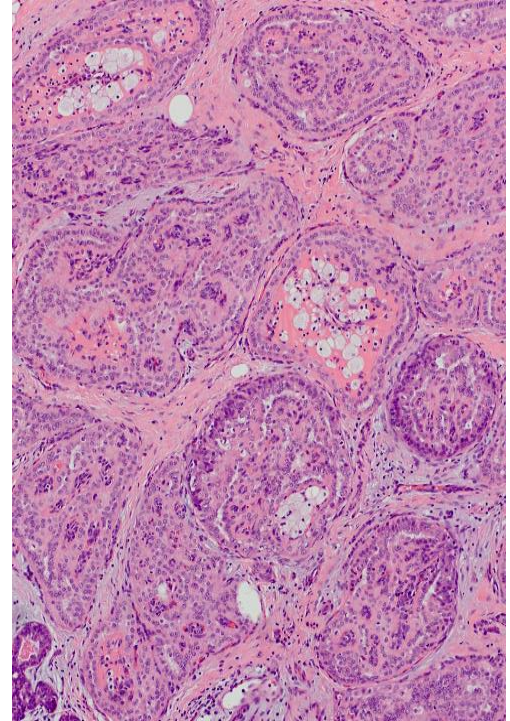
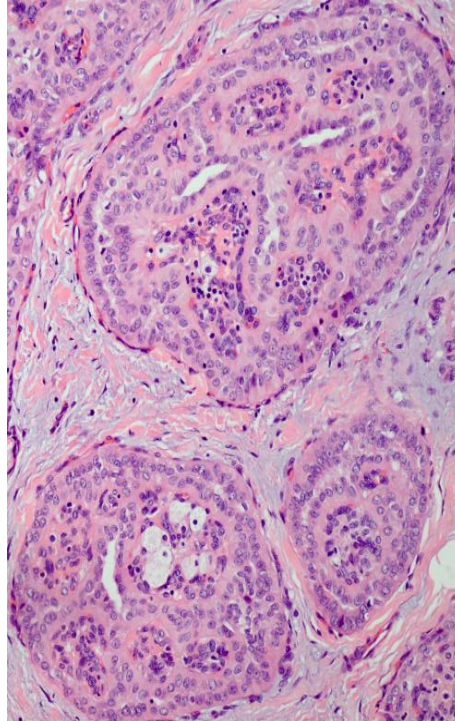
Tall Cell Carcinoma with Reversed Polarity (TCCRP)

- Columnar cells with nuclei at the apical poles
- Bland, round to ovoid nuclei, with grooves and intranuclear cytoplasmic inclusions

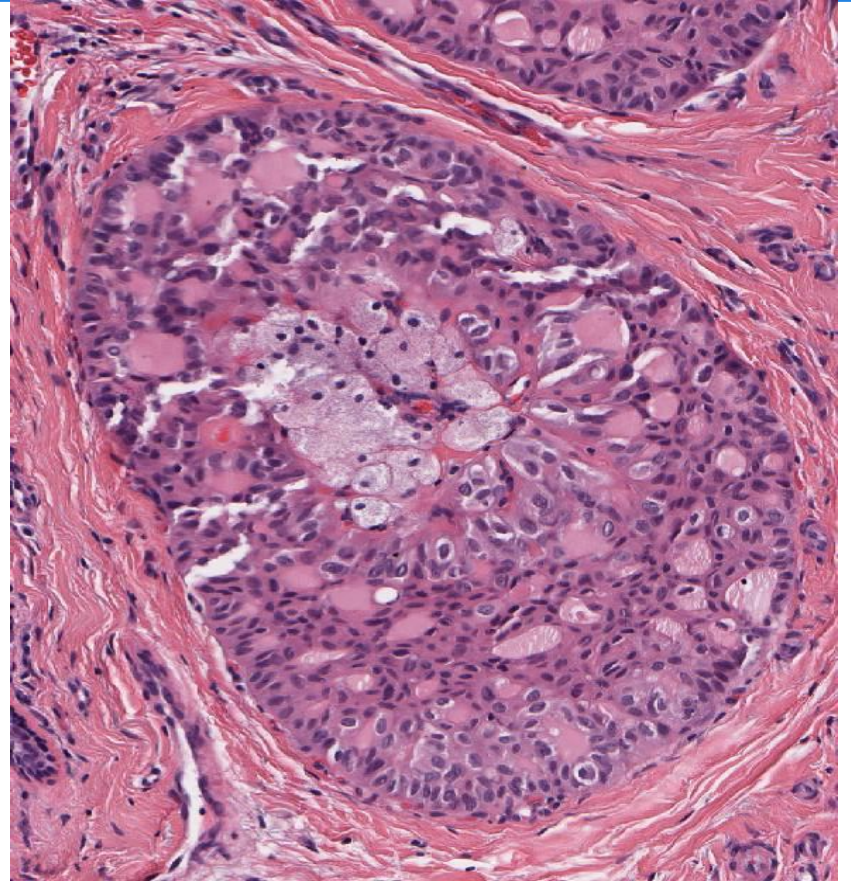
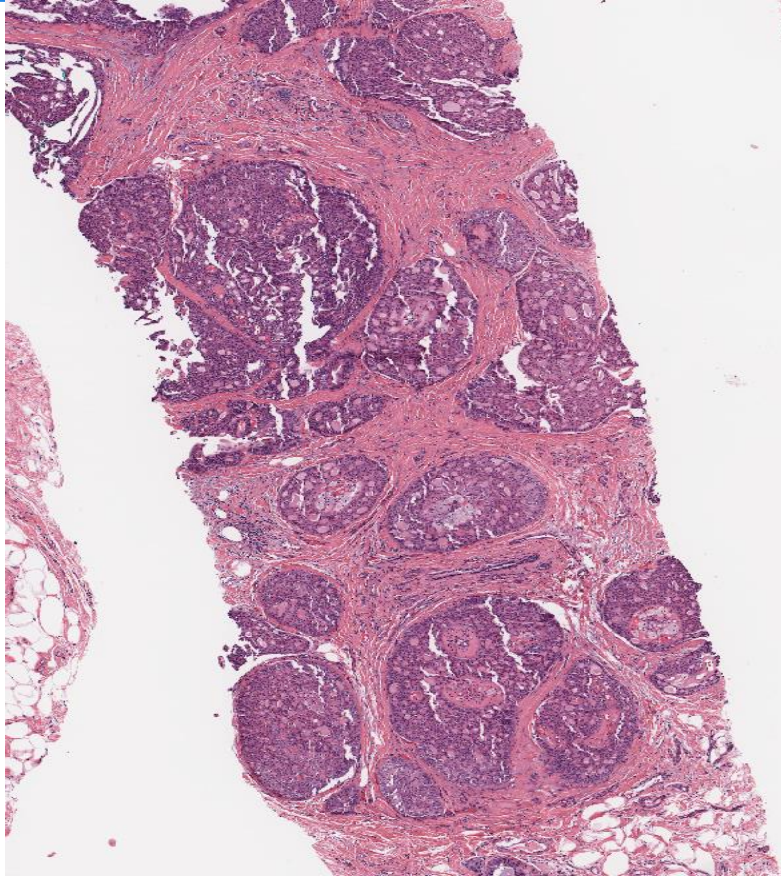


TCCRP Differential diagnosis

- **Intraductal papilloma +/- atypia**
- DCIS
- Solid papillary carcinoma
- Secretory carcinoma
- Metastatic papillary thyroid carcinoma

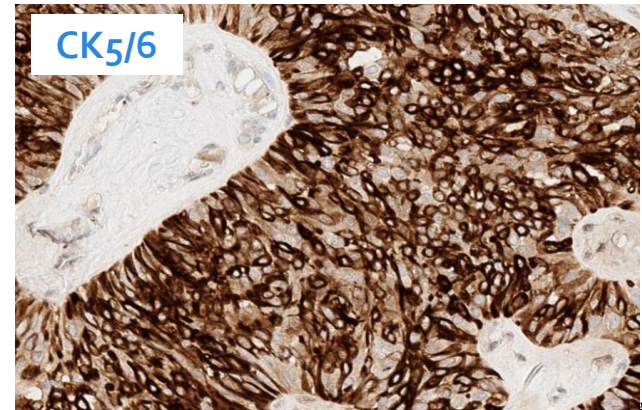
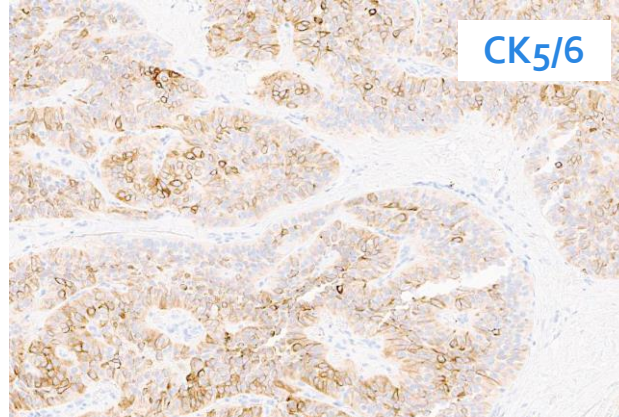
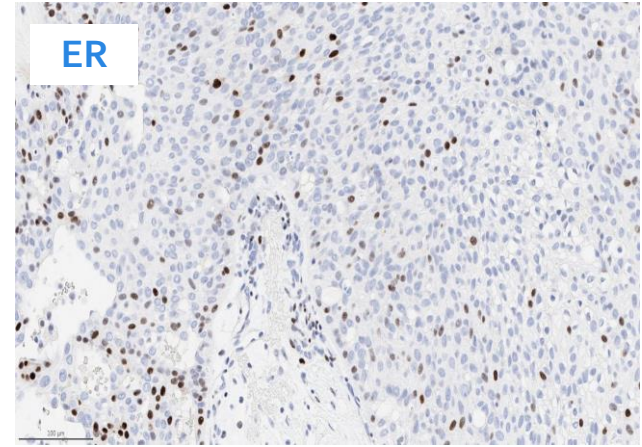
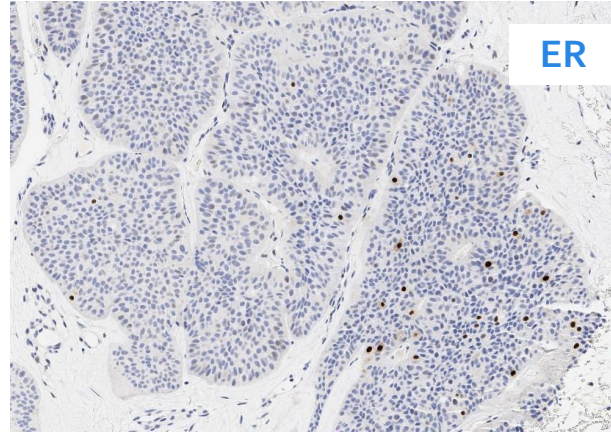


CNB of Tall Cell Carcinoma with Reversed Polarity (TCCRP)



TCCRP IHC: ER low, CK5/6 scattered to diffuse positivity

The immunoprofile of TCCRP overlaps with that of UDH, often present in IDP

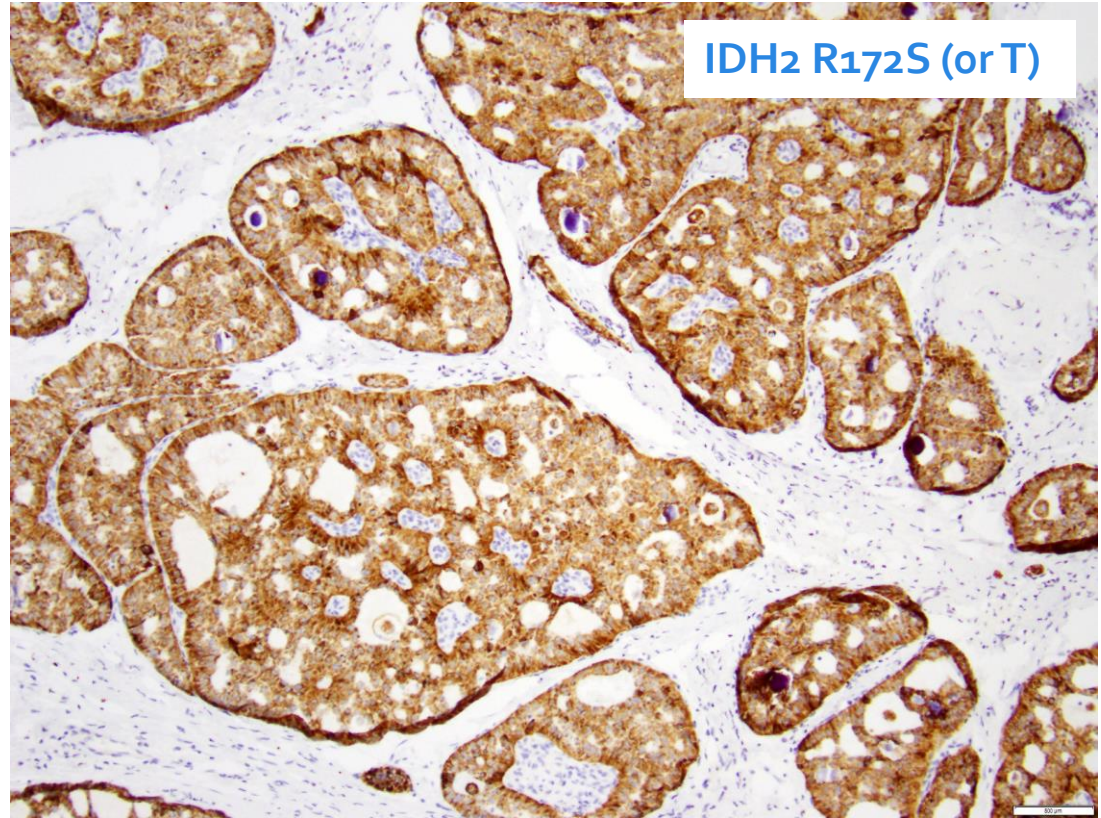
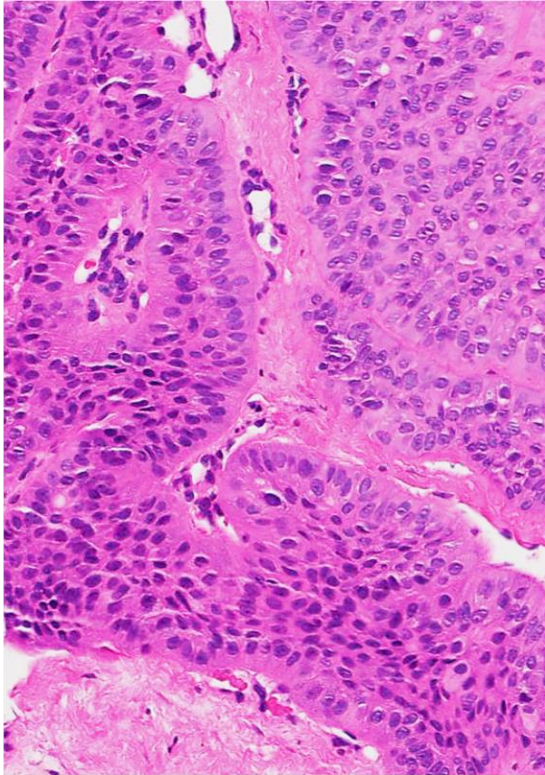


TCCRP case 1 cbx

TCCRP case 2 cbx

IHC for IDH2 R172S and R172T protein

100% specificity, 70% sensitivity



Alsadoun et al *Mod Pathol* 2018;31:1367–1380; Pareja et al. *Mod Pathol* 2020;33:1056-64

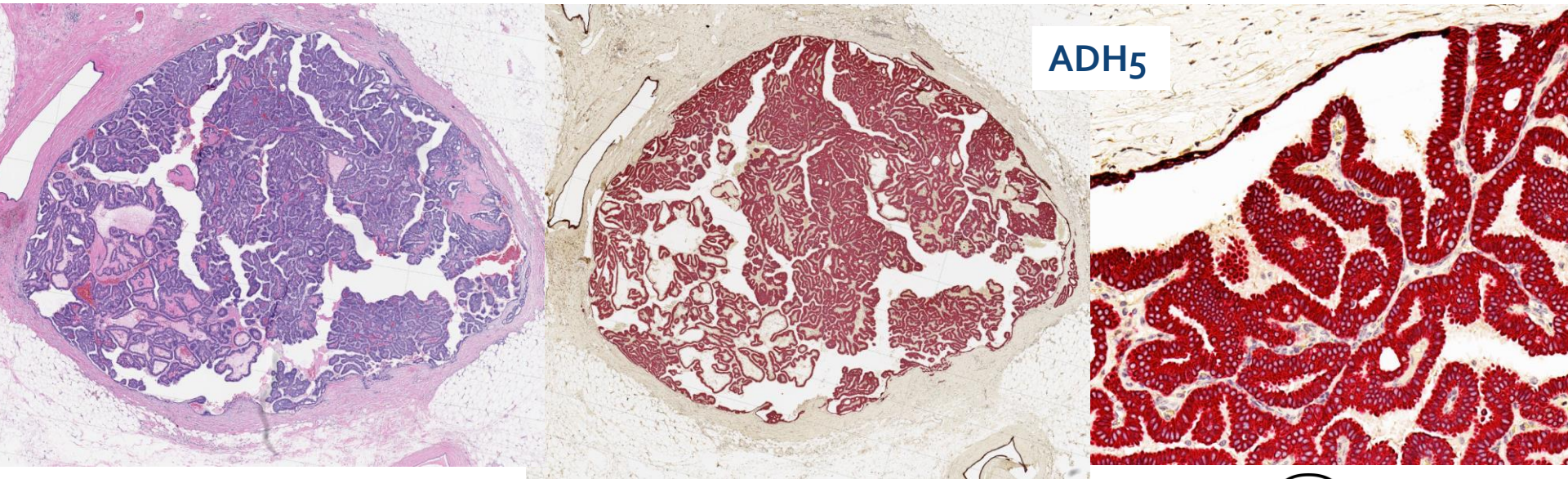


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Papillary DCIS



- Fibrovascular cores with carcinoma devoid of MECs, but contained within a duct with MECs
- May occur in isolation, but usually is one of several architectural patterns in a case of DCIS
- Nuclear atypia determines grade

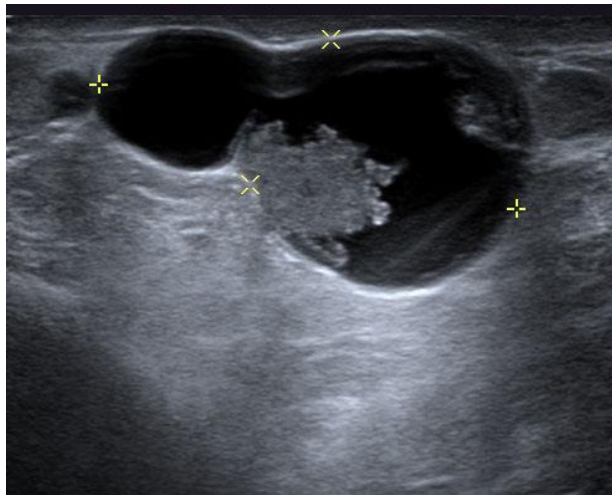


Encapsulated Papillary Carcinoma (EPC)

Tends to occur in postmenopausal women (7th decade)
can occur in men

Clinical presentation

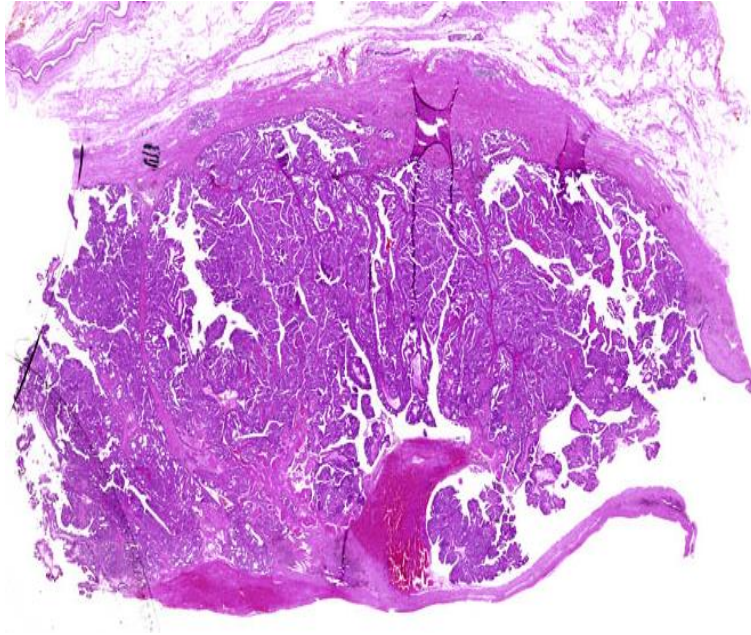
+/- bloody nipple discharge
circumscribed retro-/ sub-areolar mass
round to oval, solid and cystic by U/S



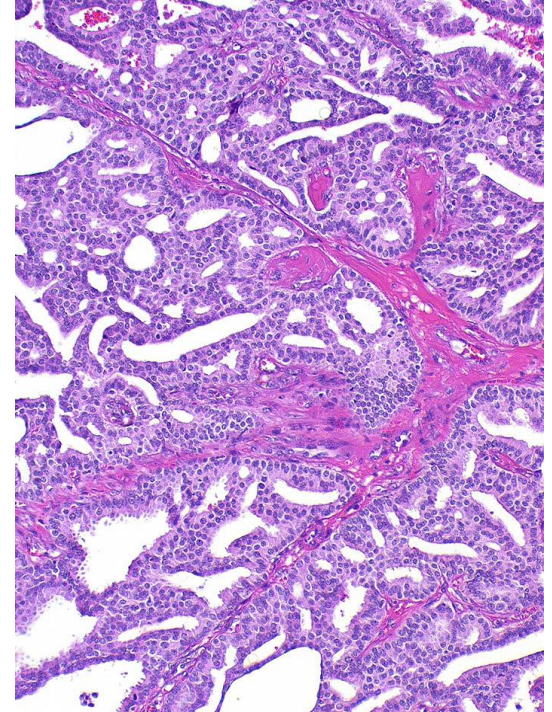
Encapsulated Papillary Carcinoma (EPC)

WHO 5th
NEW

- Cystic mass, with rounded, pushing border
- +/- thick fibrous capsule
- Thin fibrovascular cores
- Cribriform pattern most common, *focal* solid areas



EPC only if nuclear grade is
LOW OR INTERMEDIATE

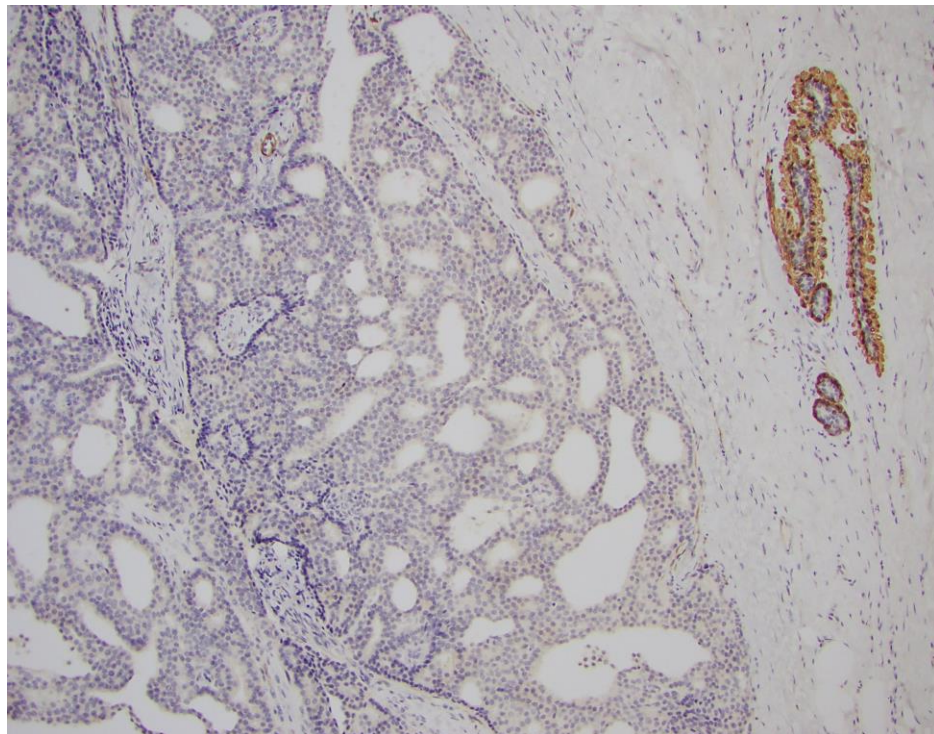


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EPC: no myoepithelial cells

EPC is characterized by
absence of MECs along the
papillae *and* around the tumor
→ “invasive” carcinoma with
blunt invasion

Hill and Yeh, AJSP 2005
Collins et al, AJSP 2006
Esposito, AJCP 2009
Wynveen, AJSP 2011
Rakha AJSP 2011



calponin



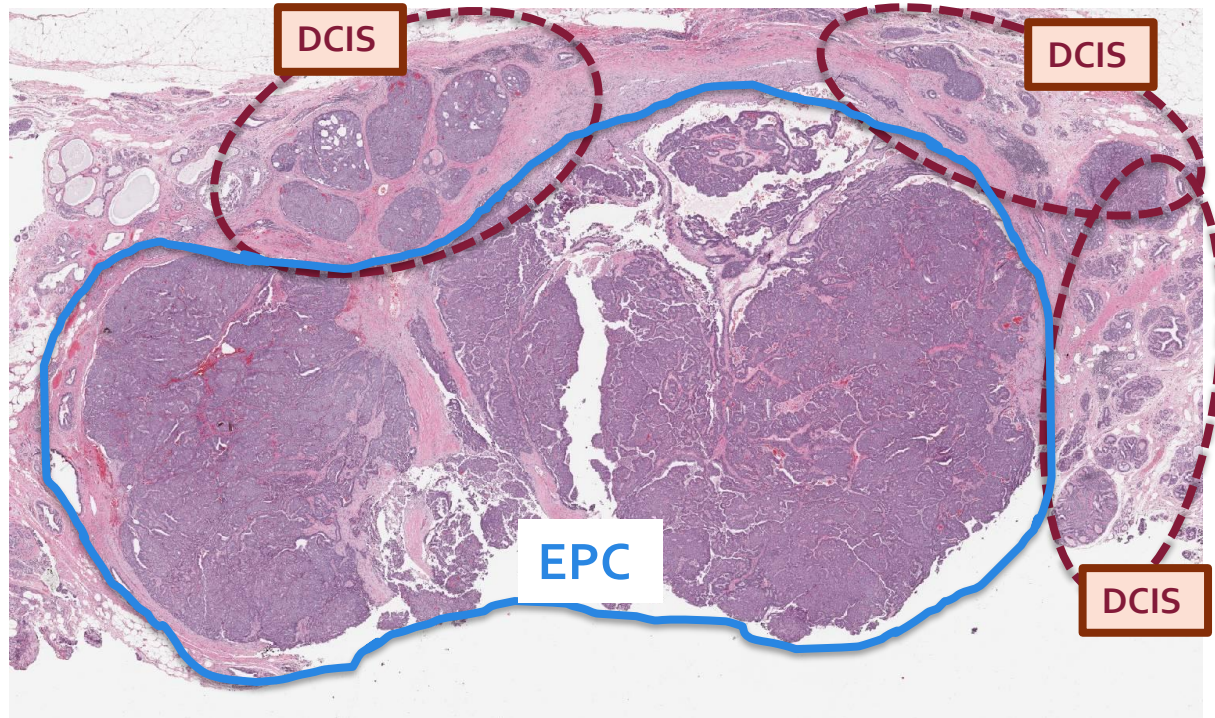
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EPC

versus

papillary DCIS

Ducts with Papillary DCIS have substantially smaller diameter than EPC foci

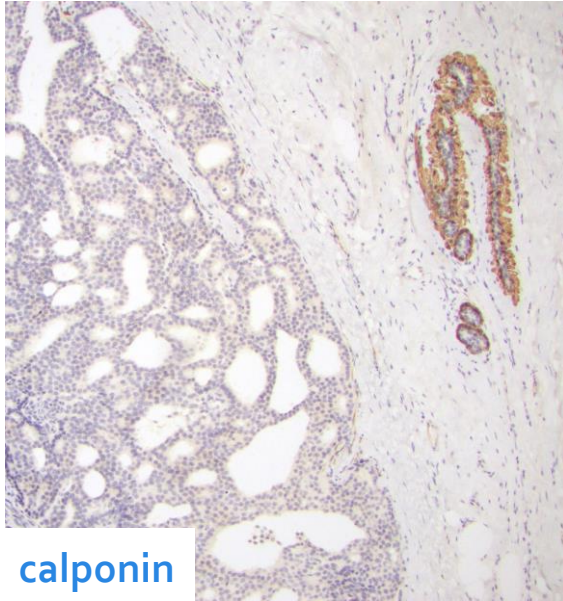
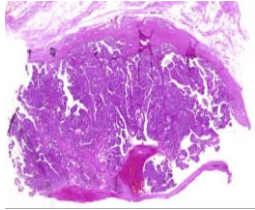


EPC

versus

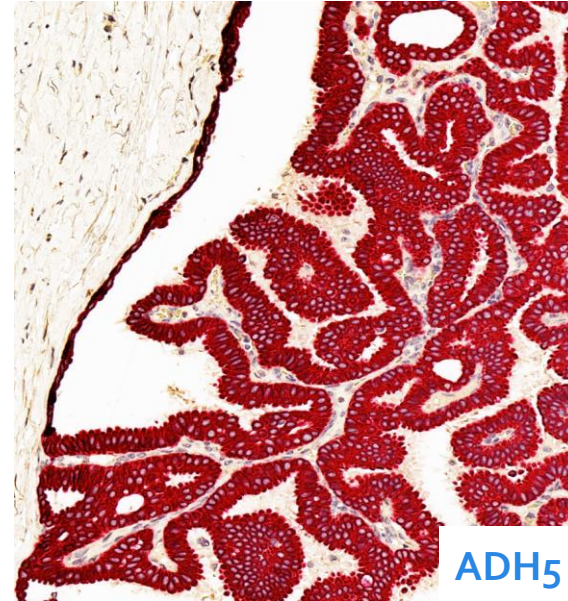
papillary DCIS

No MECs along the papillae
and around the tumor

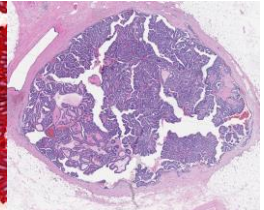


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MECs around the tumor,
but *NOT* along the papillae

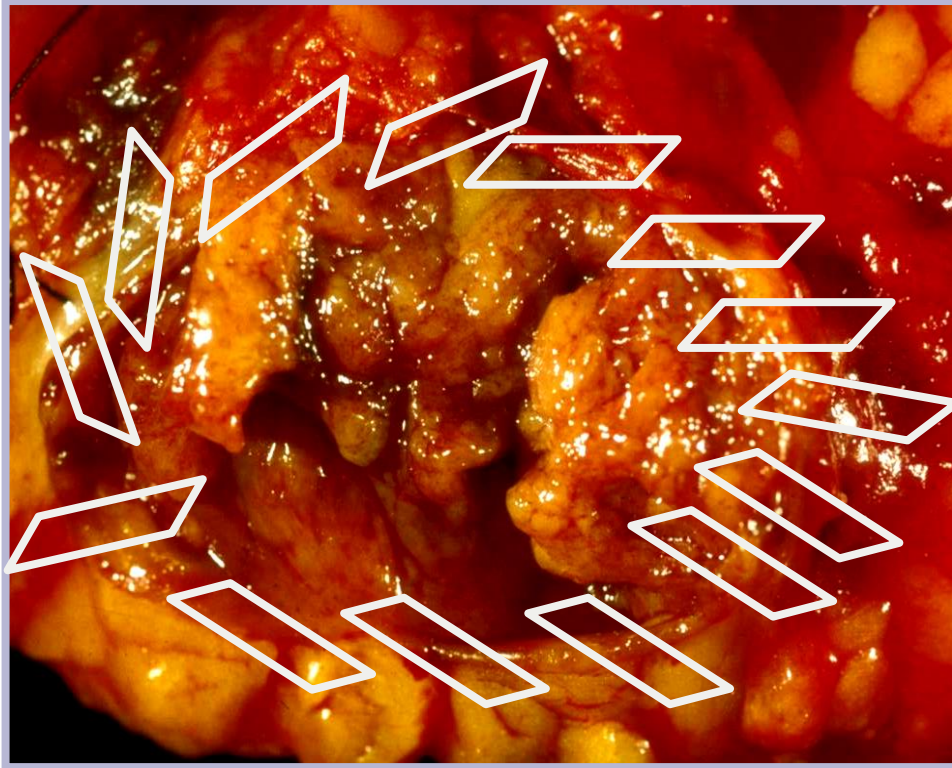


ADH5



EPC without associated conventional invasion is staged as pTis
because behavior is similar to DCIS

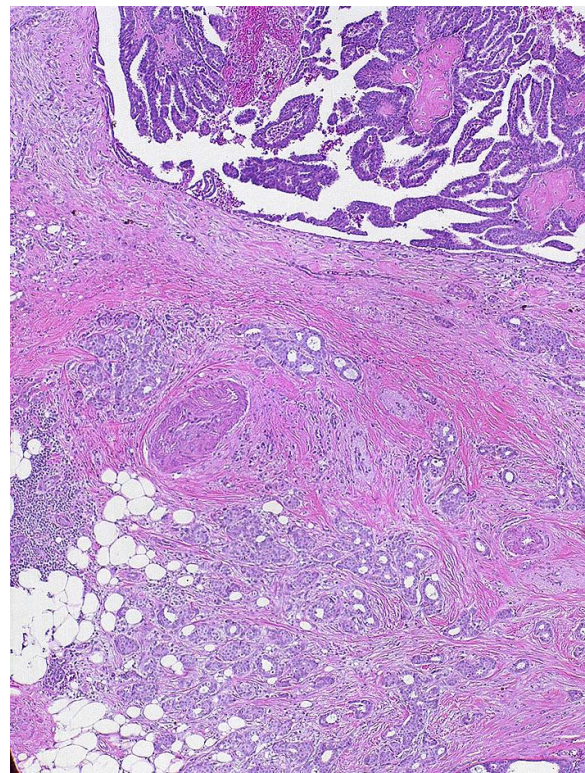
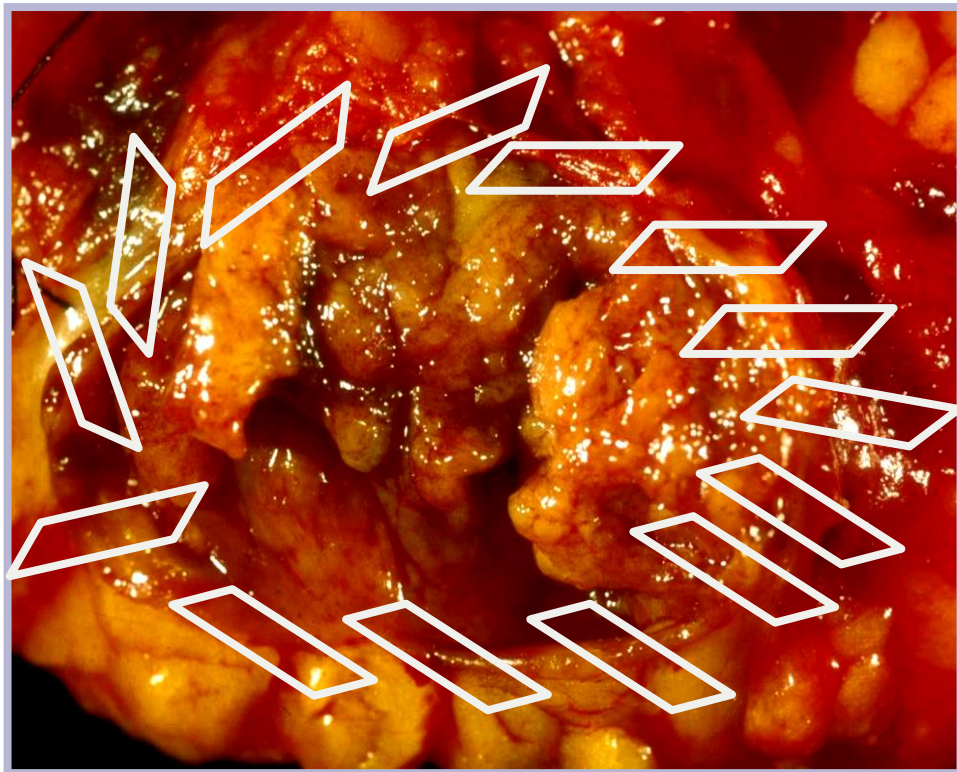
Thorough sampling of EPC capsule + adjacent tissue to rule out frank invasion



Frank invasion = carcinoma with unequivocal invasive pattern beyond the fibrous capsule



Thorough sampling of EPC capsule + adjacent tissue to rule out frank invasion



Invasive carcinoma associated with EPC

- Identified in 20-60% of cases

27 EPCs: 6 (22%) with invasion

Esposito NN et al *Am. J. Clin. Pathol.* 2009;131:228-242

42 EPCs; 19 (45%) with invasion

Wynveen CA et al. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2011;35:1-14

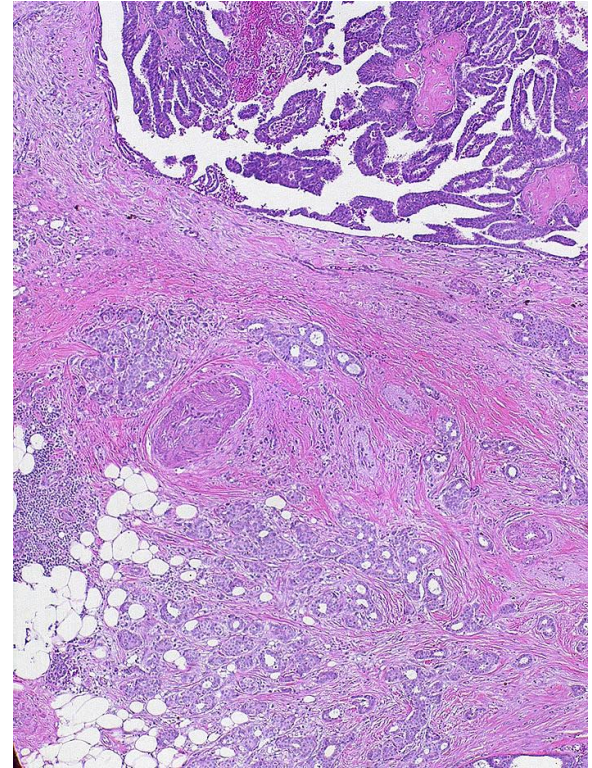
25 EPCs; 15 (60%) with invasion

Jackson CR et al. *Breast J* 2021;27(3):209-215

- Presence of invasive carcinoma unrelated to EPC size
- 70% well diff IDC-NST
(also mucinous, tubular, inv cribriform)
- all pT1 (0.2- 1.25 cm)
- majority ER-positive, HER2-negative

Wynveen CA et al. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2011;35:1-14

Jackson CR et al. *Breast J* 2021;27(3):209-215



EPC: staging and management

Frank invasion + EPC +/- DCIS

Stage based on frankly invasive component

- Report:
 - Size
 - Nottingham grade
 - ER, PR and HER2 status
- Management as invasive carcinoma of similar stage and receptor status

EPC +/- DCIS

Stage: pTis (DCIS)

- Report nuclear grade, ER status
(in a note, may report size EPC and DCIS, separately and together)
- Management as DCIS
+/- Sentinel LN bx

Prognosis: favorable

Rakha E. et al.. AJSP 2011

Mogal H et al. *Breast* 2016



Rare reports of EPC with LN or distant mets

LN metastases

- 5.9 cm EPC → 1/3 LNs
- 4.0 cm EPC → 2/11 LNs
- All micrometastases

Mulligan and O'Malley *Breast Cancer*, 2005

Distant Metastases

- 2.6 cm EPC + 0.5 mm invasive carcinoma
- Synchronous liver metastases

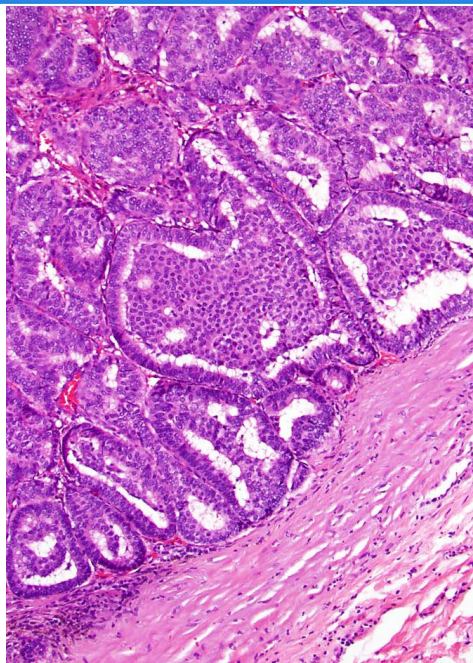
Okita, et al. *Int J Surg Pathol*, 2007

- EPC + DCIS → lung metastasis

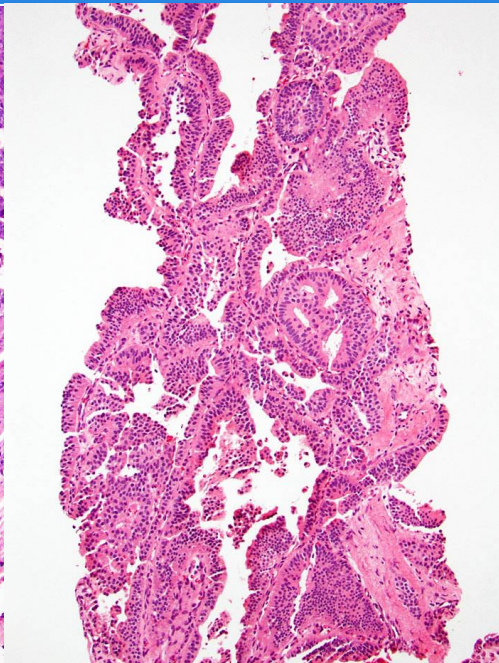
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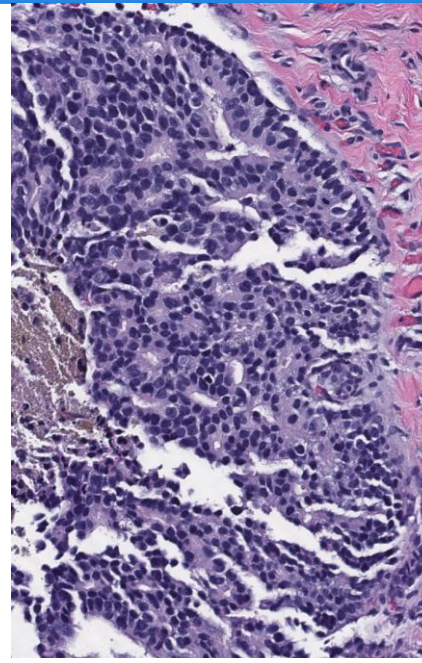
EPC with distant metastases (personal observations)



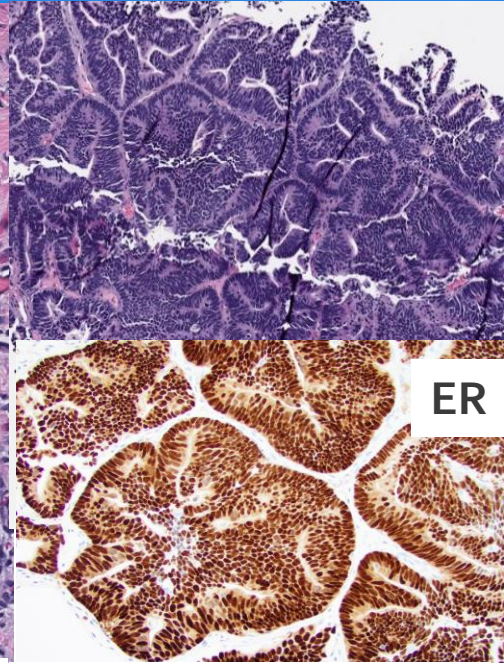
**EPC in a
44 yo woman**



**bone met
17 y later**



**EPC in a
74 yo man**



**Lung met
4 y later**



EPC - Differential Diagnosis

Papillary DCIS

- MECs = continuous layer at the periphery of the duct; absent along papillae
- May be near EPC; ducts with papillary DCIS usually much smaller than EPC

Solid Papillary Carcinoma in situ (SPC in situ)

- Solid papillary growth with inconspicuous or hyalinized fibrovascular cores, not cribriforming
- intra- and/or extra-cellular mucin common
- +/- NE features/ differentiation

Invasive Papillary Carcinoma

- High NG, usually high mitotic rate, +/- necrosis, +/- capsule, usually triple neg or HER2+
- If no DCIS is identified, rule out extramammary origin

• DCIS or ADH in a Papilloma

- Underlying papilloma identifiable at least focally
- MECs around the periphery of the duct and along (some) papillae

• Papilloma with UDH

- ER low and CK5/6 mosaic pattern
- MECs around tumor periphery and along papillae



Solid Papillary Carcinoma (SPC)

Postmenopausal women (>60 y), may occur in men

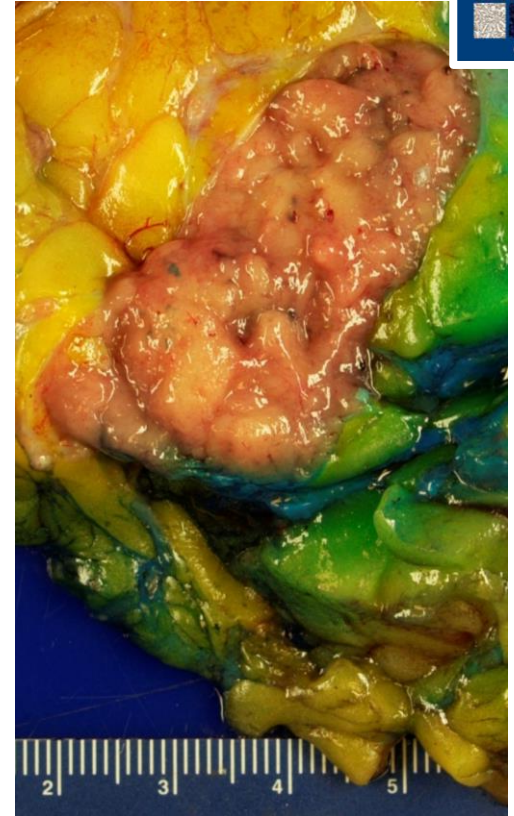
Palpable breast mass, mammographic mass/ abnormality, and/or bloody nipple discharge

Imaging features

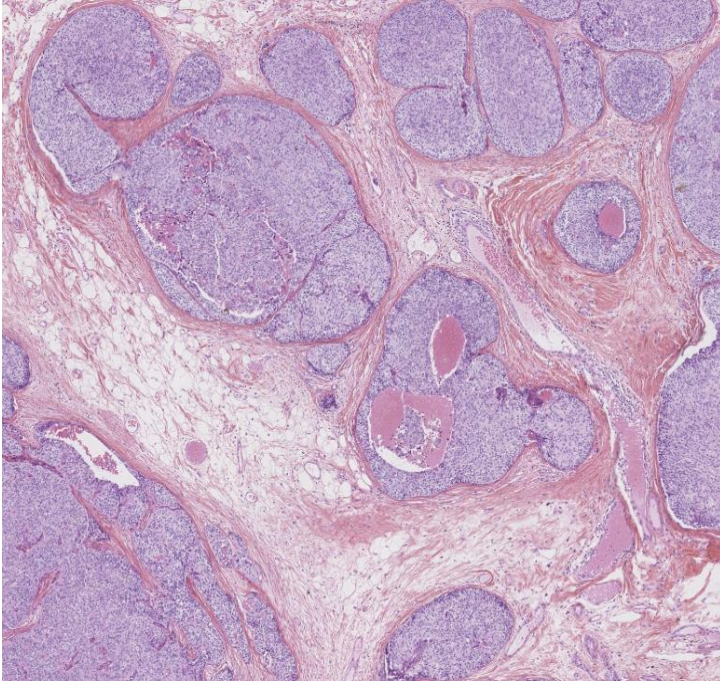
Mammography: rounded, circumscribed mass, +/- irregular borders/ architectural distortion if invasive

Ultrasound: solid, well-defined, hypoechoic or heterogeneous mass; +/- irregular edges if invasive

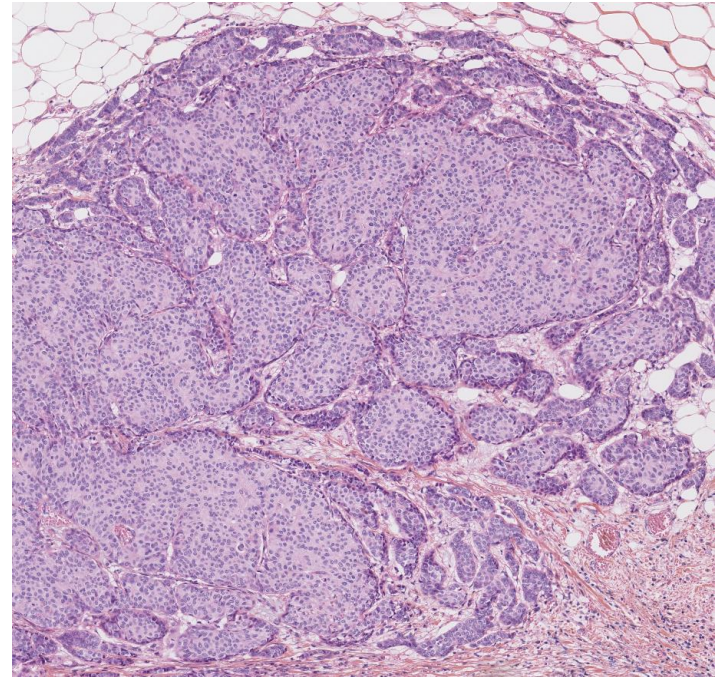
Gross appearance: soft, well-circumscribed, tan-pink mass



In situ



Invasive



SPC in situ

- Expansive, round-oval, solid nodules
- *A distribution pattern consistent with an in situ process, regardless of the presence of MECs around the nodules*

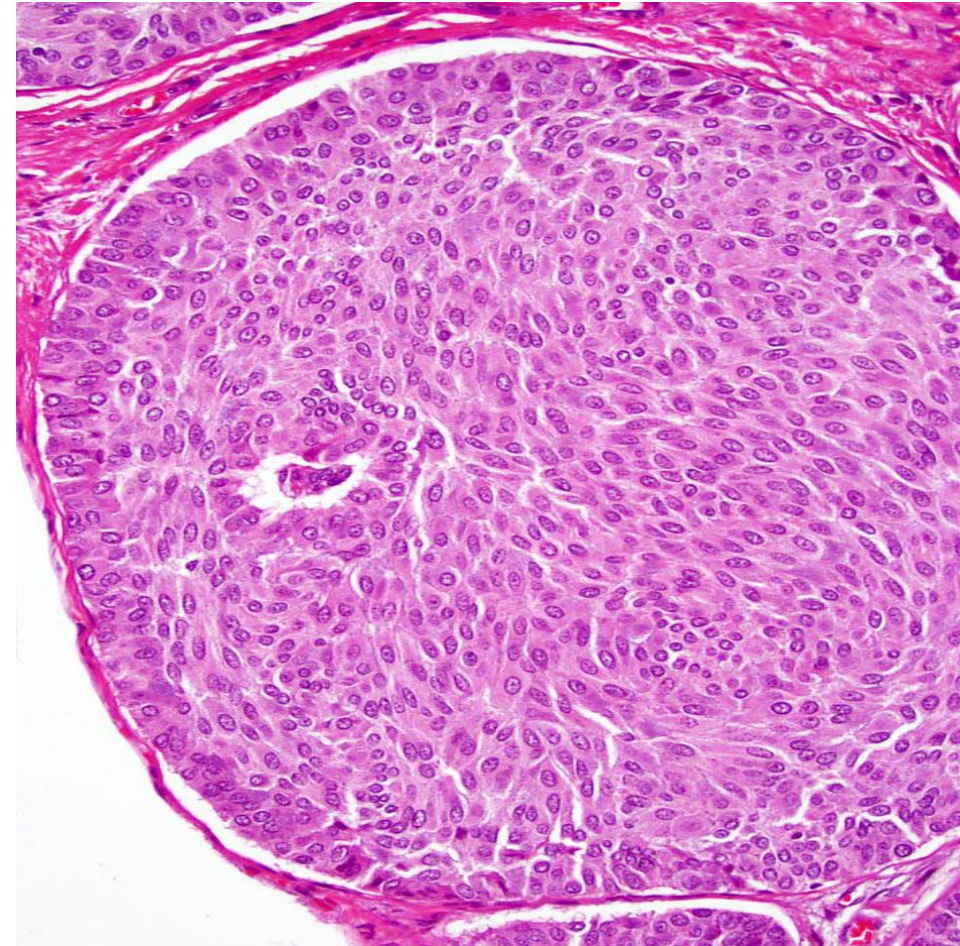
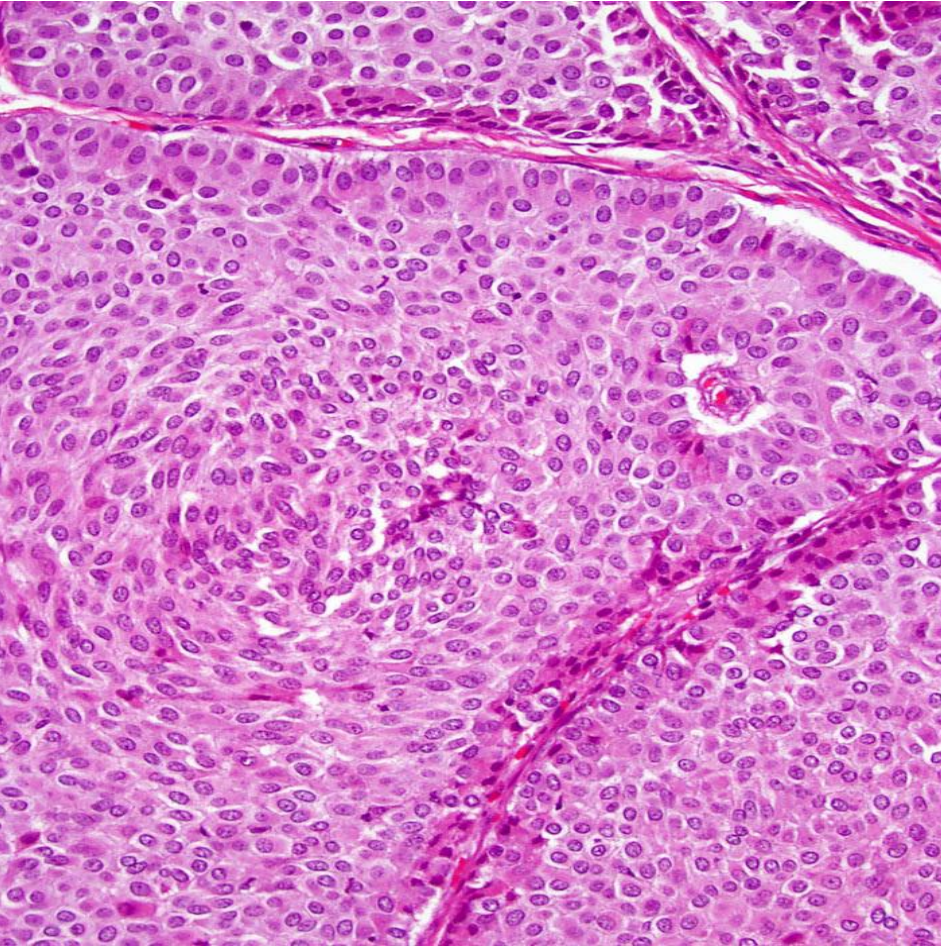
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- **Monotonous, round to spindled epithelial cells with (usually) mild to moderate nuclear atypia**
- **Inconspicuous fibrovascular cores**

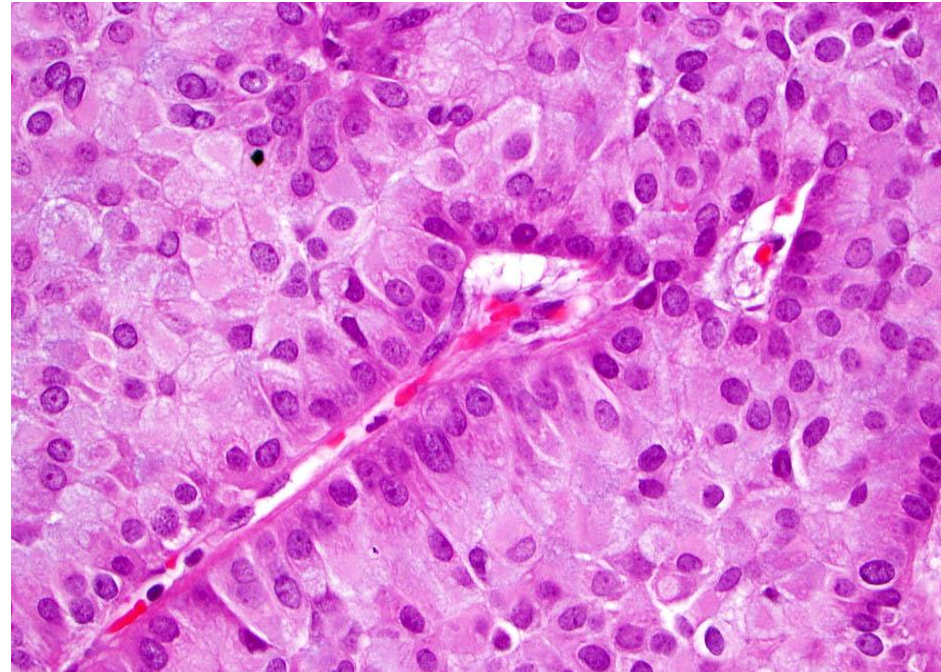
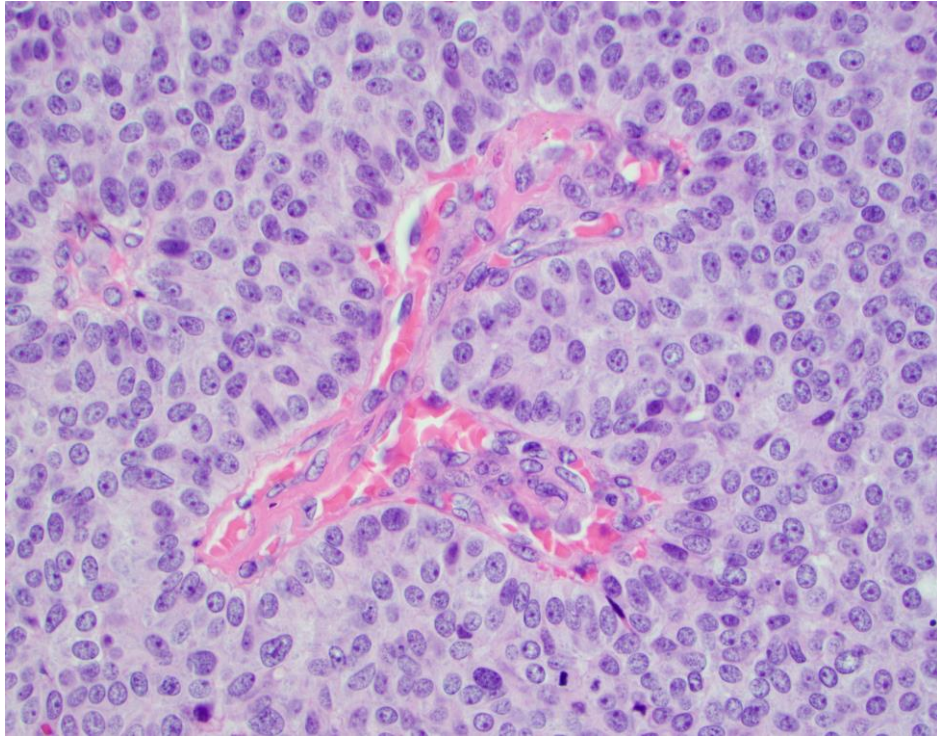
Maluf and Koerner 1995; Tsang WY, Chan JK. 1996; Nicolas, Wu et al. 2007; Otsuki, Yamada et al. 2007; Nassar, Qureshi et al. 2006



spindle cell morphology (no "maturation" across the duct)



Palisading nuclei along fibrovascular cores

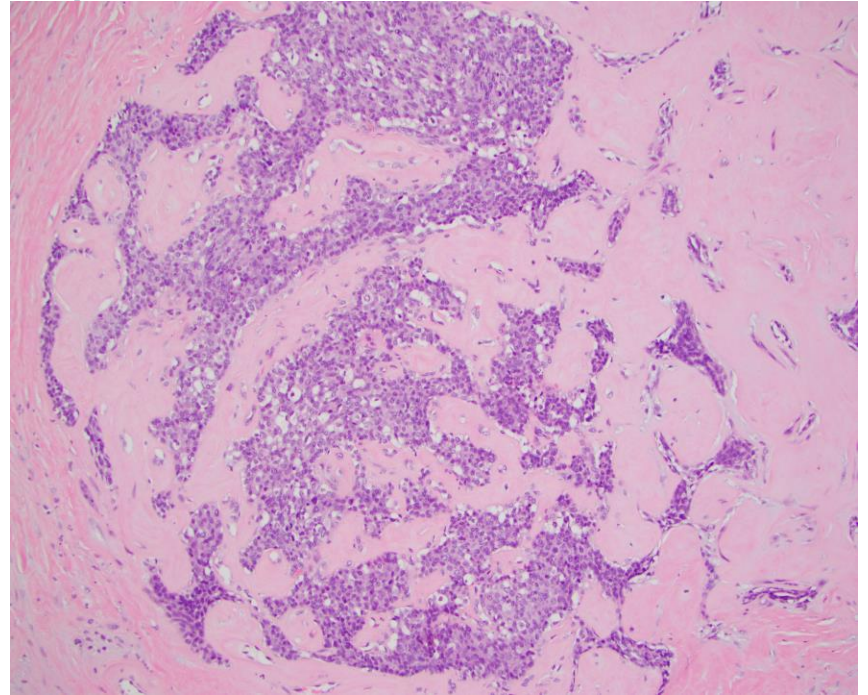
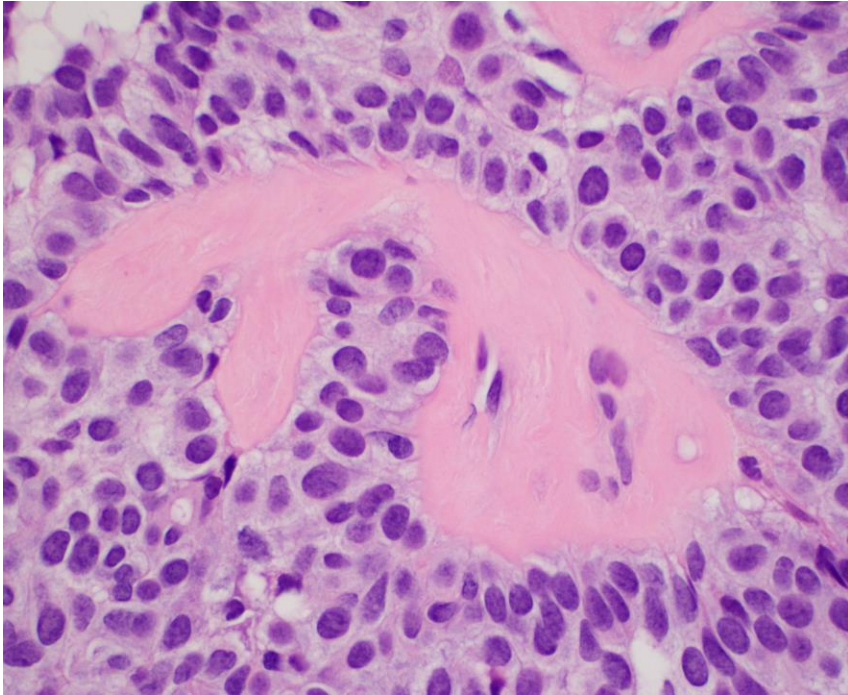


Intracytoplasmic mucin

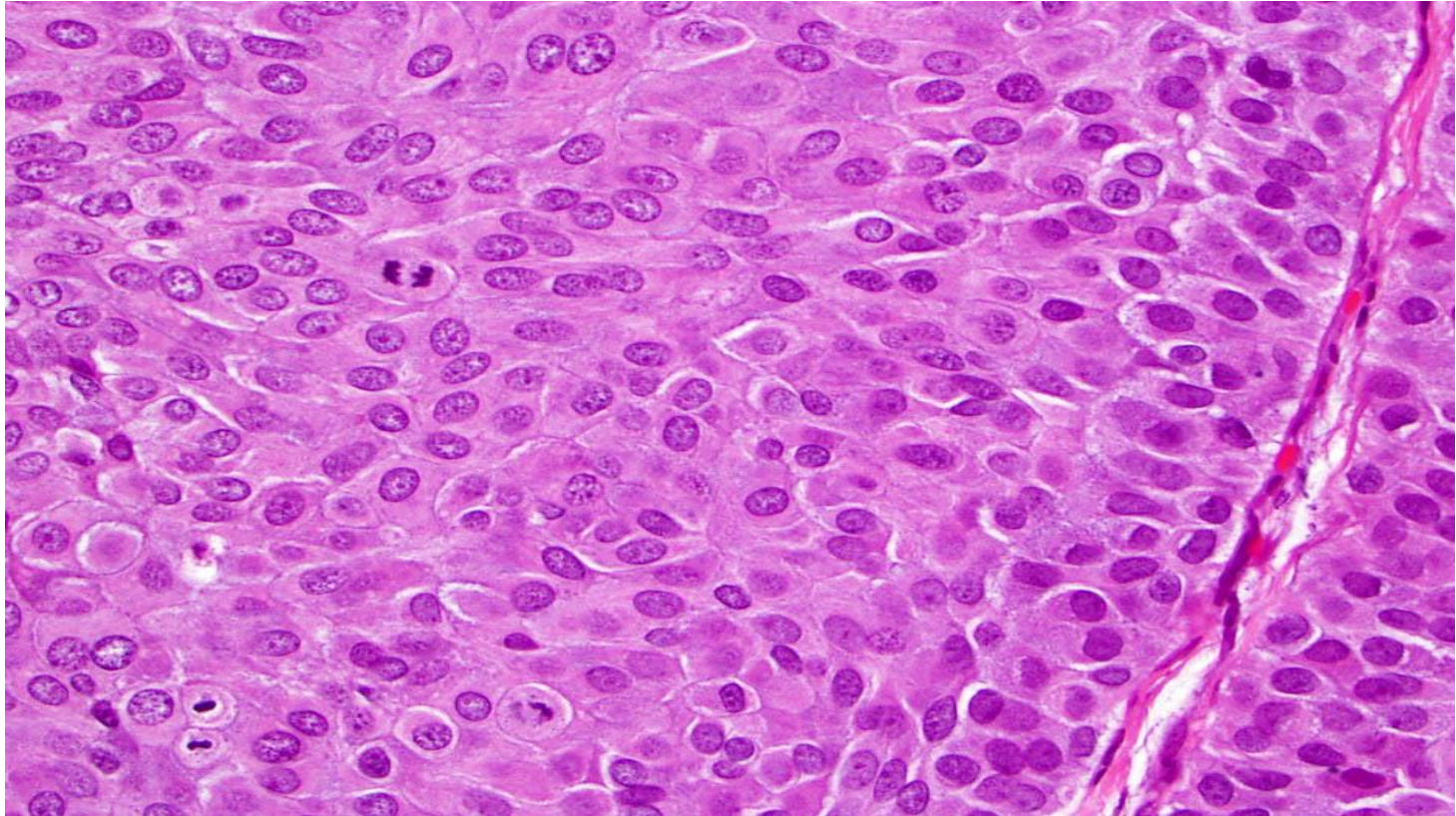


hyalinized and sclerotic fibrovascular cores

may mimic stromal invasion

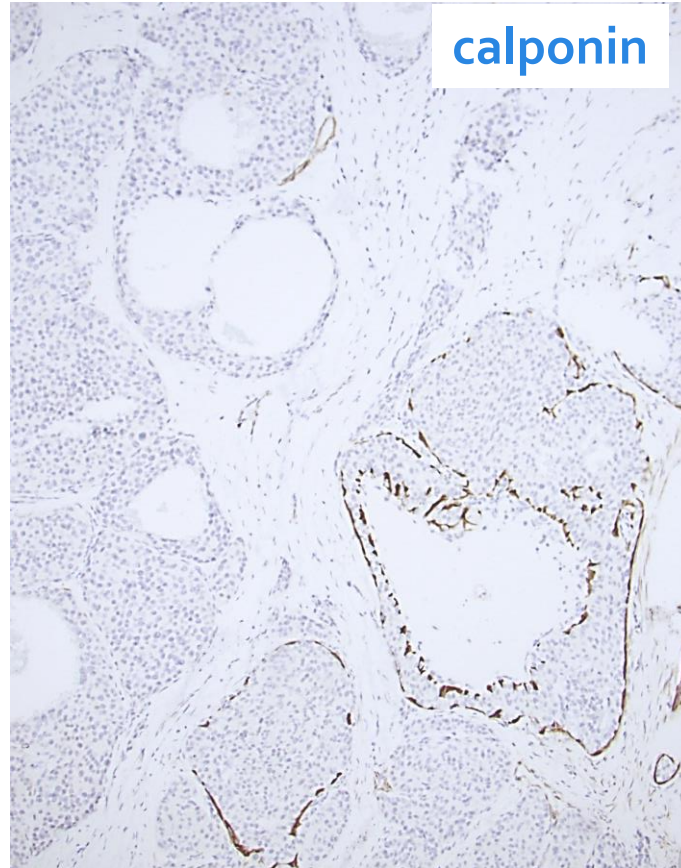
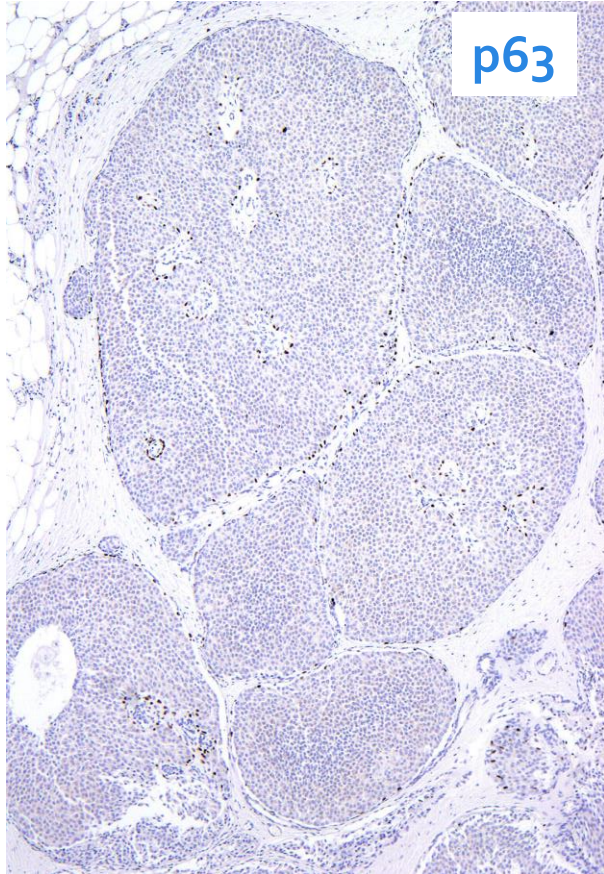


scattered mitoses



SPC in situ: round-oval nests, regardless of MECs

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SPC with invasion (invasive SPC)

- The invasive component may be solid papillary and/or mucinous carcinoma (+/- NE antigens)
 - rarely invasive carcinoma of no special type (NST), lobular, cribriform, tubular carcinoma
- Large nests with irregular outline, pattern not consistent with involvement of pre-existing acini, ducts, or benign alterations thereof
- Carcinoma in extracellular mucin pools infiltrating at the periphery of the lesion), corresponding to mucinous carcinoma
- Usually ER(+) and PR(+), HER2-negative/not amplified

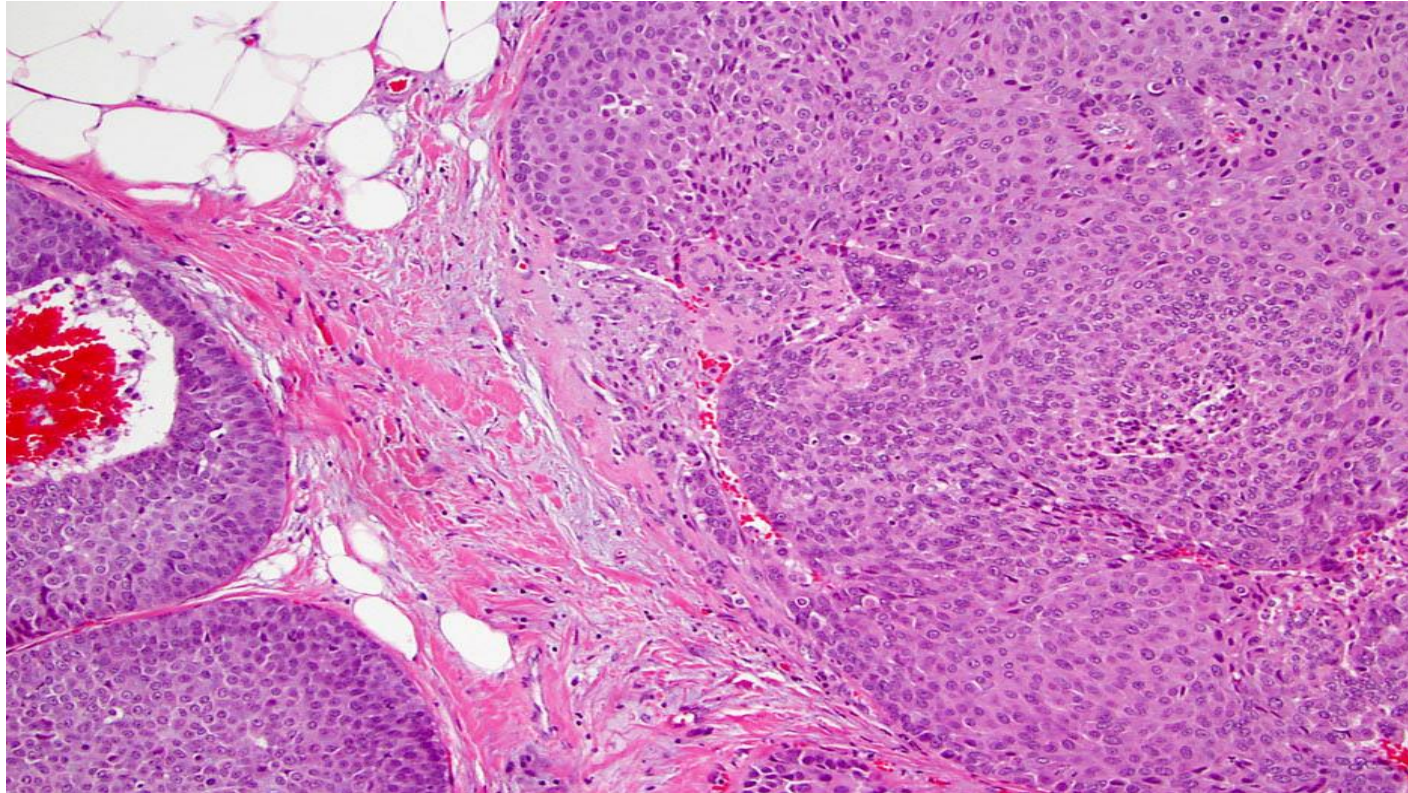
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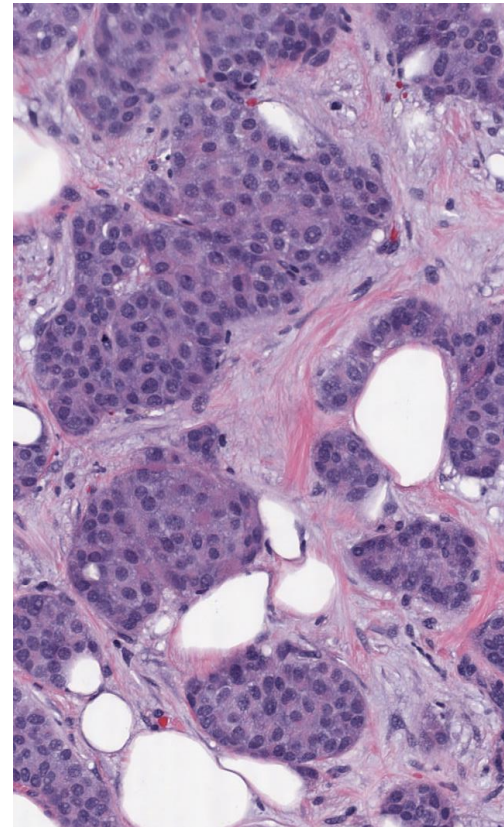
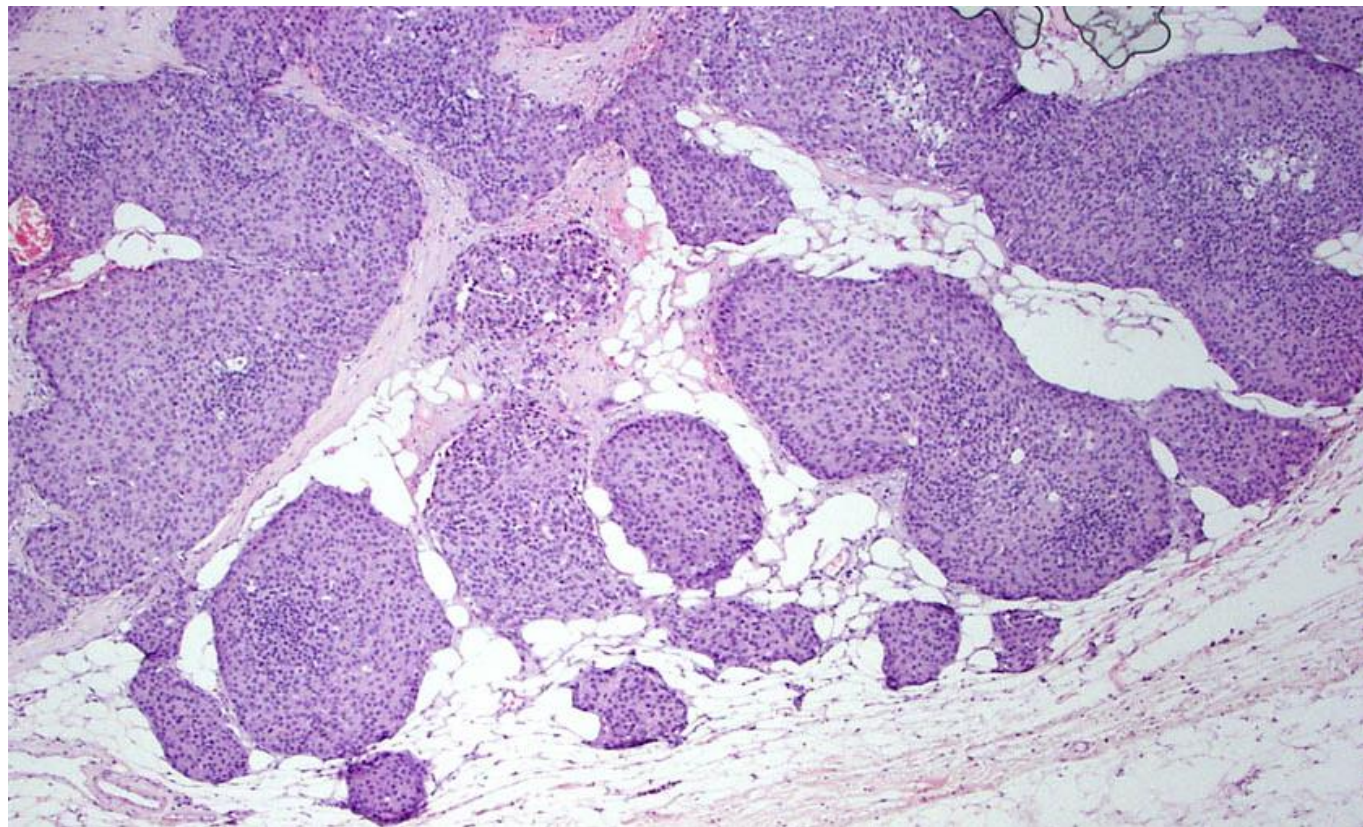
Solid Papillary Carcinoma

In situ

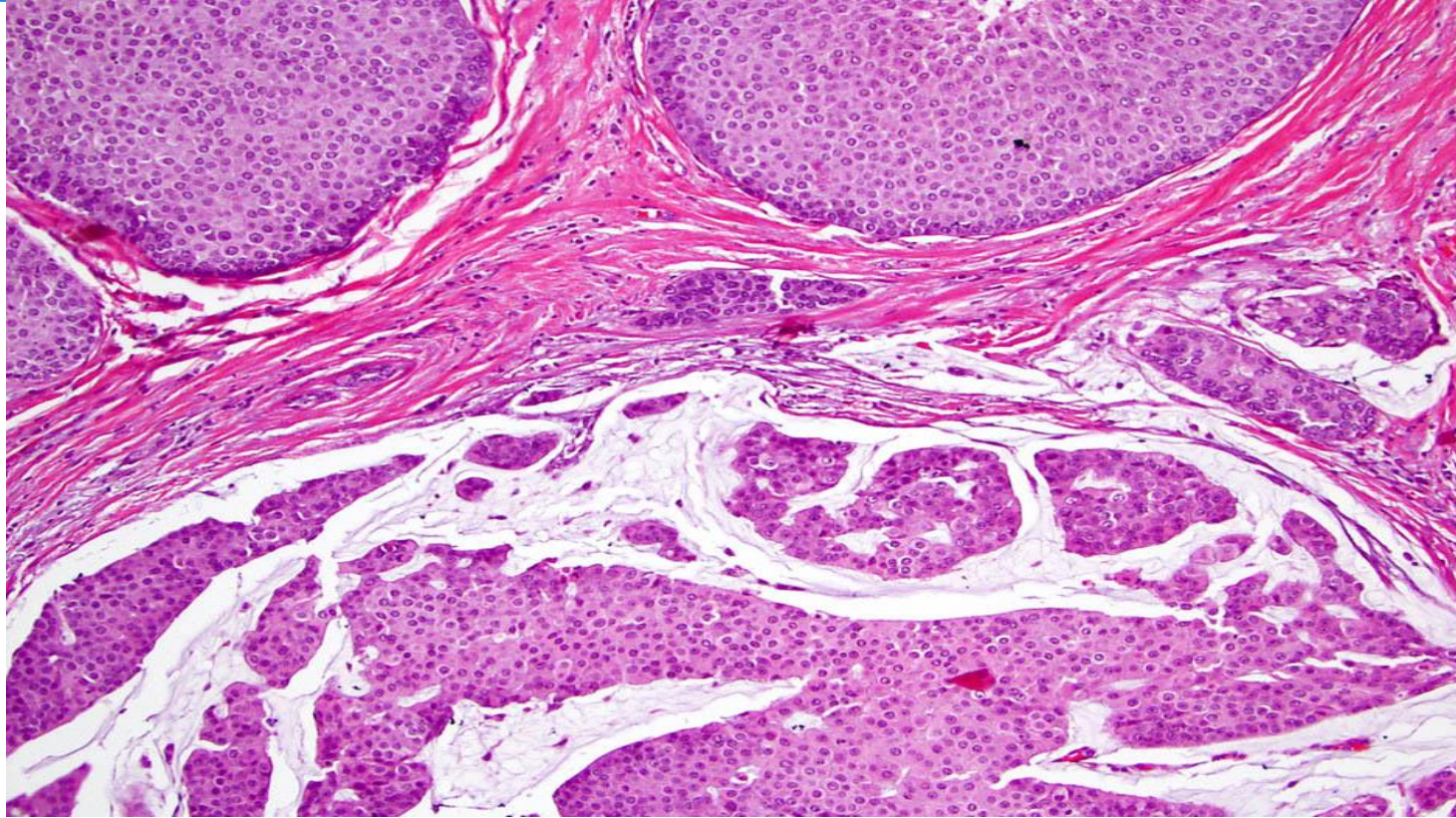
Invasive



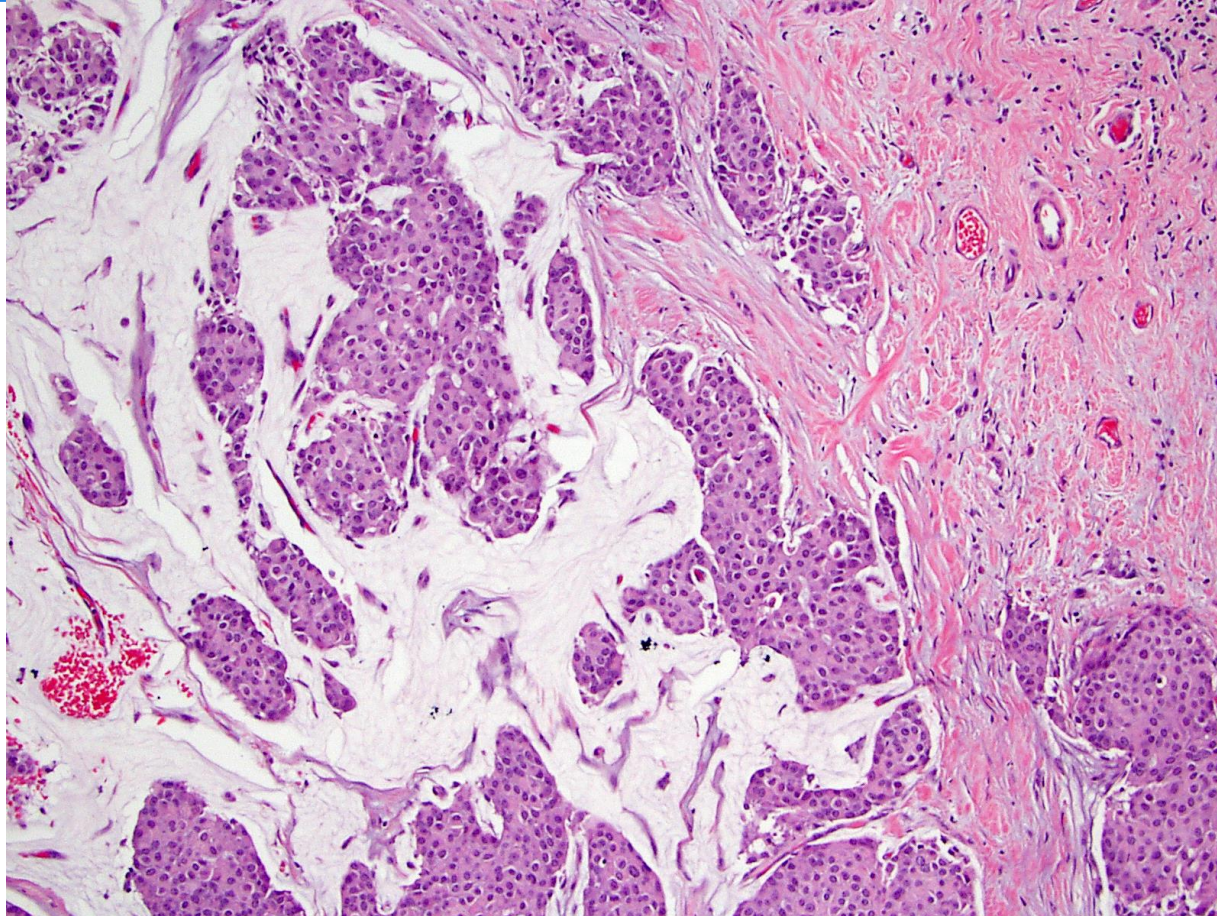
SPC Invasive – nests with irregular outline +/- haphazard distribution



Mucinous carcinoma near SPC, predominantly in situ



SPC with invasion and mucinous carcinoma



Solid Papillary Carcinoma (SPC): Staging

SPC in situ: pTis (DCIS)

- Round to oval nests with smooth border
- Regardless of MECs
- Report size (as for DCIS)
- Assess ER

SPC with invasion

Diagnose only if frank invasion is present

- Nests with irregular border
- Haphazard arrangement
- +/- mucinous carcinoma

Report:

- Size
- Nottingham grade
- ER, PR and HER2 status of invasive component ONLY

Excellent prognosis

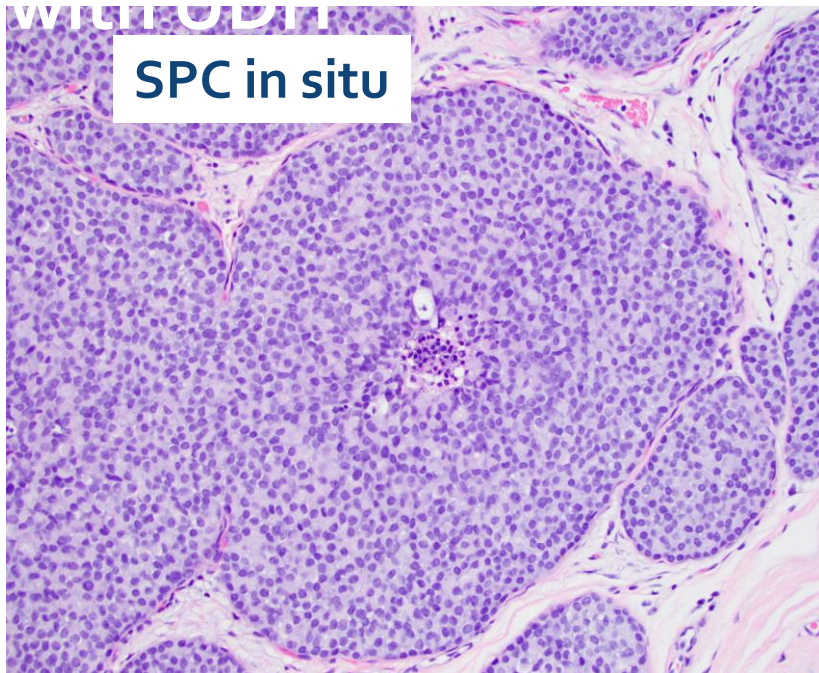
Duprez, Wilkerson et al. 2012

Piscuoglio, Ng et al. 2014

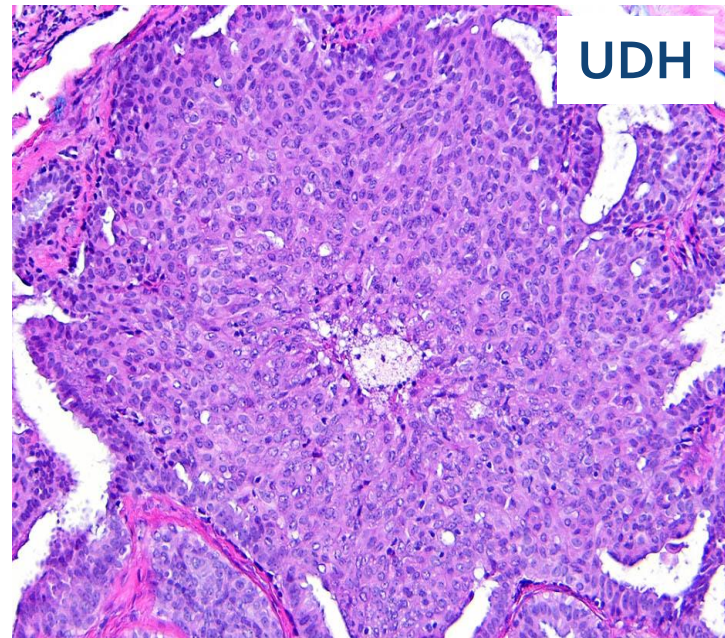
Guo, Wang et al. 2016



DDX: SPC in situ may mimic UDH in a papilloma

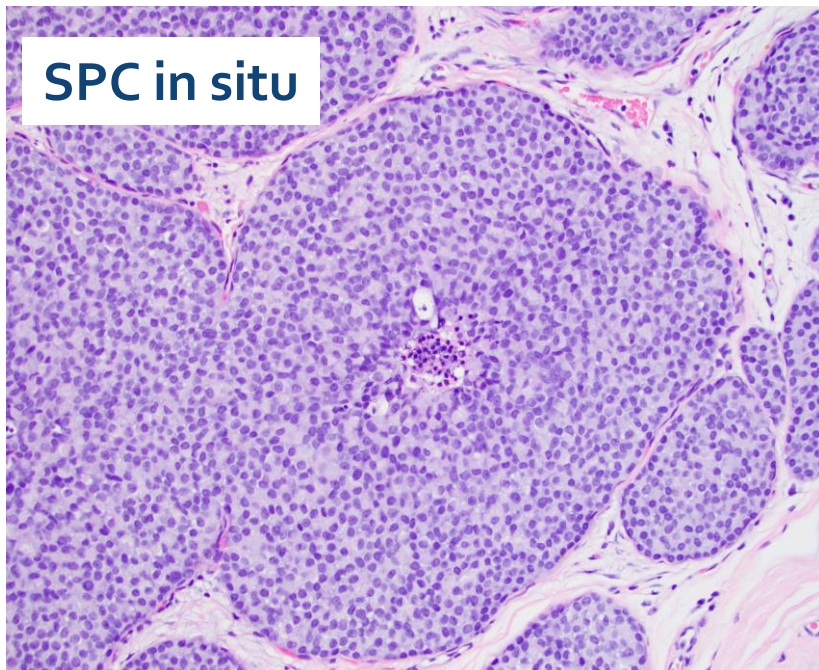


ER(+)
CK5/6(-)

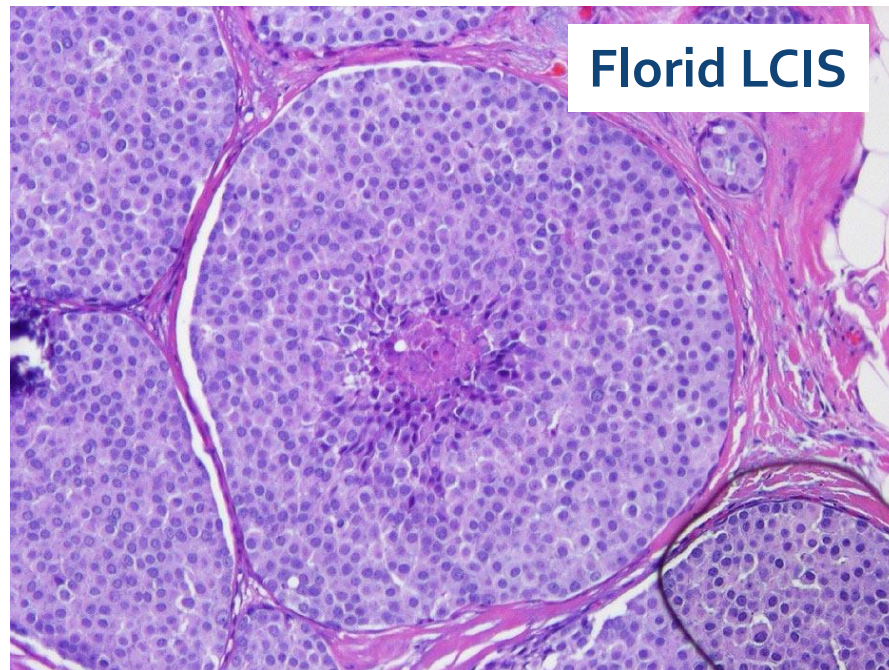


ER sparsely(+)
CK5/6(+) strong and heterogeneous

DDX: SPC in situ may mimic Florid LCIS



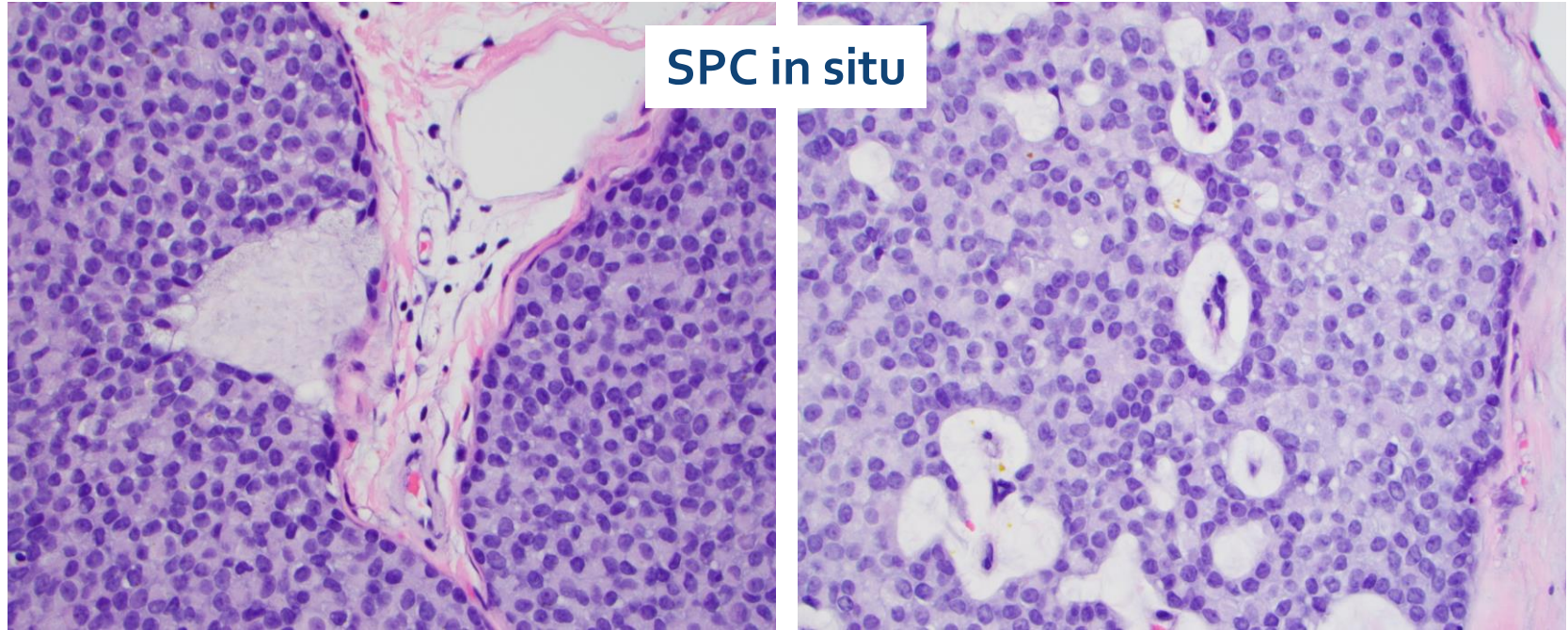
Cell membrane
Cell membrane



E-cadherin
p120

Loss of expression
Cytoplasmic stain

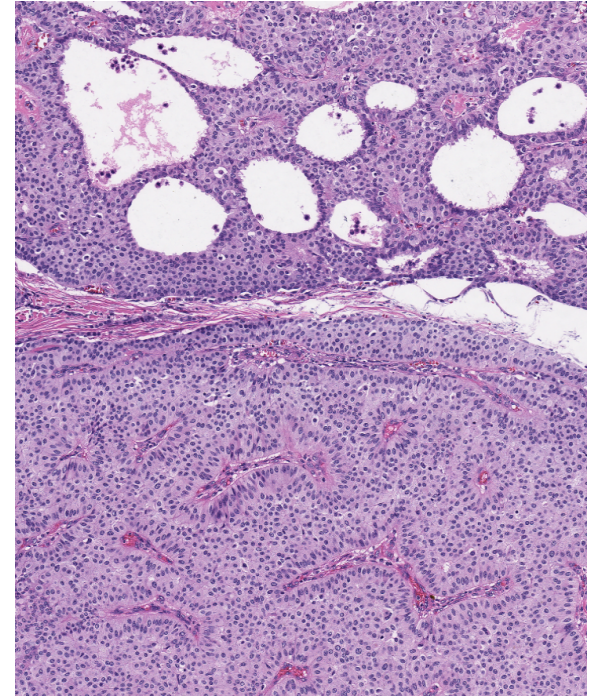
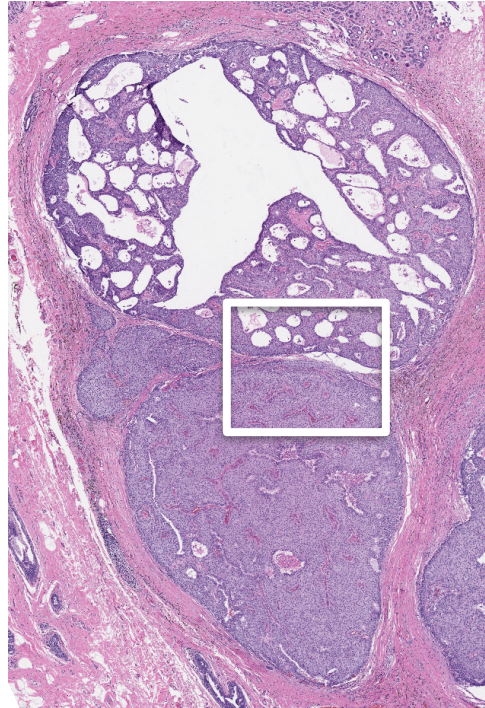
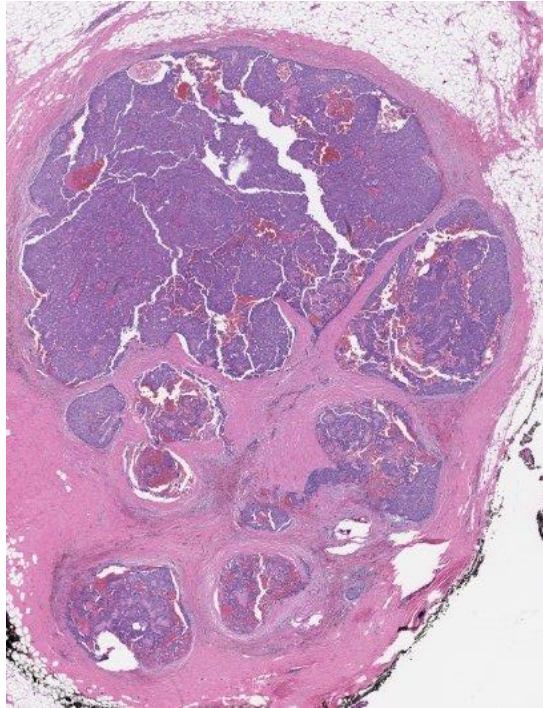
DDx: SPC in situ may mimic florid LCIS



SPC in situ has fibrovascular cores, +/- extracellular mucin



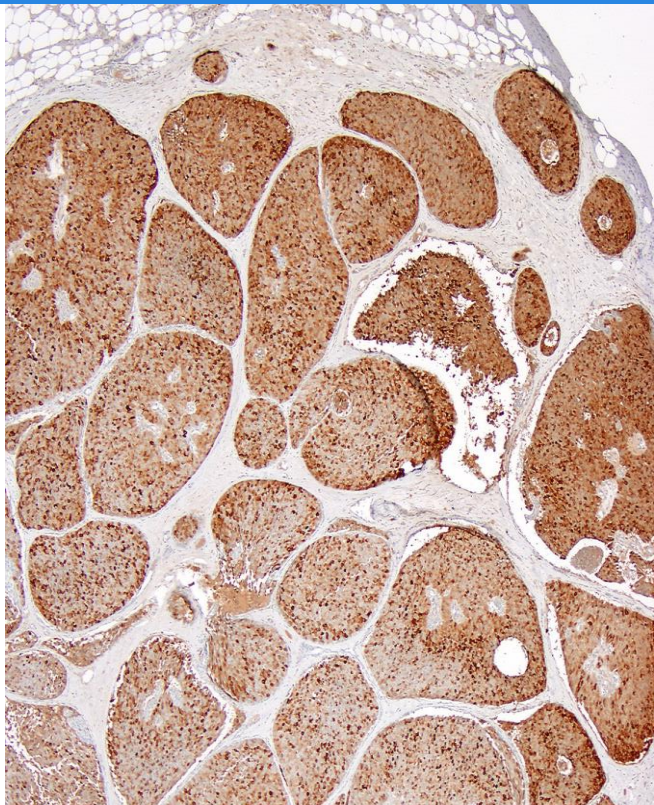
DDx: SPC may mimic EPC



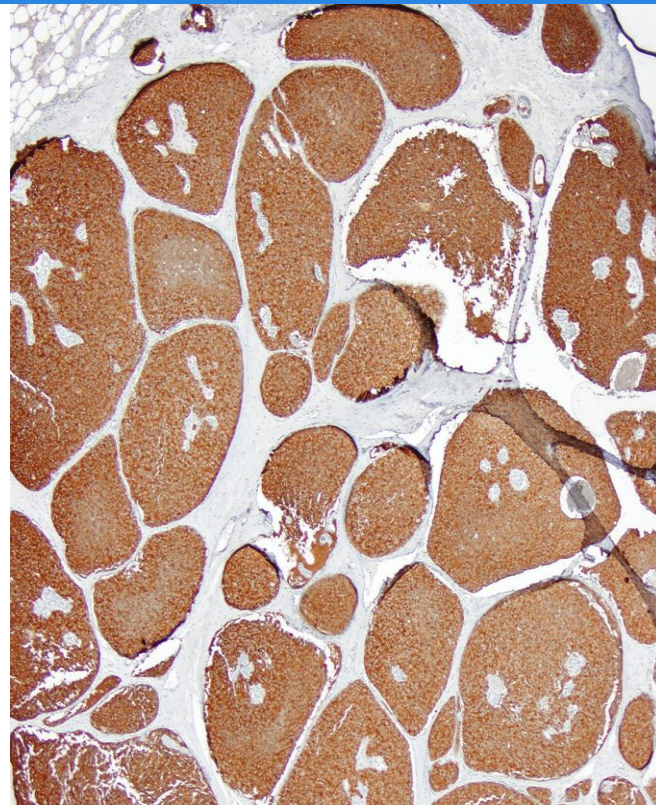
Solid growth predominates in SPC, but is only focal in EPC



Neuroendocrine (NE) markers often (+) in SPC (in situ/ invasive)
(NE markers positivity NOT required for diagnosis of SPC)



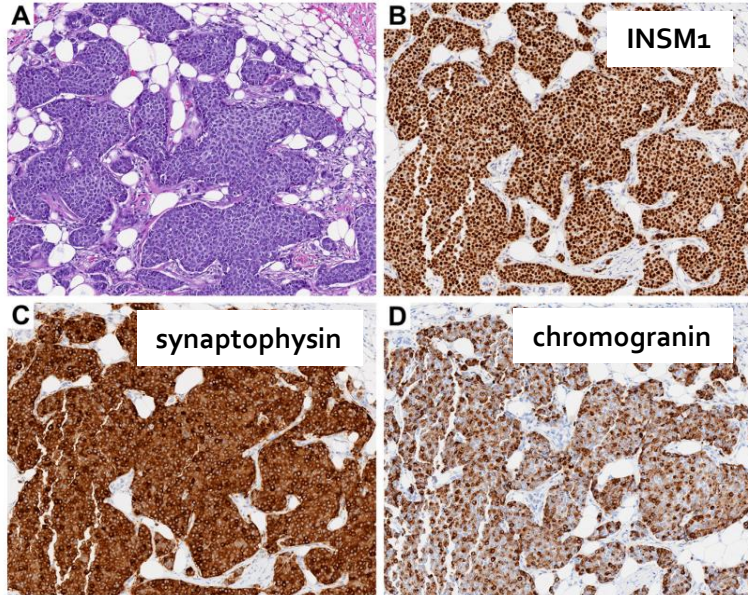
chromogranin



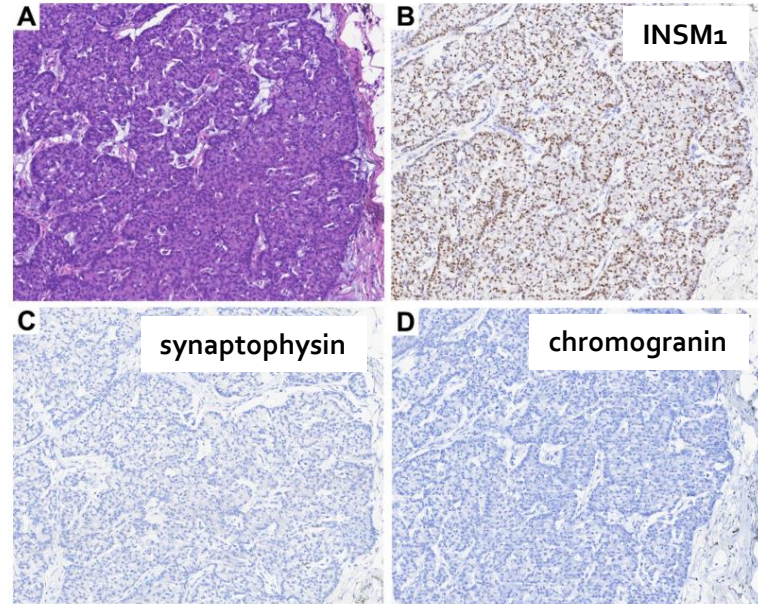
synaptophysin

INSM-1: NE marker expressed in most breast SPCs

Invasive SPC(+) for multiple NE markers



Invasive SPC(+) **only** for INSM1



Zhong E et al. *Hum Pathol* 2022 (e-pub)

Yanay H et al. *Oncol Lett* 2022

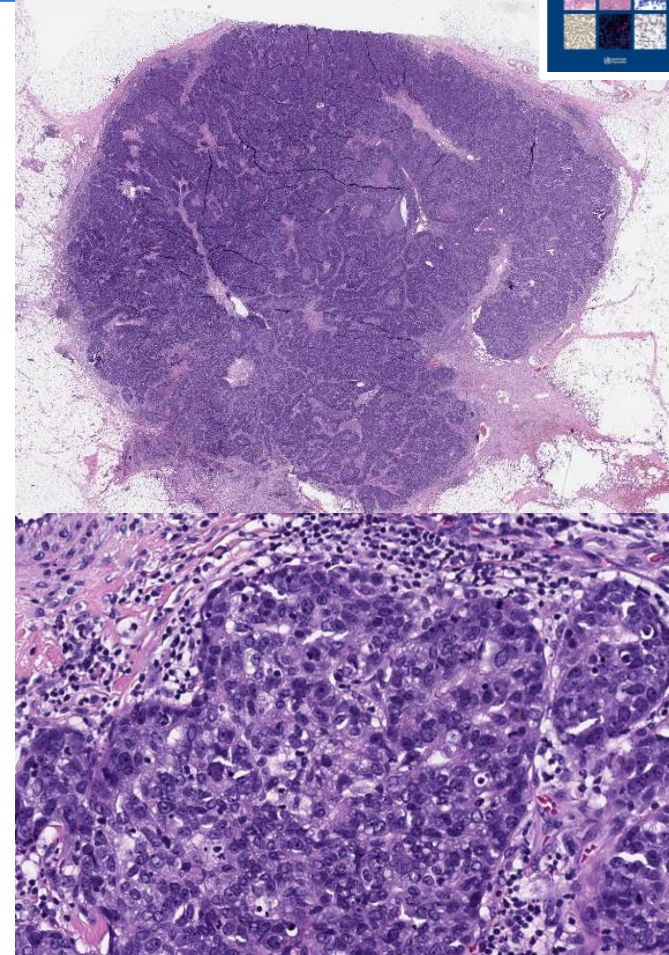
Metovic J et al. *Endocr Pathol* 2021

Kudo N et al. *Pathol Int* 2021

Invasive Papillary Carcinoma (IPC)

- Extremely rare
- **Entirely** papillary
- Frankly invasive growth pattern
- No MECs present around and within the carcinoma
- Grade IPC according to the Nottingham grading system
- Limited to no F/U info (but regarded as having poor prognosis)

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IPC includes “EPC-like” carcinoma with high nuclear grade

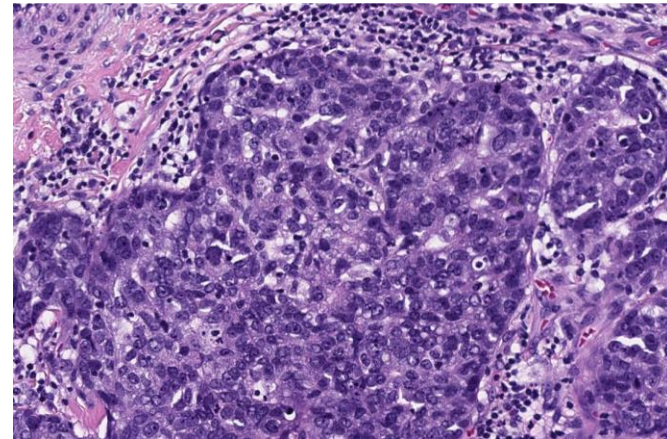
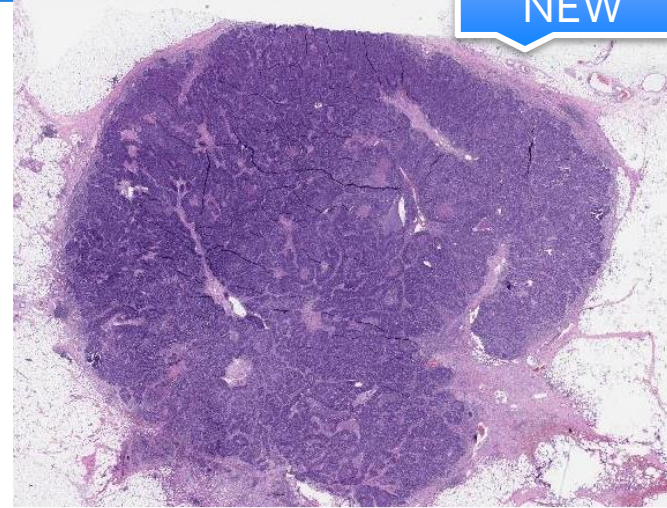
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A papillary carcinoma
of high nuclear grade
entirely devoid of MECs
and triple negative or HER2+

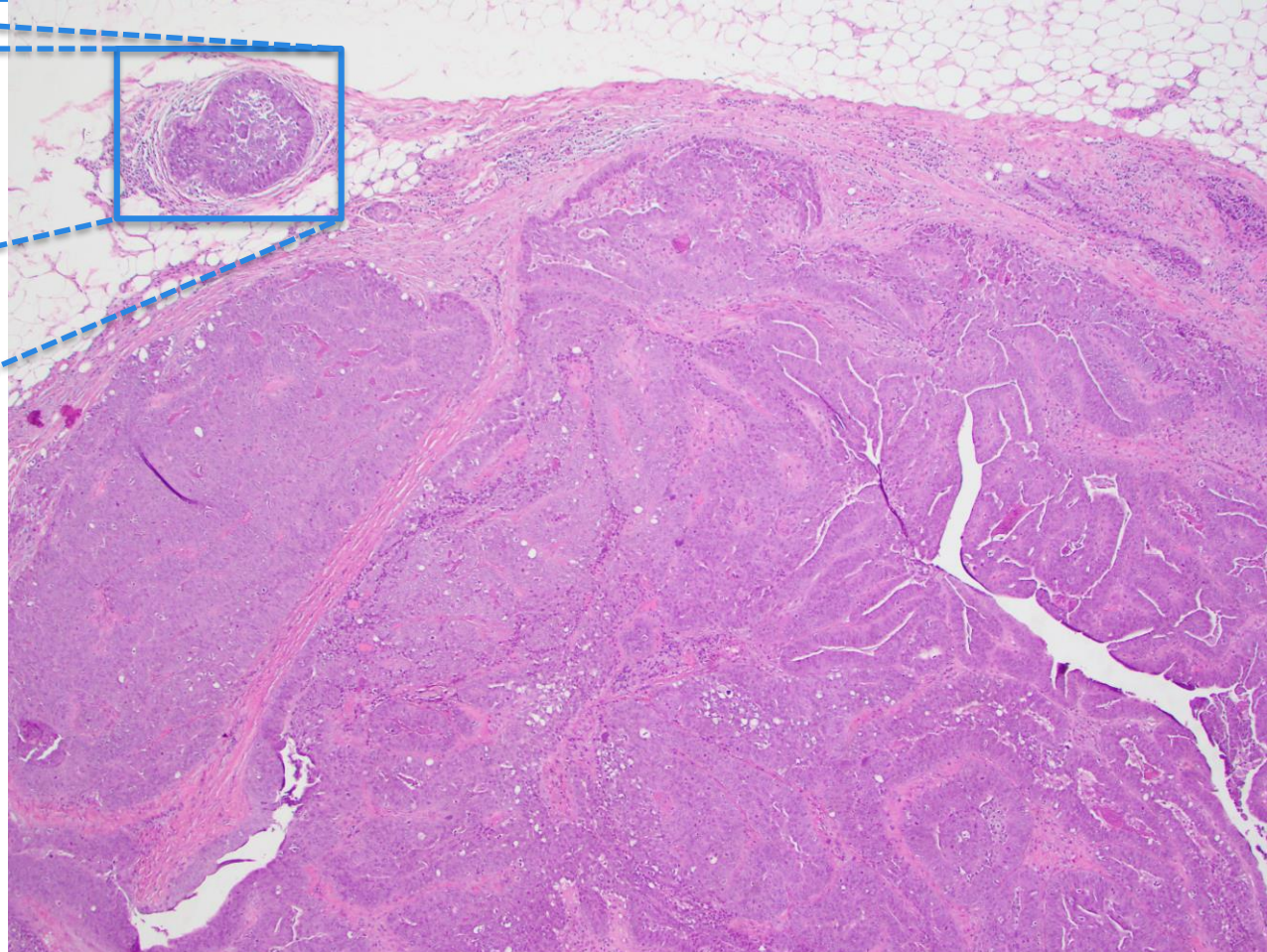
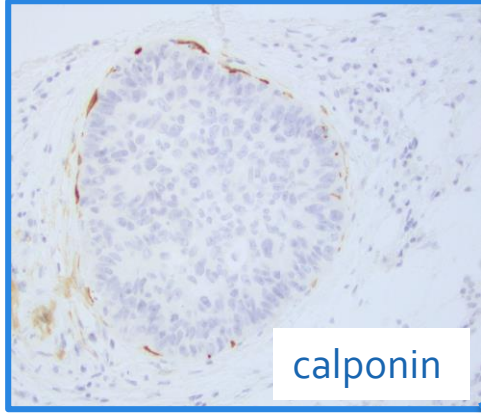
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INVASIVE PAPILLARY CARCINOMA

do NOT use the term EPC

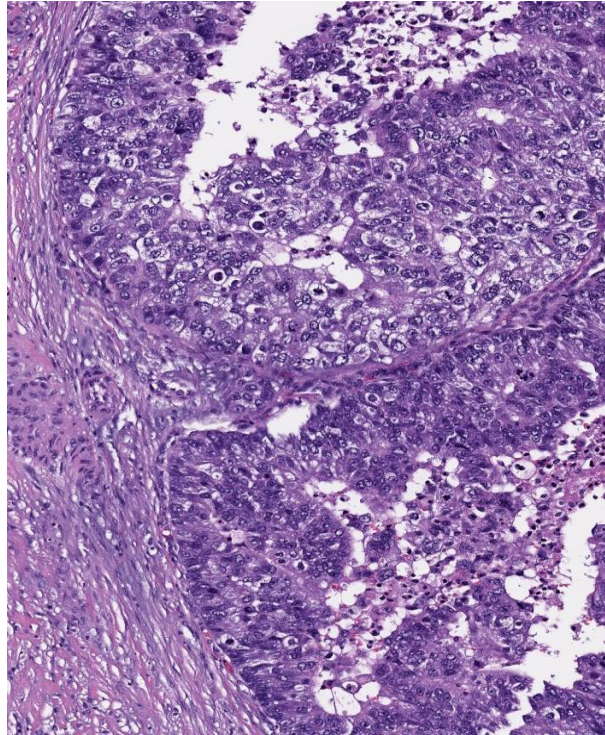
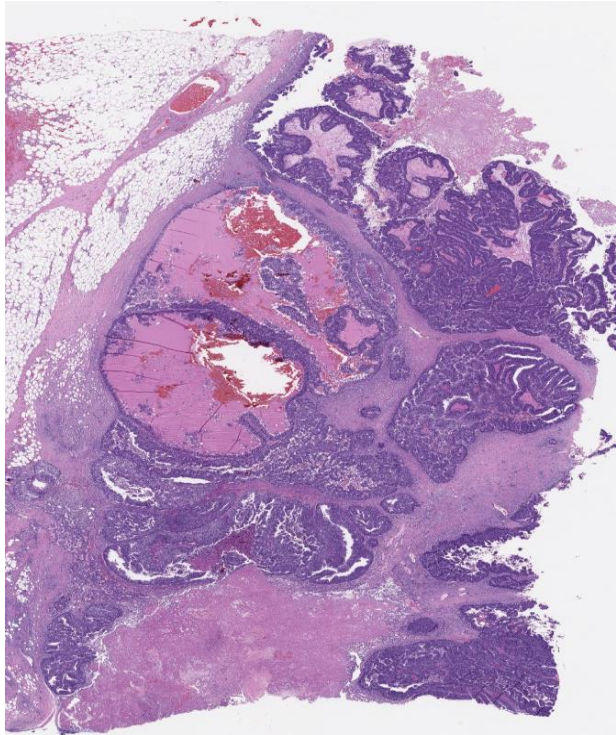


Invasive papillary carcinoma



**DCIS may be present
(usually focal)**

No DCIS is present ? → IHC to rule out metastasis



Markers of breast origin: GATA₃, Sox10 (and TRPS1)



Papillary Neoplasms – take home messages

Many different morphologies and different clinical behavior

Immunohistochemistry may contribute to classify some tumors

myoepithelial markers, ER and CK5/6, GATA3, SOX10 and TRPS1

Papilloma w/o atypia @radiology-pathology concordant CNB: low upgrade rates

- *USA/Canada/Australasia: individualized EXC based on clinical symptoms, imaging size and patient's hx of breast carcinoma*
- *European countries approach: B3 lesion → vacuum assisted biopsy, then observation*

NEW in the WHO 5th ed.

- Encapsulated papillary carcinoma (EPC): low or intermediate nuclear grade only
- Invasive papillary carcinoma (IPC): entirely papillary, no MECs
 - includes “EPC-like” carcinoma of high nuclear grade, triple negative or HER2+
 - No DCIS → rule out metastatic carcinoma
- Criteria for the diagnosis of SPC in situ [distribution pattern consistent with an *in situ* process, regardless of the presence of MECs around the nodules] vs SPC invasive



Thank you

