

Male 

# Penis

## Malformations

- Congenital
- most commonly at the urethral orifice

### ① Hypospadias (HYP)

- \* - abnormal opening of distal urethral orifice (along ventral aspect of shaft)
- orifice may be constricted → obstruction + ↑ UTI risk and maybe ure recurrence
- Surgery required

### ② Epispadias

- \* - presence of urethral orifice on dorsal aspect
- may result in obstruction or urinary incontinence
- associated with extrophy (congenital bladder malformation)

## Inflammatory Lesions

- mostly caused by STDs
- local inflammatory processes unrelated to STD and other systemic inflammatory diseases may produce penile lesions

### ① Balanitis

- local inflammation of the Glans penis

### ② Balanoposthitis

- inflammation of Glans penis + overlying prepuce (foreskin)
- mostly occur in consequence of poor local hygiene in uncircumcised males
- may have any of multiple bacterial, or fungal origins, or caused by contact dermatitis
- Grossly : - distal penis inflamed, red, swollen, tender, purulent discharge

### ③ Phimosiis

- prepuce cannot be retracted easily over glans penis
- Some are congenital, but most are acquired (from scarring of prepuce secondary to previous Balanoposthitis episodes)

## Neoplasms of the Penis

- > 95% → SCC
  - ↳ uncommon in US → 0.4% of all cancers in male
  - ↳ occurs at much higher rates in developing countries
- Most cases occur in:
  - 1- uncircumcised, older than 40 years old
  - 2- poor hygiene → exposure to potential carcinogens (Smoking, HPV 16, 18)

### ① SCC of the penis

- appearance of malignant cells confined to epidermis "intraepithelial neoplasia" "carcinoma in situ"
- 3 clinical variants (all strongly HPV associated)

#### 1. Bowen Disease

- Older uncircumcised males
- Grossly: Solitary, plaque-like lesion on shaft
- \* - Histopathology: malignant cells throughout epidermis, no invasion into underlying stroma "in situ"
- 33% → progress into invasive SCC
- malignant features:-
  - hyperchromatic, dysplastic, dyskeratotic epithelial cells
  - Scattered mitosis above basal layer

#### 2. Erythroplasia of Queyrat

- Bowen disease presenting as erythematous patch on glans penis

### 3. Bowenoid Papulosis

- in young sexually active males
- Histologically → identical to Bowen Disease
- Clinically:
  - multiple reddish-brown papules on glans
  - transient
  - rare progression to carcinoma (progression in case of immunocompetent)

### ② Penile SCC

- gray-crusty papular lesion on glans penis or prepuce
- \* - may infiltrate underlying tissue → indurated ulcer with irregular margins
- Histopathology → infiltrating keratinizing SCC
- most cases are indolent, locally infiltrative
- 25% → regional LN infiltration (pelvic LN → para-aortic LN)
- distant metastasis uncommon, 5 year survival rate → 70%
- Verrucous carcinoma (variant of SCC)
  - papillary architecture
  - less striking cytological atypia
  - rounded pushing deep margins
- Grossly: deformed glans penis (ulcerative, infiltrating cancer)
- requires surgical resection

# Scrotum

- \* - Bag of skin that holds and helps protect the testicles
- testicles make sperm → temperature must be cooler than inside body ⇒ scrotum located outside
- testicles produce hormones → testosterone
- Epididymis located on top of each testicle
- Spermatic chord                      - Cremaster muscle

## Scrotal Enlargement

- Congenital in children

- ① Hydrocele → most common cause
  - accumulation of serous fluid within tunica vaginalis
  - idiopathic or response to neighbouring infections or tumors (TB, trauma, hernia, strabulata)
  - must be distinguished from true testicular mass → using Transillumination
    - hydrocele → transilluminate
    - testicular mass → opaque

- ② Hematocele
  - accumulation of blood

- ③ Chylocele
  - accumulation of lymphatic fluid

less  
common

# Testis & Epididymis

- may be → Congenital
- inflammatory
- neoplastic
- mumps cause orchitis
- may manifest as → atrophy
- enlargement
- local pain
- Cryptorchidism
- infertility

## Congenital

### ① Cryptorchidism → Congenital

- Failure of testicular descent into scrotum (right testis > left testis involvement)
  - ↳ normally descends by 3<sup>rd</sup> month of gestation into pelvis then into scrotum during last 2 months of intrauterine life (if does not descent by 1 year of life → Surgery)

- 1% of males → Cryptorchidism by 1 year of age → 10% = bilateral
- usually unknown cause, rarely: hormonal, intrinsic testicular, and mechanical abnormalities
- Effects :-

- Bilateral (10%) → sterility
- Unilateral → atrophy of contralateral descended gonad + sterility
- ↳ ↑ risk for developing cancer in contralateral normally descended testis
- due to intrinsic abnormality

Orchiopexy before puberty → ↓ likelihood of atrophy + ↓ cancer and infertility risk

- 3-5 fold ↑ risk of testicular cancer

- Cryptorchid testis may be normal size → early life, some degree of atrophy → puberty

#### \* Histologically :-

- tubular atrophy → 5-6 years of age

↳ Caused by: - Chronic ischemia - Anti-neoplastic Chemotherapy - Radiation  
- Trauma - Chronic hyperestrogenism (cirrhosis)

- hyalinization → puberty

- Leydig cell hyperplasia

- intratubular germ-cell hyperplasia (source of subsequent testicular cancers)

#### - Orchiopexy

- ↳ Surgical placement of undescended testis into scrotum
- ↳ reduces risk but does not eliminate risk

menopause

# Inflammatory lesions

- more common in epididymis
- some associated with STDs
- \* - other causes :-
  - non-specific epididymitis
  - orchitis
  - mumps
  - Tuberculosis

## ① Non-specific epididymitis + orchitis

- begin as primary UTI → secondary ascending infection to testis (through vas deferens or spermatic chord lymphatics)
- presentation of testis : - Swollen - tender - contains neutrophilic cell infiltrate

## ② Orchitis Complicates

- mumps infection in 20% of adults
- rarely in children
- presentation of testis : - edematous - Congested
  - lymphoplasmacytic cell infiltrate
  - Some cases → atrophy, fibrosis, sterility

## ③ Granulomatous Inflammation

- Caused by some infections and autoimmune diseases
- TB most common
  - ↳ testicular TB begins in epididymis → secondary testis involvement
- Histologically : - Caseous granulomatous inflammation

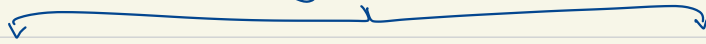
- focal atrophy  
↳ childhood mumps infection → patchy orchitis

# Testicular Tumors

- \* - most important cause of firm, painless testis enlargement (20-34 year olds)
- 95% → arise from germ cells (gonads) and are malignant
- Sertoli or Leydig cells → uncommon, usually benign
- increased risk if → Cryptorchidism  
→ Intersex syndromes  
→ Siblings of males with testicular cancer
- more common in whites (↑ incidence in Caucasian populations)
- most common abnormality → isochromosome of short arm of Chromosome 12

(Testicular Germ cell Tumors)

## - 2 Categories for TGCTs



☐ Tumors with One Histologic Pattern (60% of cases)

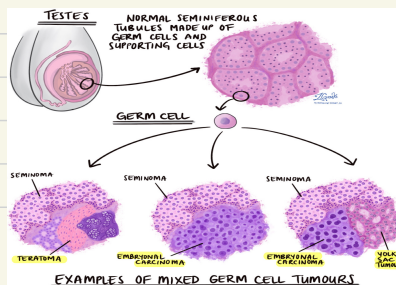
- I) Seminoma,
- II) Non-seminomatous T including:
  - Embryonal carcinoma,
  - Yolk sac tumor,
  - Choriocarcinoma,
  - Teratomas - Mature & Immature & with malignant transformation of somatic elements.

☐ Tumors with More Than One Histologic Pattern (40%)

- ☐ This classification is based on the view that testicular germ cell T arise from primitive cells that may either differentiate along
  - (I) Gonadal lines to produce seminomas. Transform into a totipotent cell population, giving rise to non-seminomatous germ cell T. Such totipotent cells:
    - (a) may remain undifferentiated to form embryonal ca. or
    - (b) may differentiate along extra-embryonic lines to form yolk sac tumors & choriocarcinomas.
  - may differentiate along somatic cell lines to produce teratomas.

- most TGCTs arise from intratubular precursor cell "germ cell neoplasia in situ (GCNIS)"
  - ↳ embryonic germ cell → potential to differentiate into plethora of embryonic and extraembryonic lineages

- \* - GCNIS → originate from developmentally arrested immature germ cells (gonocytes) that fail to differentiate to spermatogonia
- Intratubular germ cell neoplasia (IGCN)
  - ↳ Seminiferous tubules lacking spermatogenesis
  - ↳ Sertoli cells displaced toward lumen





## - Clinical Features

- Painless testis enlargement
- Nonseminomatous → widespread metastasis at diagnosis

- Clinically it is best to consider TGCTs under 2 broad categories :-

### 1 - Seminomas

- remain confined to testis and reach considerable size before diagnosis
- Lymphatic metastasis most commonly to → iliac + Para-aortic LN
- Hematogenous metastasis occurs later
- good prognosis, very radio sensitive, respond well to chemotherapy

### 2 - Non-Seminomatous

- metastasize early by blood (most commonly liver + lungs) and lymphatics
- poor prognosis → improved by platinum based chemotherapy in some cases

## - TGCT Staging

- Stage I : Confined to testis
- Stage II : regional LN metastasis only
- Stage III : non-regional LN + distal organ metastasis

## - Tumor markers

- hCG → produced by syncytiotrophoblastic cells
- AFP

1. Nonseminomatous germ cell T containing elements of yolk sac (endodermal sinus) often produce AFP (AFP is **also elevated in hepatocellular ca**); & in contrast to hCG,...
2. The presence of **AFP** is a reliable indicator of the presence of a **nonseminomatous component** in the germ cell T, as yolk sac elements are not found in pure seminomas.
3. As mixed patterns are common, most nonseminomatous T have elevations of both hCG & AFP.
4. Serial determinations of **hCG & AFP** are useful in the (A) primary **diagnosis** (B) **staging** (C) **monitoring** patients with testicular germ cell T for **persistent or recurrent T** after therapy

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Memorise \*  
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## Seminomas

### ① Seminomas (classic) $\rightsquigarrow$ 50% testicular germ cell tumors

- histologically identical to ovarian dysgerminomas
- \* - Grossly :- - **potato like** (large, soft, well-demarcated, homogeneous)
  - grey-white, bulges from cut surface of affected testis
  - large seminoma  $\rightarrow$  foci of necrosis without hemorrhage
    - $\hookrightarrow$  if hemorrhage present  $\rightarrow$  examination for non-seminomatous
- \* - Histologically :- - **distinct cell borders**
  - cells arranged as **small lobules**
  - **clear, glycogen rich cytoplasm**
    - intervening fibrous septa
  - **round nuclei + conspicuous nucleoli**
    - infiltrated by lymphocytes
  - granulomatous inflammatory reaction
- \* - 25%  $\rightarrow$  stain positively for human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)
  - $\hookrightarrow$  hCG expressing cells morphologically similar to **syncytiotrophoblast**  $\rightarrow$  source of  $\uparrow$  hCG
  - $\hookrightarrow$  hCG + syncytiotrophoblast  $\rightarrow$  pure seminoma

- hCG  $\rightarrow$  pregnancy test
  - $\hookrightarrow$  when hCG + in male  $\rightarrow$  seminoma

### ② Spermatocytic Seminoma

- less common
- morphologic variant of seminoma
- in **older patients**
- contain mixture of medium-sized, large unicate or multinucleate T-cells, and small cells with round nuclei that are reminiscent of secondary spermatocytes
- \* - different to classic seminoma in :-
  - 1- no association with intratubular germ cell neoplasia
  - 2- metastasis is exceedingly rare
- Best prognosis between all seminomas

## \* Non-Seminomatous Tumors

### ① Embryonal Carcinoma → worst type

- highly malignant, invasive tumor containing foci of hemorrhage + necrosis
- primary lesion = small (even with systemic metastasis), large lesion → invade epididymis + spermatic chord
- Histologically:
  - large cells, primitive looking, basophilic cytoplasm, indistinct cell borders, large nuclei + prominent nucleoli
  - cells may be arranged in undifferentiated solid sheets, or contain glandular structures and irregular papillae
- \* - Other patterns of germ cell tumors are admixed with embryonal areas
- \* - Pure embryonal carcinomas (rare) → 2-3% of all testicular germ cell tumors

usually mixed with other T

### ② Yolk Sac Tumors → endodermal sinus tumor

- most common primary testicular tumor in children < 3 years old (adults → admixed with embryonal)
- Grossly: large, well demarcated
- Histologically:
  - microcystic, sheets, glands, papillae formed
  - often associated with eosinophilic hyaline globules
  - Schiller-Duval bodies
  - $\alpha$ -fetoprotein (AFP) (seen in cytoplasm by IHC techniques + may be in blood)

- Schiller-Duval Bodies → structures that resembled primitive glomeruli
- AFP → test. related to fetus and pregnancy (presence in male → abnormality / tumor)

### ③ Choriocarcinomas

- differentiation of pluripotential neoplastic germ cells along trophoblastic lines
- Grossly: small, non-palpable lesions (even with extensive systemic metastasis)
- Histologically:
  - hemorrhage and necrosis
  - **Condrophoblast** capped by **Syncytiotrophoblast**
    - ↳ source of hCG detected in cytoplasm by IHC staining

- **Cytotrophoblast**
  - ↳ sheets of small cuboidal cells

- **Syncytiotrophoblasts**
  - ↳ large, eosinophilic syncytial cells containing multiple dark pleomorphic nuclei

## ④ Teratomas (TT)

- differentiation of pluripotential neoplastic germ cells along somatic cell lines
- firm masses, on cut surface often contain cysts and areas of cartilage
- Histologically → 3 variants of pure TT

### 1. Mature TT

- Contain fully differentiated tissue from one or more germ cell layers in haphazard array  
↳ (neural tissue, cartilage, adipose tissue, bone, epithelium)

### 2. Immature TT

- Contain immature somatic elements  
↳ similar to those in developing fetal tissue

### 3. TT with somatic-type malignancies

- development of frank malignancy

- Pure TT in prepubertal males are usually benign
- \* - TT in adults should be always be regarded as malignant; because :-
  - 1- often contain other malignant germ cell elements
  - 2- 37% → metastasize

## \* Mixed Germ cell tumors

- 40%
- most common  
↳ combination of teratoma, embryonal carcinoma, yolk sac tumors