

Pancreatic Cysts

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Outline:

- Biopsy Technique
- Tissue Triage
- Biochemical testing
- Molecular testing
- Cytomorphology
- Reporting

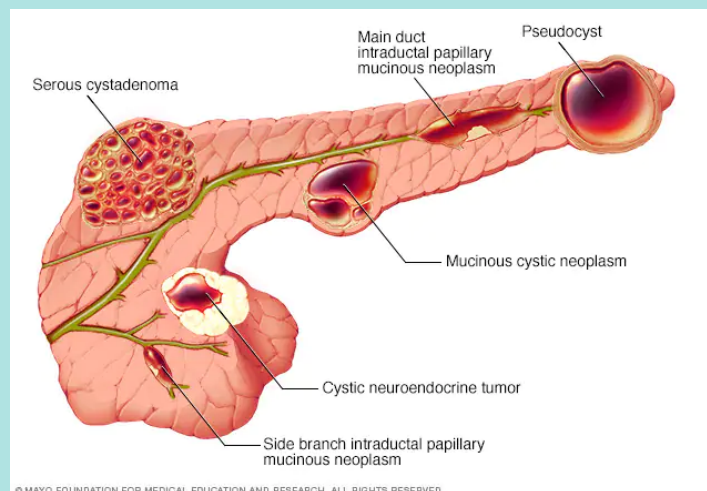


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Pancreatic Cysts

Differential Diagnosis

- Pseudocyst
- Lymphoepithelial cyst
- Serous cyst
- Mucinous cyst
 - (MCN and IPMN)
- Cystic degeneration of typically solid tumors
 - PanNET
 - SPN
 - other
- Other more rare cysts



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Cytology Interpretation

Multimodal Approach

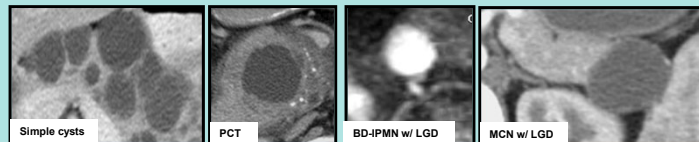
- Clinical Information
 - Patient age and gender
 - Symptoms
 - Past medical history
- Radiological Information
 - Location of mass in the pancreas (and thus organ traversed for EUS)
 - Cyst characteristics
 - Size, contours, invasion
 - Cyst structure: uni- or multilocular; thick/thin wall, Ca⁺⁺, nodule/mass in the wall
 - Gross cyst contents: thick, viscous, thin, water, clear, brown
- Biochemical tests: CEA, amylase, glucose
- Molecular tests: *KRAS*, *GNAS*, *TP53*, *SMAD4*, *CDKN2A/p16*



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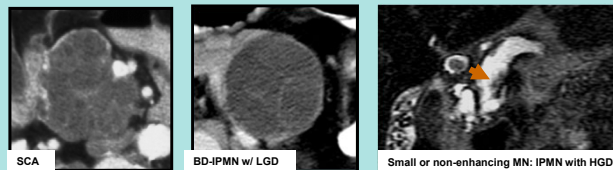
Pancreatic Cysts: CT

unilocular



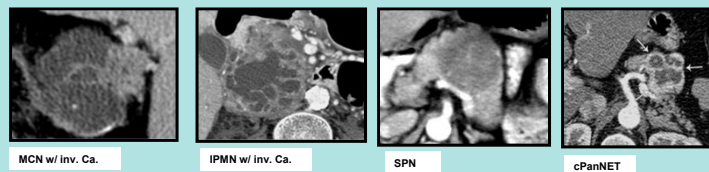
Benign imaging

multilocular



Benign to Worrisome imaging

complex

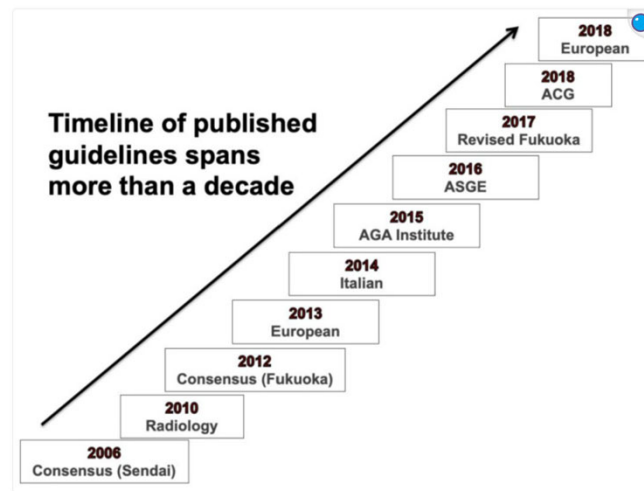


Worrisome to High-risk imaging



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Figure 1.



Timeline of published guidelines for the management of pancreatic cystic lesions.

Mohapatra S, Krishna SG, Pannala R. Pancreatic Cystic Neoplasms: Translating Guidelines into Clinical Practice. Diagnostics (Basel). 2023 Feb 16;13(4):749.

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Table1. Guideline performance for referral to EUS.

	AGA 2015	Fukuoka 2012	<i>P</i> value
Sensitivity	17.6%	35.3%	0.031
Specificity	94.5%	66.1%	<0.001
Positive Predictive Value	50.0%	24.5%	0.154
Negative Predictive Value	78.6%	76.6%	0.747
Accuracy	76.2%	58.7%	<0.001

Lee A, Kadiyala V, Lee LS. Evaluation of AGA and Fukuoka Guidelines for EUS and surgical resection of incidental pancreatic cysts. Endosc Int Open. 2017 Feb;5(2):E116-E122.

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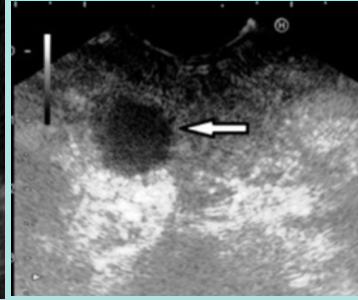
Imaging Morphology: Cysts



- Unilocular
- ✓ Pseudocyst- thick wall
 - ✓ BD-IPMN- thin wall



- Multilocular
- ✓ SCA- lobular borders
 - ✓ MCN- round; thick wall
 - ✓ BD-IPMN- connect to MPD



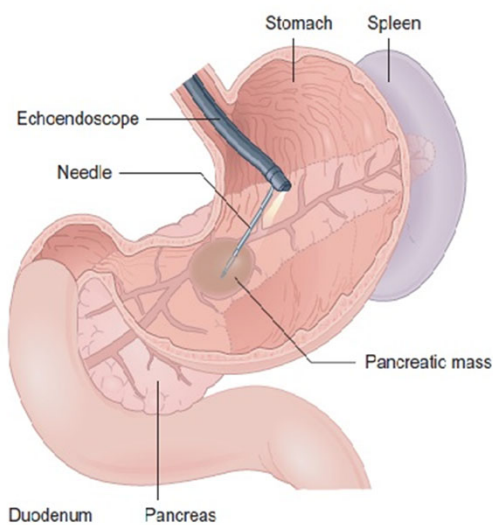
- Unilocular with thick wall
- ✓ Cystic NET
 - ✓ Pseudocyst



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Biopsy Technique: EUS-FNA

Transduodenal:
head



Transgastric:
body and tail



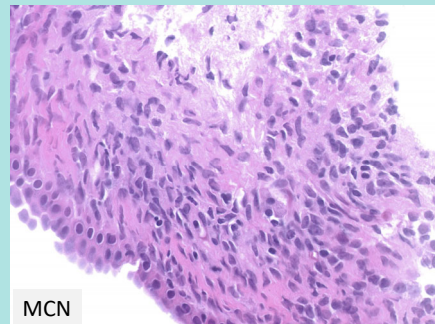
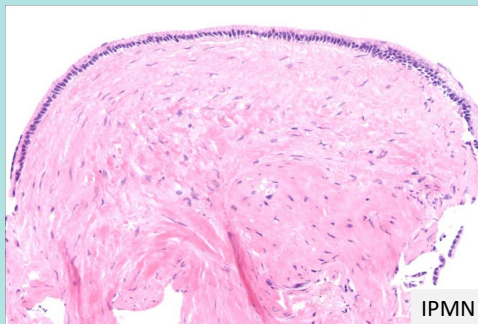
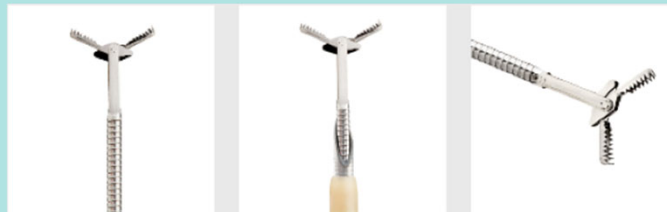
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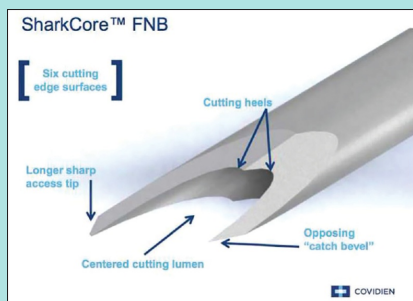
Moray Micro-forceps biopsy



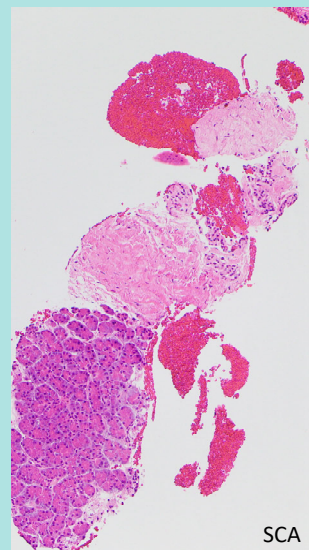
Zhang ML, Arpin RN, Brugge WR, Forcione DG, Basar O, Pitman MB. Moray micro forceps biopsy improves the diagnosis of specific pancreatic cysts. *Cancer Cytopathol.* 2018 Jun;126(6):444-450.

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Next Generation Needles

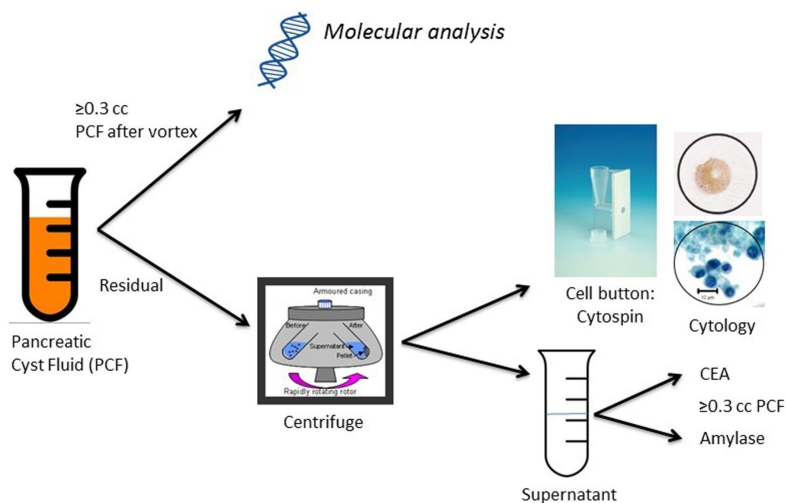


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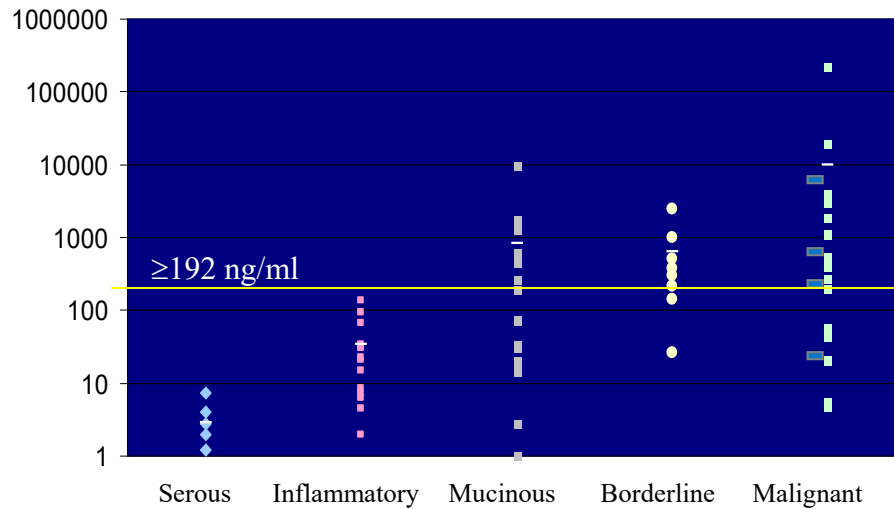


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Pancreatic Cyst Fluid Triage



CEA by cyst fluid analysis

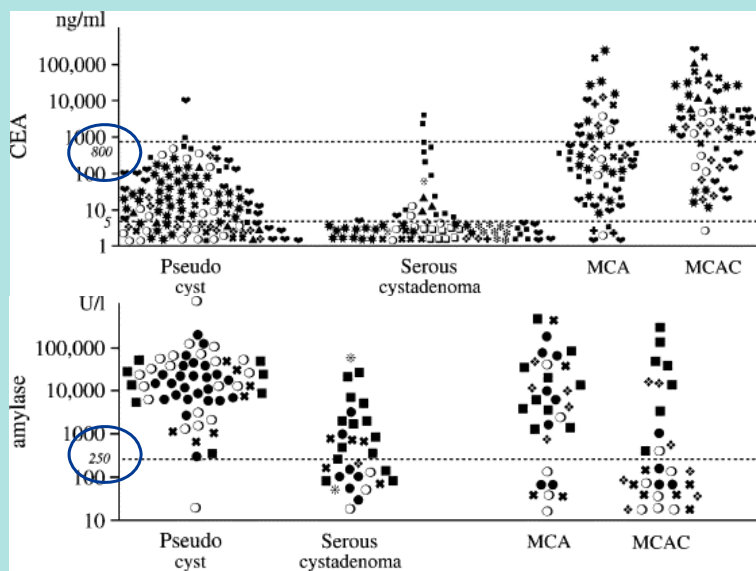


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CFA cut-off levels lab and study dependent

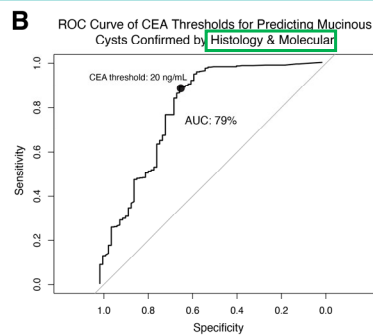
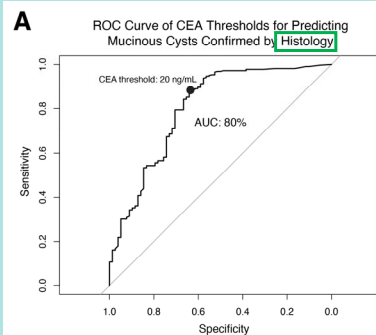
(van der Waaij, et. al. Cystfluid analysis in the differential diagnosis of pancreatic cystic lesions: a pooled analysis. Gastrointes Endosc. 2005; 62:383)



CEA >800ng/ml	Neoplastic mucinous cysts
CEA <5ng/ml	Serous cystadenoma
Amylase <250 U/L	Pseudocyst
	Not a pseudocyst

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N=39



N=63

	Cysts with histological confirmation			Cysts with histological OR molecular confirmation		
CEA threshold (ng/mL)	Sensitivity	Specificity	# of False positive cases	Sensitivity	Specificity	# of False positive cases
20	0.89	0.64	30	0.89	0.64	28
110	0.68	0.73	22	0.64	0.73	21
192	0.56	0.78	18	0.51	0.78	17
250	0.53	0.85	13	0.47	0.85	12
840	0.35	0.90	9	0.29	0.90	8
1202	0.30	0.95	5	0.25	0.95	4

Kim H, et al. Pancreas. 2024;53(4):629-638. doi:10.1097/PA.0000000000000000.

Intracystic Glucose and Carcinoembryonic Antigen in Differentiating Histologically Confirmed Pancreatic Mucinous Neoplastic Cysts

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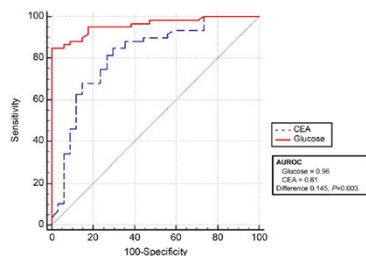


Figure 2. Receiver operating curves for glucose and CEA concentration from fresh cyst fluid in the differentiation of MNPC. AUROC, area under the receiver operating curve; CEA, carcinoembryonic antigen; MNPC, mucinous neoplastic pancreatic cyst.

Table 4. Glucose, CEA, and amylase concentration stratified by histologic type (median, range)

Histologic diagnosis	Fluid diagnostic test		
	Glucose (mg/dL)	CEA (ng/mL)	Amylase (U/L)
Main duct IPMN	2 (2–9)	568.5 (2.2–3,604)	8,356 (3–588,224)
Branch duct IPMN	4 (0–112)	58.9 (1.4–1,297)	5,113.5 (465–558,580)
Mixed IPMN	3 (2–24)	201.8 (4.3–298.9)	47,402.5 (275–202,909)
IPMN with invasive cancer	6.5 (1–86)	604.4 (22–3,872)	902 (2–93,300)
Mucinous cystic neoplasm	9 (2–34)	205 (56–10,001)	706 (3–86,700)
Mucinous cystic neoplasm with invasive cancer	10 (9–70)	10,000 (4,714–65,170)	35.5 (9–139)
Pseudocyst	71 (15–150)	108.1 (2.9–416)	71,376.7 (6,001–204,102)
Serous cystadenoma	86 (29–173)	1.8 (0.1–687.9)	124 (9–71,800)
Cystic neuroendocrine tumor	120 (92–446)	4.9 (0.7–26.7)	114 (9–150,000)
Other	37 (11–111)	11.3 (0.2–10,001)	88 (20–6,001)

CEA, carcinoembryonic antigen; IPMN, intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm.

CEA, Glucose and Amylase: Key Points

Elevated CEA (>~200 ng/ml) supports a mucinous cyst

- Does not distinguish IPMN from MCN
- Level does not correlate with malignancy
- Rare FP: PCT, GI duplication cyst, LEC

Glucose

- < 50 mg/dL supports a mucinous cyst
- >50 mg/dL supports a non-mucinous cyst

Amylase levels

- Elevated in the 1000's for most PCT
- Low amylase levels exclude a PCT
- Elevated level does not distinguish IPMN from MCN
 - MCN can have high amylase
 - IPMN can have low amylase



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Molecular Tests: Key Points

KRAS

- Mutation(s) support a neoplastic mucinous cyst
 - Does not distinguish IPMN and MCN
 - Does not correlate with grade

GNAS

- Mutation supports IPMN over MCN
 - Does not correlate with grade

RNF43

- Mutation supports a mucinous cyst
 - Does not distinguish IPMN and MCN

3p deletions

- 3p25, VHL gene, supports SCA
- Other 3p deletions also noted in SCA

CTNNB1 (beta-catenin) deletion

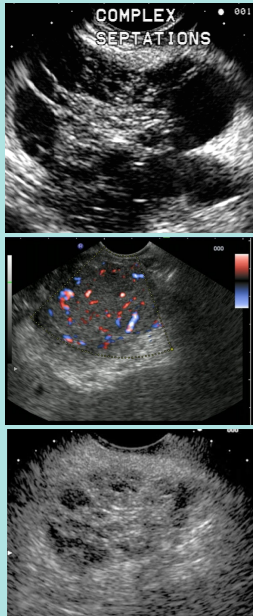
- Mutation(s) support SPN

TP53 mutation, **CDKN2A** loss, **SMAD4** loss support a HR cyst

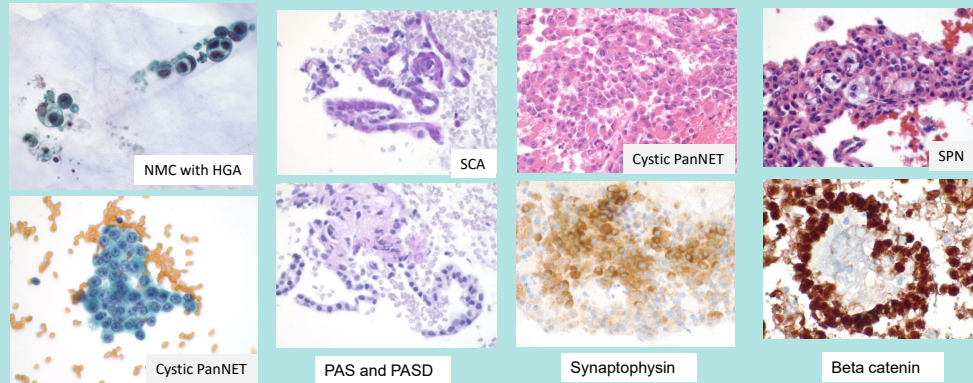


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Clinical and Imaging Features



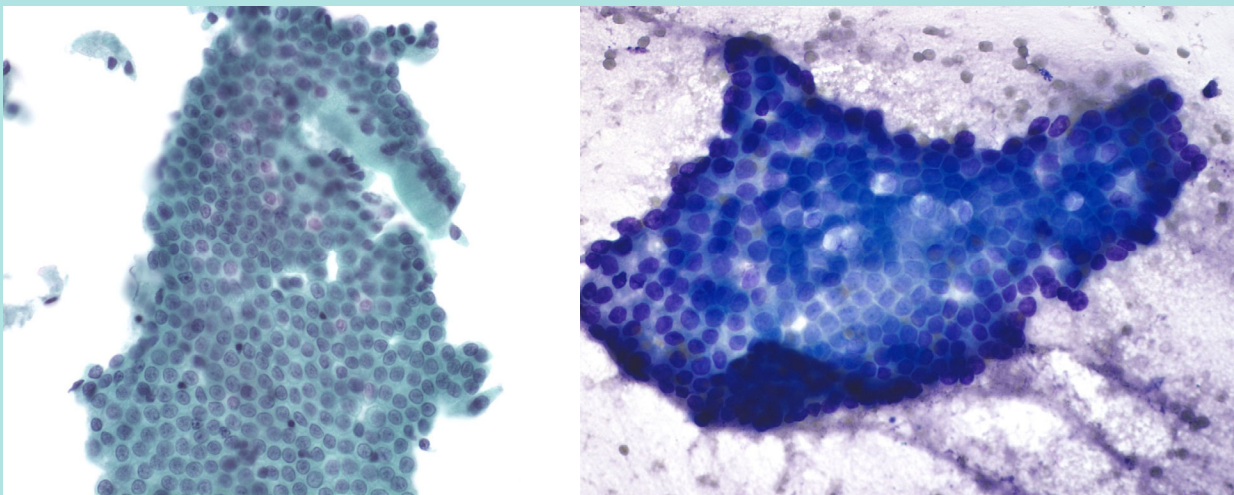
Multimodal Approach: Cytomorphology, Special Stains and Immunohistochemistry



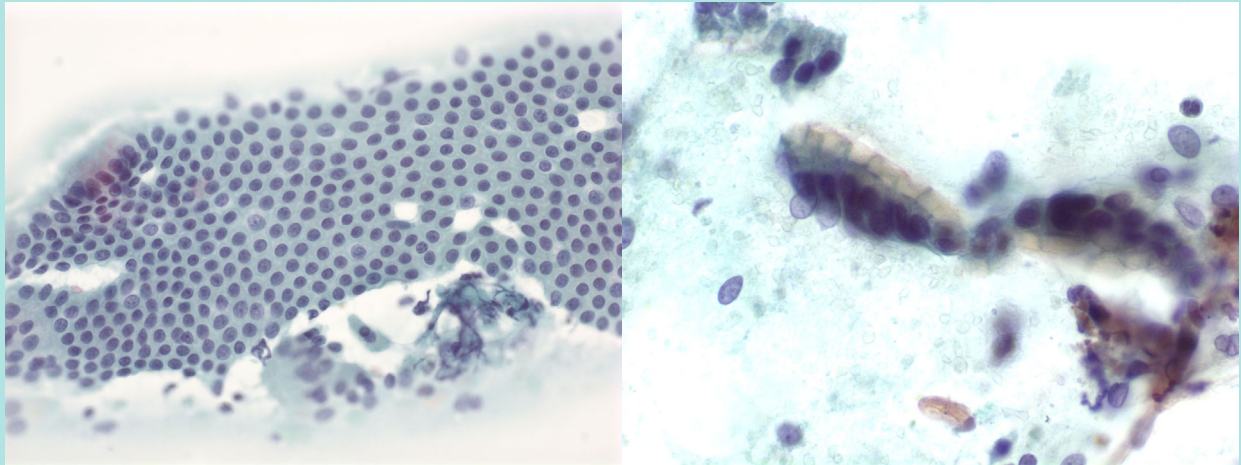
Biochemical and Molecular analysis of Cyst Fluid

Cyst	Biochemical tests		Molecular Tests					
	CEA	Amy	KRAS	GNAS	3p25 (VHL)	P53	P16 (CDKN2A/INK4A)	SMAD4
PCT	↓	↑↑	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCA	↓↓	↓↓	-	-	+	-	-	-
IPMN	↑↓	↑↑	+	+	-	+ ^a	+ ^a	+ ^a
MCN	↑↓	↓↑	+	-	-	+ ^a	+ ^a	+ ^a

Duodenal Contamination



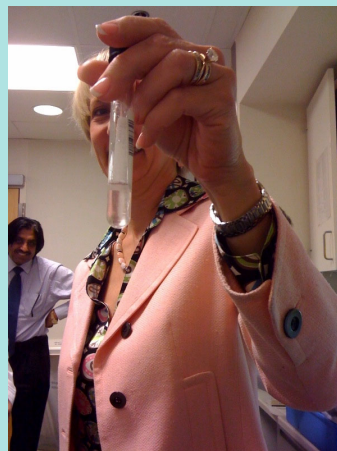
Gastric Contamination



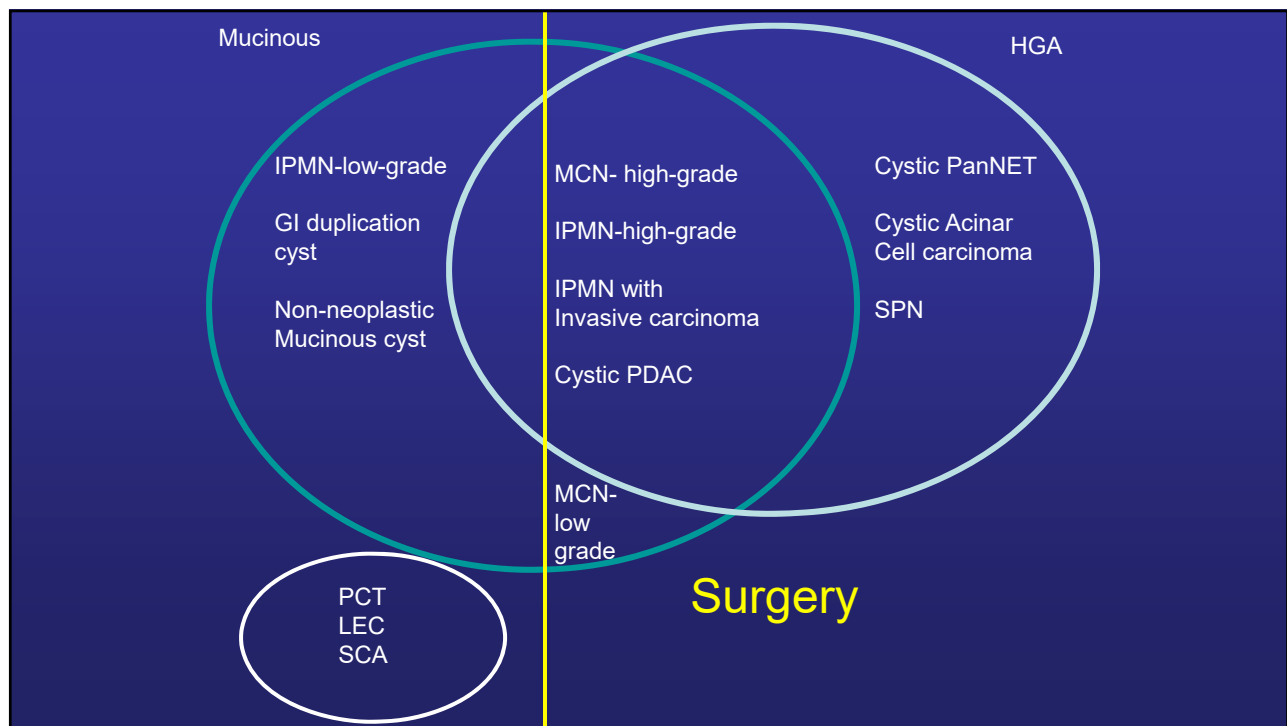
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Two basic questions for Cyst analysis

- 1) Is the cyst mucinous or non-mucinous?
- 2) Is the cyst low-risk/grade or high-risk/grade?



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Solid-Pseudopapillary Neoplasm

- **Clinical: young female**
 - Up to 2.7% of exocrine tumors; 5% of cystic neoplasms
 - 89% in young women, mean age ~ 28 years
- **Radiology: solid and cystic**
 - shows complex, large solid and cystic neoplasm
 - Slight preference for the pancreatic tail

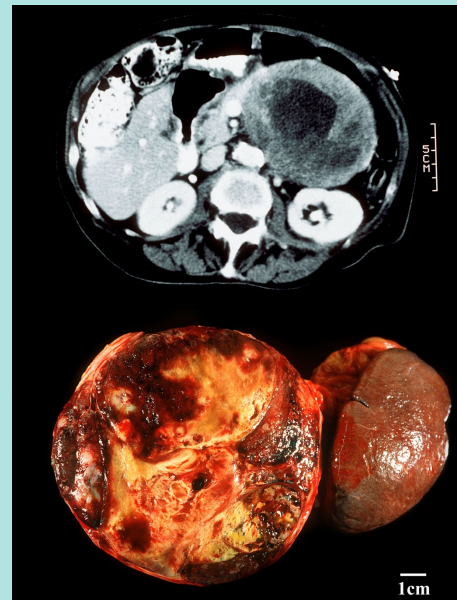
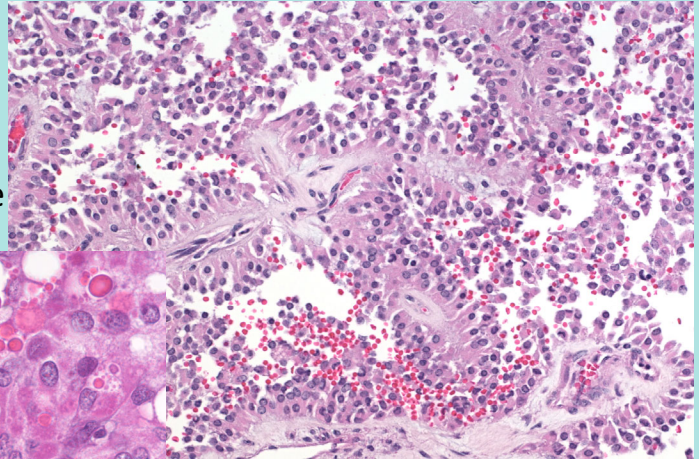
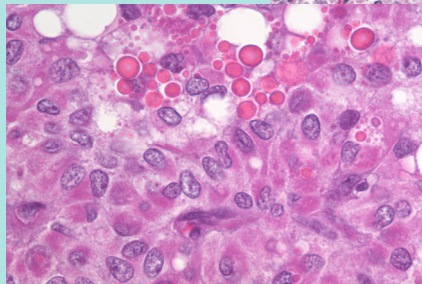


Image: AFIP Pancreas fascicle 2007

Solid-Pseudopapillary Neoplasm

- Secondly cystic
- Pseudopapillae
- Cells cling to myxoid or hyalinized vessels
- Perinuclear vacuoles; hyaline globules

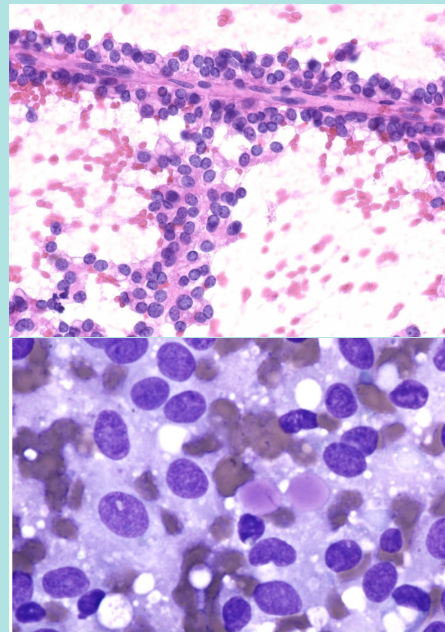
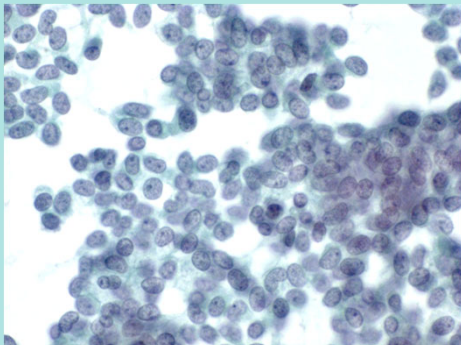


Images: AFIP Pancreas fascicle 2007

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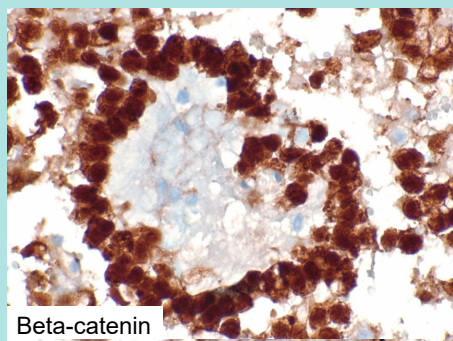
Classic Morphology: SPN

- Papillary branching
- Myxoid stroma
- Clinging cells and single cells
- Euchromatin
- Oval, indented, grooved nuclei
- Perinuclear vacuoles/globules

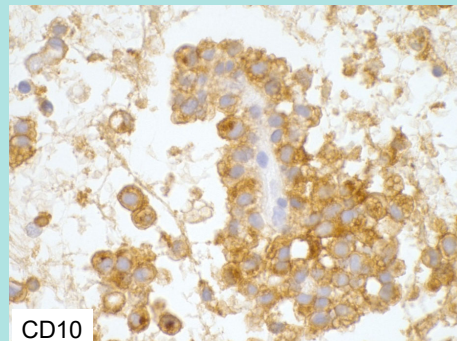


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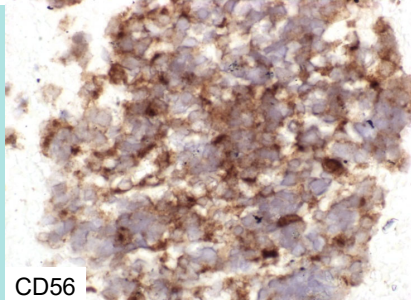
IHC: SPN



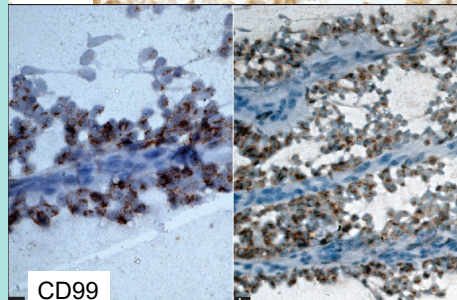
Beta-catenin



CD10



CD56



CD99

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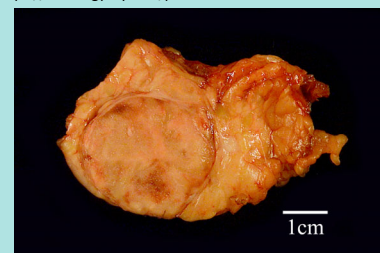
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Well-Differentiated Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor

- Clinical: **middle age adult**
 - Any age; 40-50 y.o.; M=F
 - Slow growing
- Radiological: **round mass**
 - Pancreatic tail >> head/body
 - well-circumscribed
- Functional imaging-high levels of somatostatin receptor 2 (SSTR2) expression
 - Indium-111 (^{111}In) pentetreotide scan (OctreoscanTM)- radiolabeled- use scintigraphy
 - Gallium-68 (^{68}Ga) DOTATATE- positron emitter- use PET/CT



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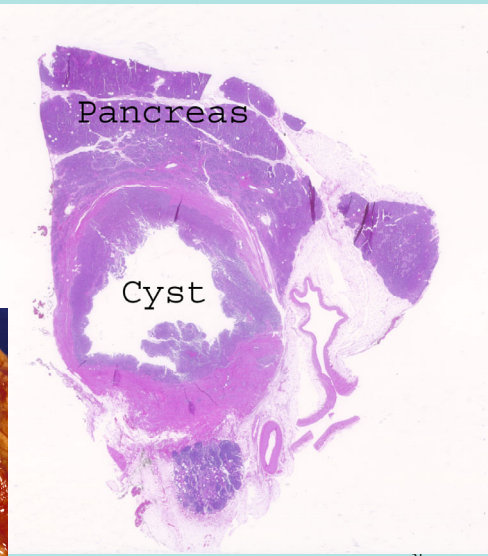
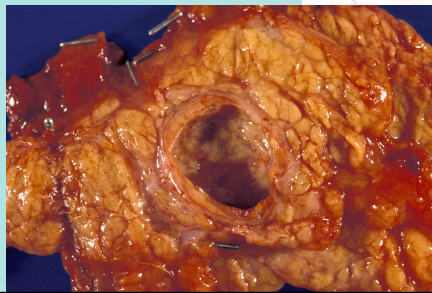
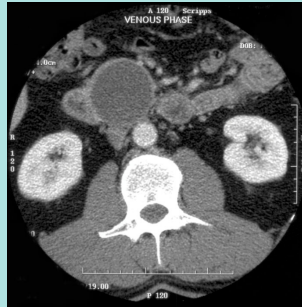


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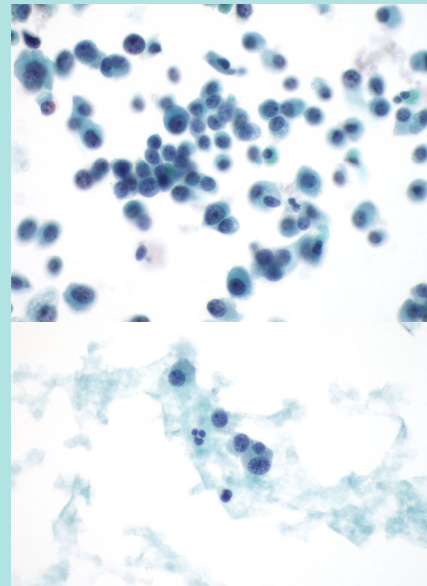
Cystic PanNET

- 10% of tumors are cystic
- Secondary change
- Can mimic primary cysts
- Clue to diagnosis on imaging is **“thick cyst wall”**

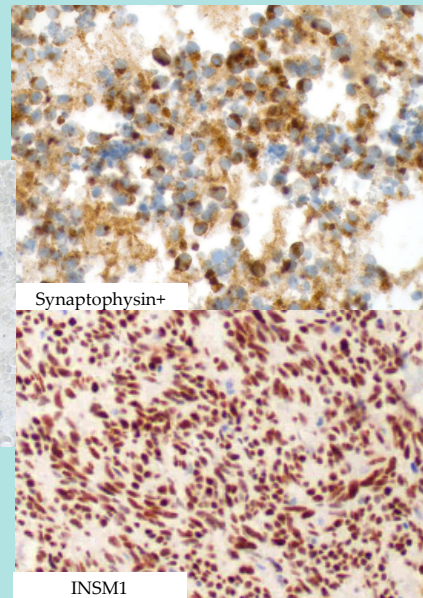
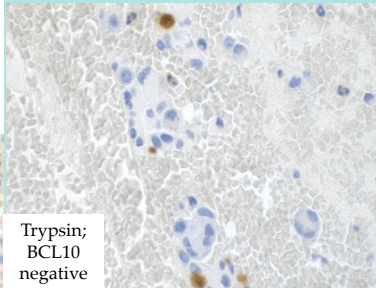
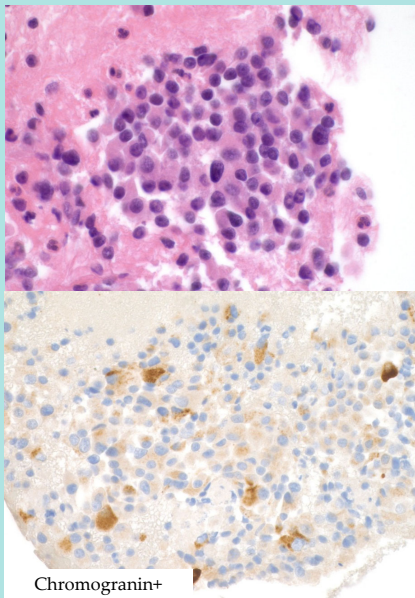


Cystic PanNET

- Cytology is THE diagnostic test
 - CEA low
 - Amylase low
 - *KRAS*/*GNAS* negative
- Cells usually diagnostic when present

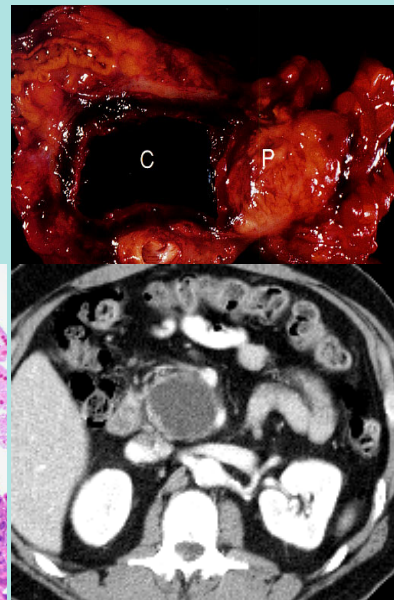
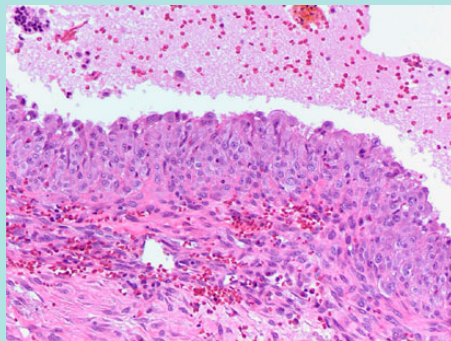


Ancillary Studies: PanNET

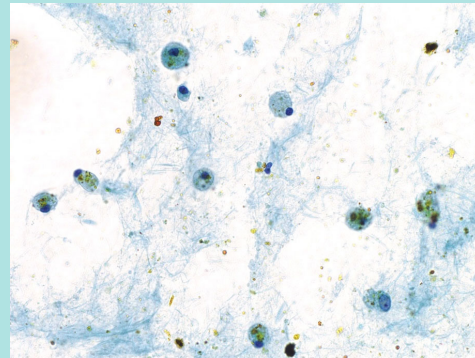
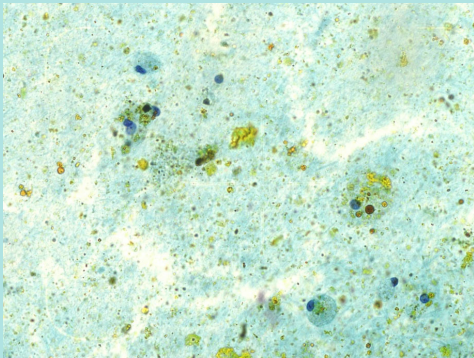


Pancreatic Pseudocyst

- Clinical: **pancreatitis**
 - From alcohol, trauma, surgery
- Radiology: **large cyst, high volume fluid**
 - Unilocular, non-septated
 - Thick walled
 - No mural nodule
- Histology
 - Cyst lining of
 - histiocytes and
 - inflammatory
 - cells



Pancreatic Pseudocyst: Cytology



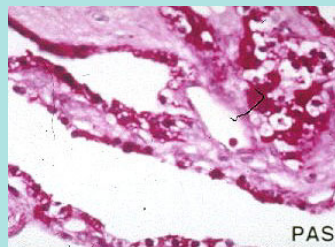
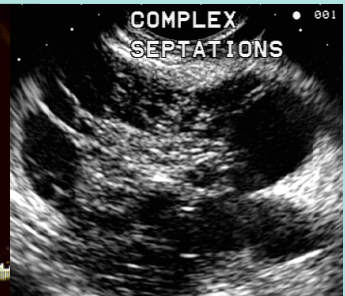
- cyst debris with blood, proteinaceous material and yellow hematoidin-like pigment (grossly brown and thin fluid)
- variable inflammation
- NO cyst lining epithelium (beware of contamination, mucin and epithelium)
- CEA low; amylase usually in the 1000's; no mutations



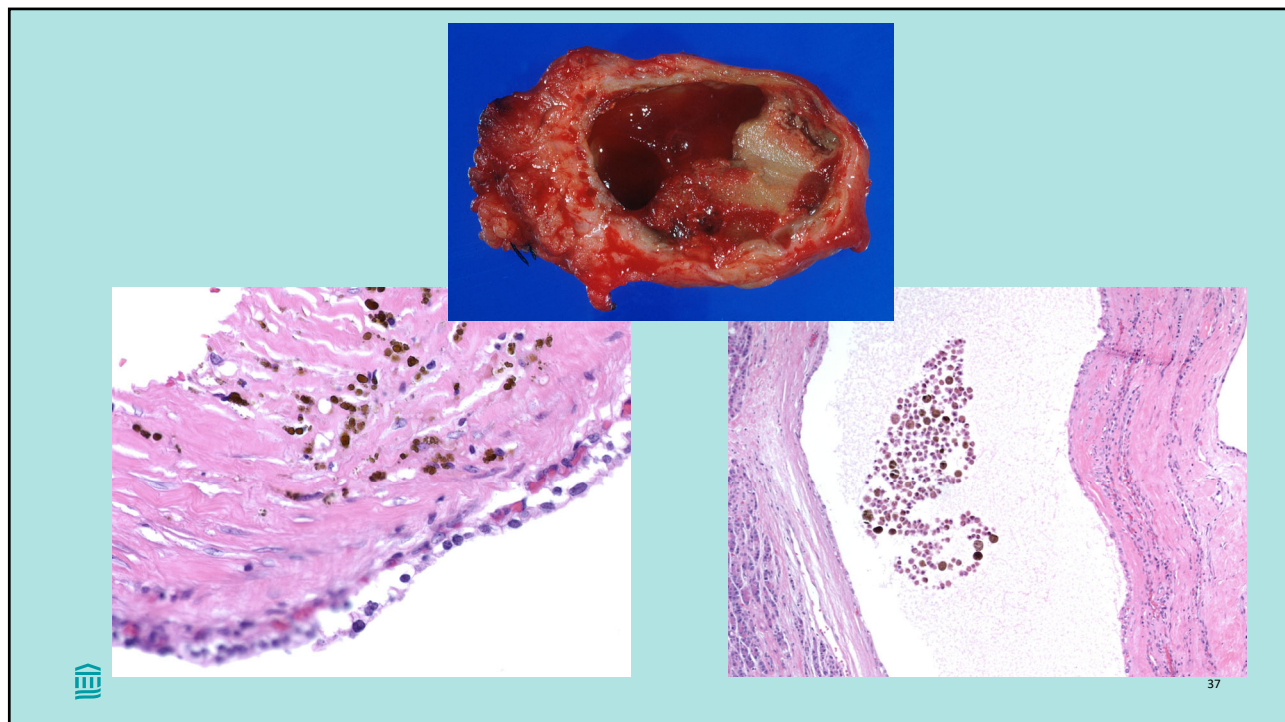
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Serous Cystadenoma

- Clinical: **asymptomatic, elderly female**
 - Benign, slow growing neoplasm women >> men, mean age 7th decade
 - Associated with VHL with deletion of 3p25 in most cases
 - Often asymptomatic, but can hemorrhage and cause pain
- Radiology: **multi-lobulated**
 - circumscribed
 - Microcystic with fibrous septae, central scar, calcifications in ~30-40%
- Histology
 - “glycogen-rich”
 - dPAS+ cuboidal epithelium

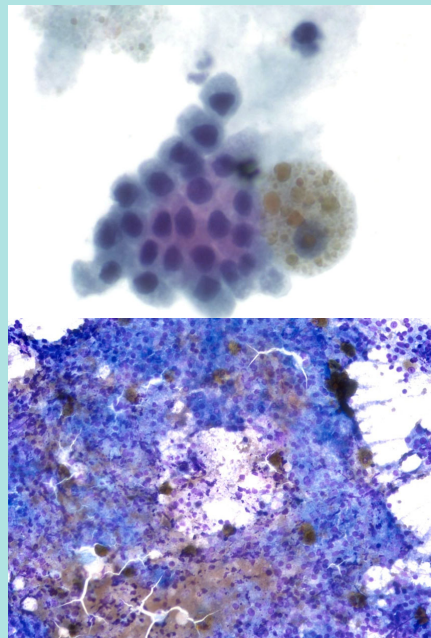


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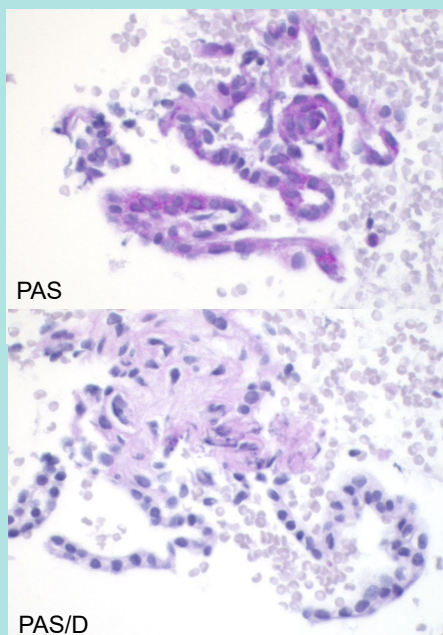
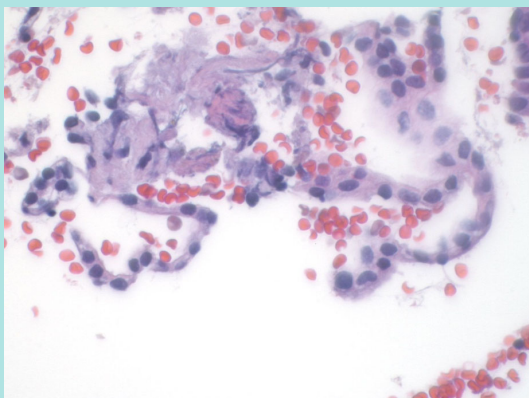


Serous Cystadenoma

- Cuboidal non-mucinous epithelial cells
- Hemosiderin-laden macrophages in a clean or bloody, non-pseudocyst like background
- Grossly bloody or thin and clear
- CEA and amylase low
- NO *KRAS*/*GNAS*
- 3p deletions (3p25, VHL)

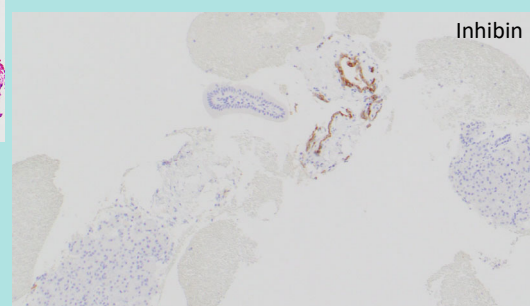
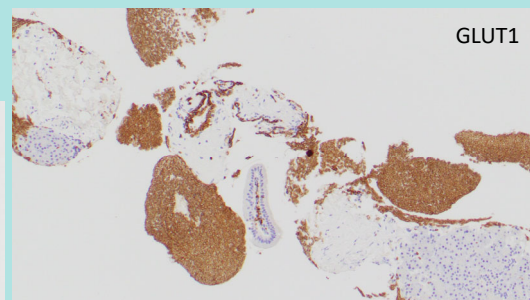
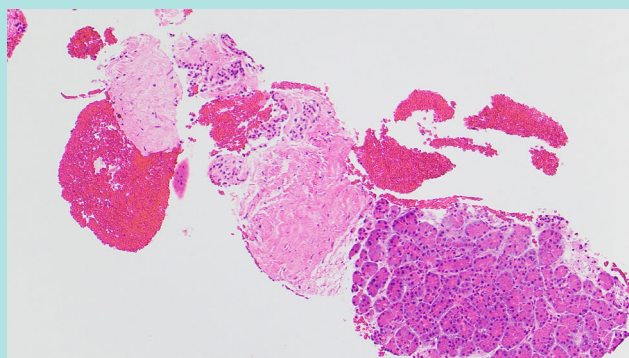


Serous Cystadenoma: Special Stains



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Serous Cystadenoma: Immunostains

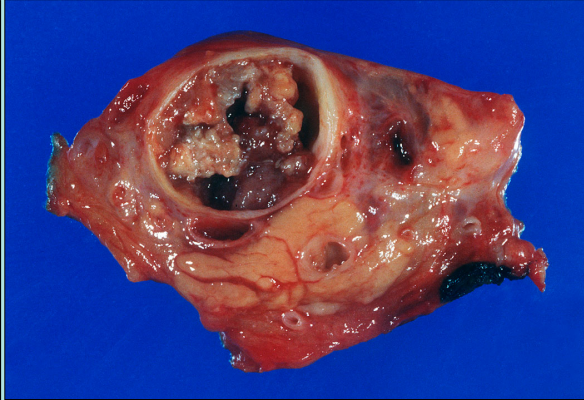


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Neoplastic Mucinous Cysts



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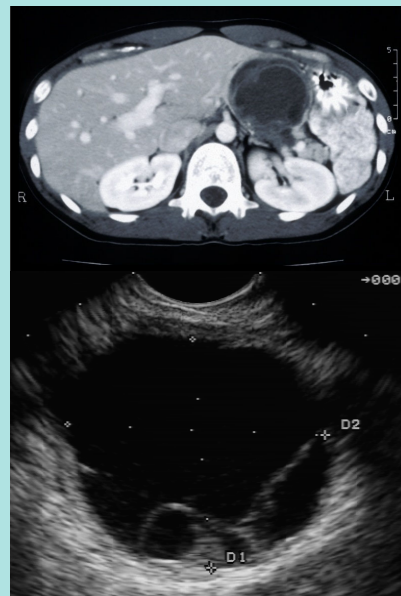


IPMN

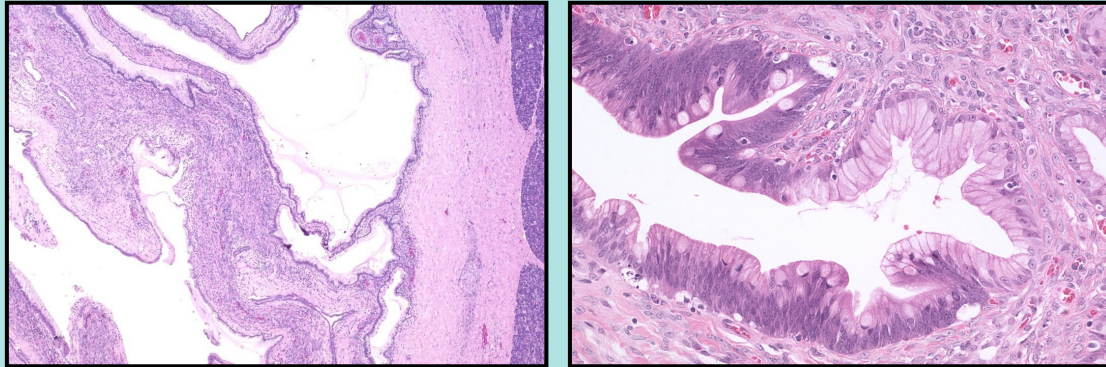


Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm

- Clinical: **middle age female**
 - F:M=20:1
 - Most are benign
 - Prognosis excellent for non-invasive completely resected tumors
 - Resection recommended despite grade
- Radiology: **multiloculated**
 - body and tail (90%)
 - do not communicate with the pancreatic ductal system
 - thick walled (Ca++ in 20%)
 - thin or thick septa



Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm



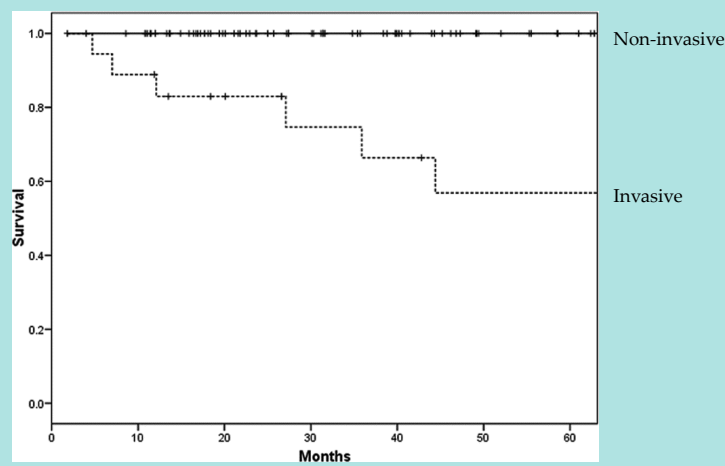
- Not associated with the pancreatic ducts
- Lined by mucinous, generally non-papillary epithelium
- Subepithelial “ovarian-like stroma” required
- Atypia may be very heterogeneous; invasion may be very focal, so the entire cyst should be submitted for histology



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Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm is not an Aggressive Entity

(Crippa, et.al. Annals of Surgery 2008; 247:571-579)



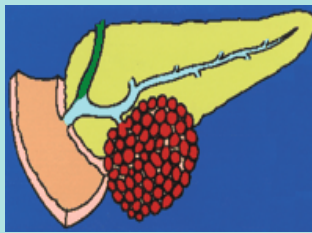
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Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm

Clinical: **elderly adult**; M:F ~ 1:1 in US



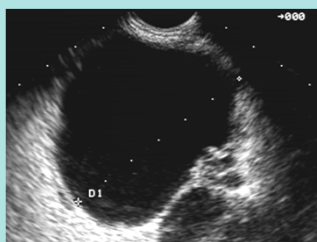
Main duct



Branch duct



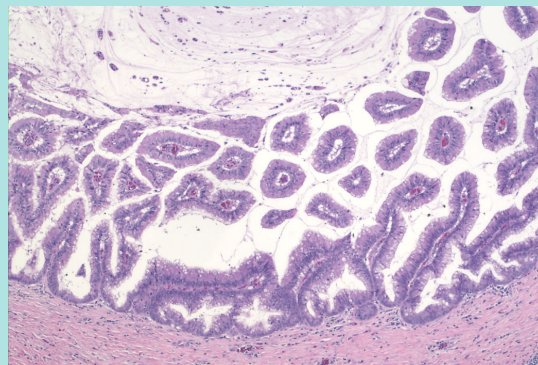
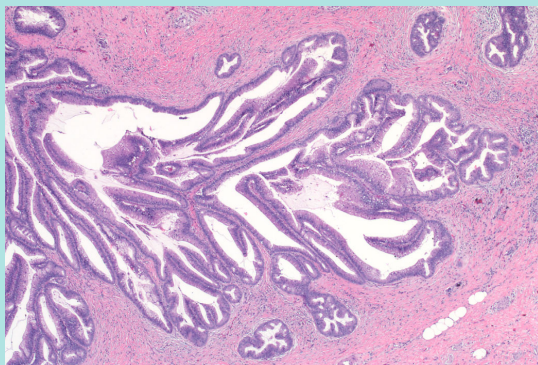
Combined



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Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm



- Various papillary mucinous epithelium of variable cell type and heterogeneous atypia
- No association with ovarian-like stroma under the epithelium



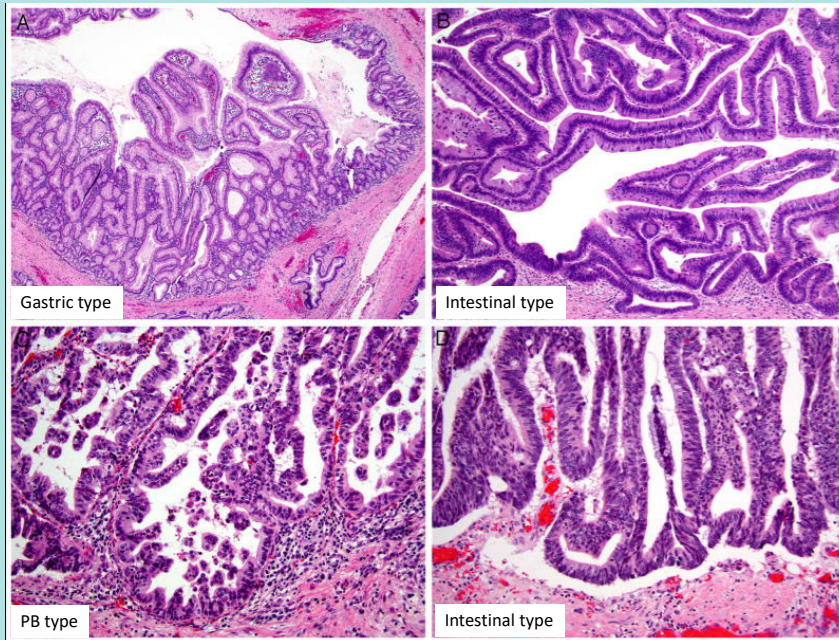
Two-tiered Grading of IPMN:

Low-grade

(low-intermediate grade dysplasia)

High-grade

(high-grade dysplasia/carcinoma in-situ)



Am J Surg Pathol. 2015 Dec;39(12):1730-41.

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Intraductal Oncocytic Papillary Neoplasm

Clinical: average 60 yo, M=F

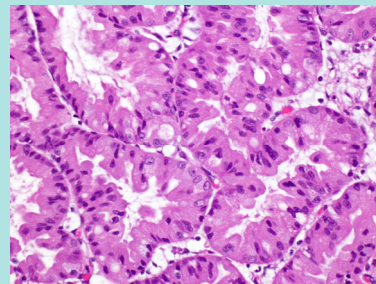
Imaging: Cystic to solid and cystic
Pancreatic head; High PET uptake

Cytology = High risk/grade

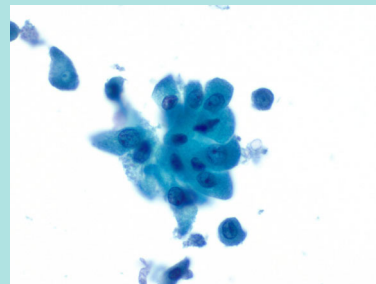
Biochemical: Low CEA

Molecular: recurrent rearrangements in
PRKACA and *PRKACB*; no *KRAS* or *GNAS*

Prognosis: invasive carcinoma in about 30%
of cases, but 5-year disease-specific survival
rate approaches 100%



Olca Bastuck from WHO 5th edition of GI Tumours



Michelle Reid from WHO 1st edition of PB Reporting System

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Management Guidelines for IPMN and MCN

(International consensus guidelines (revised)
Pancreatology. 2017(5):738-753.

MCN • All MCNs are resected regardless of grade

Indication for Resection

IPMN

- Cytology suspicious or positive for malignancy, includes cytology with features of HGEA
- Jaundice (tumour-related)
- Enhancing mural nodule (> 5 mm)
- MPD dilatation ≥ 10 mm

Indication for EUS-FNA

- Growth rate ≥ 5 mm over 2 years
- Increased levels of serum CA19-9
- MPD dilatation between 5 and 9 mm
- Cyst diameter ≥ 30 mm
- Acute pancreatitis (caused by IPMN)
- Enhancing mural nodule (< 5 mm)
- Abrupt change in diameter of MPD with distal atrophy
- Lymphadenopathy
- Thickened or enhancing cyst walls

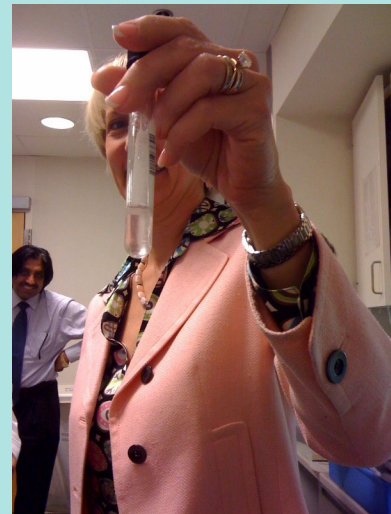


Modified from Barbara Centeno and the 1st edition of the WHO Reporting System for Pancreaticobiliary Cytopathology

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Two basic questions for Cyst analysis

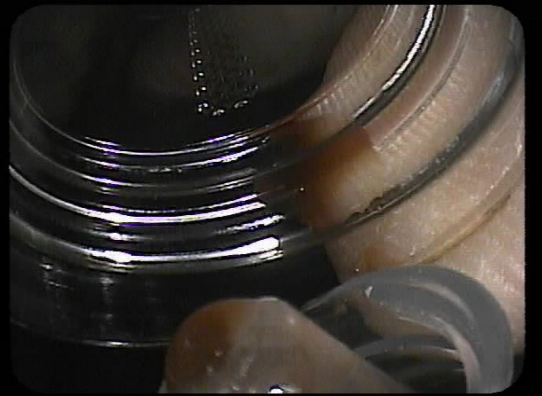
1. Is the cyst mucinous or non-mucinous?
 1. **Gross examination**
 2. **Cytology**
 3. **CEA**
 4. ***KRAS/GNAS/RNF43***
2. Is the cyst low-grade or high-grade?
 1. **Cytology!!**
 2. **Molecular analysis**



Gross Cyst Fluid

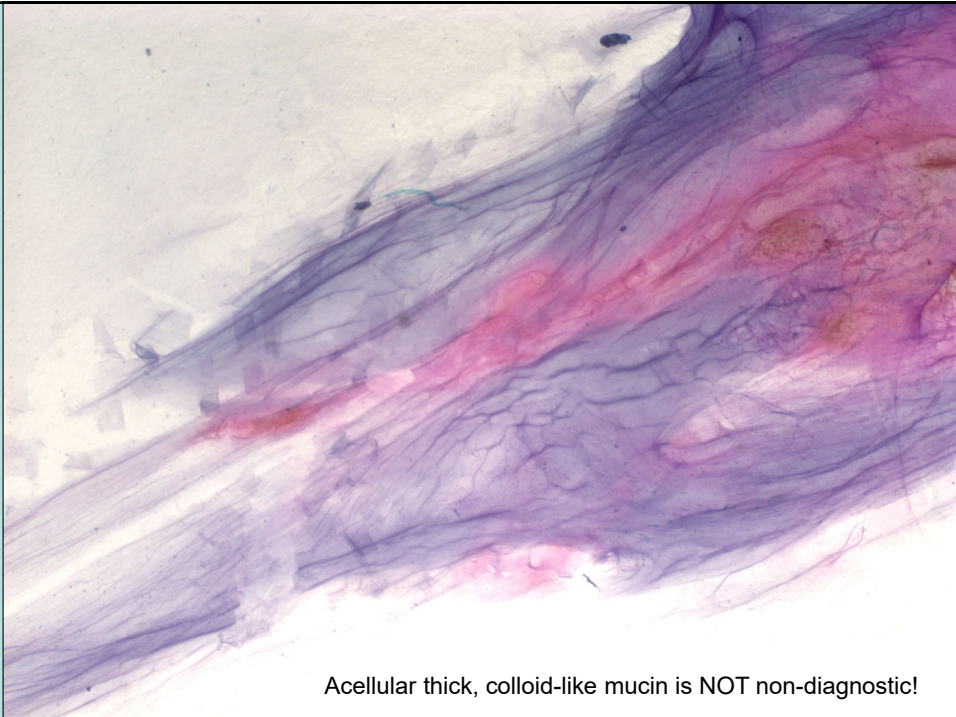


Mucinous cyst fluid



Pseudocyst fluid

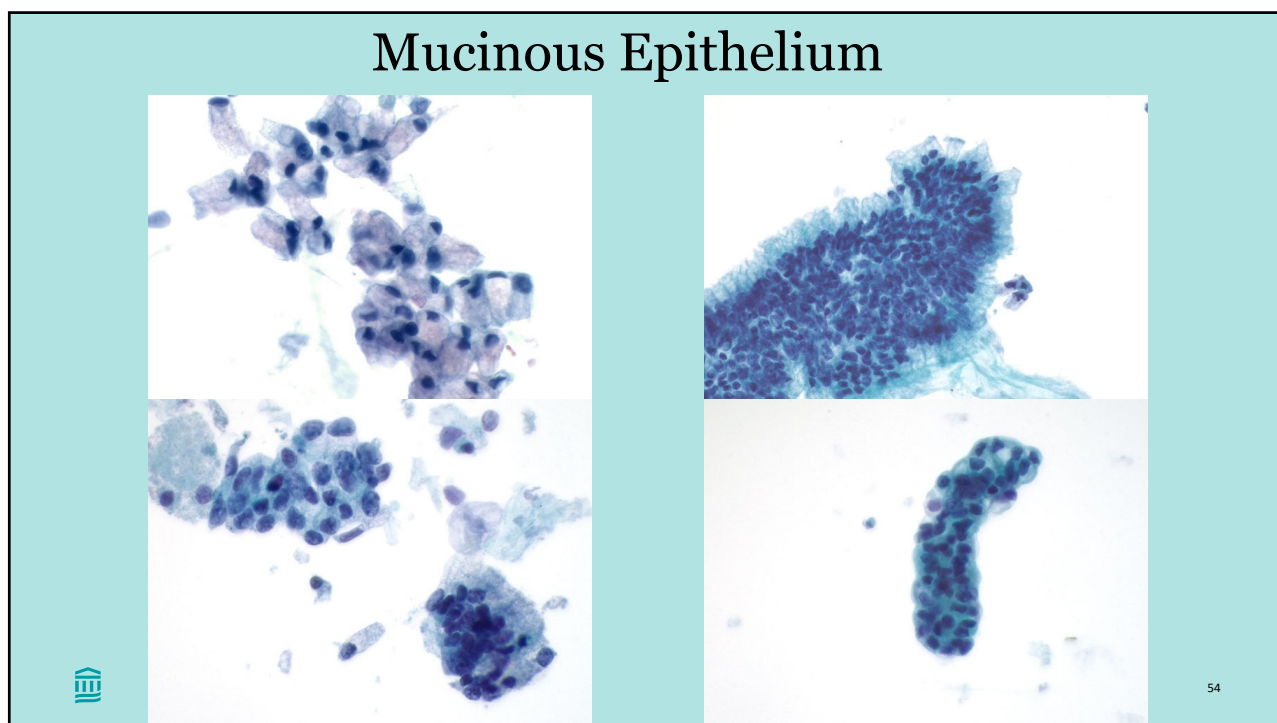
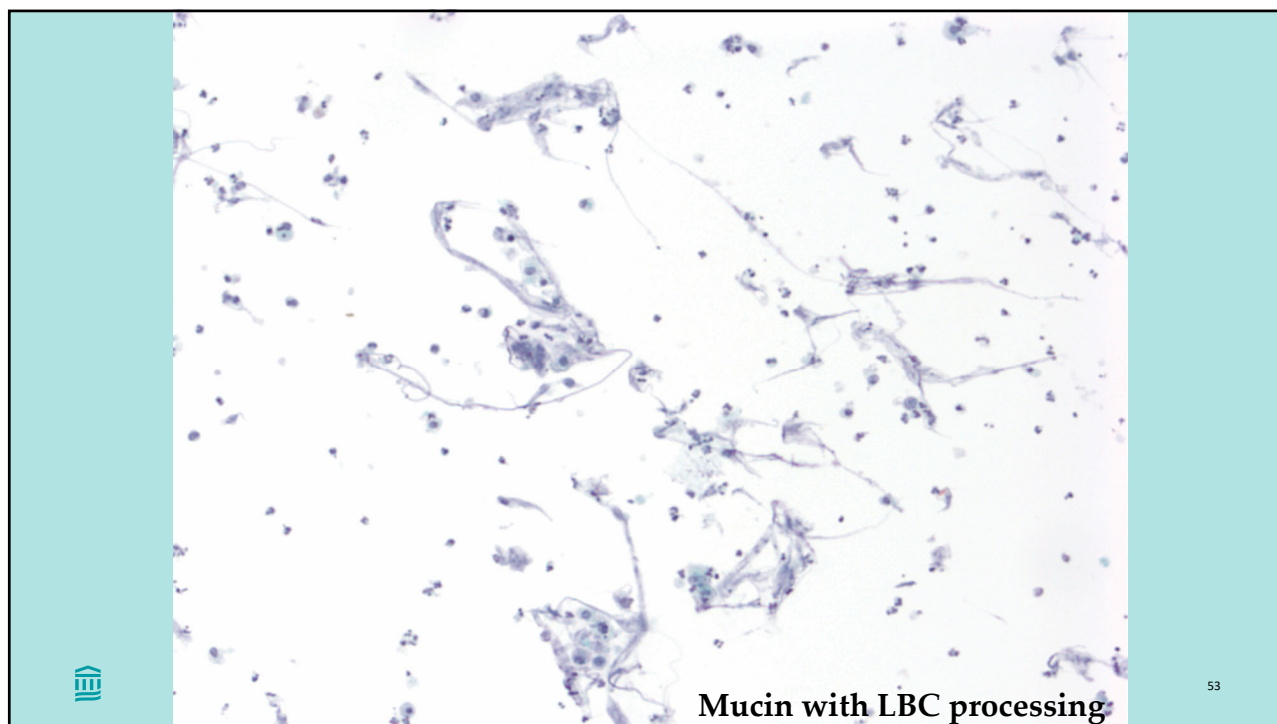
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Acellular thick, colloid-like mucin is NOT non-diagnostic!



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Ancillary Tests for Mucinous Neoplasia

CEA > 192 ng/ml

Molecular Analysis

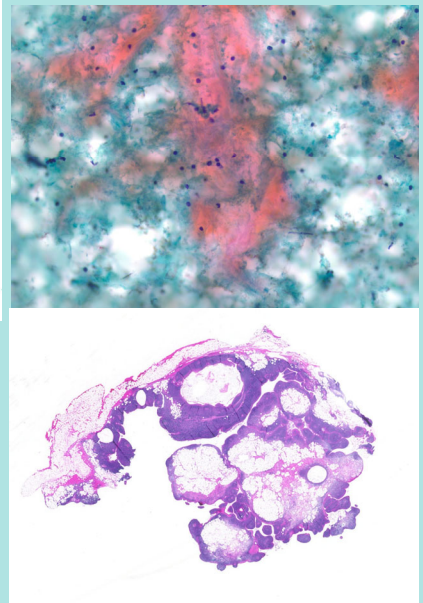
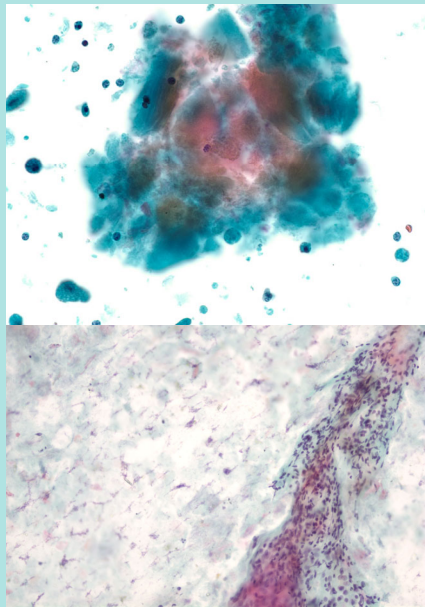
- *KRAS* mutation
- *GNAS* mutation
- *RNF43* mutation



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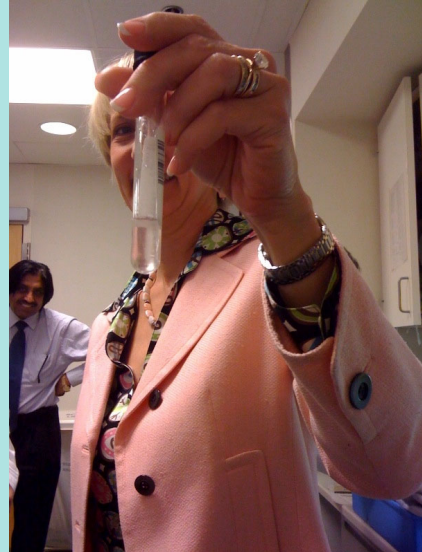
Lymphoepithelial cyst

- Anucleate squames and abundant keratinous debris
- Mature superficial squamous cells
- Lymphocytes variable and may be quite scant
- +/-Cholesterol clefts
- Elevated CEA (pitfall!)



Two basic questions for Cyst analysis

1. Is the cyst mucinous or non-mucinous?
 1. Gross examination
 2. Cytology
 3. CEA
 4. *KRAS*/*GNAS*/*RNF43*
2. Is the cyst low-grade or high-grade?
 1. Cytology!!
 2. Molecular analysis

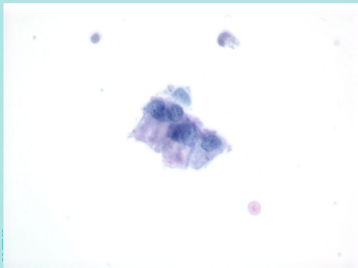
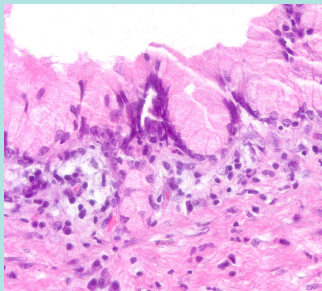


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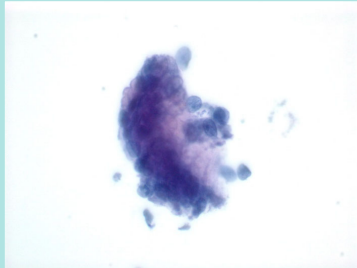
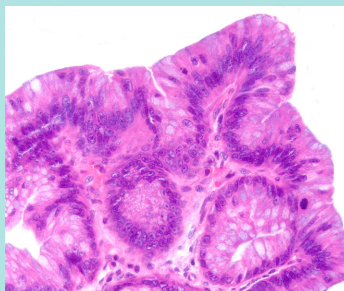
Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm of the Pancreas: Cytologic Analysis and Correlation with Histologic Grade

PJ Michaels, EF Brachtel, BC Bounds, WR Brugge, and MB Pitman
(Cancer Cytopathol 2006; 108:174-179.)

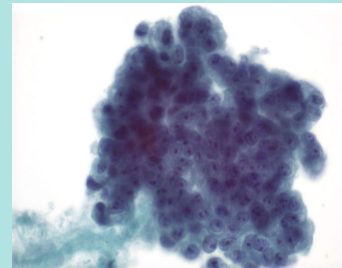
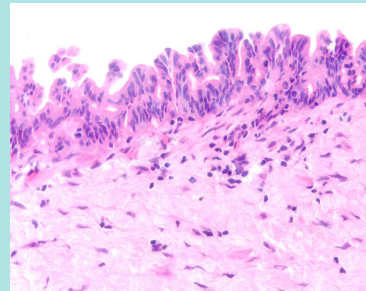
Low grade dysplasia



Intermediate dysplasia



HGD/Carcinoma



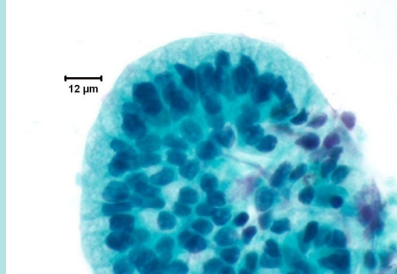
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Cytological Criteria of High-Grade Epithelial Atypia in the Cyst Fluid of Pancreatic Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms

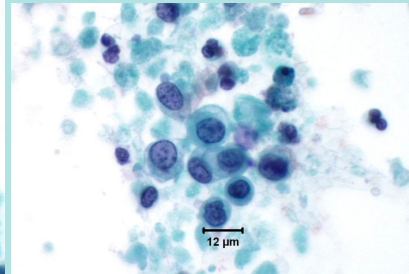
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Cancer Cytopathology 2014;122(1):40-47.



Reference duodenal enterocyte



Low-grade



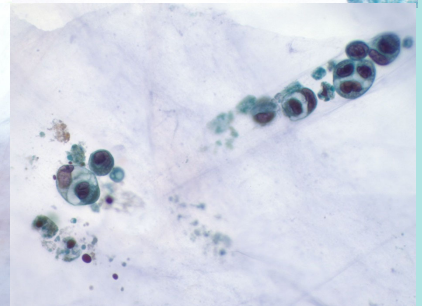
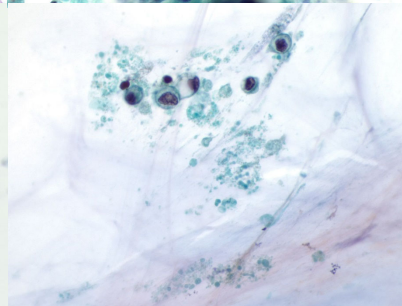
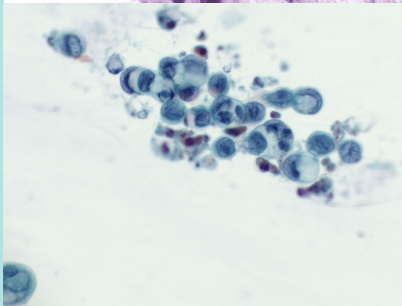
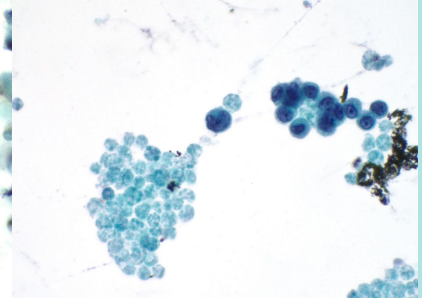
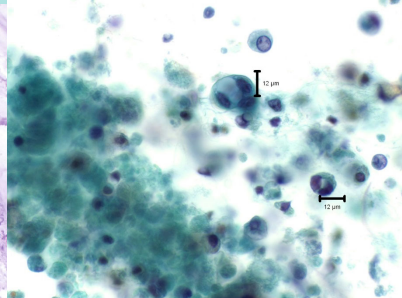
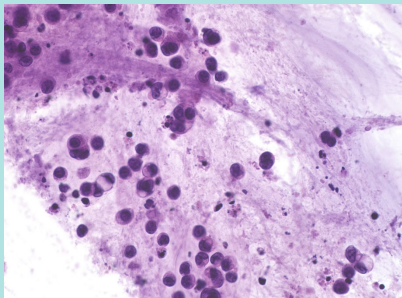
High-grade

HGA is most accurately identified in mucinous cyst fluids by:

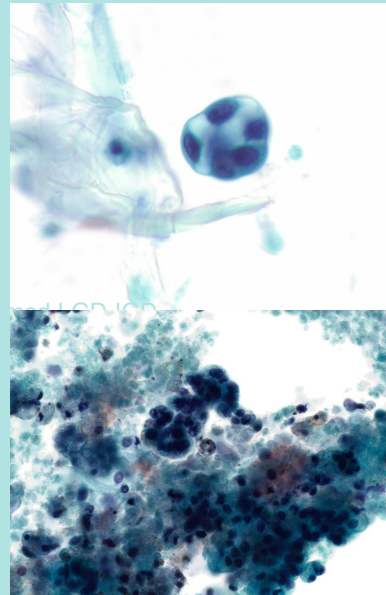
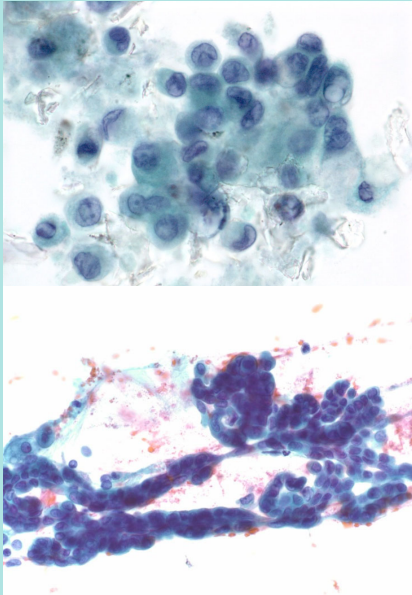
1. an increased N/C ratio,
2. an abnormal chromatin pattern
3. background necrosis



HGA in Mucinous Cysts



Morphological Overlap with LGA and HGA



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Grading Epithelial Atypia in EUS-FNA of Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms: An international interobserver concordance study

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Cancer Cytopathology 2013;121(12):729-736.

Table 3. Kappa Coefficient for Two-Tiered Cytological Grading of Branch-Duct IPMN Cyst Fluids

Grade	Four Reviewers	Randolph's Multirater Kappa	Two Reviewers*	Cohen's Kappa
0-2, 3-4	54%	0.45	87%	0.74
0-1, 2-4	52%	0.44	88%	0.71

* Two most experienced reviewers

0= GI contamination; 1=LGD; 2= IGD; 3= HGD and 4= PDAC



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p53

Wild-Type

Over-expression

Null pattern

Ancillary Studies: HGA

SMAD4

Loss of nuclear staining

Others:

- p16- loss if nuclear staining
- MTAP- loss if nuclear staining
- Keratin 18-positive cytoplasmic staining⁶³

Advancing Diagnosis and Discovery

Algorithm for pancreatic cyst diagnosis

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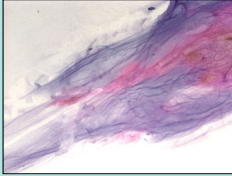
graph TD
    A[Algorithm for pancreatic cyst diagnosis] --> B[1. Assess for mucin]
    B -- "NOT grossly thick, white, viscous" --> C((CEA))
    B -- "Grossly thick, white, viscous" --> D[Mucinous cyst]
    C -- ">192 ng/ml" --> D
    C -- "<192 ng/ml" --> E[Nonmucinous epithelium]
    D --> F[Molecular testing]
    F -- "TP53/SMAD4" --> G[IPMN]
    F -- "KRAS/GNAS/RNF43" --> D
    F -- "GNAS" --> G
    D -- "Thick, colloid-like mucin" --> H[2. Assess cytology]
    H --> I[Nonmucinous epithelium]
    H --> J[Mucinous epithelium]
    I -- "Cuboidal epithelium; Hemosiderin-laden macrophages" --> K[Serous cystadenoma]
    K -- "<250 U/L" --> L((AMY))
    I -- "Inflammatory debris; Yellow, hematoidin-like pigment" --> M[Pseudocyst]
    M -- "1000's U/L" --> L
    I -- "Monomorphic epithelial cells" --> N[Cystic PanNET/SPN]
    N -- "<200 U/L" --> L
    J --> O[Low-grade]
    J --> P[High-grade]
    O -- "LGD or IGD MCN or IPMN" --> Q[IPMN]
    P -- "HGD or Invasive MCN or IPMN" --> R[IPMN]
    I --> S((IHC))
    S -- "Synaptophysin/Chromogranin" --> T[PanNET/SPN]
    S -- "Betacatenin" --> U[IPMN]
    
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HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL

Diagnosis of a Mucinous Cyst

Mucin Production Established

- o Thick, colloid-like extracellular mucin



- o Cellular or inflammatory debris within the mucin
- o Thin mucin covering the slide confirmed with

❖ special stains for mucin (mucicarmine or Alcian blue pH2.5)

❖ Elevated CEA (192 ng/ml is ~ 80% accurate)

OR

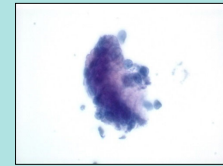
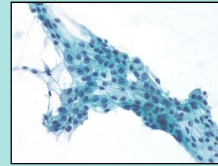
❖ KRAS/GNAS mutation

And/OR

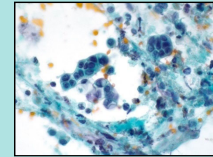
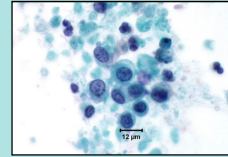


Neoplastic Epithelial Cells identified

- o Low-grade mucinous epithelium, e.g. low-grade atypia (low-grade to intermediate-grade dysplasia)

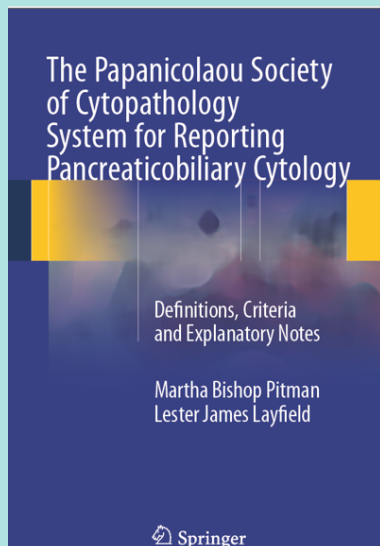


- o High-grade epithelium, e.g. high-grade atypia (at least high-grade dysplasia/carcinoma in-situ, but quality and quantity of atypia is insufficient for diagnosis of adenocarcinoma)



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Reporting Systems for Pancreaticobiliary Cytology



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	PSC System		WHO System		
1	Nondiagnostic			Inadequate/insufficient/ nondiagnostic	1
2	Negative (for Malignancy)	Non-neoplastic only	Non-neoplastic and neoplastic (SCA)	Benign/Negative (for Malignancy)	2
3	Atypical			Atypical	3
4	Neoplastic				
4a	Neoplastic:Benign	SCA	low-grade MCN Low-grade IPMN Also, low-grade PanIN, BiIN	Pancreaticobiliary Neoplasm- low risk/low-grade (Pan-Low)	4
4b	Neoplastic:Other	IPMN,MCN, PanNET, SPN	High-grade MCN High-grade IPMN IOPN ITPN Also, high-grade PanIN, BiIN	Pancreaticobiliary Neoplasm- high risk/high-grade (Pan-High)	5
5	Suspicious (for malignancy)			Suspicious (for malignancy)	6
6	Positive (for malignancy)		PDAC, Acinar Cell ca., PanNET, PanNEC, SPN, PBL, other	Malignant	7

> J Am Soc Cytopathol. 2023 Nov-Dec;12(6):395-406. doi: 10.1016/j.jasc.2023.04.007.
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Conclusions

- One integrated pathology report provides advantages over 2 separate cytology and histology reports
 - Increase overall accuracy
 - Support judicious use of ancillary studies reducing redundancy
 - Allow for real-time cyto-histological correlation
 - Present one coordinated and comprehensive report and diagnosis to the patient and their care team



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A. PANCREAS, HEAD, FINE NEEDLE ASPIRATION:

DIAGNOSTIC CATEGORY: MALIGNANT

DIAGNOSIS: Adenocarcinoma

B. PANCREAS, HEAD, FINE NEEDLE BIOPSY/CORE:

Desmoplastic stroma an detached gastrointestinal epithelium.

There is no evidence of malignancy.



Teaching Points

- ✓ Imaging features provide a clue to diagnosis
 - Multiple cysts along the duct likely IPMN
- ✓ Biochemical analysis
 - Elevated CEA supports a mucinous etiology
- ✓ Cytology is best test for assessing high-risk
 - HGA
 - Background necrosis
- ✓ Molecular analysis adds value to cytology
 - High-risk mutations support HGA diagnosis
 - TP53 mutation, SMAD4 deletion, CDKN2A deletion

