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**Long term follow-up of non-goblet cell and goblet cell columnar lined lower end esophagus****Kim Vaiphei and Poonam Bhaker**

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**Background:** Significance of non-Goblet Cell (GC) Columnar Mucosa (CM) present at Lower End Esophagus (LEE) remains controversial and there is limited information of the follow-up data.

**Aim:** To evaluate outcome of Barrett's Mucosa (BM) and NGCM in long term follow-up biopsies.

**Methods & Results:** There were 178 patients, mean age of 52.1±15.6, 7 <20 years, M:F=5:1; 70% had reflux symptom and 30% had dysphagia. Endoscopy: only BM in 130 (73%), ulceronodular in 17%, stricture in 5% and small polyps in 5%. 60 (34%) cases had long segment (LSBM) and 70 (54%) short segment (SSBM); 11% had hiatus hernia. Histology: GCs were identified in 83% of the biopsies, 94% with LSBM. Dysplasia was observed in 65 (37%), Low Grade (LGD) in 68% and High Grade (HGD) in 32%, 26 (14%) had carcinoma associated with BM and HGD. 30 (17%) biopsies with no GC showed Alcian Blue (AB) positive cells, 7 (4%) had LGD and 3 (2%) had HGD, none had associated carcinoma. Follow-up biopsy showed regression and normalization of mucosa and symptomatic relieve in many. Majority of LGD remained static with few progressing to HGD. Majority of HGD progressed to frank carcinoma over the years. Retrospectively evaluated biopsies reported as Columnar Mucosa (CM) with and without GC and correlated with clinical outcome.

**Conclusion:** High percentage of non-GCCM showed AB positivity and dysplasia. Many of cases with BM, LGD and HGD developed carcinoma. Ulceronodular and stricturous lesions associate frequently with BM and carcinoma. Present study emphasizes equal importance of follow-up biopsy in BM and NGCM.

**Biography**

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## Distinguishing benign cutaneous lymphoid infiltrates from malignant cutaneous lymphomas

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Assessment of dense lymphoid cutaneous proliferations is often challenging. It can be difficult to distinguish benign cutaneous lymphoid infiltrates from malignant lymphomas and at times, definite classification as either benign or malignant cannot be reached. One of the challenges lays in needing to have a solid understanding of what constitutes normal benign finding and separating these from malignant pathologic change. Also, in order to exclude malignant lymphomas, a working knowledge of all cutaneous lymphomas is required. In addition, apart from considering the clinical history and the histologic findings, an ability to interpret potential immune-histochemical and gene re-arrangement studies is necessary. This lecture serves as an introduction to cutaneous lymphoid proliferations and will serve to provide an algorithmic approach to assessing such proliferations that will be useful for general pathologists, dermatopathologists and hematopathologists.

### Biography

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## Pitfalls in bone pathology

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**B**one pathology is one of the difficult subspecialties in surgical pathology. Several reasons are behind this concept including rarity, complexity and great morphological overlap between primary bone neoplasms. Multiple cases of bone neoplasms including primary and secondary neoplasms will be discussed highlighting the importance of combining clinical features, diagnostic imaging, pathological and molecular findings to reach a precise and specific diagnosis. Finally, a general approach to bone lesions will be discussed to avoid pitfalls in bone pathology. The presentation will highlight some common pitfalls in bone pathology with a simple approach to avoid mistakes/pitfalls in bone pathology for general pathologists and trainees.

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## Update on prostatic adenocarcinoma

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Prostatic adenocarcinoma is the second most common malignancy worldwide. There have been new updates on pathology of prostatic adenocarcinoma. Recently, the International Society of Urological Pathology held a consensus conference in 2014 which was published in 2015. This conference predominantly deliberated with definition of various grading patterns of usual prostatic adenocarcinoma, grading of intraductal carcinoma and the new grade groups. Most of these updates were implemented and applied in the new 2016 WHO Classification of Tumors of the Prostate. The presentation will discuss the new update of prostatic adenocarcinoma with focus on grading system.

### Biography

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## Efficient support for digital pathology in standard medical imaging repositories

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Nowadays, the field of digital pathology is in the spotlight thanks to advances in whole-slide imaging technologies. In this area, the exploitation of digital laboratories has significant advantages, namely, faster and more accurate diagnostic, better support for tele-pathology as well as new clinical and research applications. Despite these advantages, there has been a very slow adoption of whole-slide imaging. In fact, it raises several technical challenges which may jeopardize the benefits of its operation, most notably the performance issues associated with storage and distribution of huge volumes of data and the lack of interoperability with other hospital information systems, such as Picture Archive and Communications Systems (PACS) based on the DICOM standard. We developed architecture of a web pathology PACS that is able to overcome these challenges and unlock the full potential of digital pathology and whole-slide imaging for clinical practice. Our solution is fully compliant with the DICOM standard both for communications and data formats. It includes a PACS archive capable of storing whole-slide images along with other medical imaging modalities as well as a zero-footprint viewer that runs in any common web-browser. In summary, it enables the integration of digital pathology and whole-slide imaging with other medical imaging modalities while being very competitive in terms of efficiency and usability.

### Biography

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## Role of cell blocks preparation in fine needle aspiration in malignant lesions

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**Introduction & Aim:** In diagnosing a neoplastic lesion from any area, fine needle aspiration cytology can provide a level, as to whether the lesion is benign or malignant. Cell block preparation in a way will mimic the histopathological sections, thus help in sub classifying various neoplastic lesions as well. The objective of this research was to evaluate the diagnostic utility of cell block in fine needle aspiration of malignant lesions.

**Materials & Methods:** This was a prospective hospital based study conducted in the Department of Pathology, BPKIHS over a period of 1 year. A total of 41 cases; those were suspected or diagnosed as cases of malignancy in FNA's smear of which cell block and histopathology specimens available were included in this study.

**Results:** Smear was diagnostic in 93% of cases while cell block were diagnostic in 80% of cases smear supplemented by cell block improved diagnosis which reached to 98%. The cell block diagnosis confirmed that of smear diagnosis in 56% cases. It established specific diagnosis in 24% cases and hence contributed especially in cases where smears were non-diagnostic. Therefore, CB was found to be superior to smears in these cases. The cell block was non-confirmatory in 20% cases. The main non-confirmatory nature of cell block was mainly due to the non-diagnostic yield of cell block.

**Conclusion:** This study concludes that cell blocks have a synergistic effect on conventional smear diagnosis. In selected cases where CS falls into suspicious for malignancy category, cell blocks can render a specific diagnosis.

### Biography

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## Approach to skin adnexal tumors

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Most adnexal neoplasms are uncommonly encountered in routine practice and pathologists can recognize a limited number of frequently encountered tumors. In this review, I provide a simplified histological approach to be used by general pathologists and residents of pathology and dermatology programs. These tumors are classified into: (1) Tumors connected to epidermis, (2) tumors not connected to epidermis, (3) sebaceous tumors and (4) dermal cysts.

## Biography

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## Un-usual renal cases

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Renal pathology is a unique part of pathology involving both native and transplant pathology. Today I will present a combinations of both. All the cases I will present are unusual and give us something to learn. With an expected finding in histology not matching the presentation or the history one case is of Intraglomerular metastases of malignant tumor? Resembling crescent and endocapillary formation. The case was a surprise for nephrologist and for us with only few are reported. We confirm the diagnosis using immunohistochemistry with different antibodies. The other case is a transplant case with a diagnosis of Suspicious for acute T-cell-mediated rejection for the first two biopsies then patient get treatment but still he get worse and a third biopsy showed same finding but clinically there was positivity in the serum for ? So all the biopsies reviewed and show the same positivity by immunohistochemistry. Also there are no case reported with this finding. A third with previous confirmed diagnosis of C3 glomerulopathy presenting with same clinical presentation after 5 years and biopsy done but it show that there is no more C3 glomerulopathy with complete negative stains for C3 and a new diagnosis?

## Biography

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## Interpretation of hormone receptors, Her2/neu and Ki-67 in mammary carcinoma

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Immunohistochemistry (IHC) combines anatomic, immunologic and biochemical techniques to identify specific tissue components using a specific antigen-antibody reaction labeled with a visible reporter molecule. This binding is then visualized through the use of various enzymes that are coupled to the antibodies being used. The enzyme acts on a chromogenic substrate to cause deposition of a colored material at the site of antibody-antigen bindings. IHC is not only critical for the accurate diagnosis of malignancies but also plays a pivotal role in prognostic evaluation (e.g., estrogen and progesterone receptors in breast cancer) and treatments strategies (e.g., Her2/neu in certain breast cancers). It is recommended that hormone receptor and Her2/neu testing be done on all primary invasive breast carcinomas and on recurrent or metastatic tumors. If hormone receptors and Her2/neu are both negative on a core biopsy, repeat testing on a subsequent specimen should be considered, particularly when the results are discordant with the histo-pathologic findings. Other biomarker tests (e.g., Ki-67 or multi-gene expression assays) are optional and are not currently recommended for all carcinomas. Guidelines published by the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) require recording specific pre-analytic and analytic variables that can affect test results. Information regarding assay validation or verification should be available in the laboratory. Any deviation(s) from the laboratory's validated methods should be recorded. Appropriate positive and negative controls should be used and evaluated.

### Biography

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## Idiopathic Pleuroparenchymal Fibroelastosis (IPPFE), a rare clinic-pathologic entity that needs more attention: Series of Egyptian patients

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Idiopathic Pleuroparenchymal Fibroelastosis (IPPFE) is an entity recently classified by the American thoracic society/ European respiratory society as a rare Idiopathic Interstitial Pneumonia (IIP). This might be uncertain, based on some clinical experiences. As part of a large Egyptian study that included patients with Diffuse Parenchymal Lung Diseases (DPLD), we encountered 6 patients with DPLD diagnosed as IPPFE by surgical lung biopsy over a period of one year. Clinical data, High Resolution chest Computed Tomography (HRCT) findings and histologic criteria from thoracoscopic lung biopsies were correlated in a multidisciplinary approach. Most of our patients were young age, with female predominance and living in the same area (Upper Egypt). Exertional dyspnea and cough were the main presenting symptoms. Low body weight, flat chest wall and stretched skin were the main signs. HRCT showed upper lobe volume loss, traction bronchiectasis, visceral pleural thickening and ground glass opacity. Histologic features included thickening of the visceral pleura, sub-pleural parenchyma and interlobular septa with deposition of large amounts of elastic fibers (by elastic stain) and Non-Specific Interstitial Pneumonia (NSIP) histologic pattern. IPPFE should get more attention being more prevalent than we used to know. Although other IIPs may represent initial phase in IPPFE or may coexist together but it should still be considered as a separate entity. Multidisciplinary approach is required for diagnosis. Further studies to reach etiologic factors are highly needed.

### Biography

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## **Evolving role of clinical microbiology: Impact of rapid bacterial identification and antimicrobial resistance**

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Application of State-of-the-Art technology in clinical microbiology has recently seen the dramatic evolution of bacterial identification methods to enable rapid laboratory diagnosis, bringing the clinical microbiology laboratory to the forefront. While rapid bacterial identification plays a crucial role in empiric antibiotic treatment, in some instances it may also assist in determining the epidemiology of the infection. The current clinical environment thus demands that the clinical microbiologists maintain close communication with the clinicians, enabling timely translation of laboratory results to patient care. The above concepts along with increasing antimicrobial resistance will be illustrated further with clinical scenarios encountered in daily clinical practice.

### **Biography**

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## Primary pulmonary myxoid sarcoma: Rare entity

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This case represents a rare entity-primary pulmonary myxoid sarcoma, of which to the best of our knowledge only 10 other cases have been reported in the literature. They are defined by distinctive histo-morphological features and characterized by a recurrent fusion gene. All tumors involved pulmonary parenchyma with a predilection for the endobronchial component. They appear to have a predilection for females, with 7 of the 10 reported cases, occurring in women. Microscopically, they are lobulated tumors comprising cords of polygonal, spindle, stellate cells with myxoid stroma, morphologically reminiscent of extra-skeletal myxoid chondro-sarcoma. Tumors were immune-reactive for only vimentin and weakly focal for EMA, although our specific case was negative for these markers. In 7 of the 10 tumors, a specific *EWSR1-CREB1* fusion gene was demonstrated by reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction. This gene fusion has been described previously in 2 histologically and behaviorally different sarcomas: Clear cell like sarcoma-like tumors of the gastrointestinal tract and angiomatoid fibrous histiocytoma; however, this is a novel finding in tumors with the morphology described and occurring in the pulmonary region.

### Biography

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## Digital molecular pathology

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The molecular pathology laboratory offers molecular diagnostic testing for a variety of clinical indications across the health-care continuum, including testing for disease susceptibility, population screening, diagnosis, prognosis, therapeutic decision making and disease monitoring. Molecular Pathology (MP) is at the heart of modern diagnostics and translational research. It has become evident that, to advance in the translation of biomarker discovery into diagnostic and therapeutic application, the purpose of this article is to advance MP into Digital Molecular Pathology (DMP), depending on known biomarkers especially miRNA and proteomics, to resolve many of the demands in the clinical laboratory, as screening for cancer, endemic or rare virus infection and biological war. We would like to suggest an integrated model of DMP, from biomarkers to form two steps of diagnosis and two steps of treatment, the first step for fast diagnosis and fast therapy to stop spreading of disease, the second step for complete diagnosis and effectiveness treatment, many biomarkers were discovered so must divided into groups, DMP can allow facilities to outsource all or a portion of the demands data such as cloud computing, bioinformatics pipelines, variant data management and knowledge curation. Exchange of electronic molecular data allows laboratories to perform validation of rare diseases using foreign data, check the accuracy of their test results against benchmarks.

## Biography

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**Correlative analysis of *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* with *APC* gene in sporadic colorectal cancer in young north Indian patients****Kim Vaiphei and Vikas Gupta**

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Sporadic Colorectal Cancer (CRC) in patients is increasing rapidly in Indian population and half of the patients are less than 50 years of age. No comprehensive molecular study has been carried out to analysis the basis for the disease occurring in younger individuals. The study investigated frequency of *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* genes and *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* proteins expressions, their prognostic significance and correlated with the Adenomatosis Polyposis Coli (*APC*) gene mutational status by DNA sequencing in young CRC patients. Protein expression and promoter methylation of *APC*, *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* and Mismatch Repair genes (MMR) were analyzed by immunohistochemistry and Methylation-Specific PCR (MSP), respectively and correlated with patient's data. Of 100 CRC, *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* loss were observed in 18 and 12, reduced expressions in 50 and 38, respectively, 5 failed to express. Promoter hyper-methylation for *hMLH1* was detected in 50 and *hMSH2* in 10. Combination of methylation of *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* gene was observed in 8 tumors. Significant correlation was observed between histological tumor grade, methylation status and *hMLH1* gene expression ( $p < 0.05$ ). Normal expression for *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* was observed in all un-methylated tumors. Promoter methylation of *hMLH1* and *hMSH2* failed to influence survival and correlated with loss of protein. *APC* gene mutation was observed in 45% patients with no differential in distribution. Our observations suggest inactivation of MMR gene via hyper-methylation lead to functional loss resulting in tumor aggressiveness and role of *APC* gene appeared not to play a major role in tumor progression in these young patients.

**Biography**

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## Comparison of E-cadherin/Beta-catenin complex in inflammatory nasal polyps, sinonasal inverted papilloma and nasopharyngeal carcinoma

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Cell-cell junctions are important to maintain cell and tissue polarity and integrity. E-cadherin/Beta-catenin complex plays significant role in maintaining epithelial integrity. Disruption of this complex not only affects the adhesive properties of cells but also activates the Wnt signaling pathway, which is observed in many malignancies and fibrotic disorders. We conducted this study to compare the dysregulation of this complex in Inflammatory Nasal Polyps (INP), Sinonasal Inverted Papillomas (SIP) and Naso Pharyngeal Carcinomas (NPC). A cross-sectional study was conducted on 82 cases, retrieved from archives of Chughtai Lab, Lahore, out of which 68 cases were of INPs, 9 cases were of SIP and 5 cases were of NPC using non-probability consecutive sampling technique. Our study showed dysregulation of this complex in 19 (27.9%) cases of INPs, which were predominantly accompanied by fibrosis, 7 (77.8%) cases of SIP and in all 5 (100%) cases of NPC. Nuclear staining was evident in all 5 cases of NPC. Our study concluded that this complex is dysregulated in INPs associated with fibrosis and in neoplastic disorders. Dysregulation of E-cadherin/Beta-catenin complex may be involved in recurrence and malignant transformation of INP and SIP. Therefore close follow up is required for such patients of INP and SIP, to prevent recurrence and progression of disease.

### Biography

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**ALK overexpression in triple negative breast cancer using immunohistochemistry****Zonaira Rathore and Ghazi Zafar**

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Breast cancer is the most common female malignancy worldwide. Studies have identified different molecular subtypes including luminal A, luminal B, Her2 positive and Triple Negative Breast Cancer (TNBC) on basis of Immunohistochemistry (IHC). They have different prognosis and response to adjuvant therapy. Anaplastic Lymphoma Kinase (ALK) is a tyrosine kinase receptor known to be expressed in many tumors and can be targeted by anti-tyrosine kinase inhibitors. Studies have shown subset of breast carcinomas to express ALK. The aim of our study is to determine ALK protein overexpression using IHC on TNBC patients, providing them with a targeted therapy option. A cross-sectional study was performed, on 43 cases of TNBC of all histologic subtypes retrieved from archives of Chughtai Lab, Lahore, from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2017, using non-probability consecutive sampling technique. Mouse anti-human monoclonal antibody against ALK from DAKO was used. Membranous and/or nuclear staining of ALK in at least 1% of tumor cells was taken as positive. All data was analyzed through SPSS version 22.0. Our study showed 11 cases (25.6%) to overexpress ALK by immunohistochemistry. Only 1 case (2.3%) showed cytoplasmic granular positivity along with nuclear staining while 10 cases showed only nuclear pattern of staining (23.2%). This study concludes that a significant number of cases show ALK overexpression by IHC, predominantly nuclear. Further studies are required, using *In Situ* Hybridization (ISH), to confirm ALK gene rearrangement and validate the significance of nuclear staining of ALK as seen in our study. This subset of patient may benefit from anti-ALK therapy. However further studies are required to validate the results.

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