

# Adenocarcinoma of the Cervix: In Situ vs Invasive Including Subtypes

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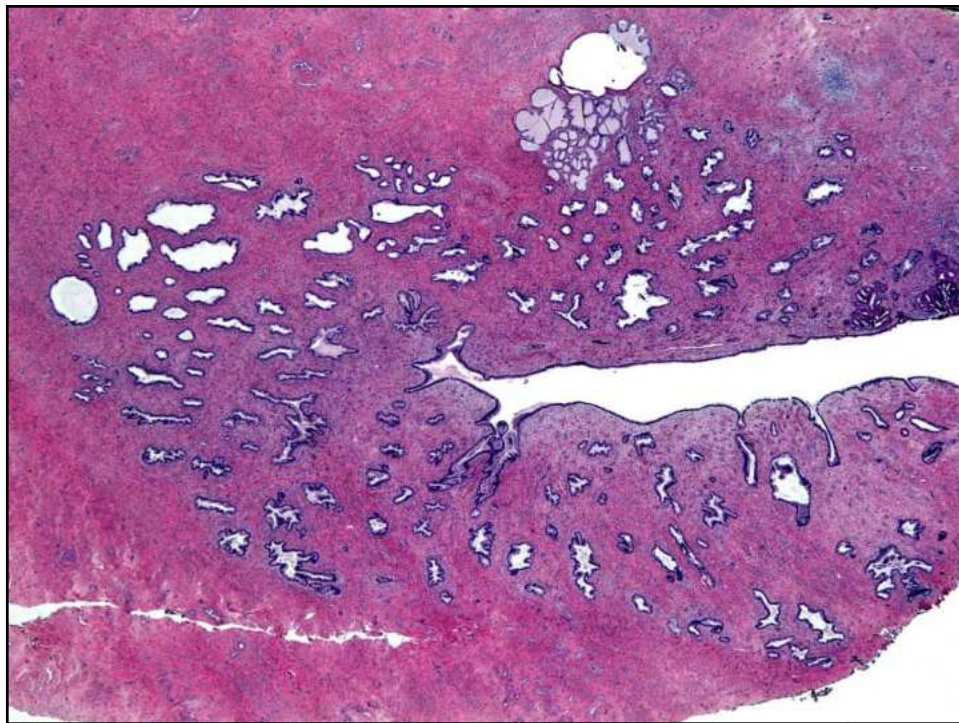
## Cervical Adenocarcinoma

- Is it invasive?
- Size of tumor (vs in situ)
- Subtypes
- The pathology report

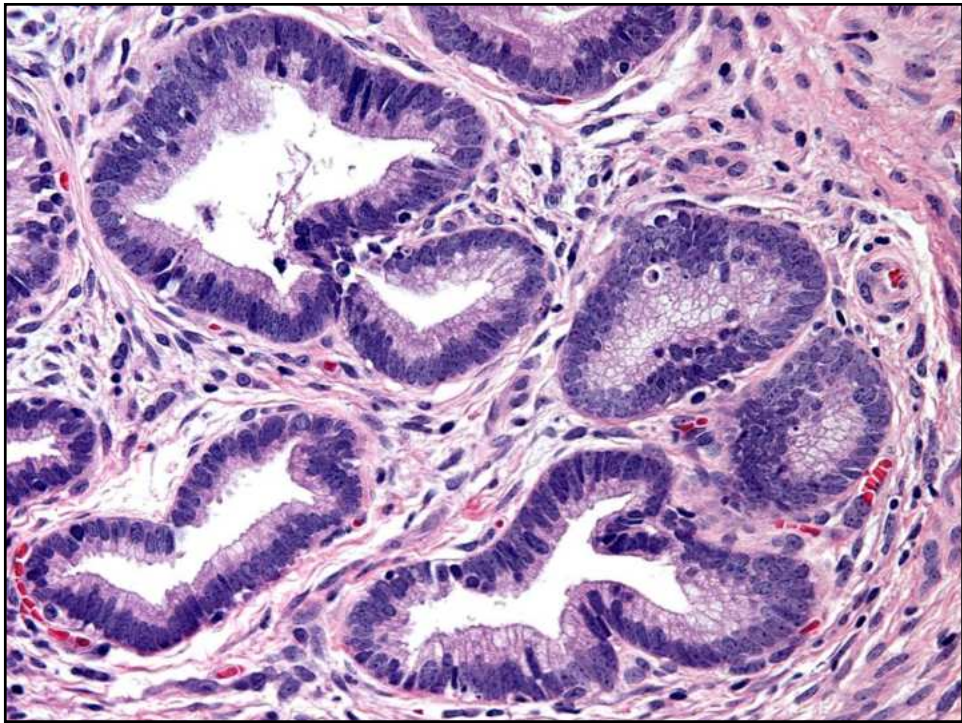
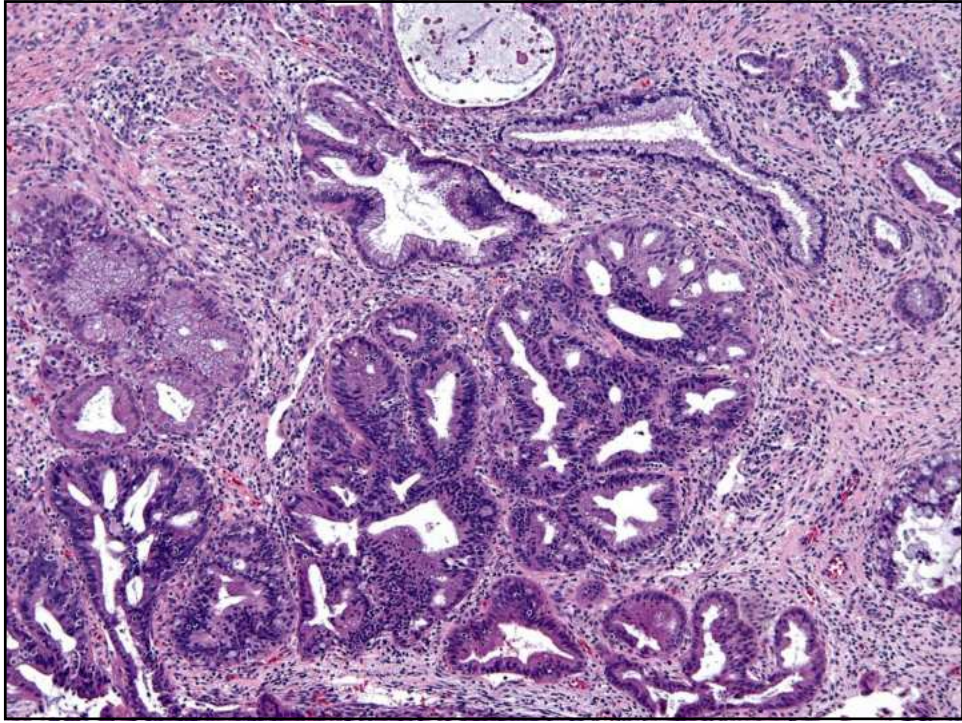
## Is It Invasive?

- AIS
- Invasive adenocarcinoma (Silva)

50- year- old postmenopausal female  
undergoes cold knife cone for abnormal  
Pap test. No lesions are visible on  
colposcopy at time of cone.  
(photomicrographs of cone)







## ADENOCARCINOMA IN SITU

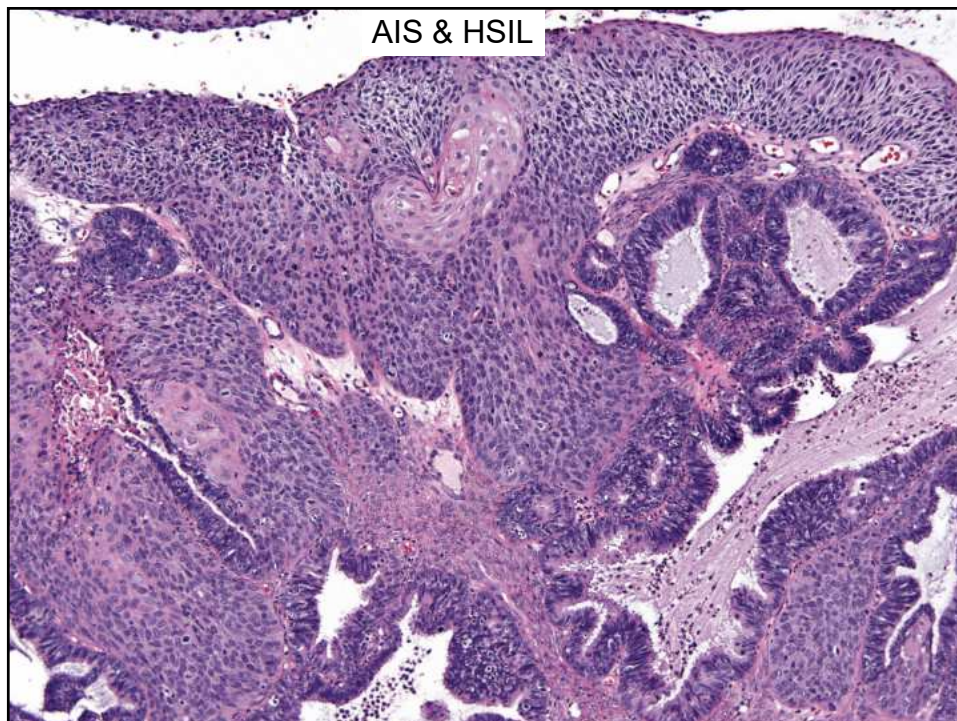
### Adenocarcinoma In Situ (AIS)

- Wide age range, but most common during the reproductive years (mean age, 37 years)
- Diagnosed in women 10-15 years younger than those with invasive CA
- Risk factors similar to those for squamous intraepithelial lesions (SIL)



## Adenocarcinoma In Situ (AIS)

- Most women are asymptomatic.
- AIS is often identified during evaluation for an abnormal cervical cytology or biopsy performed for SIL.
- Most have no colposcopic abnormality
- Approximately 50% not visualized due to presence high in the endocervical canal



## Adenocarcinoma In Situ (AIS)

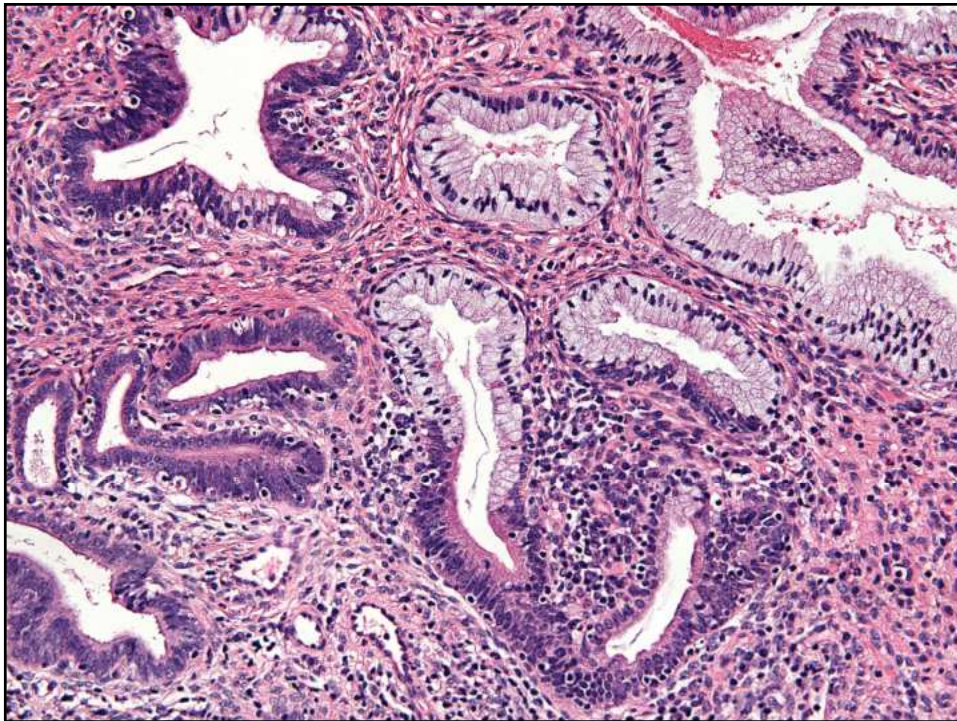
- Associated with SIL ~50% AIS
- Arises in transformation zone, extends contiguously, but irregularly – but rarely more than 2.5 cm in extent
- Multifocality can be seen, but has been over-emphasized

## Adenocarcinoma In Situ (AIS)

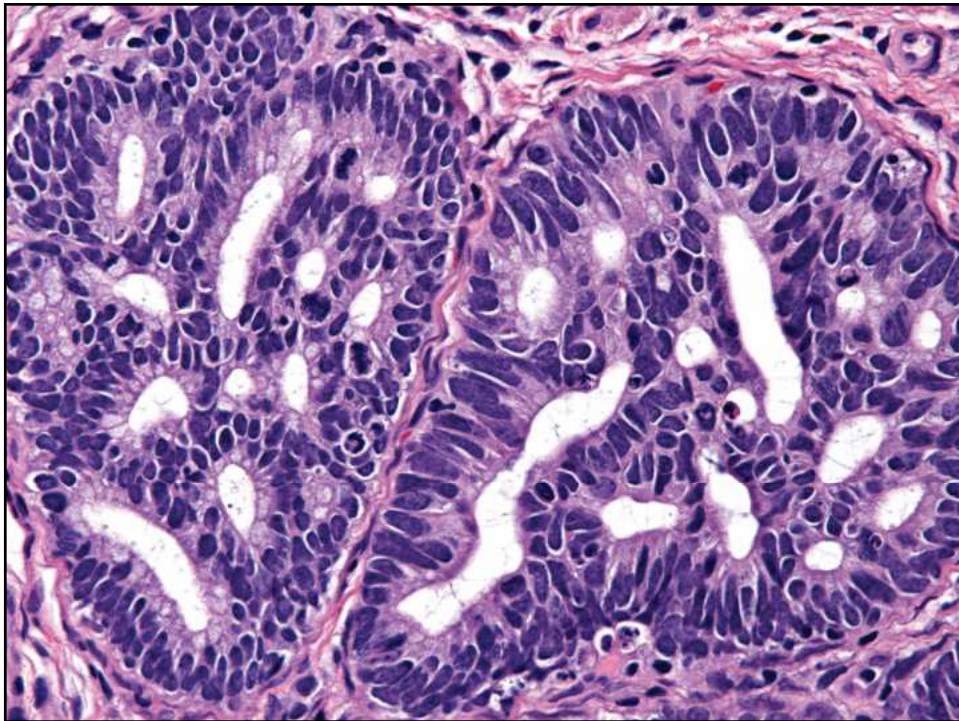
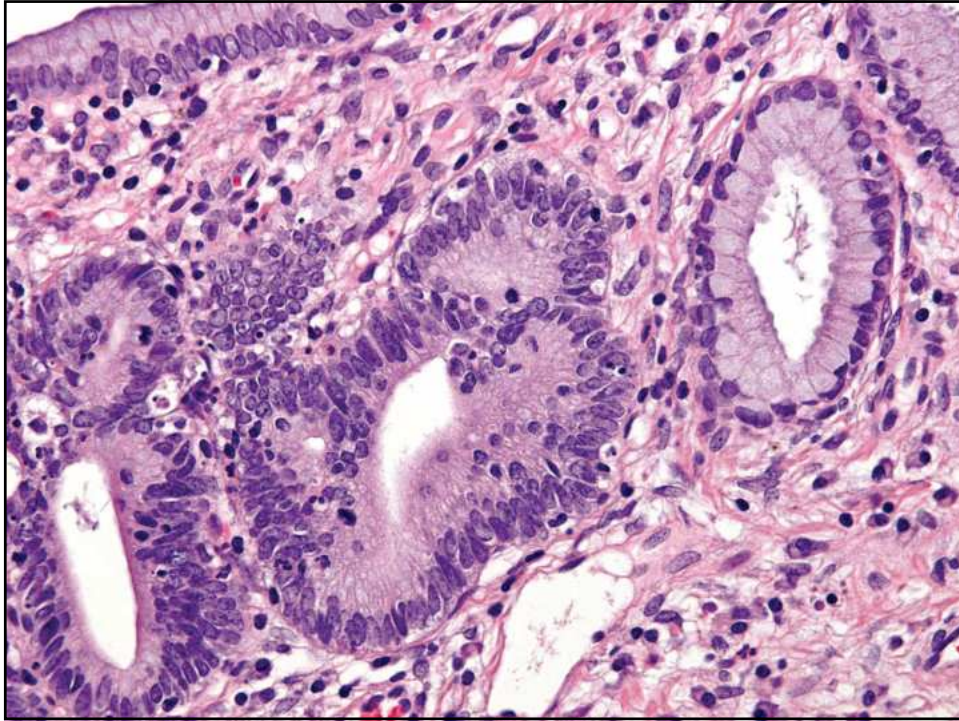
- Look for darker, more basophilic glands with abrupt transition from normal mucinous epithelium
- High power
  - Floating (luminal) mitoses; apoptotic bodies
  - Enlarged and elongate nuclei; irregular
  - Crowding and stratification; loss of polarity
  - Nuclear hyperchromasia - fine or coarsely granular chromatin

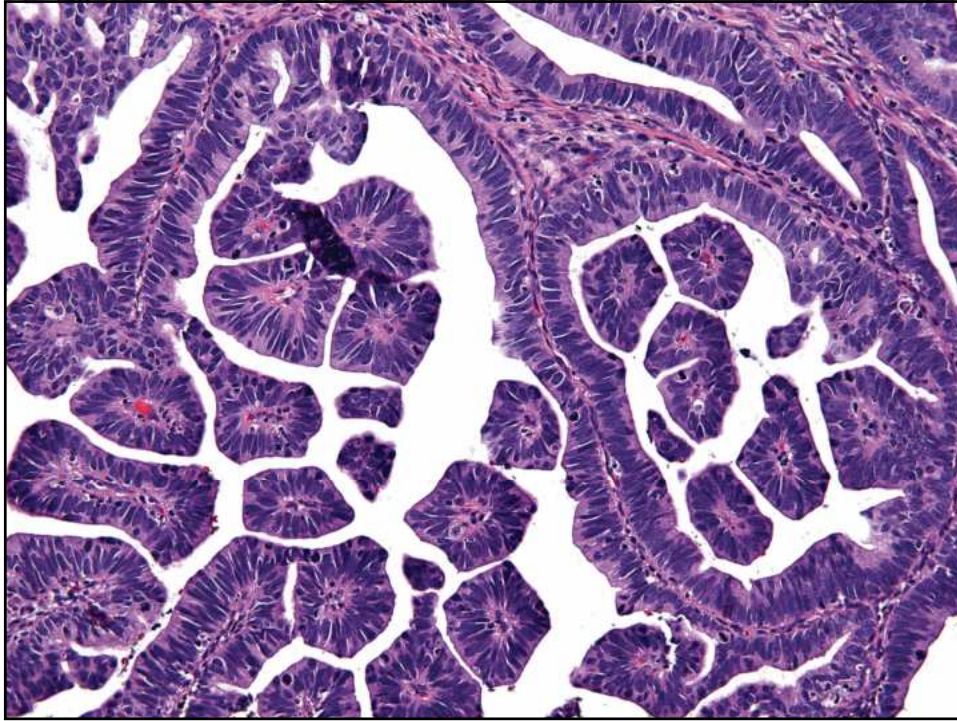
## Adenocarcinoma In Situ (AIS)

- Preservation of lobular architecture, but
- Glands may be larger, more numerous and generally more pronounced than adjacent normal glandular lobular units
- Jagged infiltration is not present
- Cytoplasm may be pale, mucinous (small droplets or full blown goblet cells), or eosinophilic







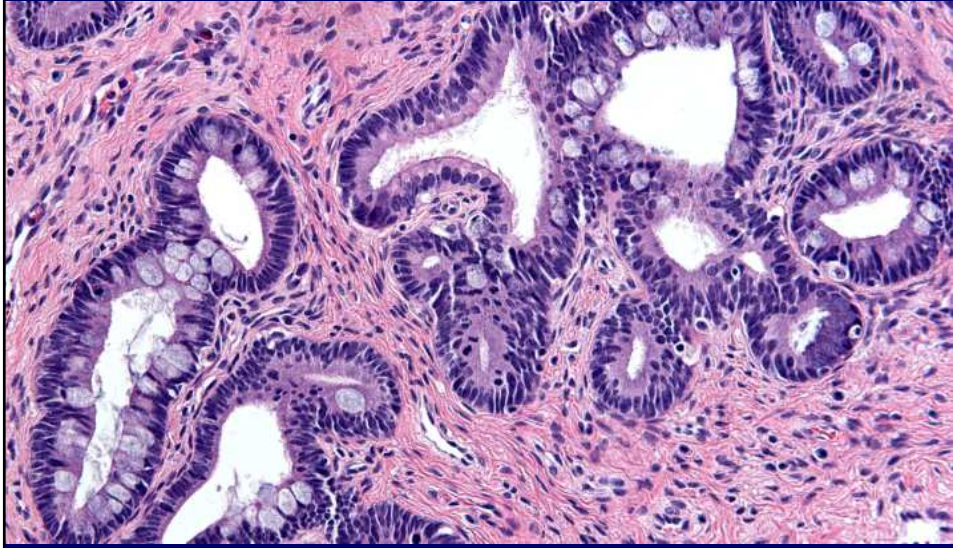


## AIS Types

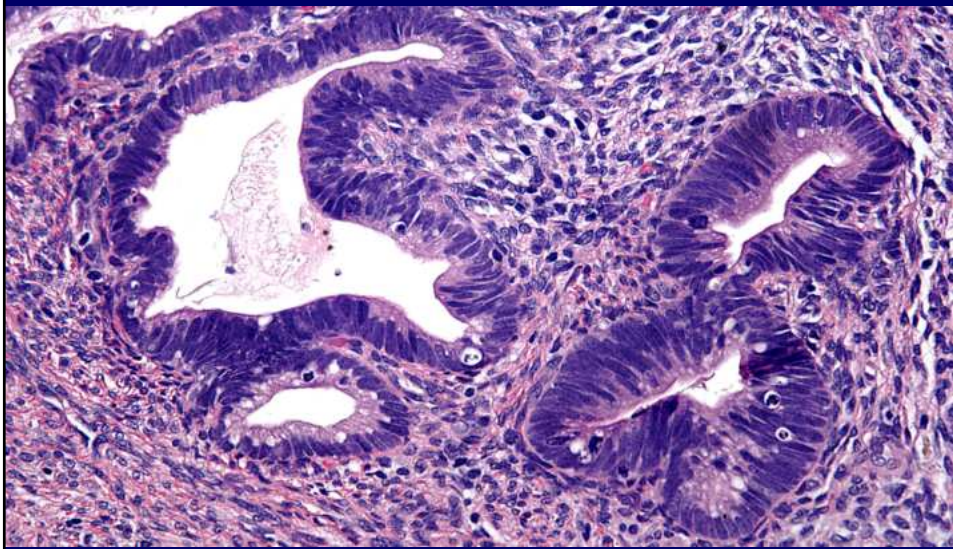
- Usual (mucinous) type: majority
- Intestinal (goblet cell) type
- Mucin-depleted (endometrioid) type
- Tubal or ciliated type
- Poorly differentiated or stratified type
- Superficial or early



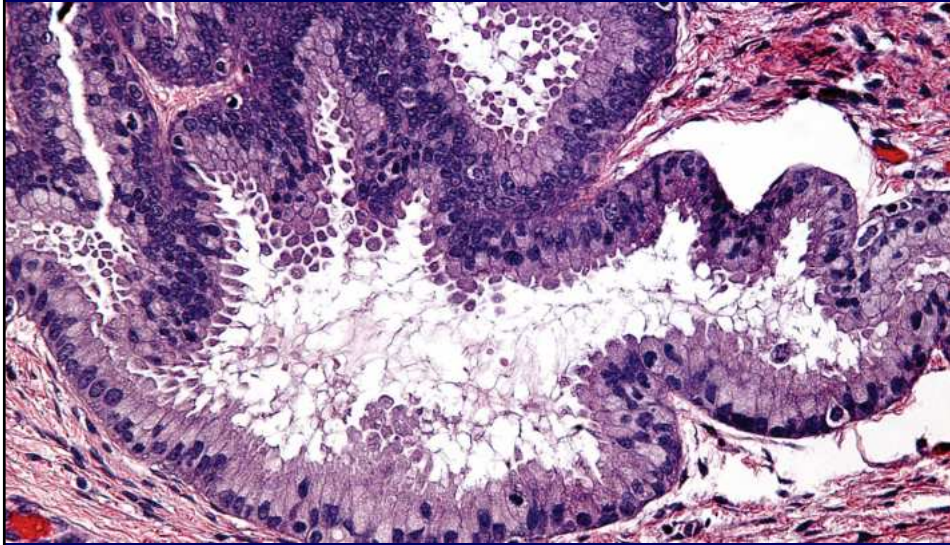
*Goblet cell (intestinal differentiation)*



*Mucin-depleted ("endometrioid")*

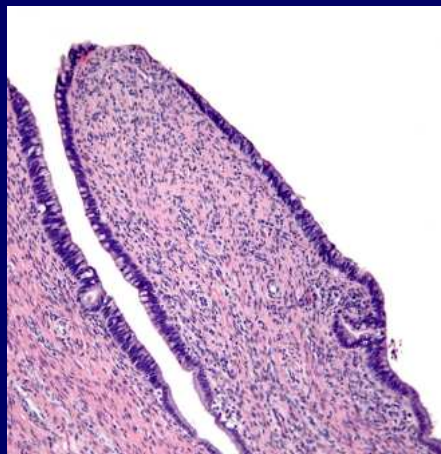


*Tubal or ciliated*



## Superficial ( 'Early' ) AIS

- May appear 'stuck-on' or patch-like
- Similar cytologic features of usual AIS
- May be more common in younger age group (mean, 26 years)
- Significance not established, but may be very focal; possible relationship to unexplained AGUS





## Borderline Lesions: A Case for Dysplasia?

- There are glandular lesions that exhibit some but not all the features of AIS
- Some, but by no means all, of these lesions are associated with AIS, HSIL, or invasive adenocarcinoma
- These lesions appear to occur at a younger age and may harbor high-risk HPV, suggesting they may be precursor lesions of AIS
- However, significant interobserver disagreement about diagnosis of “dysplasia”

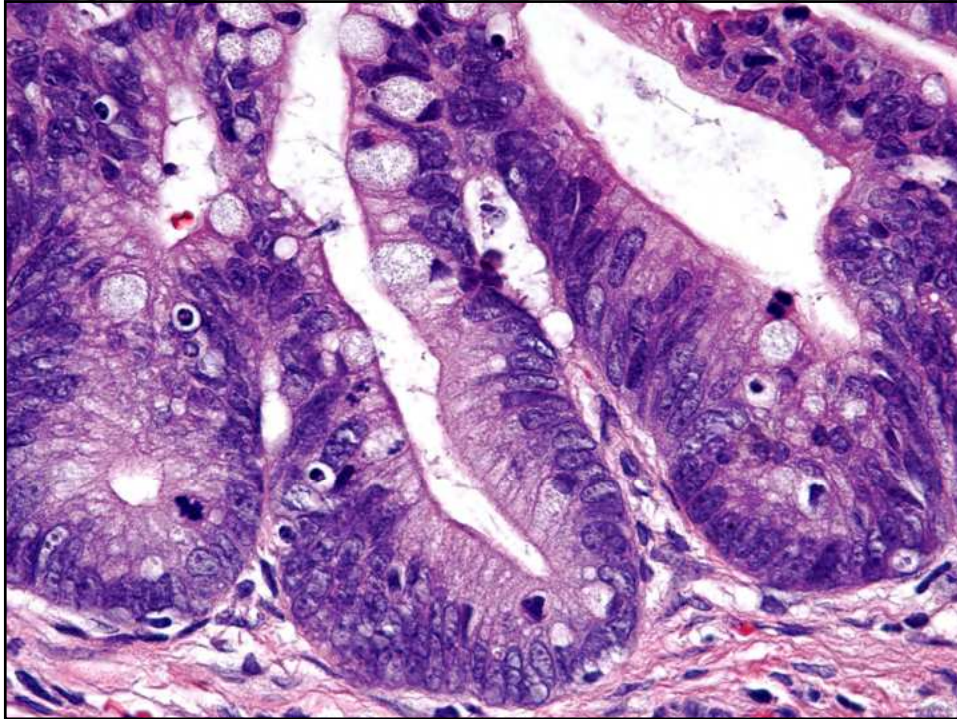
## So, What To Do?

*Am J Surg Pathol 2003;27:452-460*

	0	1	2	3
Stratification	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Nuclear atypia	None	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Mitosis + Apoptosis	None	<0.5	0.6-3.0	>3.0

*Nuclear enlargement, anisocytosis, hyperchromasia, dyspolarity, nucleoli (at least 2)*

*Average number per gland in 2 most active glands*



## Endocervical Glandular Score

*Am J Surg Pathol 2003;27:452-460*

Total score 0-3 = benign (**kappa=0.6**)

Total score 4-5 = endocervical  
glandular dysplasia (EGD)  
(**kappa=0.6**)

Total score 6-9 = adenocarcinoma in  
situ (AIS) (**kappa=0.8**)

## The Downside of Dysplasia

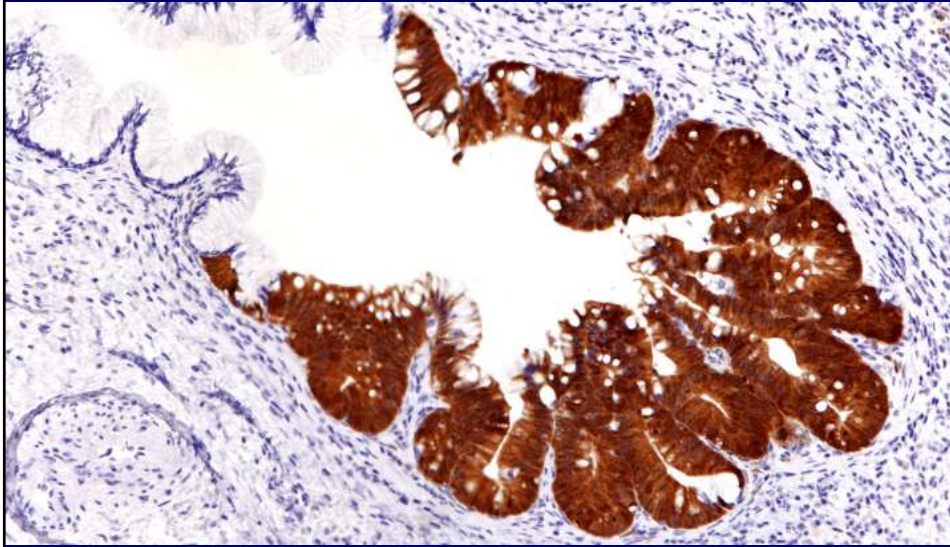
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- Reproducibility of diagnosis of dysplasia, even with scoring method is at best “good”
- Collapsing benign & dysplasia into one category (benign) gives high concordance (94%)
- Clinical implications, prevalence, progression rate to AIS, & diagnostic criteria not uniformly agreed upon
- Enter “borderline” or “glandular atypia, cannot exclude” diagnosis → **p16**

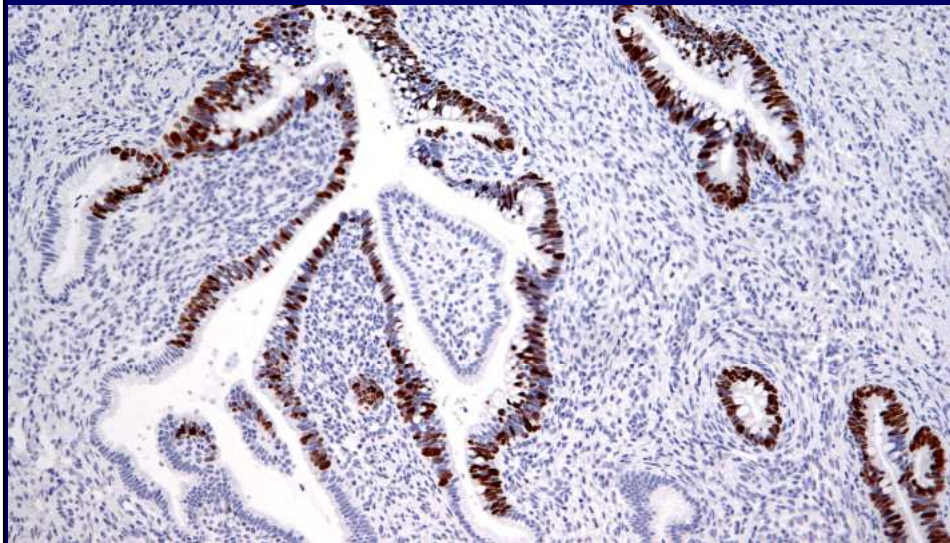
## Use of p16 in AIS

- Since AIS is assoc w/ high-risk HPV, AIS demonstrates diffuse, strong expression of p16
- Ki-67 is also elevated & can be used as complimentary marker
- This can be used in confirming diagnosis of AIS in biopsy or curettage samples, but requires experience

*Endocervical Adenocarcinoma in Situ: Positive p16*

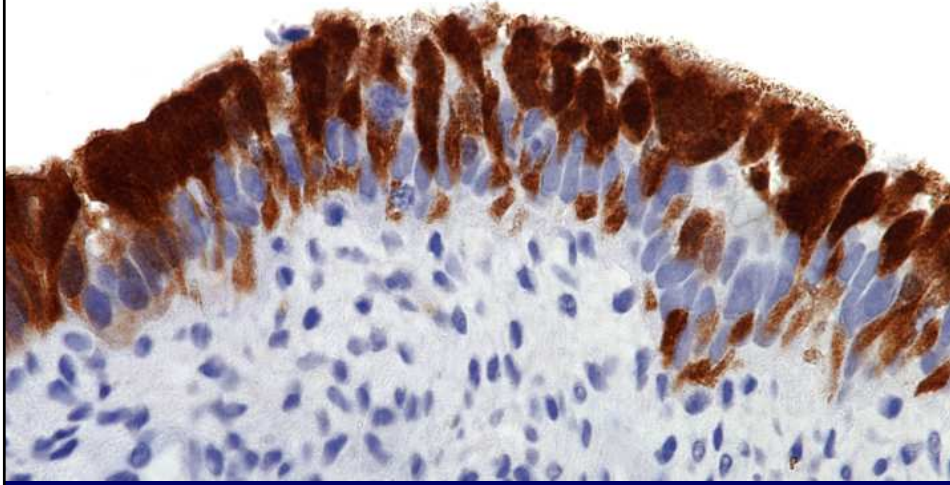


*Endocervical Adenocarcinoma in Situ: Ki-67*

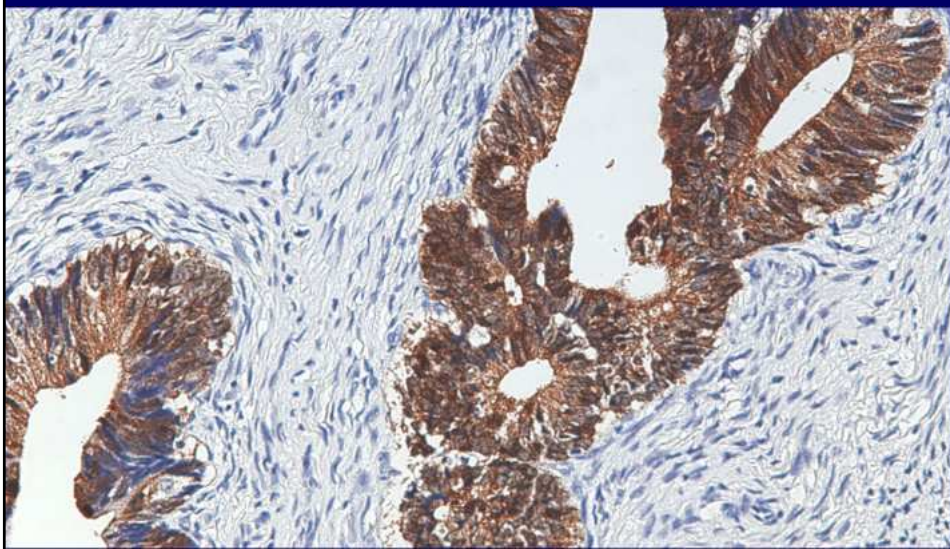


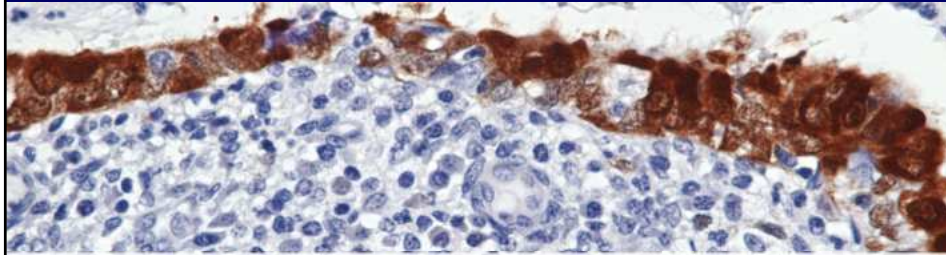


*Negative p16*

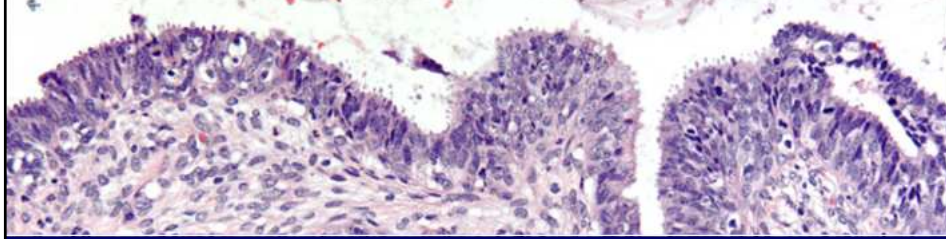


*Equivocal p16*

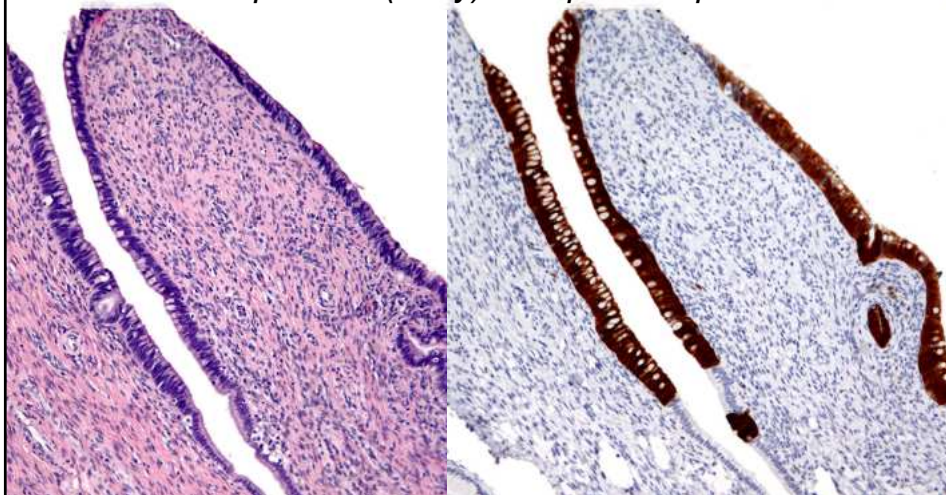




*AIS: positive p16 with interspersed inflammatory cells*

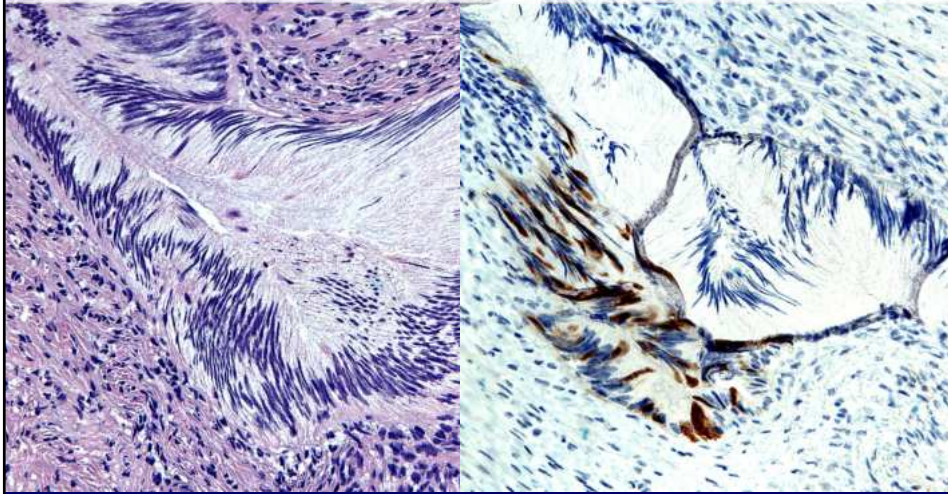


*Superficial (early) AIS: positive p16*

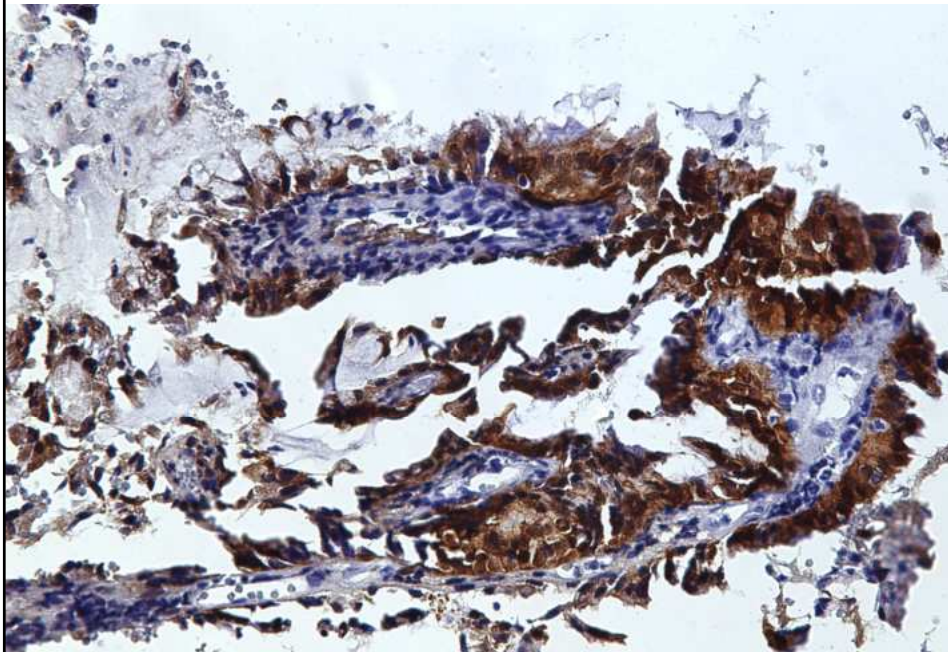




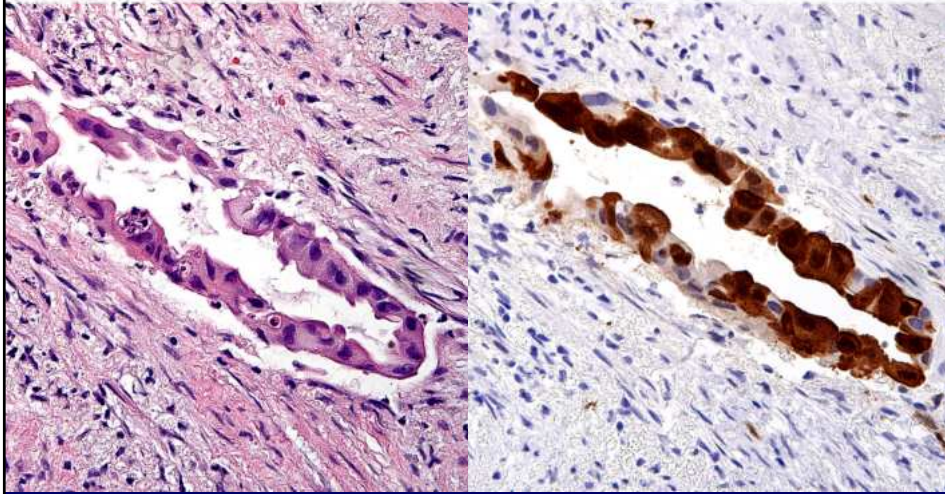
*Evaluation of cauterized margin: negative p16*



*p16 - Endocervical curettage*



*Radiation atypia: negative p16*

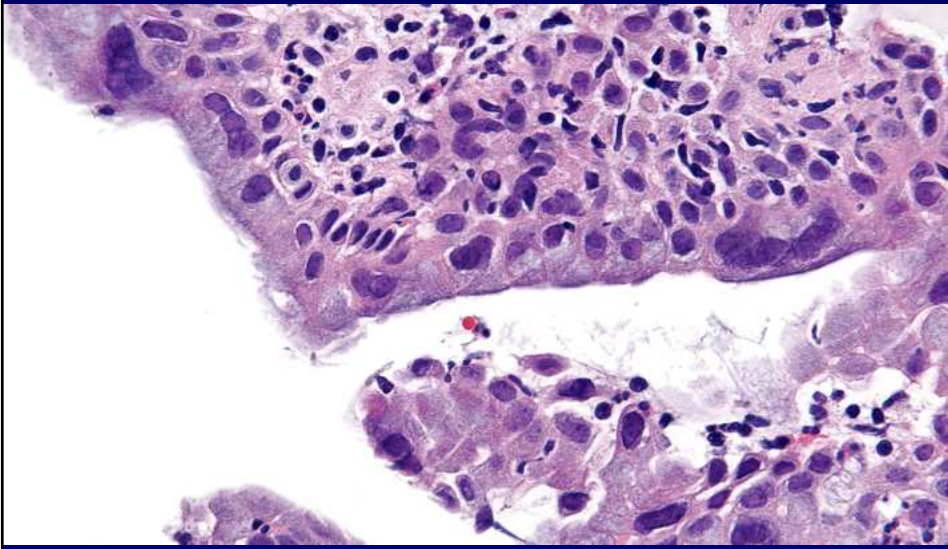


## AIS: Differential Diagnosis

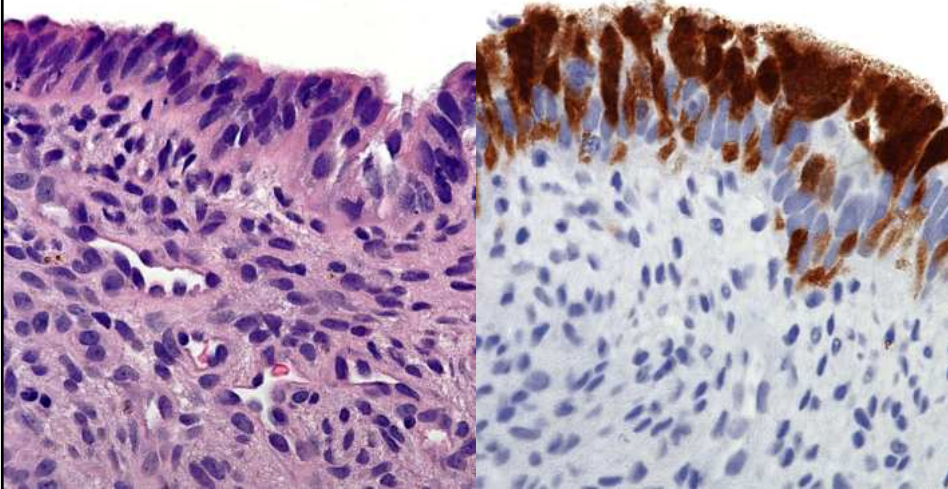
- Tuboendometrioid metaplasia
- Cervical endometriosis
- Reactive endocervical atypia
- Endocervical glandular hyperplasia
- Mitotically active endocervical mucosa
- Stratified endocervical mucosa
- Other: radiation, viropathic effect, some hormones



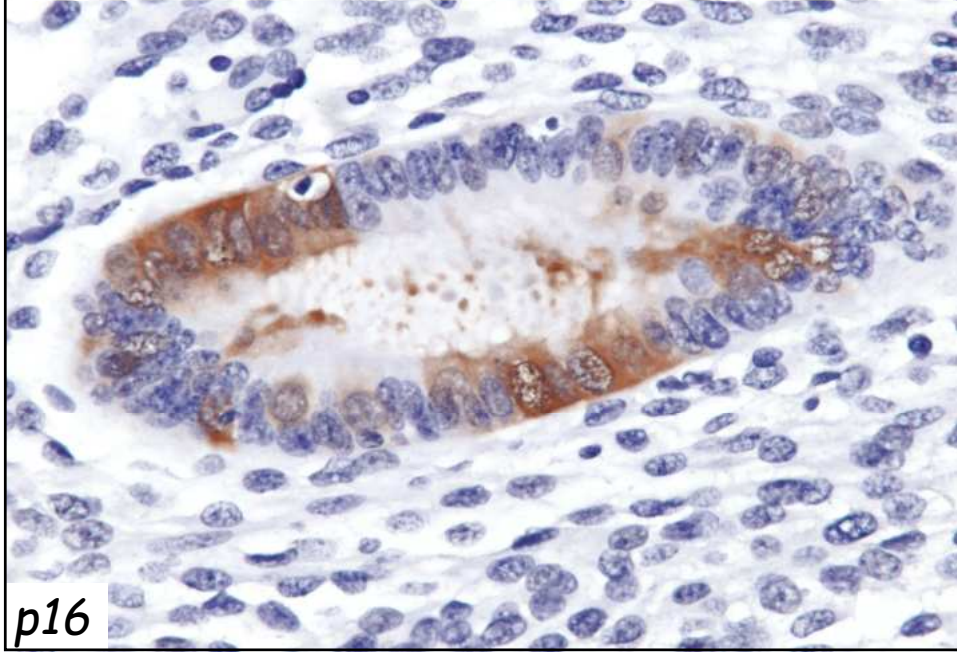
*Reactive Endocervical Cells*



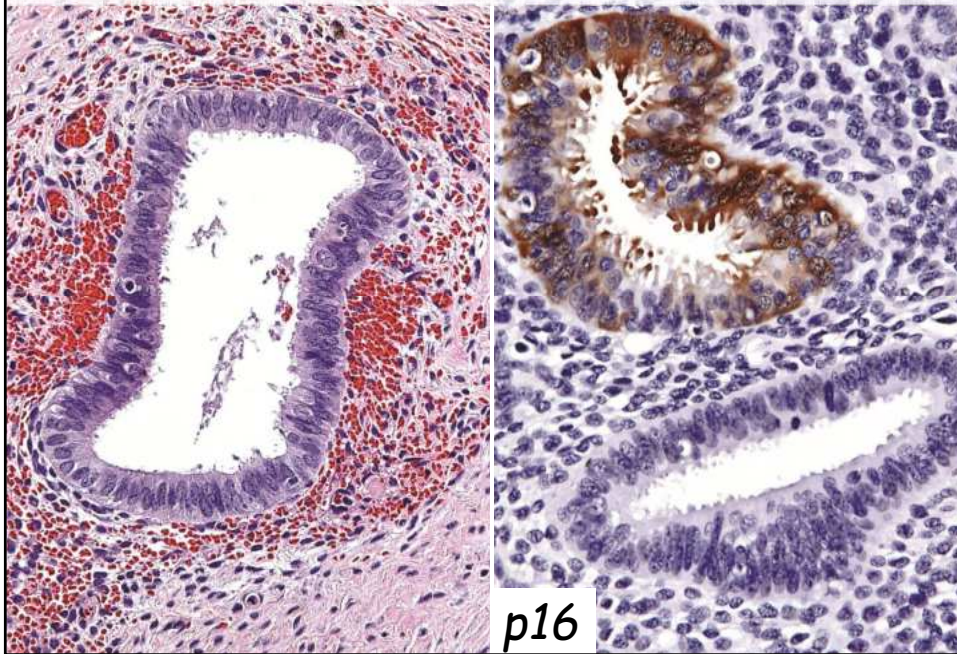
*Tubeoendometrioid metaplasia: Negative p16*



*Tuboendometrioid Metaplasia*

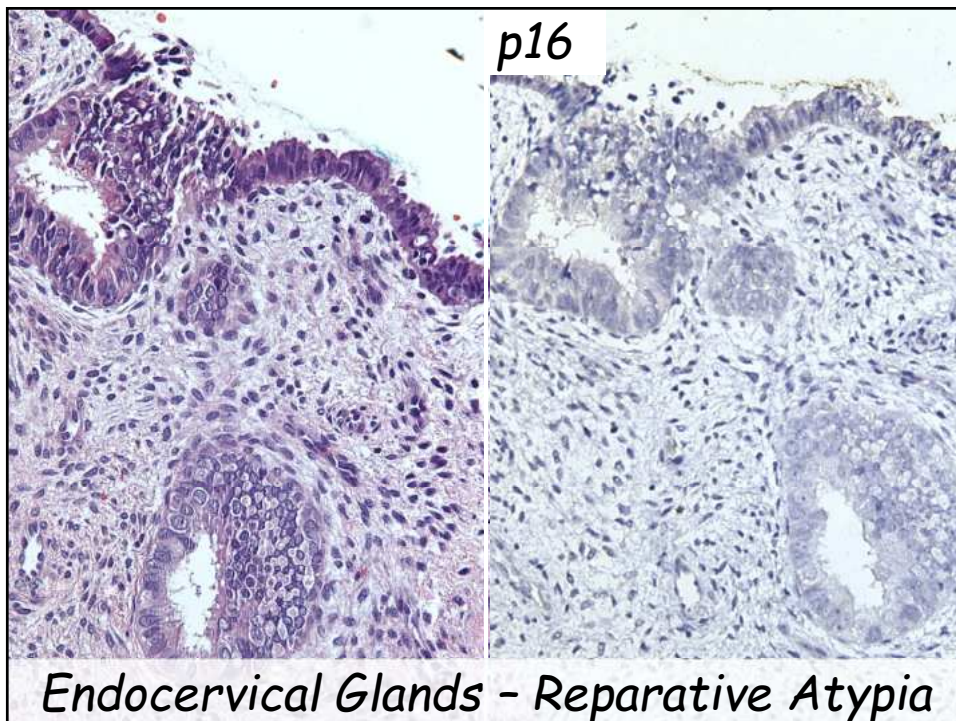


*Cervical Endometriosis*

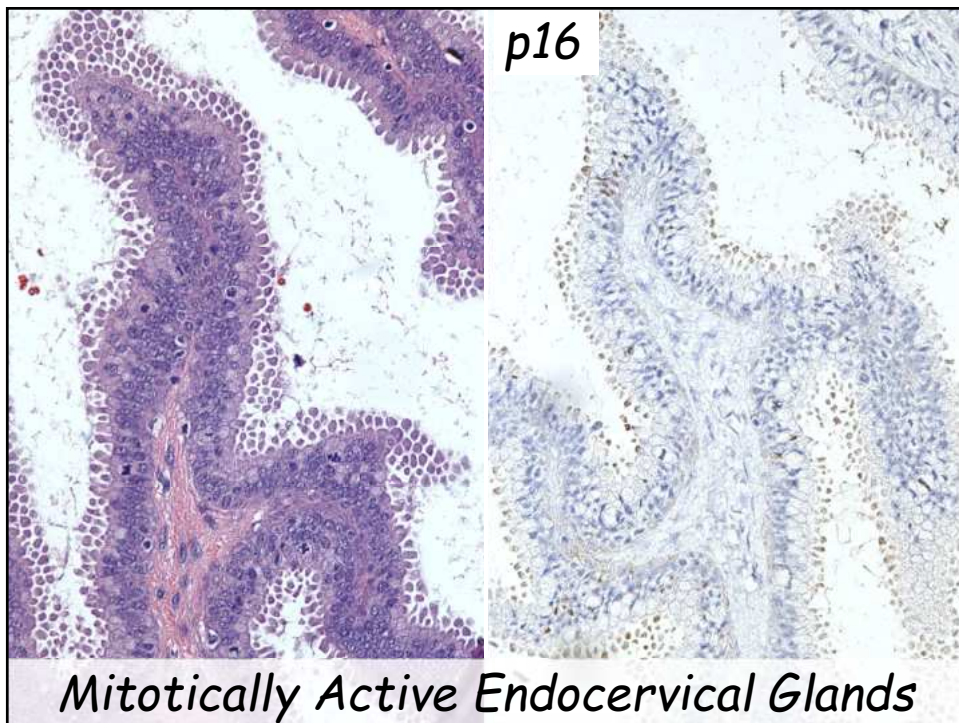
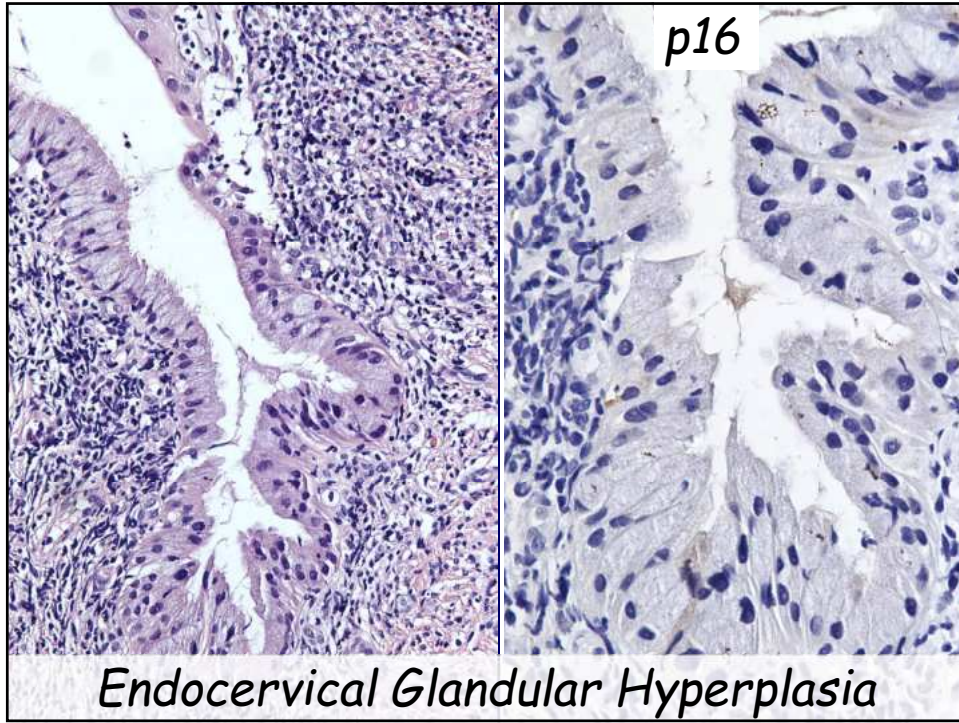




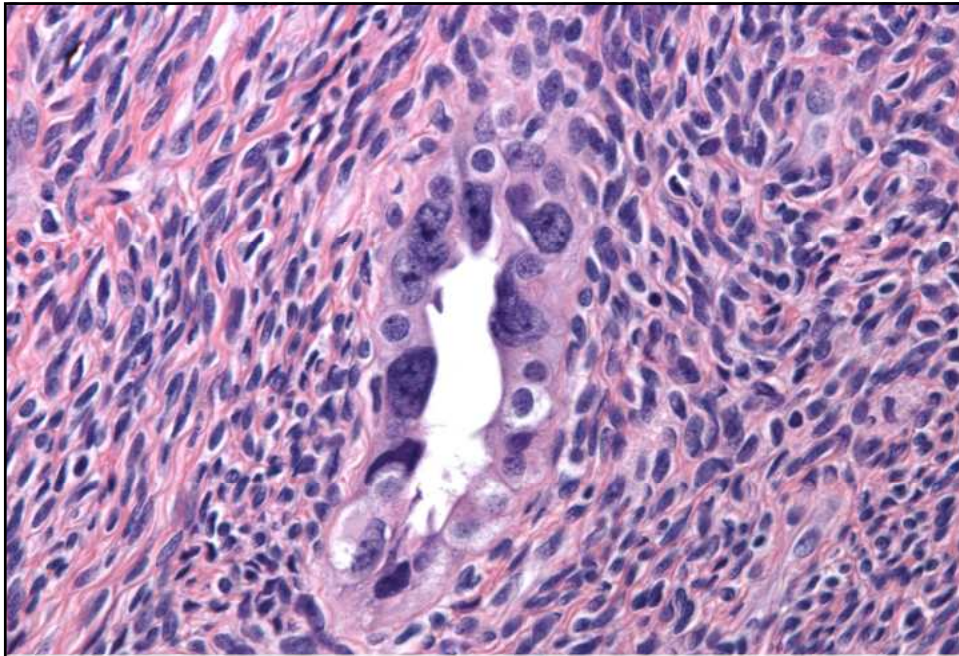
IHC	Endometriosis	AIS
p16	Patchy	Diffuse, continuous
Ki-67	Variable	High
PAX2	Positive	Negative (mostly)



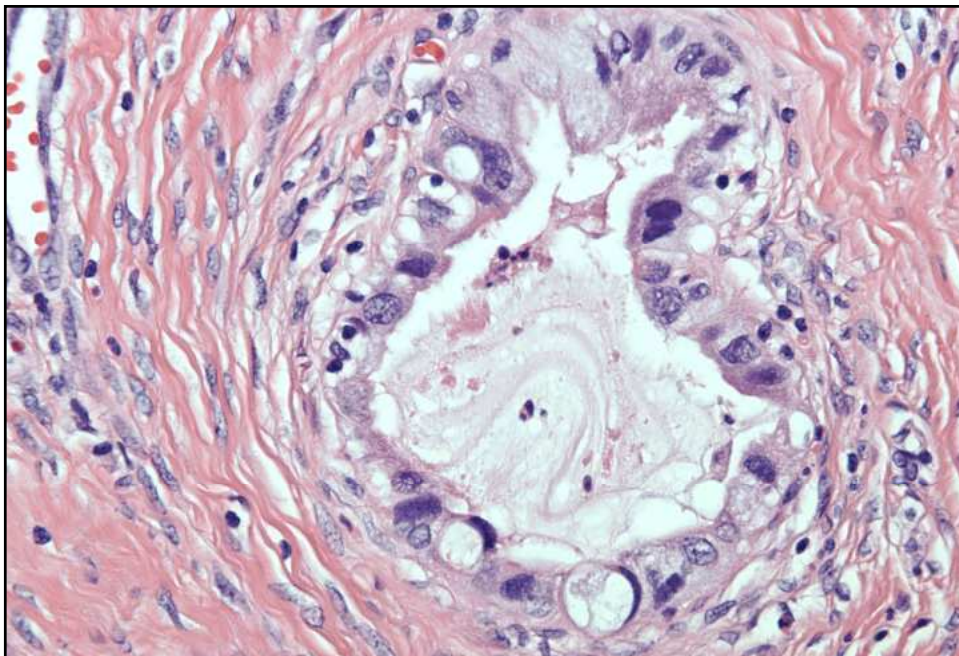








*Radiation Atypia*



*Hormone Effect*

## AIS: Screening Errors

- Miss on colposcopy
- Miss on ECC and/or biopsy for SIL
- Miss on polypectomy

## AIS: Extrauterine Spread

- Recent literature has described apparent spread of AIS to the ovary
- Involved ovary may be small or large, but masquerades as primary ovarian tumor
- Diagnostic clues: hybrid tumor, tumor difficult to classify or otherwise “odd”
- Colonization of endometrium also seen

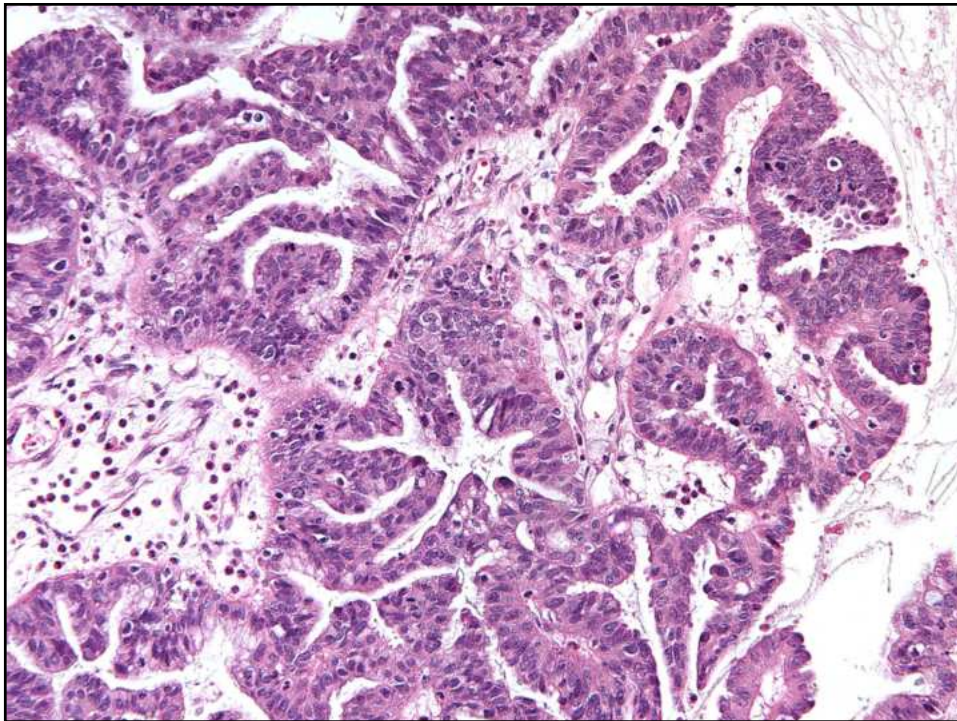
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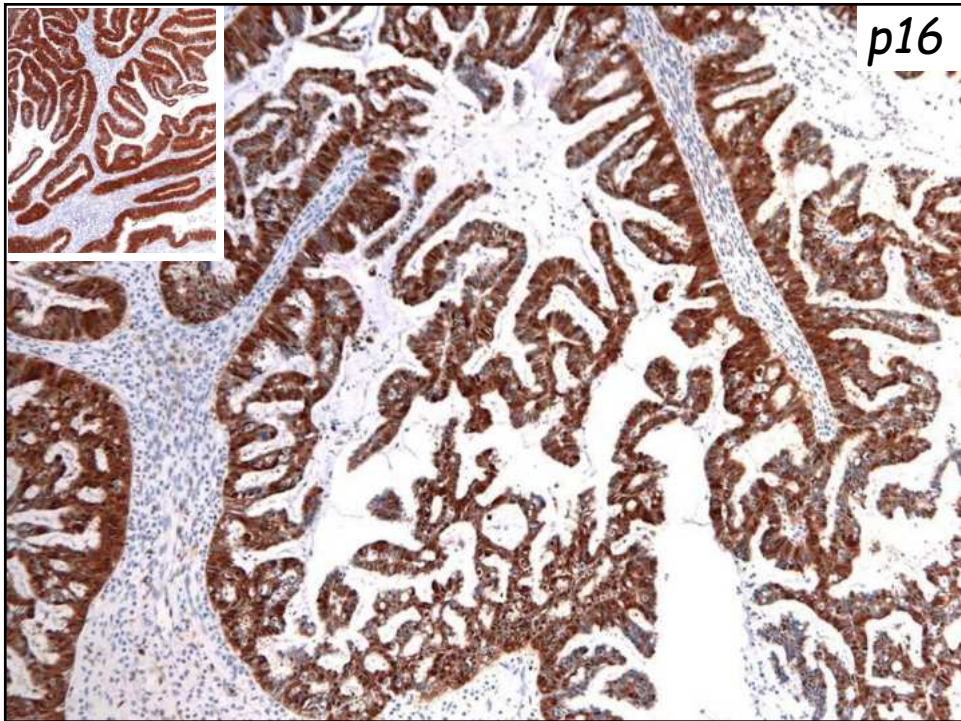
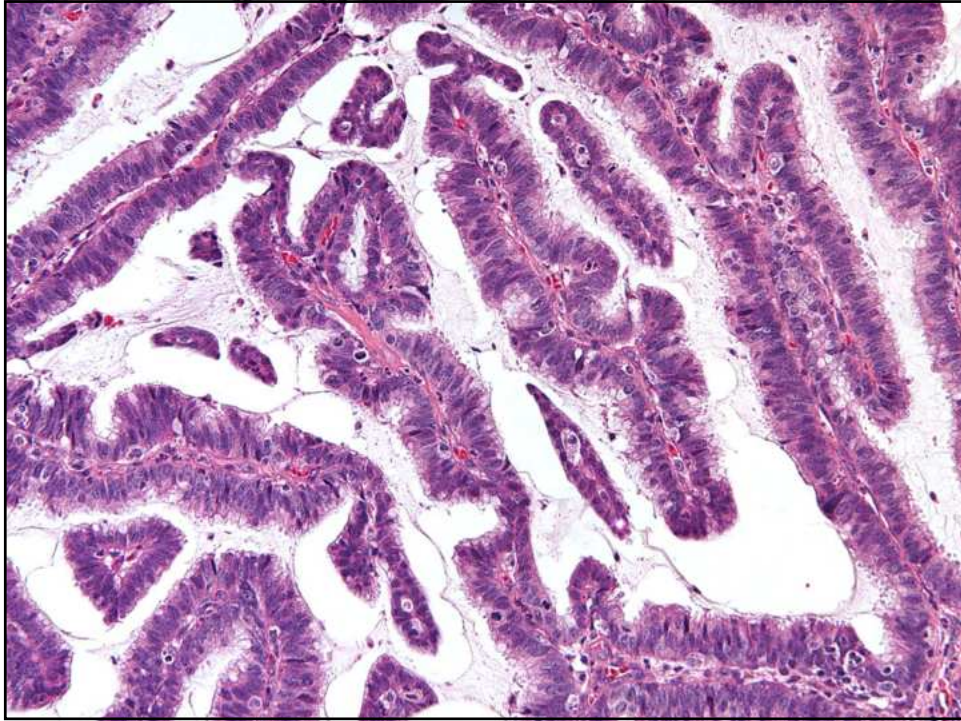


## AIS: Extrauterine Spread

- High-risk HPV present, p16 strong & diffuse
- How does it get there? undiagnosed, superficially invasive adenocarcinoma or transtubal spread to the ovary with encystation (subject to debate)
- Prognosis is more favorable than usual stage IV

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## The AIS Work Up

- Can be focal & superficial – requiring level sectioning to identify
- Can be extensive and diffuse – requiring level sectioning to exclude invasion
- Perform IHC only if indicated (p16)
- Evaluate for squamous intraepithelial lesion

## The AIS Report

- Extent of AIS
- Early invasion
- LVSI
- SIL component
- Margins (if cone)



## AIS: Clinical Management

- Hysterectomy for women who have completed their family or are of post child-bearing age.
- Cone followed by long-term surveillance for reproductive age women
- Positive margins in a cone biopsy is managed by re-excision or follow-up colposcopy, cervical cytology and HPV testing at 6 months.

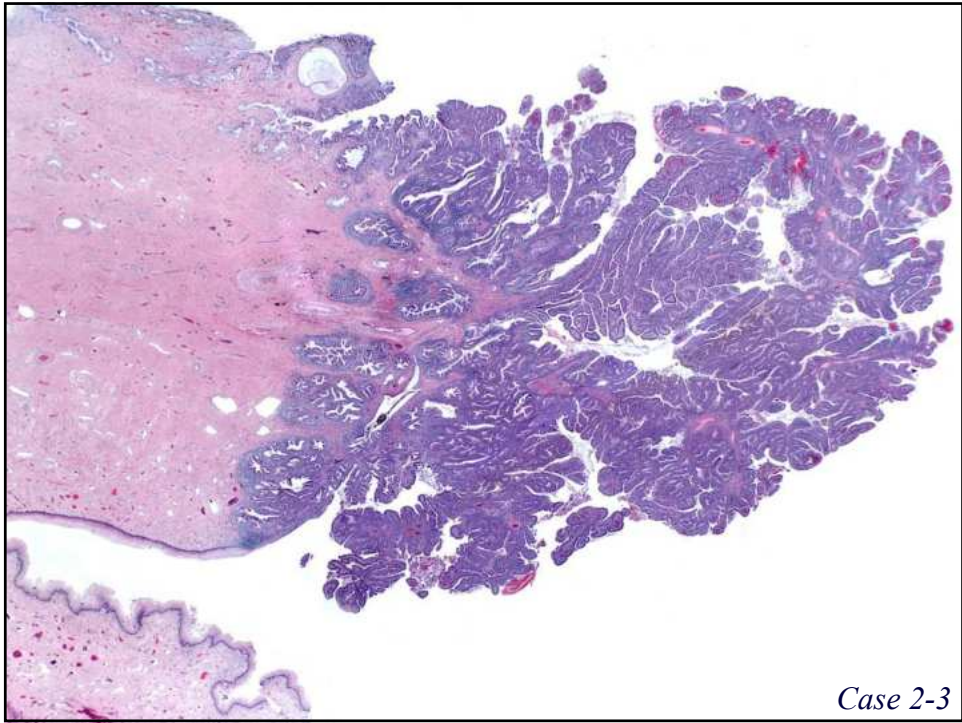
## Summary

- Co-existing SIL in ~50% AIS
- Scan on low power for hyperchromatic glands with abrupt transition from normal mucinous epithelium
- Look on high power for floating (apical) mitoses and apoptotic bodies (often on-luminal)

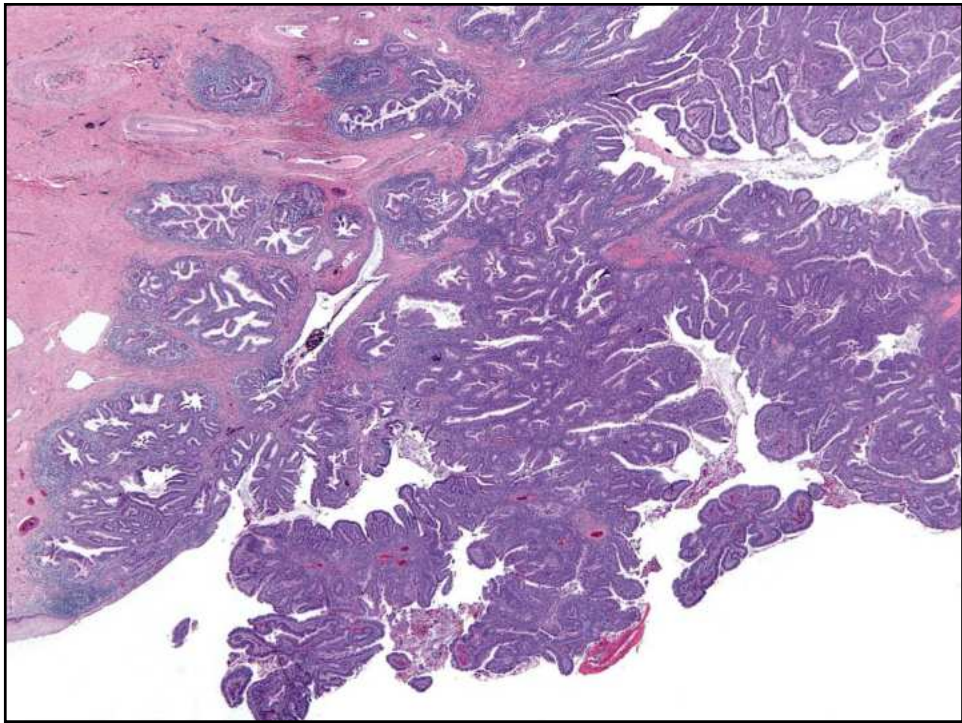
## Summary

- Differential diagnosis includes tuboendometrioid metaplasia, endometriosis and reactive/reparative changes
- Continuous strong p16 supports AIS

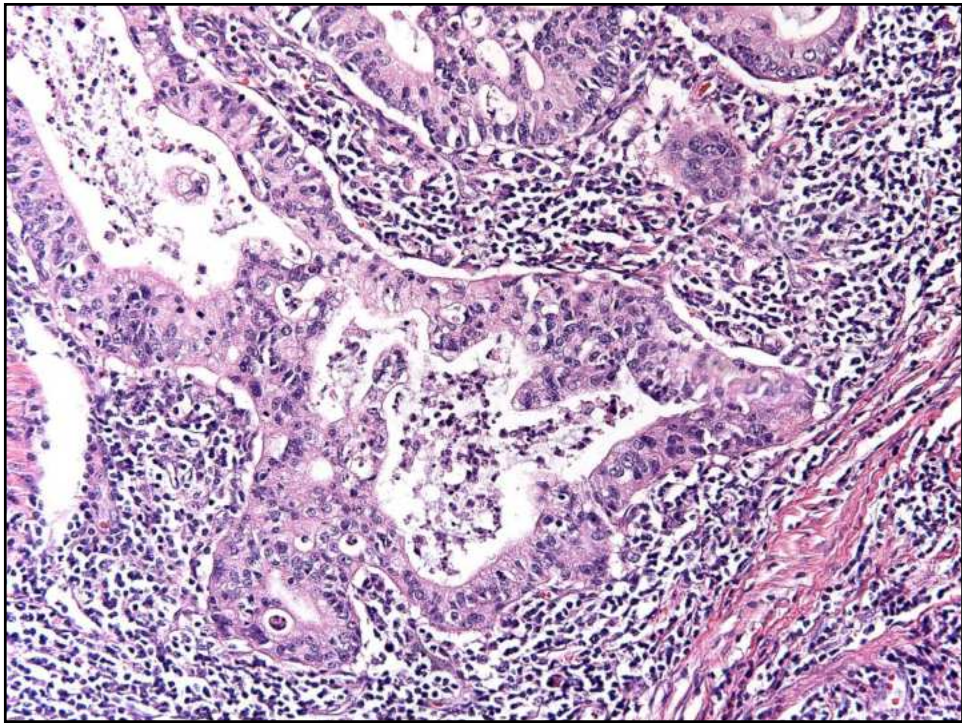
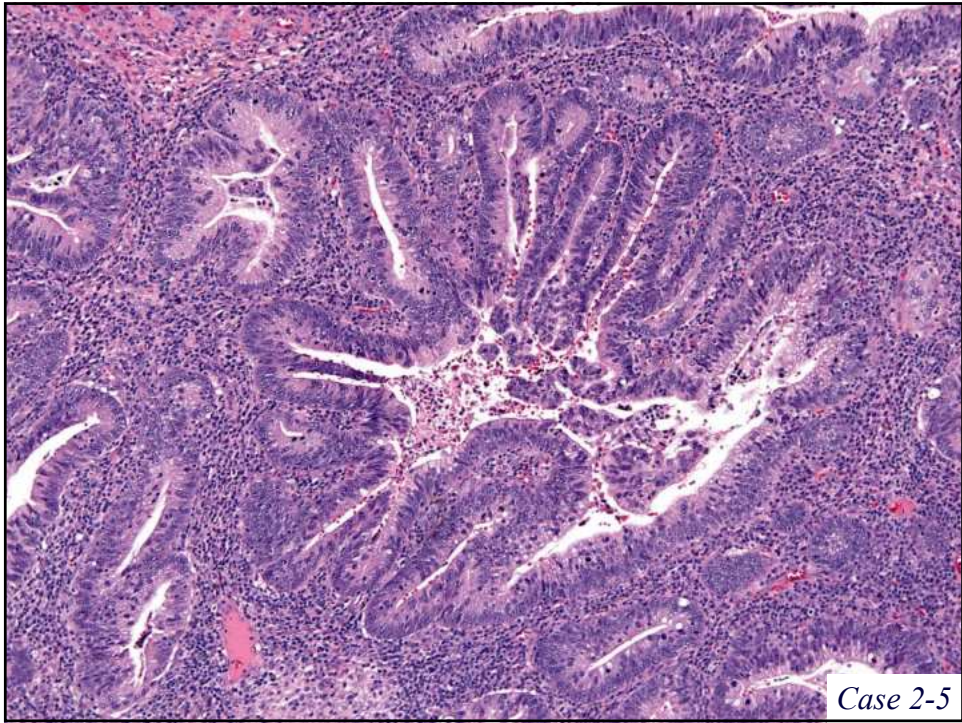
31- year- old female with abnormal Pap test and biopsy, undergoes cervical LEEP (photomicrographs of LEEP)



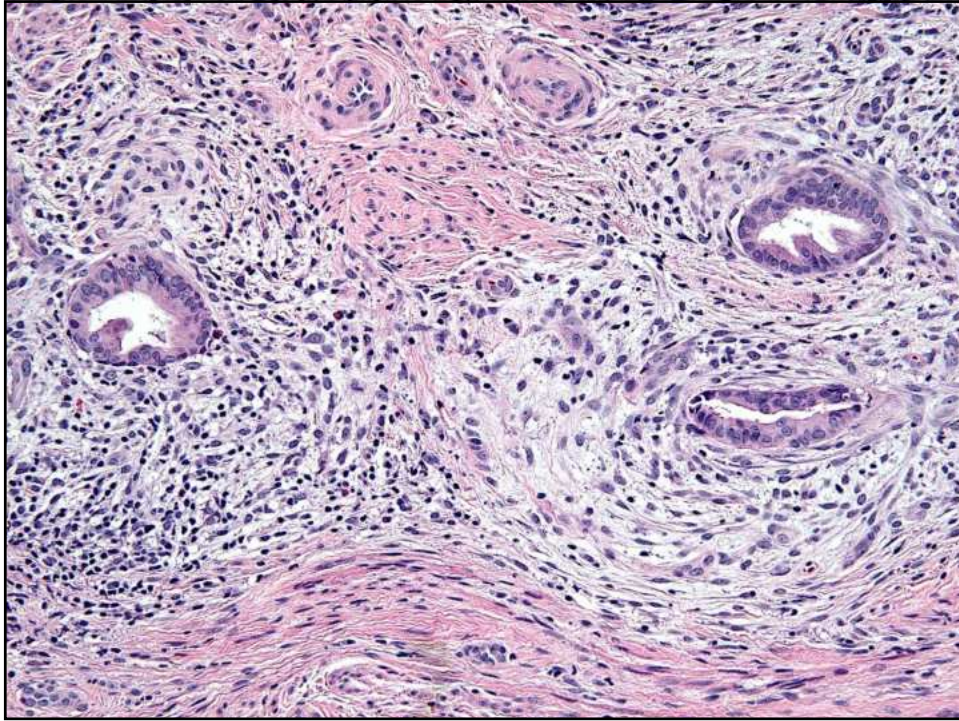
Case 2-3











**INVASIVE ADENOCARCINOMA**

## Adenocarcinoma

- Cytologic criteria
- Terminology and definition
- Histologic criteria
- Measuring and reporting
- Prognosis and treatment

## Terminology

- “Microinvasive carcinoma” not used for glandular lesions
  - Not advised for squamous
- Adenocarcinomas with minimal invasion are referred to as “early” invasive adenocarcinoma
  - Associated with low rate of LN metastases



## Definition

FIGO Stage IA1:

≤3mm depth, ≤7mm linear extent

FIGO Stage IA2:

3-5 mm depth, ≤7mm linear extent

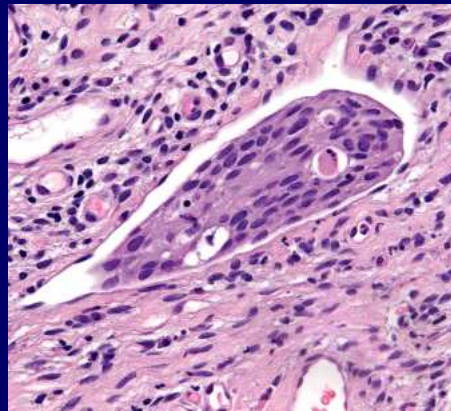
Vascular invasion does not alter stage

Entire lesion must be evaluable (negative margins)

## Lymphatic-Vascular Invasion: *Challenges*

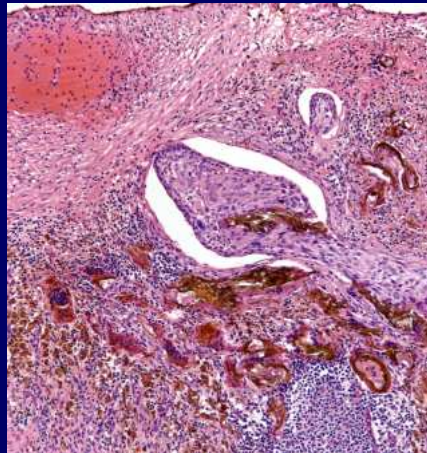
Variability in criteria

- Tumor in endothelial-lined spaces and/or spaces with rbc's
- Tumor partially or completely surrounded by endothelial cells in vascular channels
- Tumor attached to vascular wall with adherent thrombus



## Lymphatic-Vascular Invasion: *Challenges*

- Extensive retraction around tumor cells
- Micropapillary architecture
- Prior biopsy site
- Limited LVI



## Identifying Early Invasion

- Overall pattern:
  - Infiltrative, superficial, or expansile
- Abnormal architecture:
  - Extension beyond depth of normal endocervix
  - Haphazard arrangement of glands
  - Irregular glands
  - Cribriform, papillary or solid nests
  - Partial Glands

## New Classification Scheme for Invasive Adenocarcinoma *Silva Method*

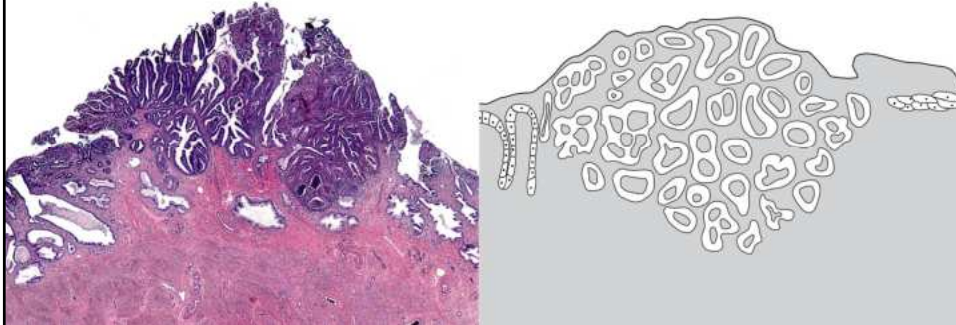
- Proposed 3 patterns based on well-demarcated glands vs destructive invasion

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	Silva system
Pattern A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Well-demarcated glands with rounded contours, frequently forming groups</li> <li>- No single cells or desmoplastic stromal reaction</li> <li>- Irrelevant relationship to large cervical vessels or depth of the tumor</li> <li>- Complex intraglandular growth allowed (i.e. cribriform, papillae)</li> <li>- No lymphovascular invasion</li> <li>- Well or moderate differentiation</li> </ul>
Pattern B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Early destructive stromal invasion arising from well-demarcated glands (pattern A-like glands)</li> <li>- +/- Lymphovascular invasion</li> </ul>
Pattern C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diffuse destructive invasion</li> </ul>



## Silva System: Pattern A

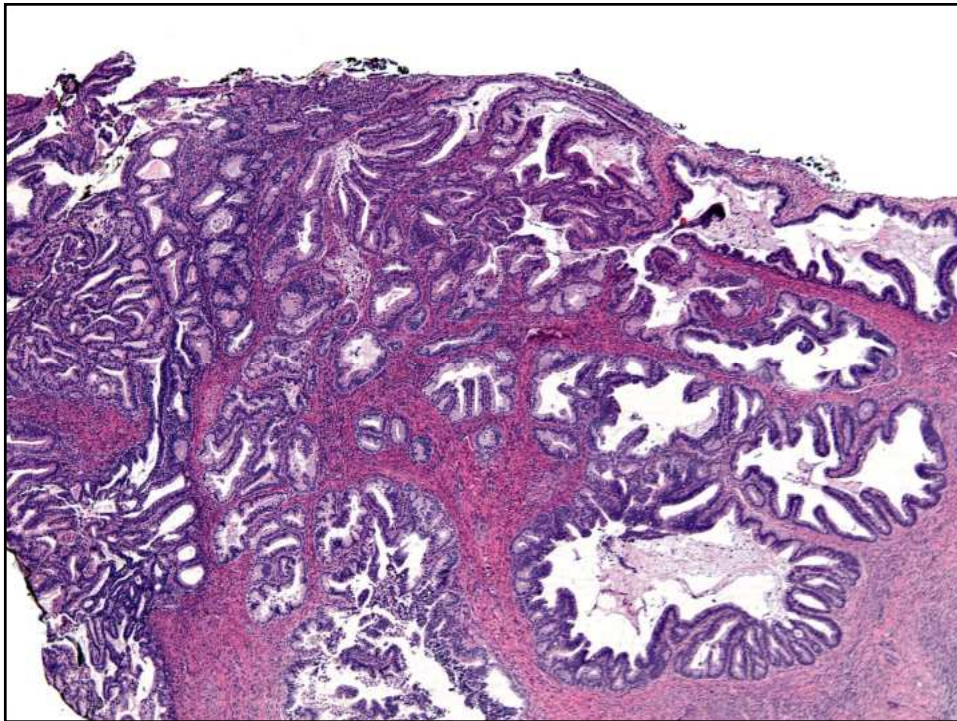


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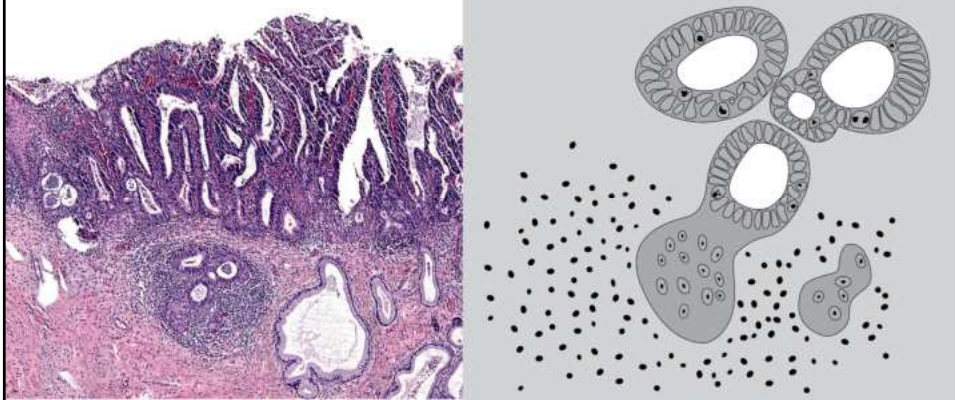
## Pattern A: Expansile Invasion

- Bulky expansion into stroma with sharply circumscribed border
- Often lacks stromal reaction
- AIS-like glands, may appear as cribriform, papillary or solid nests
- Distinction from AIS tough

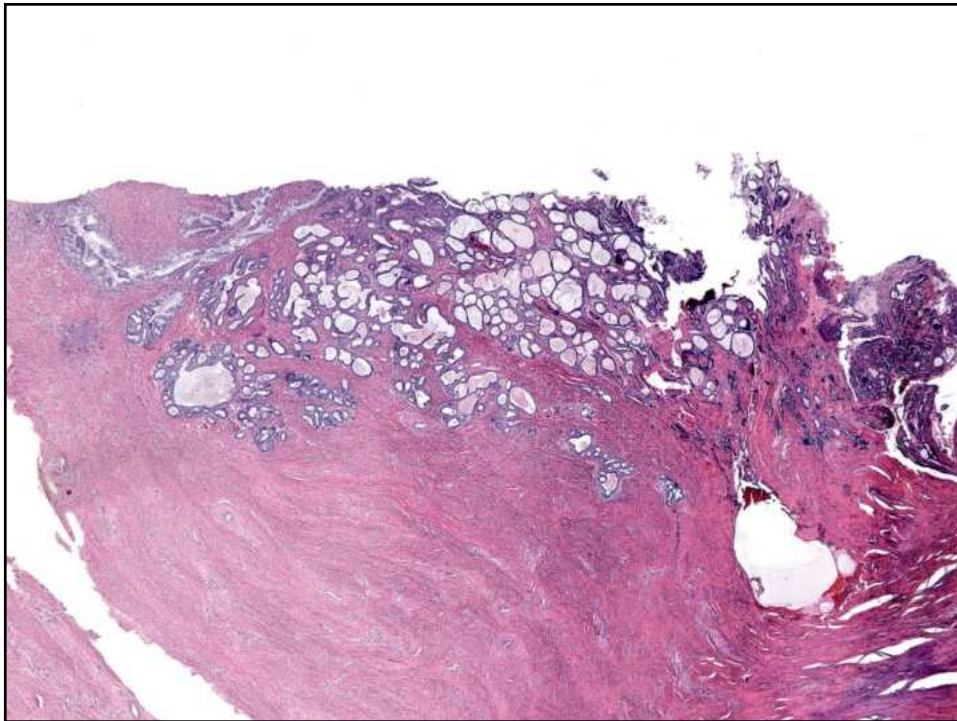




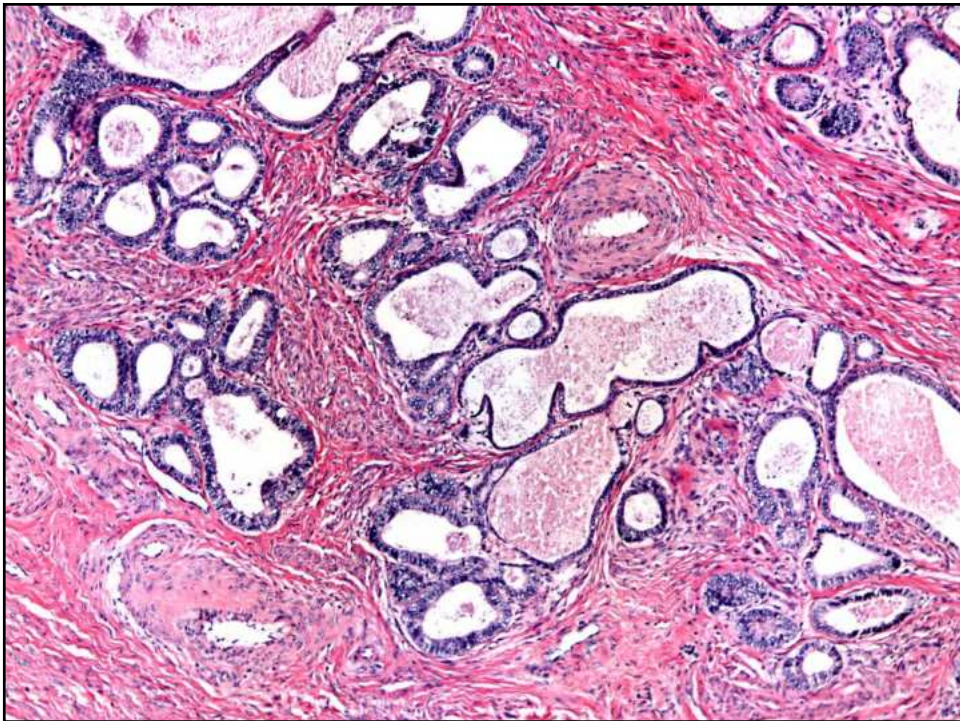
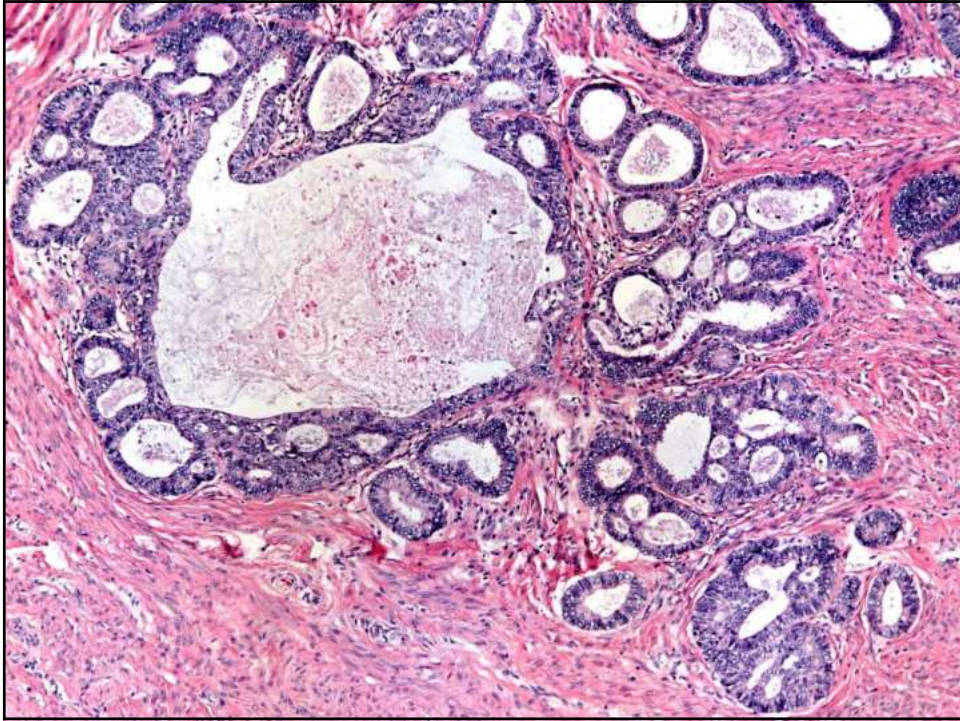
## Silva System: Pattern B



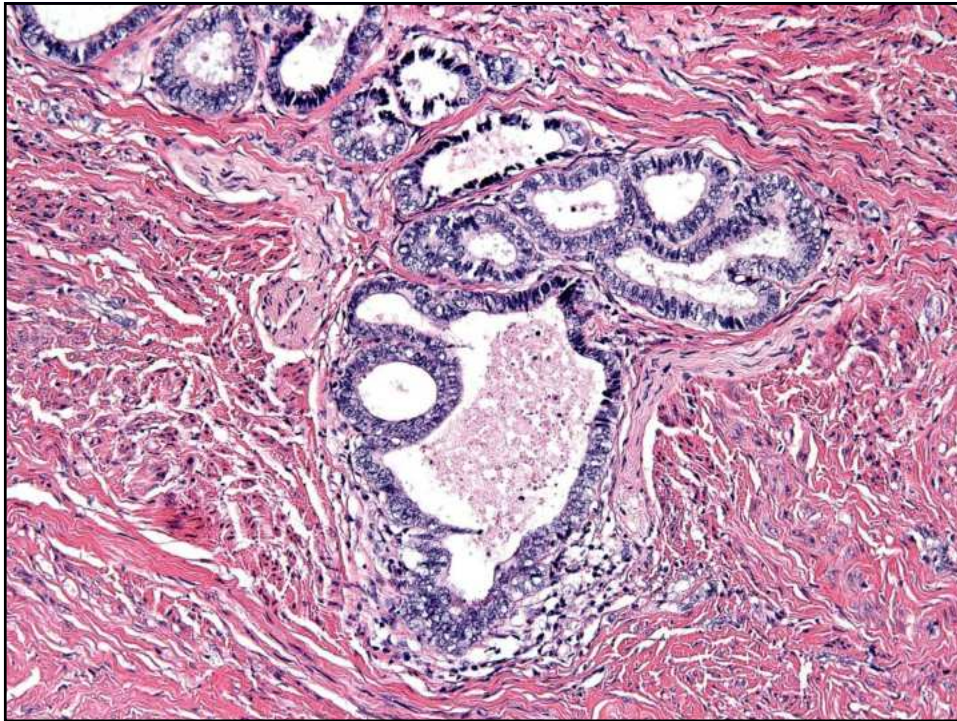
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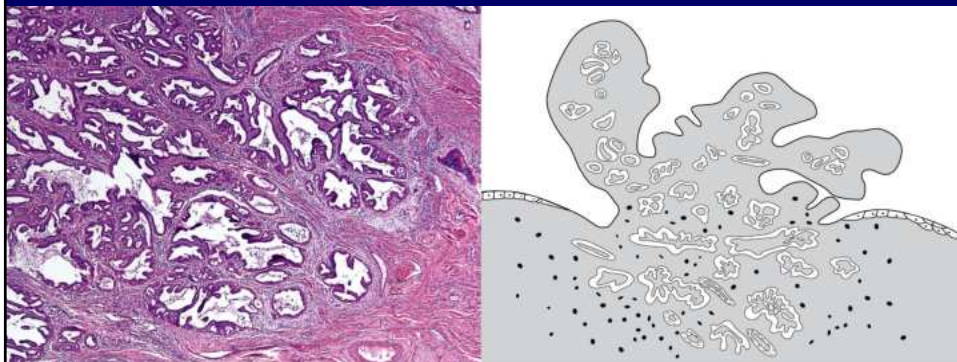








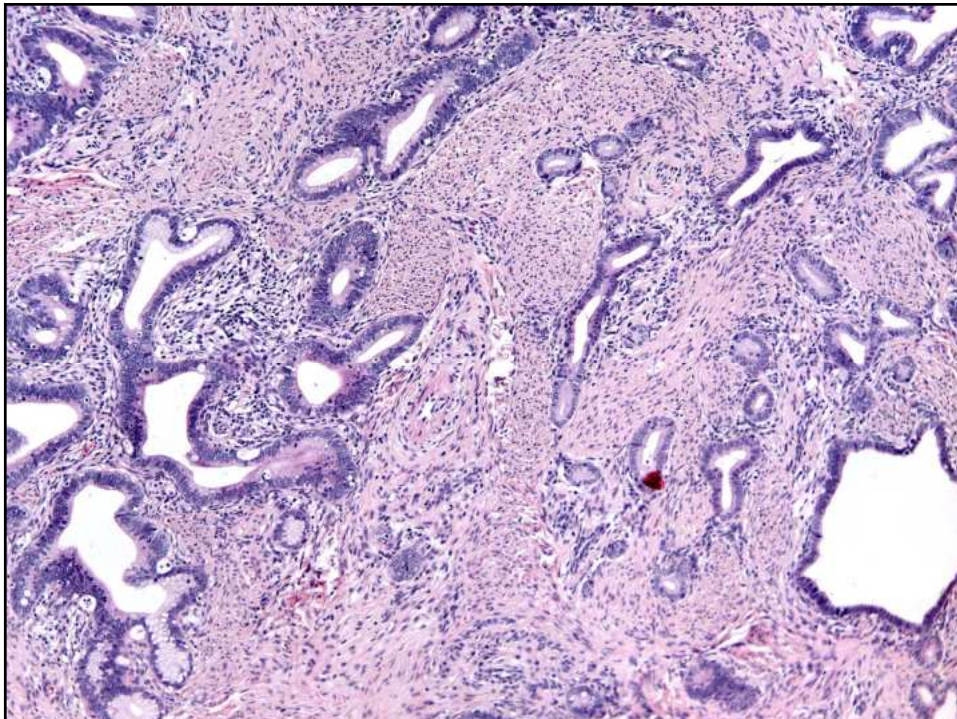
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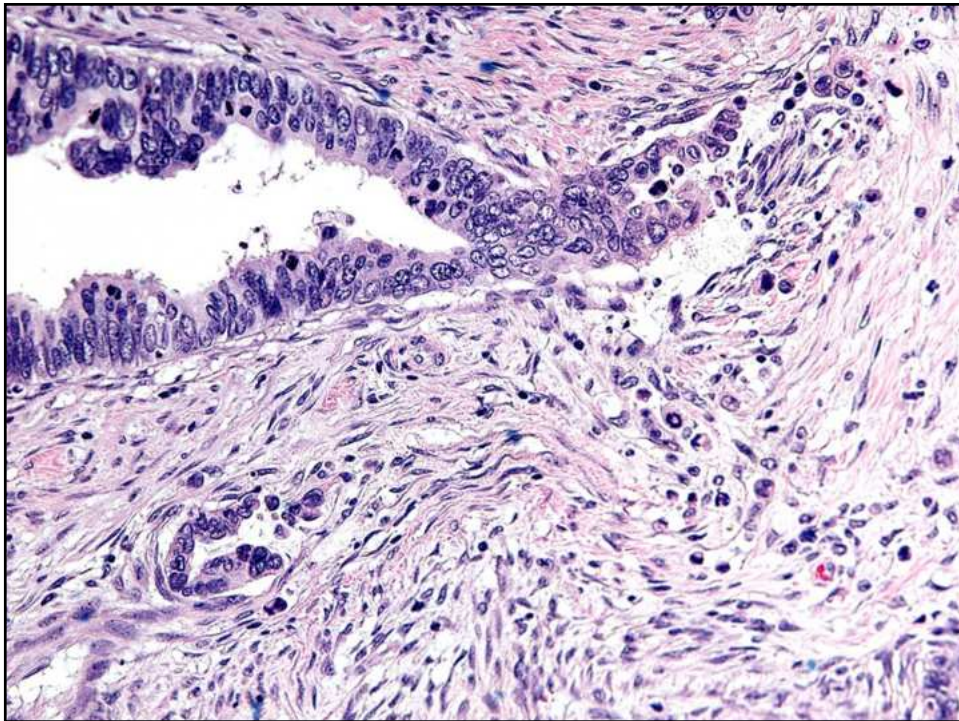
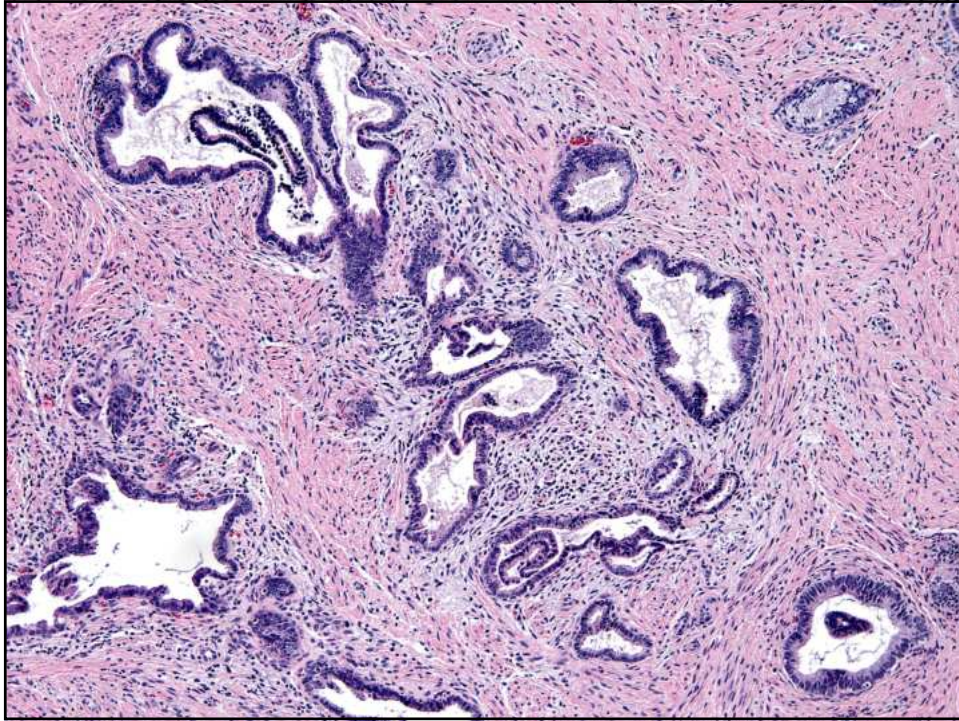
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## Pattern C: Infiltrative Pattern

- Glands permeate stroma with abnormal architectural pattern
  - Marked gland irregularity
  - Haphazard arrangement of glands
  - Glands adjacent to large vessels: not reliable
- +/- Altered, edematous stroma and inflammation







## Comparison of histologic features encountered in patterns A, B & C

Pattern	No. Of Patientts	DOI mm	Patients with LN +	Tumor size mm (mean)	Recurrences	DOD
A	73 (20.7%)	3.8	0(0%)	2.5-42 (13.5)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
B	90 (25.6%)	4.0	4 (4.4%)	0.7-65 (15.9)	1 (1.2%)	0 (0%)
C	189 (53.7%)	9.2	45 (23.8%)	1.2-87 (23.7)	38 (22.1%)	16 (8.8%)

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## Reproducibility of Pattern Diagnoses

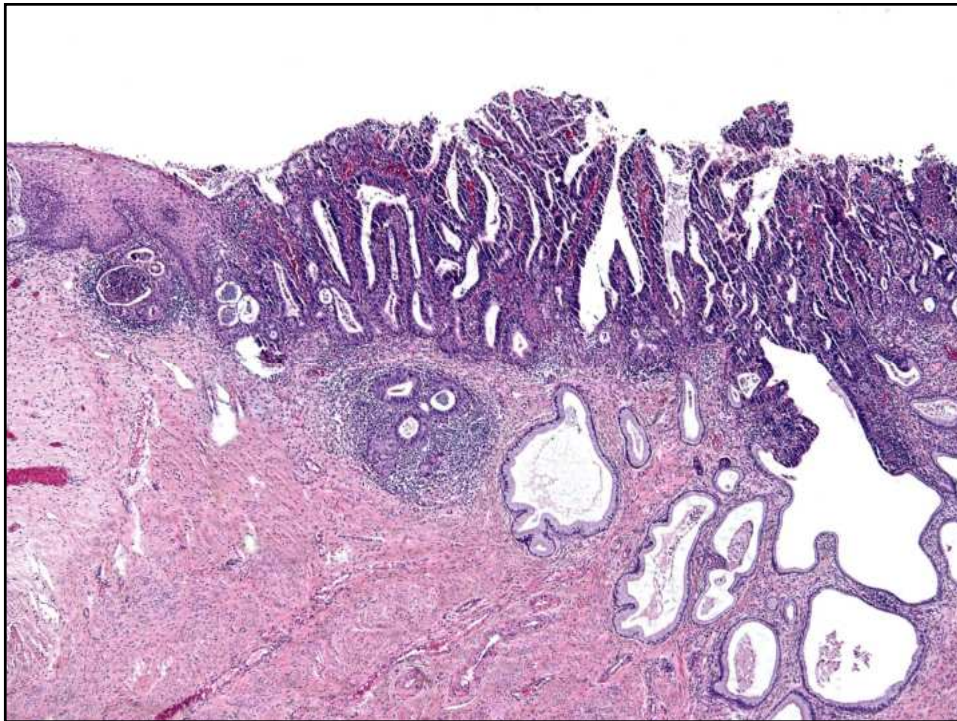
- Overall concordance 74%
- Missing a few individually infiltrative cells is the most common cause of undercalling pattern B
- Small foci of inflamed, loose or desmoplastic stroma lacking infiltrative tumor cells in pattern A appeared to account for those cases up-graded to pattern B

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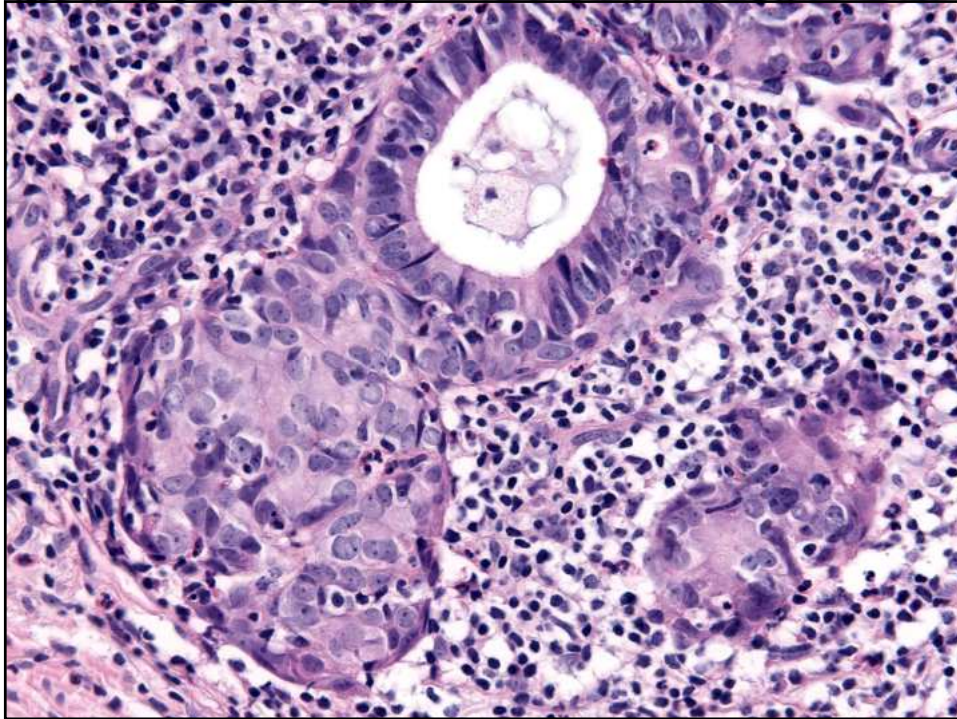


## Superficial Invasion Pattern

- Malignant glands budding off of AIS
- Aberrant maturation: invasive glands have more abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm and larger nuclei than AIS
- Invasive partial glands and single cells
- Associated with desmoplastic response







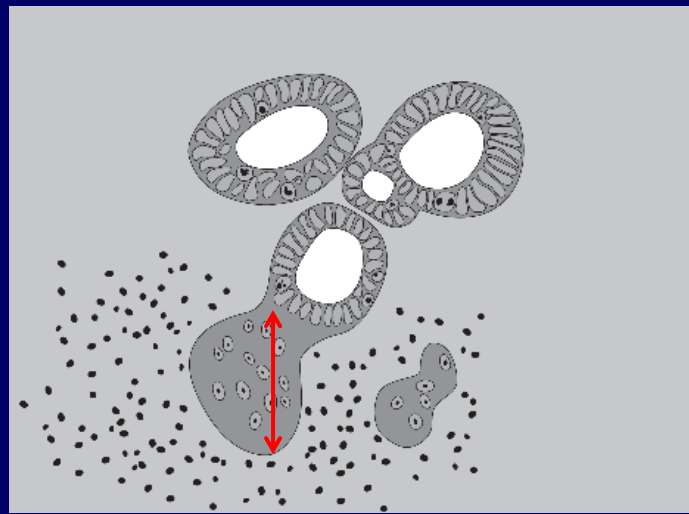
## Reporting

- Measurement (use calibrated optics):
  - Depth of invasion
  - Tumor thickness
  - Linear (horizontal) extent of invasion
- Grade?
- Lymphatic-vascular invasion

## Measurement: *depth*

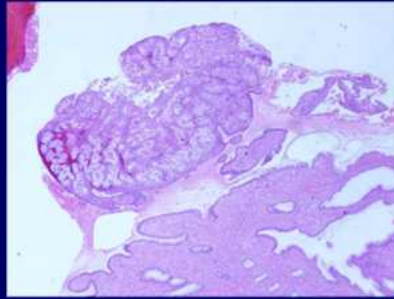
- Measure from basement membrane of surface mucosa to deepest point of invasion
- If point of origin can be identified, measure from gland of origin to deepest point of invasion

## Depth from Gland of Origin



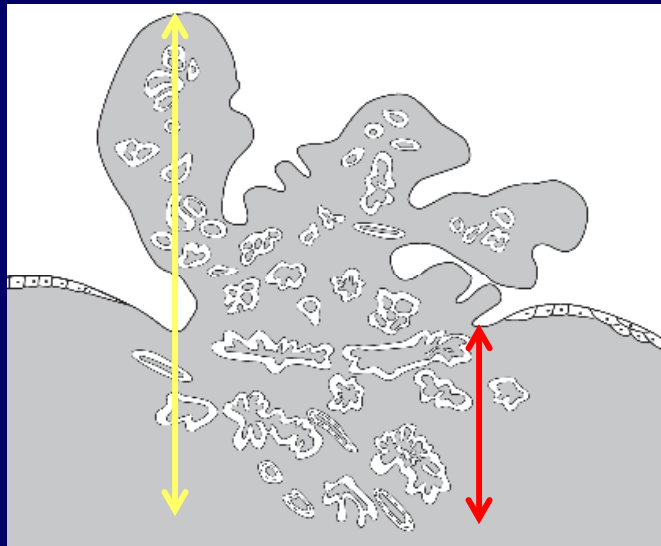
## Measurement: *tumor thickness*

Tumor thickness is often the same as depth of invasion, except if exophytic.



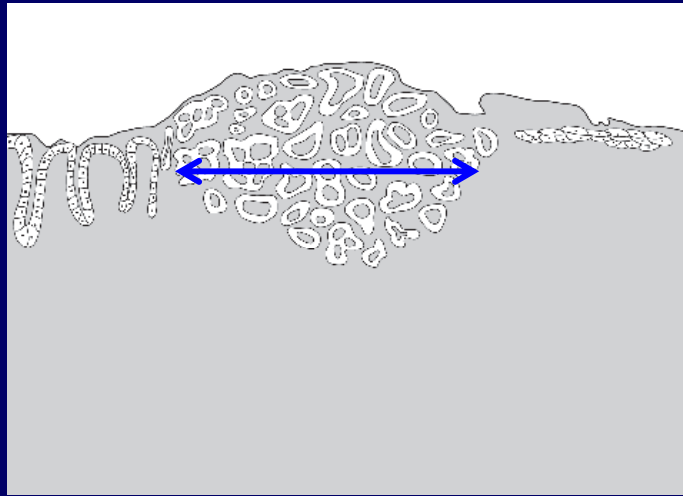
Measure from basement membrane of surface mucosa to deepest point of invasion.

## Tumor Thickness & Depth





## Horizontal Extent (diameter)



*Do not include AIS in measurement*

## Measurement: *horizontal extent (diameter)*

- Discontinuous foci of invasion:
  - Report largest focus and overall area involved
- Multiple sections/blocks involved:
  - Estimate extent: # consecutive sections involved multiplied by section thickness (e.g. 3mm)

## Cone Biopsy

EXTENT	MARGIN	MANAGEMENT
$\leq 3$ depth <i>and</i> $\leq 7$ horizontal extent	Negative	<b>AIS or early invasive:</b> Clinical follow-up
Unknown	Positive	<b>AIS or early invasive:</b> Repeat cone
		<b>Invasive:</b> Radical hysterectomy or trachelectomy

## Cone Biopsy

Focus suspicious for invasion:

- Levels of problematic area
- Embed all tissue
- If still unclear, indicate uncertainty in report; include depth, thickness & horizontal extent
- Repeat cone and/or imaging studies may be helpful

## Management

**Stage 1A1** ( $\leq 3$ mm depth;  $\leq 7$  mm diameter):  
Conservative treatment with cone biopsy or  
with simple hysterectomy

Lymphatic or parametrial involvement not  
identified in patients treated with radical  
hysterectomy and pelvic lymphadenectomy

*McHale, 2001*

## Management

- Stage 1A2-1B1:
  - Variable
  - Radical hysterectomy or radical trachelectomy

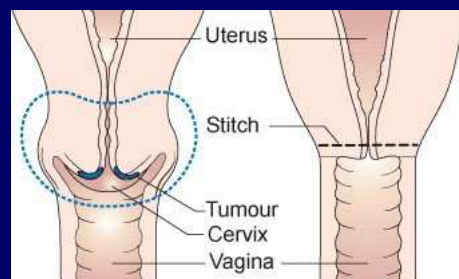


Diagram showing the parts removed  
with a trachelectomy surgery  
© CancerHelp UK



## Radical Trachelectomy: *indications*

- Fertility preservation desired
- No clinical evidence of impaired fertility
- Tumor < 2.0 cm size (FIGO stage 1A-1B1)
- Upper endocervical canal not involved
- No pelvic lymph node metastasis
- No lymphatic-vascular invasion

*Koliopoulos 2004*

## Radical Trachelectomy *frozen section*

- Pelvic lymph node FS
- FS evaluation of margin not standardized:
  - Perform on all cases vs. visible lesions only
  - Complete en face (transverse) margin vs. representative or complete longitudinal (perpendicular) sections

*Chenevert 2009; Park, 2008*

## Radical Trachelectomy *frozen section*

- Require >5 mm margin
- If <5mm margin:
  - Additional tissue excised, or
  - Completion hysterectomy

## Trachelectomy Outcome

- Recurrence rate 0-8%
- Miscarriage rate:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> trimester: 16-20%
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester: 8.6% (vs. 4% general population)
- Preterm delivery
  - <32 weeks: 0-29%
  - 33-36.6 weeks: 0-43%

## Endocervical Adenocarcinoma: WHO Classification

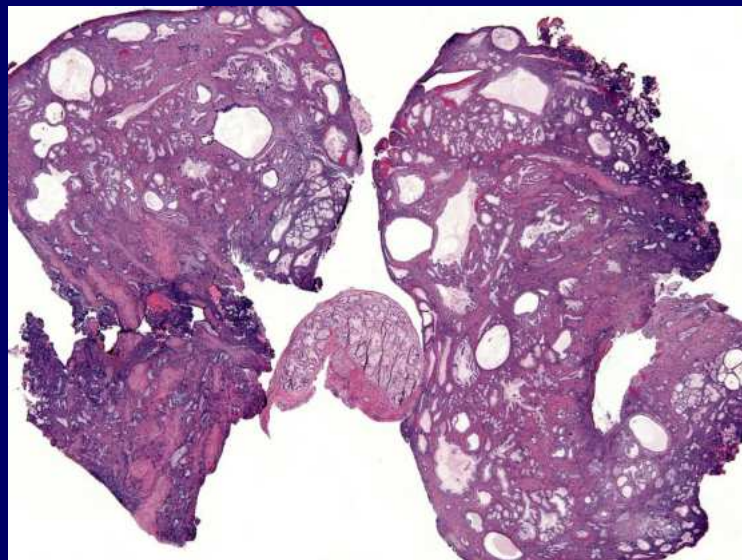
- Endocervical, usual
  - 70-80% cervical adenocarcinomas
- Endometrioid
- Mucinous NOS
  - Gastric
  - Intestinal
  - Signet ring cell
- Villoglandular
- Clear cell
- Serous
- Mesonephric
- Adenocarcinoma with admixed neuroendocrine carcinoma

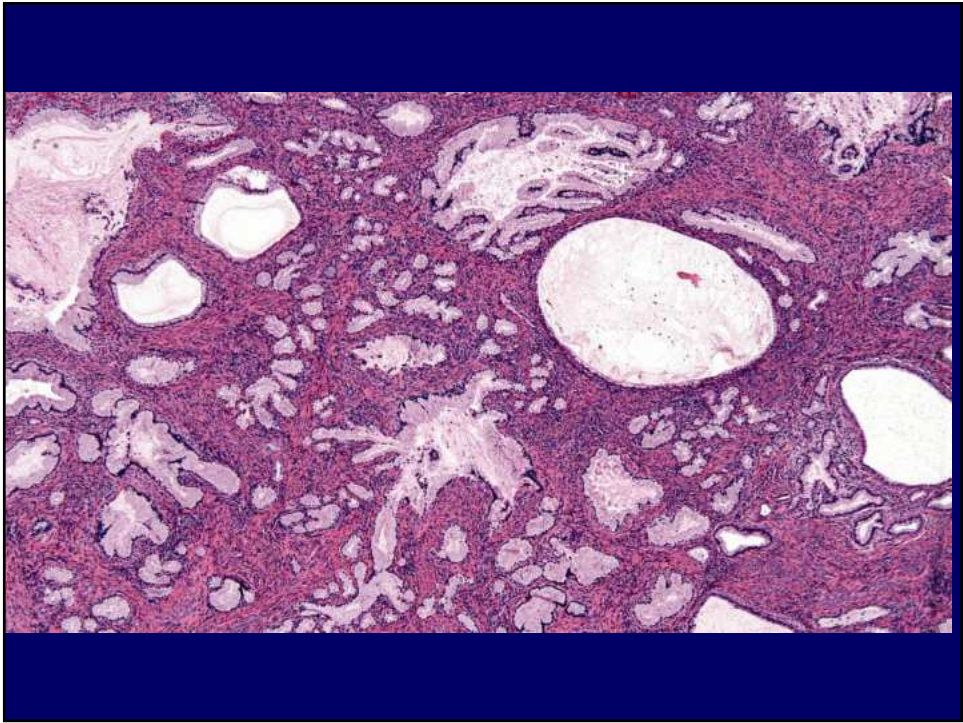
## Endocervical Adenocarcinoma: HPV Classification

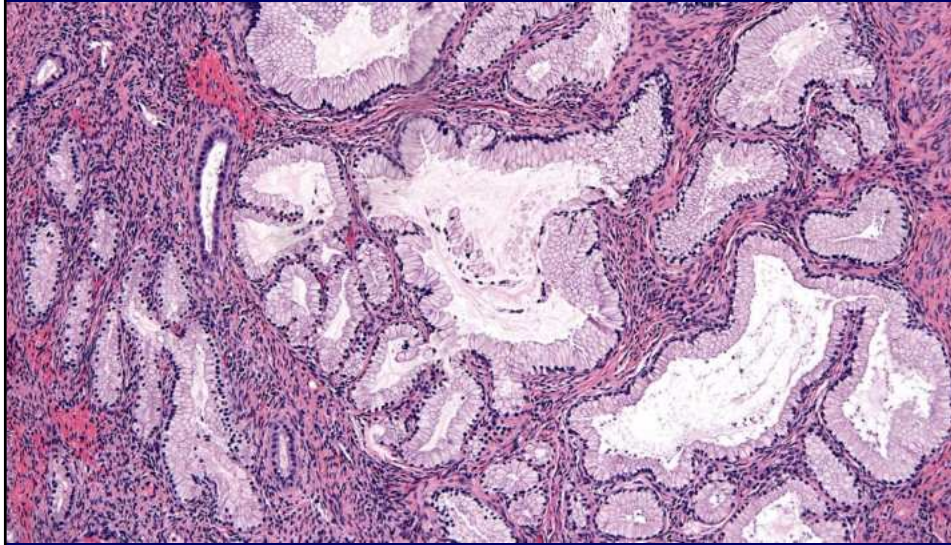
- | HPV positive         | HPV negative                |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Usual              | • Gastric/Minimal deviation |
| • Villoglandular     | • Clear cell                |
| • Endometrioid       | • Mesonephric               |
| • Adenoid basal cell |                             |
| • Neuroendocrine     |                             |



49 year old has cervical polyp







MINIMAL DEVIATION ADENOCARCINOMA



## Gastric-type Adenocarcinoma (GAS)

- Non-HPV related variant of mucinous adenocarcinoma
- Encompasses minimal deviation adenocarcinoma (adenoma malignum) at the very well-differentiated end of spectrum
- Worse prognosis than usual type endocervical adenocarcinoma
- Putative precursor lesion: lobular endocervical glandular hyperplasia

*Karamurzin 2015*

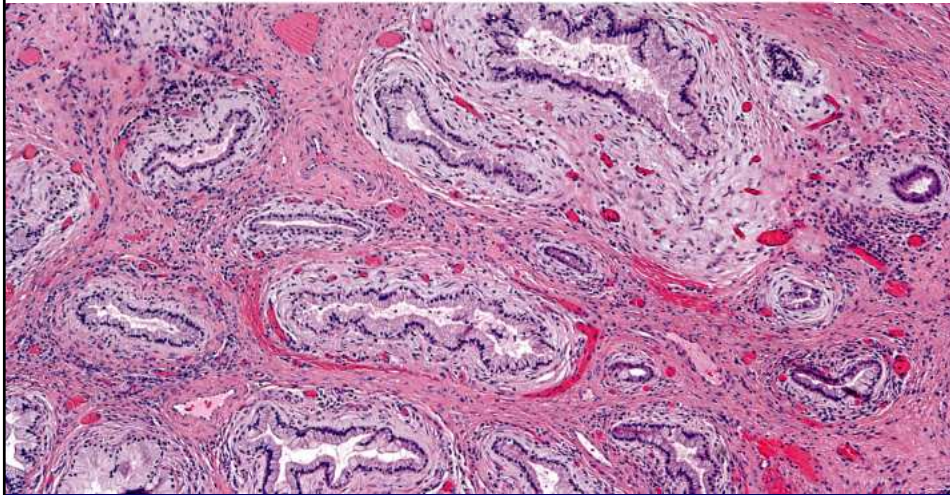
## Minimal Deviation Adenocarcinoma

- Presentation
  - Asymptomatic, watery discharge, bleeding
- Physical exam
  - Normal, thickened cervix; barrel solid cervix, polyp
- Predisposition
  - 1% of all cervical adenocarcinomas
  - ~10% linked to Peutz-Jeghers Syndrome

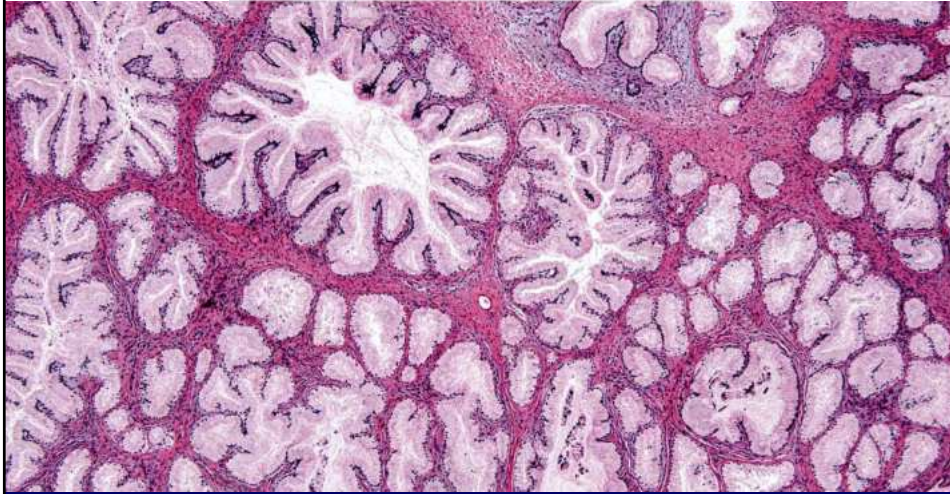
## Minimal Deviation Adenocarcinoma: Helpful Features

- Desmoplastic response
- Variability in gland shape and size; irregular gland contours
- Focal cytologic atypia
- Loss of polarity and nuclei that look like usual AIS
- Mitoses
- Glands deep in cervical stroma

*Desmoplastic response (often absent on small bx)*



*Variability in gland shape and size*



## Deep Glands

### Minimal Deviation

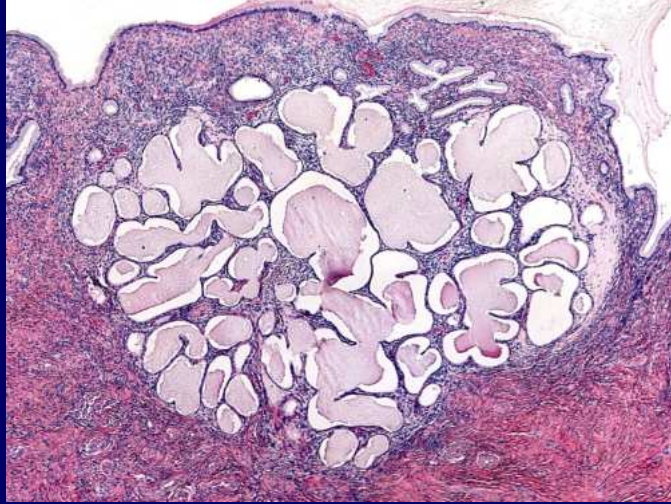
- Estimated by glands beyond the majority of the baseline endocervical glands
- Where is the baseline?

### Benign Lesions in Deep Stroma

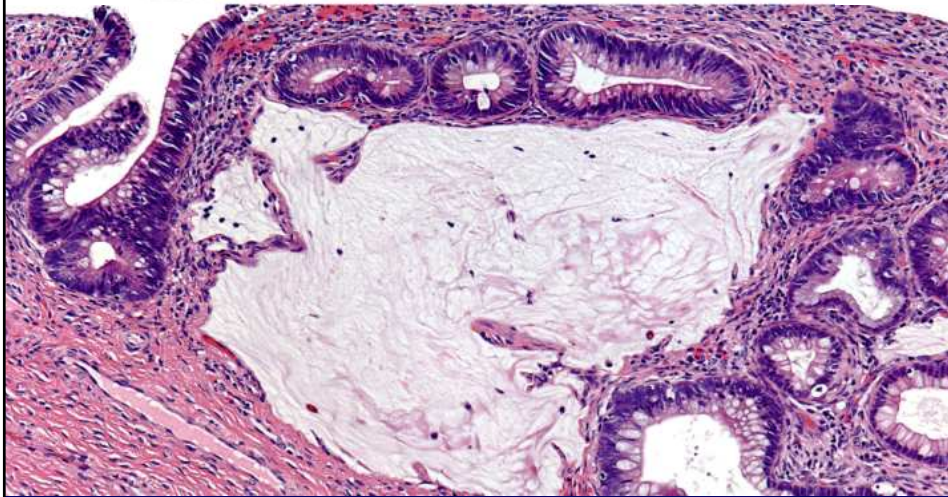
- Mesonephric hyperplasia
- Nabothian cysts
- Endocervical adenomyoma
- Endocervicosis
- Endometriosis/adenomyosis
  
- Normal endocervical glands



*Tunnel Clusters: can be deceiving on small biopsies*



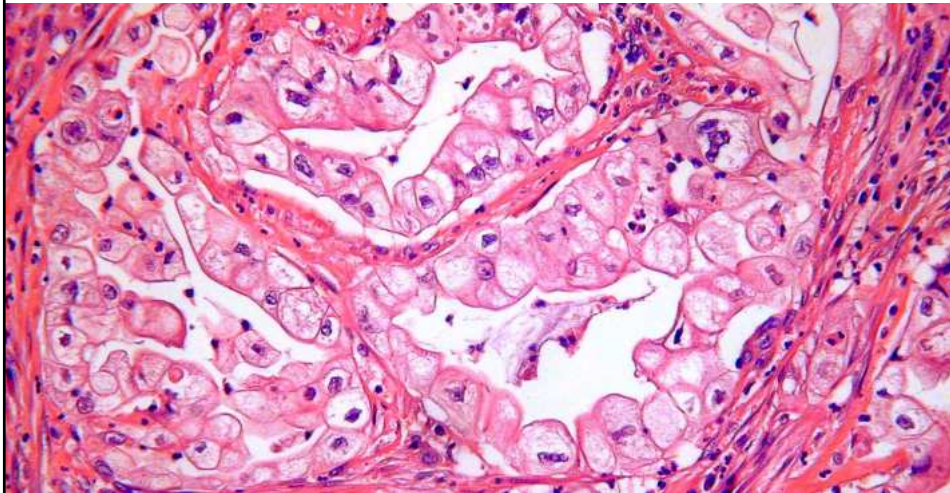
*Adenocarcinoma in situ with mucin extravasation*



## Gastric-type Adenocarcinoma (GAS)

- Distinct cell borders, voluminous clear, eosinophilic or foamy cytoplasm
- Goblet cells
- Glands with elongated, stratified nuclei
- Glands with small cuboidal cells
- Glands with flattened cells or papillary growth
- Single cell infiltration and infiltration with microcystic elongated and fragmented pattern

*GAS: distinct cell borders, voluminous clear to pale eosinophilic cytoplasm*



## Special Variants:

### GOOD PROGNOSIS

- Villoglandular – strictly defined
- Adenoid basal carcinoma – strictly defined

### POOR PROGNOSIS

- Gastric (or enteric)
- Neuroendocrine
- Clear cell (?)

## Neuroendocrine Tumors: WHO Classification

- Low-grade neuroendocrine tumor
  - Carcinoid tumor
  - Atypical carcinoid tumor
- High-grade neuroendocrine tumor
  - Small cell neuroendocrine tumor
  - Large cell neuroendocrine tumor

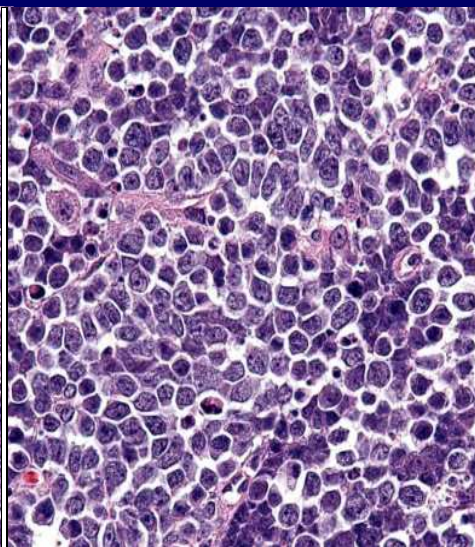
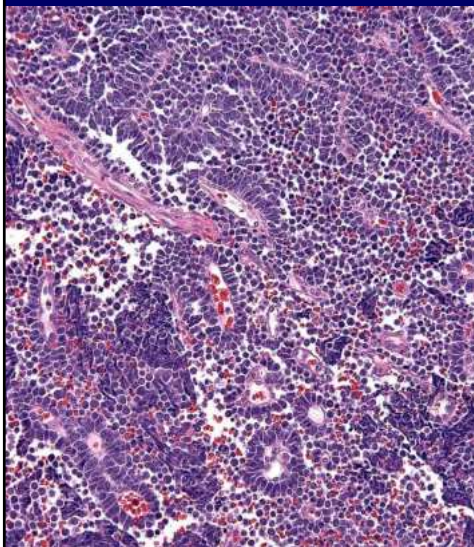
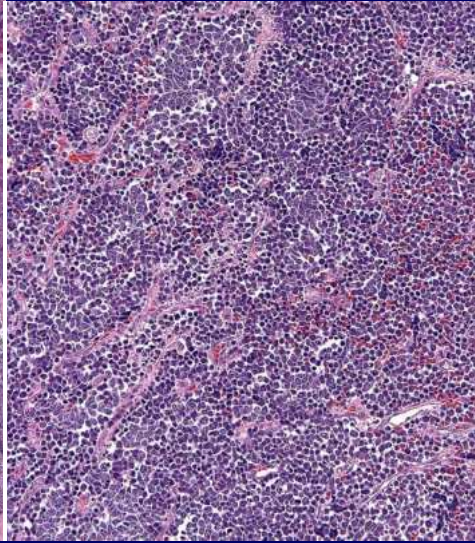
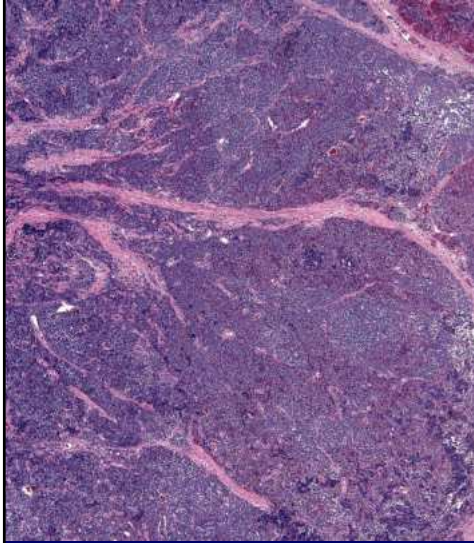


## Cervical Neuroendocrine Carcinoma

- <5% of all cervical cancer
- Most present in mid 50's
- Bulky & deeply invasive, necrotic tumors
- Most express one or more neuroendocrine markers
- Often associated with AIS, HSIL, and conventional invasive cervical adenocarcinoma
- Both small and large cell types are p16-positive and harbor high-risk HPV (esp HPV 18) – so not typical neuroendocrine carcinoma

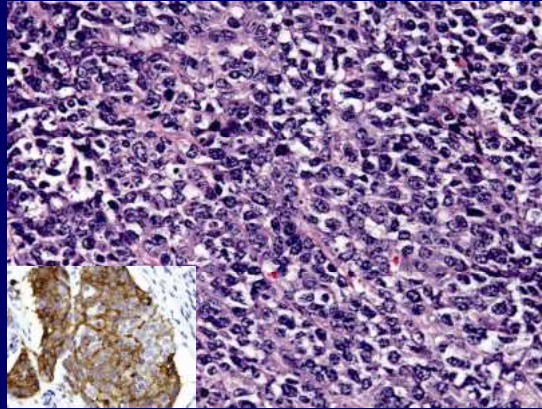
## Neuroendocrine Carcinoma, Small Cell Type

- Usual features of small cell neuroendocrine carcinoma
- Nuclear hyperchromasia, nuclear molding, dispersed chromatin, inconspicuous nucleoli
- High mitotic index, apoptosis
- Necrosis



## Neuroendocrine Carcinoma, Large Cell Type

- Medium to large cells
- Moderate to abundant cytoplasm; may contain eosinophilic granules
- Nucleoli may be present but are not required



## Cervical Neuroendocrine Carcinoma

- Chromogranin
- Synaptophysin
- Cytokeratin & EMA
- Ki-67 >20%
- All other NE markers – not specific
  - NSE, CD56, S100, etc
- Approximately 40% express TTF1
- P16 positive



## Neuroendocrine Tumor Grading

NE Grade	Mitotic Index (MF/10HPF)	Ki-67 (%)
Grade 1	< 2	≤2%
Grade 2	≥ 2	>2%
Grade 3	>20	>20%

## Cervical Neuroendocrine Carcinoma

- Clinically aggressive
- 50% present at high stage (FIGO III/IV)
- Common sites of metastases include bone, brain, liver, and bone marrow
- High incidence of regional lymph node metastases
- Systemic chemotherapy with cisplatin or carboplatin and etoposide
- Response durations are often short

## Special Variants:

### GOOD PROGNOSIS

- Villoglandular – strictly defined
- Adenoid basal carcinoma – strictly defined

### POOR PROGNOSIS

- Gastric (or enteric)
- Neuroendocrine
- Clear cell (?)

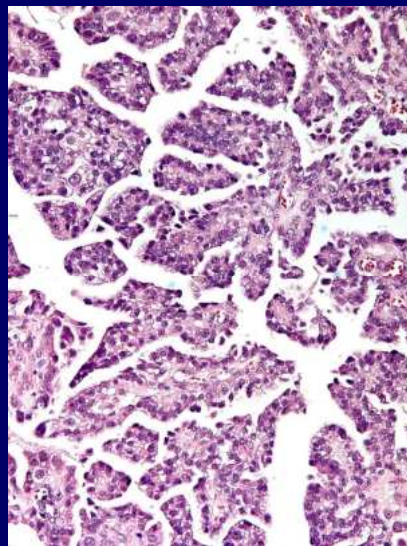
## Clear Cell Carcinoma

### Non-DES related:

- Wide age range  
(mean 53 yrs)

### DES related:

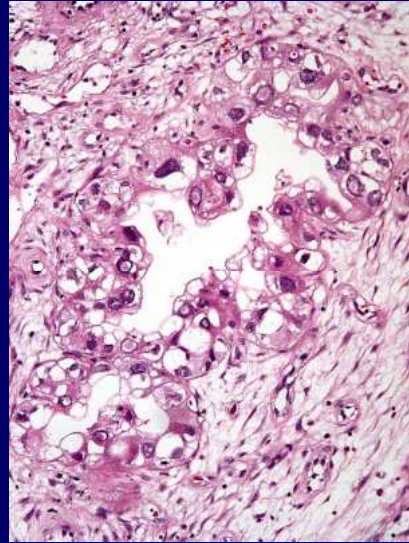
- Arise in adenosis in upper 1/3 vagina or cervix
- Incidence 1/1000
- Peak age 19 years



## Clear Cell Carcinoma

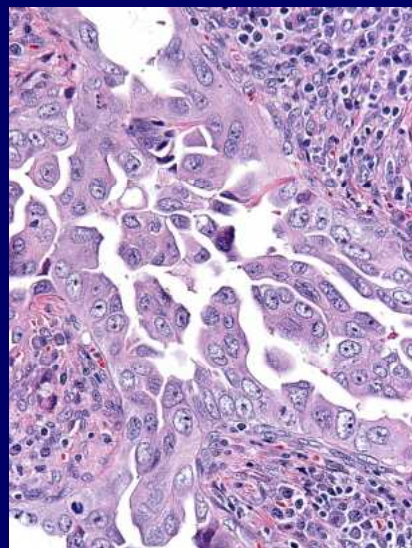
Arias-Stella reaction:

- Dense smudged nuclear chromatin
- Paucity of MF & apoptotic bodies
- No invasion, no mass lesion
- Lacks various patterns of clear cell



## Serous Carcinoma

- Cervical primary extraordinarily rare to nonexistent
- Differential diagnosis:
  - Clear cell carcinoma
  - Papillary architecture in usual endocervical CA
  - Extension from endometrium





## Special Variants:

### PROGNOSIS UNCERTAIN

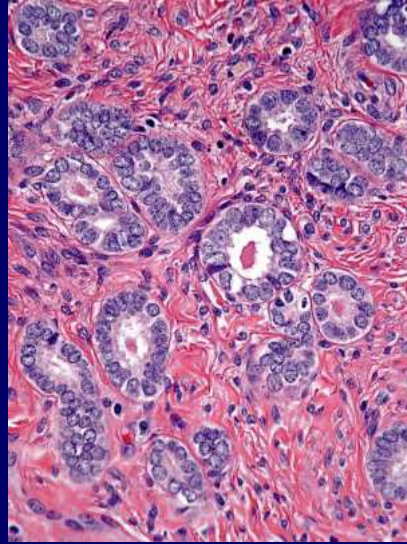
- Mesonephric – early reports suggest good prognosis, but recent data (limited) indicate potential for more aggressive clinical course

## Mesonephric Carcinoma

- Patients range in age from 24 years to greater than 60 years.
- Does not arise in transformation zone
  - Arises in lateral, deep cervix, but may be superficial
- Not associated with high-risk HPV
- Often asymptomatic, incidental finding during work-up for other reason
- Most are undetected in cervical cytology

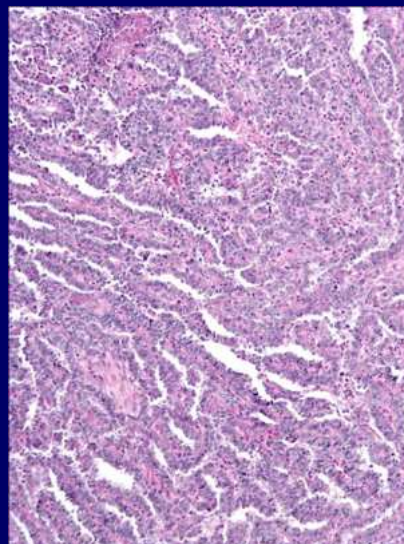
## Mesonephric Carcinoma

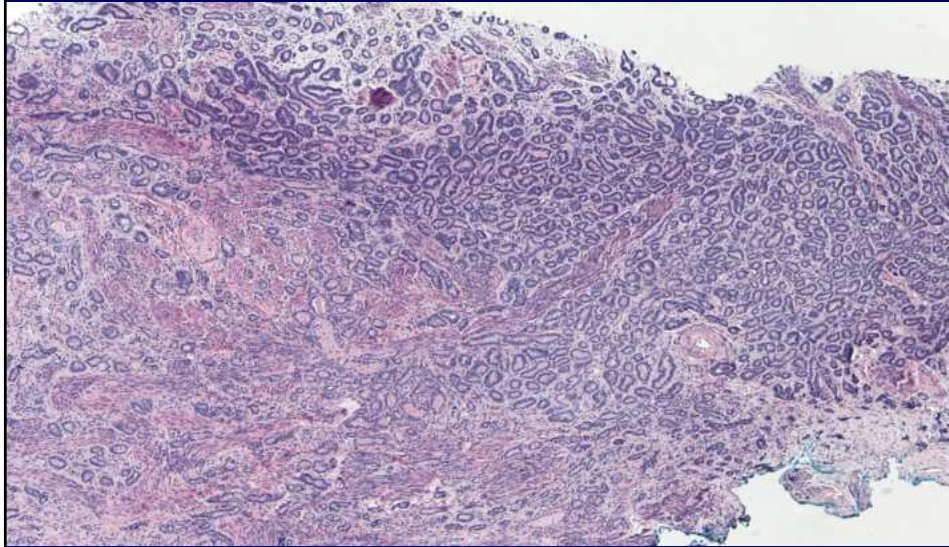
- Small, uniform glands with intraluminal eosinophilic secretions, resembling the adenoid areas of adenoid basal carcinoma, but squamoid areas are absent



## Mesonephric Carcinoma

- Ductal, retiform, tubular, solid, & spindle patterns
- Most are low to moderate nuclear grade
- Often merge with florid mesonephric hyperplasia.
- HSIL may be present, but usually appears disparate.





## Mesonephric Carcinoma

- Positive for calretinin, inhibin, GATA-3 and CD10 (luminal aspect)
- Generally negative for CEA, ER, and PR
- But, most cases best diagnosed on morphology
- Not known to be associated with HPV; p16 negative

*Howitt 2015*



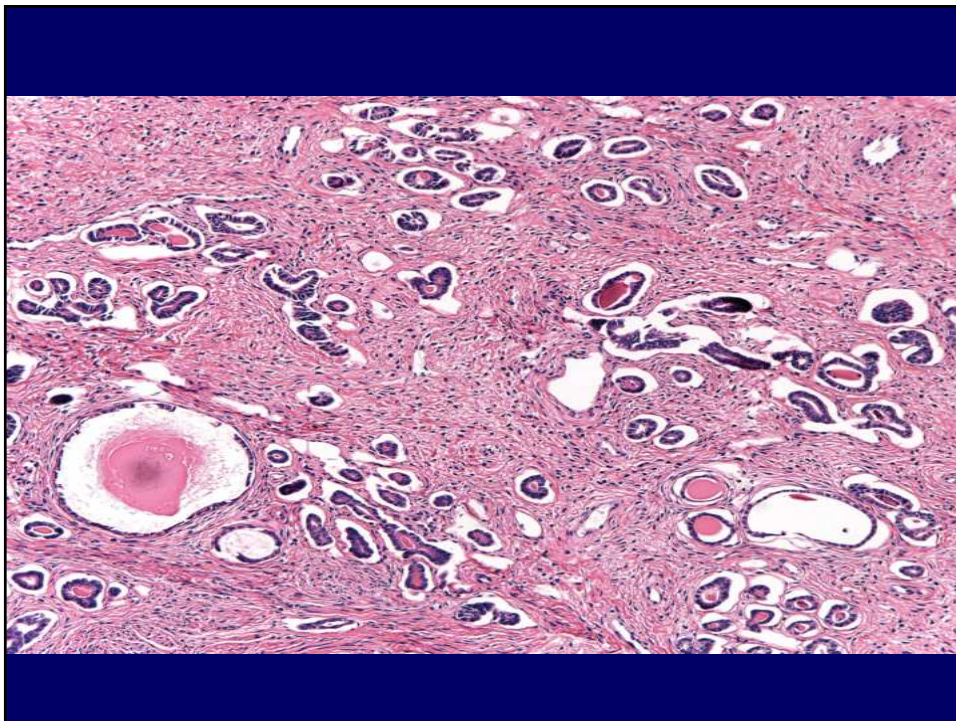
# Mesonephric Hyperplasia

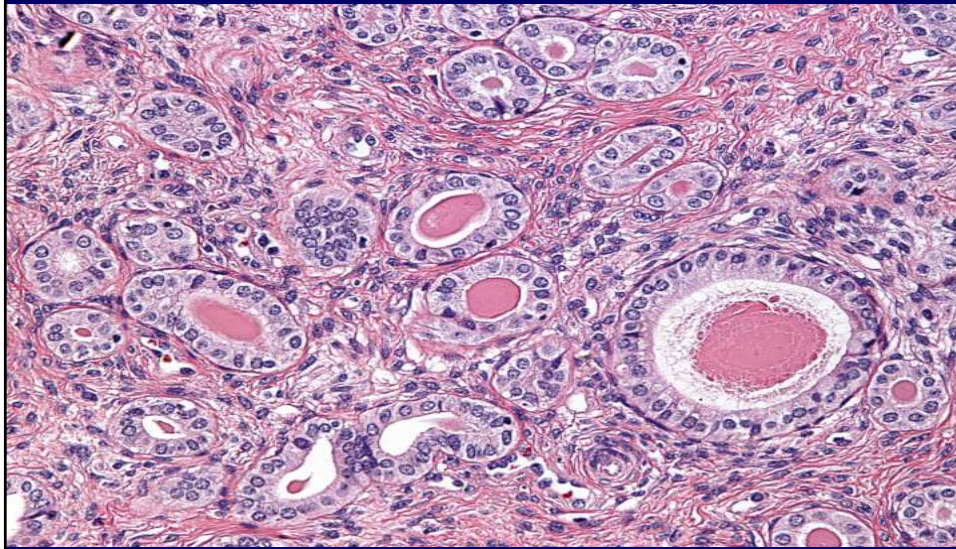
## **HYPERPLASIA**

- Lobular pattern
- Mild cytologic atypia
- Mitotic figures often absent, but may be present

## **CARCINOMA**

- Infiltrative pattern
- Cytologic atypia
- Mitotic figures may be present, often increased





## Special Variants:

### GOOD PROGNOSIS

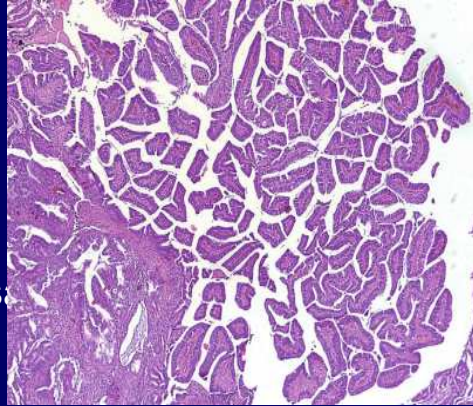
- Villoglandular Adenocarcinoma
- Adenoid Basal Carcinoma

### POOR PROGNOSIS

- Gastric type
- Neuroendocrine CA

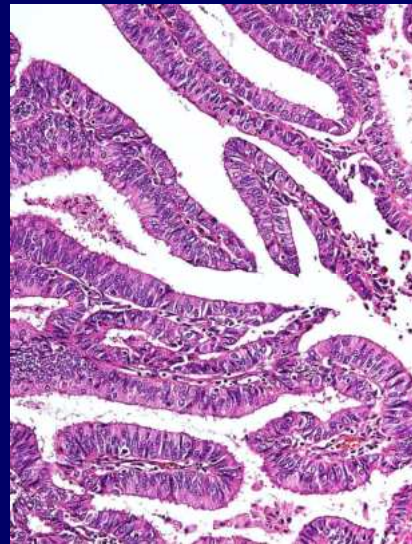
## Villoglandular Adenocarcinoma

- Young women
- Good prognosis
- Exophytic tumor
- Minimal invasion
- Caution, if limited s



## Villoglandular Adenocarcinoma

- Frond-like growth pattern
- Low nuclear grade
- Cell types: endometrioid, mucinous, or eosinophilic
- Commonly associated with HSIL or AIS
- HPV18 more frequent than HPV16



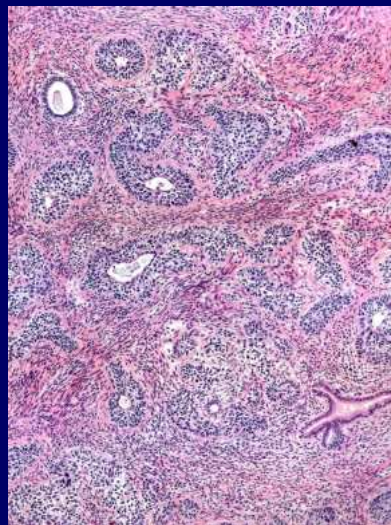


## Adenoid Basal Carcinoma

- Other diagnostic term: *Adenoid basal cell epithelioma*
- Elderly, postmenopausal (mean age, 65 years)
- Often asymptomatic – discovered during Pap smear (associated with HSIL)
- Cervix is often normal on colposcopic and physical exam
- Favorable prognosis, as classically defined
- Tumors with deep cervical stromal invasion, foci of higher grade tumor, or lymphovascular involvement may be higher risk

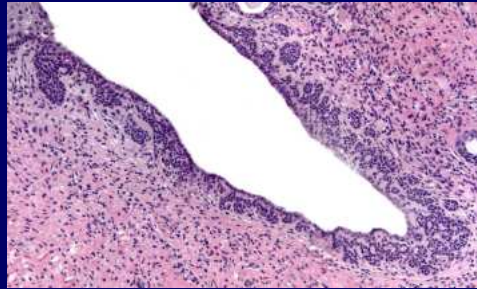
## Adenoid Basal Carcinoma

- Features squamoid, basaloid, & adenoid differentiation
- Widely separated clusters of small glands with basaloid, adenoid, & squamoid differentiation
- Typically no stromal response
- Often superficial, but may rarely invade deeply
- CD117 negative



## Adenoid Basal Hyperplasia

- Uncommon, incidental finding
- May be associated with adenoid basal cell CA
- If biopsy, need to exclude adenoid basal carcinoma
- If hysterectomy, thorough sectioning to exclude a more severe lesion



## Summary

- Pattern-based Classification System: correlates with prognosis
  - Pattern A: pushing border, no LVI
  - Pattern B: limited invasion
  - Pattern C: diffuse, destructive invasion; confluent growth or solid foci

## Summary

- Gastric type carcinoma
  - HPV-negative
  - Encompasses minimal deviation adenocarcinoma
- Neuroendocrine carcinoma
  - HPV-positive
  - Almost all high-grade
- Mesonephric carcinoma
  - HPV-negative
  - Infiltrative vs. lobular architecture for mesonephric hyperplasia

## Summary: Subtyping *Does Matter*

- Neuroendocrine carcinoma
- Adenoid basal carcinoma
- Gastric-type adenocarcinoma/Adenoma malignum (minimal deviation)
- Villoglandular
- Clear cell
- Mesonephric carcinoma



*Thank you*



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