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Objectives

- Cell Injury
- Inflammation
- Hemodynamics



Cell injury

Adaptation Reversible Irreversible





Adaptation

Reversible injury

Irreversible injury



Microscopic view of normal skeletal muscle (cross section)





Microscopic view of normal skeletal muscle (Longitudinal section)





Hypertrophy

Hypertrophied skeletal muscle fibers Q: Identify the adaptive process in this section Answer : hypertrophy of skeletal muscle .



Pathological hypertrophy

Patient has hypertension ,the adaptive process occurs in his heart is hypertrophy

Q:Identify the type of adaptive process that occurs in this heart of 70 years old man with history of hypertension? **Answer : pathological** hypertrophy



- This is cardiac hypertrophy involving the left ventricle.
- The number of myocardial fibers does not increase, but their size can increase in response to an increased workload, leading to the marked thickening of the left ventricle in this patient with systemic hypertension.
- Q:Gross picture of heart from 65 years old patient, what do you expect this patient to have ?
- Answer :hypertension





Acromegaly , photographic view . Showing enlargement of jaw bones and soft tissues , due to excessive production of growth hormone by pituitary gland after puberty & closure of epiphyseal plates of bones.

Skeletal muscle hypertrophy in heavy weight lifter (physiological hypertrophy)



Q:A 15-year- old male has an increase in growth hormone levels, which adaptive mechanism is seen in his picture? **Answer**: pathological hypertrophy



Figure : Gigantism seen in young man (left) compared to normal (age-matched) young man (right) .Due to hypertrophy of body organs & tissues including bones caused by increased growth hormone by pituitary gland before puberty .

Diagnosis :Hyperplasia, prostatic hyperplasia.((Pathological hypeplasia)

- The normal adult male prostate is about 3 to 4 cm in diameter and up to 25 gm in weight.
- The number of prostatic glands, as well as the stroma, has increased in this enlarged prostate seen in transverse section, and as a result, the entire prostate has increased in size, estimated at more than 70 gm.
- The pattern of increase here is not uniform, but nodular. This increase is in response to hormonal action on the cells, but in this case is not a normal physiologic process, but a pathologic process that could interfere with emptying of the urinary bladder
- Q:Grossly nodular, enlarged prostate, what do you expect to see microscopically ?
- Answer :The number of prostatic glands, as well as the stroma, has increased in this enlarged prostate seen in transverse section,



Diagnosis : Hyperplasia Here is one of the nodules of hyperplastic prostate, with many glands along with some intervening stroma. The cells making up the glands are normal in appearance, but there are just too many of them.



Gross appearance of prostate gland showing benign prostatic glandular hyperplasia



Microscopic view of normal endometrium



Endometrial hyperplasia showing numerous glands



Diagnosis : Atrophy

- This is cerebral atrophy in a patient with Alzheimer disease.
- The entire size of the brain is reduced, but some parts are more affected than others.
- The gyri are narrowed and the intervening sulci are widened, most pronounced toward the frontal lobe region shown here at the right.
- Q: 85 years old man with history of amnesia, and loss of recent memory since 5 years ago, what do you expect this patient to have from the gross section of brain ?
- Answer :Dementia (brain atrophy)



Atrophy

Q:An 18-year-old man has lower limb nerve injury; underwent skeletal muscle biopsy. Which of the following represents his findings? Answer :Atrophy ((Disuse Atrophy))



some of these skeletal muscle fibers here show atrophy, compared to normal fibers. The number of cells is the same as before the atrophy occurred, but the size of some fibers is reduced. This is a response to injury by "downsizing" to conserve the cell. In this case, innervation to the small, atrophic fibers was lost.

- The most common cause is disuse atrophy
- In healthy people lack of exercise
- In bedridden people they have considerable atrophy
- Q:what is the special stain used in this section that showing atrophy of skeletal muscle ?
- □ Answer Trichrome stain



Diagnosis :Metaplasia of the normal esophageal squamous mucosa has occurred here, with the appearance of gastric type columnar mucosa.

Q:Identify adaptive process in this esophageal biopsy **Answer : Metaplasia Q:** Patient has history of acidity and diagnosed as reflux esophagitis, What is the possible epithelial changes that might occurs in esophageal mucosa? **Answer : Metaplasia from** squamous epithelium into intestinal or columnar epithelium)



Diagnosis :Columnar metaplasia - Barret's esophagus (metaplasia of esophageal mucosa from squamous epithelium into intestinal type epithelium. Q: what this lesion predispose to or what is the subsequent risk of this lesion to develop? Answer: adenocarcinoma of esophagus



Myossitis ossificans : Swelling in left femur. Mesenchymal metaplasia in skeletal muscle after injury.



Reversible cell injury 1-Cellular swelling - Hydropic degeneration



1-Hydropic degeneration of the liver.(reversible changes) Clear watery vacuoles seen within the cytoplasm.



2- Fatty change(Reversible changes) The patient was chronic alcoholic. The presence of large quantities of neutral fat within the liver cells result in a uniform yellow appearance of the liver section.



Microscopic view of liver showing fatty change.

- Small & large cytoplasmic vacuoles pushing nucleus to the periphery .
- Question : what is the type of lipid in this liver biopsy ?
- Answer : Triglycerides
- Question :what are the conditions that might associated with this liver biopsy :
- Answer: Diabetes,
- Hyperlipidemia, alcoholic, chemicals or drug reaction etc



Nuclear changes in irreversible injury



 Necrotic cells ,showing nuclear pyknosis karyorrhexis & karyolysis.

Irreversible nuclear changes



Microscopic view of liverbiopsy ,showing pyknosis, karyorrhexis & karyolysis



Karrhyorexis: nuclear chromatin fragmentation



Patterns of tissue necrosis

- Coagulative
 Liquefactive
 Caseous
- Fat
- **Given States Fibrinoid**
- Gangrenous

1- Coagulative necrosis

Preservation

of architecture due to loss of <u>both</u> proteins and hydrolytic enzymes.

- Seen in solid organs as: spleen, kidney and heart,and adrenals except brain.
- Ex: Myocardial infarction.



 Normal cardiac muscle in longitudinal section shows a syncytium of myocardial fibers with central nuclei. Faint pink intercalated discs cross some of the fibers.



Here is myocardium in which the cells are dying as a result of ischemic injury from coronary artery occlusion. This is early in the process of necrosis. The nuclei of the myocardial fibers are being lost.

- The cytoplasm is losing its structure, because no well-defined crossstriations are seen.
- Q: What is the type of necrosis in the myocardium ?
- Answer :Coagulative necrosis



When many cells undergo necrosis at once, then definable patterns of necrosis are produced, depending upon the nature of the injury, the type of tissue, and the length of time. This is an example of coagulative necrosis.

 Q:When does this type of necrosis commonly seen ?
 Answer :This is the typical pattern with ischemia and infarction (loss

of blood supply and resultant tissue anoxia).

Here, there is a wedge-shaped pale area of coagulative necrosis (infarction) in the cortex of the kidney.



Q: Identify the organ : Answer Spleen Q: what is the lesion shown in this Gross appearance of spleen ?

Answer :Two large infarctions (areas of coagulative necrosis) are seen in this sectioned spleen.

Since the etiology of coagulative necrosis is usually vascular with loss of blood supply, the infarct occurs in a vascular distribution. Thus, infarcts are often wedgeshaped with a base on the organ capsule.


Question: Identify the pathology in this brain ? Answer :

Grossly, the cerebral infarction at the upper left in this image, in the distribution of the middle cerebral artery, demonstrates **liquefactive necrosis.**

Eventually, the removal of the dead tissue leaves behind a cavity.



This infarct in the brain is organizing and being resolved. Q:What is the pattern of necrosis in this brain ?

Answer: The liquefactive necrosis which leads to resolution with cystic spaces as the necrotic tissue is removed.



This is more **extensive caseous necrosis**, with confluent cheesy tan granulomas in the upper portion of this lung in a patient with tuberculosis. The tissue destruction is so extensive that there are areas of cavitation (cystic spaces) being formed as the necrotic (mainly liquefied) debris drains out via the bronchi.

Q:Identify the organ ?

Answer : Lung

Q: What is the pattern of necrosis in this lung disease?

Answer : caseous necrosis

Q:What is the most probable cause of necrosis in this lung.

Answer: Tuberculosis (TB)



Caseous Necrosis in Large Tubeculous lesion (TB) in the lung Q:what is the causative agent in this lesion? Answer:T.B bacilli



Microscopically, caseous necrosis is characterized by acellular pink areas of necrosis, as seen here at the upper right, surrounded by a granulomatous inflammatory process.



Diagnosis :Fat necrosis in acute pancreatitis . Grossly : White chalky foci in the omentum

Fibrinoid necrosis in an artery in a patient with polyarteritis nodosa.

The wall of the artery shows a circumferential bright pink area of necrosis with protein deposition & inflammation (dark nuclei of neutrophils). Q:Identify the pattern of necrosis in this artery ? Answer :Fibrinoid necrosis Q: In which clinical situation this locion is mostly even 2

this lesion is mostly seen ? Answer :Vasculitis (polyarteritis nodosa)

This is gangrene of the lower extremity. In this case the term "wet" gangrene is more applicable because of the liquefactive component from superimposed infection in addition to the coagulative necrosis from loss of blood supply.

Q: Which disease is expected that patient to have ? Answer :This patient had diabetes mellitus with severe peripheral vascular disease.

Cytoplasmic organelle damage leads to a variety of injury patterns, most of which are best seen by electron **microscopy.** Acute injuries tend to damage an entire cell, so specific organelle damage is beside the point. However, in some cases the damage can be cumulative over many years. Here are Mallory bodies (the red globular material) composed of cytoskeletal filaments in liver cells chronically damaged from alcoholism. Q:What is the type of intracellular red globular material seen in the hepatocytes ?

Answer [®]Mallory body ,These are a type of "intermediate" filament.

Q;In which of liver disease this picture is mostly expected to be seen ?

Answer : Alcoholic liver disease /Alcoholic hepatitis

- Intracellular accumulations of a variety of materials can occur in response to cellular injury.
- Here is steatosis, or fatty metamorphosis (fatty change) of the liver in which deranged lipoprotein metabolism from injury leads to accumulation of lipid in the cytoplasm of hepatocytes.
- Note the large, clear lipid droplets that fill the cytoplasm of many hepatocytes.
- Q: Identify the pathology of this liver biopsy ?

Answer : Steatosis (Fatty liver changes)

Q: Section of the liver is seen in this picture showing abundance of clear vacuoles occupying the hepatocytes, what is the type of substance loaded in this liver cells ?

Answer : Lipid droplet (Triglycerides)

The liver injury with chronic alcoholism leads to fibrosis and regeneration of the hepatocytes in nodules. This firm, nodular appearance of the liver as seen here is called cirrhosis. Irreversible Injury to the liver

- This Congo red stain reveals amorphous orange-red deposits of amyloid, which is an abnormal accumulation of breakdown products of proteinaceous material that can collect within cells and tissues.
- Q:What is the special stain used in this section?
- Answer:Congo red
- Q: Congo red is special stain used to demonstrate -----.
- **Answer : Amyloid**
- Amyloidosisis is usually triggered by an inflammatory disease, such as rheumatoid arthritis. It most commonly affects the kidneys, liver and spleen.

Associated with Chronic diseases, Multiple Myeloma, Dialysis associated amyloidosis, or might be familial or hereditary.

The yellow-brown granular pigment seen in the hepatocytes here is lipochrome (lipofuscin) which accumulates over time in cells (particularly liver and heart) as a result of "wear and tear" with aging. It is of no major consequence, but illustrates the end result of the process of autophagocytosis in which intracellular debris is sequestered and turned into these residual bodies of lipochrome within the cell cytoplasm.

The brown coarsely granular material in macrophages in this alveolus is **hemosiderin** that has accumulated as a result of the breakdown of RBC's and release of the iron in heme. The macrophages clear up this debris, which is eventually recycled.

A Prussian blue reaction is seen in this iron stain of the liver to demonstrate large amounts of hemosiderin that are present within the cytoplasm of the hepatocytes and Kupffer cells. Ordinarily, only a small amount of hemosiderin would be present in the fixed macrophage-like cells in liver, the Kupffer cells, as part of iron recycling.

Q: Identify the stain in this section ? Answer : Prussian blue (Perl's stain) Q: In which condition this pathology is expected to be seen ? Answer :Hemachromatosis , iron overload , hemolytic anemia, repeated blood transfusion

These renal tubules contain large amounts of hemosiderin, as demonstrated by the Prussian blue iron stain. Q: Patient has large amount of hemosiderin in renal tubules (demonstrated by Prussian blue reaction)what condition this patient is expected to have ?

Answer: This patient had chronic hematuria.

The black streaks seen between lobules of lung beneath the pleural surface are due to accumulation of anthracotic pigment. This anthracosis of the lung is not harmful and comes from the carbonaceous material breathed in from dirty air typical of industrialized regions of the planet.

Persons who smoke would have even more of this pigment.

Q: this is the Gross appearance of the lung of patient who was Coal miner worker, what is the black streaks that is seen between lobules of the lung refer to ?

Answer : Anthracotic pigment

Here is anthracotic pigment in macrophages in a hilar lymph node. Anthracosis is nothing more than accumulation of carbon pigment from breathing dirty air. Smokers have the most pronounced anthracosis. The anthracotic pigment looks bad, but it causes no major organ dysfunction.

□ This is dystrophic calcification in the wall of the stomach. At the far left is an artery with calcification in its wall. There are also irregular bluish-purple deposits of calcium in the submucosa. Calcium is more likely to be deposited in tissues that are damaged. Q:Identify the pathology in depicted picture ? Answer : Dystrophic calcification Q:In which tissue this pathology might occur or commonly seen? Answer : In necrotic or diseased tissue

Q: What is the serum level of calcium expected in the patient who has dystrophic calcification in depicted picture ? Answer:Normal calcium

Q:A 55-year-old male diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma underwent bone marrow biopsy. What is the pinkish material that appears in the picture? Answer : Russel body (Protein)

Inflammation

Types of inflammation 1-Acute 2-Chronic

Signs of acute inflammation

- 1. Heat (Calor)
- 2. Redness(Rubor)
 3. Swelling (Tumor)
 4. Pain (Dolor)
 5.Loss of function
 (Functio laesa)

Major local manifestations of acute inflammation

- Vascular dilatation causing <u>erythema</u> (redness) and <u>warmth</u> (heat).
- Extravasation of plasma fluid & proteins causing <u>edema</u> (swelling).
- 3. Leukocytes emigration and accumulation at the site of injury.

Microscopic view showing vascular dilation, edema and leukocytic infiltrate

Acute inflammation of the conjunctiva showing swelling and redness of both eyelids

Microscopic view showing showing congested blood vessels with interstitial edema and acute inflammatory cells infiltration.

Microscopic view showing severe acute inflammation (neutrophilic exudate)

Cellular response to inflammation

- 1. Leukocytes margination.
- 2. Sticking & Rolling.
- 3. Emigration .
- 4. Chemotaxis .
- 5. Phagocytosis.

Microscopic view showing leukocytic cells margination in a dilated congested blood vessel

Phagocytosis of cells shows numerous very large phagocytic cells (thin arrow), the nuclei of which are very large, pale(thick A) & in their abundant cytoplasm are many ingested pyknotic, necrotic cells & lymphocytes (Double arrow).

Q:What step of cellular response to inflammation appears in the following picture? Answer :phagocytosis

Acute lymphadenitis

Acute lymphangitis

Morphologic patterns of acute inflammation

- 1. Serous
- 2. Fibrinous
- 3. Purulent (Suppurative)
- 4. Membranous or pseudo-membranous

1- Serous inflammation

Composed of protein poor fluid.

Comes from blood serum, or mesothelial cells in body cavities, or synovial cells.

Seen in TB, skin blisters following burns or viral infection.
Serous inflammation



Skin blisters following burn

- Q: Identify the pattern of inflammation in this lesion
- Answer

Serous Inflammation



This example of a fluid collection, a friction blister of the skin, is an almost trivial example of edema.



- This example of edema associated with inflammation is not trivial at all: there is marked laryngeal edema and swollen epiglottis such that the airway is narrowed.
- This is life-threatening.
 Thus, fluid collections can be serious depending upon their location.
- Q:what is the cause of this laryngeal odema in patient have family history of eczema and asthma? Answer: Allergy (Anaphylaxis) Type 1 Hypersensitivity reaction (IgE) which due to the severe allergic response (reaction)



Here is an example of bilateral pleural effusions. Note that the fluid appears reddish, because there has been hemorrhage into the effusion. This is a serosanguinous effusion.



Here is an example of fluid collection into a body cavity, called an effusion. This is a right pleural effusion (in a baby). Note the clear, pale yellow appearance of the fluid. This is a serous effusion (low cellular and protein contents



2- Fibrinous inflammation

- Fluid contains large amount of <u>fibrin</u>.
- Seen in rheumatic heart disease and Uremia



Grossview of chronic fibrinous pericarditis, showing bread & butter appearance.



Fibrinous pericarditis. The epicardial surface is covered with grey-white strands of fibrin some of which appear contracted & white as a result of organization (so-called, **bread & butter** appearance).

6.15 Uraemic pericarditis: heart

3- Purulent (Suppurative) inflammation

- Composed of large amounts of pus (purulent exudate).
- Seen in skin pustules following <u>staph</u> infection.
- May lead to abscess formation.



Purulent exudate Acute suppurative tonsilitis, the tonsils being covered by whitish yellowish material (pus) Q;What is the most important components of this whitish material composed of Answer: abundant neutrophils is the most important with dead bacteria and sloughed epithelial cells



Skin pustule (abscess) composed mainly of neutrophils , Example of suppurative inflammation



4- Membranous or pseudo-membranous inflammation

- Composed of fibrin, necrotic epithelium and inflammatory cells.
- Seen in: Diphtheria and in colon following Clostridium difficle infection

Membranous inflammation seen in Diphtheria



Pseudo-membranous colitis



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Microscopic view of pseudo-membranous colitis: mushroom-like membrane



Q:35-year-old male presented with abdominal pain following Clostridium Difficle infection. What pattern of acute inflammation appears in his colonic biopsy?

Answer:pseudomembranous <u>colitis</u>

Types of inflammatory cells

□<u>Acute:</u>

Neutrophils

□<u>Chronic:</u>

- Lymphocytes
- Macrophages
- Plasma cells
- Eosinophils <u>seen in</u> <u>both</u>.





Lymphocyte

Eosinophil

Macrophages:

The section shows mainly very large activated macrophages, each with a single vesicular nucleus & abundant granular & vacuolated cytoplasm.

Some macrophages contain ingested RBC, polymorphs & cell fragments (Thick arrow). Neutrophils seen (thin

arrow).



Plasma cell



Chronic colitis showing dense lympho-plasmacytic infiltrate



Eosinophil



Granulomatous inflammation

- It is a distinctive pattern of chronic inflammation.
- Composed of
- multinucleated giant
- cells surrounded by a rim
- of epithelioid histiocytes a lymphocytes.
- Diagnosis :Tuberculosis



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Multinucleated giant cells



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Foreign body type giant cell granuloma around sutures



Ulcer

 It is a localized loss of epithelial surface (skin or GI lining).

• Ex: Aphthus ulcer.



Gummatous ulcer (**syphilis**) : A large ,deep ulcer of the abdominal wall skin. The ulcer base is covered by a necrotic slough.



1.16 Gummatous ulcer: skin



Chronic gastric ulcer





A-Morphology of an ulcer . A, gross appearance of chronic duodenal ulcer.

B, Low power view of the ulcer crater (pit) with an acute inflammatory exudate in the base.

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Tissue repair

- It can be by:
 - >Regeneration, or
 - Scar formation (connective tissue deposition).
- Depends on:
 Type of tissue.
 - Severity and duration of injury.







From residual uninjured cells or stem cells

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Types of tissues and pattern of repair

- 1. Dividing: skin and bone marrow------ regeneration
- 2. Stable: organs (kidney, liver)------ regeneration and scarring
- 3. Non-dividing: neurons, heart, skeletal muscles ------ scarring

Liver repair

Can be by:

Regeneration: if <u>only</u> hepatocytes are damaged, or by

Fibrosis (scarring): if <u>both</u> hepatocytes and stroma (matrix) are damaged.





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Liver cirrhosis: Liver section stained by reticulin stain. There are three regenerative liver nodules (double arrow), separated by broad bands of reticulin fibers (thick arrow). An example of healing by <u>combine</u> regeneration & fibrosis which follows injury to the <u>liver cells & stroma</u>.





Healing of skin wounds

Either by:
> 1ry intension (unioin): no tissue loss.
> 2ry intention: with tissue loss.



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Primary intention



Secondary intention: excessive granulation tissue, excessive loss of tissue, associated with skin contracture





Granulation tissue: proliferative fibroblasts, delicate vascular channels and mixed inflammatory cells.



A: Granulation tissue showing numerous blood vessels, edema, & a loose ECM; minimal mature collagen $% \mathcal{A}$.

B: Trichrome stain of mature scar, showing dense collagen (blue) with only scattered vascular channels.



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Excessive scarring

Can lead to:
 Hypertrophic scar, or
 Keloid, or
 Exuberant granulation tissue



Hypertrophic scar



Keloid





Keloid: excess collagen deposition



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Kelloid :excess collagen deposition



Exuberant granulation tissue following burn



1.12 Granulating burn

Kidney scarring following infarction.



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Healing of diabetic skin ulcer



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Hemodynamic Disorders

Hyperemia and congestion

• Hyperemia:

- > Active process
- > Oxygenated arterial blood
- Red color

Congestion:

- Passive
- Deoxygenated venous blood

Blue color



Hyperemia of inflamed conjunctive



Brain hyperemia



Gross view of hyperemia in both kidneys



Gross view of acute lung congestion

 Lung tissue is dark red with frothy fluid comes out during cutting.



Microscopic view of acute pulmonary congestion, showing congested capillaries in alveolar septa with intra alveolar edema



Chronic pulmonary congestion showing golden-yellow appearance of hemosiderinladen macrophages (Heart-failure cells) & fibrosis of alveolar septa



Liver congestion in congestive heart failure- Nutmeg liver



Nutmeg liver in chronic venous congestion in heart failure



Microscopic view of liver congestion



Microscopic view of liver in CVC (nutmeg liver) showing necrotic hepatocytes & hemorrhage around central vein giving red color to this area





Causes of edema

- 1. Increased hydrostatic pressure
- 2. Decreased osmotic pressure
- 3. Lymphatic obstruction
- 4. Sodium retention
- 5. Inflammation



Increased hydrostatic pressure

Localized edema due to deep vein thrombosis.





Decreased osmotic pressure

- Periorbital edema in nephrotic syndrome.
- Q:What is the cause of edema in patient with nephrotic syndrome that lead to this appearance?:
- Answer : Hypoproteinemia due to protein urea as the affected renal glomeruli allow the protein to pass into urine ,so his urine exam is abnormal showing (+++ protein in urine)



Lymphatic obstruction

 Elephantiasis: severe edema in lower limbs due to filariasis (parasitic infection).



Signs of edema

1. Pitting edema:

skin and subcutaneous edema.



14.15 Oedema: skin

2-Peau d'orange Photograph of breast showing **Peau d'** orange appearance of the breast seen in breast cancer. Question : what does this Gross appearance of breast indicate to? Answer : Indicate invasion of dermal lymphatic with cancer cells, it is an ominous sign with bad prognosis.


Brain edema



9.81 Swelling and oedema: brain

Pulmonary edema



Lungs are heavy and swollen.

Hemorrhage

- Extravasation of blood from vessels.
- Can be:
 - External (epistaxis, menses, hematuria)
 - Internal (hematoma, melena)

Types of skin hematoma

- 1. Petechiae
- 2. Purpura
- 3. Ecchymosis or bruises







Petechial hemorrhages in colonic mucosa



Skin purpura rash



Ecchymosis





Ecchymosis following IV cannula use



Hemopericardium



Intracerebral hemorrhage





Thrombosis

Mural non-occlusive thrombi in left ventricle



Ball thrombus, left atrium

- Question :What is the most serious complication of this patient to have ?
- Answer Stroke (Cerebrovascular _{Ste} accident)



6.45 Ball thrombus: left atrium

Heart valve thrombi

- 1. Bacterial: in infective endocarditis.
- 2. Sterile or non-infective: in hypercoagulable state.
- 3. Verrucous: less commonly, also non-infective in SLE.

Infective endocarditis

Large, globular, friable redbrown mass of vegetations.



Vegetations of infective endocarditis



Verrucous vegetations seen in SLE = Libman-Sack vegetations



Arterial occlusive thrombi

Coronary artery thrombus.



Thrombus on top of saccular aneurysm in iliac artery

Lines of Zahn



6.65 Aneurysm: iliac arteries

Lines of Zahn

 Produced by pale layers of platelets & fibrin that alternate with darker layers containing more red cells, seen in thrombiformed in the heart or aorta.



A thrombus has lines of Zahn



Post-mortem clot

 Typically, a glistening, semi-translucent homogeneous pale yellow (chicken-fat) clot which formed a cast of the pulmonary trunk & its branches. Sometimes, they appear deep red (red current jelly clot).

Post-mortem clots do not show lines of Zahn.



6.28 Post-mortem clot

Ante-mortem vs post-mortem clot

	FEATURE	ANTEMORTEM THROMBI	POSTMORTEM CLOTS
1.	Gross	Dry, granular, firm and friable	Gelatinous, soft and rubbery
2.	Relation to vessel wall	Adherent to the vessel wall	Weakly attached to the vessel wall
3.	Shape	May or may not fit their vascular contours	Take the shape of vessel or its bifurcation
4.	Microscopy	The surface contains apparent lines of Zahn	The surface is <i>'chicken</i> <i>fat'</i> yellow covering the underlying red <i>'currant</i> <i>jelly</i> '

Venous thrombosis or phlebothrombosis



Venous thrombosis



Organized thrombus

- An artery with an old thrombus.
- A, H&E stained section.
 B, Stain for elastic tissue (black).
- The original lumen is delineated by the internal elastic lamina (3 arrows) & is totally filled with organized thrombus.



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Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy (DIC)

 A clinical disorder characterized by a sudden or gradual onset of widespread <u>fibrin thrombi</u> in the microcirculation.



Renal cortical necrosis in DIC



Microscopic view of renal fibrin thrombi in DIC





Skin in DIC





Embolism

Types of emboli

- Depending on the <u>component</u> of embolus, it can be:
- Fat
- □ Air or nitrogen
- Cholesterol
- Amniotic fluid
- Tumor fragments
- Foreign bodies
- Depending on the **<u>site</u>** of embolus, it can be in:
- Lung: pulmonary
- Systemic

Pulmonary thromboembolism

Saddle embolus at site of **<u>bifurcation</u>**



Saddle pulmonary embolus at bifurcation



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Fat embolism

 Microscopic view of fat embolism in lung following femur fracture.



Fat embolism in the brain



Amniotic fluid embolism

Q:A 38-year-old lady presented to the ER with sudden death after delivery, his autopsy revealed the following lung appearance. What is the cause of death? Answer : Amniotic fluid embolism



Bone marrow and fat emboli



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Infarction

- •An area of ischemic necrosis caused by occlusion of arterial or venous blood supply.
- 99% caused by thrombus or embolus.



Types of infarction

1. Red infarction:

- Occurs in <u>venous</u> occlusion (ovaries and testes)
- Occurs in <u>loose</u> tissues as: lung
- Occurs in tissues with <u>dual</u> blood supply (lung, liver, small intestine)
- Occurs in previously congested tissues

2. <u>White infarction:</u>

- Occurs in <u>arterial</u> occlusion
- Occurs in <u>solid</u> organs (kidneys, heart, spleen)
- Occurs in tissues with <u>single</u> blood supply

Red (hemorrhagic)infarction in lung





Extensive red (hemorrhagic) infarction in small intestine



White infarction in kidney (renal infarction)



White splenic infarction



Cerebral infarction



Thank You