





GI Pathology-Are We Speaking the Same Language?

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What is a malignant polyp?











Intramucosal Carcinoma Arising within an adenomatous polyp of the colon

Terminology

- Adenomatous polyp with severe atypia
- Adenomatous polyp with severe dysplasia
- Adenomatous polyp with high grade dysplasia
- Intramucosal carcinoma
- Adenocarcinoma in situ
- Superficial adenocarcinoma



WHO Classification

Low-grade dysplasia
High-grade dysplasia
Intramucosal carcinoma
Invasive adenocarcinoma



Low-Grade Dysplasia



- Mild and mild-moderate dysplasia
- ALL adenomatous polyps by definition have a low grade of dysplasia
 - Slight decrease in intracellular mucin
 - Mild nuclear enlargement with hyperchromasia
 - Increased mitotic rate





High-Grade Dysplasia





- Encompasses and replaces previous term in situ carcinoma
- Irregular branching, budding, and cribriform configurations
- Enlarged hyperchromatic nuclei or vesicular with prominent nucleoli
- Stratified nuclei extending to luminal border of cell





Intramucosal Adenocarcinoma



 Individual carcinoma cells infiltrate beyond the basement membrane into the lamina propria and/or muscularis mucosa only







Invasive Adenocarcinoma



 Carcinoma invades submucosa and beyond

Desmoplastic stroma

Designate grade

Reporting of Malignant Polyps

Status of margins



Lymphovascular invasion

Positive Margin

Tumor cells in the actual free edge of the submucosal transection point that shows diathermy artifact

Margins Close

Cancer within diathermy

One hpf from diathermy

<1mm from transected margin</p>







Goblet cell metaplasia

Reactive carditis with intestinal metaplasia

Cardiofundic type mucosa with goblet cells



Does the Pathologist definition of Barrett's concur with the Gastroenterologist?



What is Barrett's?

A change in the ESOPHAGEAL epithelium (lining) of ANY LENGTH that can be recognized at upper endoscopy and is confirmed to have intestinal metaplasia by biopsy

Sampliner RE. Practice guidelines on the diagnosis, surveillance, and therapy of Barrett's esophagus. The Practice Parameters Committee of the American College of Gastroenterology. Am J Gastroenterol 1998; 93(7):1028-32.
Histopathological Findings

Endoscopic Appearance

Intestinal metaplasia of gastric cardia is NOT Barrett's

Endoscopic Difficulties

EGJ biopsy with intestinal metaplasia

- Barrett's or
- Intestinal metaplasia of the most proximal portion of the stomach
- Hiatal hernia makes identification of muscular EGJ difficult
 - Frequently present in Barrett's
 - No anatomic landmarks that clearly define region of LES

Hiatal Hernia and Anatomy









Trojans vs. Buckeyes!

Gastric cardia is present from birth as a normal structure but cardiac-type mucosa can arise in the distal esophagus as a metaplastic phenomenon

Carditis-GERD?

95-97% of carditis pts. with infection had noncardiac gastric infection

 Carditis related to both H. pylori infection and GERD

 Small group of patients who have no H. pylori infection or GERD (~20%)

Cardiac Intestinal Metaplasia-Dysplasia Risk?



Adenocarcinoma

Cancer	LOH	Overexpression
Barrett's	p53 common (17p13.1)	Her2-neu 11-70%
Gastric Non-cardia	p53 less common	Her2-neu 9-38%
Gastric Cardia	p53 common	MDM2 gene amplification Microsatellite instability

Specialized columnar epithelium with acid mucin-containing goblet cells

BE Histopathology





*Fundic type*Cardiac type (Junctional)

- Specialized columnar
 - Goblet cells
 - Acid mucins, sialo and sulfated (AB/PAS + at pH 2.5)
 - Normal gastric foveolar cells contain neutral mucin (AB/PAS-)-Not considered diagnostic for BE

*Not diagnostic



DIAGNOSIS	CK7	СК20
Barrett's	Superficial and deep	Superficial
Gastric IM	Negative	Superficial

*Use of Hollande's fixative may give a weak and patchy CK7 staining pattern

Are We Speaking the Same Language?

A change in the ESOPHAGEAL epithelium (lining) of ANY LENGTH... Recognized at upper endoscopy and confirmed to have intestinal metaplasia by biopsy

Biopsy from distal esophagus showing either fundic or cardiac type is NOT diagnostic of BE... both types are commonly found in the absence of intestinal metaplasia

If the endoscopic impression is clearly BE, then the absence of intestinal metaplasia may be a sampling error...



Questions

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I feel a very unusual sensation - if it is not indigestion, I think it must be gratitude.

Benjamin Disraeli(1804 - 1881)