

# Updates in Pancreas

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# Objectives to Review:

- AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> edition Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma Changes
  - T based on size
  - N based on number of lymph nodes
- AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> edition Neuroendocrine Neoplasms
  - Well Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor WHO Grade 1-3 of 3
  - Poorly Differentiated Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (WHO Grade 3 of 3)
  - Differential Diagnoses to Consider in the Work-up
- Additional Diagnostic Changes to Implement in the Future
  - Cystic Lesions – Dysplasia
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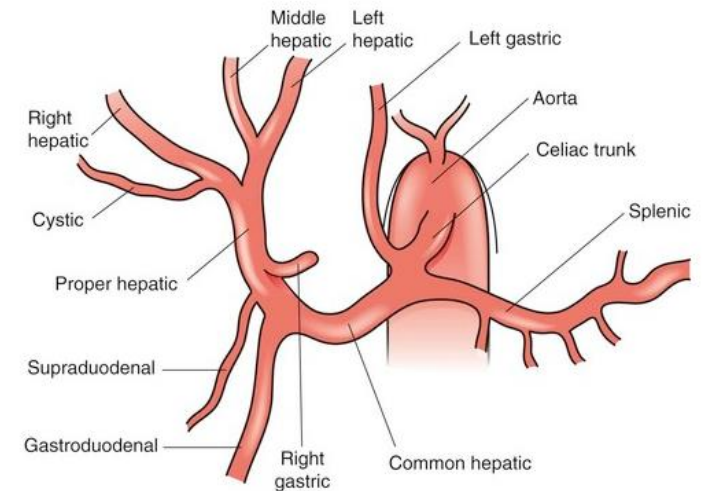
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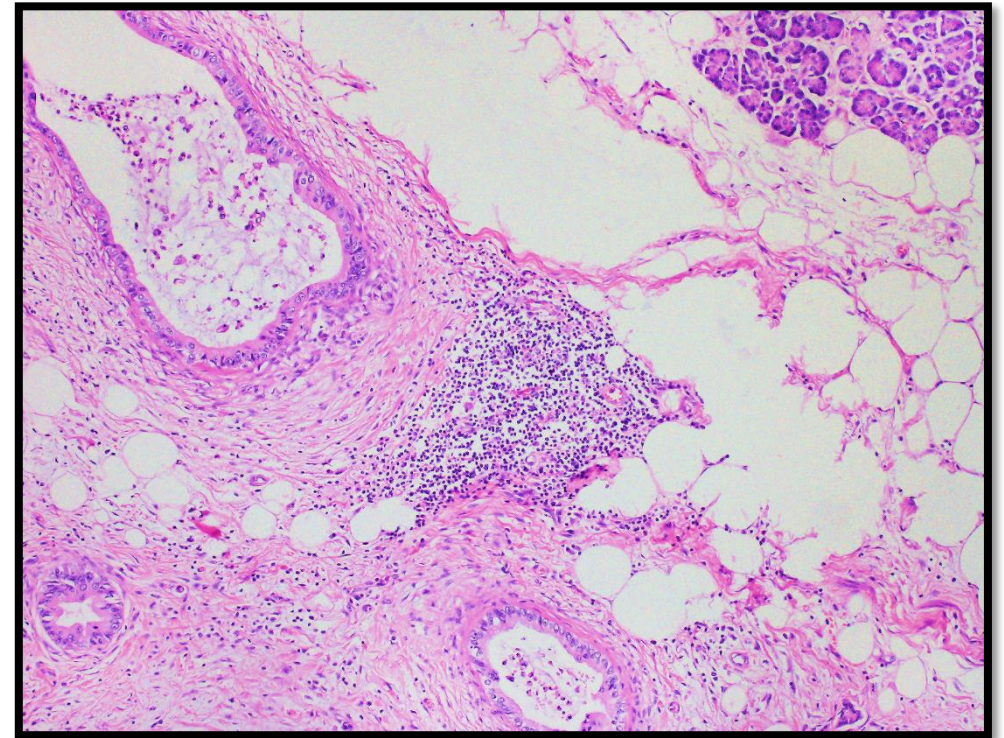


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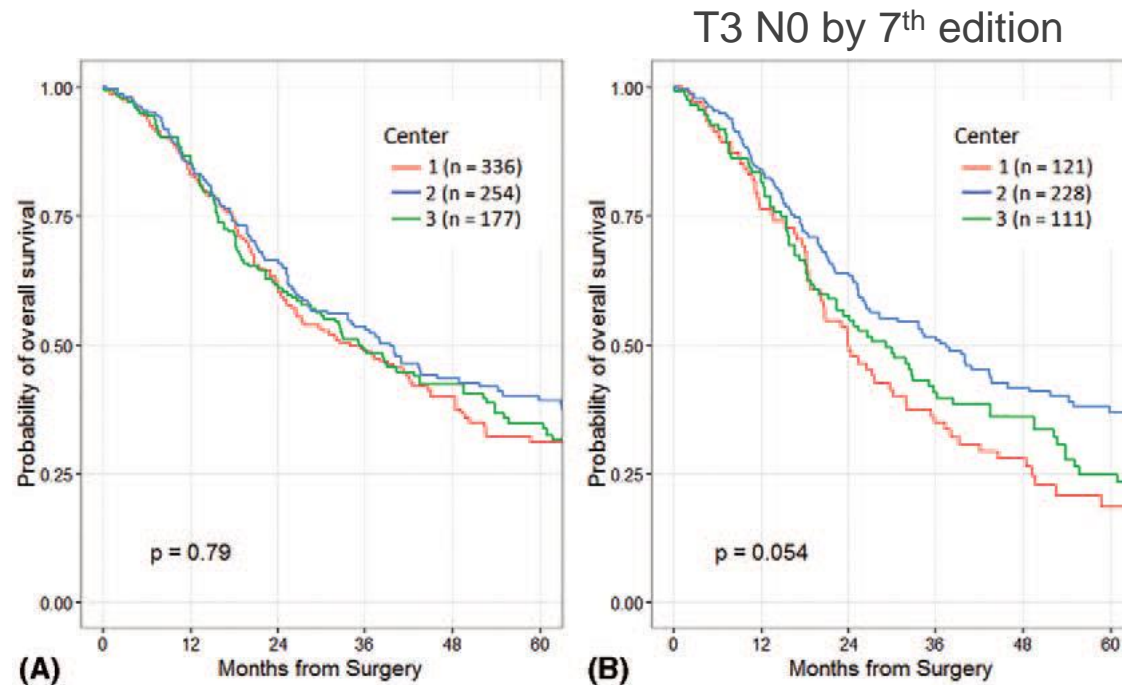


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Median survival in PDAC with  
'resectable' disease is 20.1 to  
23.6 months



Overall survival of 767 patients who underwent resection for node-negative pancreatic cancer. A, Overall survival stratified by institution. B, Overall survival of T3, N0 patients (AJCC 7th edition) stratified by institution.

Allen et al *Annals of Surgery* Volume 265, Number 1, January 2017

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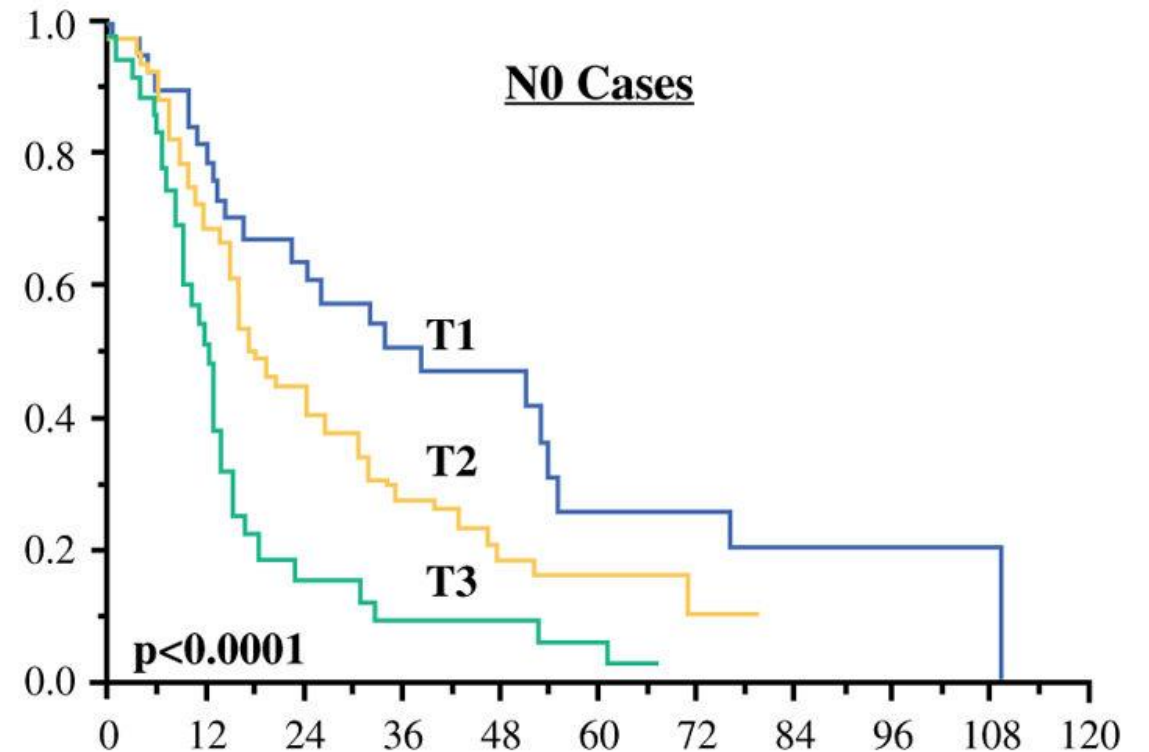
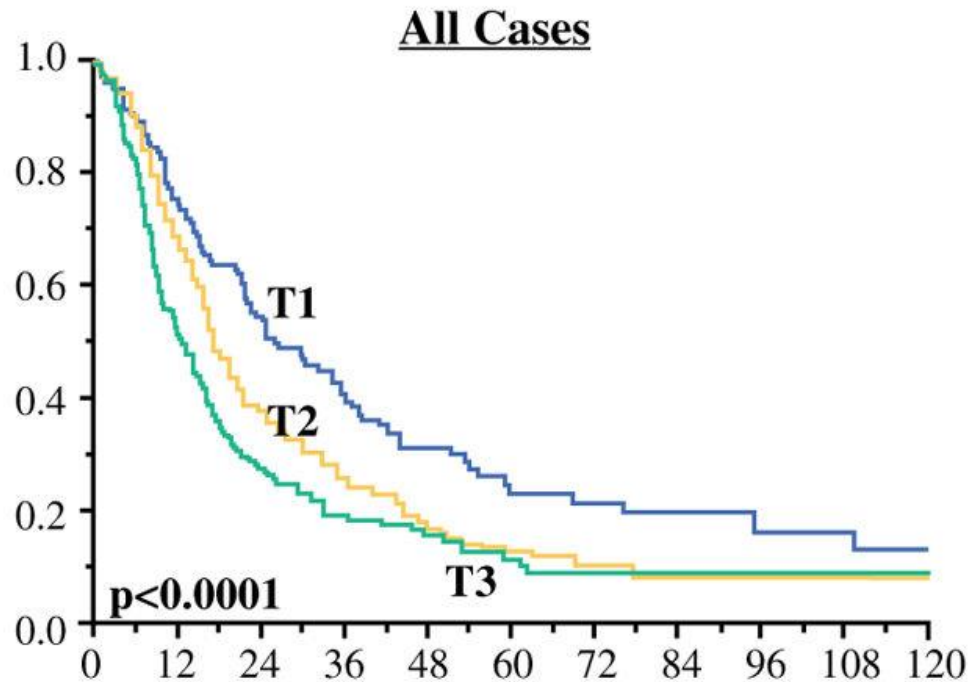
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**Thus, T3 lacks prognostic correlation and is not helpful**

Saka et al. Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma is Spread to the Peripancreatic Soft Tissue in the Majority of Resected Cases, Rendering the AJCC T-Stage Protocol (7<sup>th</sup> Ed.) Inapplicable and Insignificant: A Size-Based Staging System is More Valid and Clinically Relevant. Ann Surg Oncol. 2016



Comparison of survival between proposed (size based) T-stages: T3 defined by >4 cm proposed



# Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Proposal for Size Focused T Category:

- Documented to be successful in many solid organ cancers (breast, lung etc.)
  - Mirrors size for Neuroendocrine Tumors (Practical)
- Numerous studies have found size to be a strong prognosticator

# Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Proposal for Size Focused T Category:

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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## Multi-institutional Validation Study of the American Joint Commission on Cancer (8th Edition) Changes for T and N Staging in Patients With Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma

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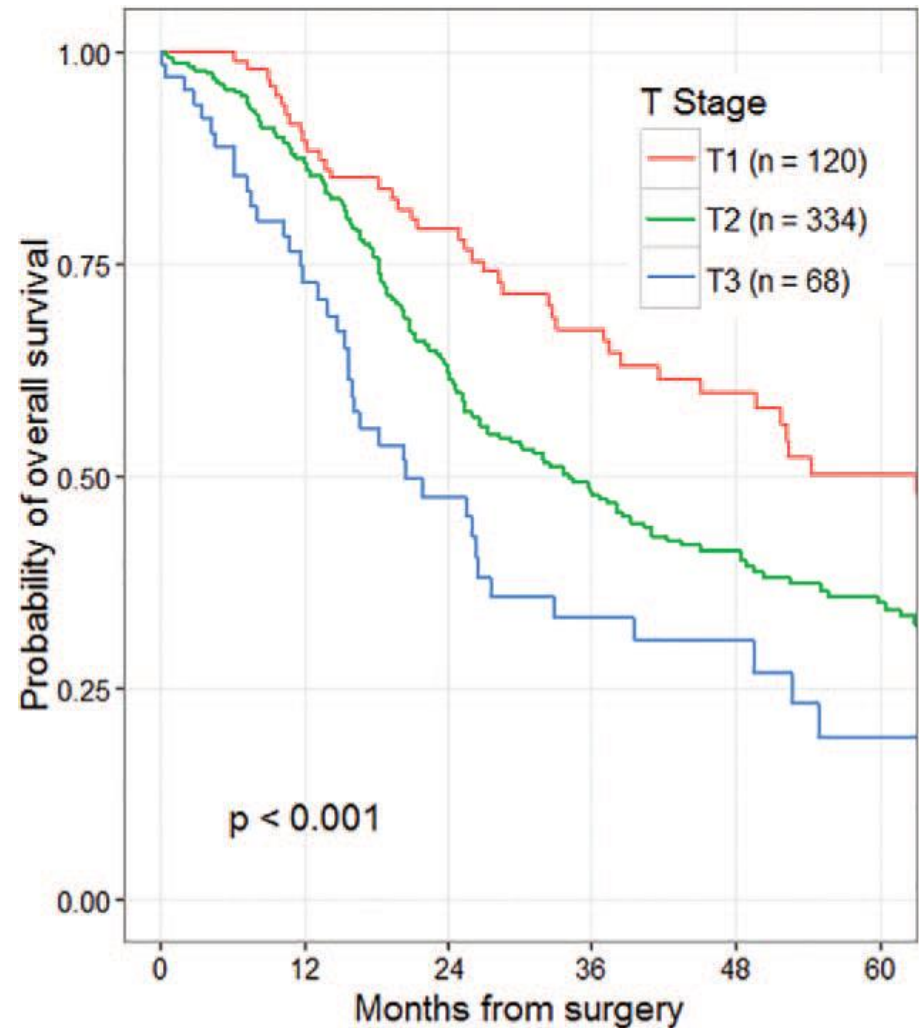
Performed recursive partitioning on a training set for size and nodal status

Implemented on a testing set for assessment

# Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma:

AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition Size Focused  
T1-3 N0 M0  
Overall Survival (525 pts)

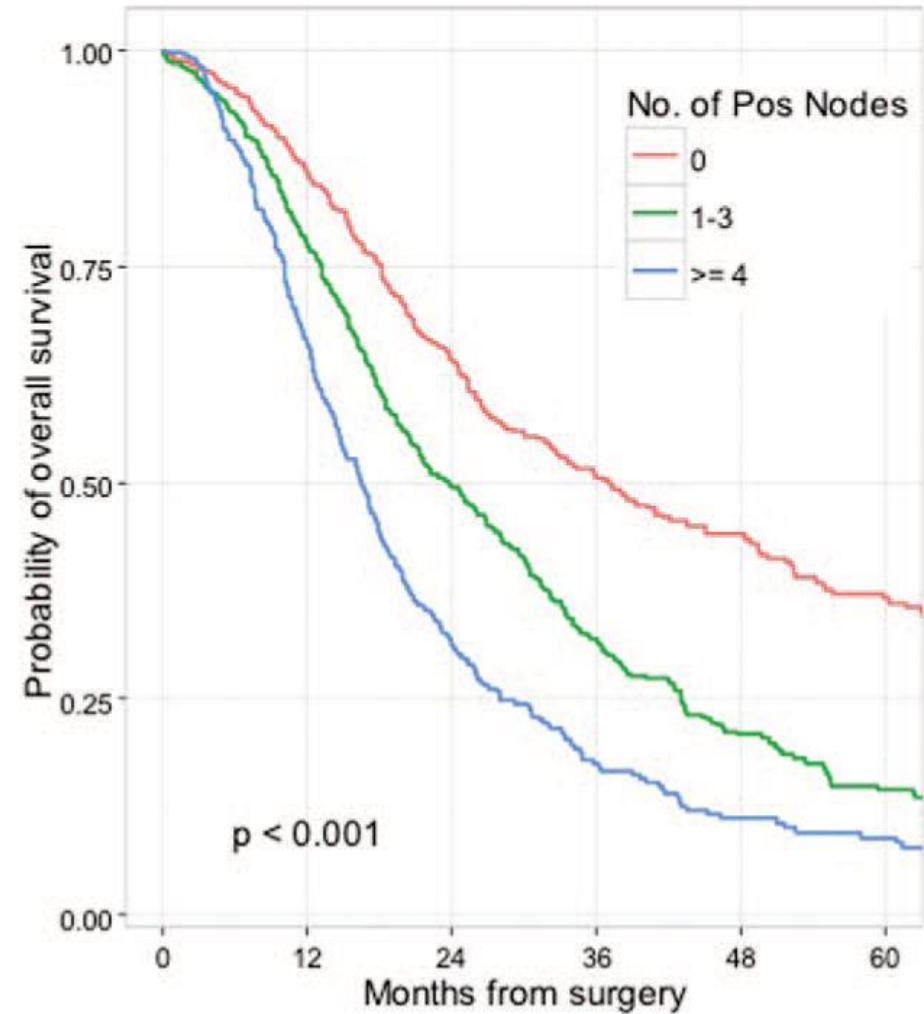
Excluded from patient cohort:  
Neoadjuvant treated patients  
R1/R2 resections  
Not PDAC



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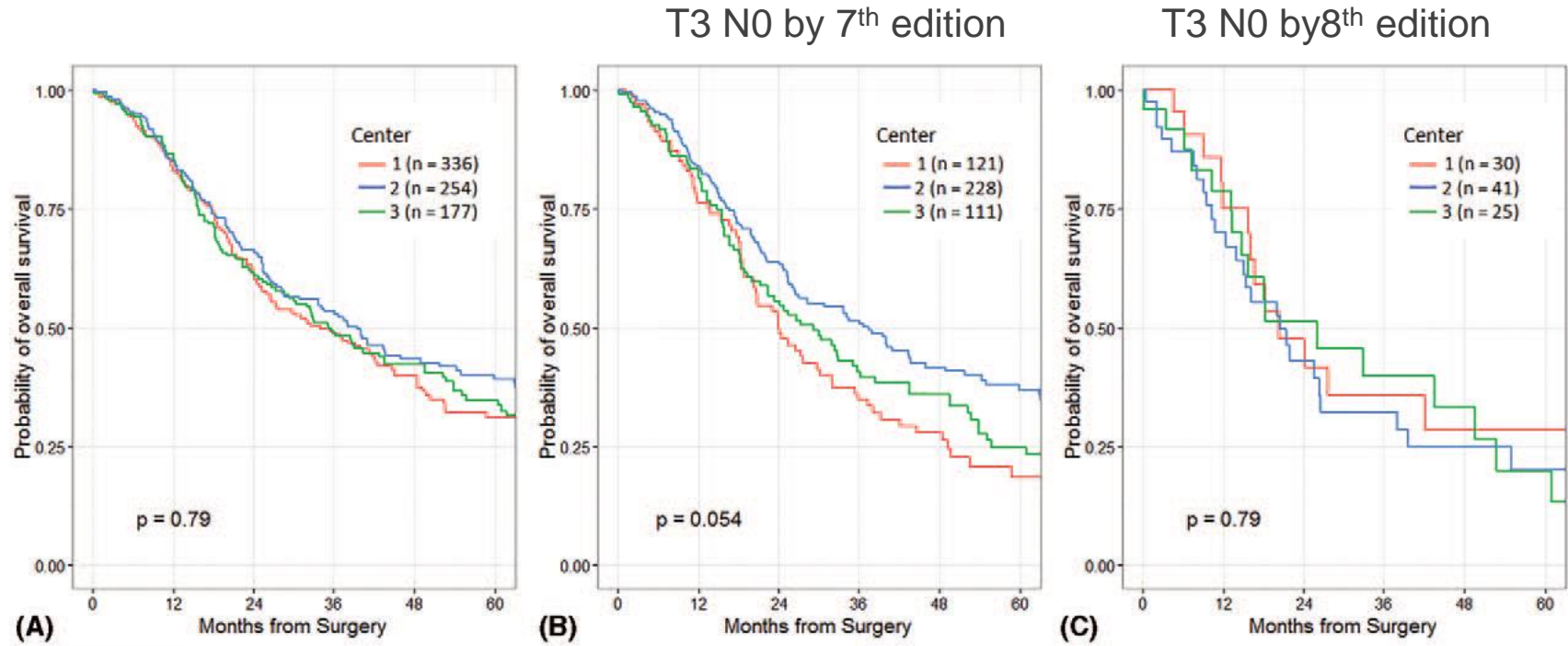
# Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma:

AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition N Category  
Tx N1-2 M0  
Overall Survival



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# Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Seems comparatively reproducible



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# Neoadjuvant Treatment in PDAC

Contemporary approach has focused on borderline resectable disease

Borderline  
Resectable<sup>2</sup>

## Pancreatic head/uncinate process:

- Solid tumor contact with CHA without extension to celiac axis or hepatic artery bifurcation allowing for safe and complete resection and reconstruction.
- Solid tumor contact with the SMA of  $\leq 180^\circ$
- Solid tumor contact with variant arterial anatomy (ex: accessory right hepatic artery, replaced right hepatic artery, replaced CHA, and the origin of replaced or accessory artery) and the presence and degree of tumor contact should be noted if present as it may affect surgical planning.

## Pancreatic body/tail:

- Solid tumor contact with the CA of  $\leq 180^\circ$
- Solid tumor contact with the CA of  $>180^\circ$  without involvement of the aorta and with intact and uninvolved gastroduodenal artery thereby permitting a modified Appleby procedure [some members prefer this criteria to be in the unresectable category].

- Solid tumor contact with the SMV or PV of  $>180^\circ$ , contact of  $\leq 180^\circ$  with contour irregularity of the vein or thrombosis of the vein but with suitable vessel proximal and distal to the site of involvement allowing for safe and complete resection and vein reconstruction.

- Solid tumor contact with the inferior vena cava (IVC).

Potential to downsize tumor and convert to resectable status (15-40%)

Increase likelihood of a margin-free resection (R0)

Selects surgery for those with more stable or therapy responsive disease

Possible treatment of micrometastases at an earlier stage

Surgery following neoadjuvant treatment appears safe

# Difficulty Assessing Size After Neoadjuvant Treatment

## **Boundary difficult to assess during gross examination:**

Therapy induced diffuse fibrosis and chronic pancreatitis  
(of both the tumor bed and adjacent non neoplastic pancreas/soft tissue)

## **Tumor bed difficult to assess during microscopic examination:**

Decrease in overall cellularity with a heterogeneous response  
resulting in nests of surviving tumor separated by unknown distance

**Are size based criteria still prognostic after neoadjuvant treatment:**

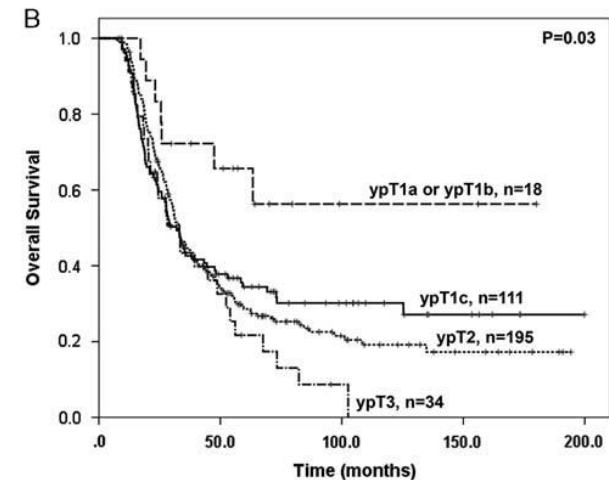
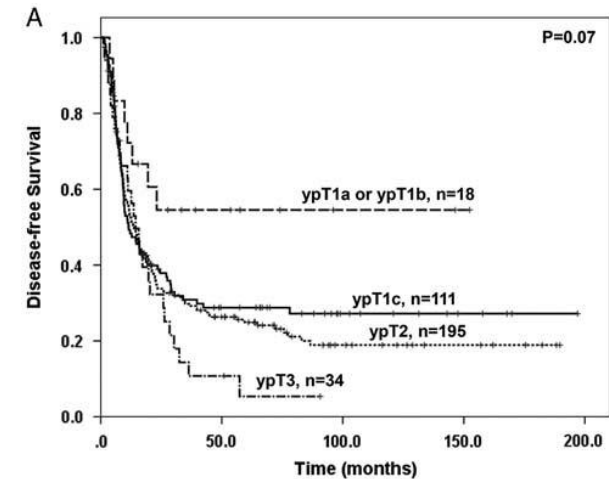
# Neoadjuvant Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma:

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Prognostic Significance of New AJCC Tumor Stage in Patients With Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma Treated With Neoadjuvant Therapy

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Asif Rashid, MD, PhD,\* and Huamin Wang, MD, PhD\*

- Taking previously classified ypT3 (7<sup>th</sup> ed.) cases and reclassifying based on 8<sup>th</sup> ed. size criteria
- ypT1a and ypT1b had better DFS and OS
- No significant difference in DFS or OS between ypT1c, ypT2, and ypT3 ( $p > 0.05$ ) – promote cutoff at 1.0 cm

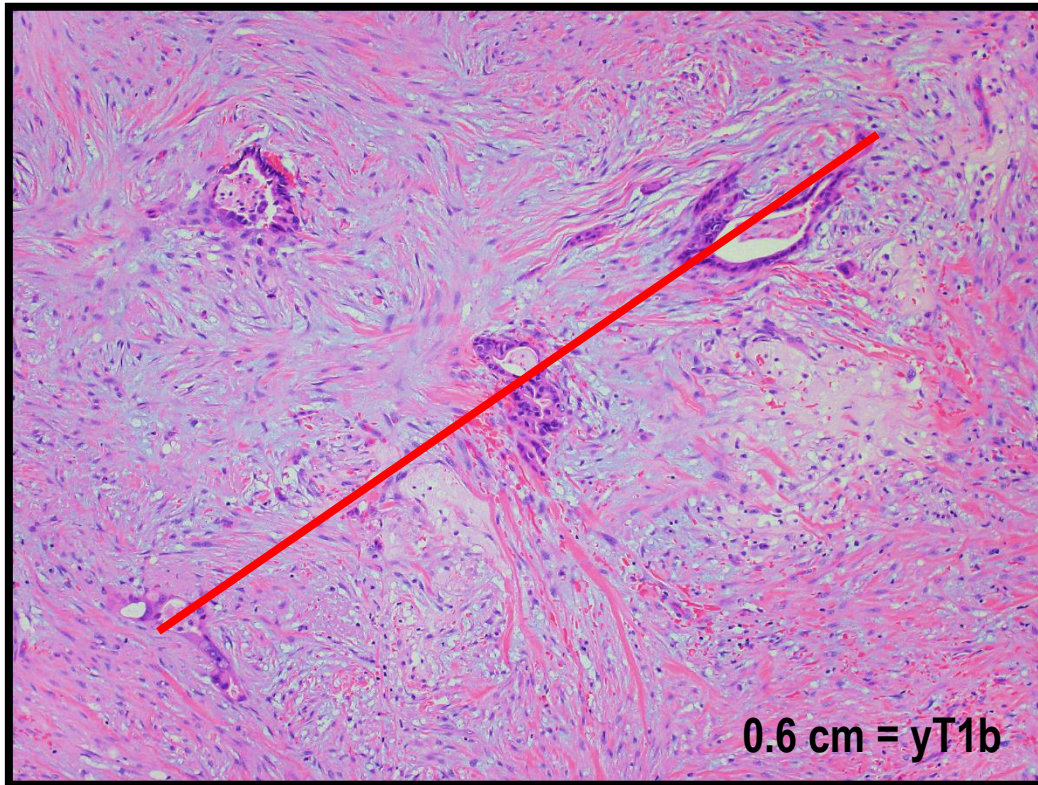


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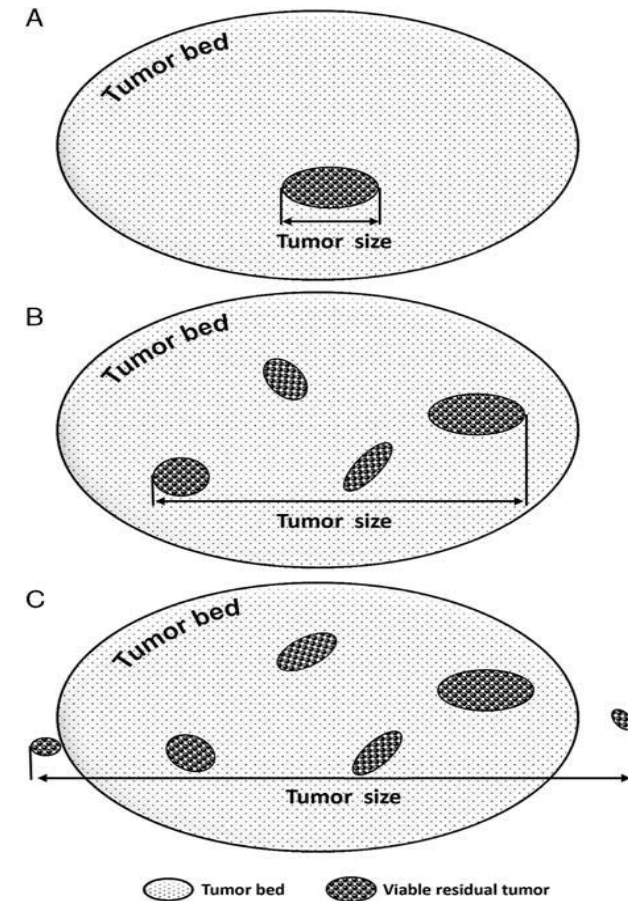


# Neoadjuvant Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma: Measuring for Size

Small Residual Cancer (single slide) is easy

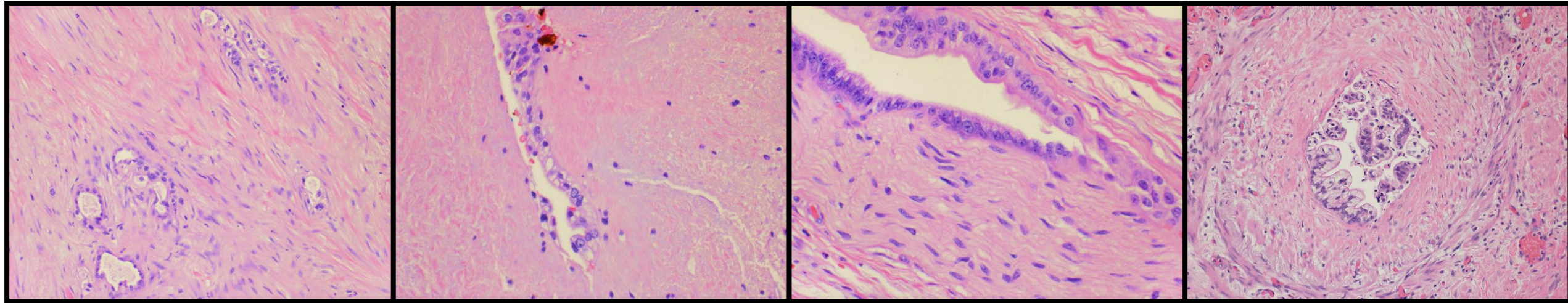


## Careful Mapping



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Scattered amongst several slides  
you encounter islands of tumor?



SLIDE 2

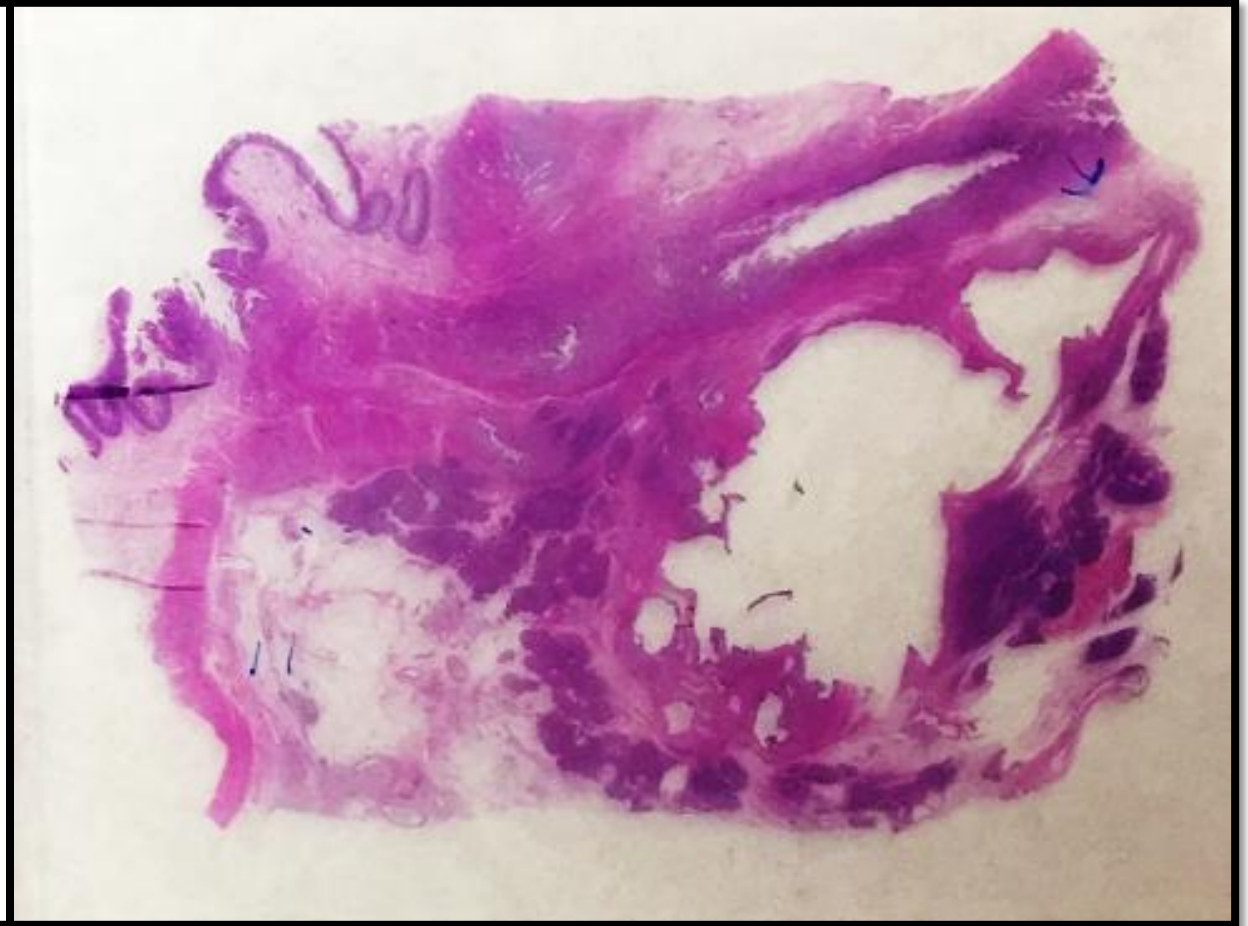
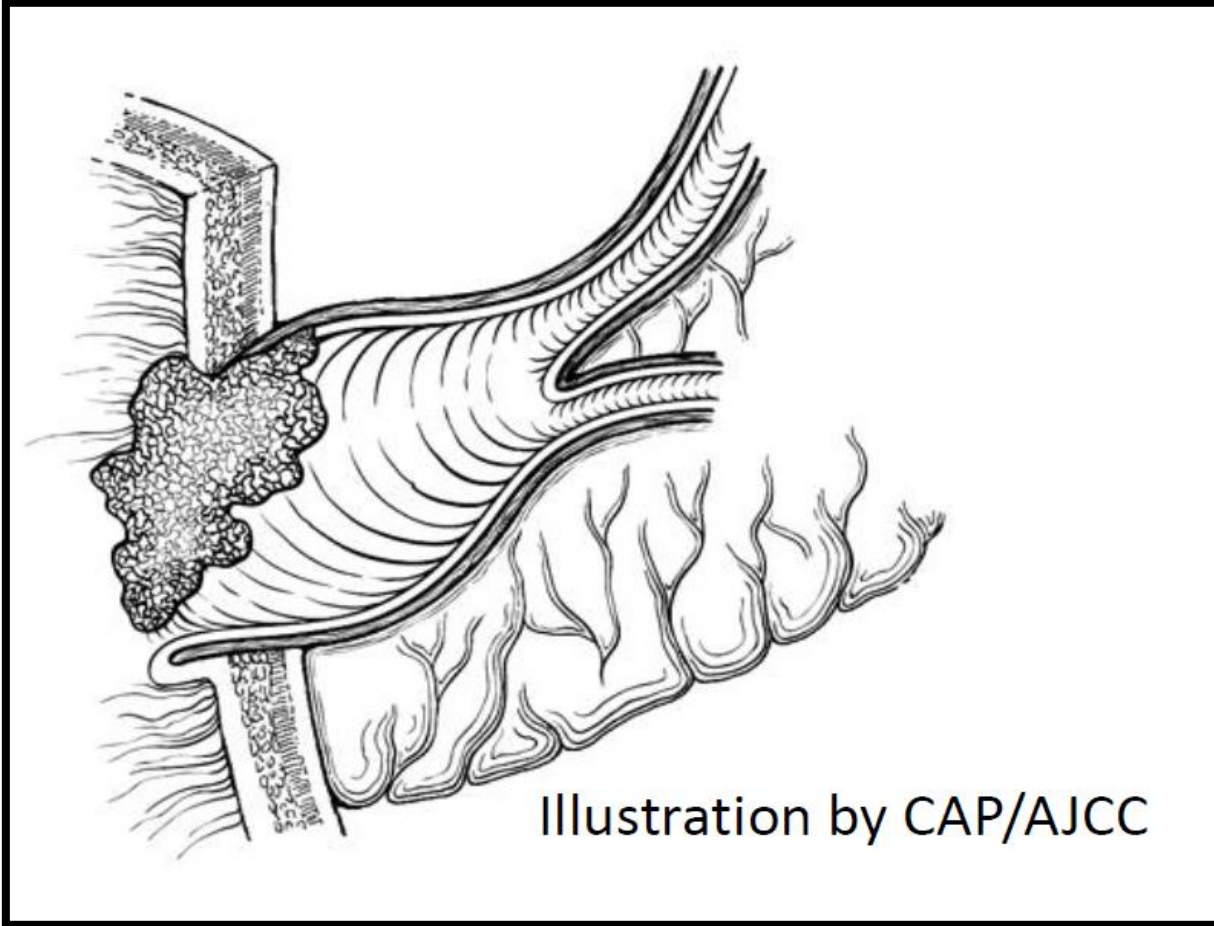
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5 slides representative of 5 mm adjacent sections – 2.5 cm - ypT2

# Measuring for Size: Whole Mount?



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# Neuroendocrine Neoplasms of the Pancreas

# Neuroendocrine Neoplasms as **Two Different** Diseases

## Neuroendocrine Tumor vs Carcinoma

- Grade 1 / Grade 2 Neuroendocrine TUMOR (Well Differentiated NET)
  - Cytologically bland
  - Synaptophysin and chromogranin often diffusely positive
  - Inactivating mutations in *DAXX* and *ATRX* and mutations in *MEN1* are in WD NET
  - Perhaps progressive, prolonged prognosis
- Small and Large Cell Neuroendocrine CARCINOMA (Poorly Differentiated NEC)
  - Cytologically ugly
  - May have less diffuse to focal synaptophysin and chromogranin
  - Inactivation TP53 and Rb/p16 pathways frequent in these carcinomas
  - Poor Prognosis

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### Serologic and Radiologic Considerations

- WD NET (Grade 1 and Grade 2)
  - Elevated CgA
  - May have hormonal symptoms if functional (insulinoma, gastrinoma)
  - Somatostatin receptor imaging high avidity – 68Ga DOTATATE (Netspot) or OctreoScan
  - 18FDG PET has a range of avidity
- PD NEC (Small Cell or Large Cell)
  - Normal serum CgA markers; maybe elevated carcinoma markers (CA19-9)
  - Hormonal symptoms rare (look into paraneoplastic syndromes if present)
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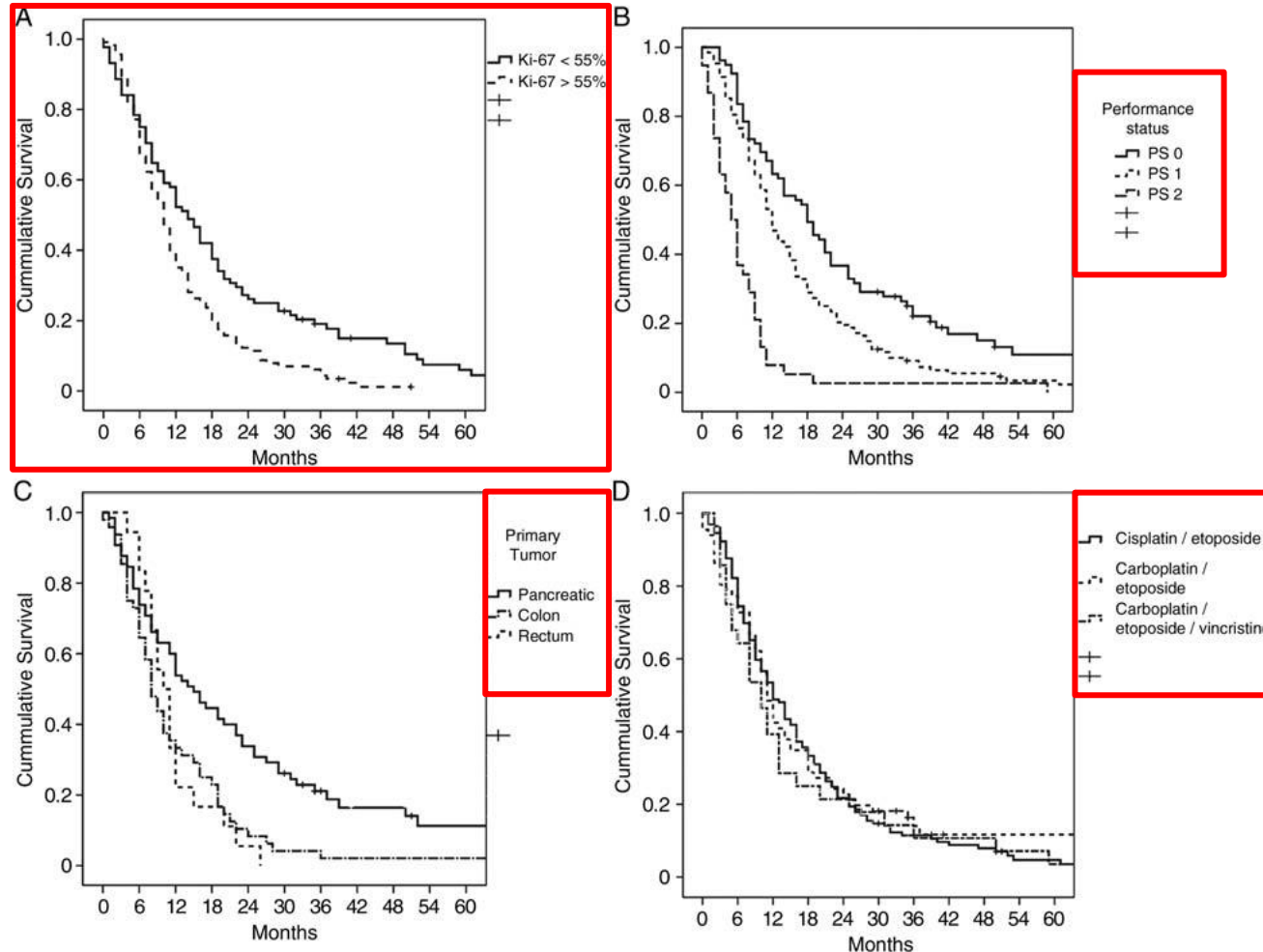
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      - These are not all typical large and small cell neuroendocrine carcinomas

# Impetus to Examine the G3 Category of Neuroendocrine Neoplasms: NORDIC NEC Study

252 patients from 12 Nordic hospitals looking at predictive and prognostic markers in advanced GI NEC patients



Sorbye H et al, *Ann Oncol*, 2013

**Table 2.** Response rate of first-line chemotherapy and survival according to baseline factors in chemotherapy-treated patients (N = 252)

	PR/CR (%)	SD (%)	PD (%)	PFS (months) Median (95% CI)	OS (months) Median (95% CI)
All patients	31	33	36	4 (3.4–4.6)	11 (9.4–12.6)
Location of primary <sup>a</sup>					
Esophagus	44	11	45	3 (1.7–4.3)	14 (2.3–25.7)
Stomach	50	13	37	5 (3.7–6.3)	11 (7.1–14.9)
Pancreas	30	40	30	5 (3.8–6.2)	15 (10.3–19.7)
Colon	16	28	56	3 (2.1–3.9)	8 (6.0–9.9)
Rectum	23	53	24	4 (3.1–4.9)	10 (7.9–12.1)
CUP <sup>b</sup>	37	31	32	4 (2.8–5.2)	11 (8.4–13.6)
Other GI	37	38	25	7 (2.3–11.7)	15 (8.8–21.2)
Ki-67 <sup>c</sup>					
<55%	15	47	38	4 (3.2–4.8)	14 (10.7–17.3)
≥55%	42	24	34	4 (3.1–4.9)	10 (8.4–11.6)
Morphology <sup>d</sup>					
Small-cell	36	33	31	5 (4.0–6.0)	12 (10.5–13.5)
Non small-cell	28	34	38	4 (3.5–4.5)	11 (8.0–14.0)
Chromogranin A					
Strongly positive	25	38	37	4 (3.3–4.7)	12 (9.7–14.3)
Partially positive	36	28	36	4 (2.9–5.1)	11 (8.9–13.2)
Negative	50	25	25	5 (2.3–7.7)	11 (9.2–12.8)
Performance status <sup>e</sup>					
0	34	40	26	5 (3.5–6.5)	18 (14.1–21.9)
1	33	33	34	5 (3.9–6.1)	12 (10.3–13.7)
2	23	16	61	2 (1.1–2.9)	5 (3.5–6.5)

<sup>a</sup>Significant differences within the group in PFS ( $P = 0.015$ ) and survival ( $P = 0.01$ ).

<sup>b</sup>Main metastatic load in GI.

<sup>c</sup>Significant differences in RR ( $P < 0.001$ ) and survival ( $P = 0.001$ ).

<sup>d</sup>Significant differences in PFS ( $P = 0.021$ ).

<sup>e</sup>Significant differences within the group in RR ( $P = 0.012$ ), PFS ( $P < 0.001$ ) and survival ( $P < 0.001$ ).

CUP, cancer of unknown primary; CR, complete response; GI, gastrointestinal; OS, overall survival; PD, progressive disease; PFS, progression-free survival; PR, partial response; SD, stable disease.

**Conclusion:**  
It may not be correct to consider all GI-NEC as one single disease entity.

This was concluded on a retrospective study, irrespective of morphology and site of origin.

Sorbye H et al, Ann Oncol, 2013

# Well-Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor Grade 3

AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> ed. Recommended Grading System for WD Gastroenteropancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumors

Grade	Mitotic Rate (per 10 HPF)	Ki-67 index (%)
Well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor, G1	<2	<3
Well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor, G2	2 to 20	3 to 20
Well-differentiated neuroendocrine tumor, G3	>20	>20

Added a WD NET Grade 3 (without an upper limit) and disposed of PD NEC as a part of this table

AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> edition and WHO 2017 Endocrine Organs Blue Book have incorporated this diagnosis

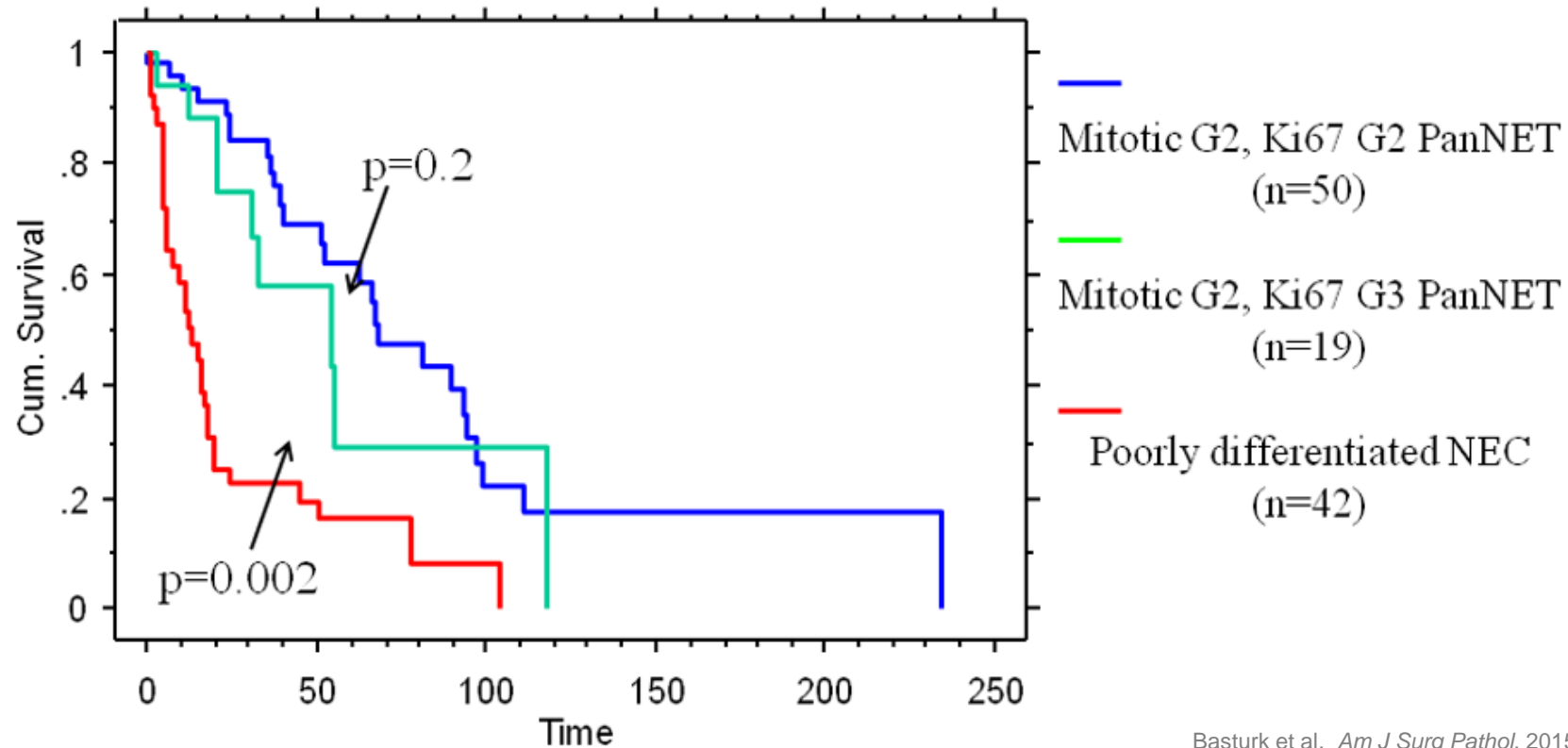
Footnote in new CAP synoptic reporting template:

Small group of WD NET with a Ki-67 index >20% and a mitotic rate <20 per 10 HPF with the typical morphology of WD NET. AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Ed and WHO-2017 blue book of endocrine tumors classify these as “well differentiated neuroendocrine tumor, grade 3.”

\*These may also be seen in the literature referred to as grade discordant NET

# Grade Discordant Neuroendocrine Tumors

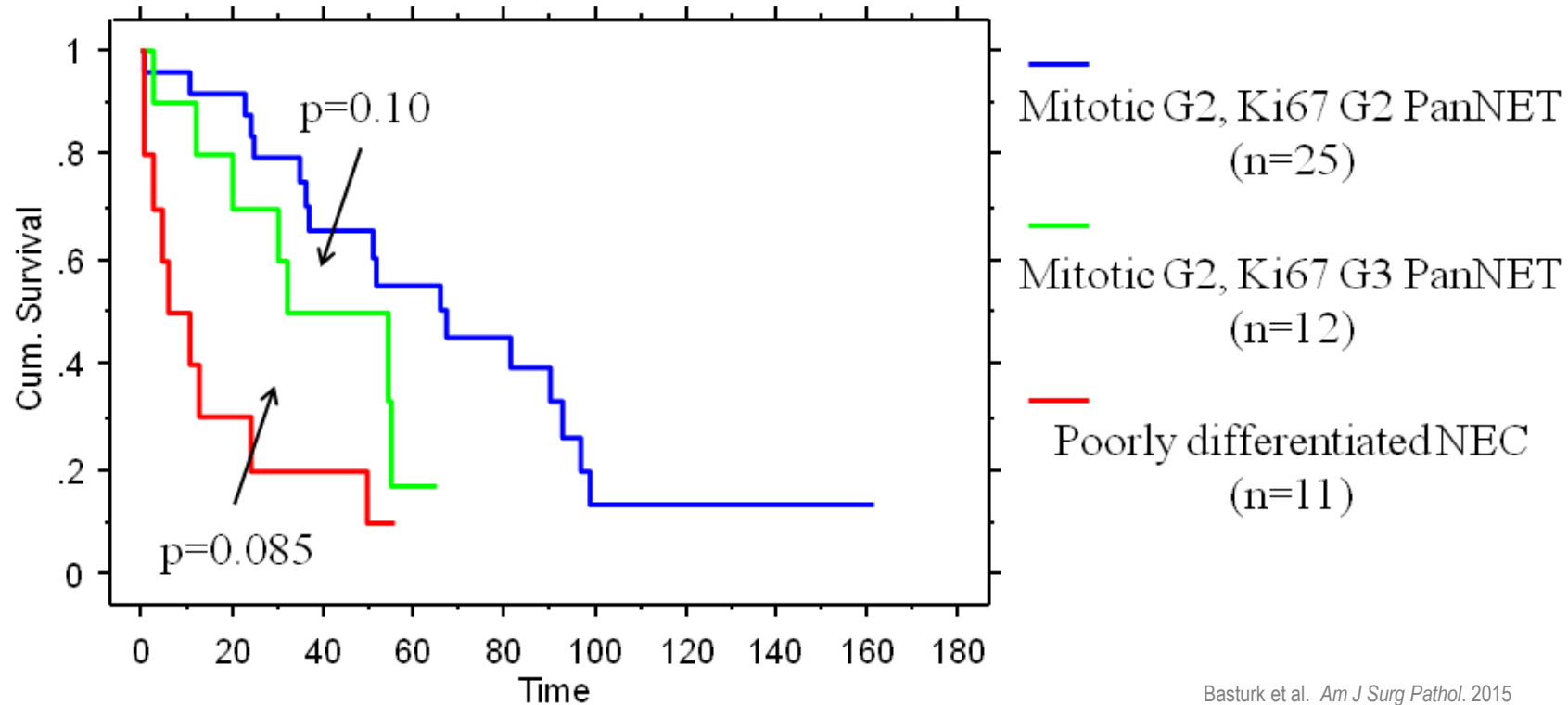
## All Cases



Basturk et al. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2015

# Grade Discordant Neuroendocrine Tumors

## Cases with Distant Metastasis Only

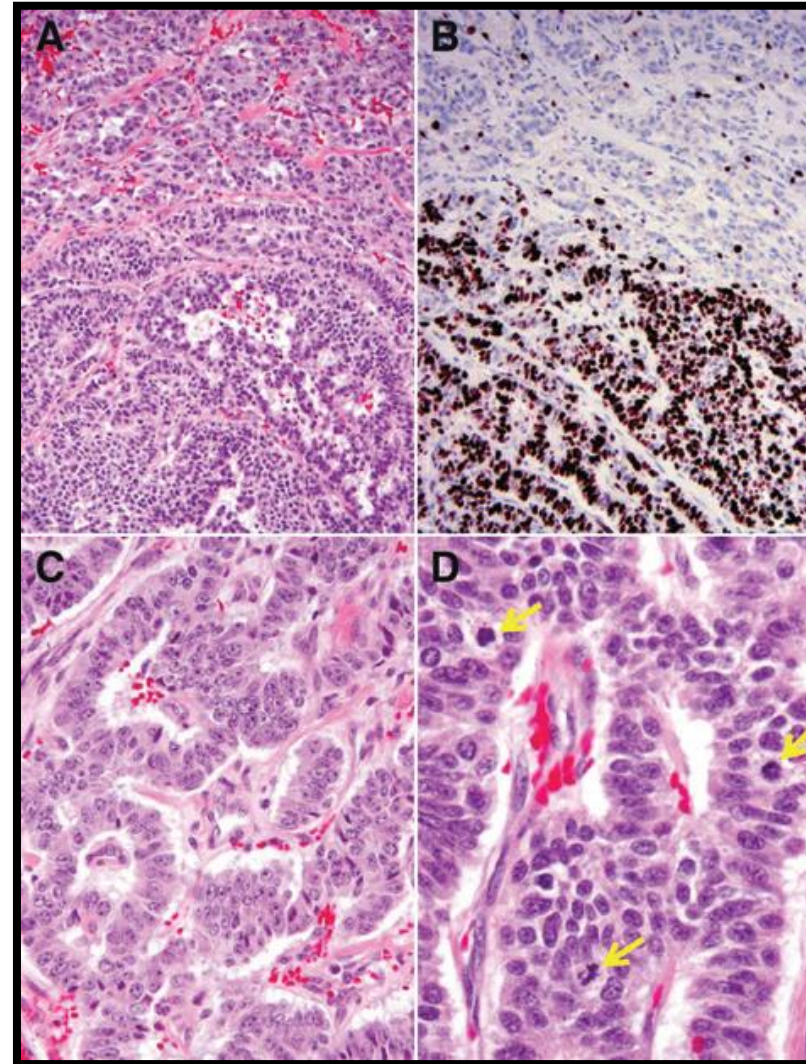


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# Well-Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor Grade 3

May be HETEROGENEOUS:

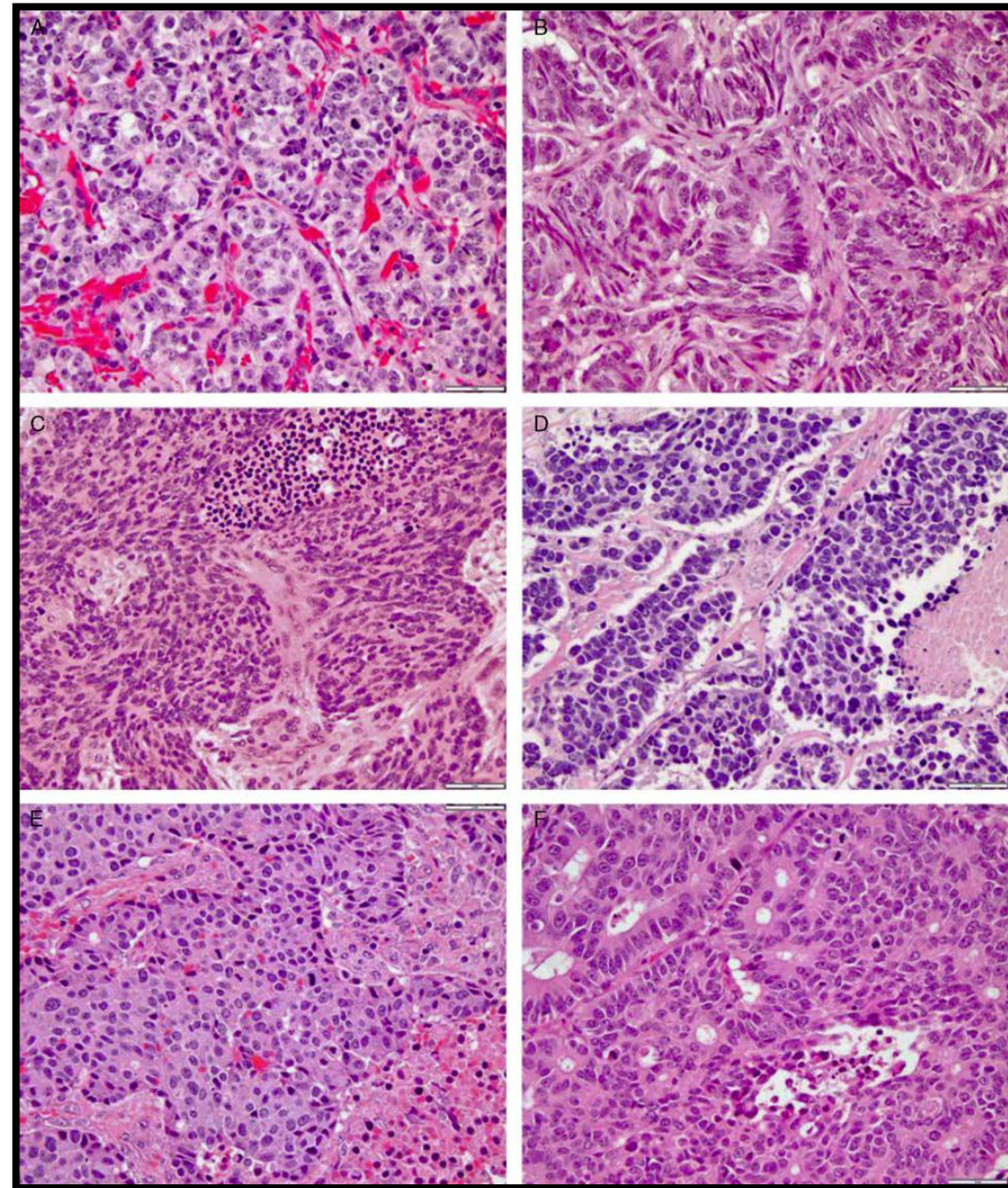
WD NET may have a background of G1/G2 NET with an area of high grade transformation (with both proliferative rate and mitotic index >20%)



Tang et al. *Clin Cancer Res.* 2016

- WD NET Grade 3
  - Nested/organoid and trabecular architecture surrounded by vessels
  - Abundant cytoplasm and stippled chromatin
- PD NEC – Small Cell Carcinoma
  - Fusiform nuclei lacking nucleoli, molding
  - Tumor necrosis
  - Stromal desmoplasia
- PD NEC – Large Cell Carcinoma
  - Expansile and irregular nests with peripheral palisading
  - Tumor necrosis

Tang et al. *Am J Surg Pathol.* 2016





# A Practical Approach to the Classification of WHO Grade 3 (G3) Well-differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumor (WD-NET) and Poorly Differentiated Neuroendocrine Carcinoma (PD-NEC) of the Pancreas

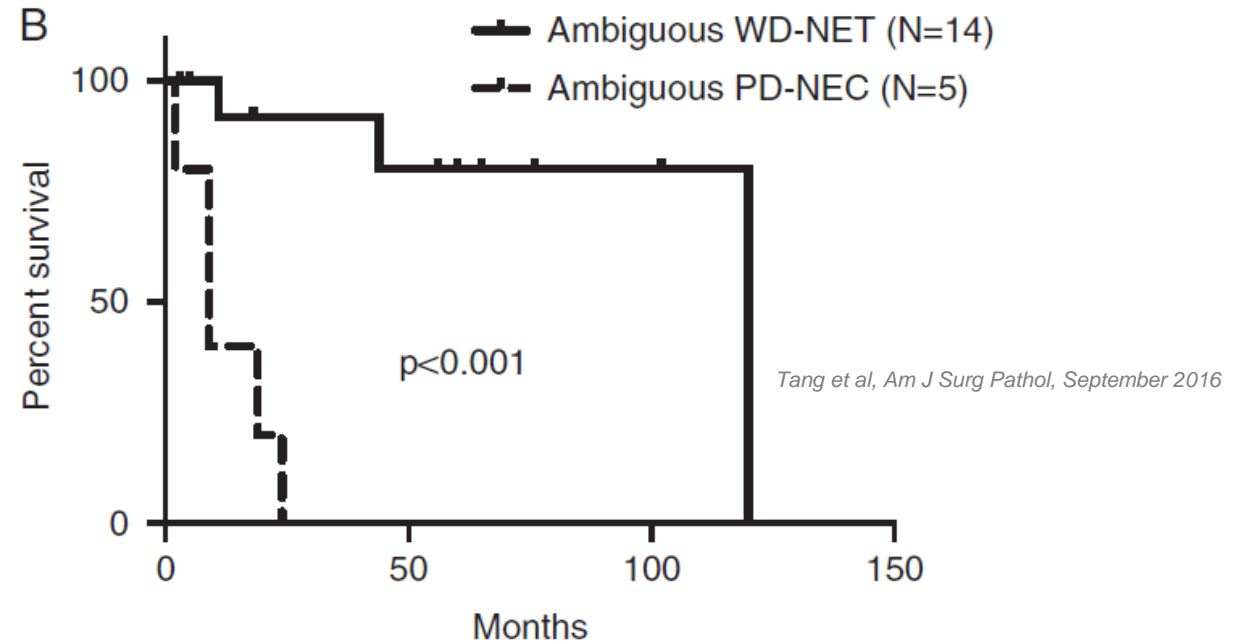
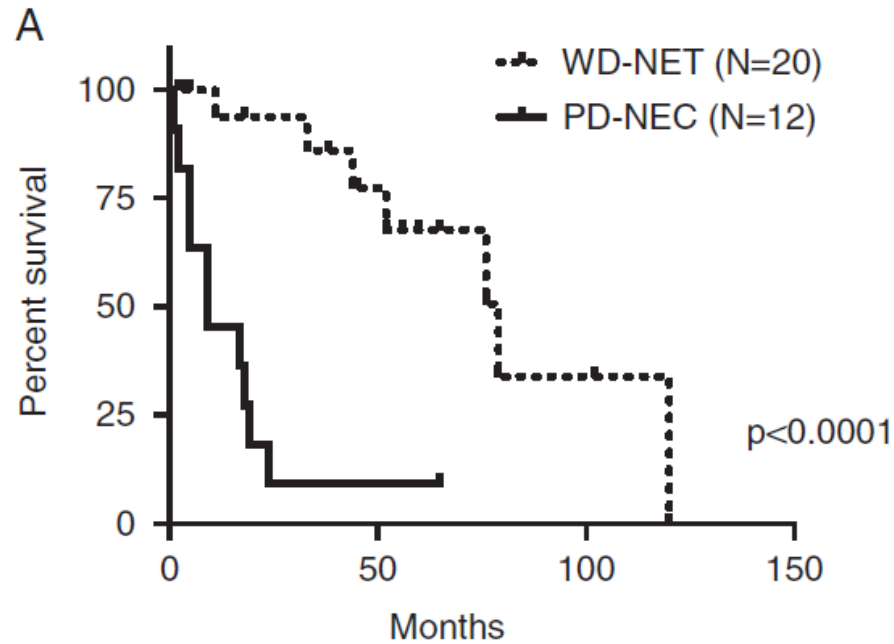
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- Poor disagreement among expert pathologists at blindly diagnosing WD NET G3 from PD NEC SCC/LCC based on morphology alone
- 33% concordance among 3 expert pathologists based on morphology of a single slide
- Helpful Ancillary Studies: With immunohistochemistry (molecular and proliferate rate) and resection material (other histologic components present) came to a consensus and survival curves support the final designation

- No agreement or determine the subclassification on 62% of the cases by H+E morphology alone of a single slide (ambiguous)
- Every biopsy failed to achieve consensus (n=8)

Consensus	Reviewer 1	Reviewer 2	Reviewer 3	Specimen Type
WD-NET	WD-NET	WD-NET	WD-NET	Resection
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PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Resection
Ambiguous	Ambiguous	Ambiguous	Ambiguous	Biopsy
PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Resection
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PD-NEC	PD-NEC-SCC	PD-NEC-SCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Resection
Ambiguous	WD-NET	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Resection
Ambiguous	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Ambiguous	Resection
Ambiguous	Ambiguous	Ambiguous	PD-NEC-SCC	Resection
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Ambiguous	Ambiguous	PD-NEC-LCC	Ambiguous	Biopsy
Ambiguous	Ambiguous	PD-NEC-LCC	PD-NEC-LCC	Resection

# Resections, Ki-67 and molecular IHC to arrive at a final consensus diagnosis → correlate

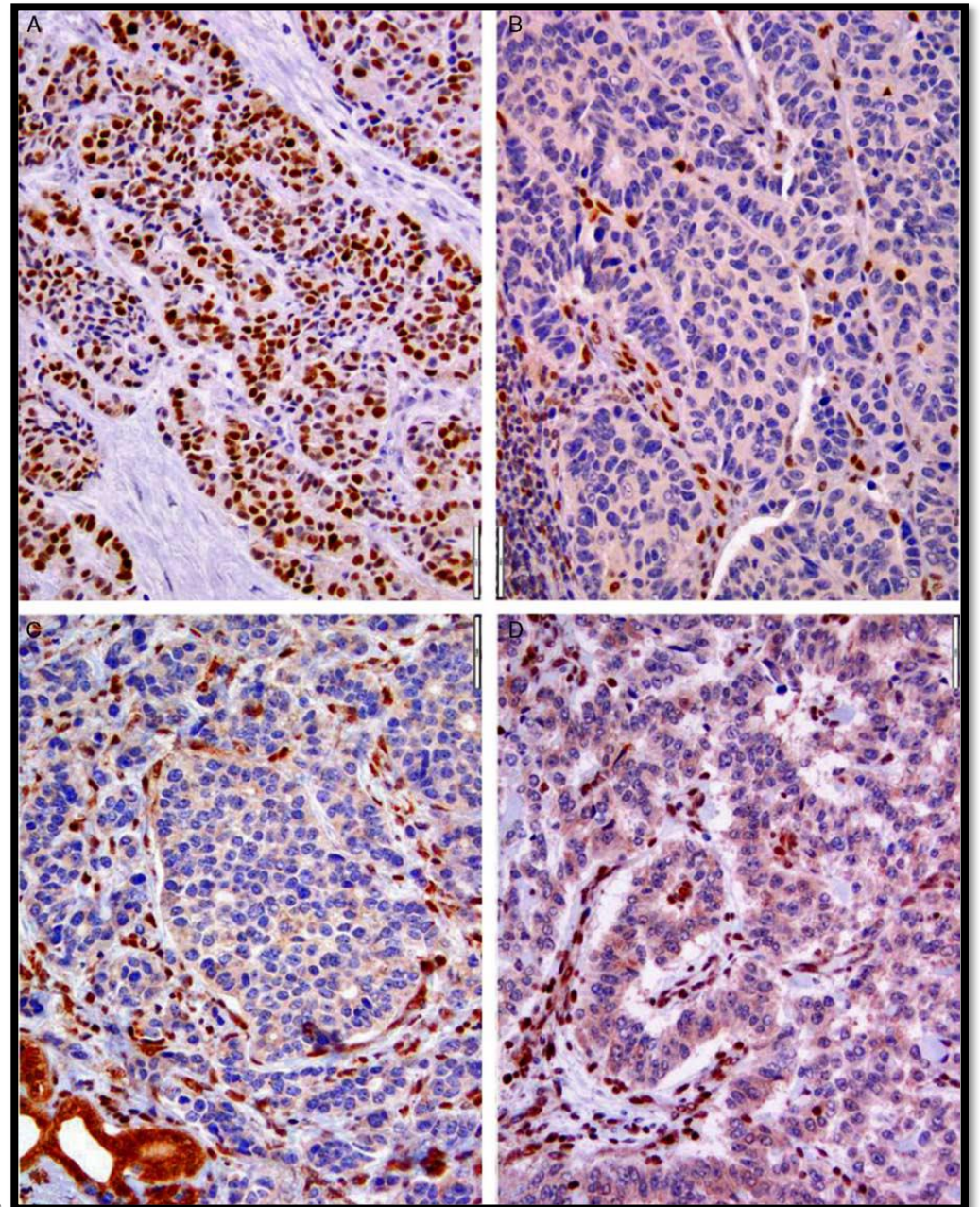


Morphologic criteria, proliferative rate, molecular alterations together with clinicoradiologic information:

- Time course (rapid deterioration) and other clinicoradiologic features
- Low grade WD (G1/G2) NET elsewhere in tumor OR coexisting conventional carcinoma elsewhere in tumor
- DAXX or ATRX loss in 44% WD NET (not seen in carcinoma); this cohort 10/20
- TP53, KRAS, p16, RB1, SMAD4 in 91% SC PD NEC and 50-60% LC PD NEC (also in PDAC); this cohort 11/12

# Molecular IHC

- Abnormal p53 and loss of Rb and SMAD4 (A,B,C respectively) observed in majority PD-NEC
- Loss of DAXX (D) or ATRX expression observed in 40-50% of WD-NET

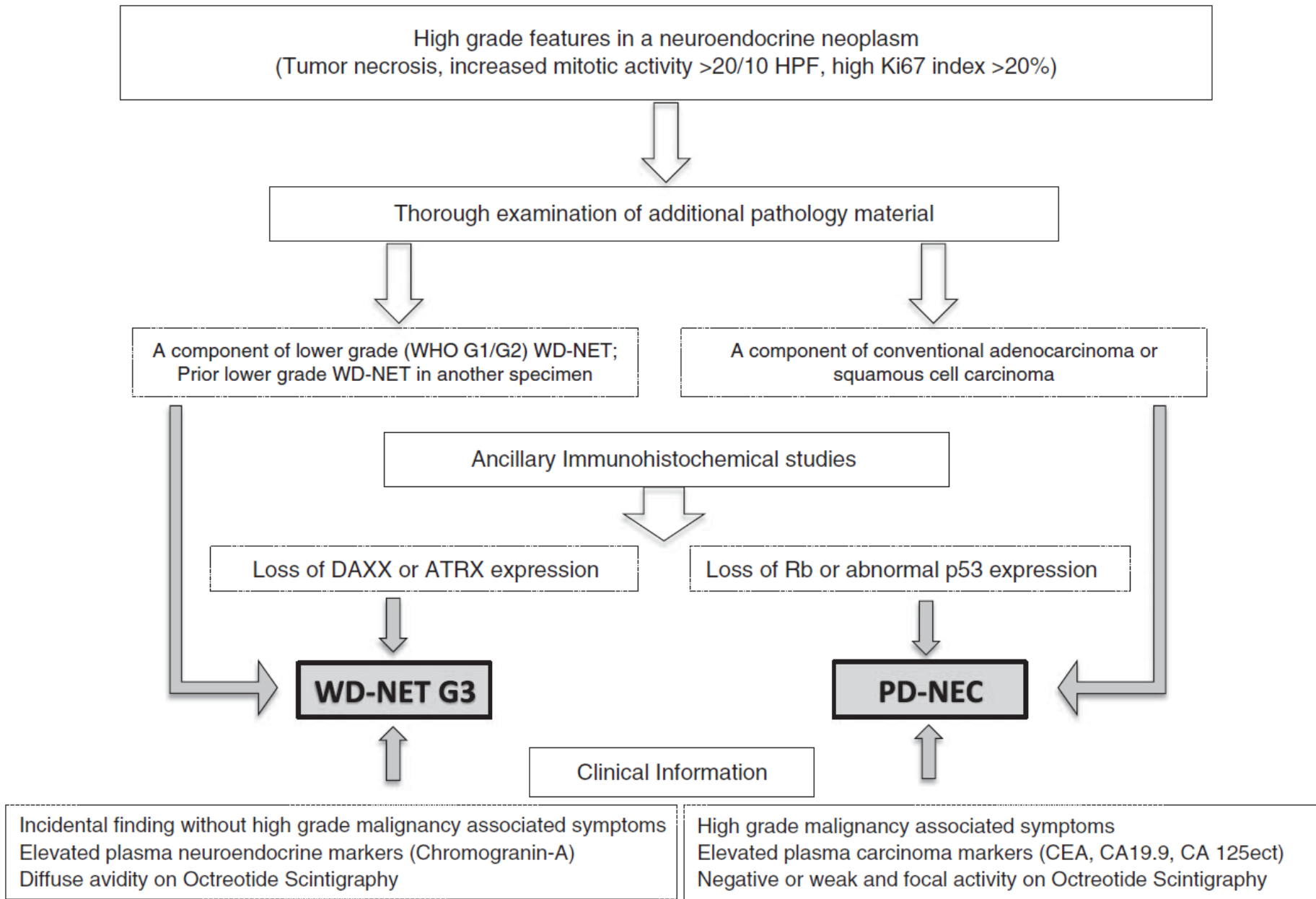


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Initial Consensus	IHC Abnormalities	Ki67%	Other Histologic Components	Confirmed Classification
WD-NET		50	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
WD-NET	DAXX	70	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
WD-NET	ATRX	50	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
WD-NET		40	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
WD-NET	DAXX	35	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
WD-NET		32	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		35	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		65	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	DAXX	50	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	ATRX	35	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	DAXX	30	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		60	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	ATRX	40		WD-NET
Ambiguous	DAXX	80	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	DAXX	49	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		38	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		60	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		50	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous		70	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
Ambiguous	p53/Rb	88		PD-NEC
Ambiguous	p53/SMAD4	38	Ductal adenocarcinoma	PD-NEC
Ambiguous	p53/Rb	70		PD-NEC
Ambiguous	p53/Rb	85		PD-NEC
Ambiguous	p53	60		PD-NEC
Ambiguous		70		Undetermined
PD-NEC-LCC	DAXX	66	G1/G2 WD-NET	WD-NET
PD-NEC-LCC	Rb	44		PD-NEC
PD-NEC-LCC		26	Ductal adenocarcinoma	PD-NEC
PD-NEC-SCC	p53	80	Ductal adenocarcinoma	PD-NEC
PD-NEC-SCC	Rb	90		PD-NEC
PD-NEC-SCC	p53/Rb	94	Ductal adenocarcinoma	PD-NEC
PD-NEC	Rb	84		PD-NEC
PD-NEC	p53	88		PD-NEC

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- 32% of WD NET G3 had Ki-67 >55% and 33% of PD NEC had Ki-67 <55%
- No absolute cutoff value can sufficiently distinguish these two categories



Tang et al, Am J Surg Pathol, September 2016

# Diagnosis Impacts the Prognosis, but Does it Impact Treatment Options?

**Table 2.** Response rate of first-line chemotherapy and survival according to baseline factors in chemotherapy-treated patients (N = 252)

**NORDIC:** Sorbye H et al, Ann Oncol, 2013

	PR/CR (%)	SD (%)	PD (%)	PFS (months) Median (95% CI)	OS (months) Median (95% CI)
Ki-67 <sup>c</sup>					
<55%	15	47	38	4 (3.2-4.8)	14 (10.7-17.3)
≥55%	42	24	34	4 (3.1-4.9)	10 (8.4-11.6)

## Treatment Response and Outcomes of Grade 3 Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Neoplasms Based on Morphology

*Well Differentiated Versus Poorly Differentiated*

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- Platinum based therapy: CR or PR 37% of PD NEC vs 10% WD panNET G3
  - Alkylating agents: CR or PR in 50% of PD NEC and WD panNET G3
- Cytotoxic therapy traditionally reserved for high grade tumors; however, most trials are not randomized, in small patient populations, and comprise a heterogeneous cohort.
  - Consideration of a more targeted therapy may be helpful.

# Phase 3 Trial of $^{177}\text{Lu}$ -Dotatate for **Midgut** Neuroendocrine Tumors

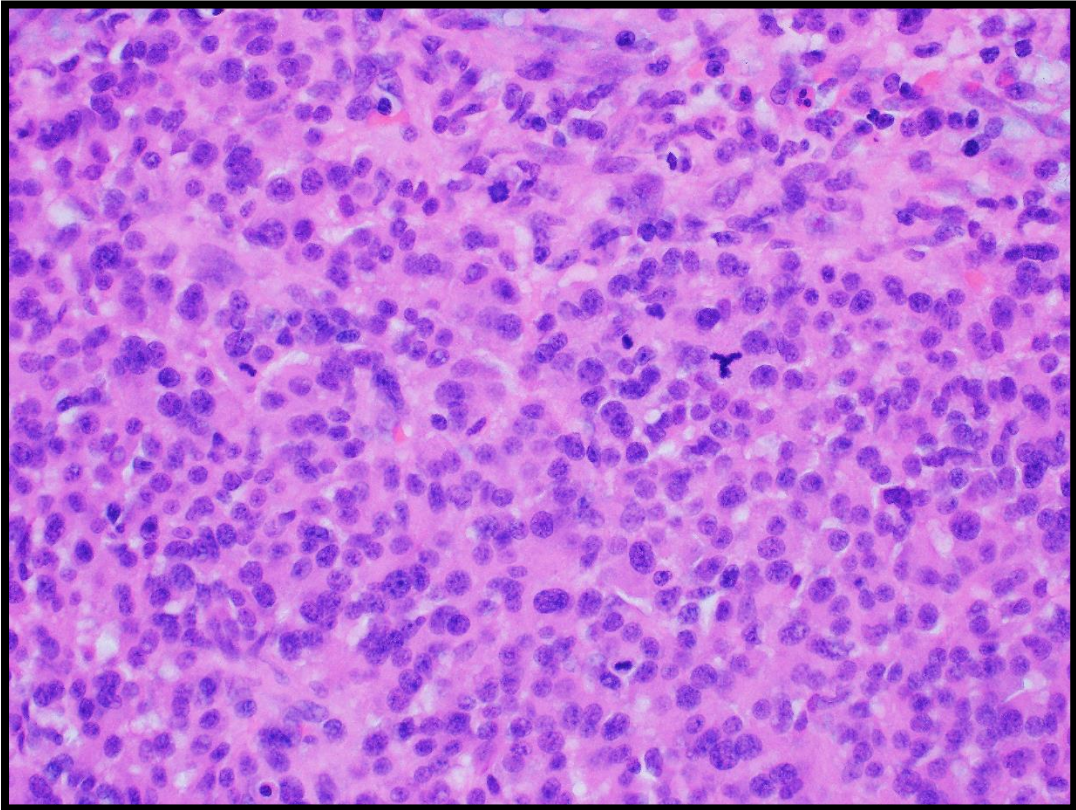
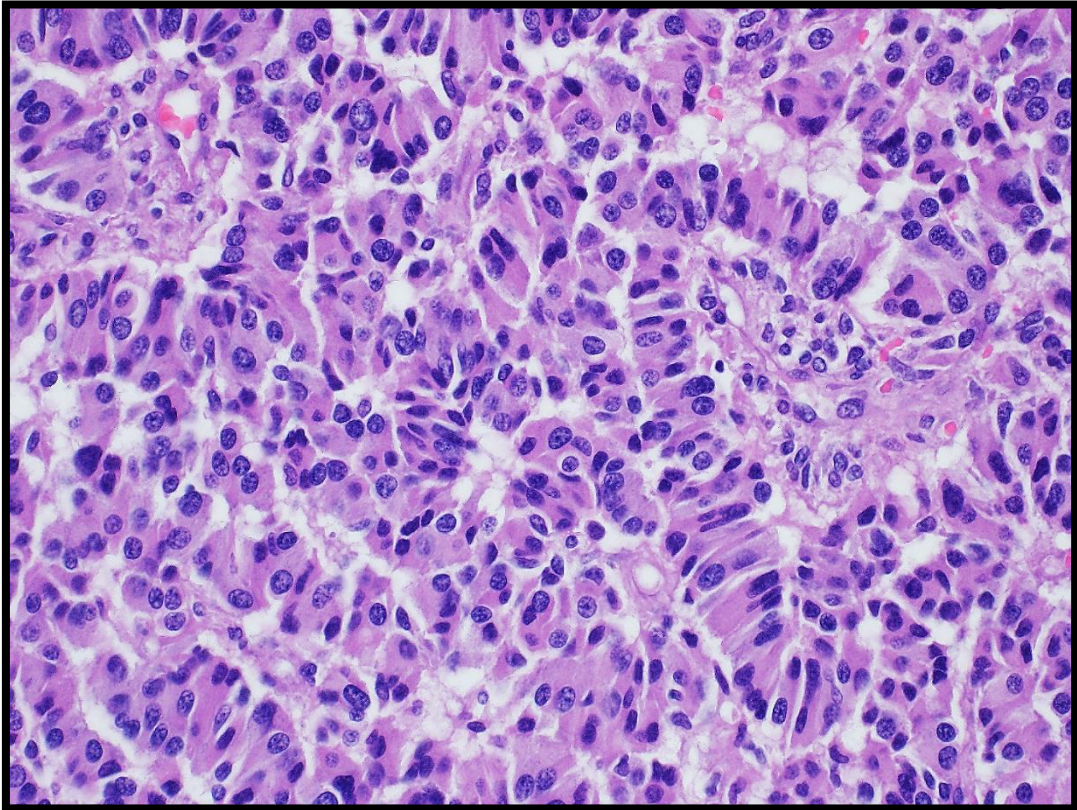
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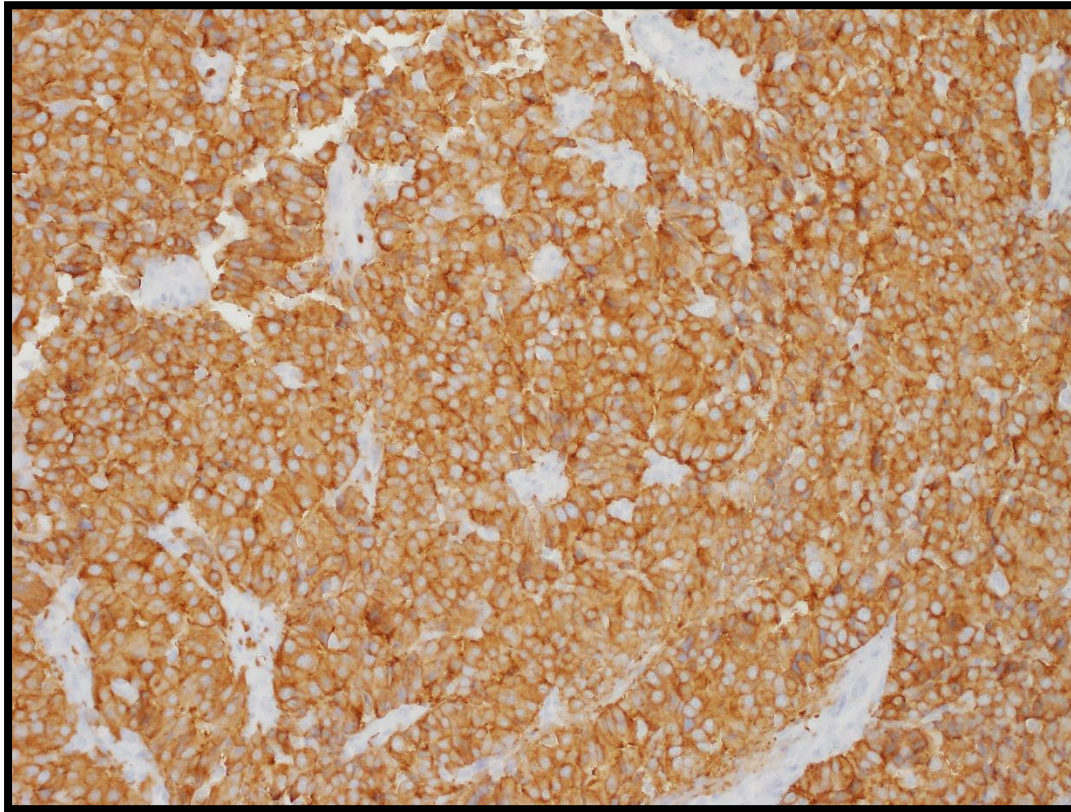
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- FDA approved PRRT (peptide receptor radionuclide therapy): lutetium (Lu) 177 dotatate (DOTA+octreotate) for somatostatin receptor positive **GEP**-NETs (with octreotide LAR) – radiolabeled somatostatin analogue delivers targeted radiation
- NETTER-1 study looked at metastatic midgut NET (Grade 1 and Grade 2); Progression Free Survival at month 20 was 65.2% vs 10.8% in the control group (octreotide LAR alone)
- Tx implemented in Europe for several years; case reports with G3 WD panNETs

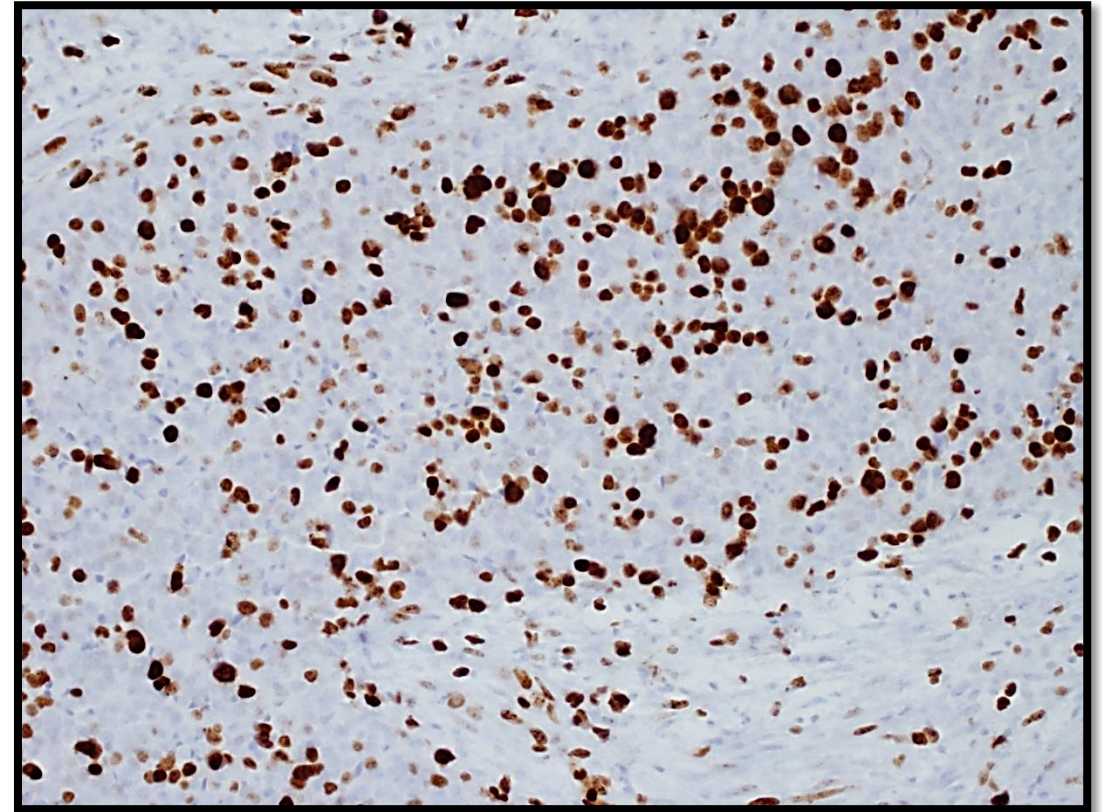


# Pancreatic Tail Mass in 56 Year-Old Male





Synaptophysin Diffusely Positive



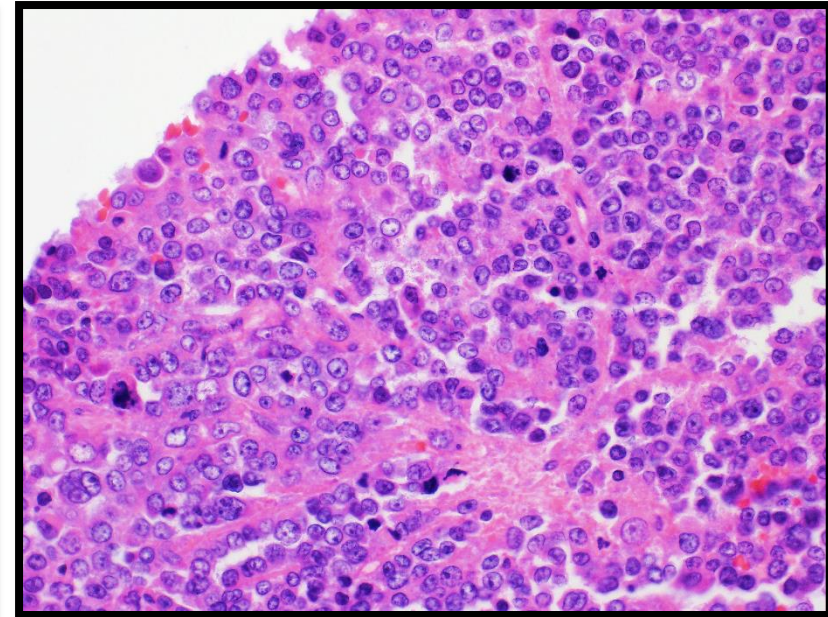
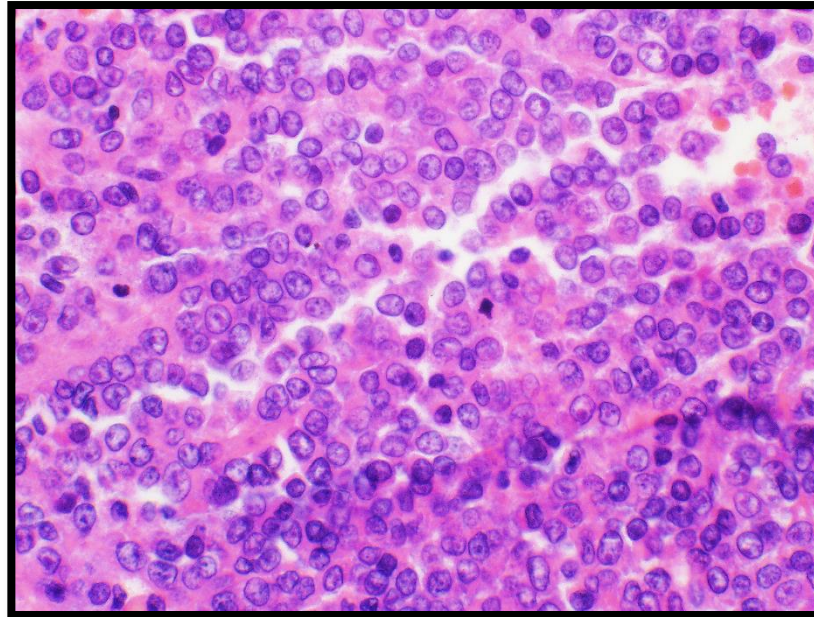
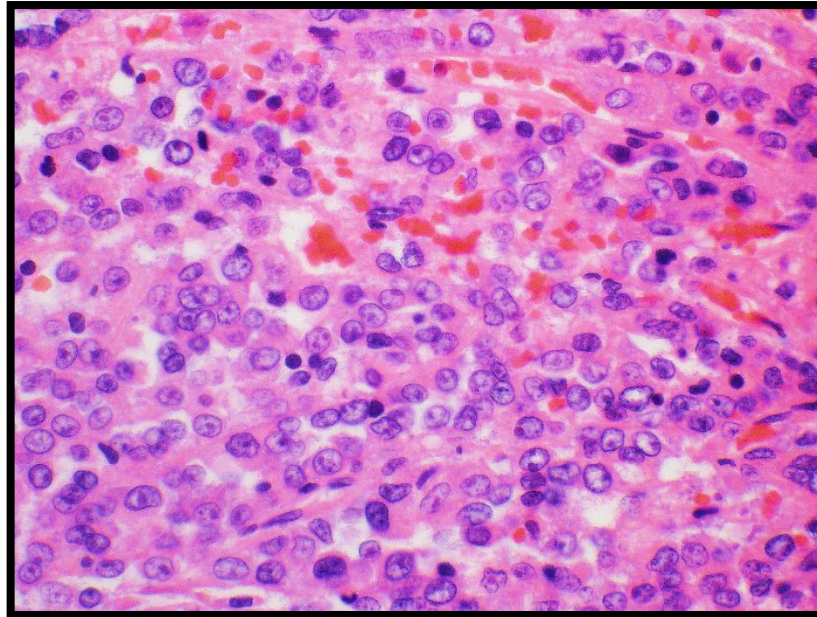
Ki-67 proliferative rate of 30%

## WD Pancreatic Neuroendocrine Tumor, WHO Grade 3

76 year old F with a 1.6 cm pancreatic tail mass and numerous liver metastases; liver biopsy



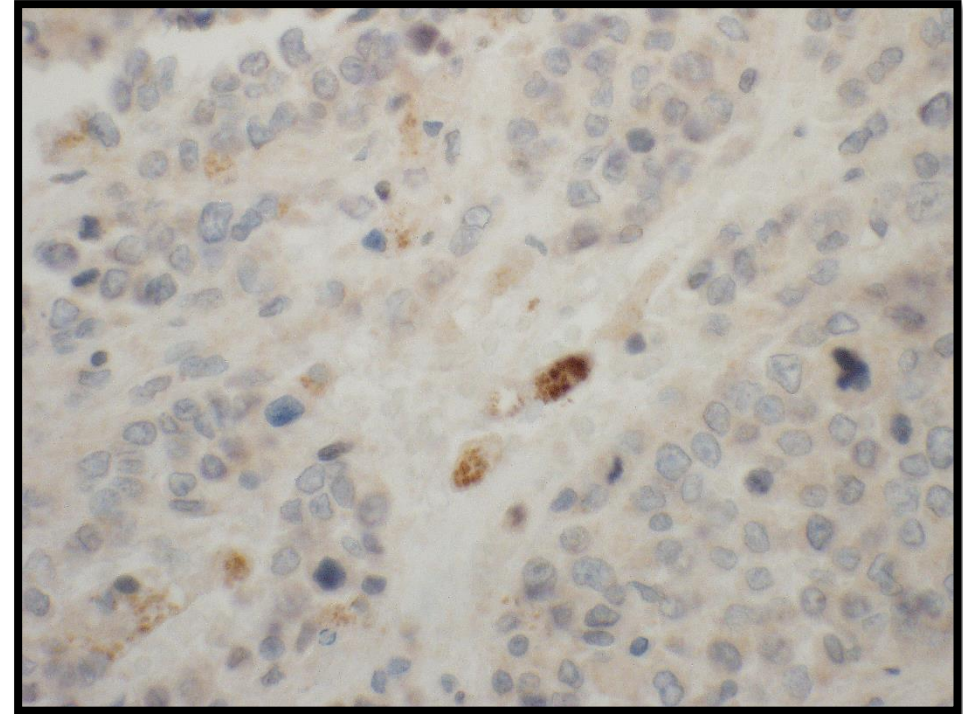
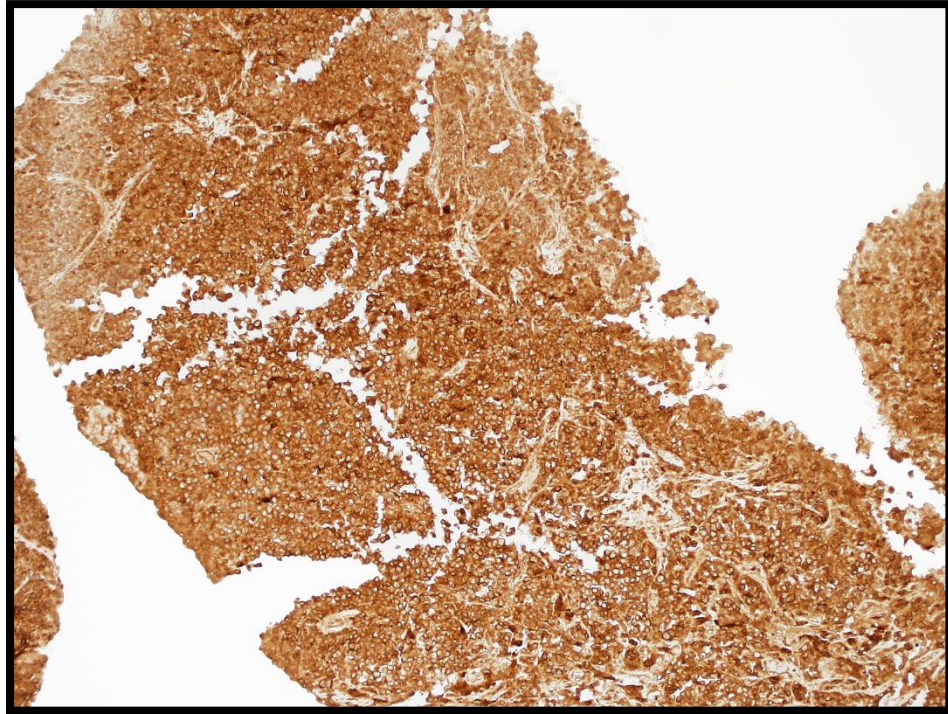
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If you are considering a Neuroendocrine Carcinoma,  
Large Cell Morphology...

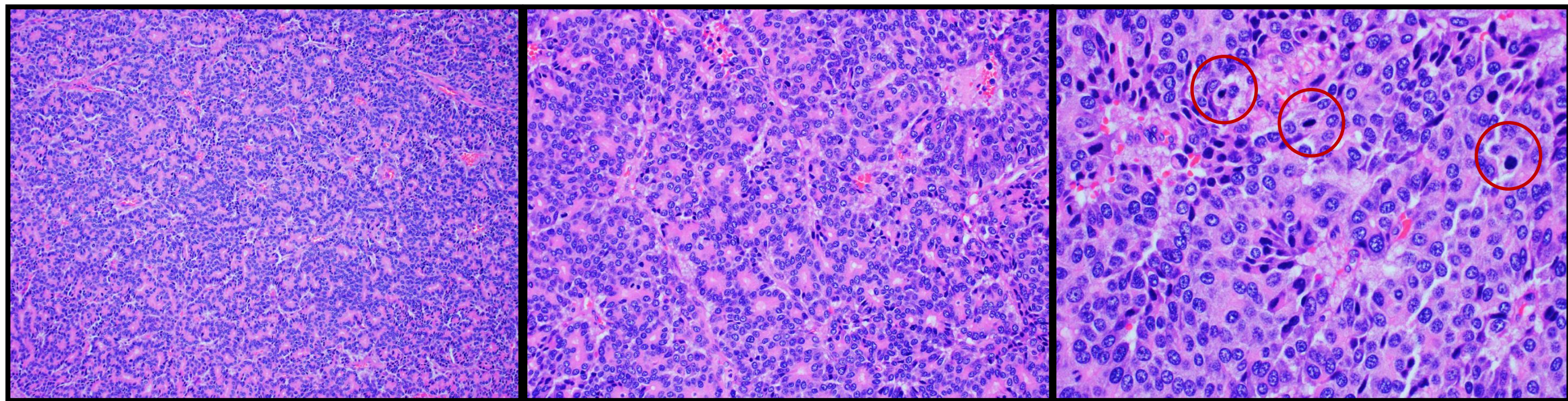
# If you are considering a Neuroendocrine Carcinoma, Large Cell Morphology...

- But your synaptophysin and chromogranin are negative
  - This is your lipase and chymotrypsin



**ACINAR CELL CARCINOMA**

65 year old F with a 8.5 cm well circumscribed mass in the pancreatic body



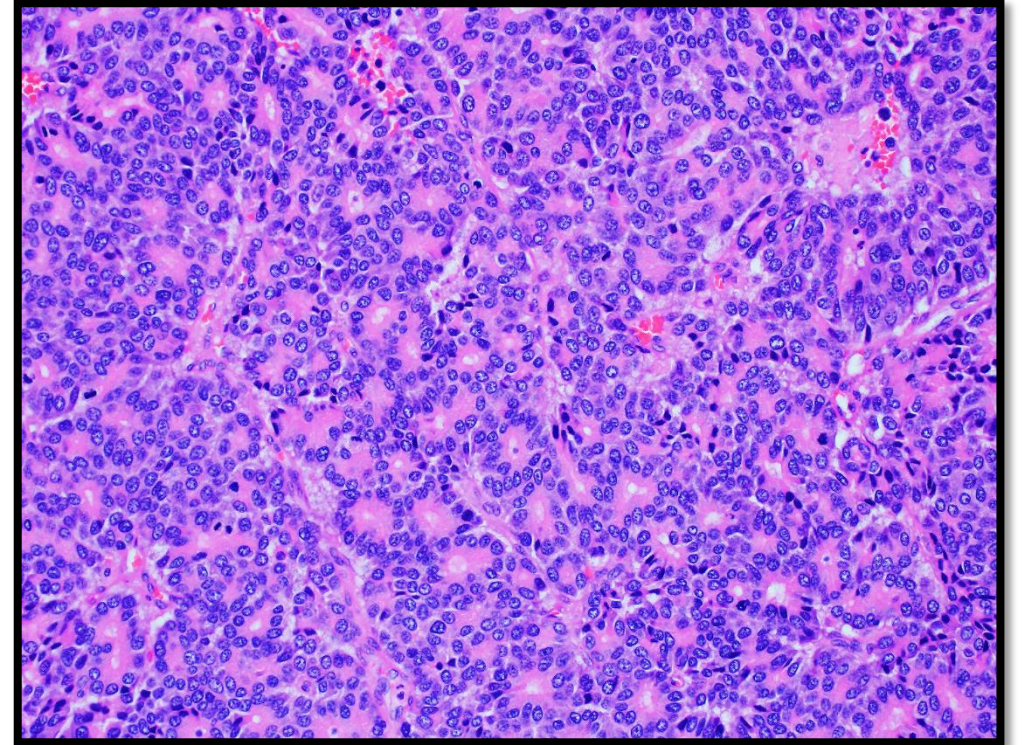
If you are considering a WD NET G3:

# If you are considering a WD NET G3:

- But your synaptophysin and chromogranin come back negative...
- And, your chymotrypsin and Bcl-10 → positive

## ACINAR CELL CARCINOMA

Apical eosinophilic cytoplasm, nuclear polarization



# Acinar Cell Carcinoma

- Acinar differentiation is defined as the production of pancreatic exocrine enzymes by the neoplastic cells
- Historically (prior to our ancillary studies), rare patients with pancreatic cancer would present /develop disseminated fat necrosis in their subcutaneous tissue along with polyarthralgia → classic lipase hypersecretion syndrome; now reported to occur only rarely, in <10% of cases
- Gross: Relatively circumscribed expansile growth
- Various architectural patterns: Acinar and solid are the most common, occasionally trabecular
- IHC for trypsin and chymotrypsin
  - Reported to be most sensitive
- IHC for lipase (65% of cases are positive) and bcl-10 are optional
- IHC for amylase is not useful
  
- Overall 5 year survival rate of 43% (72% if resectable and 22% if metastatic)



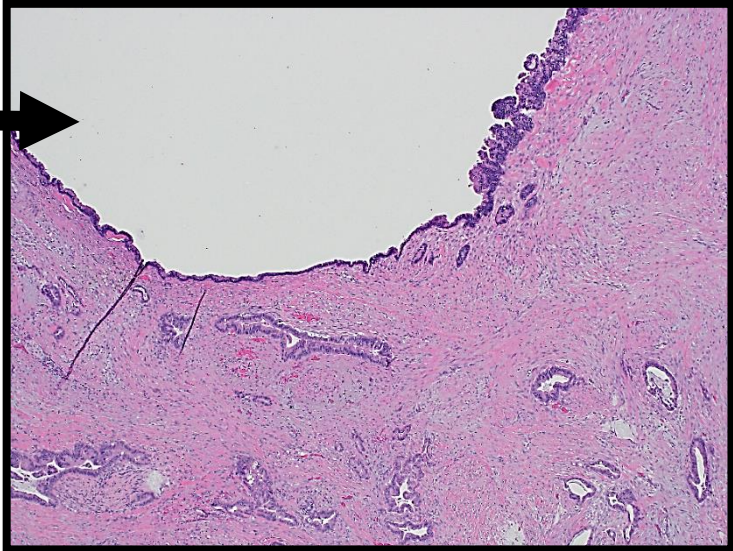
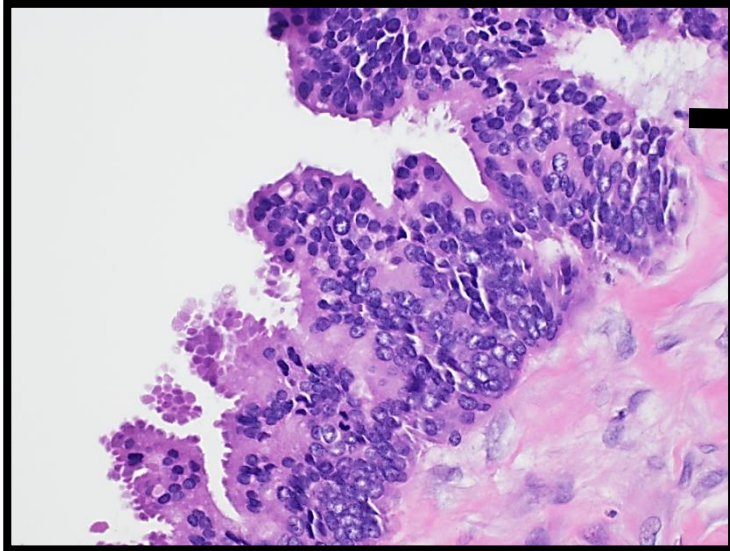
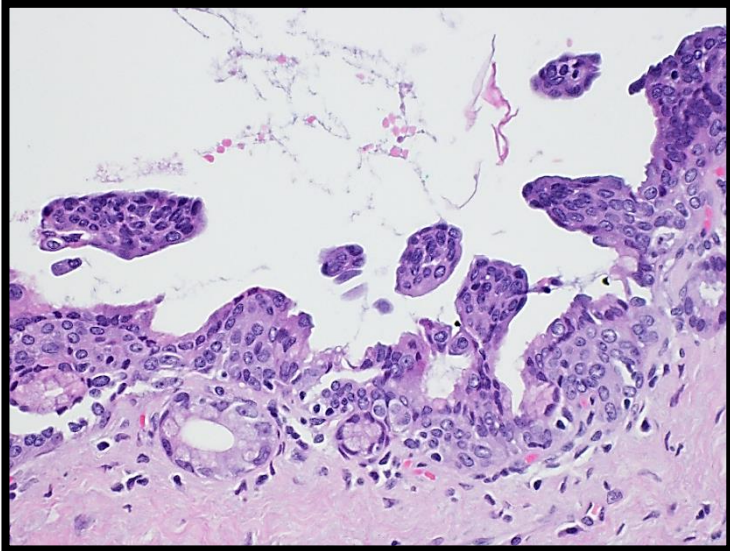
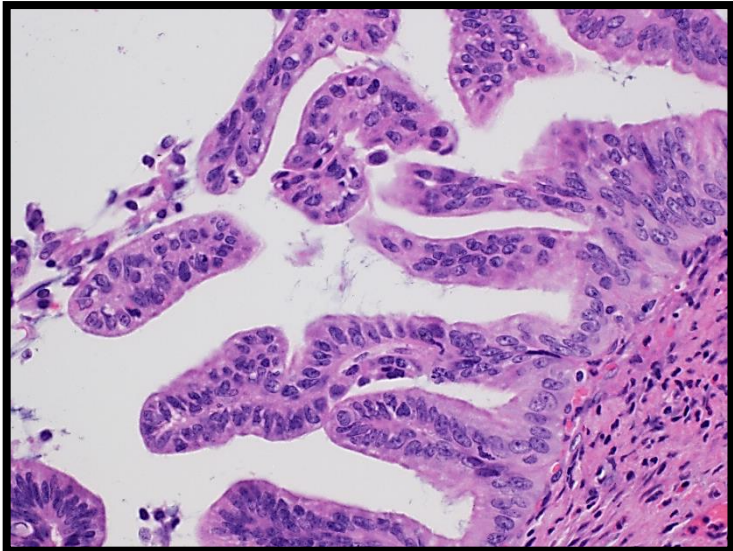
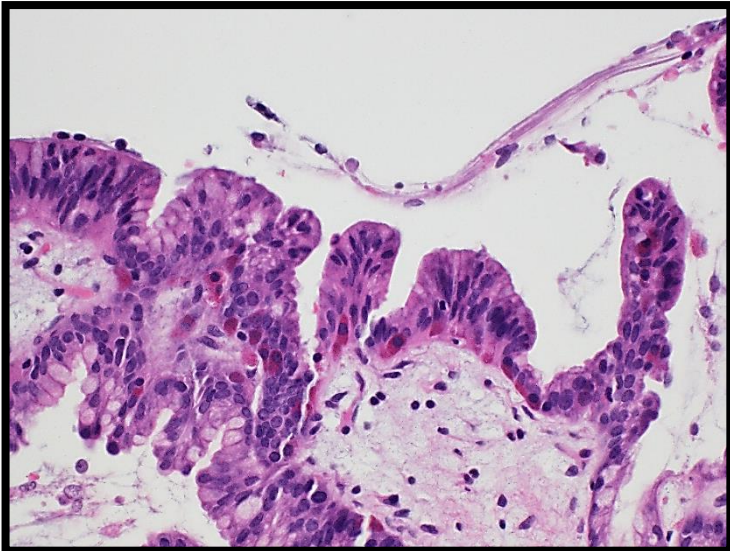
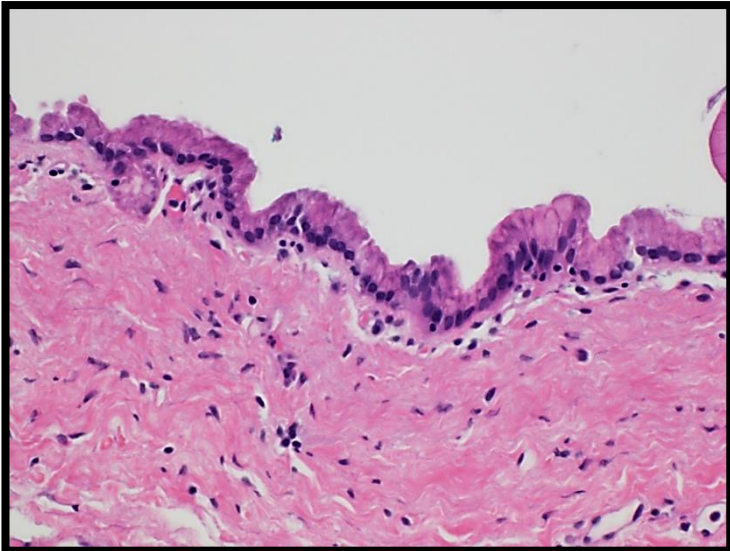
# On the Horizon: Changes to Cyst Dysplasia Classifications From Three to Two Tiers of Dysplasia

A Revised Classification System and Recommendations  
From the Baltimore Consensus Meeting for Neoplastic  
Precursor Lesions in the Pancreas

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- Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasm (IPMN)
  - Mucinous Cystic Neoplasm (MCN)
  - Pancreatic Intraepithelial Neoplasm (PanIN)
- Mild and Moderate/Intermediate → Low Grade Dysplasia
  - No immediate clinical consequence, poorly reproducible
- Severe/Carcinoma in Situ → High Grade Dysplasia
  - May be clinically relevant

# IPMN: Low to High Grade Dysplasia to Carcinoma

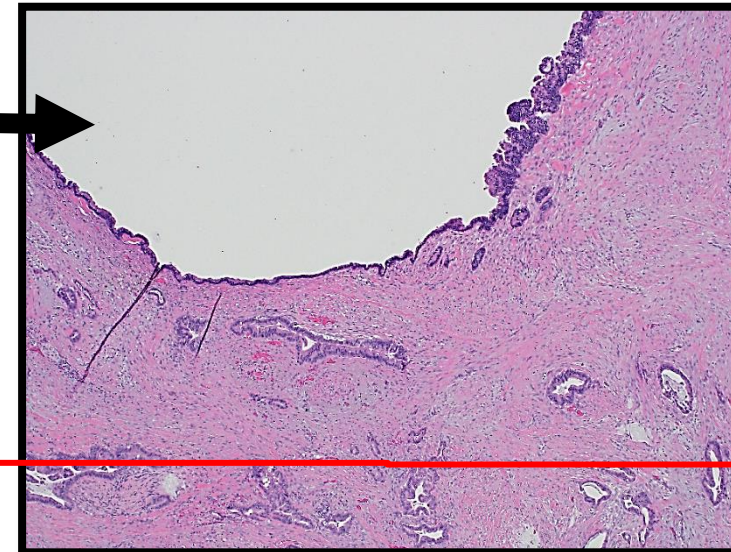
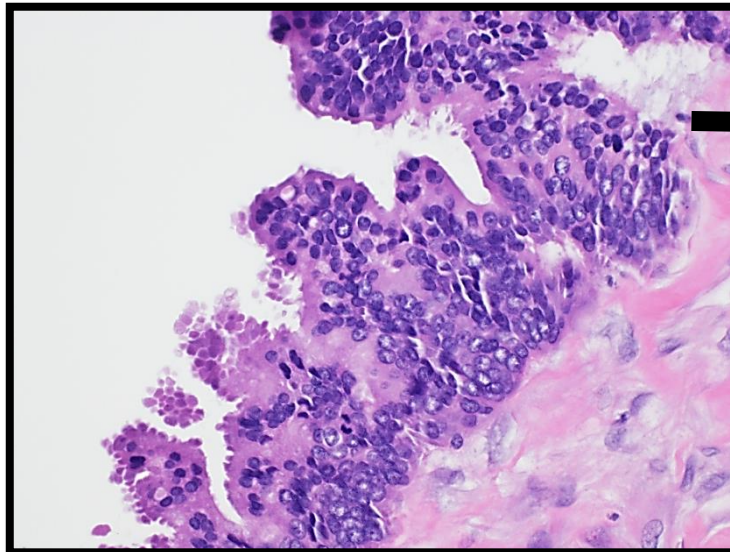


# Pathologic Evaluation and Reporting of Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms of the Pancreas and Other Tumoral Intraepithelial Neoplasms of Pancreatobiliary Tract

## *Recommendations of Verona Consensus Meeting*

*(Ann Surg 2016;263:162–177)*

- The term “minimally invasive” should be avoided; instead, invasion size with stage and substaging of T1 (1a, b, c; 0.5, >0.5–1, >1 cm) is to be documented.
- Largest diameter of the invasion, not the distance from the nearest duct, is to be used.

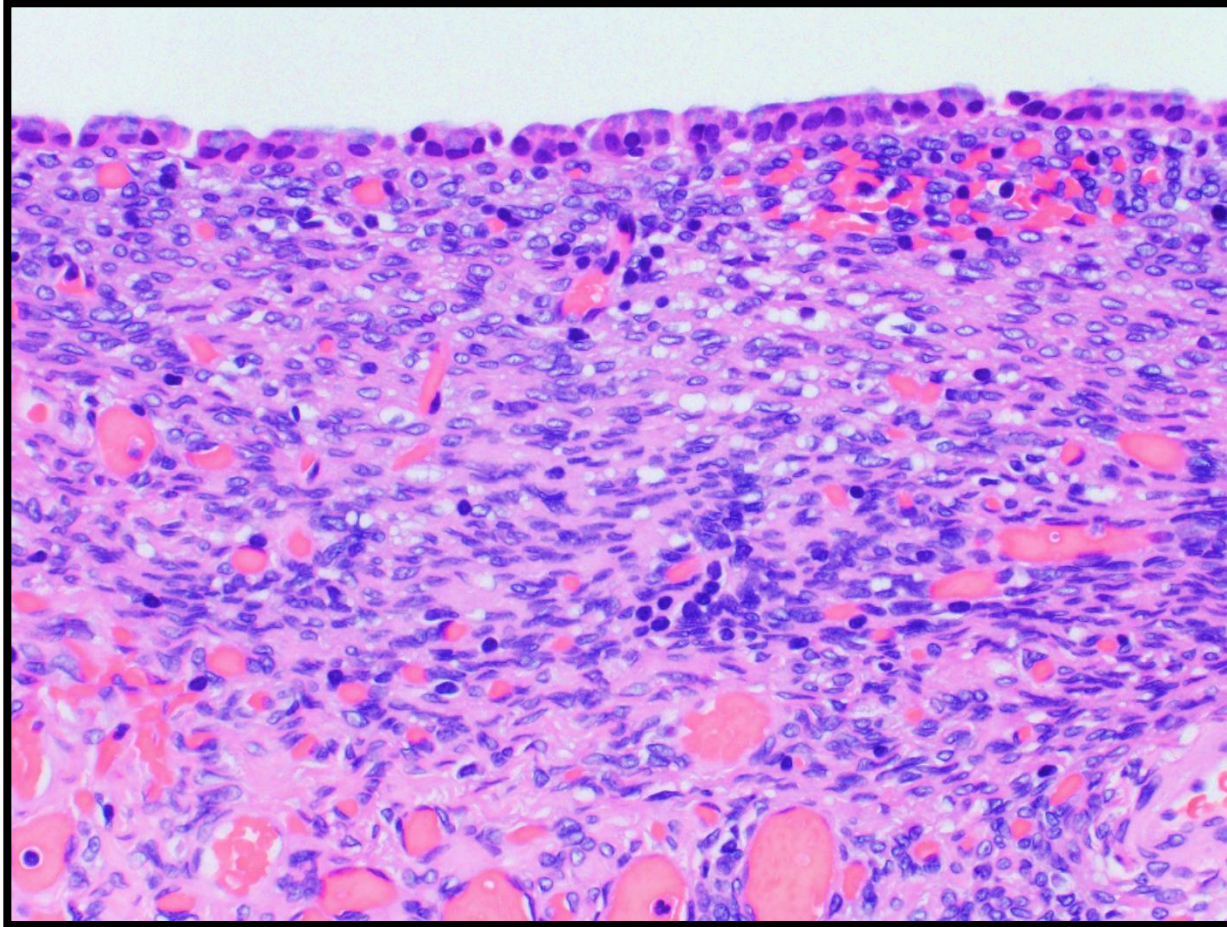


Approximately 30% of IPMNs reveal invasive PDAC; large (>3.0 cm), main duct, mural nodule, solid component

IPMN with PDAC: 5 year survival 30-50%

IPMN without PDAC: 5 year survival 70-90%





## MUCINOUS CYSTIC NEOPLASM LOW GRADE

Females: Males 20:1

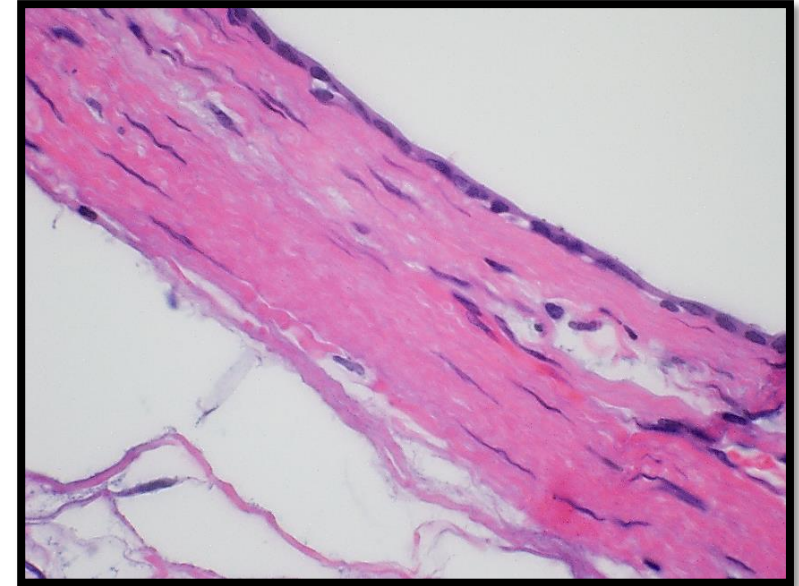
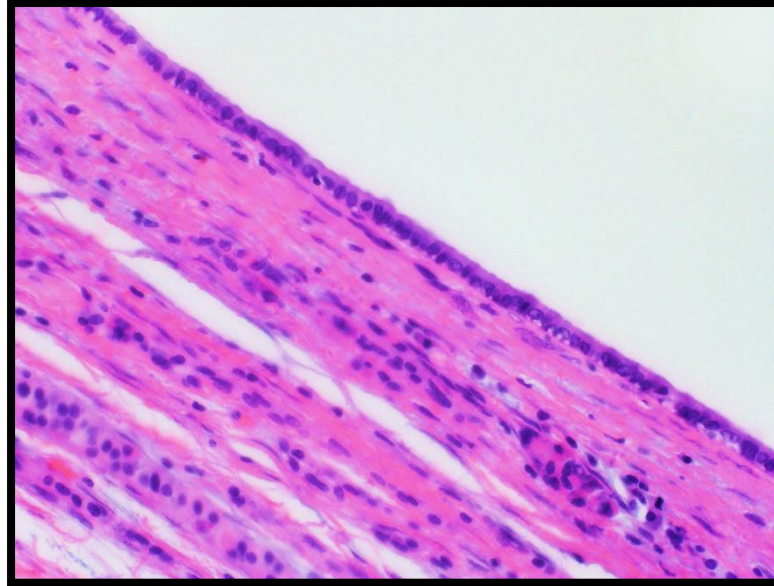
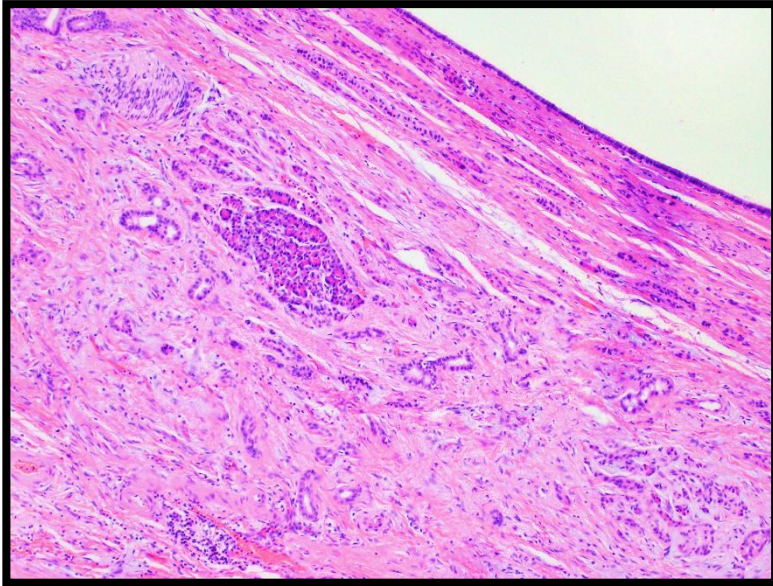
Body or Tail of Pancreas

No communication with the duct system

15-30% Invasive PDAC

MCN with no PDAC: 5 year survival ~100%

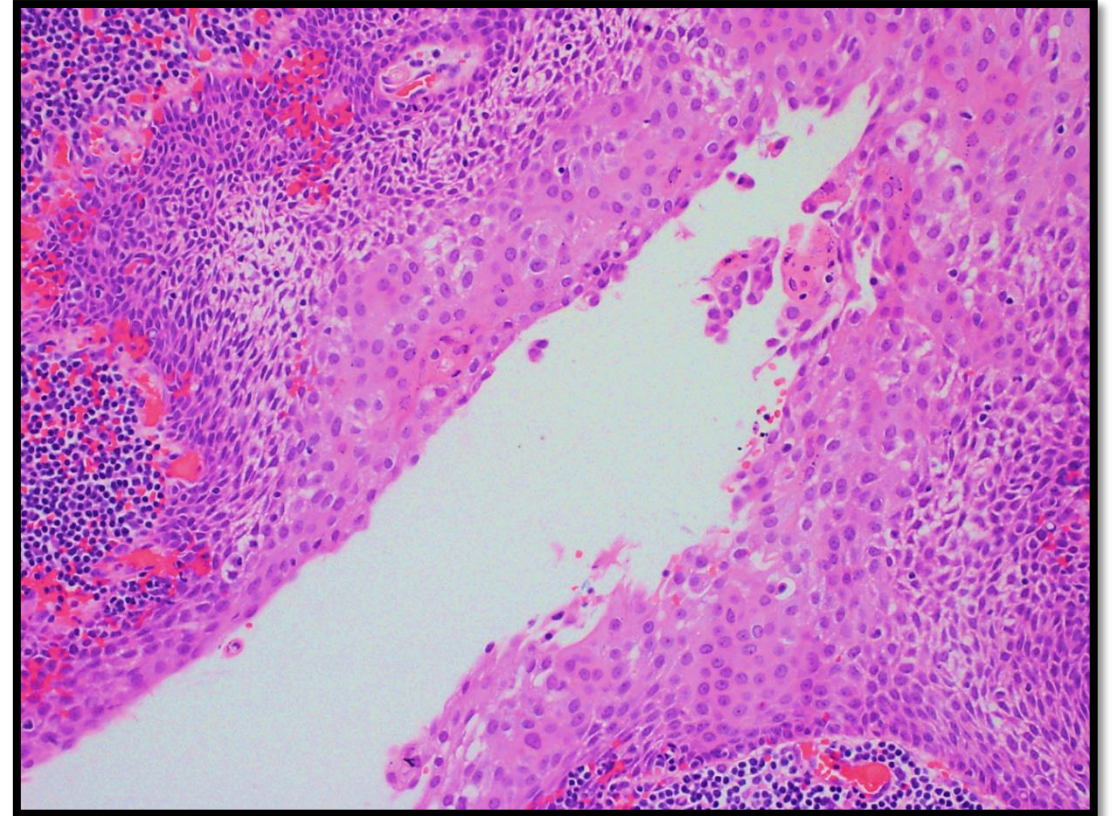
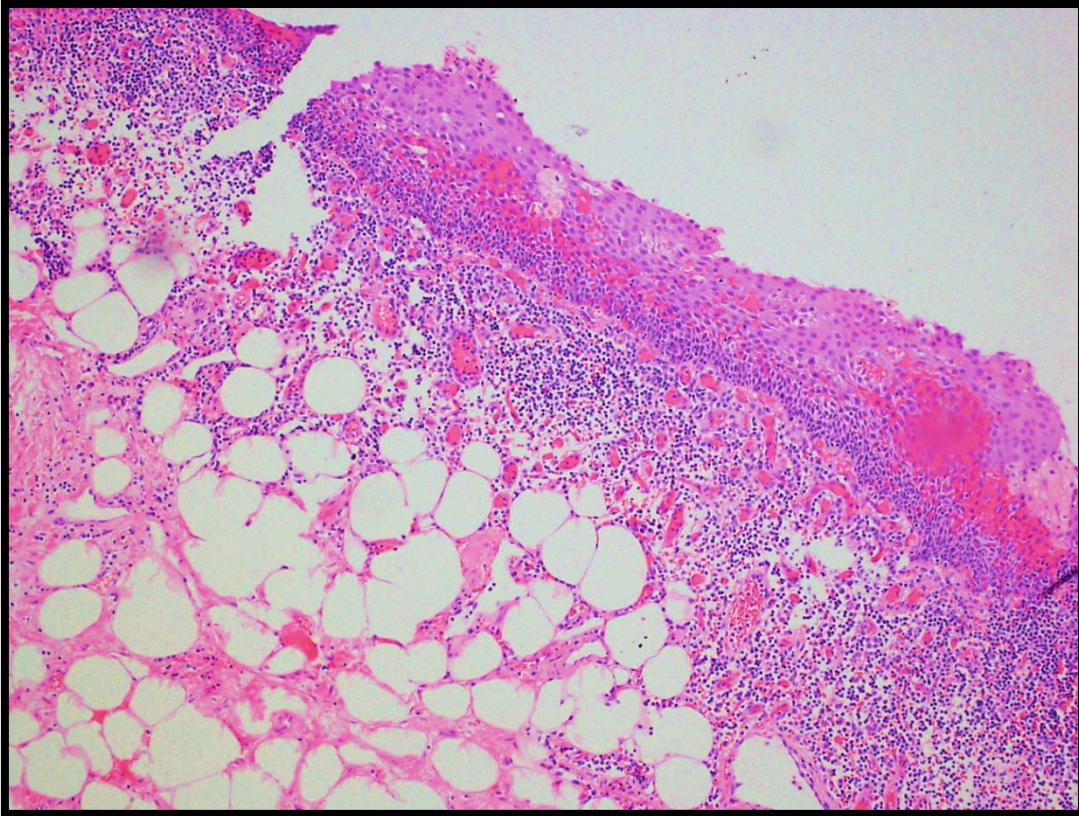
# Cysts Encountered in Daily Practice: They aren't all neoplastic precursors



**Simple Mucinous Cyst:**  
No known pancreatic duct  
obstruction

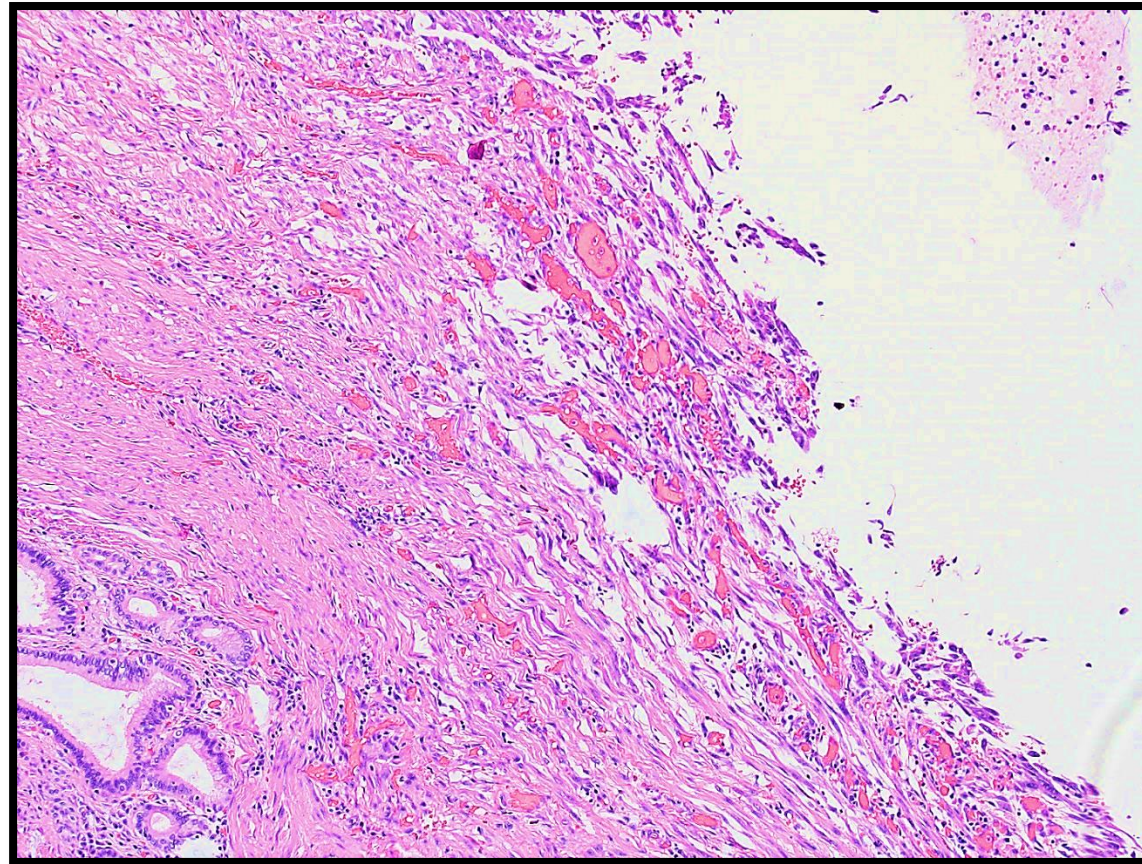
**Retention Cyst:**  
In the presence of a pancreatic  
duct obstruction

# Cysts Encountered in Daily Practice: They aren't all neoplastic precursors



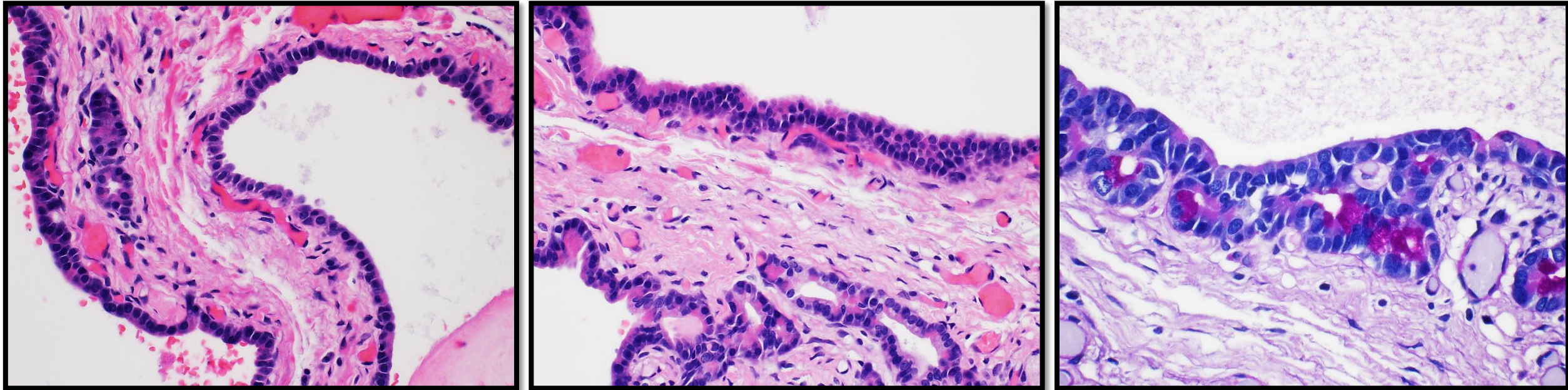
Lymphoepithelial Cyst

# Cysts Encountered in Daily Practice: They aren't all neoplastic precursors



Pseudocyst

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Acinar Cell Cystadenoma / Acinar Cystic Transformation



**Thank you!**

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