

Renal pathology



Urologic diseases of the kidney

I. Developmental abnormalities

II. Cystic diseases

III. Renal stones

IV. Obstructive uropathy

V. Pyelonephritis

Congenital abnormalities

1. Agenesis of the kidney

In utero detected bilateral agenesis indicates abortion

2. Hypoplasia of the kidney

Smaller kidney with contralateral compensatory hypertrophy

3. Oligomeganephronia

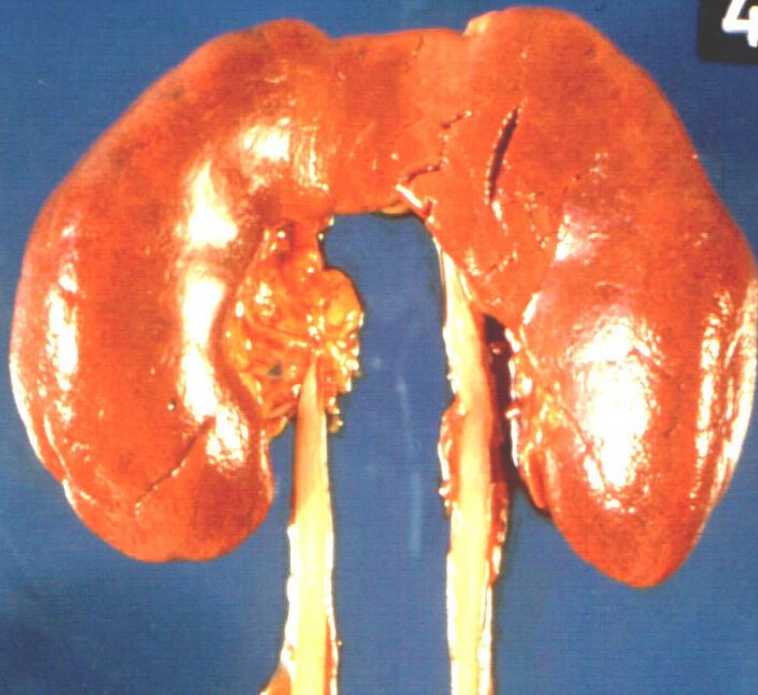
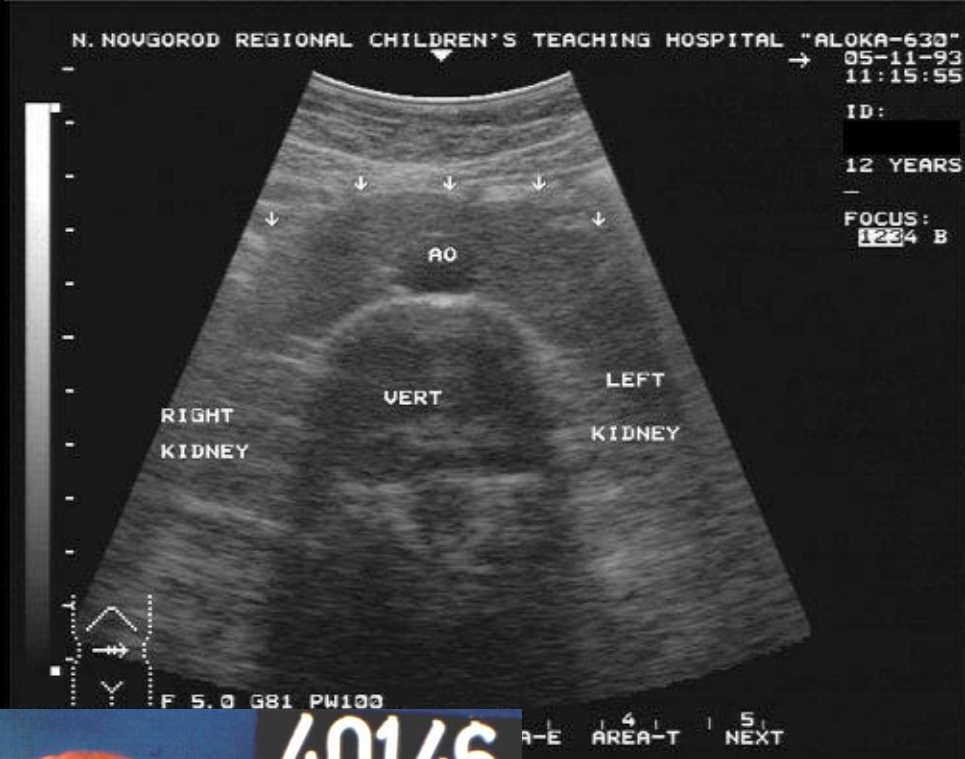
Reduced number of nephrons leading to end stage renal disease (ESRD) by the time of adolescence

4. Horseshoe kidney

The most common congenital anomaly (1/500-1000) resulting from the fusion of lower (90%) or upper (10%) poles

5. Ectopic kidneys

The kidney lies at the pelvic brim or within the pelvis



Horseshoe
kidney



Renal dystopy



Congenital abnormalities

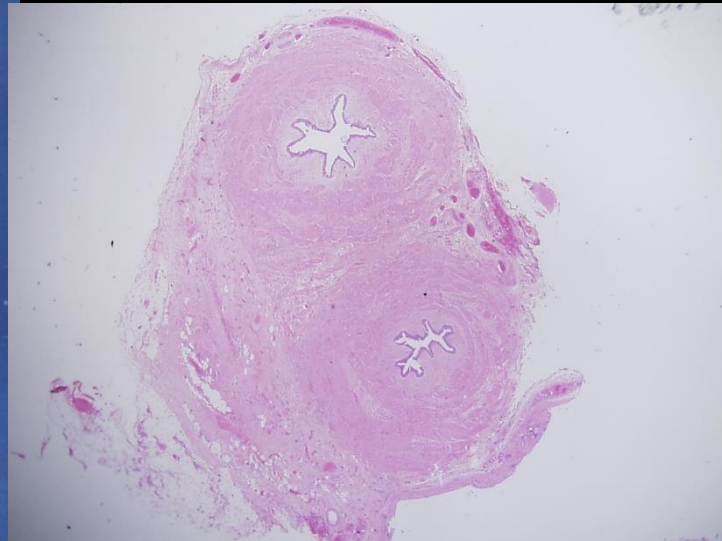
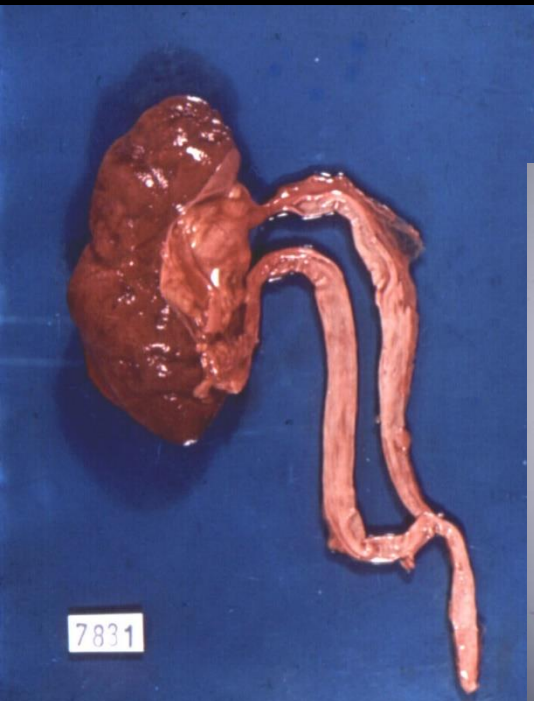
6. *Duplication of the renal pelvis and the ureter*

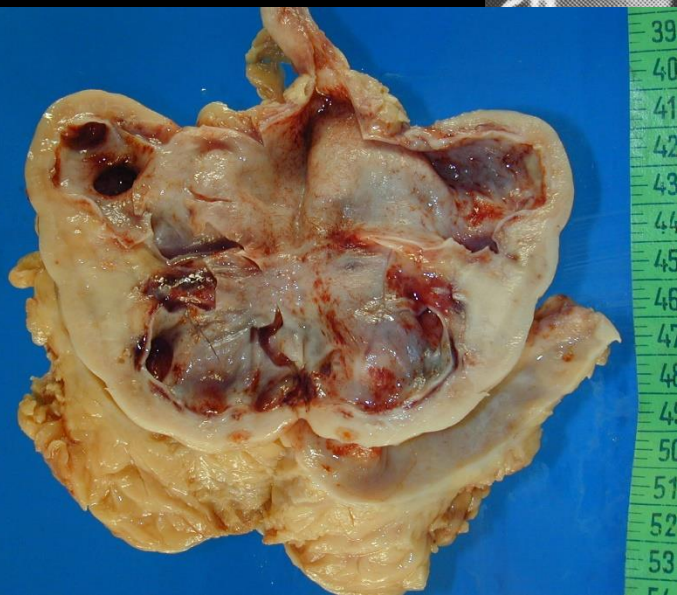
7. *Ureteropelvic junction stenosis*

Usually unilateral, leads to hydronephrosis, early operation can save the kidney

8. *Accessory renal artery*

9. *Multicystic renal dysplasia*





Stricture of the
ureteropelvic
junction

Cystic diseases of the kidney

Cystic renal dysplasia

Polycystic kidney

Adult (AD)

Infantile (AR)

Medullary cystic („sponge“) kidney

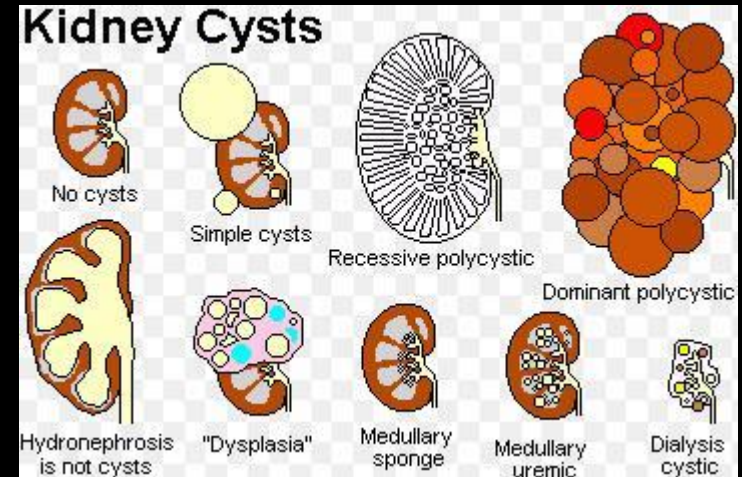
Dialysis associated cystic kidney

Simplex cysts

Renal cysts associated with
inherited diseases (ST)

Glomerulocystic diseases

Extraparenchymal renal cysts



Renal dysplasia (Cystic renal dysplasia)

Developmental anomaly, NOT neoplastic process!

Sporadic

Unilateral, (or bi~) complete or segmental

Metanephric differentiation abnormality

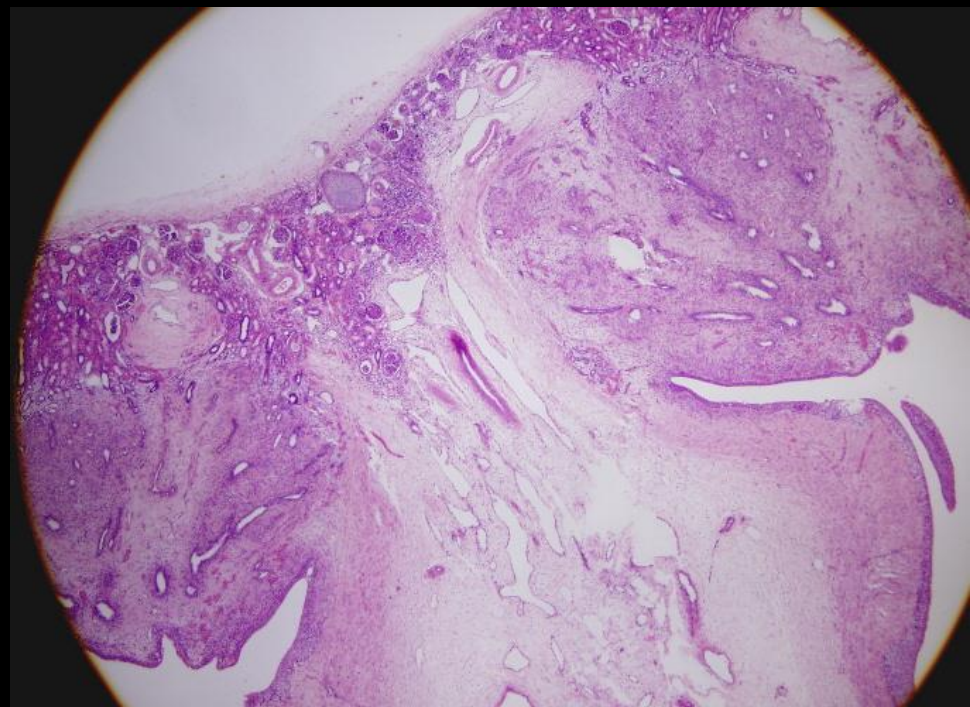
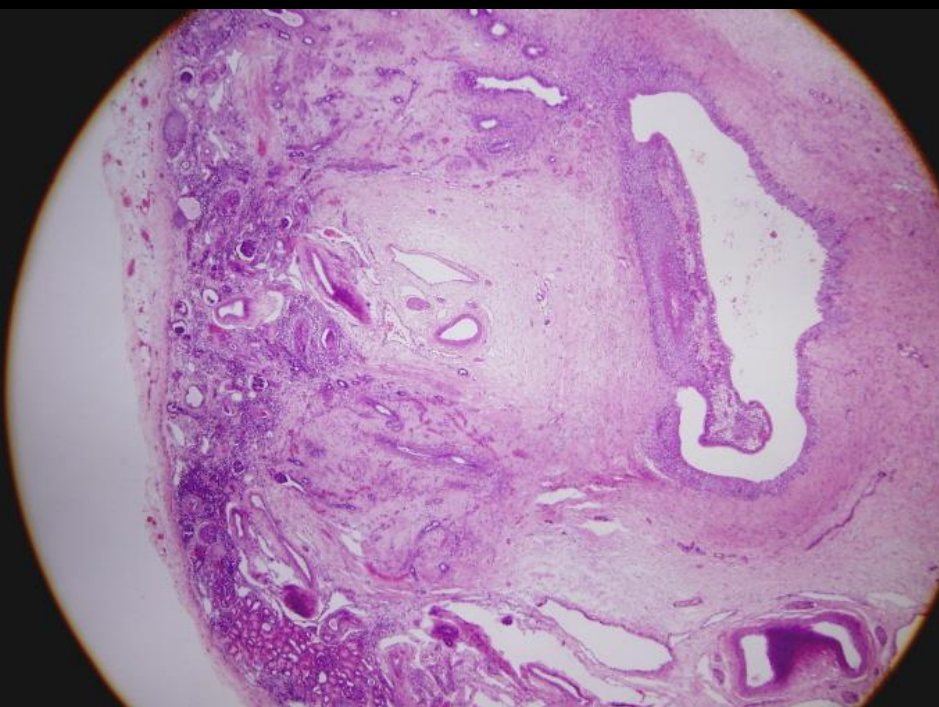
Deficient development of the collecting ducts combined with abnormalities of the lower urinary tract development

(Stricture of the vesicoureteralis junction, ureter agenesis)

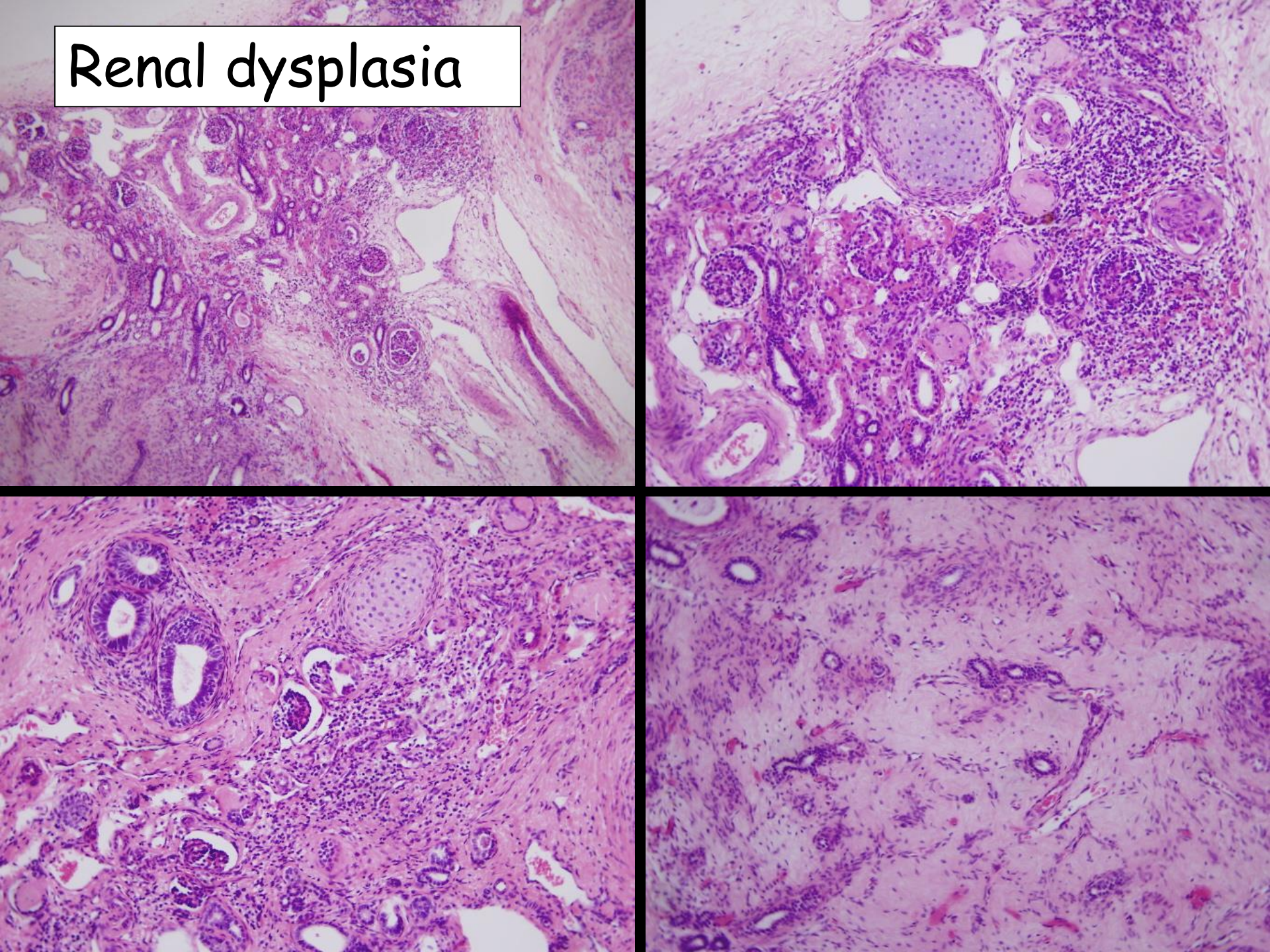
Dg.: palpable abdominal mass

- Abnormal tissue elements (cartilage, undifferentiated mesenchyme)
- Cysts
- Enlarged kidney with insufficient function

Renal dysplasia



Renal dysplasia



Polycystic kidney (ADPKD)

Occurrence: 1: 400-1000

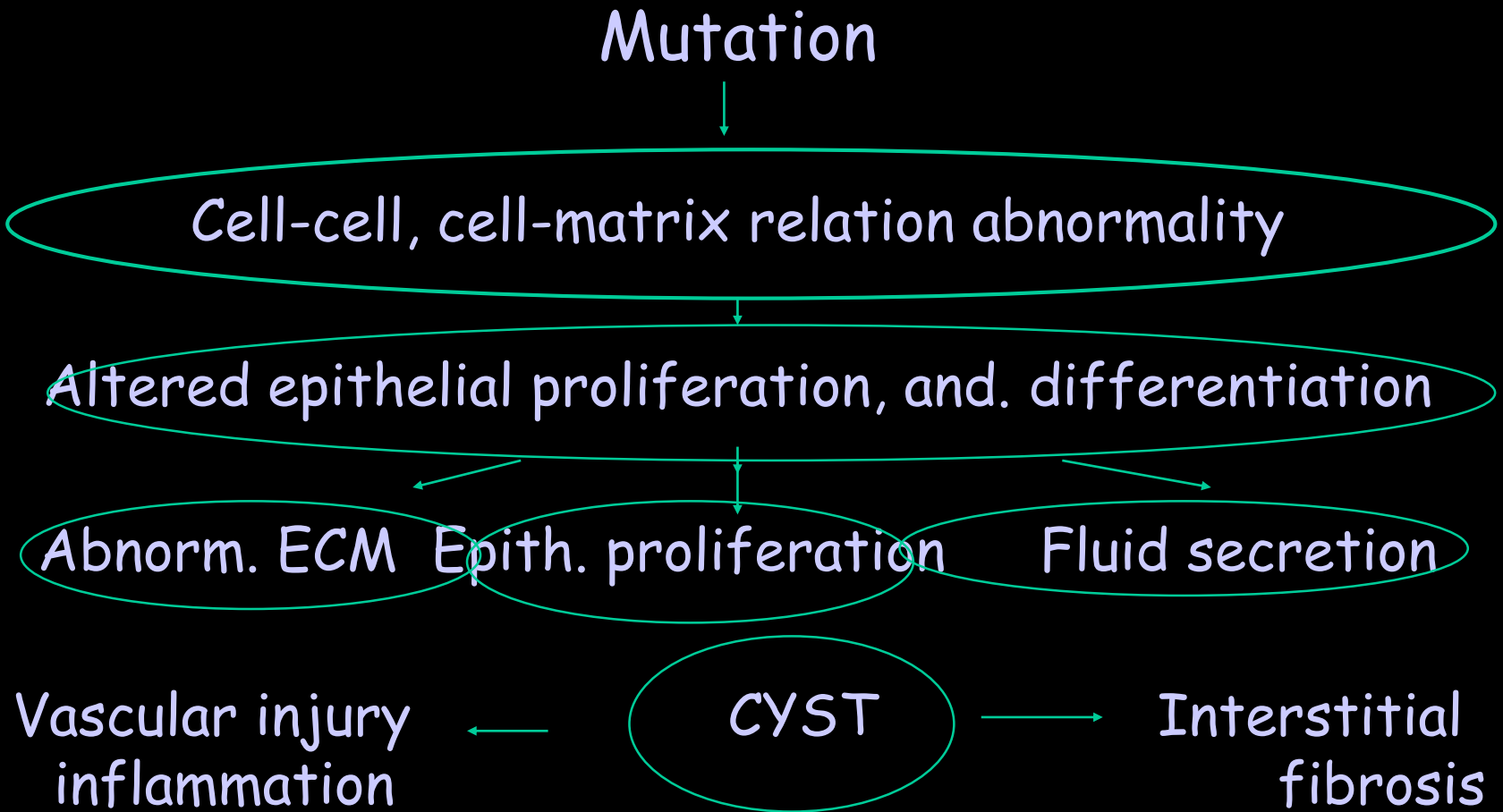
CRF 5-10%

AD

PKD1 : 16p13.3 (85%) RF: 40 y.: 5%, 50 y: 35%, 60 y.: 70%, 70y:95%
polycystin-1

PKD2 : 4q21 (15%) RF: 0, 5, 15, 45
polycystin-2

Scenario of the development of ADPKD



Polycystic kidney - other accompanying congenital anomalies

Hepatic cysts

Berry anerysms

Mitralis prolapse - other valvular anomalies

Th.: Dialysis, renal transplatation

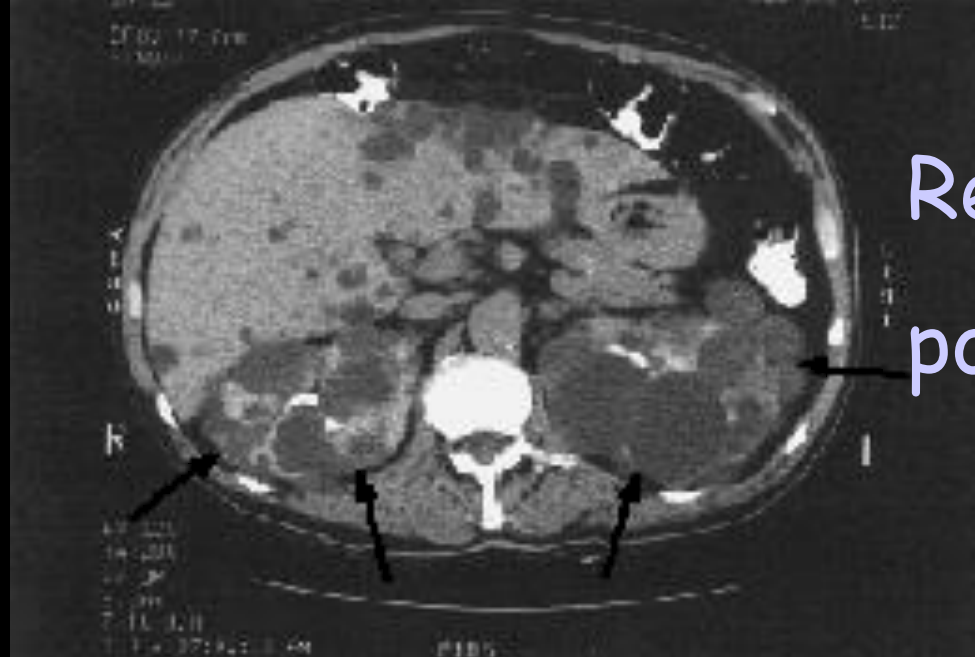
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40 % : coronary / hypertensive heart disease

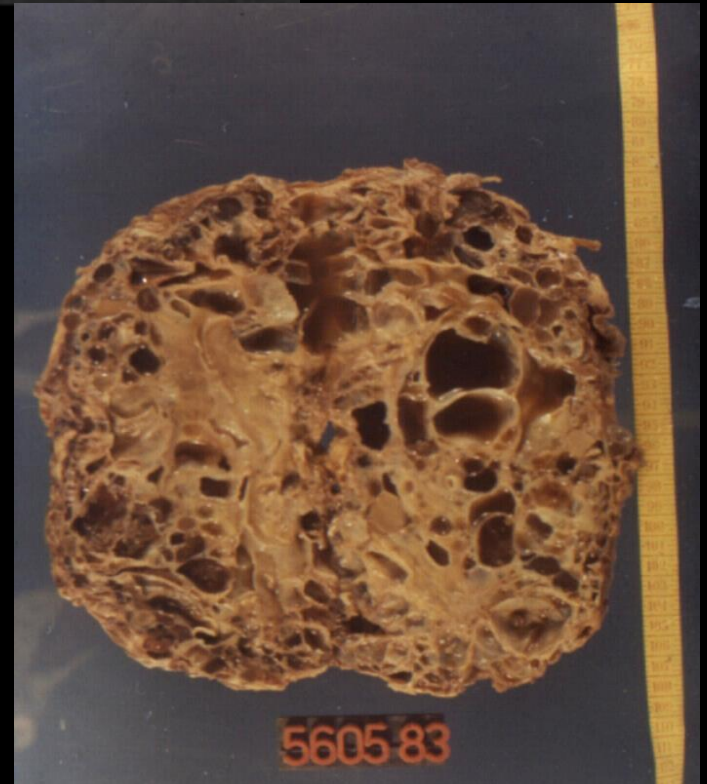
25 % : infection

15 % : aneurysm rupture, hypertensive
intracerebral haemorrhage

20% : other causes



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Polycystic kidney - clinical signs

Pain

Haematuria

Progressive renal insufficiency

Proteinuria (not more than 2 g / day)

Polyuria

Hypertension

Autosomal-recessive (ARPKD)

Perinatal, neonatal, infantile, juvenile subcategories

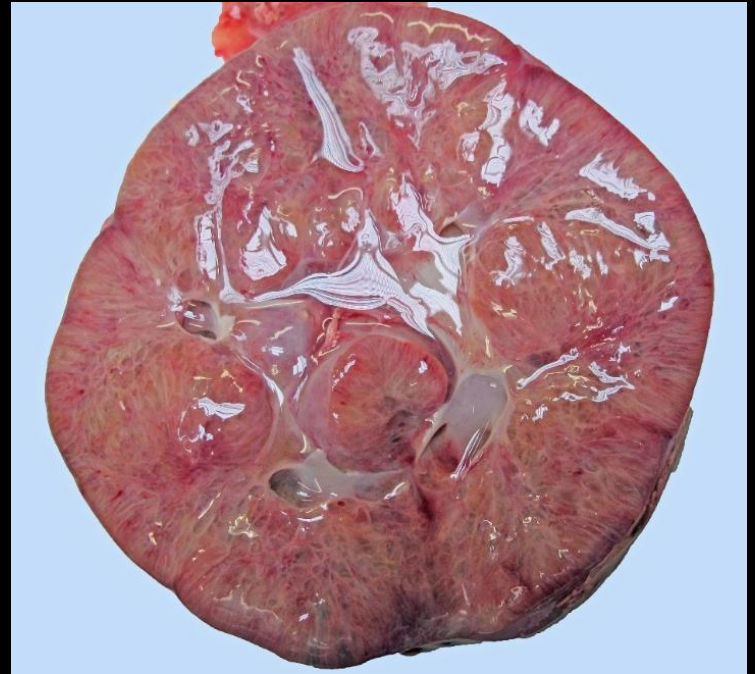
PKDH1 gene (fibrocystin)

Markedly enlarged kidneys

Lung hypoplasia, oligohydramnion

Medullary and cortical elongated cysts, sponge-like appearance

Usually leads to death within the first month of life



Cystic diseases of the renal medulla

A) Medullary sponge kidney

1-3 mm medullary cysts of the collecting ducts, leads to infections

Does not lead to renal failure

B) Nephronophytosis

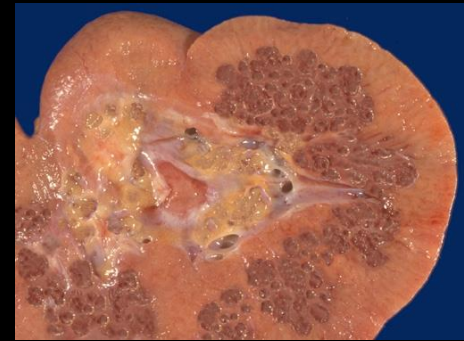
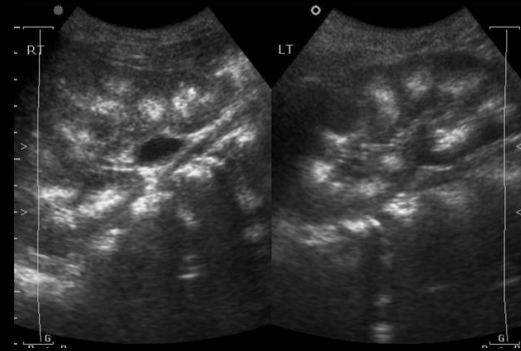
Sporadic or familial

Atrophic kidneys, cysts at the corticomedullary junction

Leads to ESRD

Simple cysts

Common finding, single or multiple, do not influence the renal function



Cystic diseases of the kidney

Acquired cystic disease of the kidney

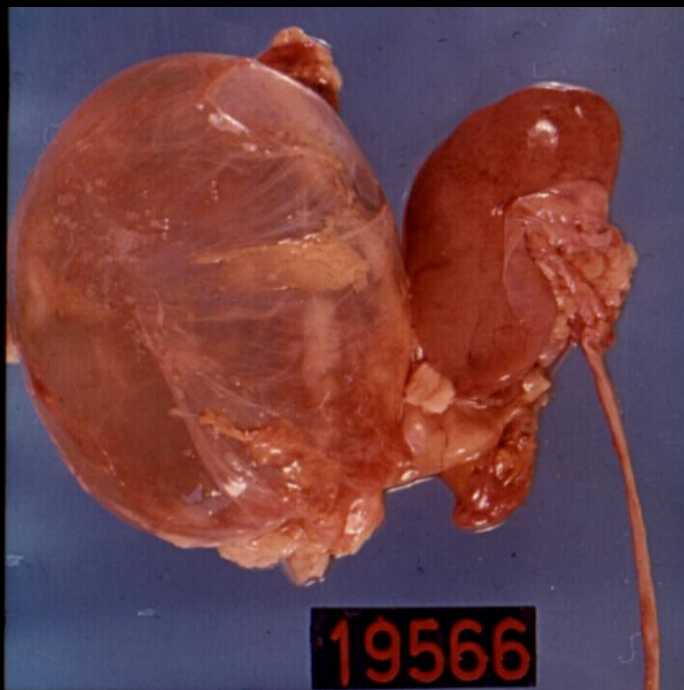
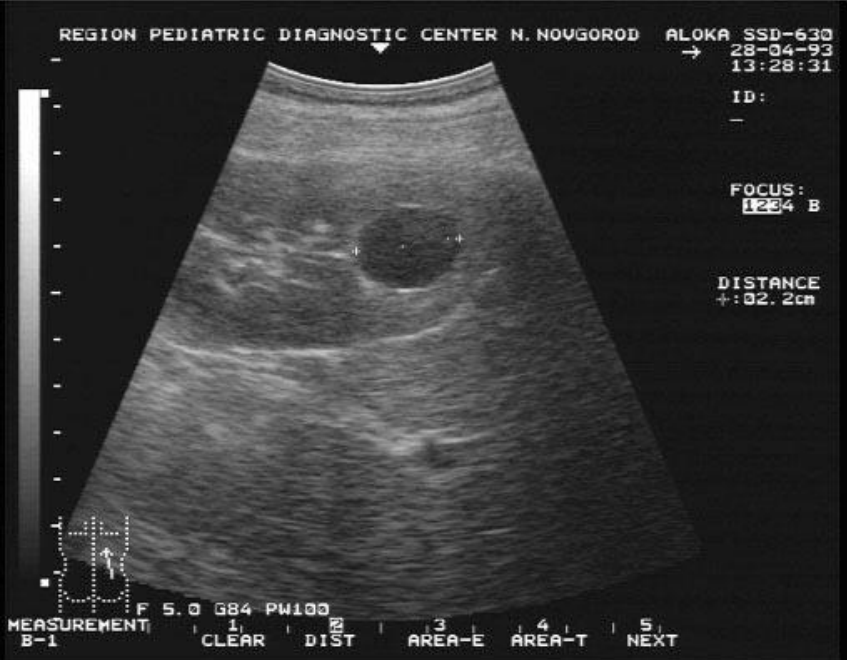
In case of long-standing dialysis

Glomerulocystic kidney disease

Cysts in hereditary syndromes

von Hippel-Lindau syndrome

Tuberous sclerosis





Urolithiasis

Three factors:

Salts that are capable of crystallization

Core that triggers crystallization (cell debris, urinary cast)

Lack of inhibitors of crystallization

1. Calcium stones 60-70%

Calcium oxalate/calcium phosphate

Hypercalciuria (with or without hypercalcemia), hyperoxaluria

Brown-black, 1-2 cm, visible by X-ray



2. Struvite stones 15%

Magnesium ammonium phosphate

After infection (e.g., *Proteus*)

Grey-yellow, staghorn calculi



3. Uric acid stones 15%

Hyperuricemia (gout, rapid cell turnover e.g., leukemias)

White or orange, radiolucent



4. Cystine stones 1-2%

Cystinuria



Clinical features

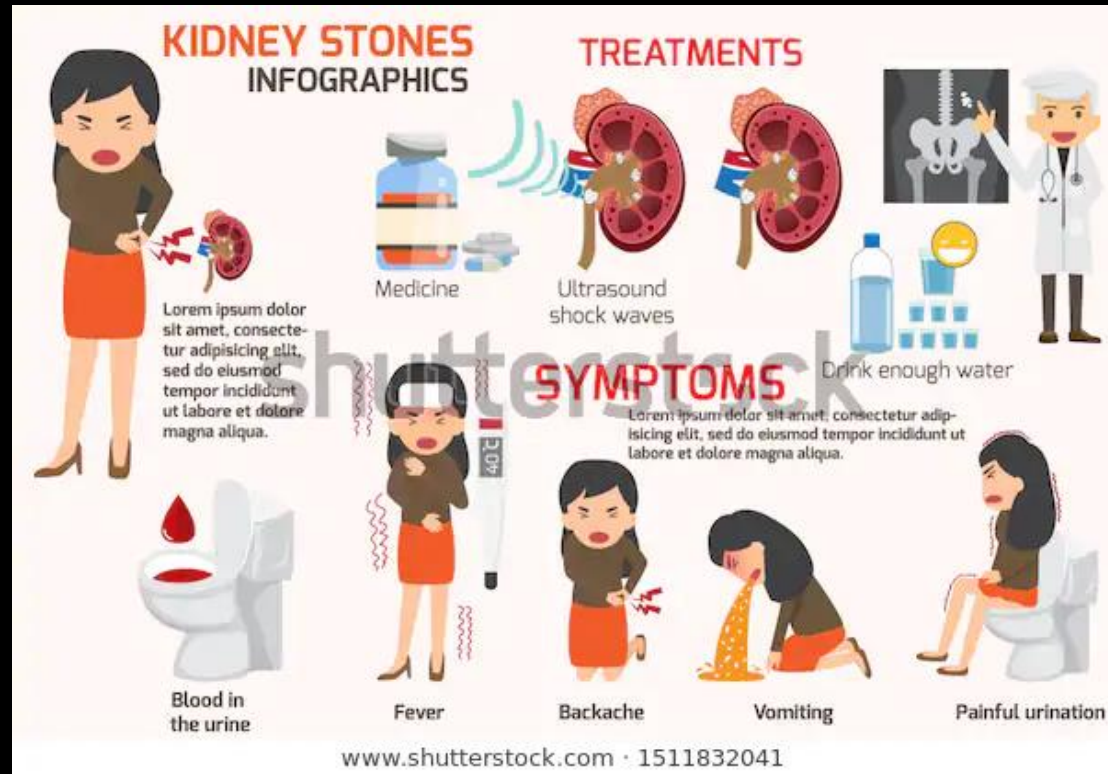
Uni- (80%) or bilateral
Kidney stone attack:
intense pain in the lower
back (lumbal area)
extending into the groin
Nausea, vomiting
Smaller stones are more

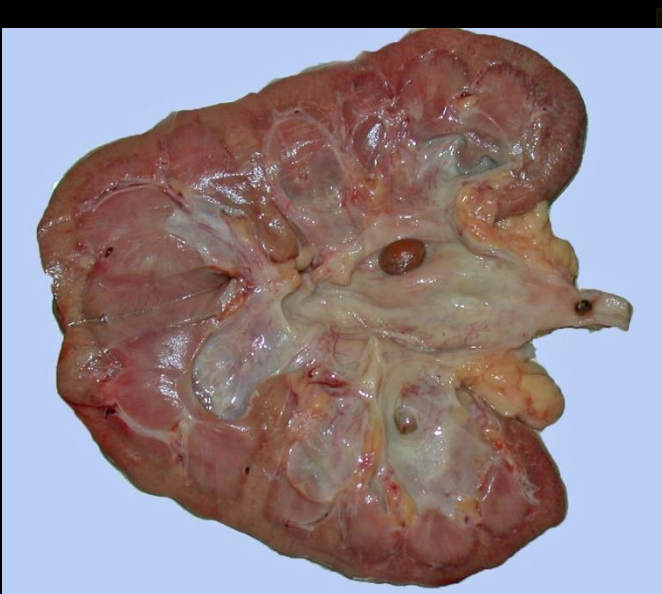
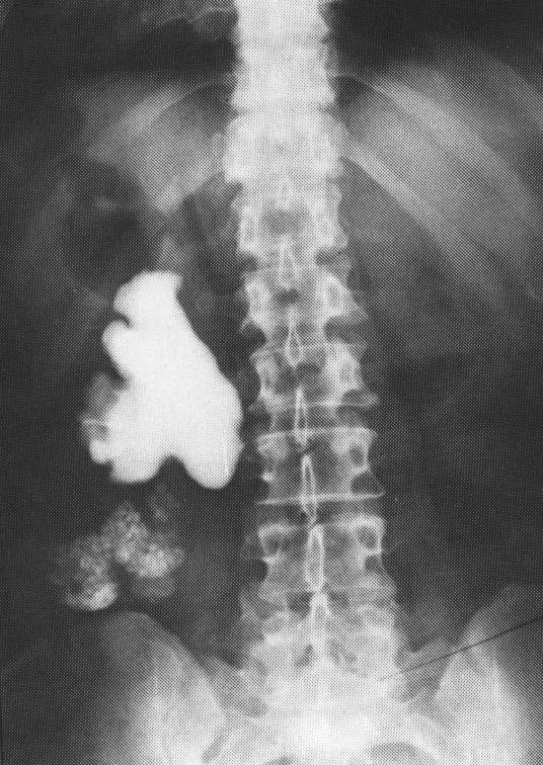
hazardous

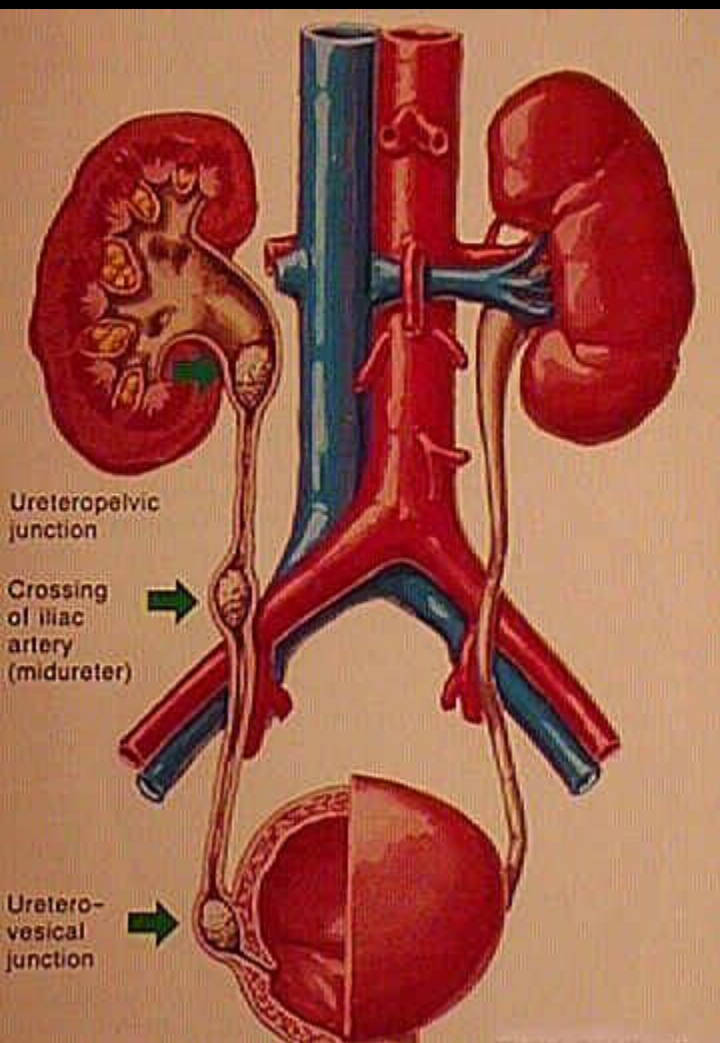
Hematuria

Might be without symptoms

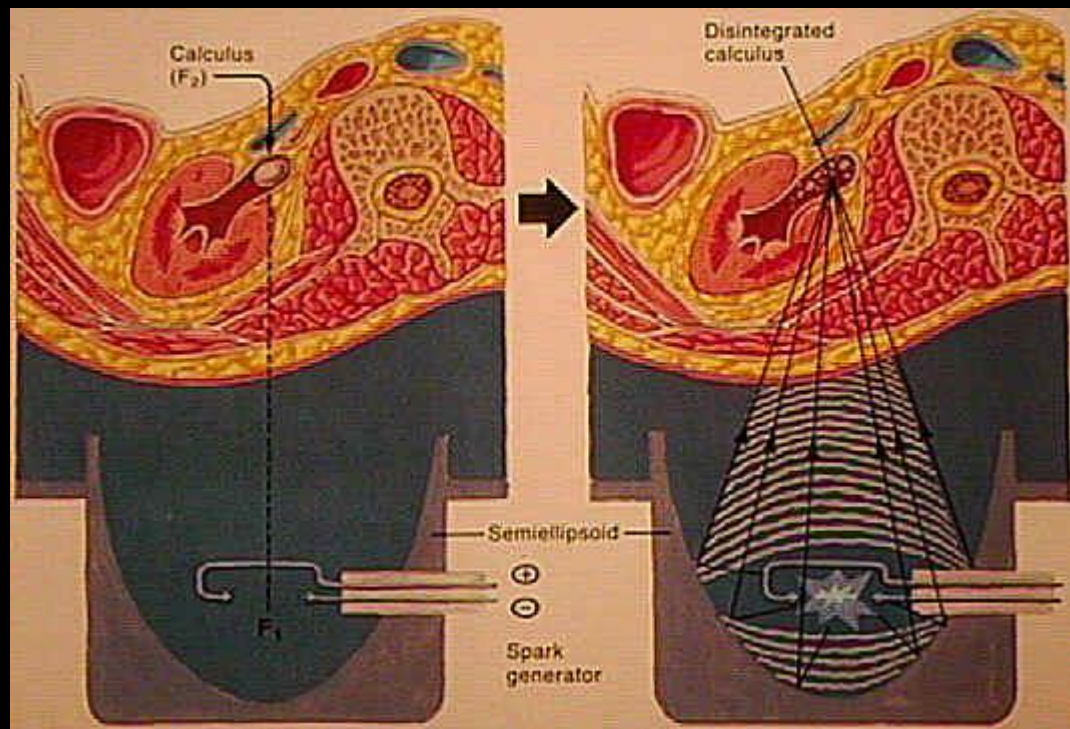
Predisposes for infections







Shock-wave therapy



Causes of Tubulointerstitial Nephritis

Infection

Acute bacterial pyelonephritis

Chronic pyelonephritis (reflux nephropathy)

Other infections (viral, parasitic)

Toxins

Drugs

Acute hypersensitive nephritis

Analgesic nephropathy

Heavy metals

Lead, Cadmium

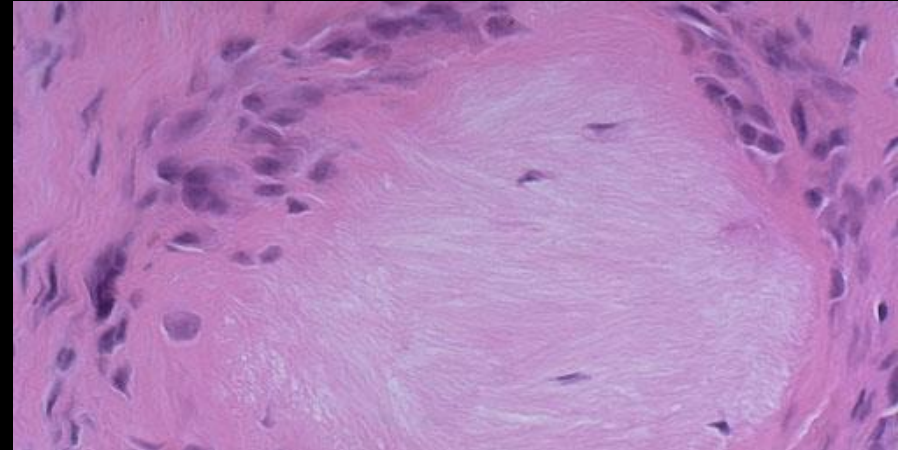
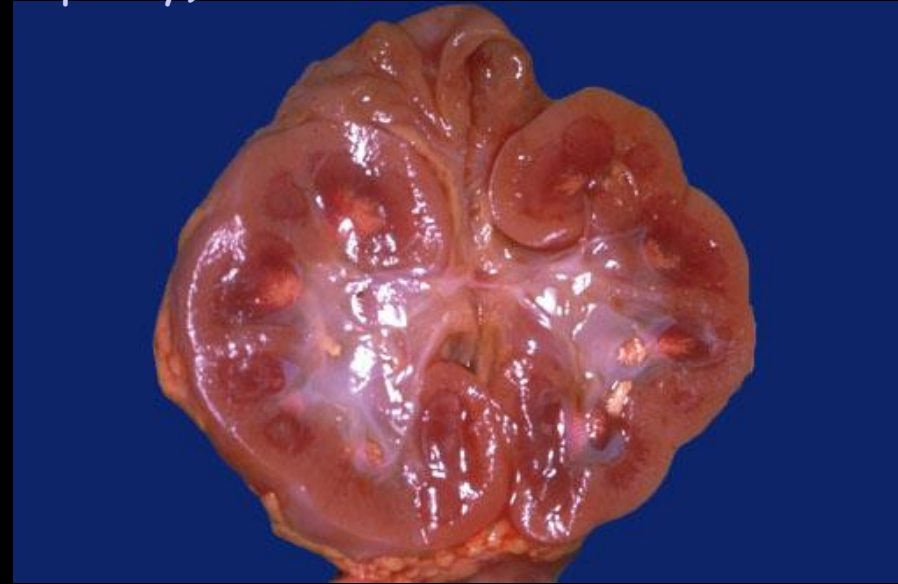
Metabolic diseases

Urate nephropathy

Hypercalcaemic nephropathy

Hypokalaemic nephropathy

Oxalate nephropathy



Tubulointerstitial nephritis

Physical factors

Chronic obstruction

Radiation nephropathy

Neoplasms

Myeloma multiplex

Immunological diseases

Transplant rejection

Sjögren sy

Sarcoidosis

Vascular disorders

Other

Balkan nephropathy

Nephronophthisis - medullary cystic disease

„Idiopathic“ interstitial nephritis

Obstructive uropathy

Obstruction predisposes for infections and stone formation

Unrelieved obstruction leads to hydronephrosis

Hydronephrosis:

Dilation of the renal pelvis and calyces

Progressive atrophy of the kidney



Obstructive uropathy

Causes:

1. Congenital anomalies
2. Calculi
3. Prostatic hyperplasia
4. Tumors
5. Lower urinary tract inflammations
6. Pregnancy
7. Uterine prolapse
8. Functional disorders

Robbins and Cotran Pathologic Basis of Disease , 8th Edition

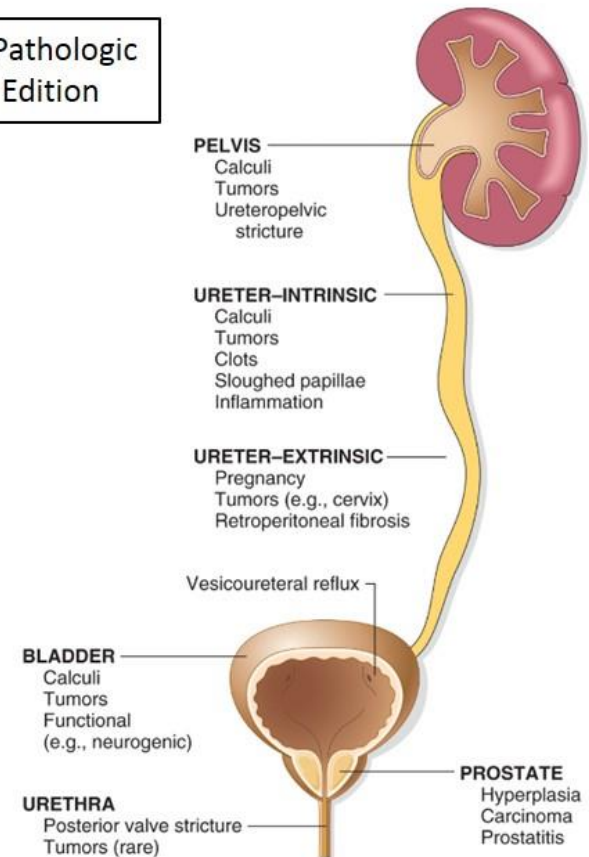


Figure 20-49 Obstructive lesions of the urinary tract.

Obstructive uropathy

Clinical features:

Acute obstruction usually provokes pain

Partial obstruction may remain silent

Partial bilateral obstruction leads to inability to concentrate the urine resulting in polyuria followed by chronic tubulointerstitial nephritis

Complete bilateral obstruction leads to oliguria or anuria

Pyelonephritis

1. *Acute pyelonephritis*

Inflammation of the tubules, the interstitium, the calyces and the renal pelvis

Caused by bacterias (*E. coli*, *Proteus mirabilis*, *Klebsiella*, *Enterococcus*)

Usually consequence of an ascending urinary tract infection

Less commonly result of a hematogenous spread

In normal kidneys, or as a complication of urinary tract disorders (e.g. VUR)

Predisposing factors: catheter, diabetes, pregnancy, lower urinary tract obstruction, immunosuppression

Acute pyelonephritis

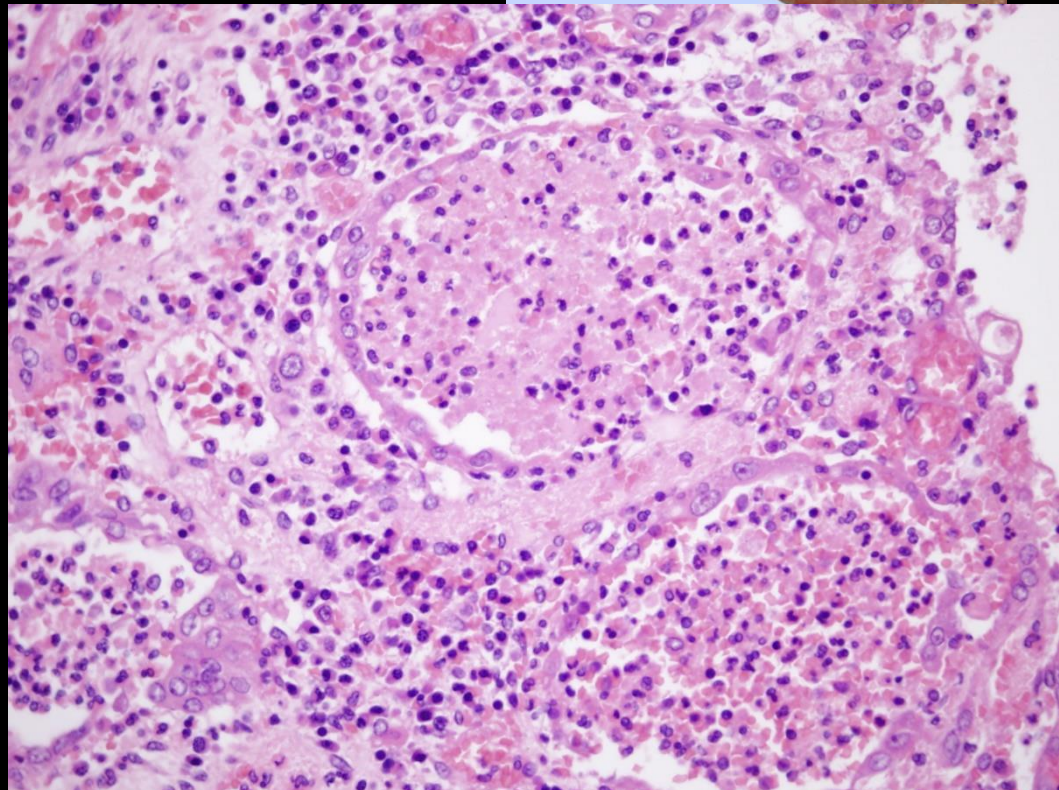
Morphology:

Slightly enlarged kidney(s)
1-3 mm yellowish abscesses on
the surface and in the
parenchyme (pyelonephritis
apostematosa)

The calyces and the renal pelvis
are reddish

Patchy interstitial suppurative
inflammation, aggregates of
neutrophils in the tubules,
tubular necrosis

Glomeruli are also affected in
case of hematogenous origin



Acute pyelonephritis

Clinical features:

Uni- or bilateral

Sudden onset with high fever

Pain at the costovertebral angle

Leukocytosis, high sedimentation rate

Pyuria, bacteruria

Usually follows a benign course (with appropriate antibiotic therapy)

Complicated cases can be fatal

Chronic pyelonephritis

Chronic injury of the interstitium and the tubules resulting in scar formation

The renal pelvis and the calyces are also affected

Causes: reflux nephropathy, chronic obstruction

Recurrent infections

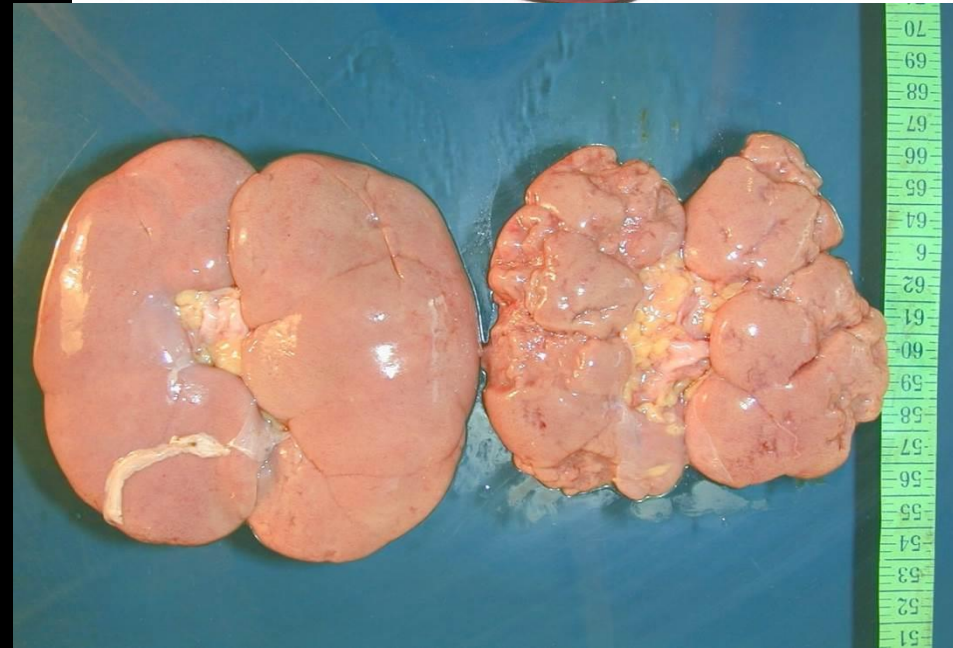
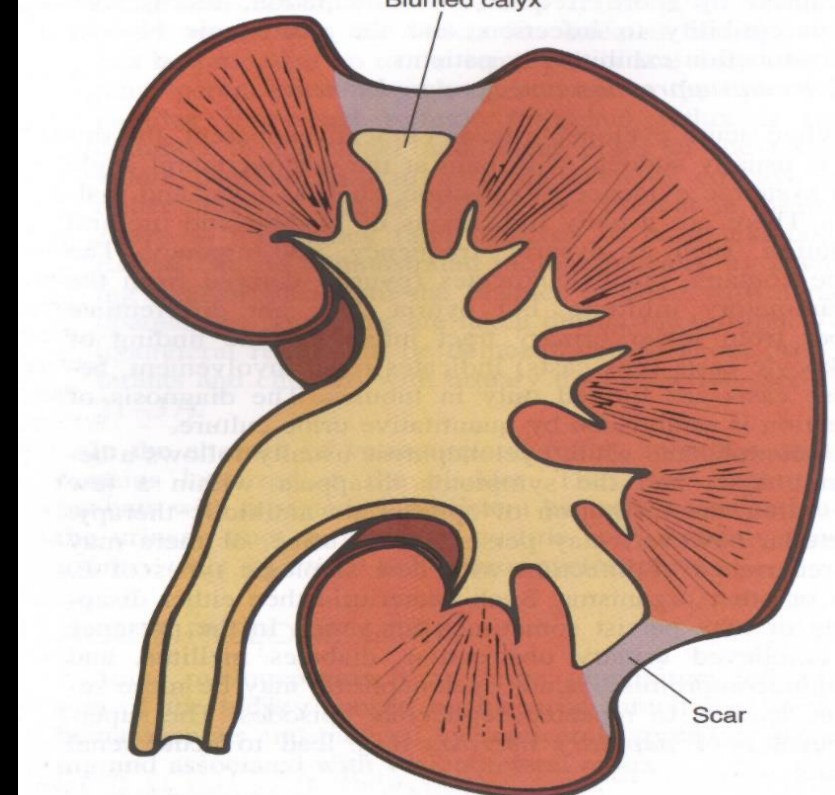
Morphology:

Kidneys are irregularly scarred, corticomedullary scars overlying dilated calyces, flattening of the papillae

The calyces are dilated and their mucosa is thickened

Micr.: Focal interstitial fibrosis, atrophic tubules, tubular casts (thyroidization), lymphoid infiltration

The mucosa of the calyces and pelvis is fibrotic and contains chronic inflammation



Histology:

Lymphoid cell infiltration

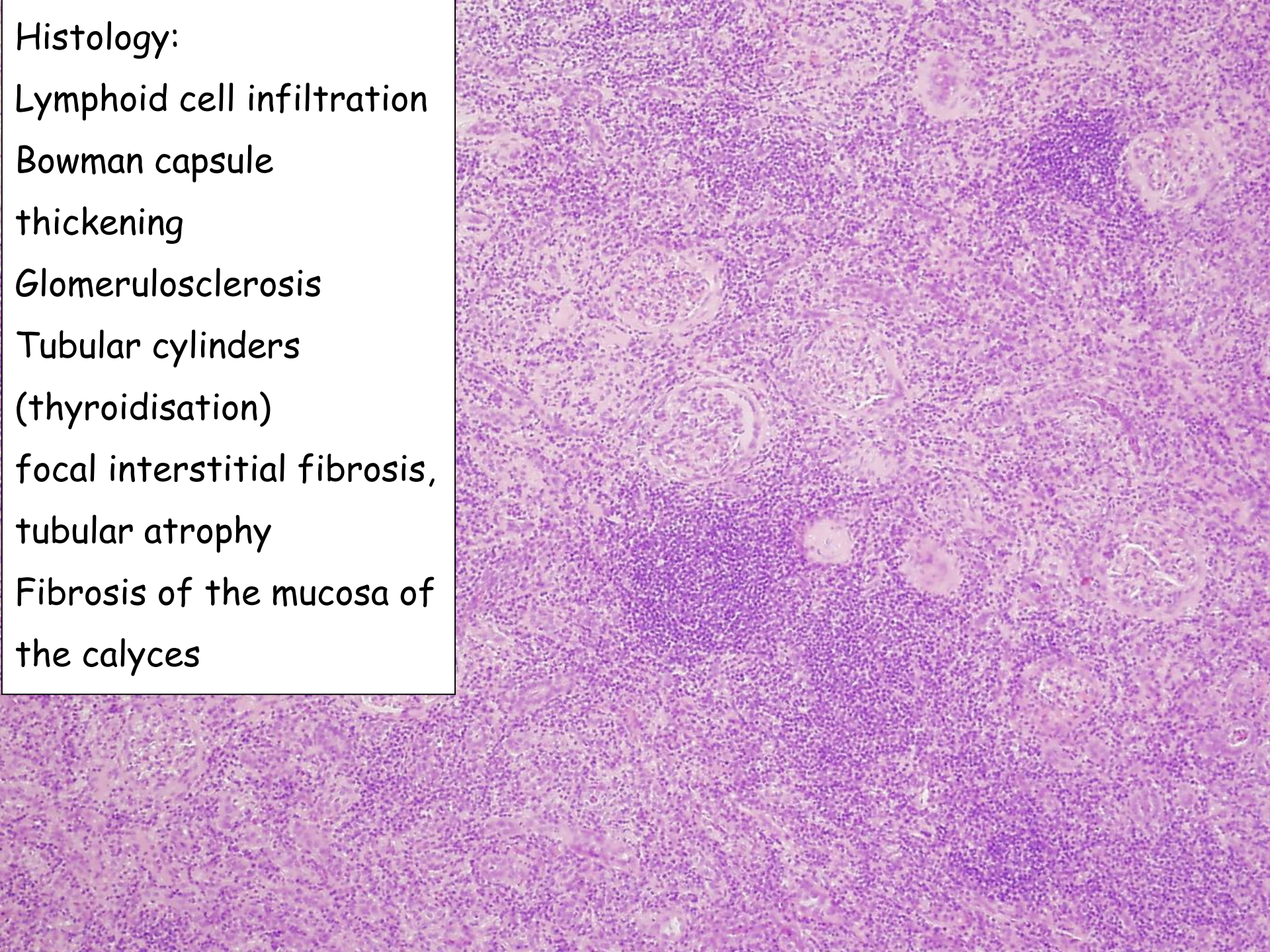
Bowman capsule
thickening

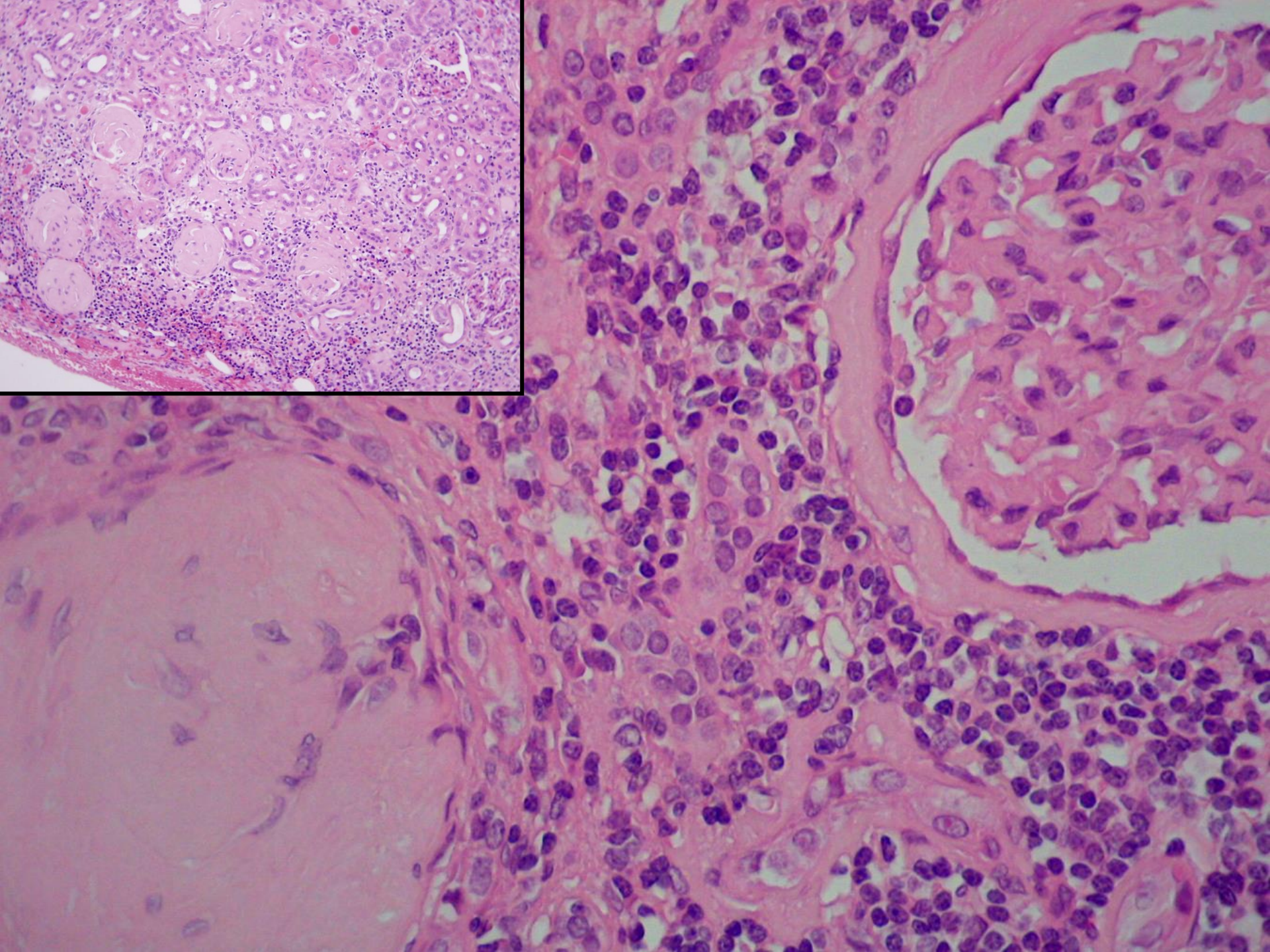
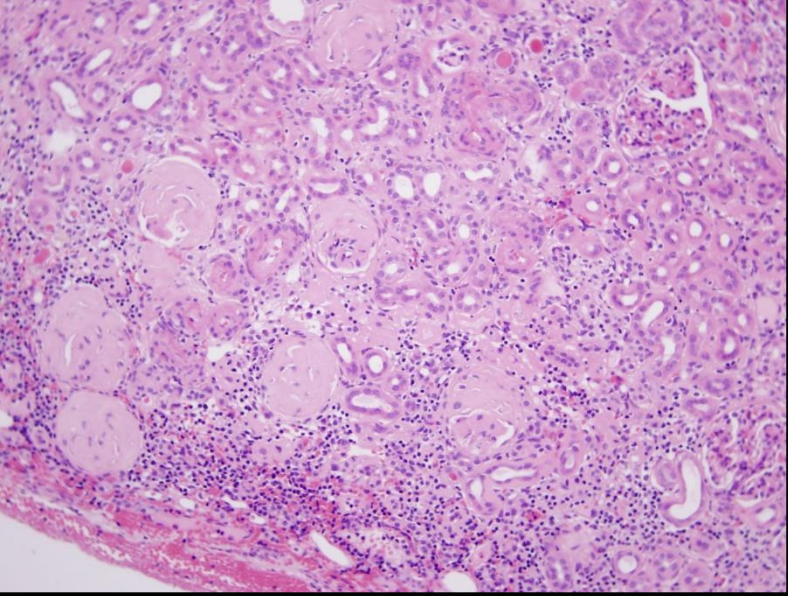
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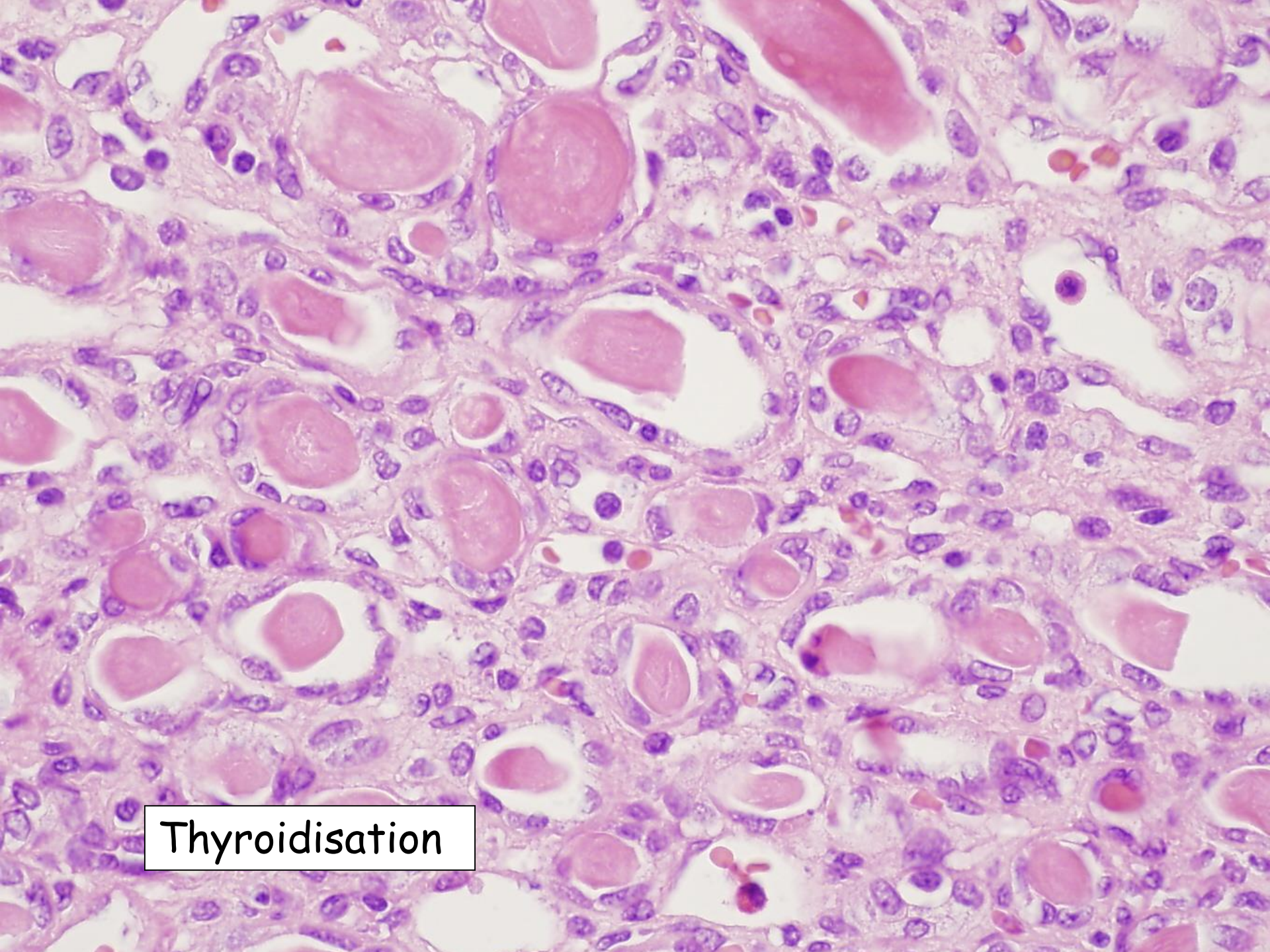
Tubular cylinders
(thyroidisation)

focal interstitial fibrosis,
tubular atrophy

Fibrosis of the mucosa of
the calyces

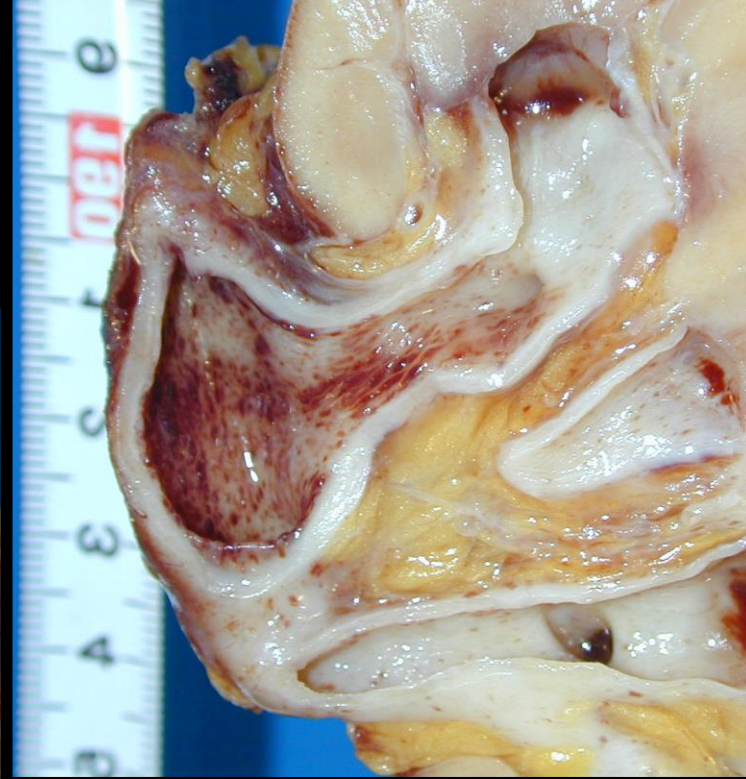
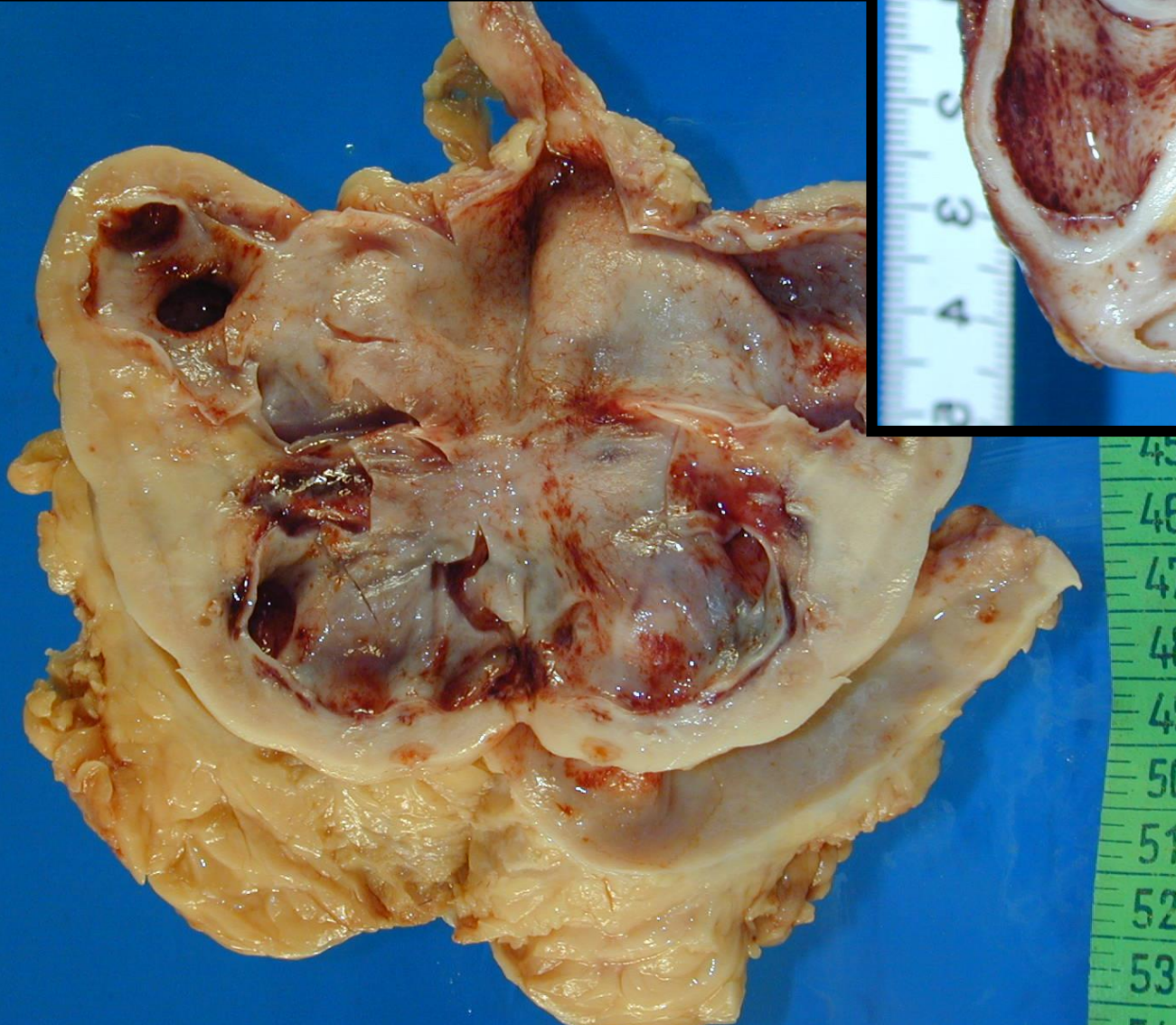


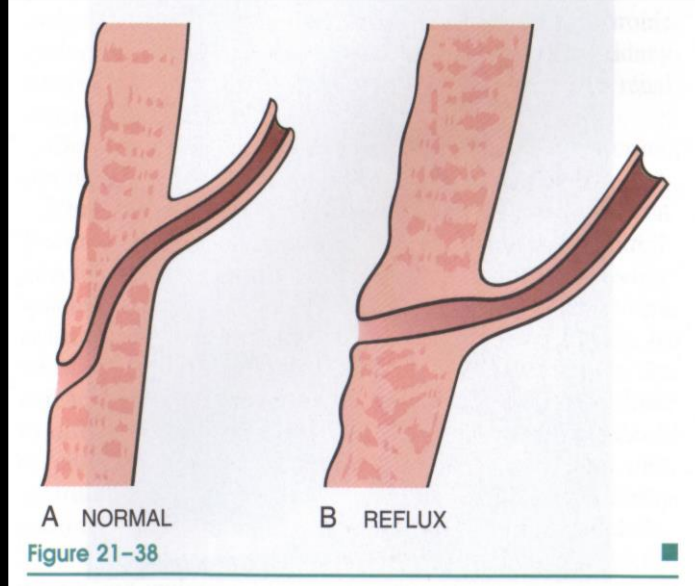




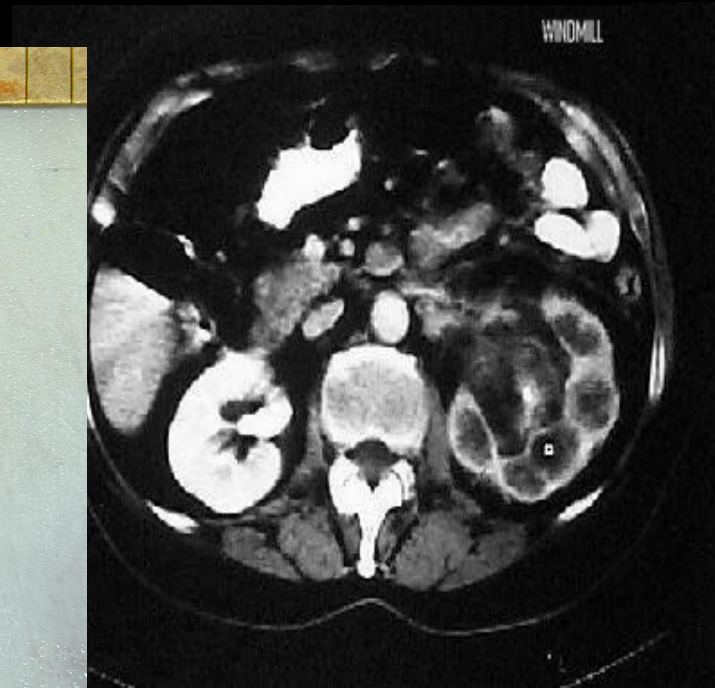
Thyroidisation

Pyelitis, pyelectasia
+ pressureatrophy





Vesicoureteral reflux (VUR)



Chronic pyelonephritis

Clinical features:

Uni- or bilateral



Episodes of acute pyelonephritis, or
silent clinical course leading to destruction

Bilateral chronic pyelonephritis can result in
hypertension and renal insufficiency

10% of patients on dialysis therapy have chronic
pyelonephritis

Xanthogranulomatous pyelonephritis

Middle-aged women with diabetes

Usually unilateral

Proteus mirabilis infection

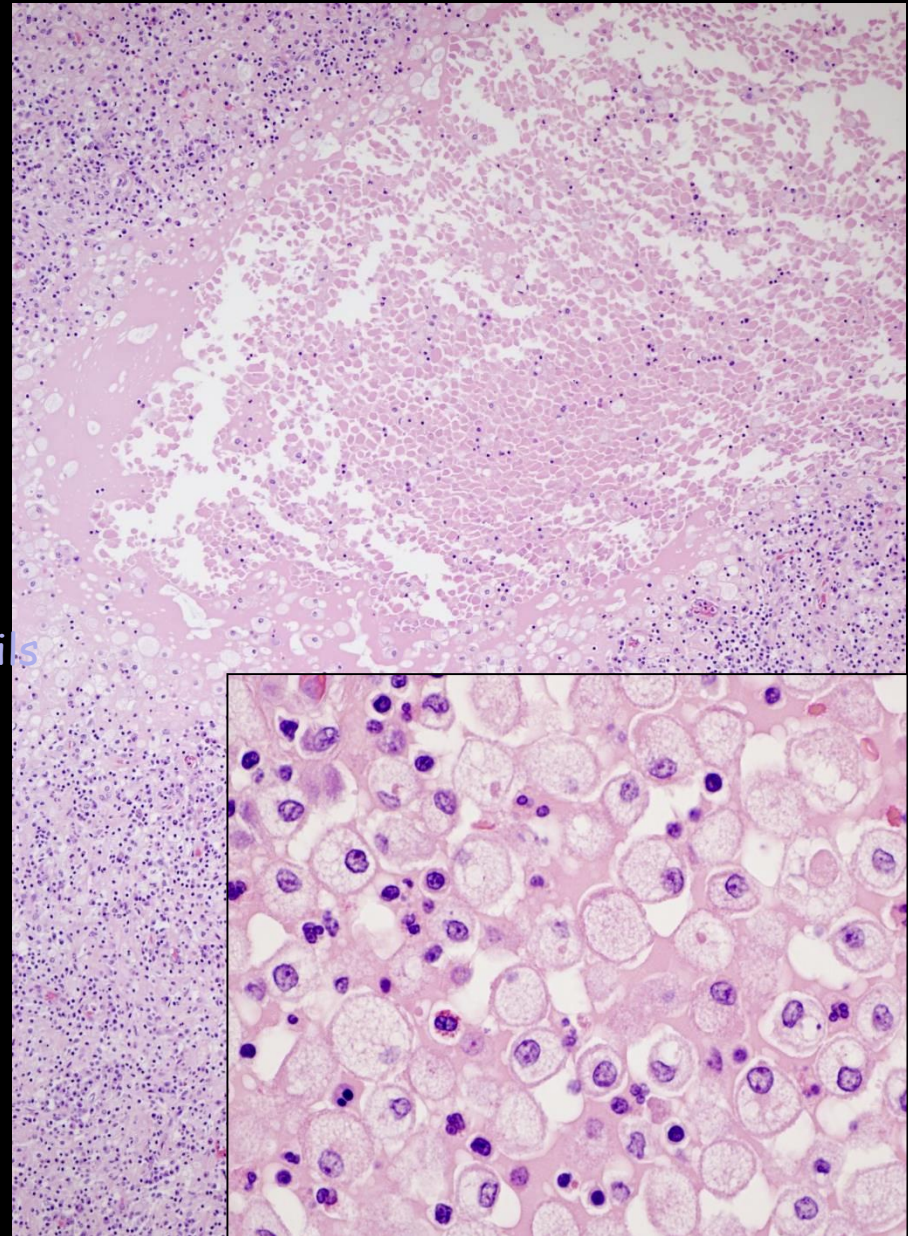
Tumor-like lesion

Yellowish areas, extracapsular spread,
infiltrative pattern

Foamy histiocytes,

giant cells, lymphocytes, plasma cells, neutrophils

Indicates nephrectomy



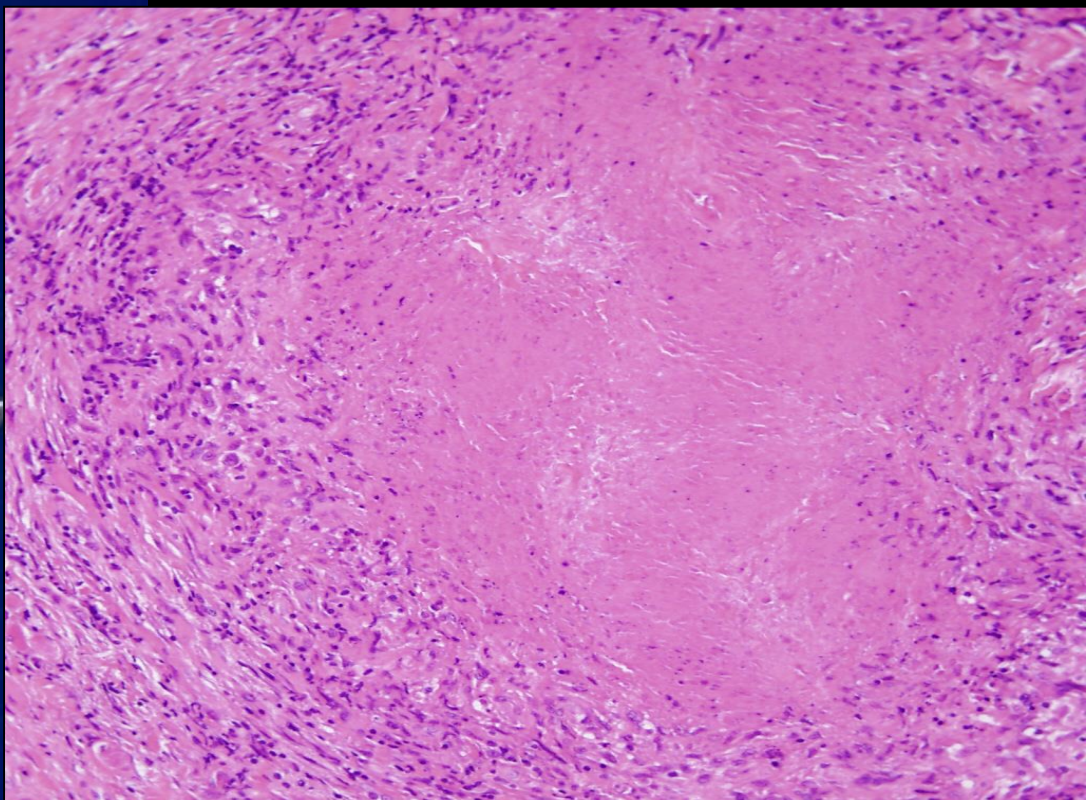
Female 73

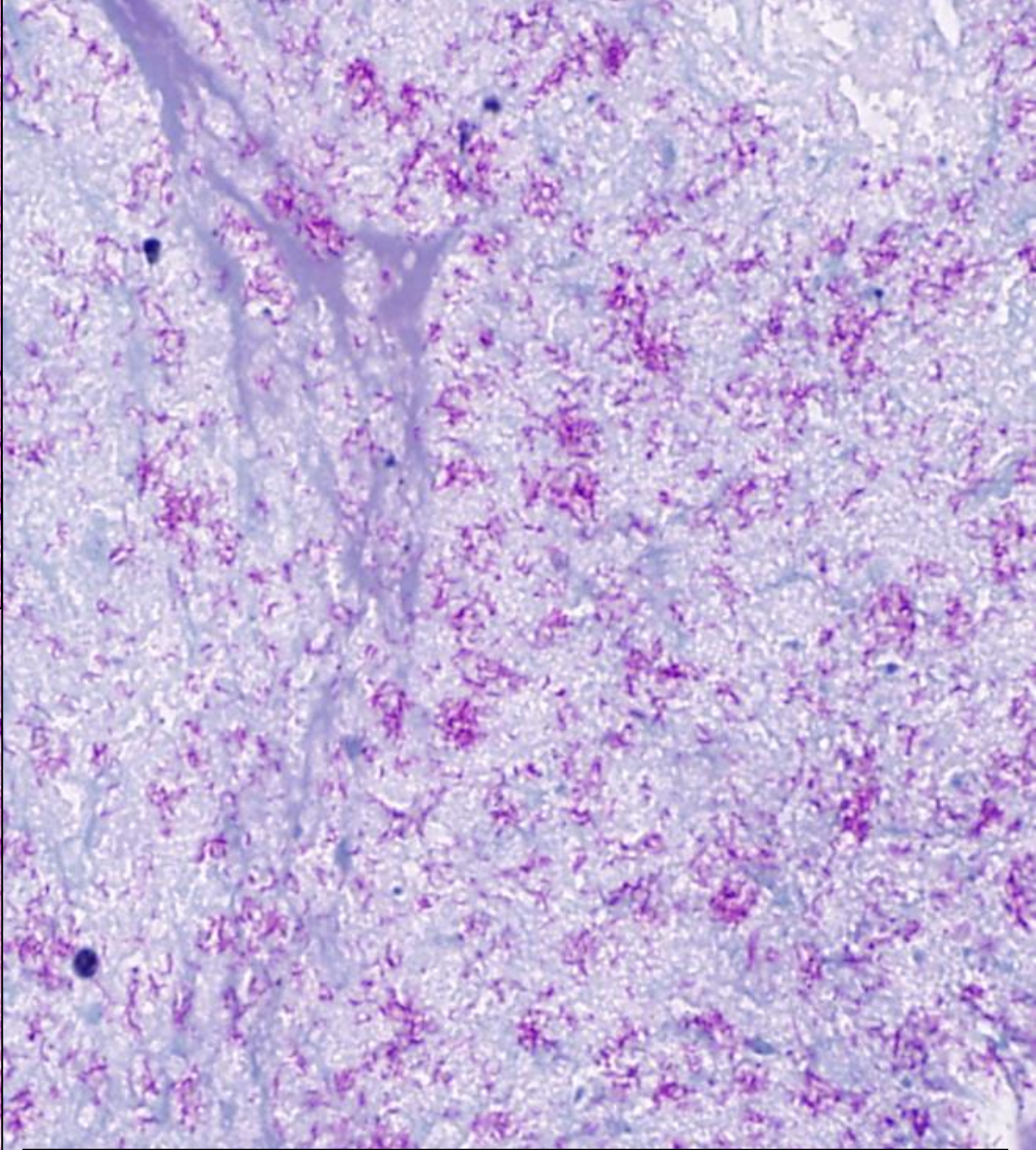
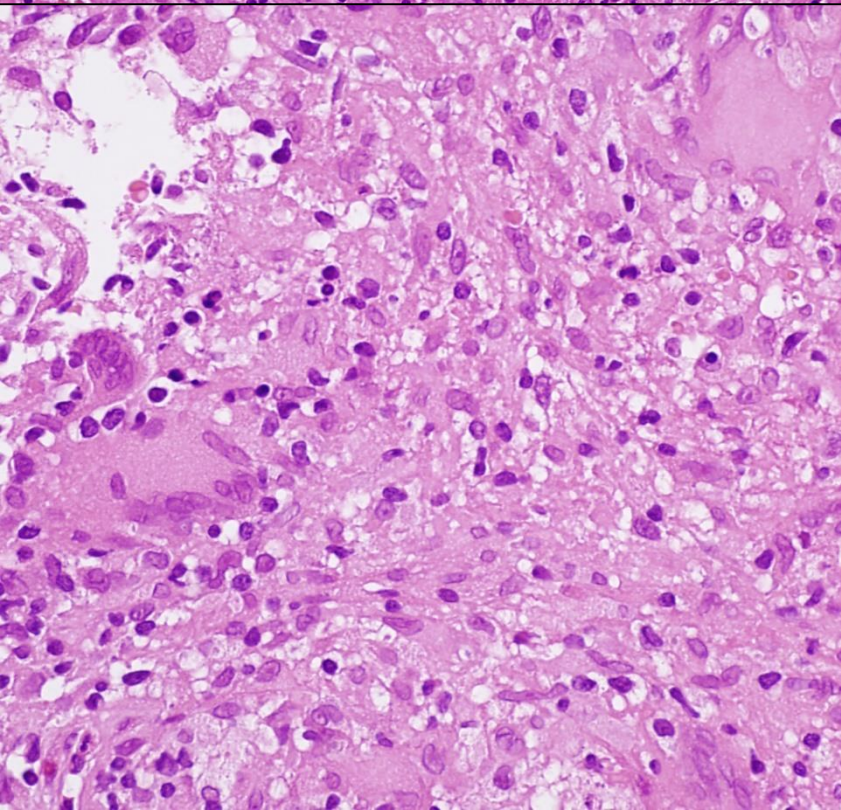
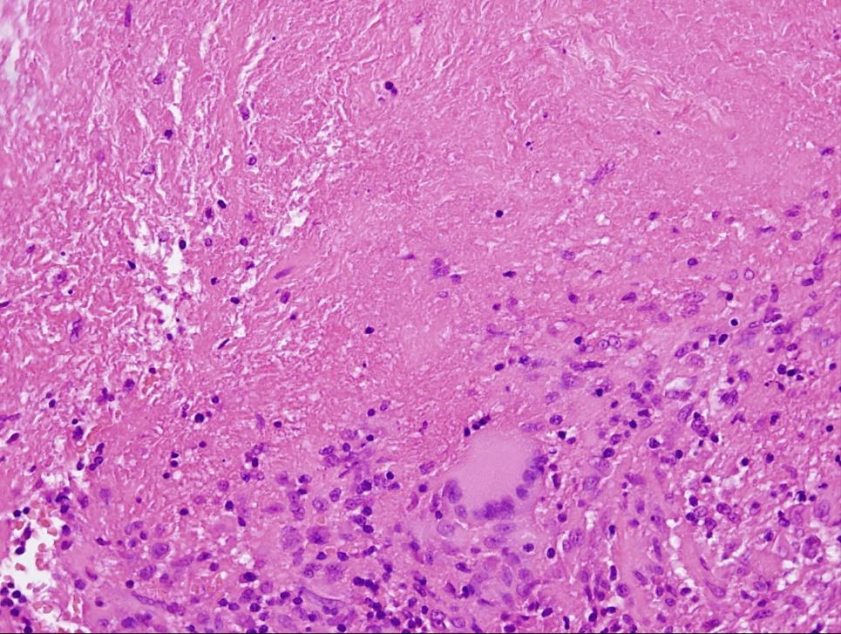
Hypertension

Diabetes

Decreased renal reserve

Process destroying the renal calyces





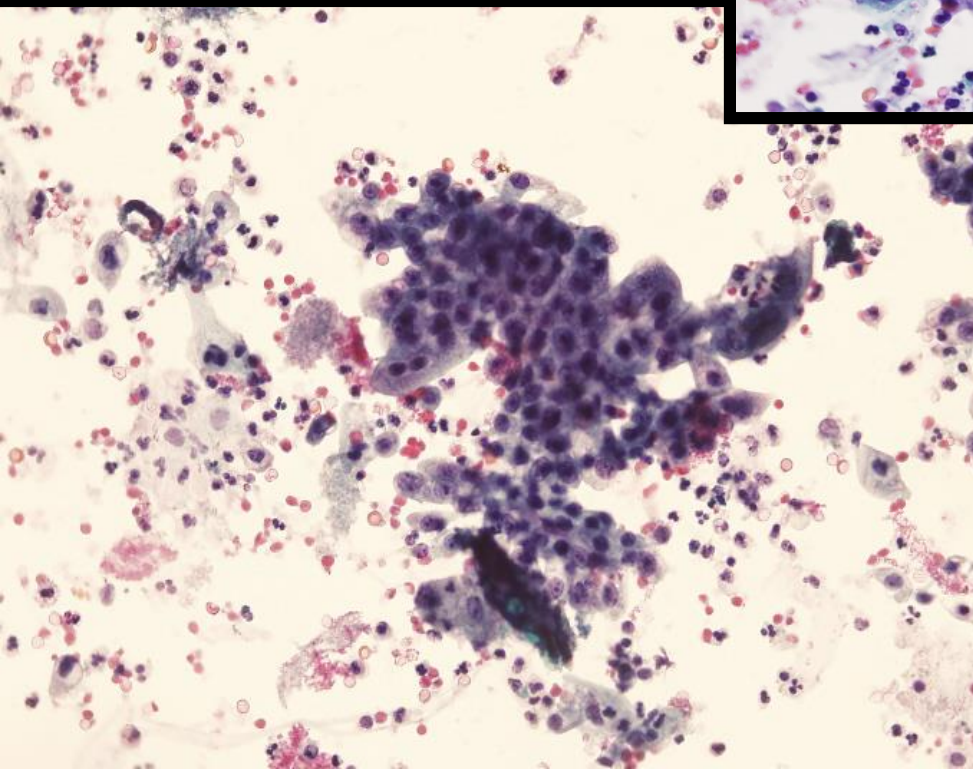
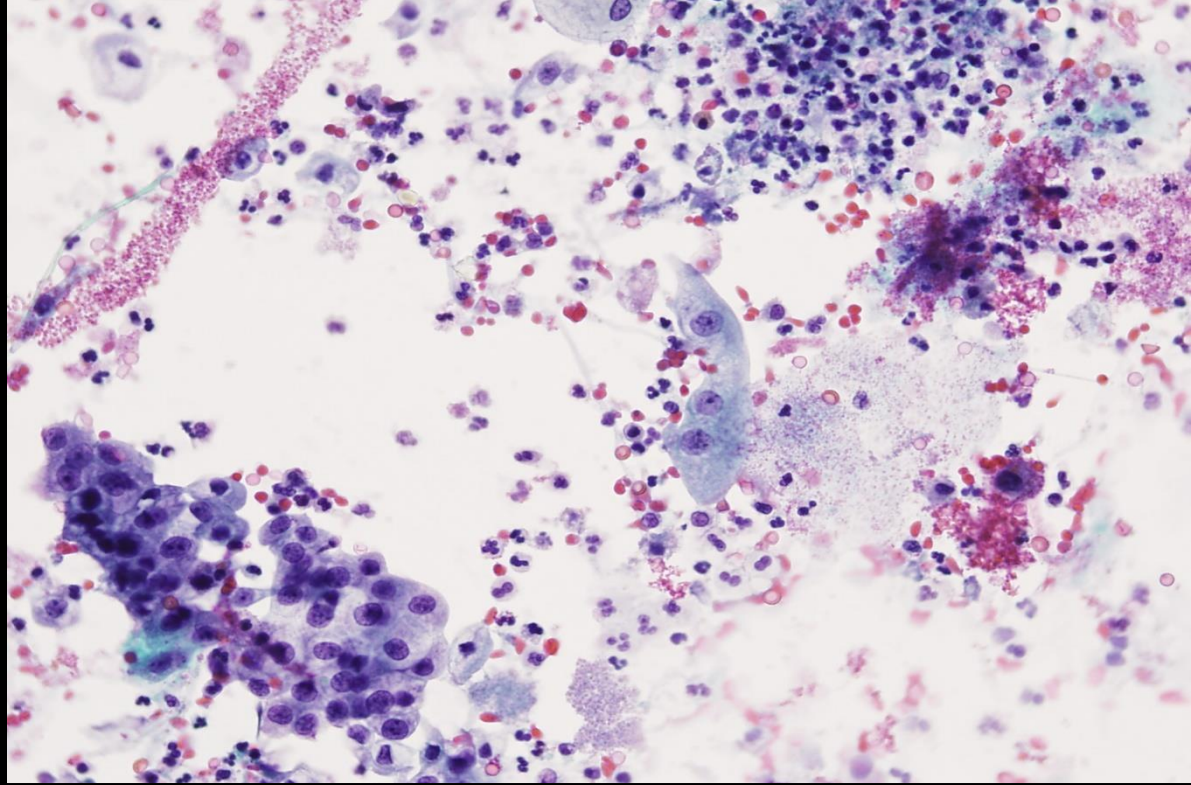
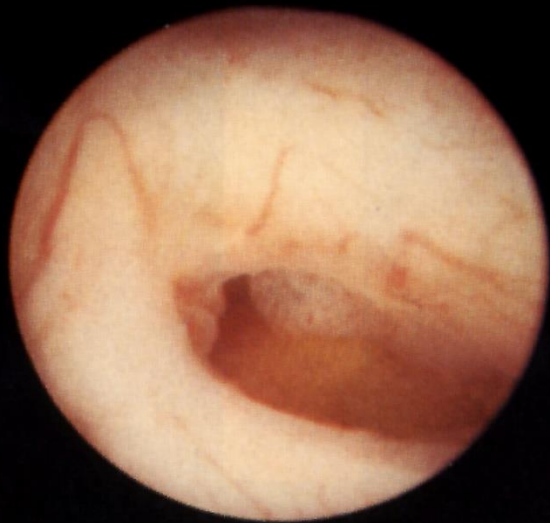
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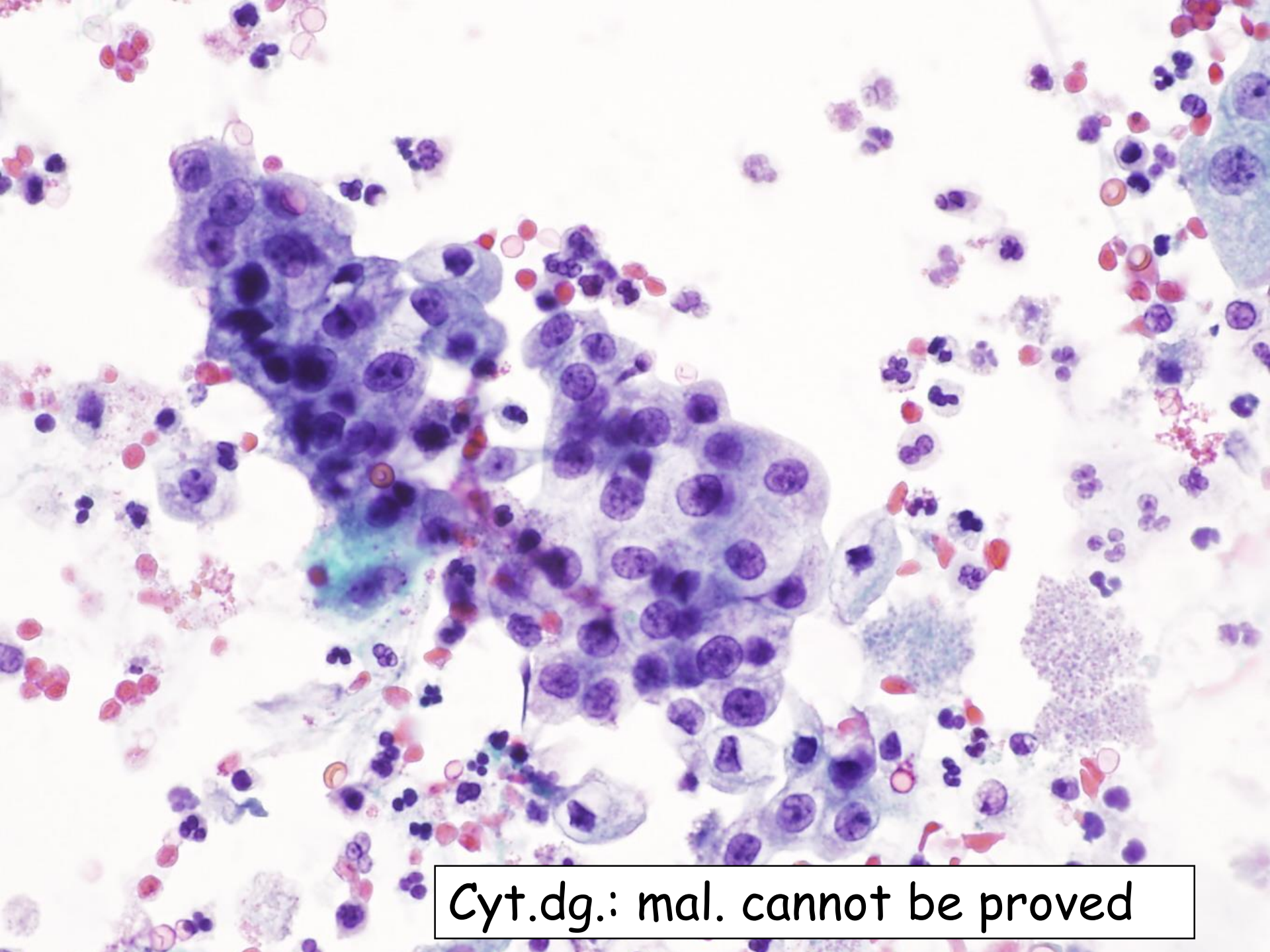
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Hematuria, costovertebral pain

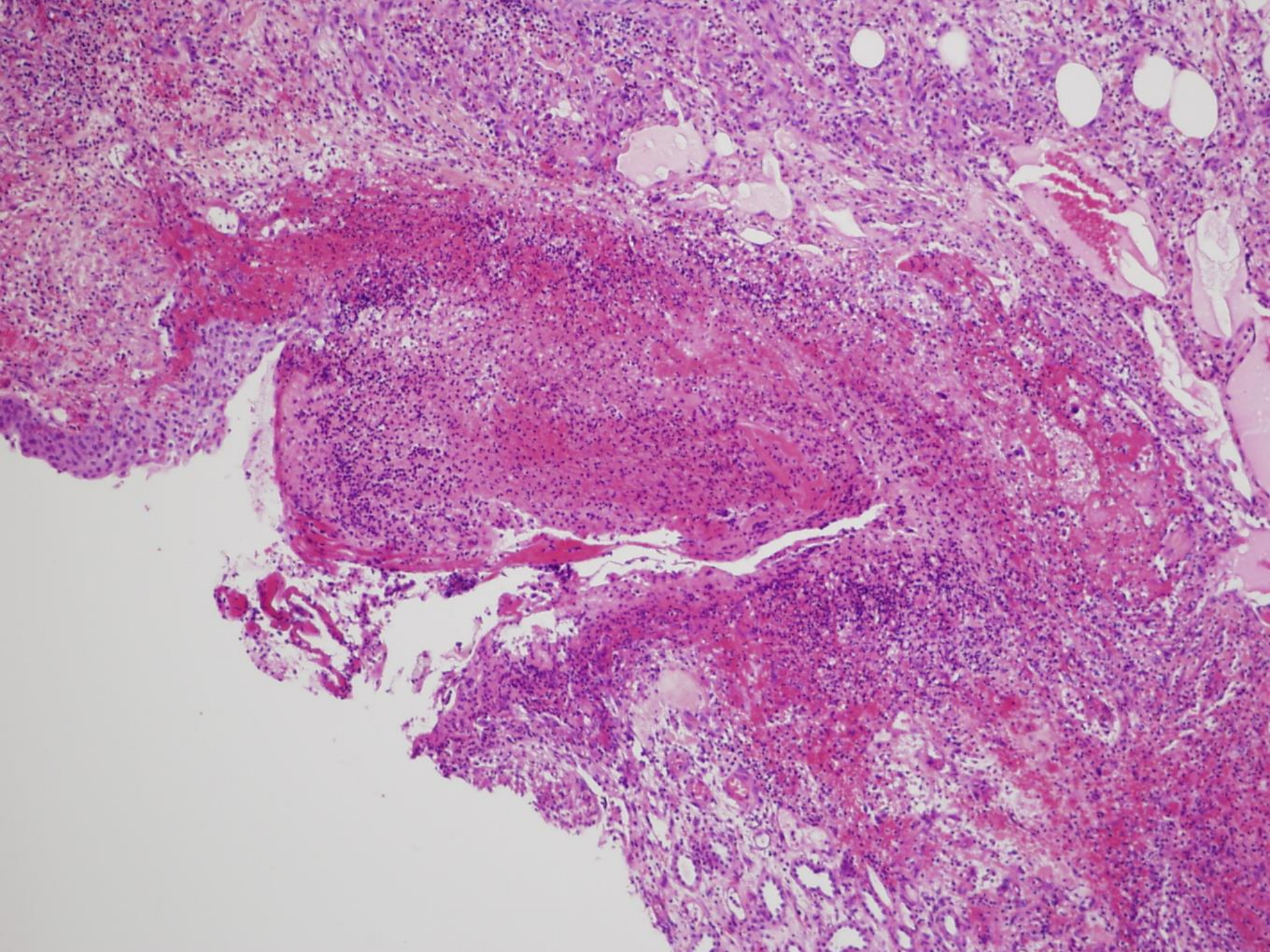
Vascularised lesion protruding into the
pyelon by ureteroscope

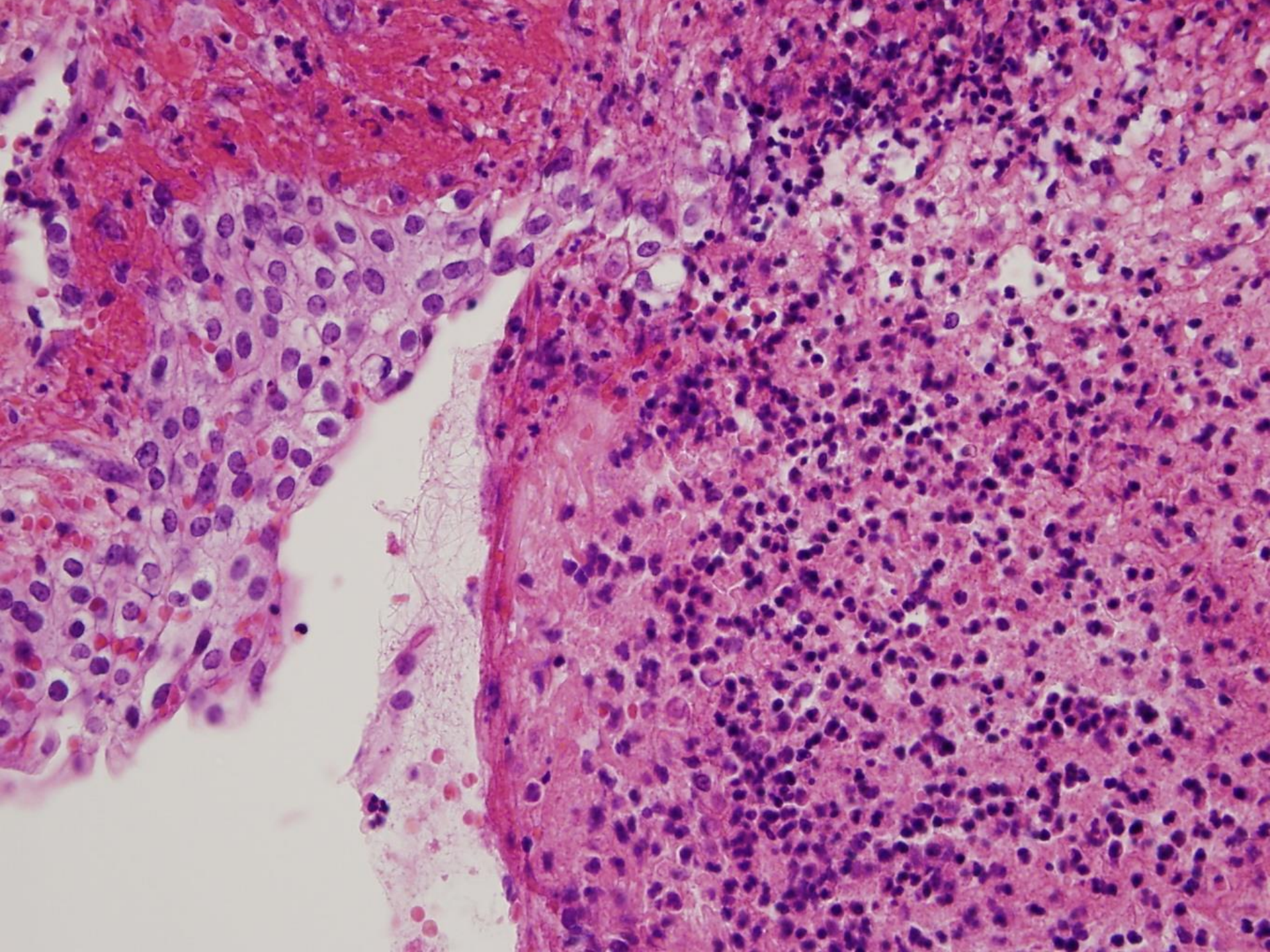
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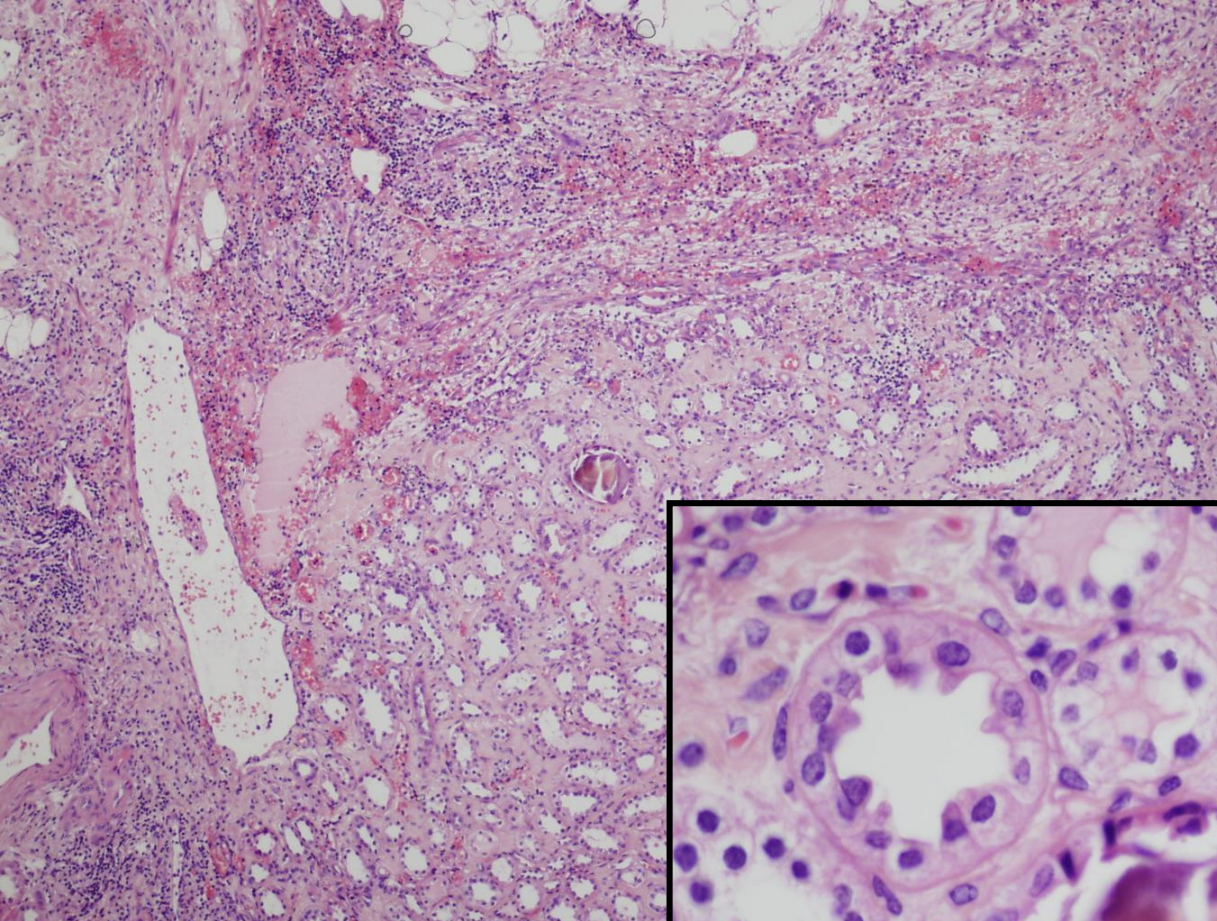




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Tu. neg.

VS. nephrocalcinosis

Pyelitis

