# Neoplasia I Definitions, Terminology, and Morphology

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## Nomenclature

- Neoplasia "new growth"
- Neoplasms arise from genetic changes that allow excessive, unregulated cell proliferation
- Cell type of parenchyma + OMA

Tissue Type	Cell Type	Benign	Malignant
Conn.Tissue	Fibroblast	Fibroma	Fibrosarcoma
	Adipocyte	Lipoma	Liposarcoma
	Cartilage	Chondroma	Chondrosarcoma
	Bone	Osteoma	Osteosarcoma
Vessels, etc	Endothelial cells	Hemangioma	Angiosarcoma
	Meninges	Meningioma	Invasive meningioma
Muscle	Smooth muscle	Leiomyoma	Leiomyosarcoma
	Skeletal muscle	Rhabdomyoma	Rhabdomyosarcoma
Epithelium	Stratified Squamous	Squamous papilloma	Squamous cell carcinoma
	Ducts or glands	Adenoma	Adenocarcinoma
Melanocytes	Melanocytes	Nevus	Melanoma

# Characteristics of Benign & Malignant Neoplasms

- Tissue Architecture histologic features
- Cytologic features
- Terminology
  - Differentiation/anaplasia
  - Dysplasia
  - Rate of growth
  - Local Invasion
  - Metastasis

# Characteristics of Benign & Malignant Neoplasms

- Tissue architecture
  - Benign well circumscribed, usually encapsulated
  - Malignant poorly circumscribed, lack of cell polarity and epithelial cell connections

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#### • Cytologic features

- Benign small, uniform cells, no visible nucleoli
- Malignant large, pleomorphic cells with large hyperchromatic nuclei, N:C ratio 1:1 (nl. 1:4), large nucleoli, irregular nuclear outlines

#### Differentiation

- Refers to original parenchymal cell, tissue appearance and function
  - Benign well differentiated, resembles cell of origin with few mitoses, secretion of products, hormones, mucins, etc.
  - Malignant well to poorly differentiated with numerous, bizarre mitoses









# Dysplasia

- Disorderly cellular maturation
- If, full epithelial involvement –carcinoma in situ, pre-invasive stage
- HPV cervix
- Smoking- respiratory tract
- GERD esophagus



## Rate of Growth

- Benign slower growth, some dependent on hormones, leiomyoma
- Malignant more rapid growth, areas of necrosis

## Local Invasion

- Benign most encapsulated and cannot invade or spread to other sites
- Malignant not encapsulated and can invade

# Benign Neoplasia

- Remains localized
- Cannot spread to other sites
- Most patients survive, but some tumor locations can cause serious problems (brain stem, spinal cord, pituitary)







# Malignant Neoplasia

- Can invade and destroy adjacent tissue
- Can spread to distant sites, metastasis















#### Metastasis

- Dissemination to other organs:
  - Seeding of body cavities (ovary)
  - Lymphatic spread (carcinoma)
  - Hematogenous dissemination (sarcoma)

#### Steps of Successful Metastasis

- Detachment of tumor cells (E-cadherin loss)
- **Degradation of ECM** (MMP's overexpressed and TIMP's reduced)
- Attachment to new ECM proteins (cleavage products of collagen and laminin bind to receptors on tumor cells stimulate migration
- **Migration of tumor cells** (cytokines from tumor cells direct movement, autocrine, and stromal cells produce paracrine effectors, HGF/SCF, for motility that bind to tumor cells)

























#### **Cinical Aspects of Neoplasia**

1. Epidemiology:

**Cancer incidence—Cancer deaths** 

- 2. Pathogenetic factors: a balance of risks
- 3. Clinical effects of cancer
- 4. Death in cancer
- 5. Grading and Staging
- 6. Diagnosis











Inherited Cancer Syndromes (Autosomal Dominant) Gene Inherited Predisposition		
RB	Retinoblastoma	
<i>p53</i>	Li-Fraumeni syndrome (various tumors)	
p16INK4A	Melanoma	
APC	Familial adenomatous polyposis/colon cancer	
NF1, NF2	Neurofibromatosis 1 and 2	
BRCA1, BRCA2	Breast and ovarian tumors	
MEN1, RET	Multiple endocrine neoplasia 1 and 2	
MSH2, MLH1, MSH6	Hereditary nonpolyposis colon cancer	
PATCH	Nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome	

Familial clustering of cases, not clear for each individual Breast cancer (not linked to Ovarian cancer Pancreatic cancer	but role of inherited predisposition to BRCA1 or BRCA2)
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Xeroderma pigmentosum Ataxia-telangiectasia Bloom syndrome Fanconi anemia	o Si dana da da se segundo neva ka









5. <u>Tumor-related products:</u> -depression/other CNS effects

## **Diagnosis of Cancer**

History—physical—occupation—exposure
Radiology
Blood tests: tumor markers
Morphologic Diagnosis

light microscopy: biopsy
cytology (Fine Needle Aspiration—FNA)
immunohistochemistry
fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH)
molecular probes, incl. gene microarray
flow cytometry (lymphomas, leukemias)







Table 2. Frequency of high epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) expression in lung cancer by histologic characterization

Histology	EGFR expression, % (n)
Small cell	0(19)
Adenocarcinoma	65 (563)
Large cell	68(72)
Squamous	84(754)
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