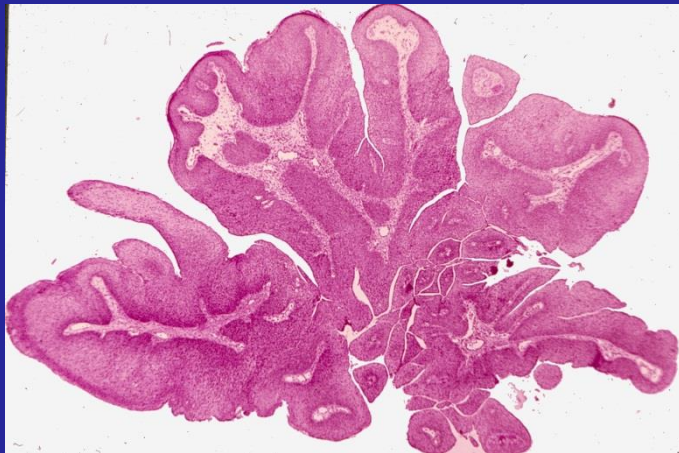


# **Oral lesions, oral neoplasms, preneoplastic lesions**

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# Benign tumors

## Papilloma



HPV 6/11

More prevalent in women

No malignant risk

## Fibroma



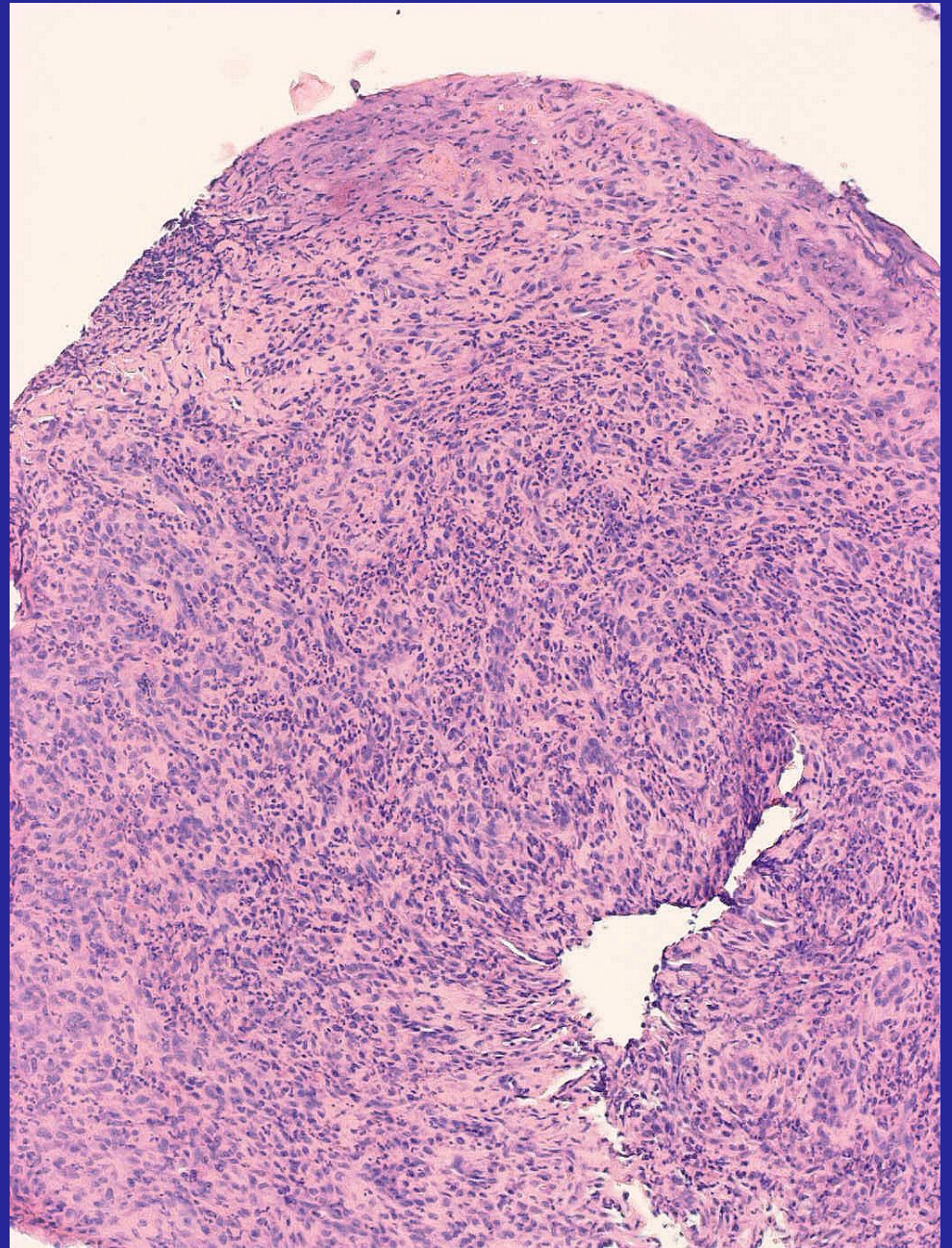
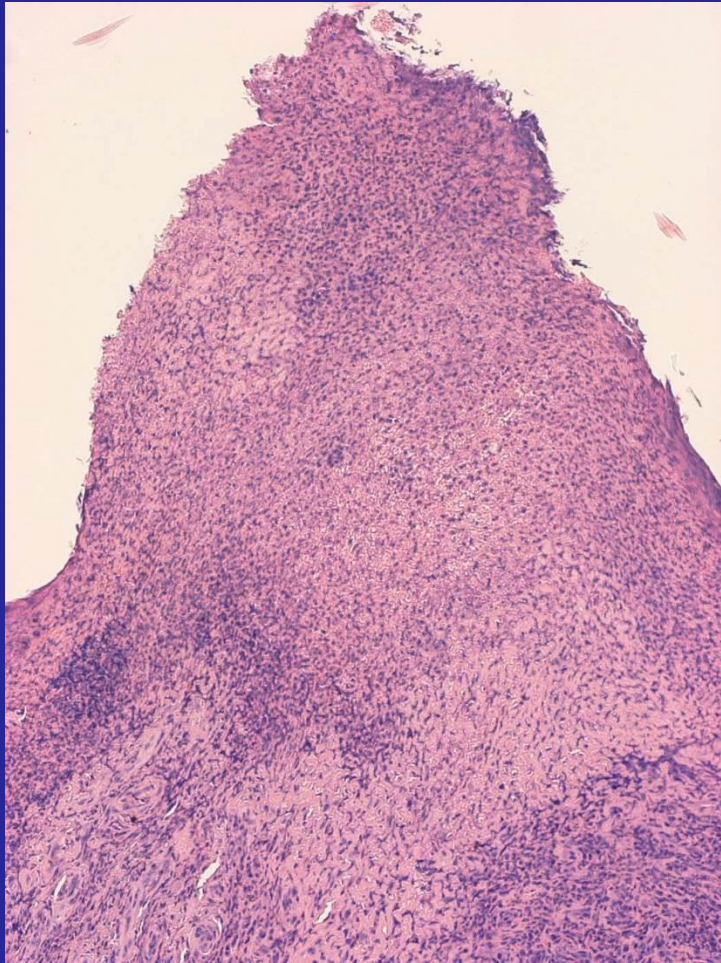
Most frequent



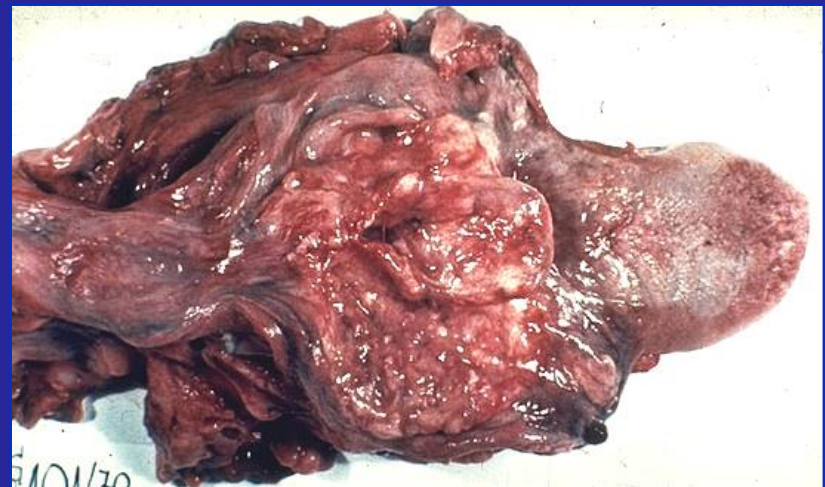
Hemangioma

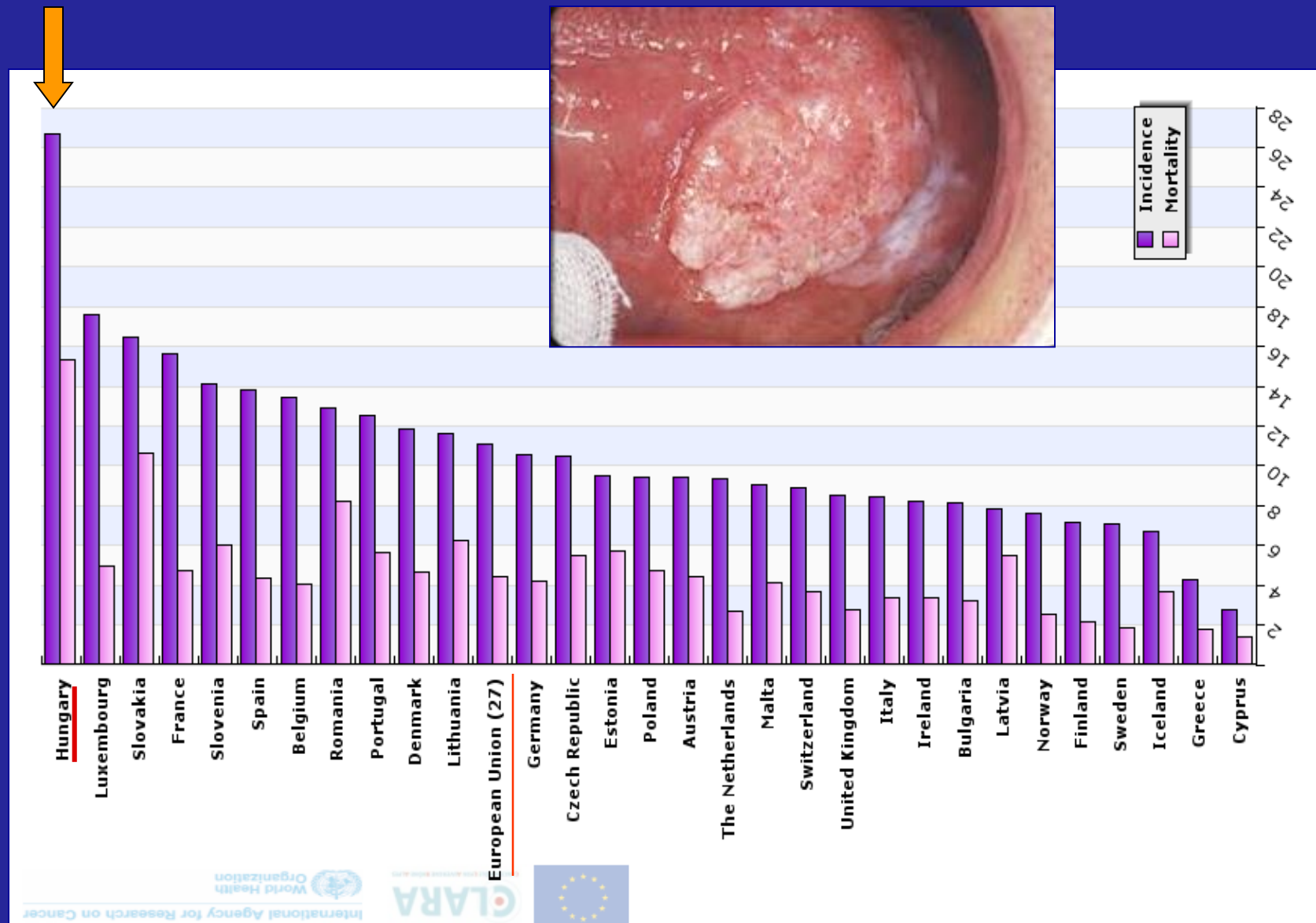


Pyogenic granuloma

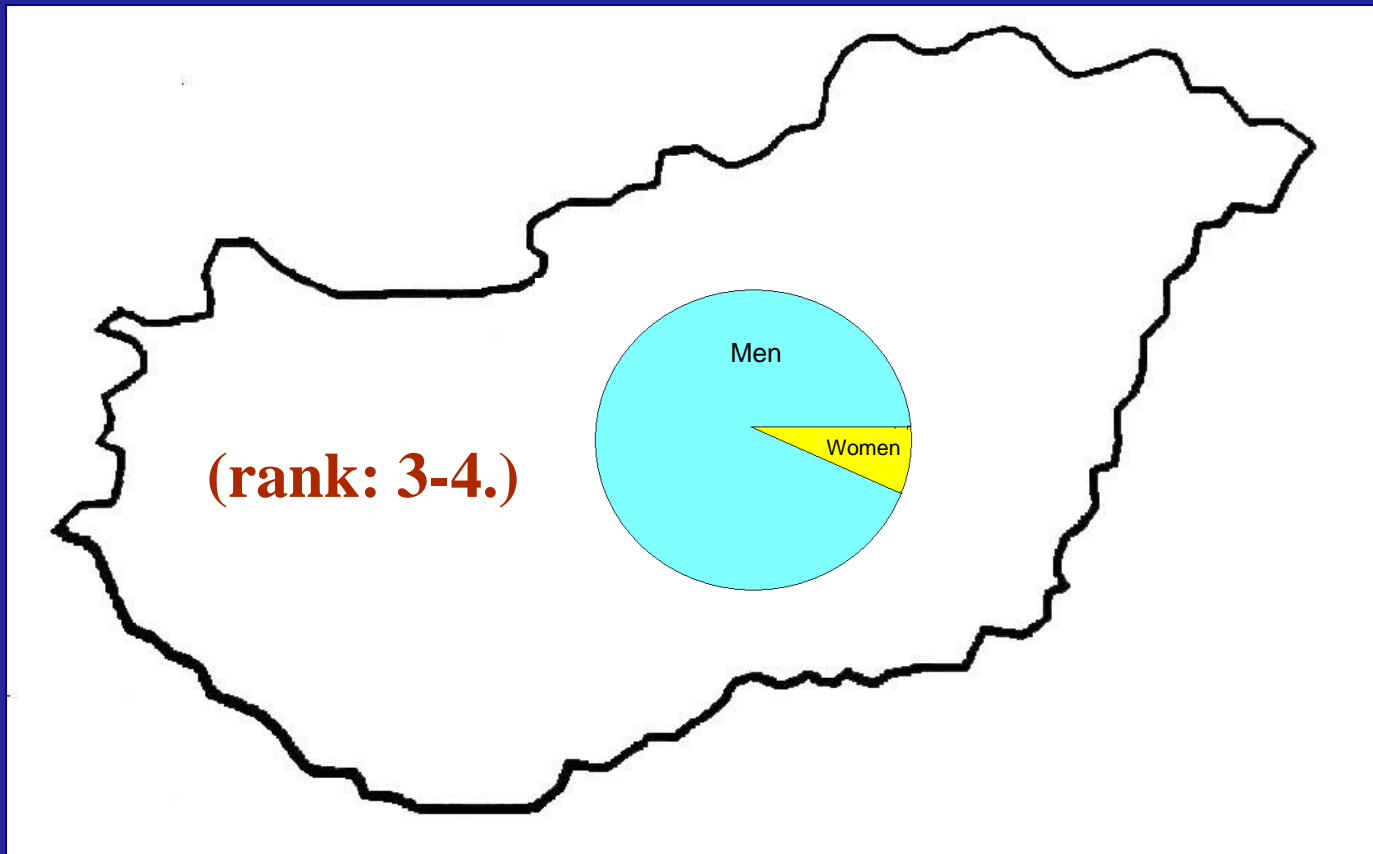


# Carcinoma





(European Cancer Observatory, 2008.)

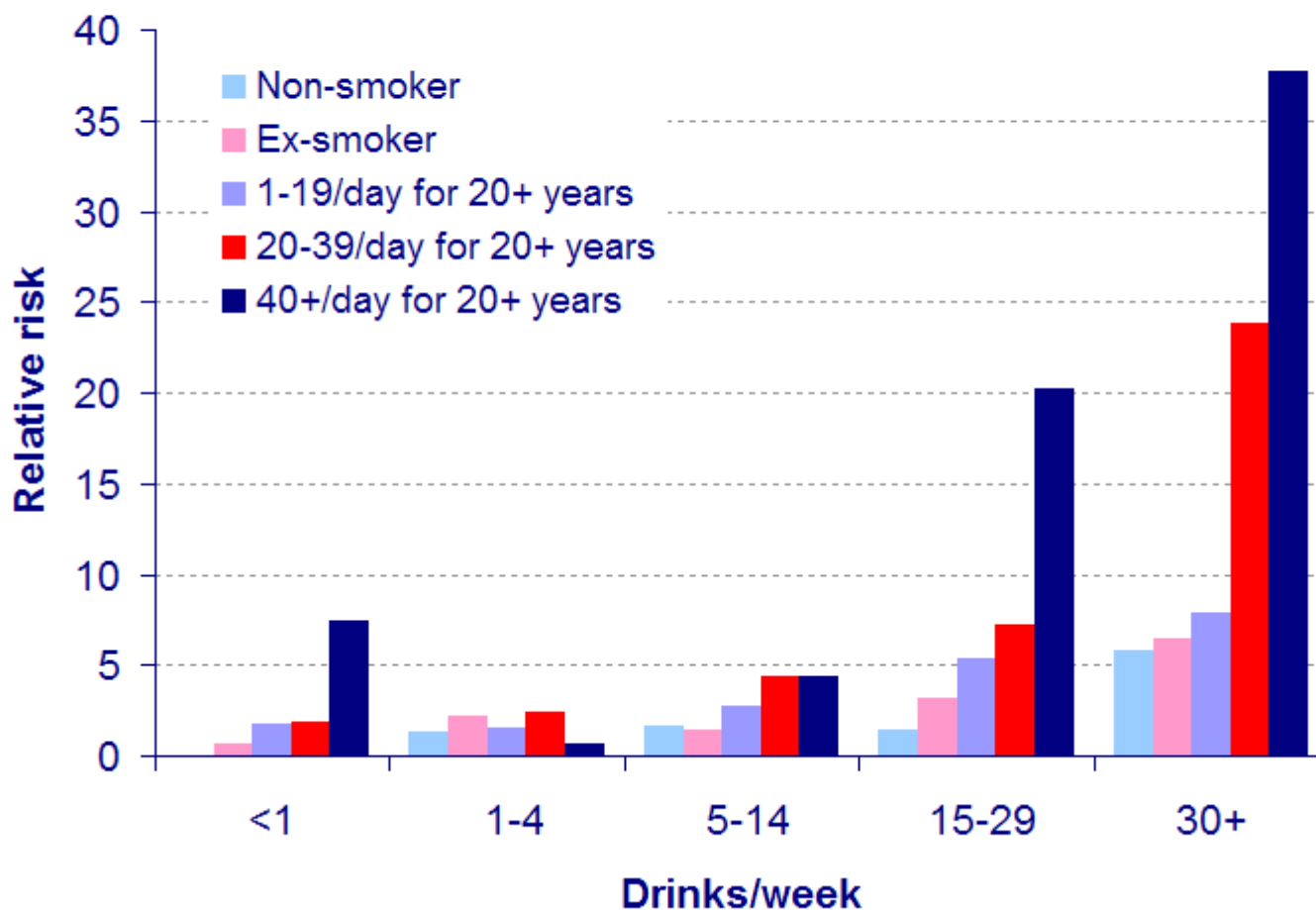


...+ rapid increase!

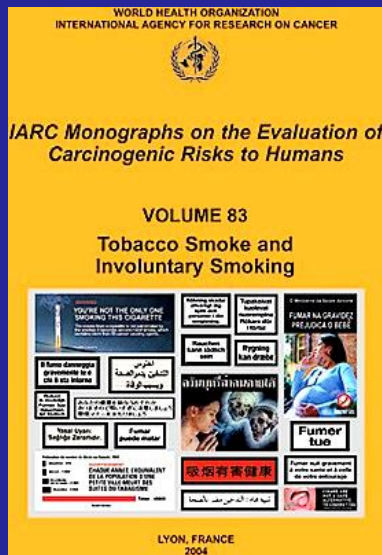
5 year survival: 35 %

more frequent under 40

## Relative risk of oropharyngeal cancer in males by alcohol/tobacco consumption using US measures



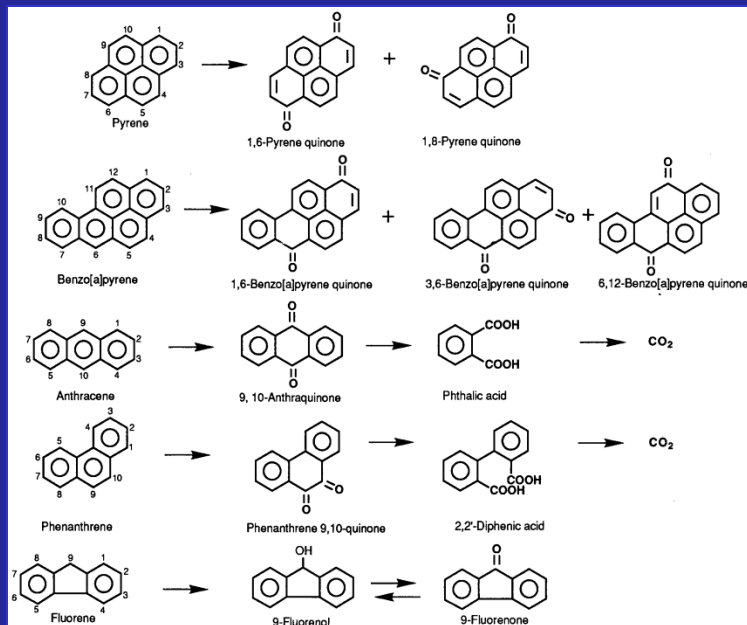
(alcohol: a good solvent for absorption of carcinogens + adducts)



## Cigarette smoke:

**Category 1 (carcinogenic to humans)**  
*sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in humans*

**Over 4700 chemicals**  
**(60 carcinogens, >20 promoters)**



## Tar

Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)

Benz(a)pyrene

Dimethyl-benzanthracene

Benzo(b,j)fluoranthrene

5-methylchrysene

3-methylcholantrene

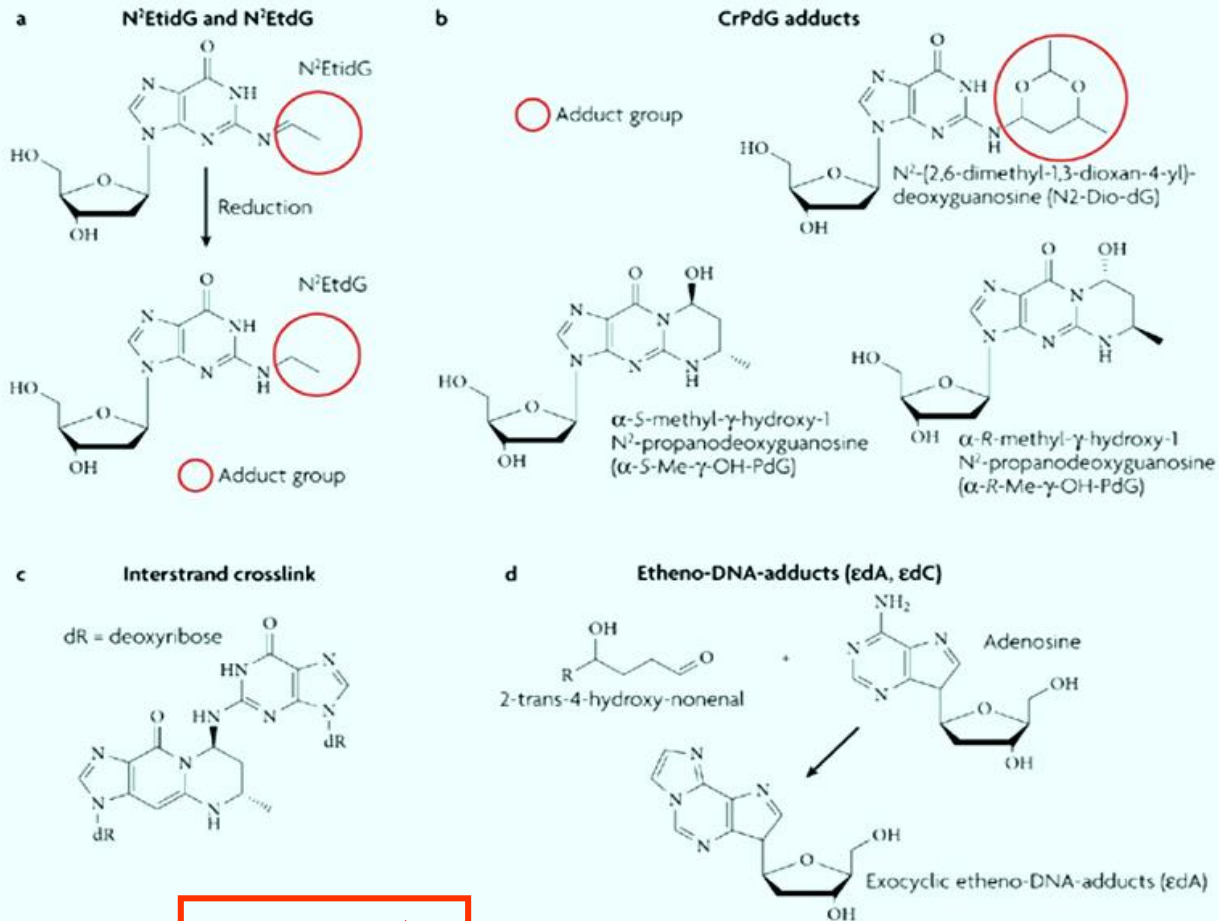
NNK (nicotine-derived nitrosamine keton)

Nitrosamines (DEN, DMN...)

Aromatic amines

Metals (chromium, cadmium, nickel subsulfid, arsenic)

# Acetaldehyd-induced DNA-adduct-formation following alcohol ingestion in oral squamous cells



100 x ↑



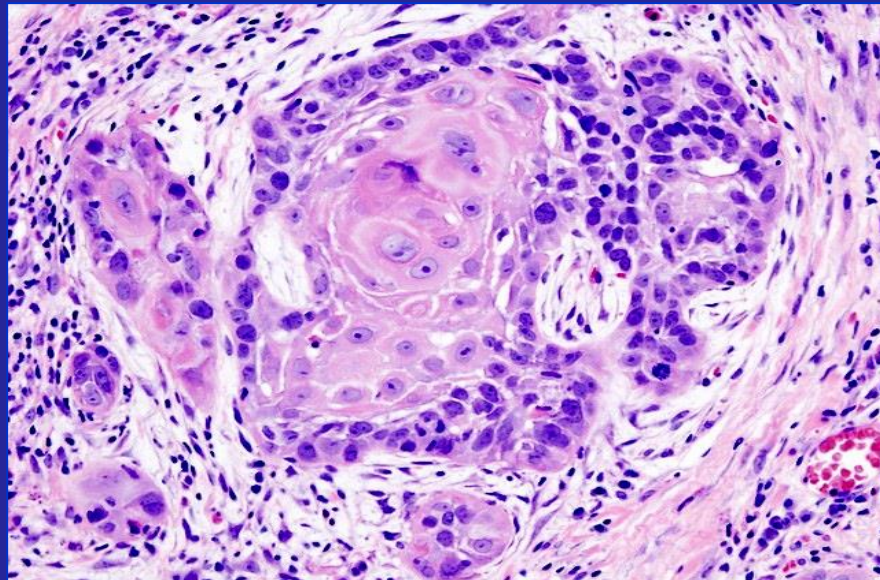
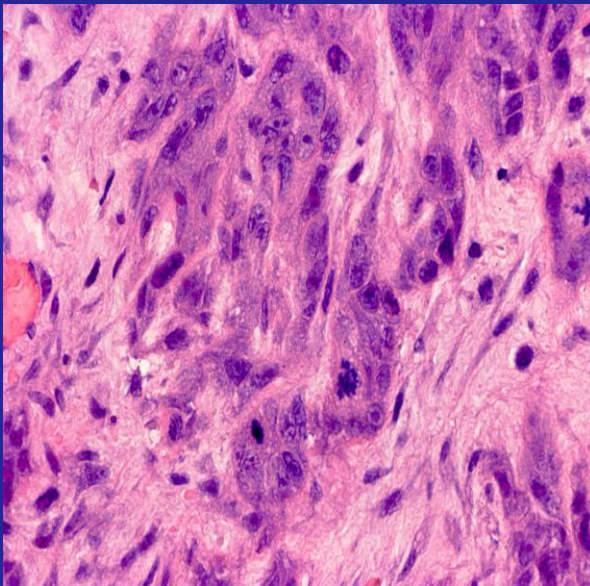
Exophytic



Endophytic

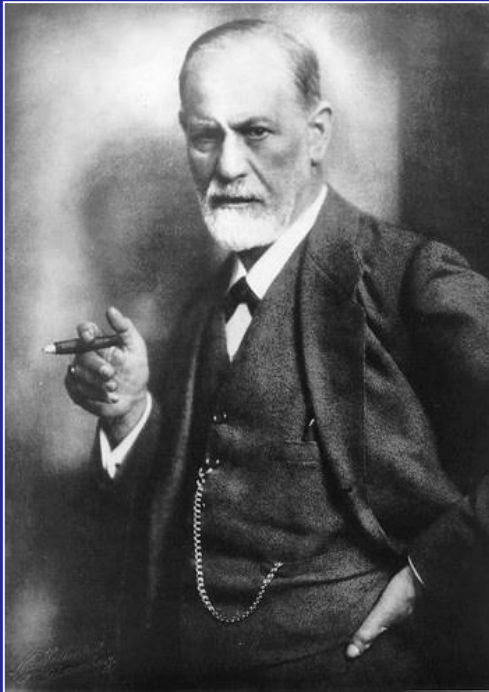


Ulcerative



90 %

# Cancer of lip



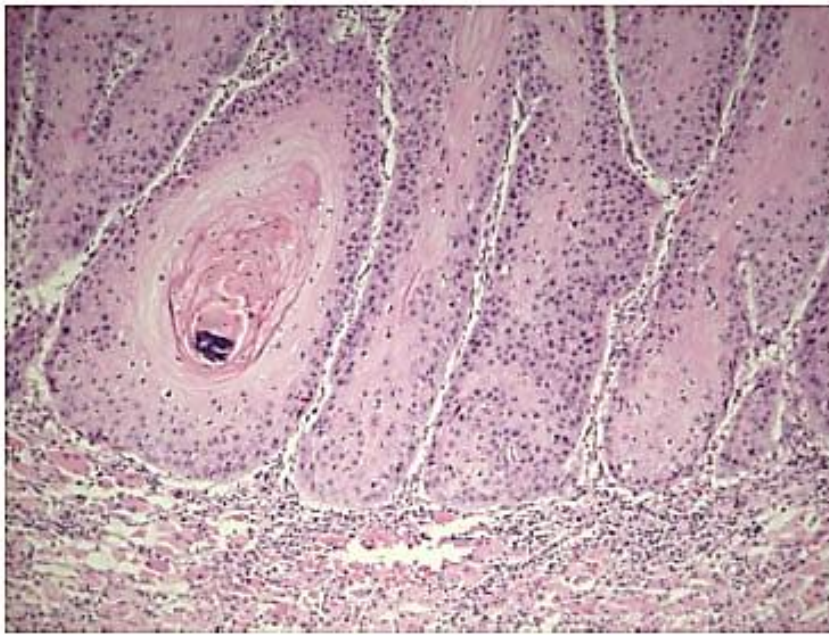
## Other factors

Frequency is decreased by  
vitamins A, C, E  
carotenoids

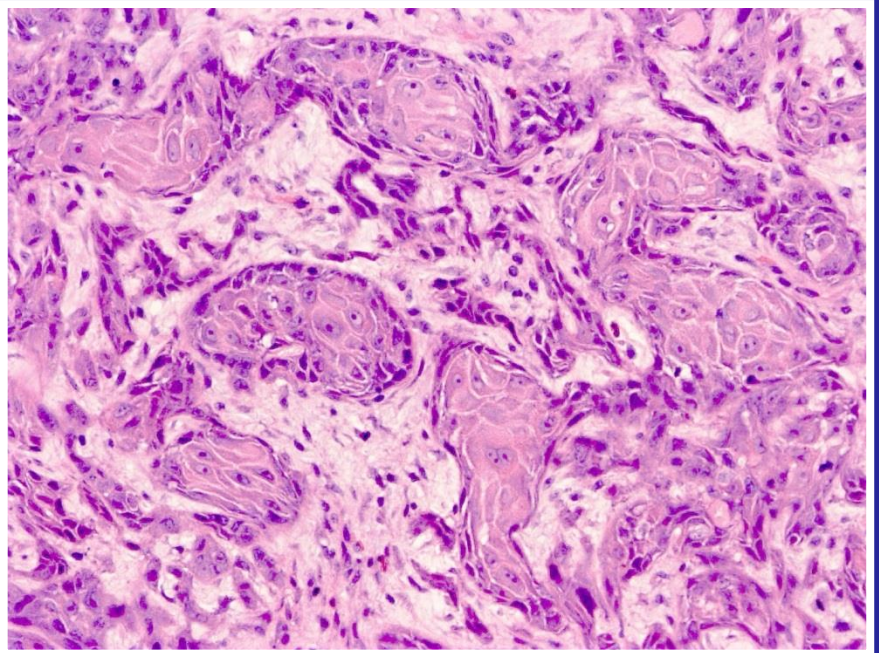
Not justified:  
regular eating of vegetables  
(no decreased cancer morbidity among vegetarians)

# Growth patterns

Expansive front



Invasive front



## TNM-staging

T1 - diameter:  $\leq 2$  cm

T2 - diameter: 2 – 4 cm

T3 - diameter  $> 4$  cm

T4 - more than 4 cm + local invasion

N1 - ipsilateral, solitary, diameter max. 3 cm

N2a - ipsilateral, solitary, diameter 3 – 6 cm

N2b - multiple, ipsilateral, diameter max. 6 cm

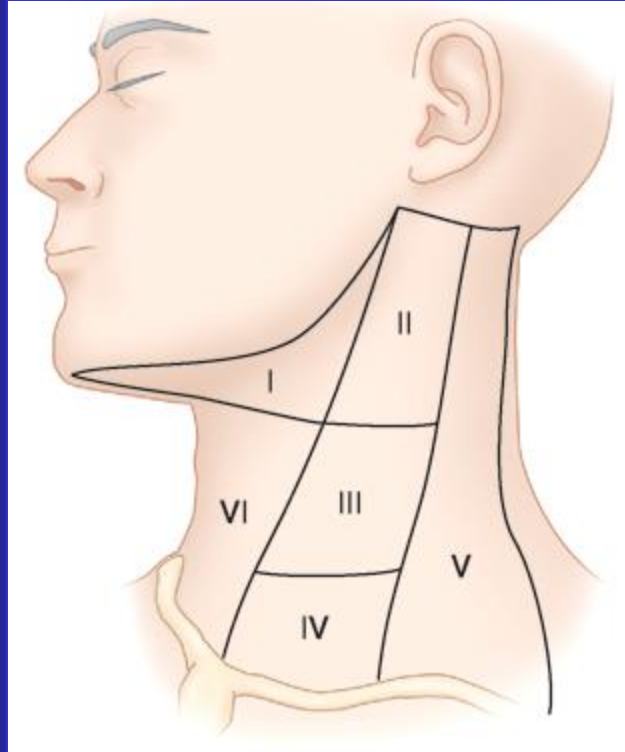
N2c - bilateral, or contralateral, max. 6 cm

N3 - any lymph node,  $> 6$  cm

(Level of lymph nodes is also important! – lower levels: worse prognosis)

M1 - distant metastasis (rare; mainly lung)

## Levels of cervical lymph nodes



I – submental/submandibular

II – upper cervical/jugular

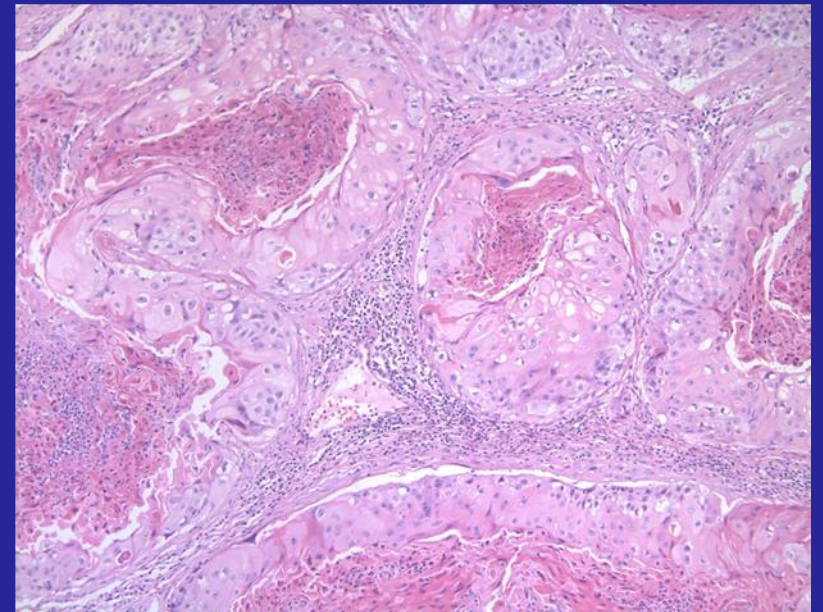
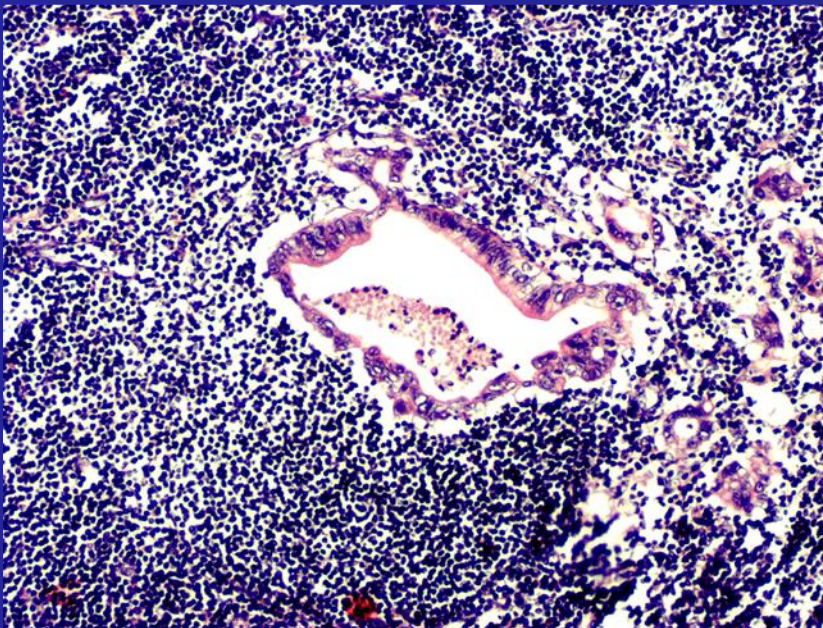
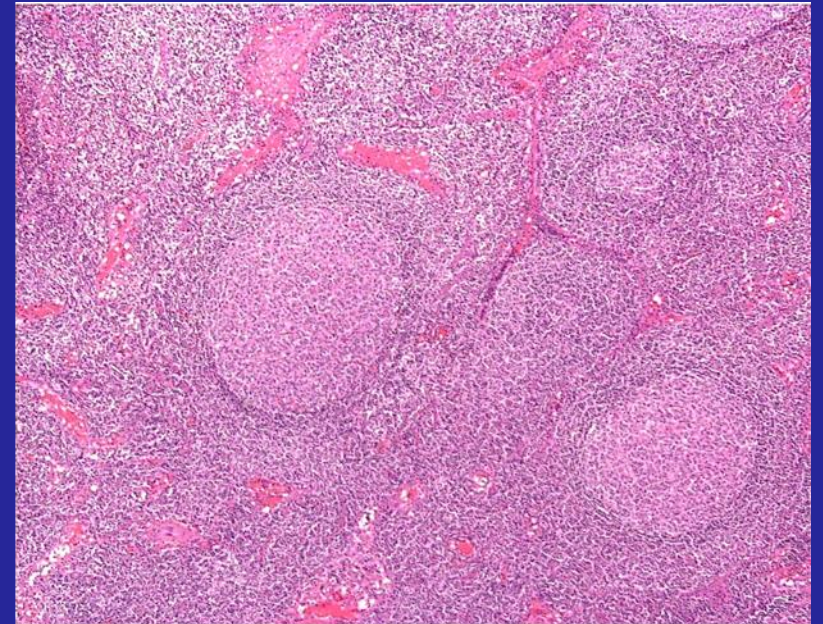
III – middle cervical/jugular

IV – lower cervical/jugular

V – supraclavicular

VI – pretracheal/prelaryngeal





# Factors determining prognosis

Grade

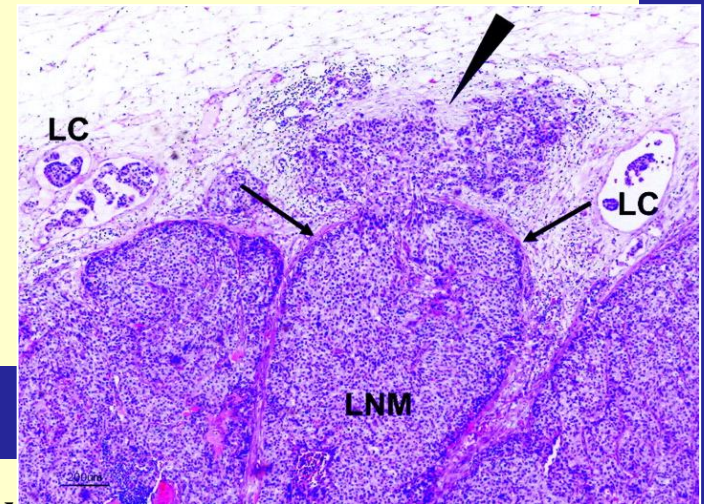
TNM-stage

Growth pattern

Extracapsular spread from lymph node metastases

Localization

Distant metastases (rare— lung)



## Different metastasizing capacity

Lip- generally low metastatic capacity

(submental, submandibular lymph nodes)

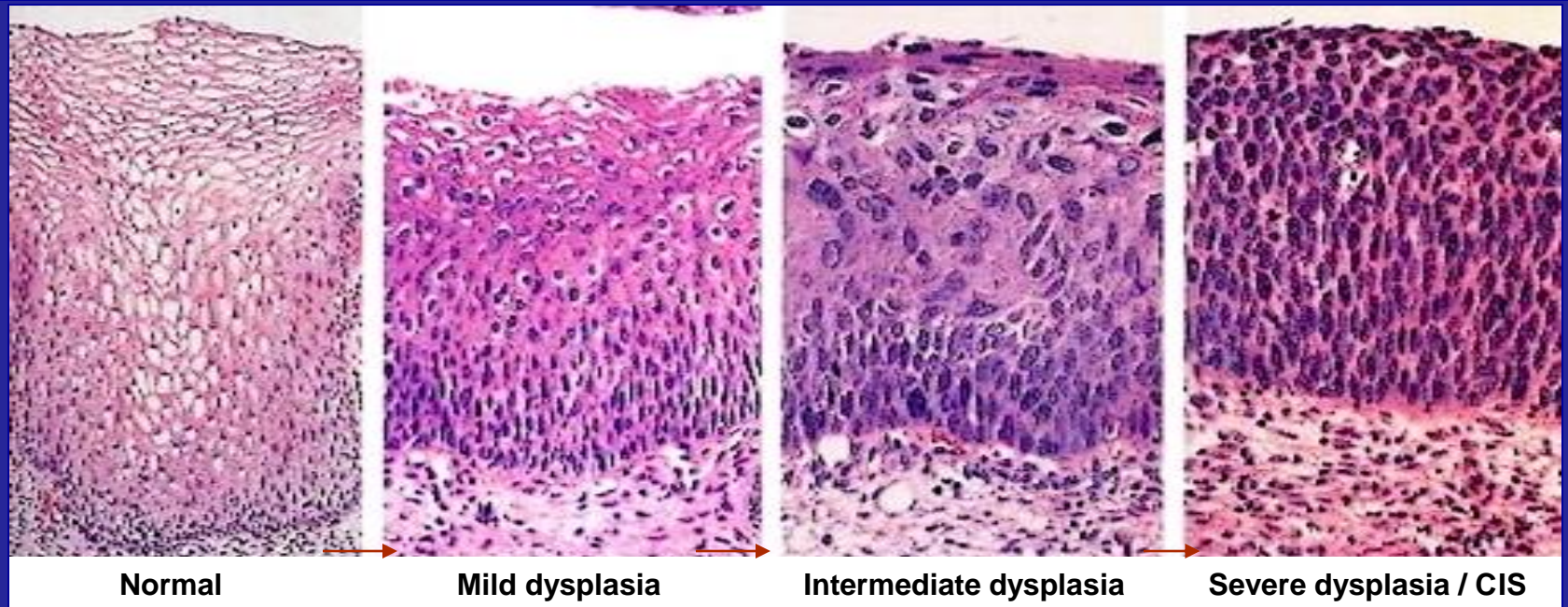
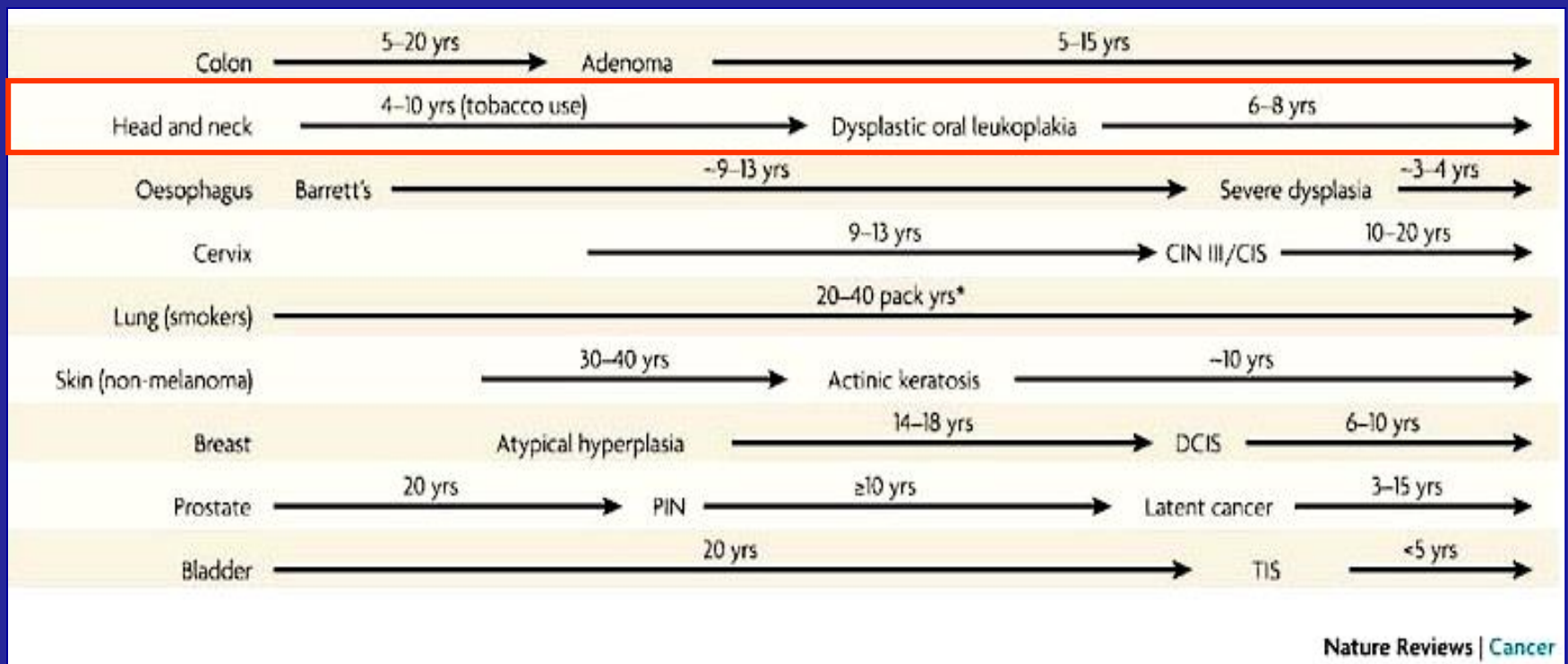
Palate - generally low metastatic capacity

(buccinator, submandibular, jugular Ln.)

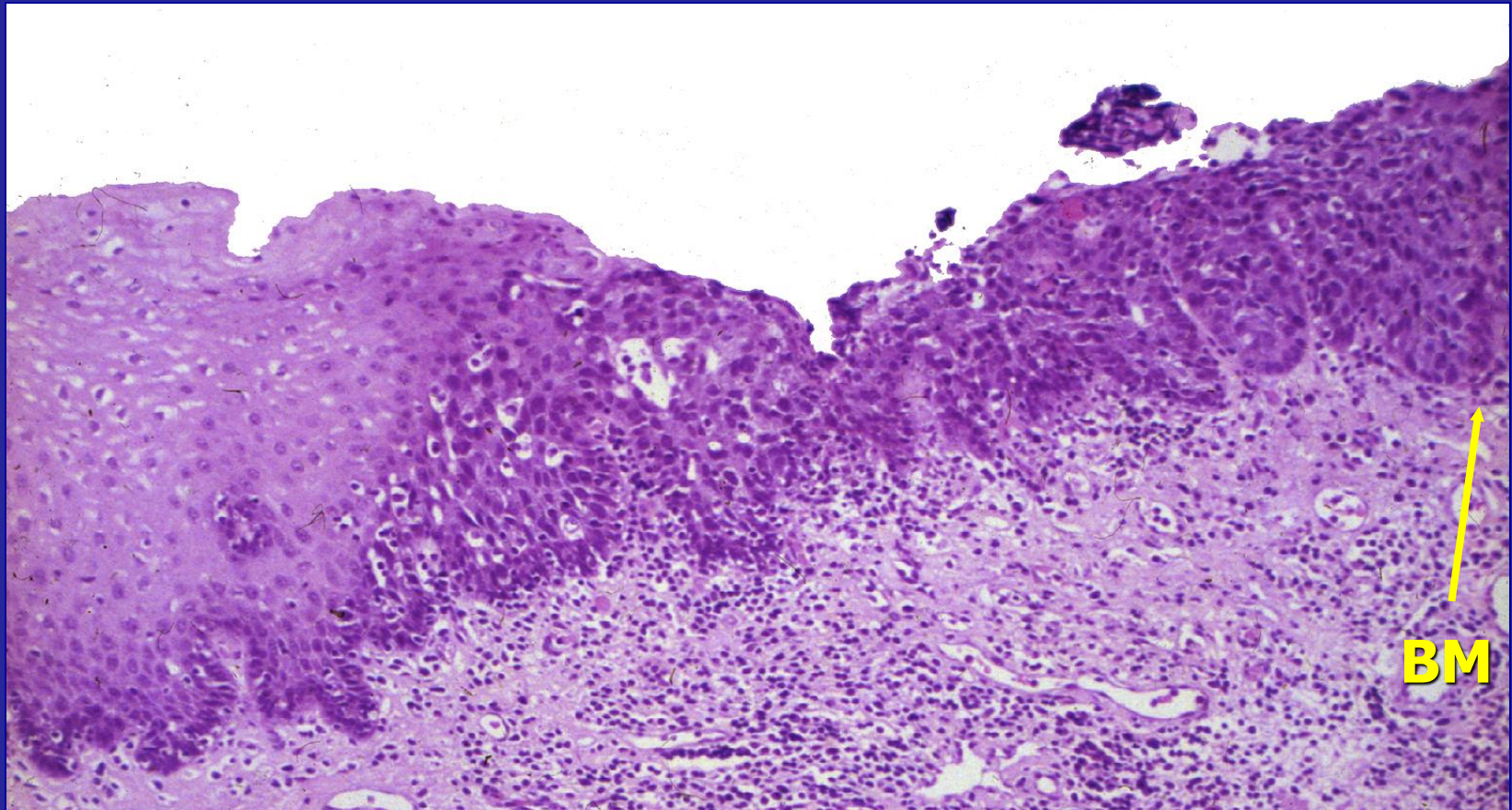
Other intraoral tumors— submandibular, jugular Ln.

Midline tumors – frequent bilateral met.





## Major molecular alterations during natural history of oral cancer



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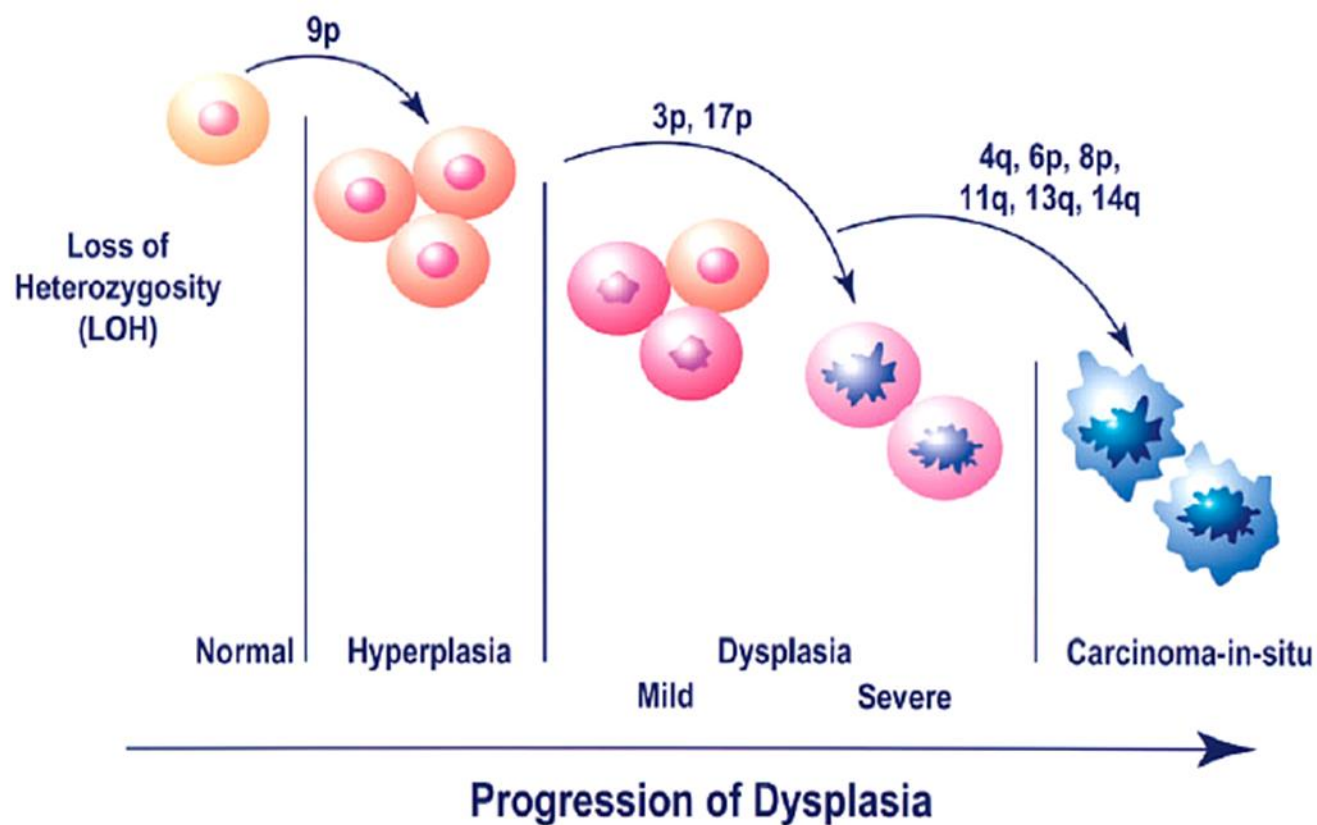
9p21 LOH  
p16 inactivation

3p21, 17p13 LOH  
p53 mutation  
(50%)

11q13, 13q21,  
14q32 LOH  
cyclin D1 amplif.

5p, 8, 4q27, 10q23 LOH  
PTEN inactivation

# Molecular Model of Dysplasia and Carcinogenesis



## HPV (16, 18)

- identified in more than 50 % in oropharyngeal cancers
- 25-30% of mouth and throat cancers are caused by it
- 5-year survival is much better than the virus-negative cases  
(80% vs. 60%)

Feature	HPV-negative HNSCC	HPV-positive HNSCC
Incidence	Decreasing	Increasing
Aetiology	Smoking, excessive alcohol use	Oral sex
Age	Above 60 years	Under 60 years
Field cancerization	Yes	Unknown
<i>TP53</i> mutations	Frequent	Infrequent
Predilection site	None	Oropharynx
Prognosis	Poor (Hungary: 40%)	Favourable



distinct entity

# Verrucous carcinoma

Elderly men

Etiology: smoking, HPV

Exophytic, irregular surface

Mainly in posterior location

Slowly growing, mainly expansive

Good prognosis (rare lymph node metastases, no distant met.)

(5-year survival > 90 %)

Radioresistant



## Preneoplastic conditions

(more frequently undergo malignant transformation than the corresponding normal tissues - increased cancer risk)

Oral cancers: 10 – 60% are preceded by premalignant lesions

1/3 of cases develop *de novo*

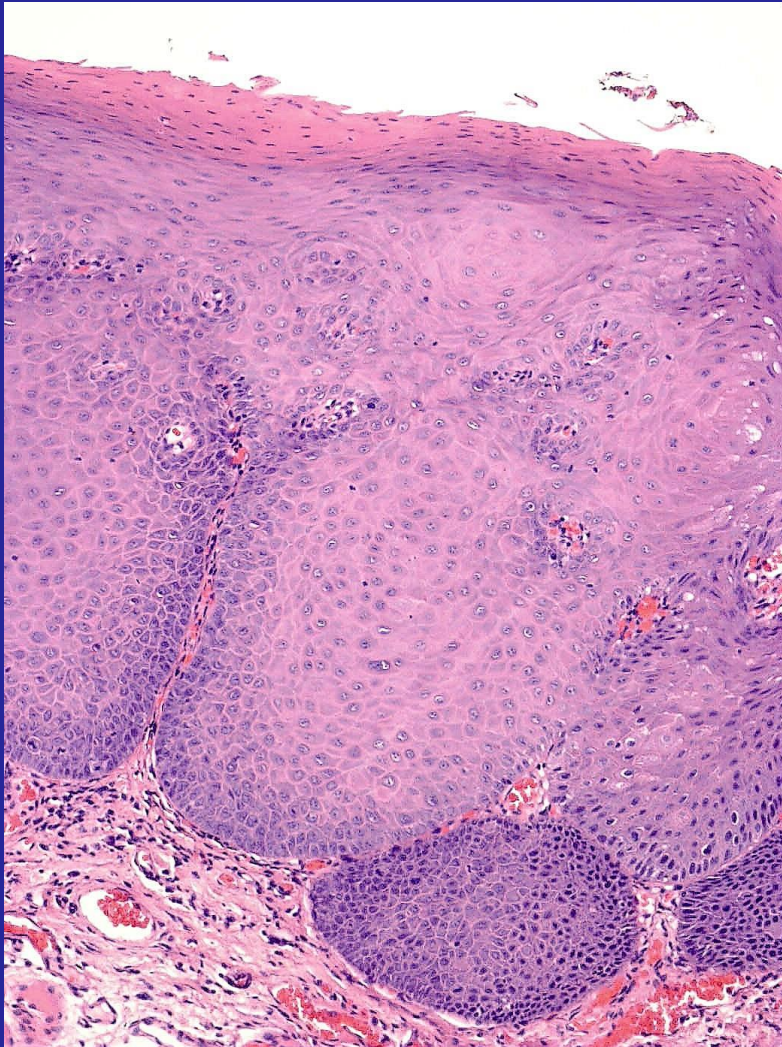
Leukoplakia: 3-6 % is transformed over a 10-year period

Leukoplakia w/severe dysplasia: 40%

Proliferative verrucous leukoplakia: 70 %

Erythroplakia (carcinoma in situ): 50 % become invasive

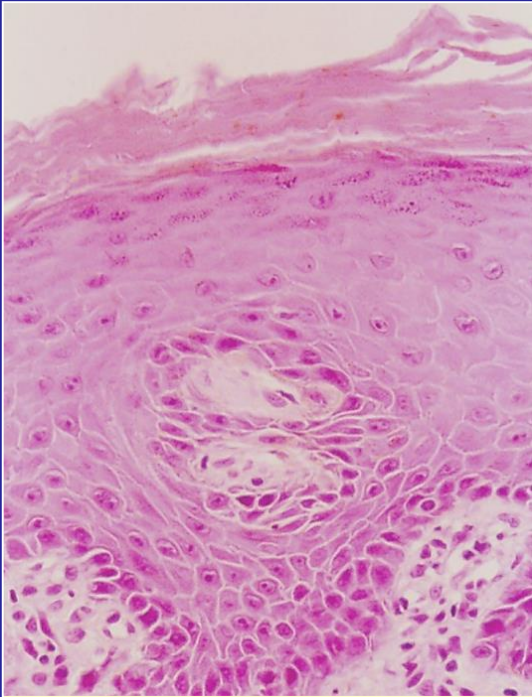




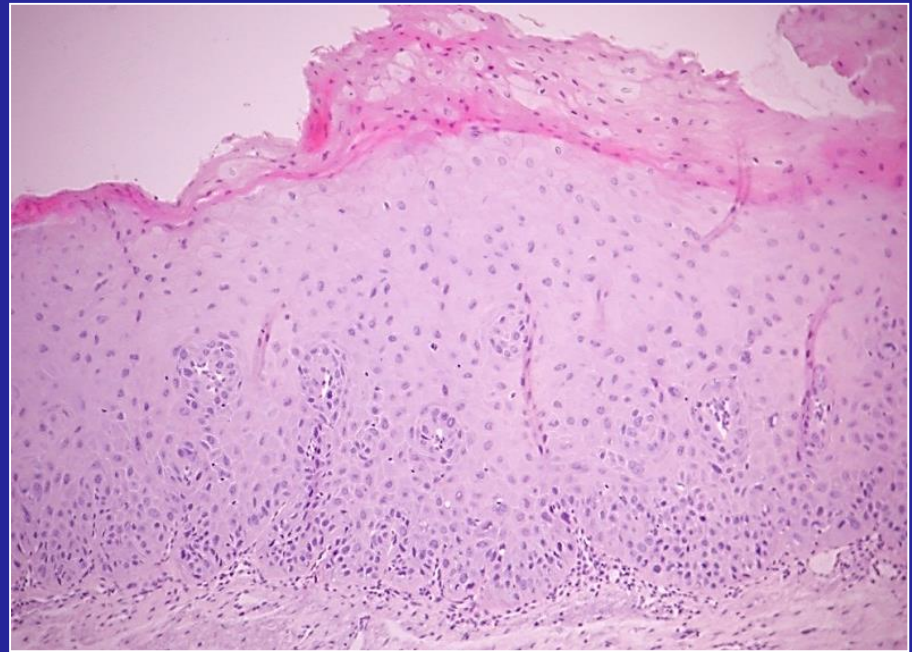
nodular leukoplakia



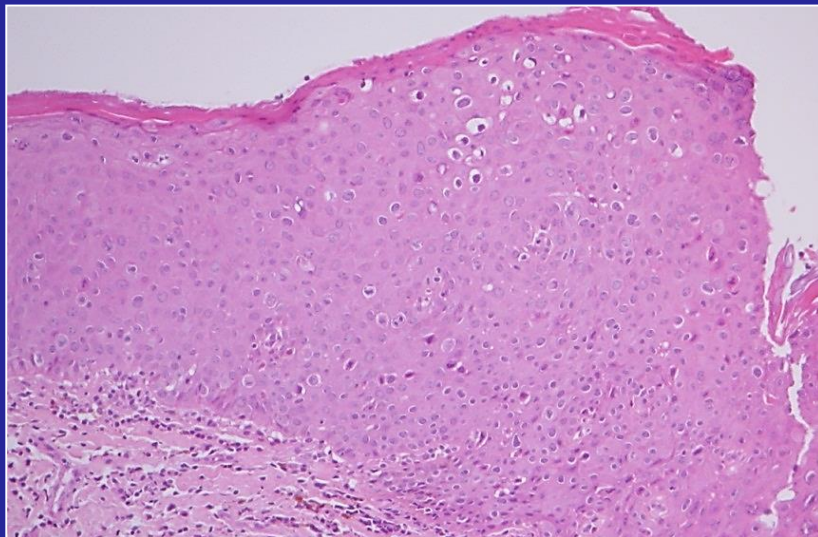
erosive leukoplakia



mild dysplasia



intemediate dysplasia



severe dysplasia

cc in situ





Hairy leukoplakia



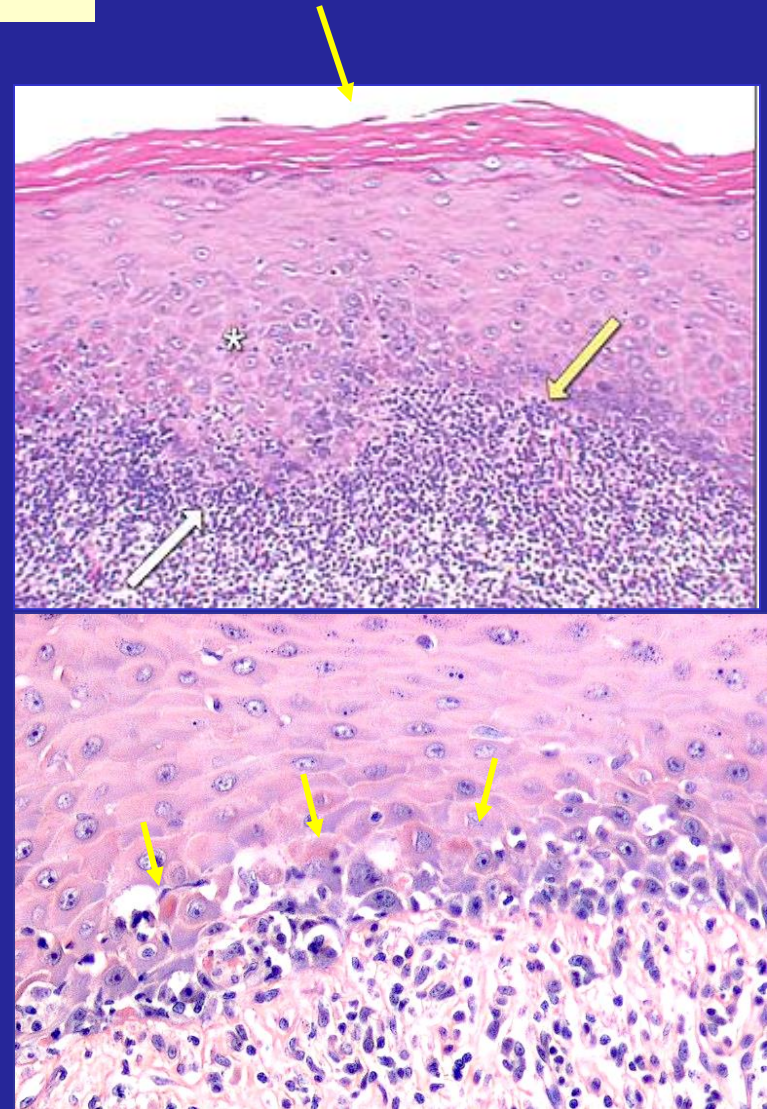
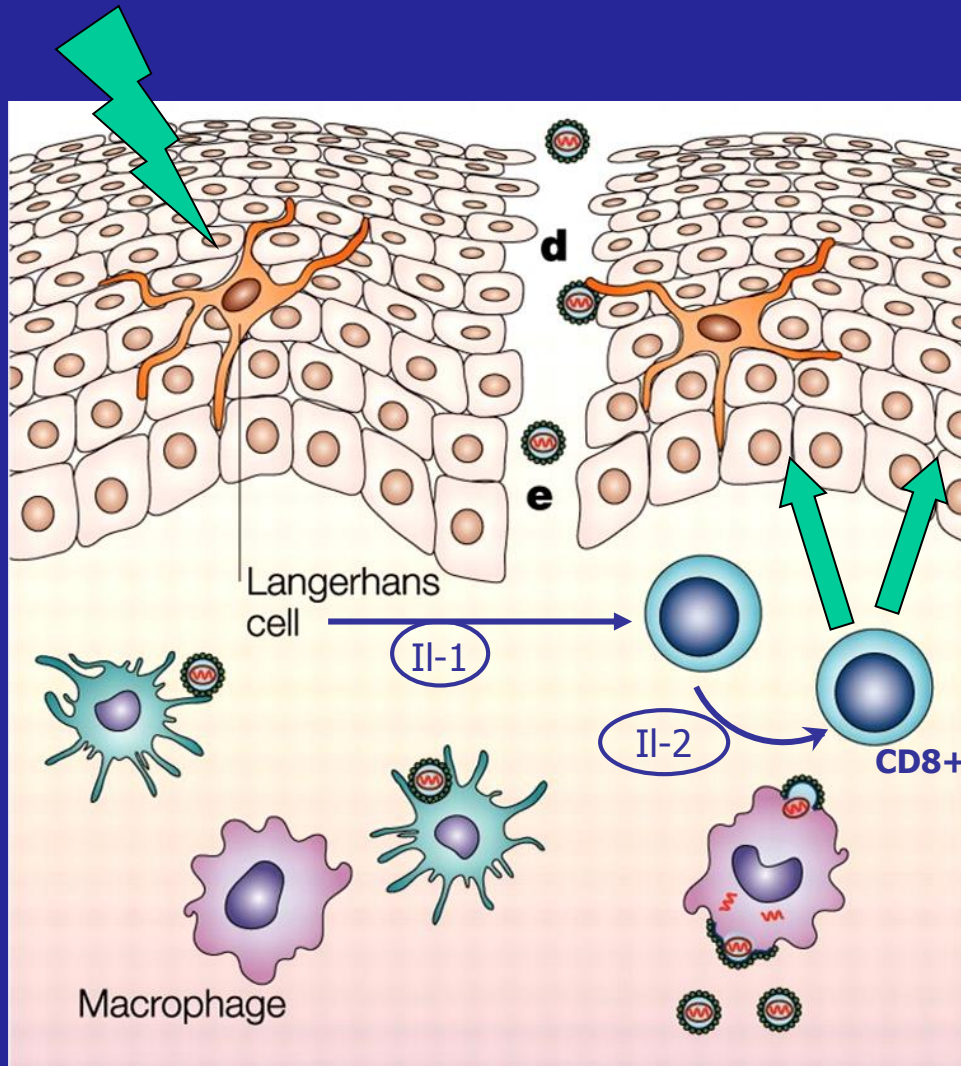
## Preneoplastic conditions (WHO)

- Sideropenic dysphagia (in case of chronic iron deficiency: Plummer-Vinson syndrome, or Paterson-Kelly syndrome)
- Oral lichen planus ( → 0.4 - 5.6 %) + high risk of developing new tumors
  - Syphilis, st. III. (interstitial glossitis w/atrophy + leukoplakia)
- Oral submucous fibrosis (India, Southeast Asia) ( → 7 - 13 %) (more aggressive than the others)
  - Discoid lupus erythematosus ( → 2.5 %)
  - Xeroderma pigmentosum
  - Epidermolysis bullosa hereditaria (AD, AR)

## Discoid lupus erythematosus



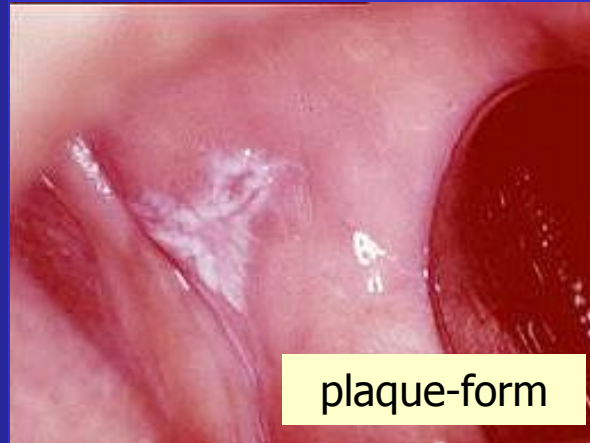
# Lichen planus



IF: fibrinogen!



reticular



plaque-form



atrophic (painful)



erosive



bullous

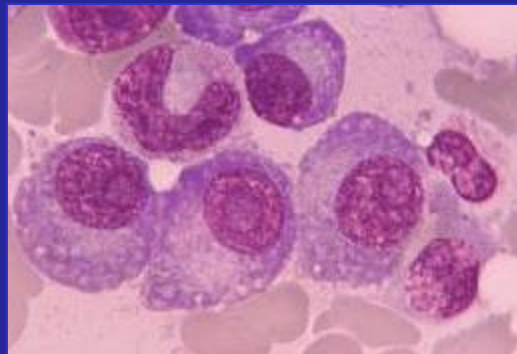
## Other neoplasms



melanoma

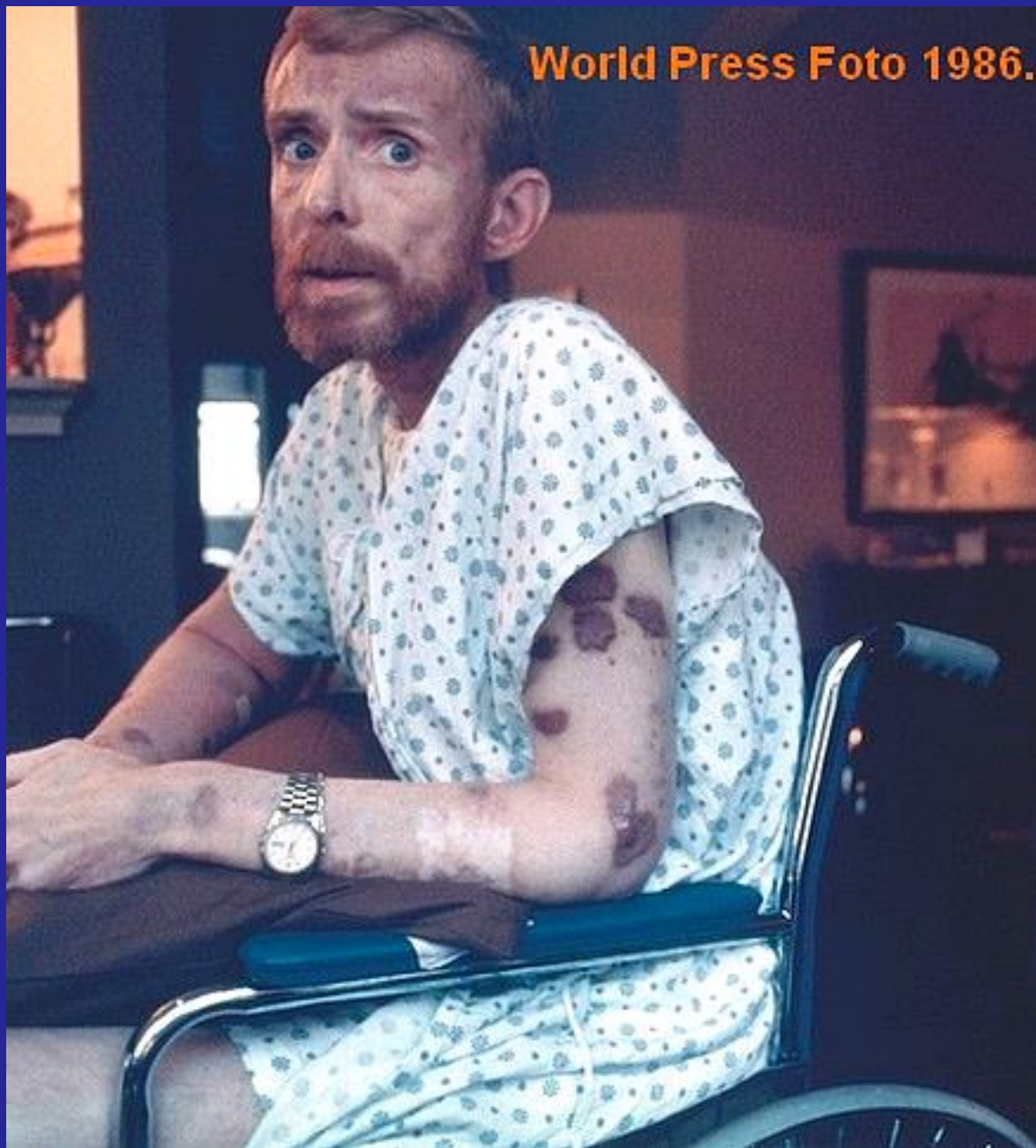


Kaposi-sarcoma

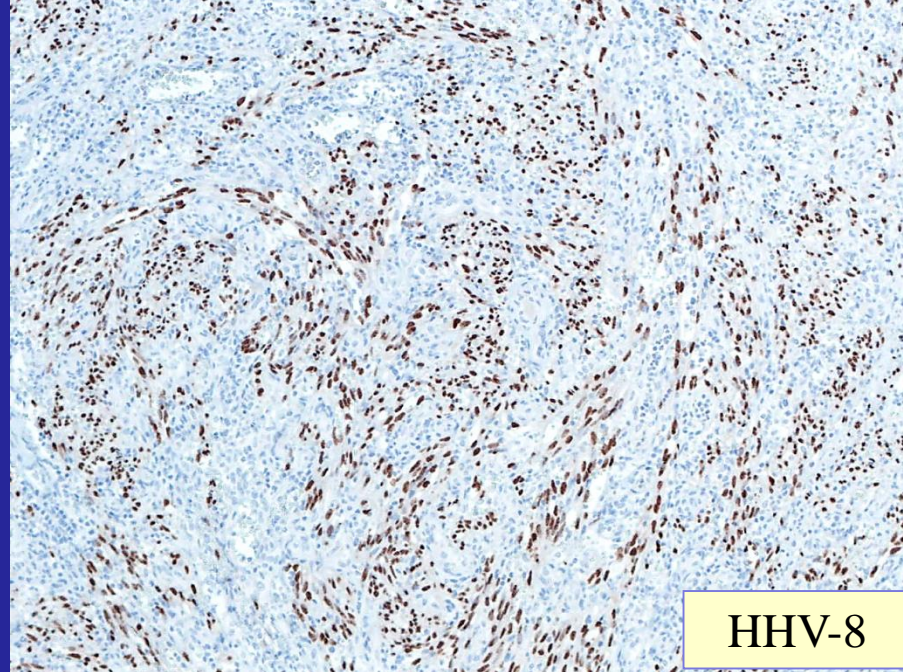
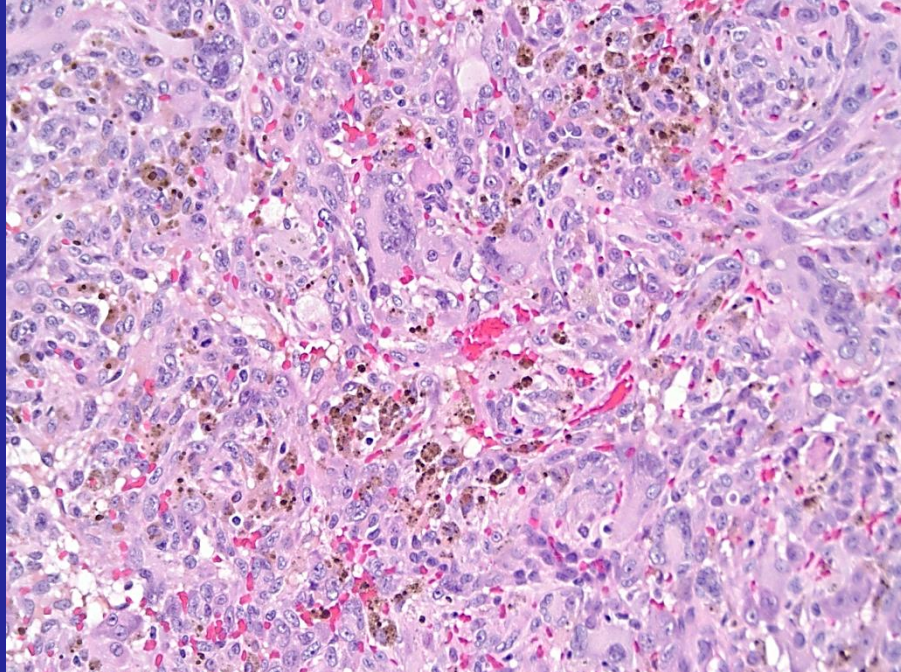


plasmocytoma

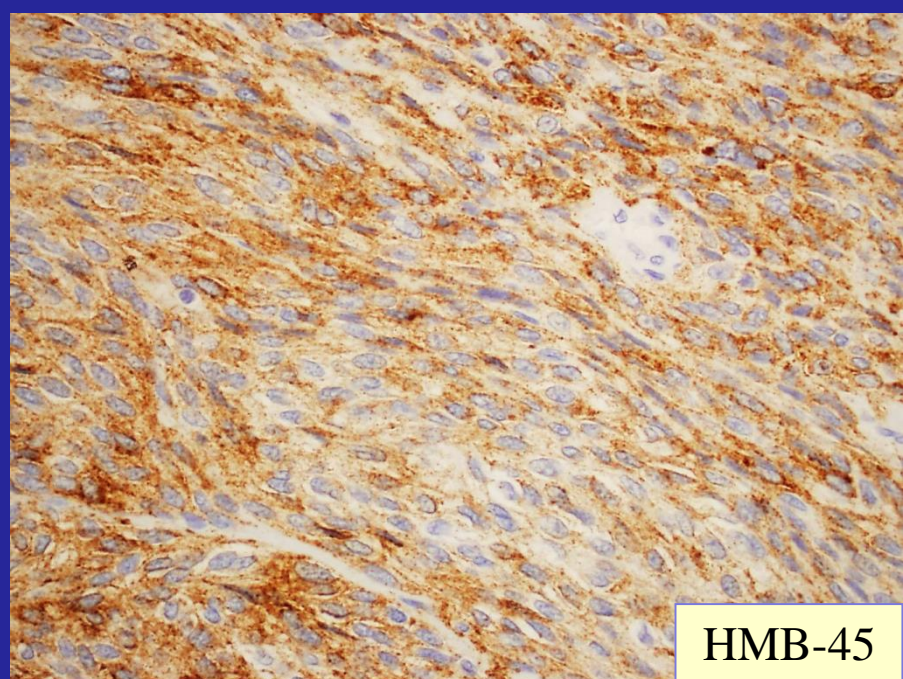
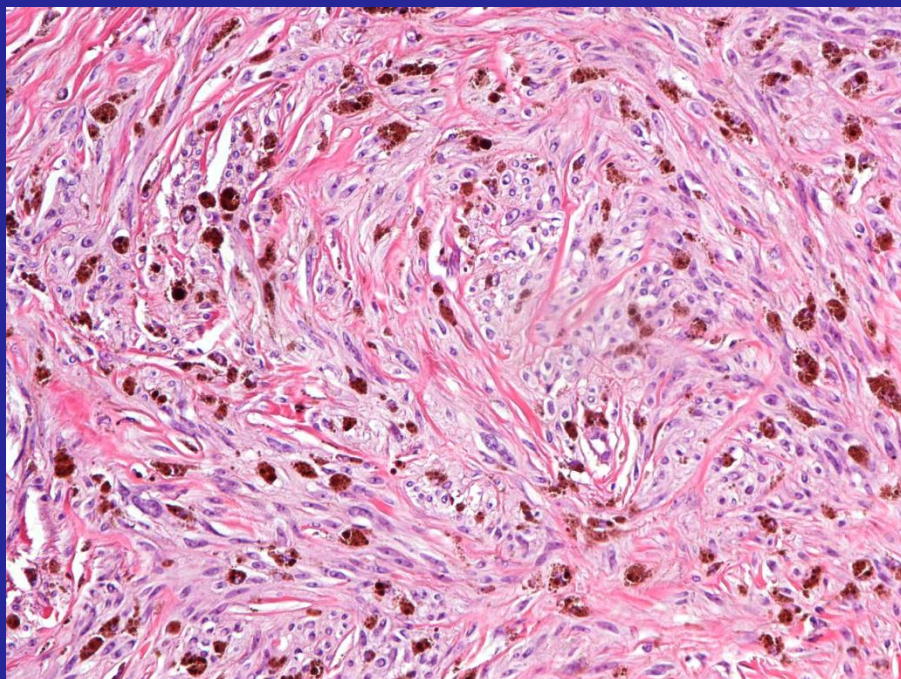
**World Press Foto 1986.**







HHV-8



HMB-45

# Focal epithelial hyperplasia (Heck-disease)

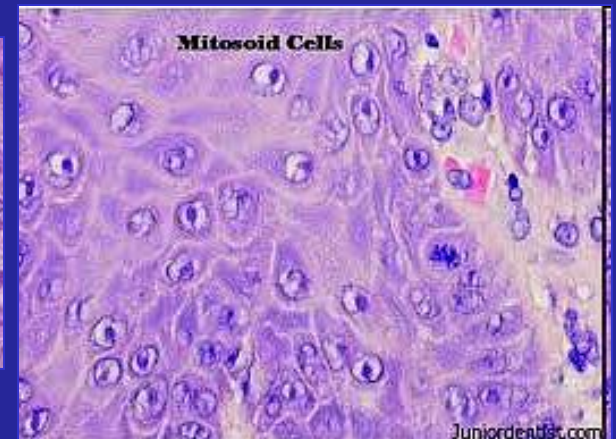
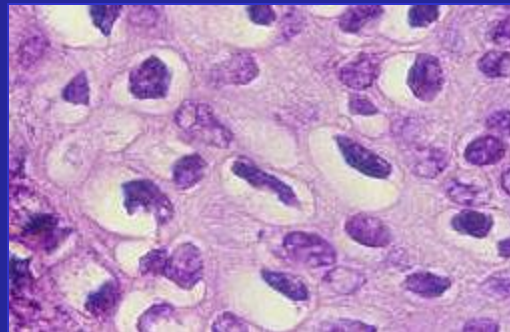
Children, young adults

Multiple

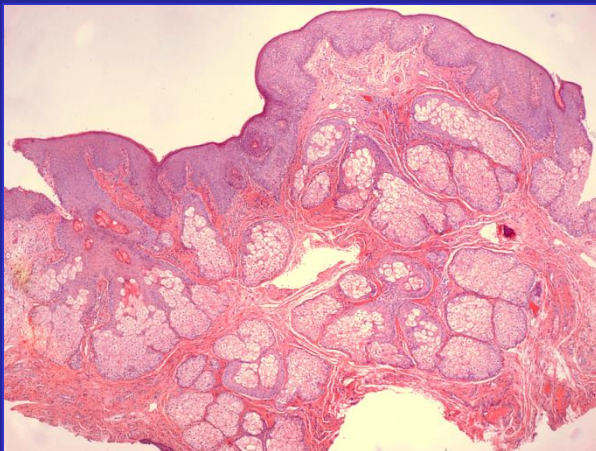
HPV 12, 32

No malignant potential

May regress spontaneously over time



## Fordyce granules



Sebaceous hyperplastic islands

Symptomless or mild symptoms

Cosmetical, differential diagnostic problem