

Cytopathology of Soft Tissue Tumors, part 1

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3. Round cell
4. Myxoid
5. Epithelioid
6. Pleomorphic



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Immunocytochemistry for Tissue Differentiation

Line of Differentiation	Immunohistochemical Markers
Epithelial	Keratin, EMA
Smooth Muscle	Smooth muscle actin (SMA), desmin, caldesmon, calponin
Skeletal Muscle	Desmin, muscle-specific actin, myogenin (myf4), MyoD1
Endothelial	CD34, CD31, ERG
Fibroblastic/Myofibroblastic	CD34, SMA, Desmin
Myoepithelial	Keratin, EMA, S-100, GFAP, p63 (40%)
Neural crest	S-100, GFAP, SOX10
Perineurial	EMA, CD34, Claudin-1
Osteoblastic	SATB2
Melanocytic	S-100, SOX10, Mart-1, HMB-45, MITF
Histiocytic	CD68, CD163, PU.1



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Immunohistochemical Surrogates for Molecular Alterations

Alteration Type	IHC Marker	Tumor Type	Staining Pattern
Gene inactivation	SMARCB1/INI1	- Epithelioid sarcoma, extrarenal rhabdoid tumour	Loss of nuclear expression
		- Poorly differentiated chordoma	
		- Epithelioid MPNST	
		- Epithelioid schwannoma	
		- Myoepithelial tumour (subset)	
	RB1	- Spindle cell lipoma/pleomorphic lipoma	Nuclear loss of expression
		- Myofibroblastoma	
		- Cellular angiofibroma	
		- Atypical spindle cell/pleomorphic lipomatous tumour	
		- SDH-Deficient GIST	
	SDHB	- Paraganglioma	Loss of cytoplasmic staining
	PRKAR1A	- Malignant melanotic nerve sheath tumour	Cytoplasm
Amplification leading to overexpression	MDM2	- Atypical lipomatous tumour/well-differentiation liposarcoma	Nuclear
		- Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	
		- Intimal sarcoma	
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		- Dedifferentiated liposarcoma	
	CDK4	- Intimal sarcoma	Nuclear
	MYC	- Radiation and lymphedema-associated angiosarcoma	Nuclear
Activating Mutations leading to overexpression	PDGFRA	- GIST	Membranous, Cytoplasm
		- Inflammatory fibroid polyp	
	B-catenin	- Desmoid fibromatosis	



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Gene Fusion leading to overexpression	Pan-TRK	- NTRK-rearranged spindle cell neoplasm - Infantile fibrosarcoma - Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour (subset) - Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour (subset)	Cytoplasm, Nuclear
	ALK	- Epithelioid fibrous histiocytoma - Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour	Cytoplasm
	ROS1	- Solitary fibrous tumour	Cytoplasm
	STAT6	- Myxoid liposarcoma	Nuclear
	DDIT3	- WT1 c-terminus	Nuclear
	WT1 c-terminus	- Desmoplastic small round cell tumor	Nuclear
	FOSB	- Epithelioid haemangioma - Pseudomyogenic haemangioendothelioma	Nuclear
	TFE3	- Alveolar soft part sarcoma - TFE3-associated epithelioid hemangioendothelioma - PEComa (subset)	Nuclear
	CAMTA1	- Epithelioid haemangioendothelioma	Nuclear
	YAP1 c-terminus	- TFE3-associated epithelioid hemangioendothelioma	Nuclear
	PLAG1	- Lipoblastoma - Myoepithelial neoplasms (mixed tumours) with PLAG1 rearrangements - Lipoma (subset)	Nuclear
	HMG2	- Atypical lipomatous tumor/well-differentiated liposarcoma - Dedifferentiated liposarcoma - Aggressive angiolipoma	Nuclear
	BCOR	- Sarcoma with BCOR genetic aberration - Primitive myxoid mesenchymal tumor of infancy - Clear cell sarcoma of kidney	Nuclear
	CCNB3	- Sarcoma with BCOR genetic aberration (subset)	Nuclear



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Translocation specific markers	SS18-SSX	- Synovial sarcoma	Nuclear
	SSX c-terminus	- Synovial sarcoma	Nuclear
Mutation specific markers	PAX3/7-FOXO1	- Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	
	BRAF V600E	- Glomus tumor (rare subset)	Cytoplasm
Epigenetic	Histone 3 K27 trimethylation (H3K27me3)	- MPNST	Nuclear loss of expression
Overexpression	NKX2.2	- Ewing sarcoma	Nuclear
	NKX3.1	- Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma	Nuclear
		- EWSR1/FUS-NFATC2 sarcoma	
	WT1 and ETV4	- CIC-rearranged sarcoma	Nuclear
	MUC4	- Low-grade fibromyxoid sarcoma/ sclerosing epithelioid fibrosarcoma	Cytoplasmic
	DOG1	Gastrointestinal stromal tumour	Cytoplasmic



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Fusions in Soft Tissue Tumors

Angiomatoid fibrous histiocytoma	EWSR1::CREB1 or EWSR1::ATF1
Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	PAX3::FOXO1 or a PAX7::FOXO1
Alveolar soft part sarcoma	ASPSCR1::TFE3
BCOR gene associated sarcoma	BCOR::CCNB3, BCOR-ITD
CIC-gene rearranged sarcomas	CIC::DUX4
Clear cell sarcoma	EWSR1::ATF1 or EWSR1::CREB1
Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans	COL1A1::PDGFB
Desmoplastic small round cell tumour	EWSR1::WT1
Epithelioid hemangioma	fusions in the cFOS and FOSB genes
Epithelioid hemangioendothelioma	WWTR1::CAMTA1 or YAP1::TFE3
Ewing sarcoma	Fusions of the EWSR1 gene and a member of the ETS family of transcription factors (mostly FLI1, rare ERG gene)
Extraskeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma	NR4A3::EWSR1 or NR4A3::TAF15
Infantile fibrosarcoma	ETV6-NTRK3
Inflammatory myofibroblastic tumour	ALK1 gene rearrangement with various partners (TPM3, TPM4, CLTC, CARS, ATIC, SEC31L1, PPFBP1, DCTN1, EML4, PRKAR1A, LMNA, TFG, FN1, HNRNP1A1)
Low grade fibromyxoid sarcoma	FUS::CREB3L2 or FUS::CREB3L1
Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma	HEY1::NCOA2
Myxoid liposarcoma	FUS::DDIT3 or rarely EWSR1::DDIT3
Nodular fasciitis	USP6::MYH9
PEComa	TFE3 gene fusions
Solitary fibrous tumor	NAB2::STAT6
Synovial sarcoma	SS18::SSX1/2/4
Tenosynovial giant cell tumour	CSF1 gene fusions



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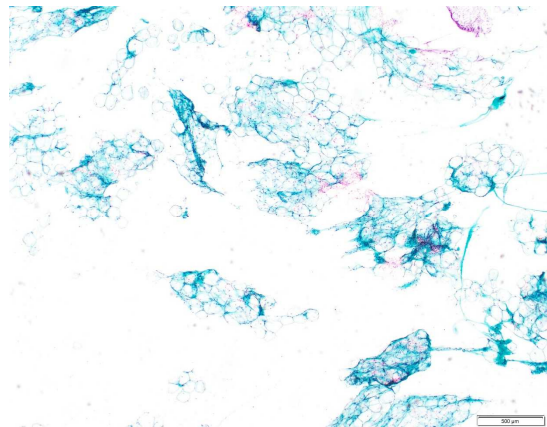
- Lipoma and variants
 - Lipoma
 - Spindle cell lipoma
 - Hibernoma
- Lipoblastoma
- Atypical lipomatous tumor/Well-differentiated liposarcoma
- Dedifferentiated liposarcoma
- Pleomorphic liposarcoma



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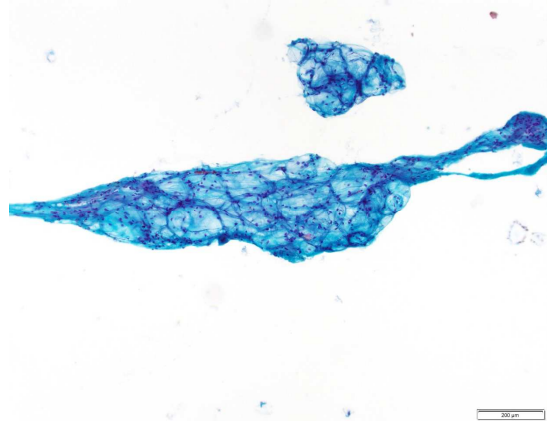
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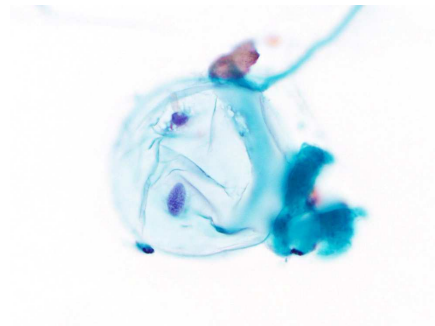
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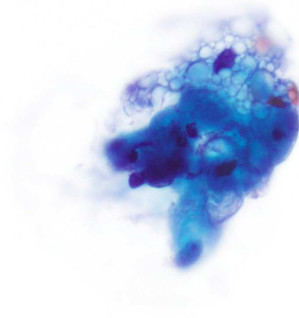
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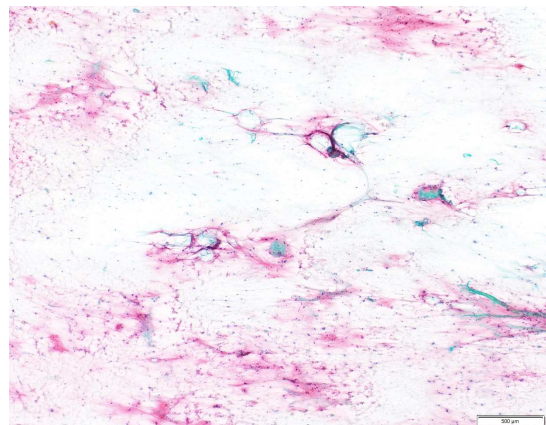
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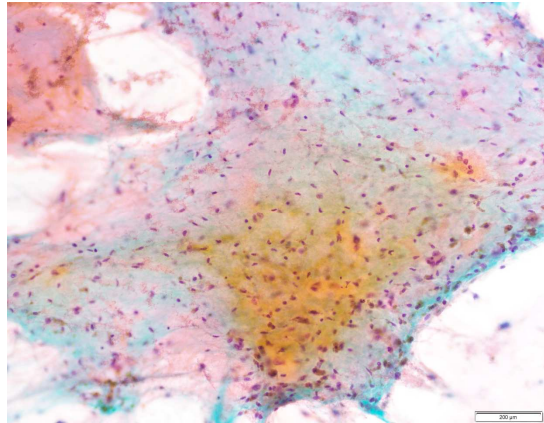
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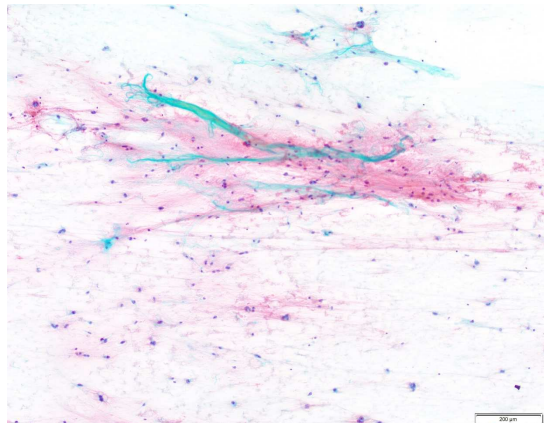
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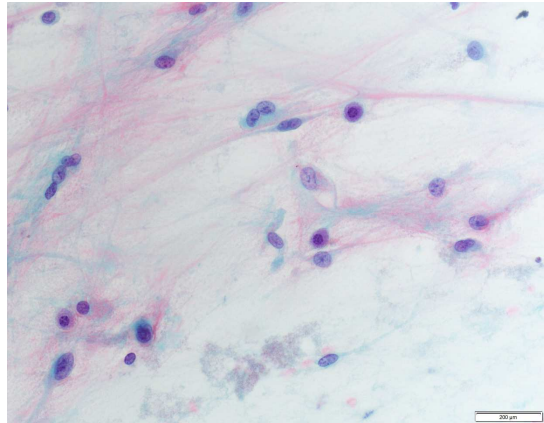
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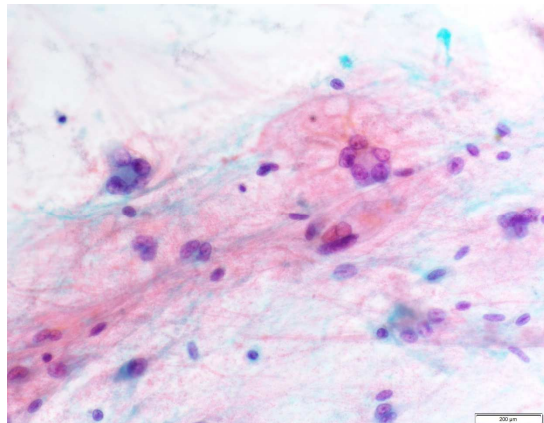
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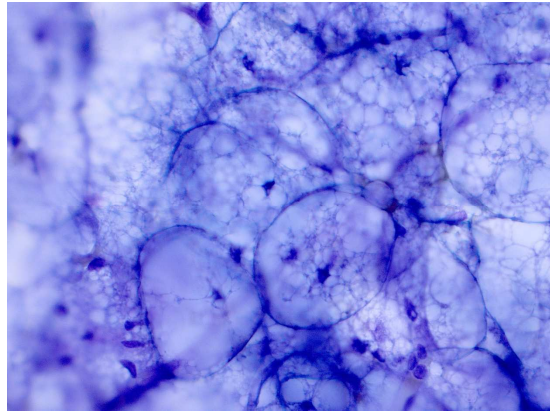
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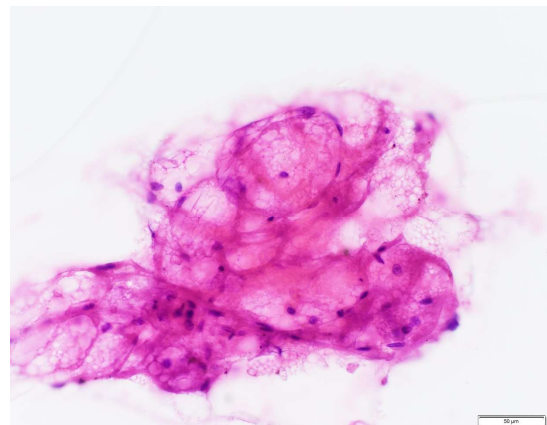
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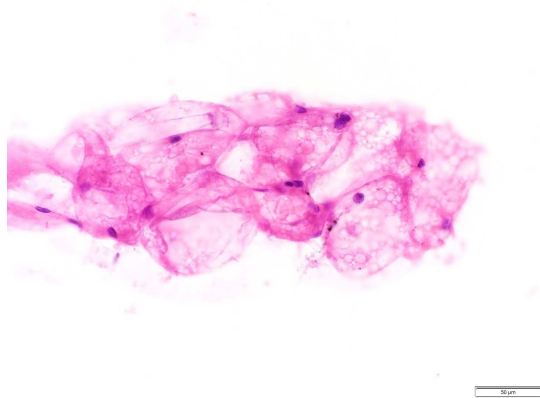
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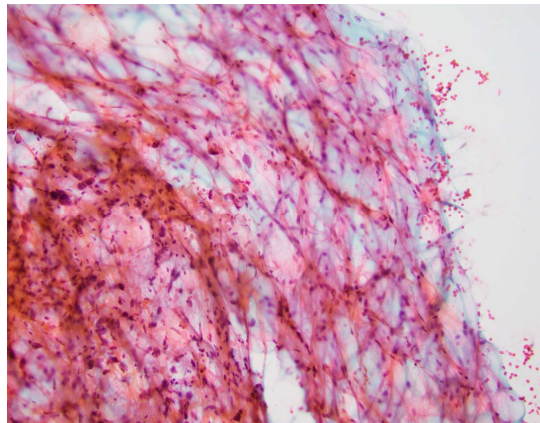
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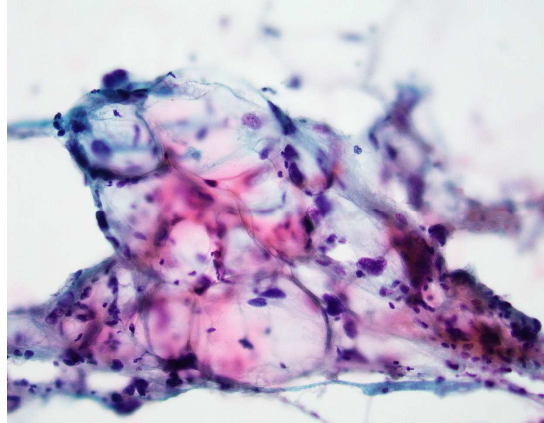
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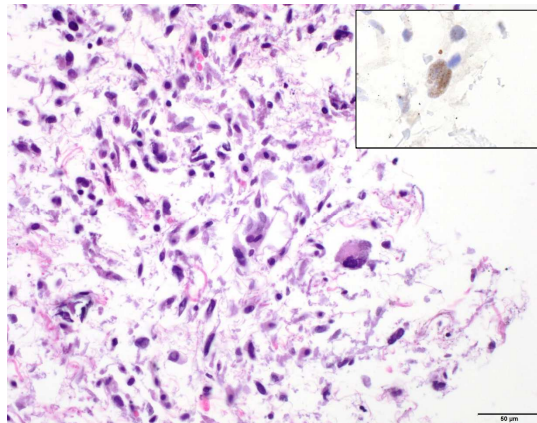
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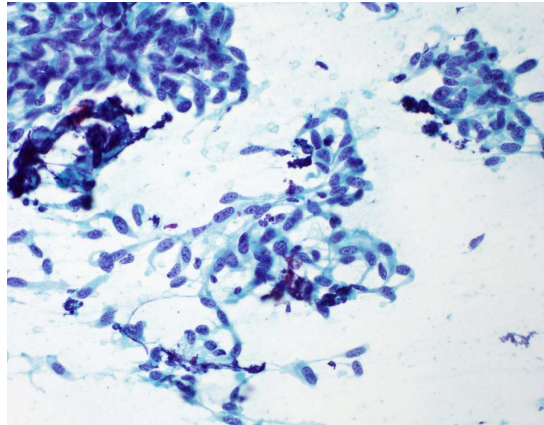
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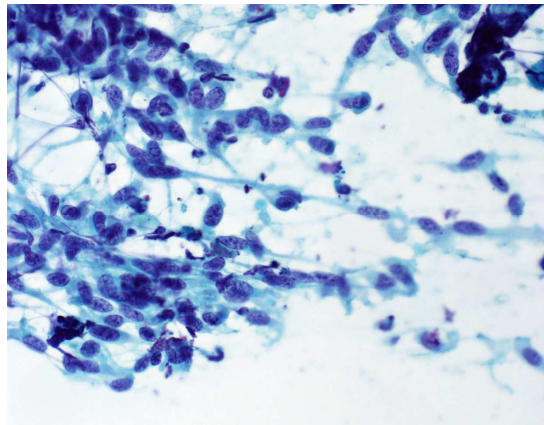
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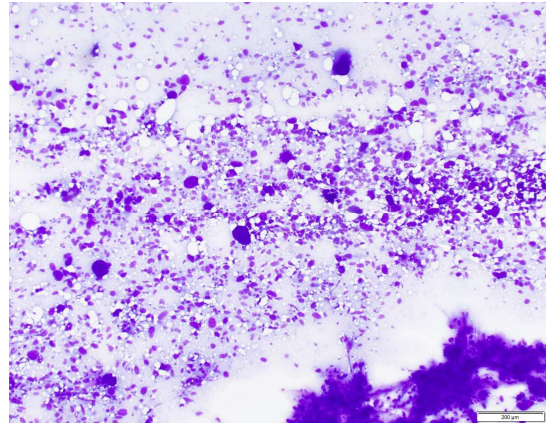
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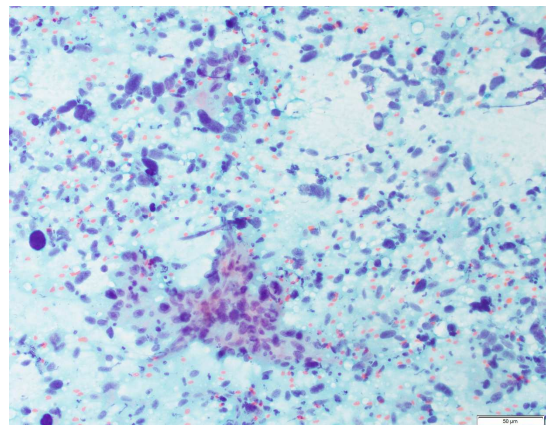
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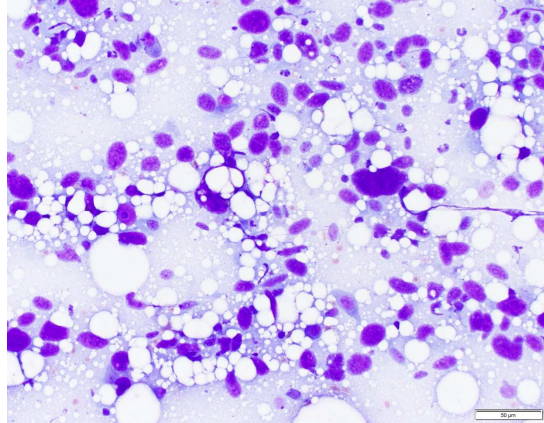
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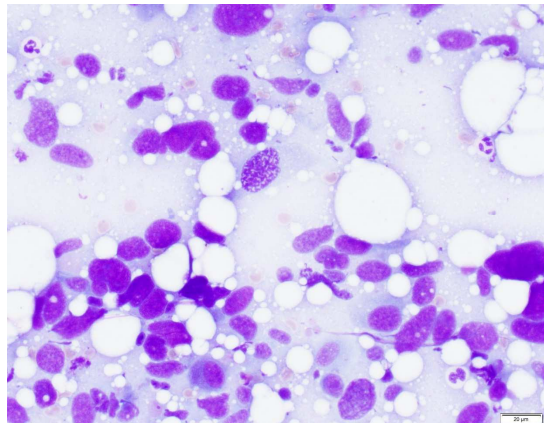
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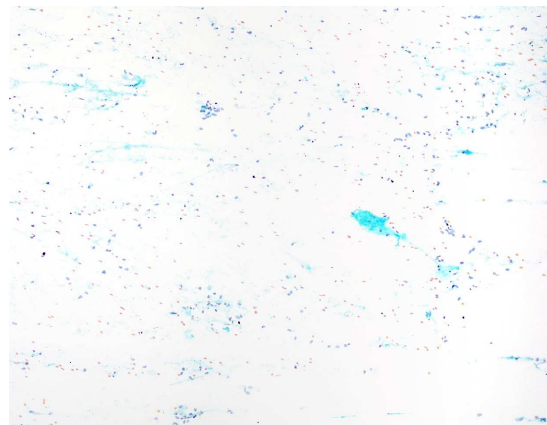
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- Nodular fasciitis
- Schwannoma
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- Synovial sarcoma



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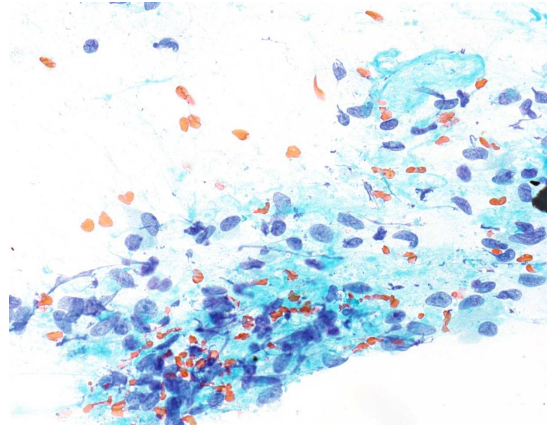
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- Uniform population of bland-appearing spindle cells
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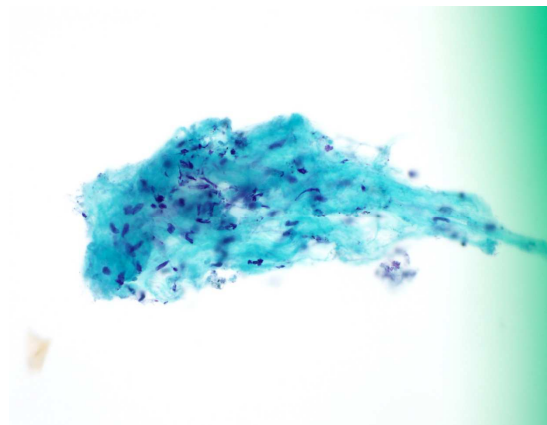
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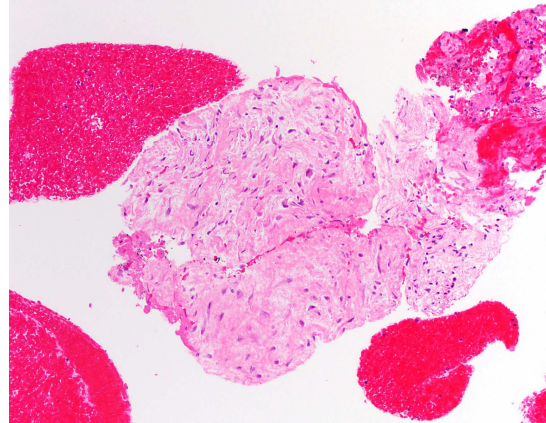
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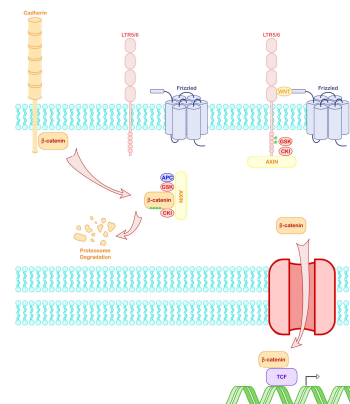
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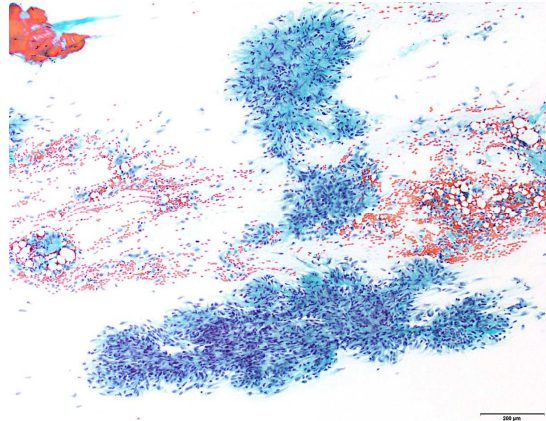
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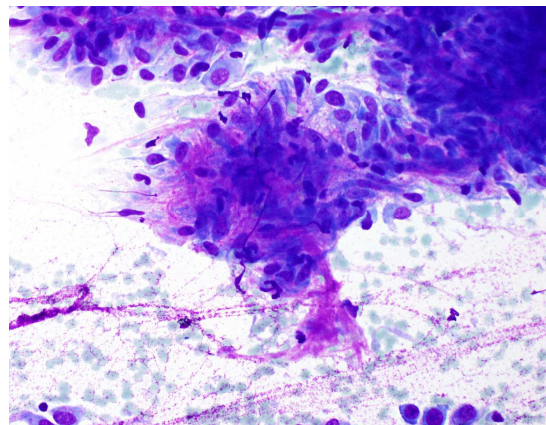
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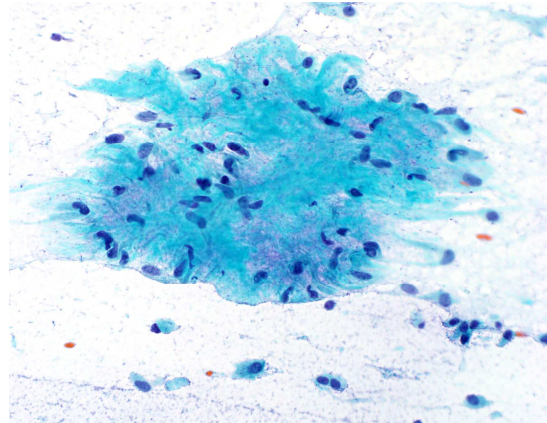
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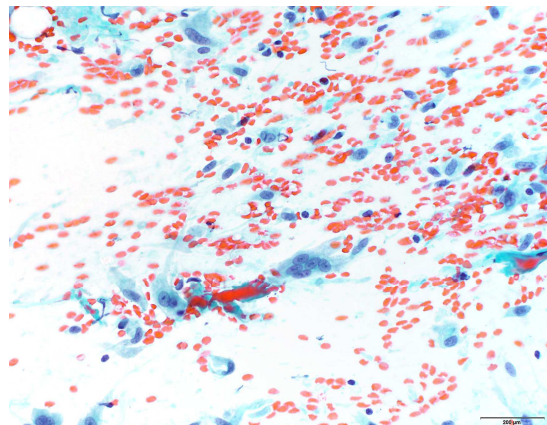
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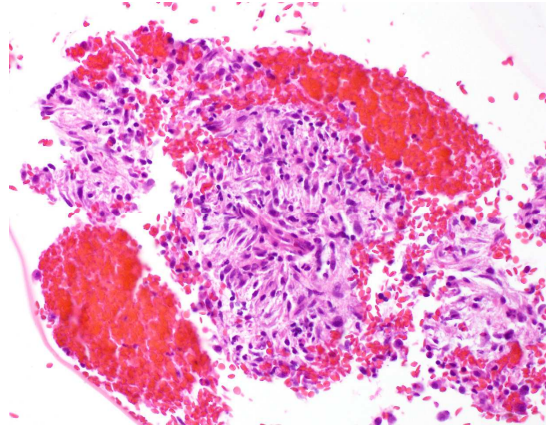
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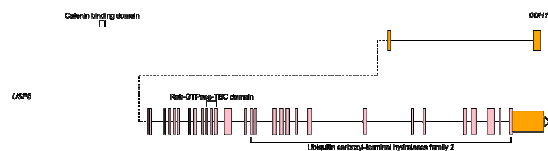
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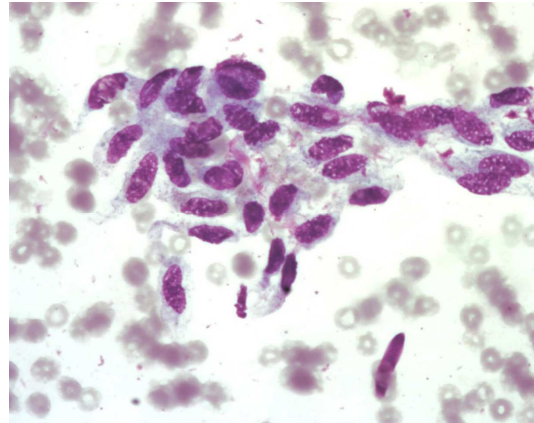
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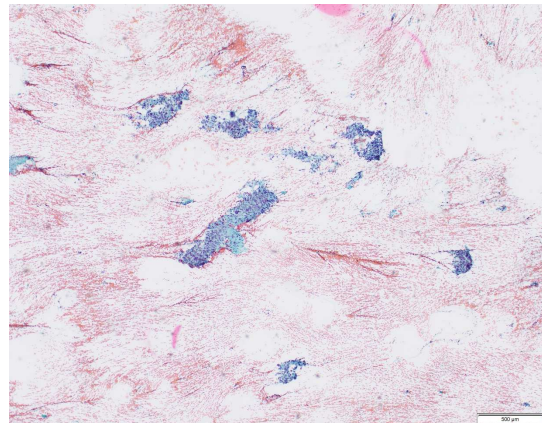
- Soft tissue leiomyoma is uncommon
- Most often EUS-FNA of GI tract
- Variable cellularity, typically hypocellular on smears
- Large cohesive spindle cell fragments with smooth edges and variable cellularity
- Bland slender spindle cells with vesicular chromatin, blunt ended nuclei
- Clean background without stroma or single cells
- Lack of cytologic atypia, mitotic figures, or necrosis
- IHC: desmin, SMA, caldesmon
- DDx: leiomyosarcoma, GIST, schwannoma



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Leiomyosarcoma

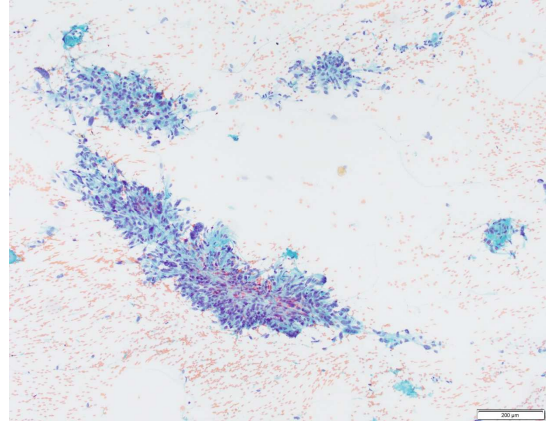
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- Hypercellular smears to hypocellular smears in tumors with fibrosis
- Fascicles and sheets of spindle to pleomorphic cells
- Cigar-shaped blunt-ended, occasionally indented or segmented nuclei; pleomorphic, multinucleated cells
- Stripped atypical nuclei
- Epithelioid tumor cells in epithelioid LMS
- Occasional intranuclear inclusions
- Necrosis, mitoses, and rare osteoclast-like giant cells
- DDx: low-grade – schwannoma, GIST, other bland spindle cell tumors; high-grade – other high-grade sarcomas
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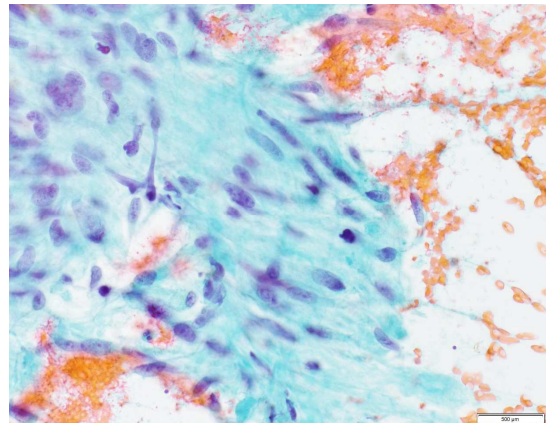
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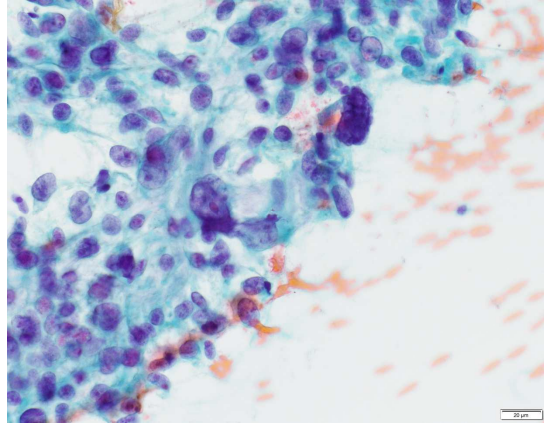
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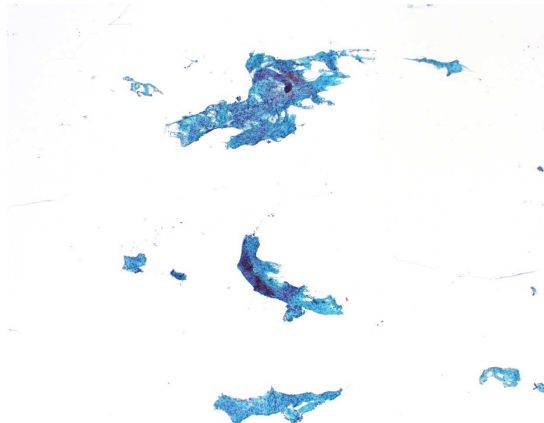
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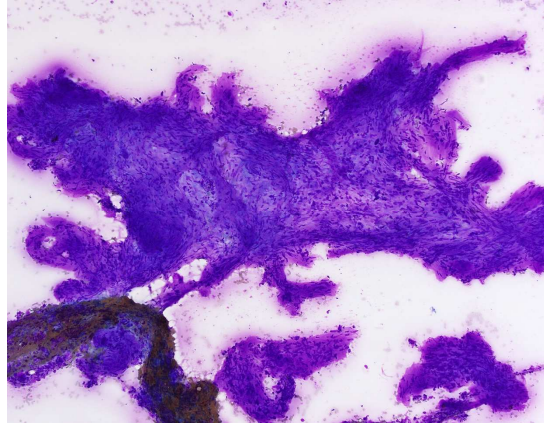
- Fascicular and/or syncytial fragments of spindle cells at low power
- Syncytial groups in netlike or twisted rope pattern
- Tissue fragments range from hypercellular and sparsely cellular
- Fibrillary, collagenous, and/or myxoid matrix
- Single spindle cells in the background rarely present
- Tumor cells have elongated, “fish-hook” nuclei, often with tapered tips, anisonucleosis
- Intranuclear inclusions
- Hyalinized thick-walled vessels may be seen
- Atypical variably sized degenerated hyperchromatic and pleomorphic “smudge-like” nuclei are seen in “ancient” variants
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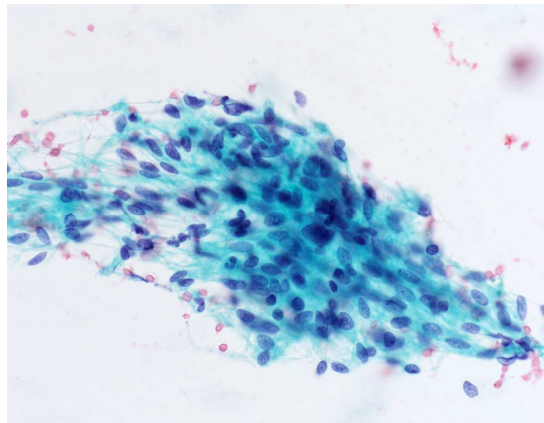
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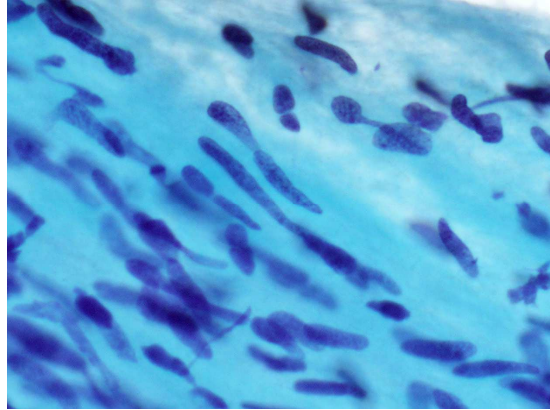
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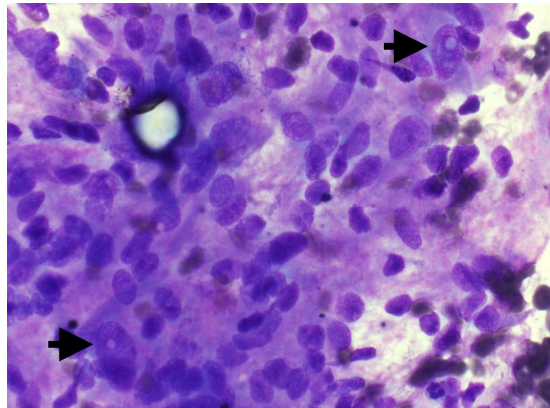
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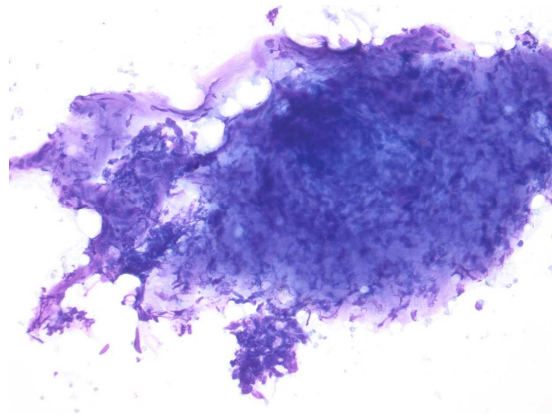
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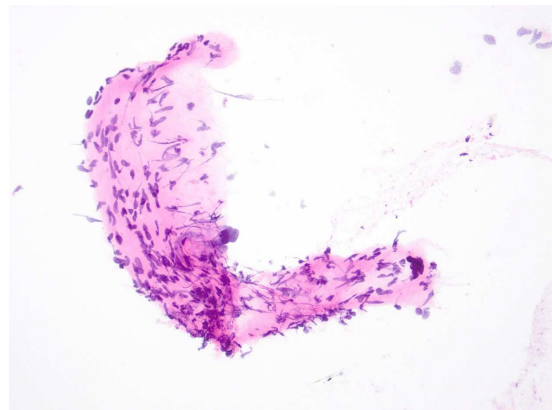
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- Small fragments of cohesive spindle cells with curved, comma-shaped, bent or wavy nuclei
- May have occasional stripped nuclei
- Myxoid, fibromyxoid, collagenous matrix
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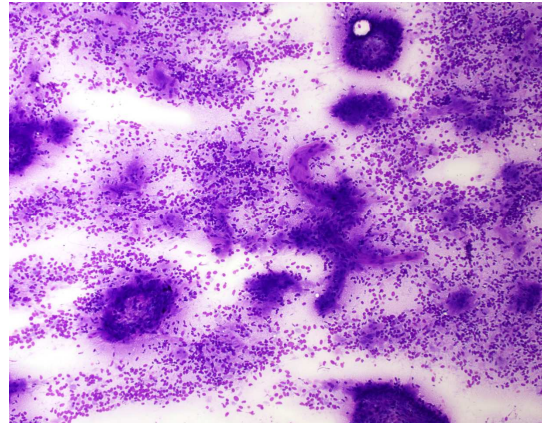
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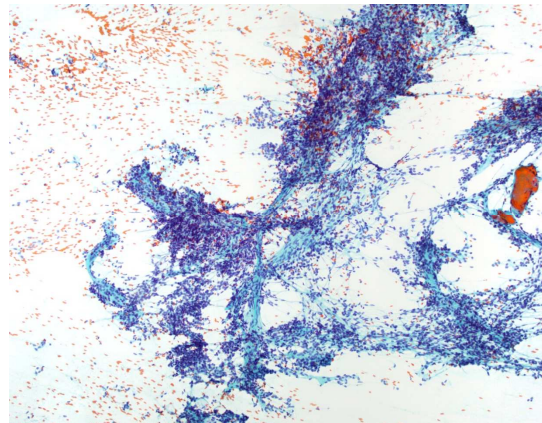
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- Often have bloody background
- May have fat, multinucleated giant cells, myxoid stroma or rarely mast cells
- Increased mitoses, atypia, hypercellularity, and necrosis can be associated with a high-grade transformation or dedifferentiation
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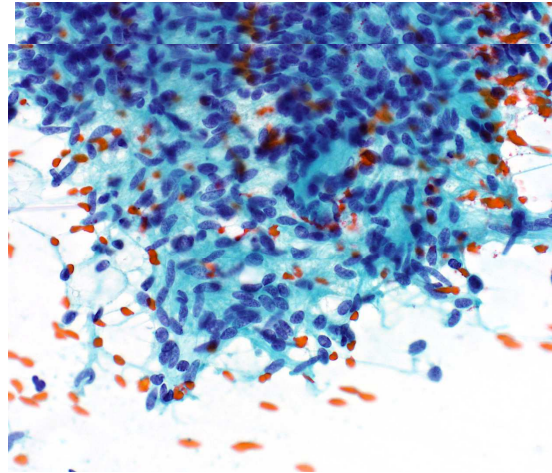
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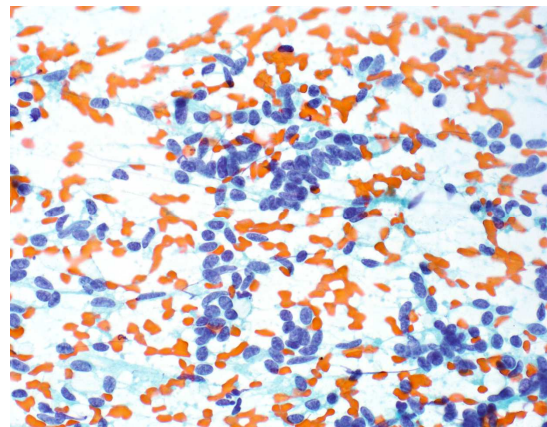
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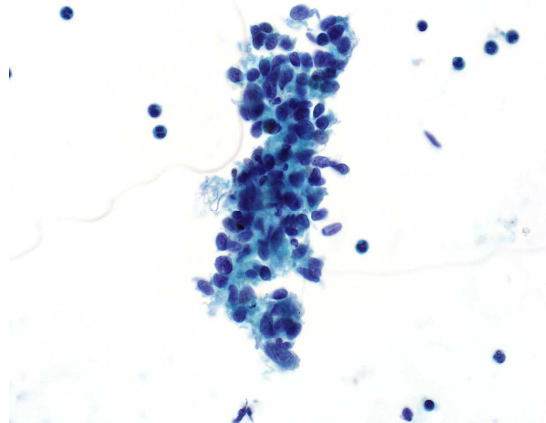
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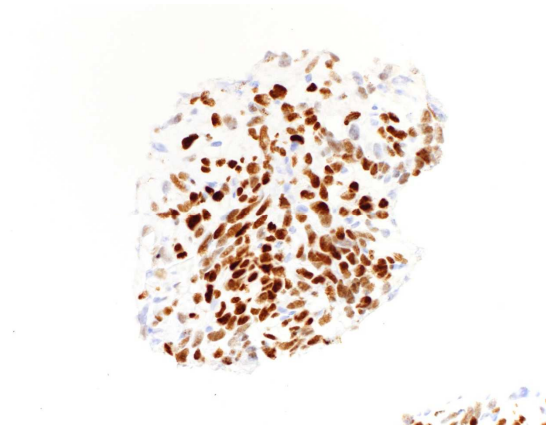
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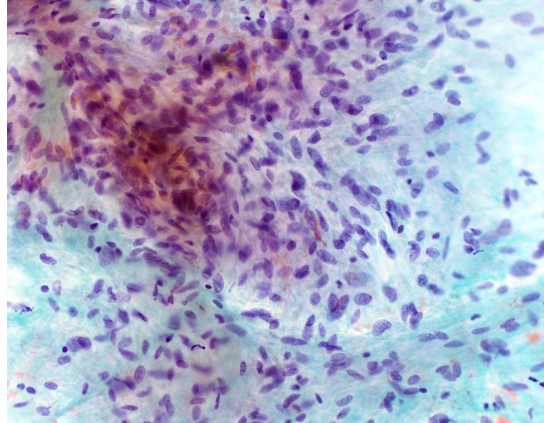
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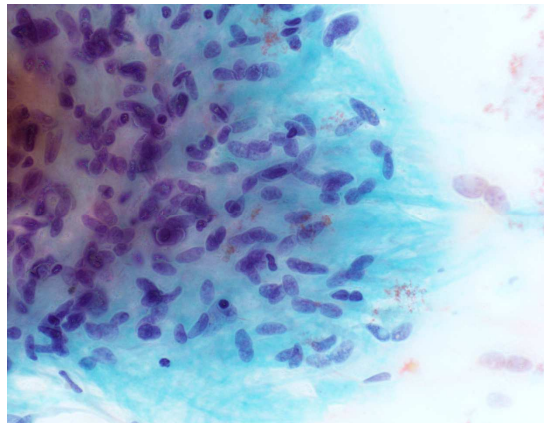
- Irregular fibrous/collagenous fragments, loosely cohesive fascicles, and single cells in myxoid background
- Uniform bland-to-mildly atypical, elongated spindle cells
- Finely granular to vesicular chromatin, without nucleoli, hyperchromasia or significant anisonucleosis
- Naked nuclei and intranuclear cytoplasmic pseudoinclusions may be seen
- Fibrous to myxoid matrix
- Rare arteriole-sized curvilinear vessels; may contain an admixture of fat
- DDx: Fibromatosis, perineurioma, other spindle cell tumors
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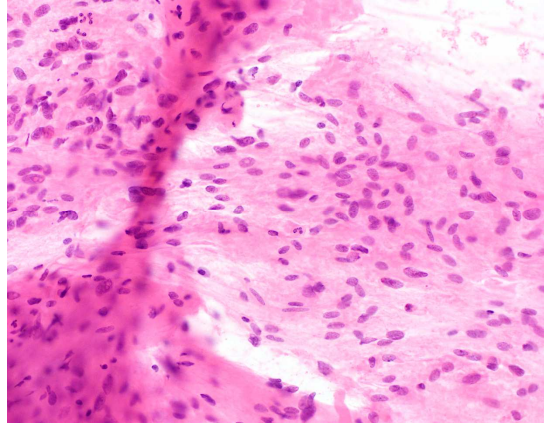
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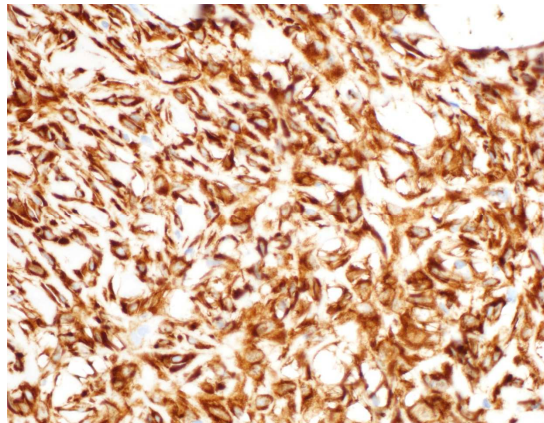
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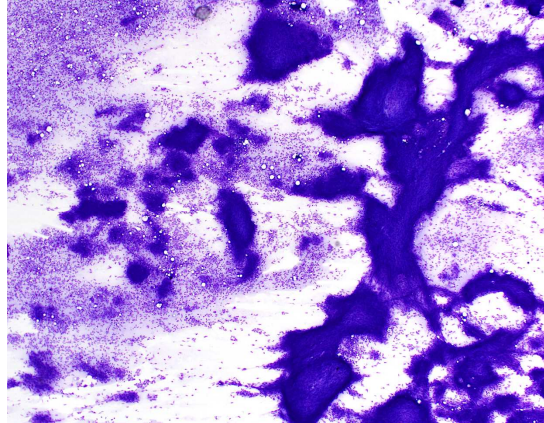
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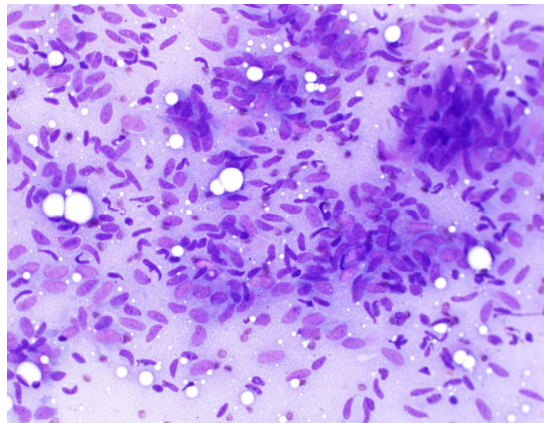
- Hypercellular smears composed of branching tissue fragments and single cells.
- Monophasic synovial sarcoma shows uniform oval to fusiform cells with hyperchromasia, small to absent nucleoli, and stripped ("naked") nuclei.
- Scant thin uni- or bipolar cytoplasm.
- Biphasic synovial sarcoma shows mixed uniform oval to fusiform spindle cells and epithelial tumor cells in clusters and gland/alveolar/acinar formation.
- Epithelial component may be better demonstrated on Papanicolaou stain.
- Poorly differentiated synovial sarcoma shows small round cell morphology (similar to Ewing sarcoma), and rarely rhabdoid-like cells.
- Capillary structures with surrounding loosely cohesive tumor cells.
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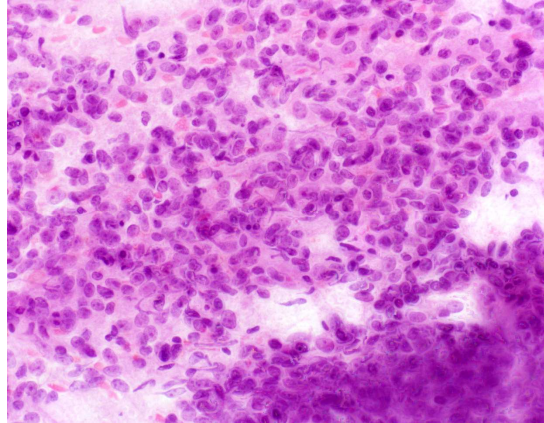
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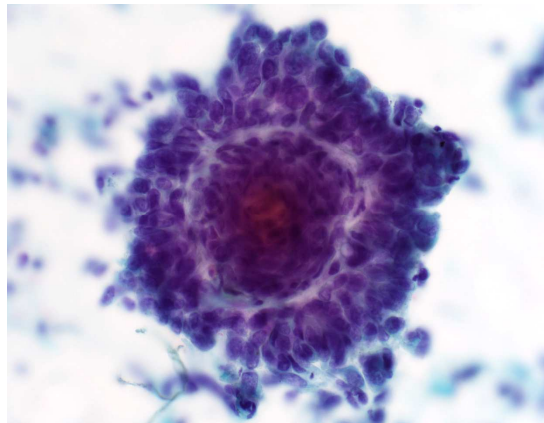
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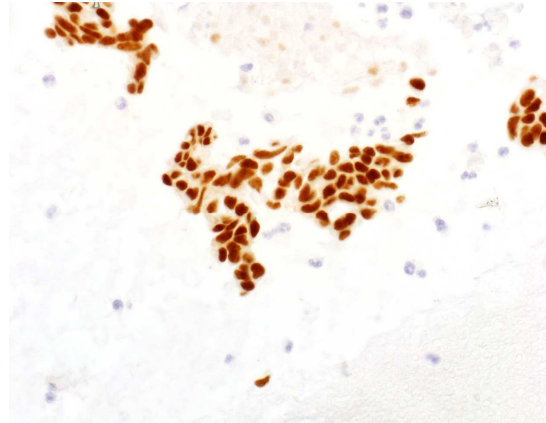
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Round cell sarcoma

- Ewing sarcoma
- CIC-rearranged sarcoma
- Sarcoma with BCOR genetic alteration
- Desmoplastic small round cell tumor
- Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma
- Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma
- Neuroblastoma
- Poorly differentiated synovial sarcoma
- High-grade (round cell) myxoid liposarcoma
- Small cell carcinoma
- Merkel cell carcinoma
- Lymphoma



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IHC and Molecular Pathology of Round Cell Tumors

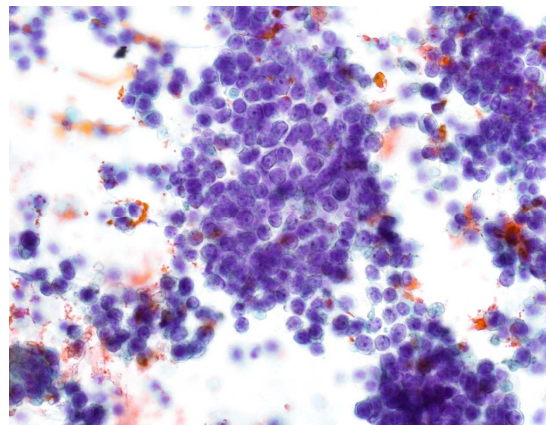
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Round cell sarcoma with EWSR1-non-ETS fusions	CD99 variable (~50%)	EWSR1-NFATC2, FUS-NFATC2, EWSR1-PATZ1
CIC-rearranged sarcoma	CD99 variable (~85%), ETV4, WT1	CIC-DUX2 (95%), CIC-FOXO4, CIC-LEUTZ, CIC-NUTM1, CIC-NUTM2A
Sarcoma with BCOR alterations	CD99 variable (~50%), BCOR, CCNB3, SATB2, CyclinD1, TLE1	BCOR-CCNB3 (90%), BCOR-MAML3, BCOR ITDs



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Ewing Sarcoma

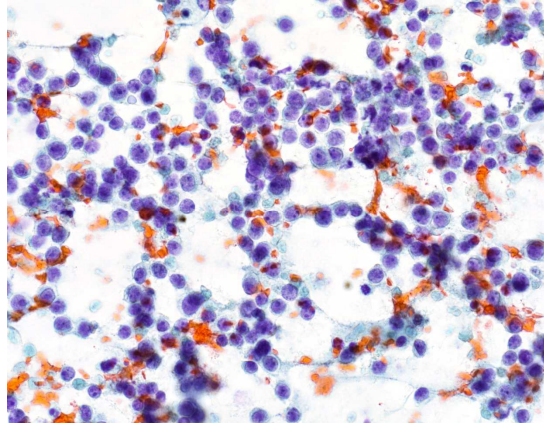
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- Typical admixture of “light” and dark” cells
- Round-to-ovoid nuclei, fine chromatin, indistinct or small nucleoli, may have nuclear molding
- Cytoplasm may be scant to abundant pale cytoplasm
- Background naked nuclei and cytoplasmic contents smearing imparting “tigroid” appearance on air-dried smear.
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- IHC: CD99, NKX2.2, +/- FLI1/ERG
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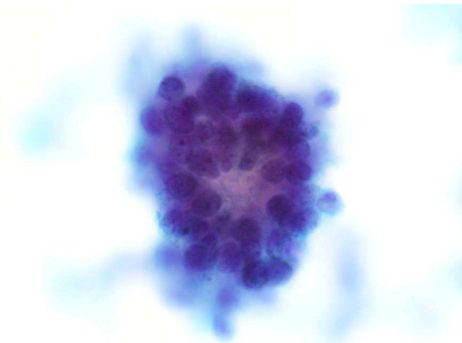
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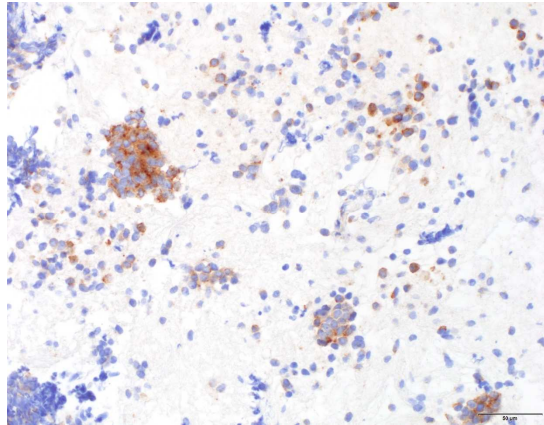
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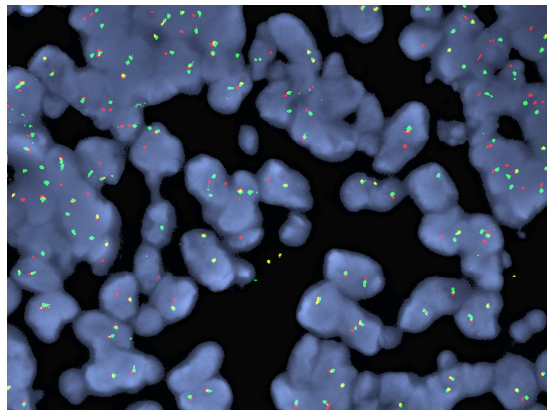
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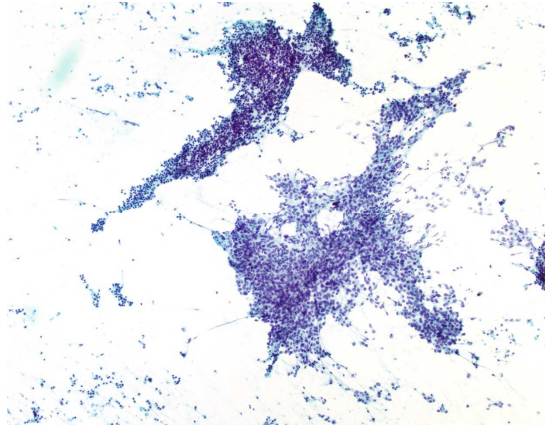
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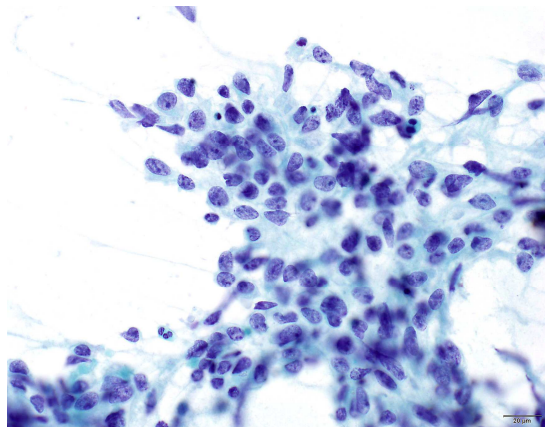
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- Syncytial arrangement with poorly defined cell borders
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- Occasional elongate, spindle, pencillate or angulated nuclei
- Mild anisocytosis, pleomorphism and atypia
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- Traversing delicate vessels
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- MP: *CIC*-fusions (*CIC::DUX4*)



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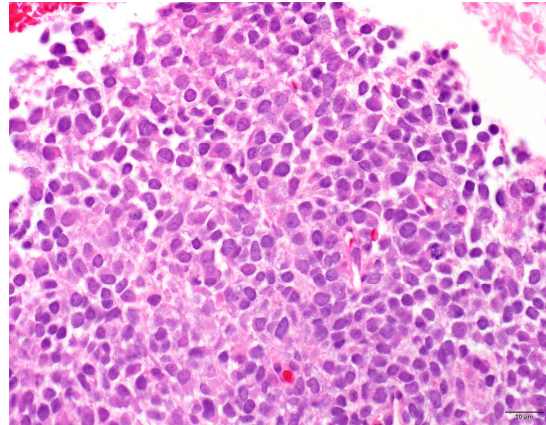
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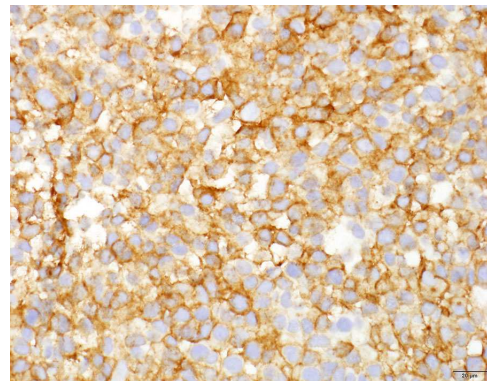
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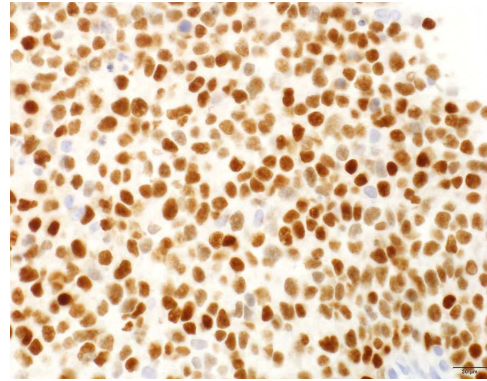
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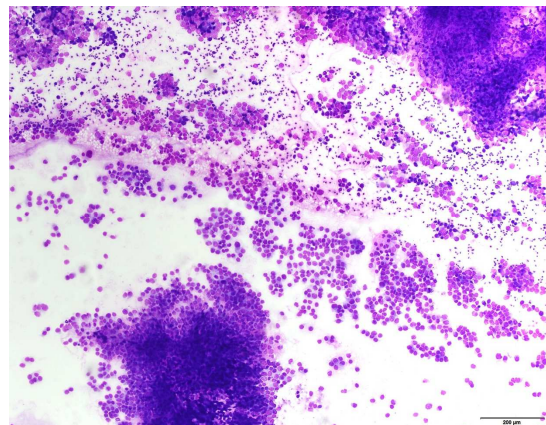
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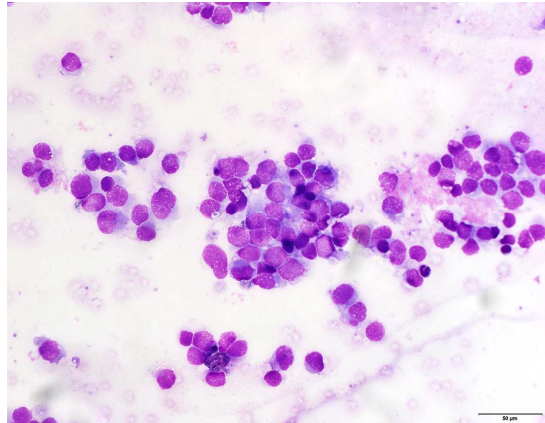
- Hypercellular smears arranged as single cells and pseudopapillary clusters with vascular cores
- Light and dark pattern similar to Ewing sarcoma
- Round cells with variable numbers of spindle cells; rare single rhabdoid-like cells
- Scant to abundant cytoplasm, pale nuclei with fine chromatin and inconspicuous nucleoli
- Variable pleomorphism
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- IHC: variable CD99, *BCOR*, SATB2, +/- *CCNB3*, *TLE1*, cyclin D1
- MP: *BCOR* fusion, *BCOR*-ITD



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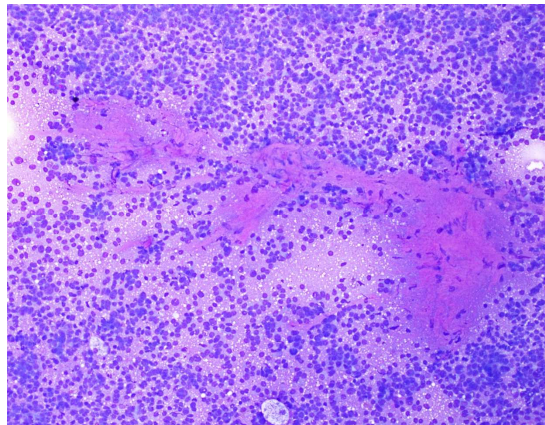
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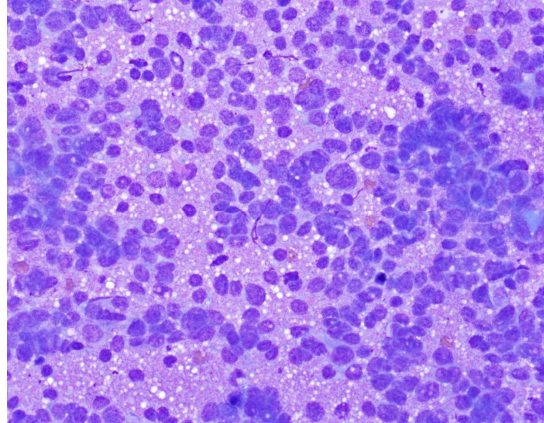
- Most common abdominal cavity (retroperitoneum, pelvis, omentum, and mesentery)
- Cellular specimens with loosely cohesive, hyperchromatic round cells with scant-to-moderate amounts of cytoplasm and variable molding
- Metachromatic stromal material in the background on smears and cell block material
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- IHC: Keratin, desmin (perinuclear dot-like), +/- neuroendocrine markers, WT1 c-terminus
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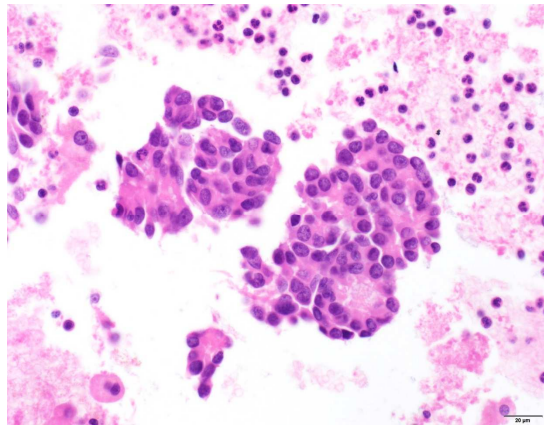
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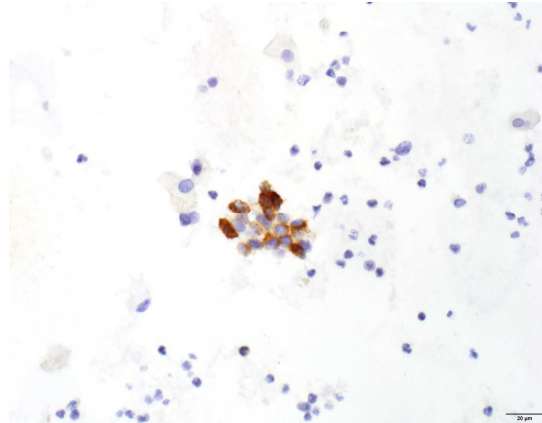
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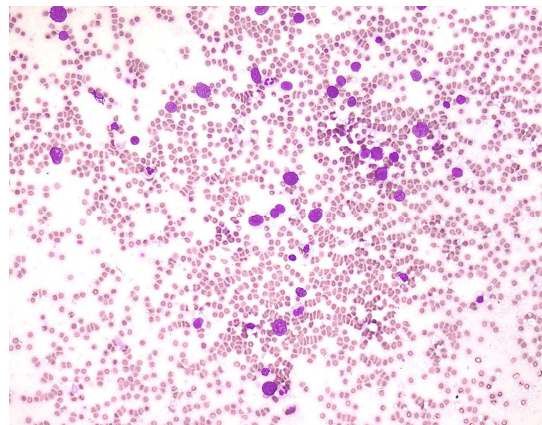
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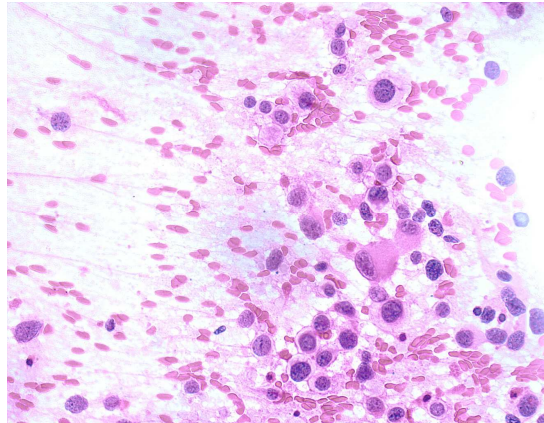
- Morphological and immunophenotypic features of embryonic skeletal muscle
- Cellular smears composed of single cells loosely cohesive clusters
- Primitive small round, stellate and short spindle cells with scant cytoplasm
- Variable rhabdomyoblastic differentiation; tadpole/ribbon-like cells with eosinophilic cytoplasm, rarely cross-striations
- Binucleate and multinucleate cells variably present
- Variably prominent loose myxoid matrix
- IHC: Desmin, MyoD1, variable myogenin (MYF4)
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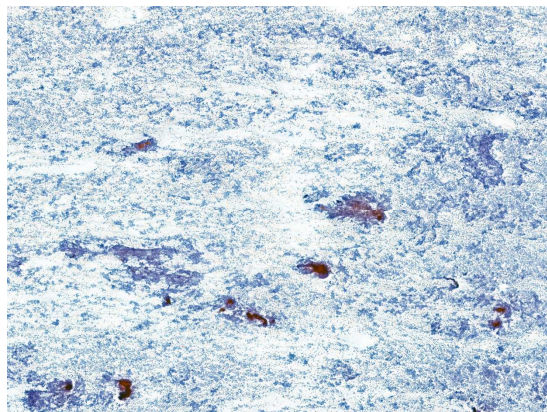
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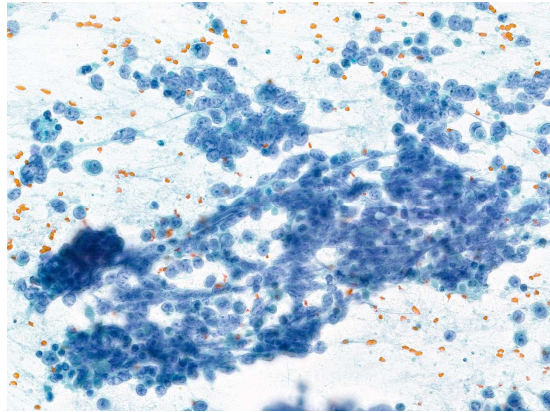
- Primitive round cells sarcoma with skeletal muscle differentiation, *FOXO1* fusions
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- Binucleate and multinucleated forms, including wreath-like (circular arrangement of nuclei)
- IHC: Desmin, MyoD1, myogenin (MYF4)
- MP: *FOXO1* (*FKHR*) fusions (*PAX3/PAX7::FOXO1*)



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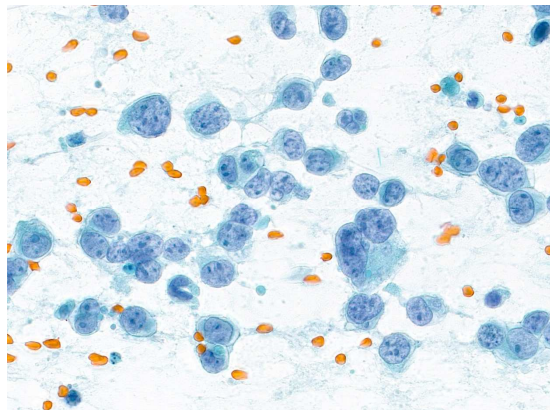
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