

# Liver pathology (2)

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# Liver Pathology (2)

- Toxic liver injury
- Alcoholic liver diseases
- Non alcoholic steatosis (NAFLD, NASH)
- Cirrhosis
- Diseases of the intrahepatic bile ducts
- Vascular diseases
- Liver diseases associated with pregnancy

# Toxic liver injuries (1 ) X

## (the spectrum is very broad!!!)

- Intrinsic hepatotoxins
  - predictable, dosis dependence, zonal
  - Direkt, indirekt (cytotoxic, cholestatic)
  - Examples: CCl<sub>4</sub>, cloroform, mushroom poison etc
- Idiosyncratic drugs
  - Unpredictable, individual sensitivity
  - Altered drug metabolism, immunological mechanism

# Toxic liver injuries (2) X

## ■ Acute hepatotoxic effects

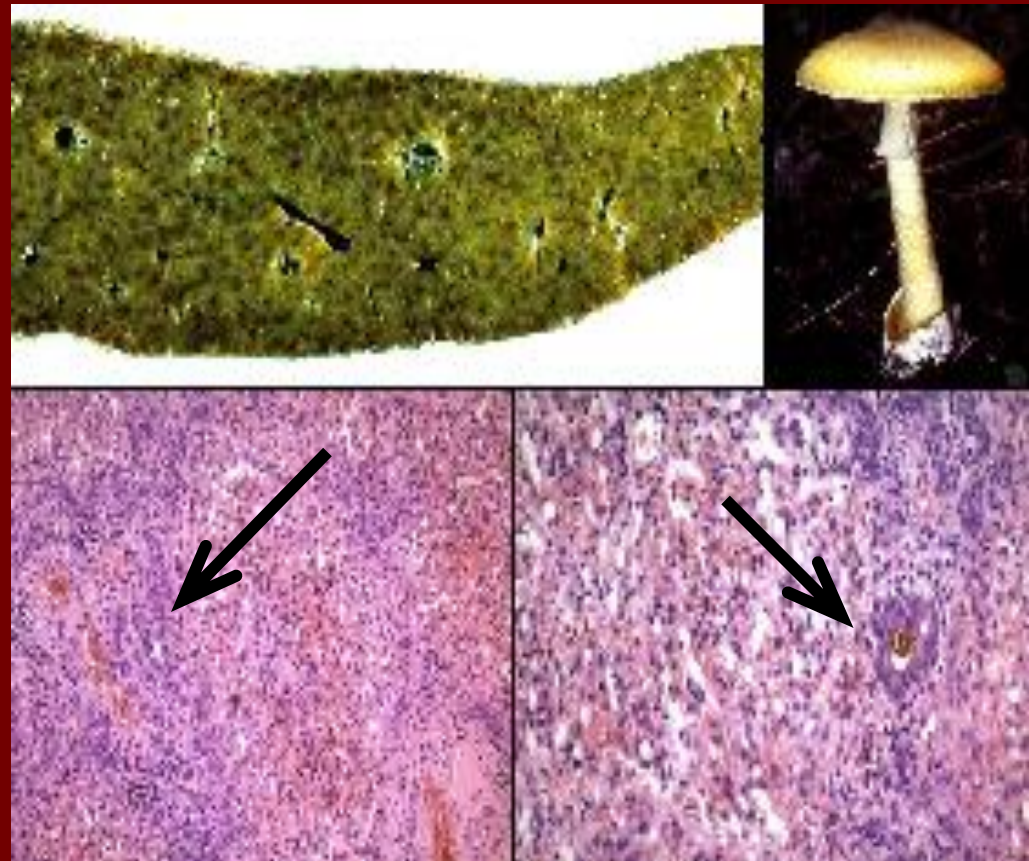
- Cytotoxic, cholestatic, both
- Ex: steatosis, necrotic, inflammatory (toxic hepatitis)
- Mushroom poisoning (*Amanita phalloides*)
- Acetaminophen (paracetamol), tetracyclins, anti-cancer drugs
- Reye-syndrome (liver, brain mitochondrial alterations, microvesicular steatosis, often fatal, in children after taking aspirin)



# Mushroom poisoning

*Amanita phalloides*  
Extended necrosis

Regeneration from the bile  
canaliculi/stem cells



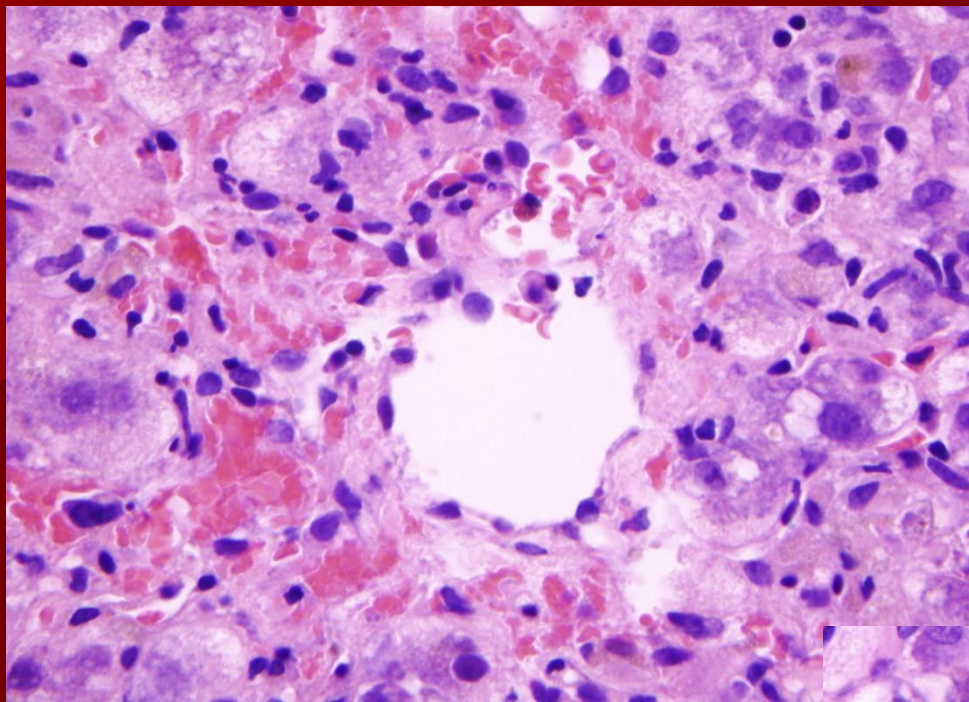
# Toxic liver injuries (3) X

## ■ *Chronic hepatotoxic injuries*

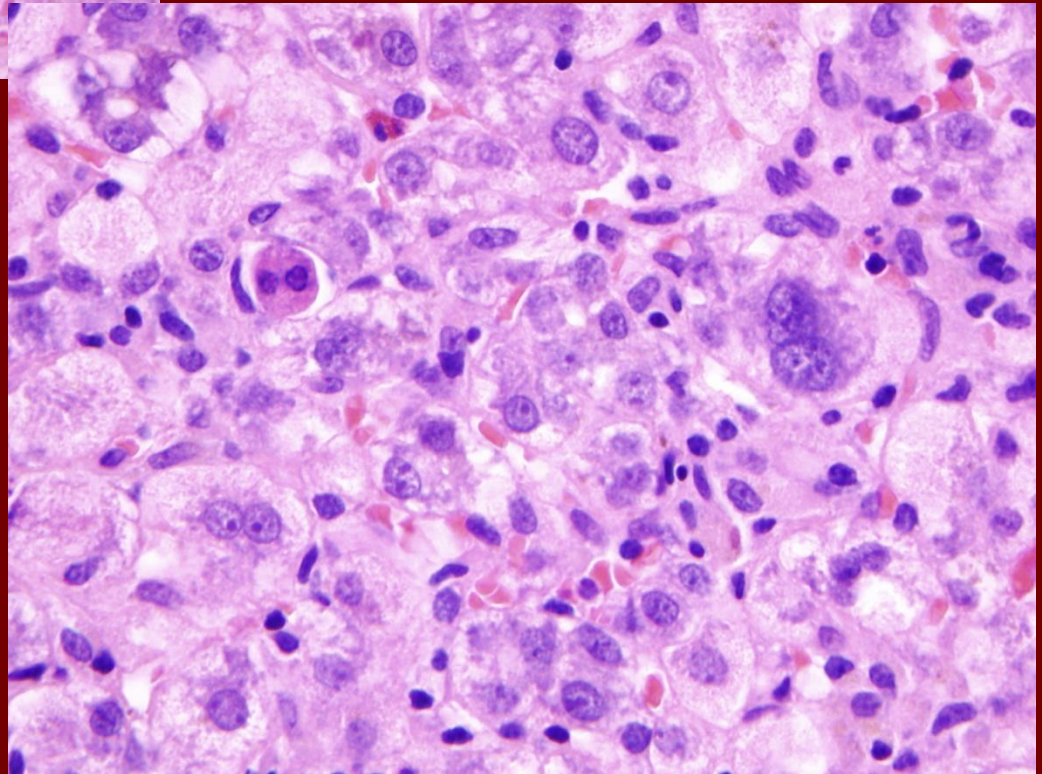
- It can mimic all kind of liver alteration
- CH, fibrosis, cirrhosis, steatosis, granuloma, tumor: adenoma (o.c., anabolic steroids), sarcoma (vinyl-chlorid, thorotrast)
- INH, nitrofurantoin, methotrexat, sulfonamide etc

## ■ *Adaptive changes*

- Ground glass hepatocytes (P450, sER), increase of lysosomes (lipofuscin granules)



## Toxic liver injury





# Alcohol-related liver disease

(J.Hepatol. 2019. 70:521-530)

- 2.4 billion people (m:1.5, f: 0.9)
- 2 million die of liver diseases each yr
- Alcohol use disorders as chronic and relapsing disease affects 1 in 10 individuals in Western world
- 50% of mortality with cirrhosis caused by alcohol
- Total per capita consumption of alcohol varies from continent to continent, from country.... (US: 10L/adult, France:12-13 L UK:11-12. Italy: 7-8L, Eastern Europe:11-13L, North Africa/Middle East: 0-2L)
- Co-factors – influence progression and prognosis (fatty liver, metabolic syndrome, viral hepatitis, genetic factors – „lipid genes” etc)
- Higher risk of severe complications  $\geq 210$  g/w in men,  $\geq 140$  g/w in women

# Alcoholic and non alcoholic liver disease

- ALD : alcoholic liver disease
- ASH : alcoholic steatohepatitis
- NAFLD : non alcoholic fatty liver disease
- NASH : non alcoholic steatohepatitis

# Forms of alcohol-related liver diseases (1.)

(broad spectrum) XX

- *Alcoholic steatosis* (Fatty liver)
  - Most common
- *Alcoholic hepatitis*
- *Alcoholic cirrhosis*
  - with or without steatosis

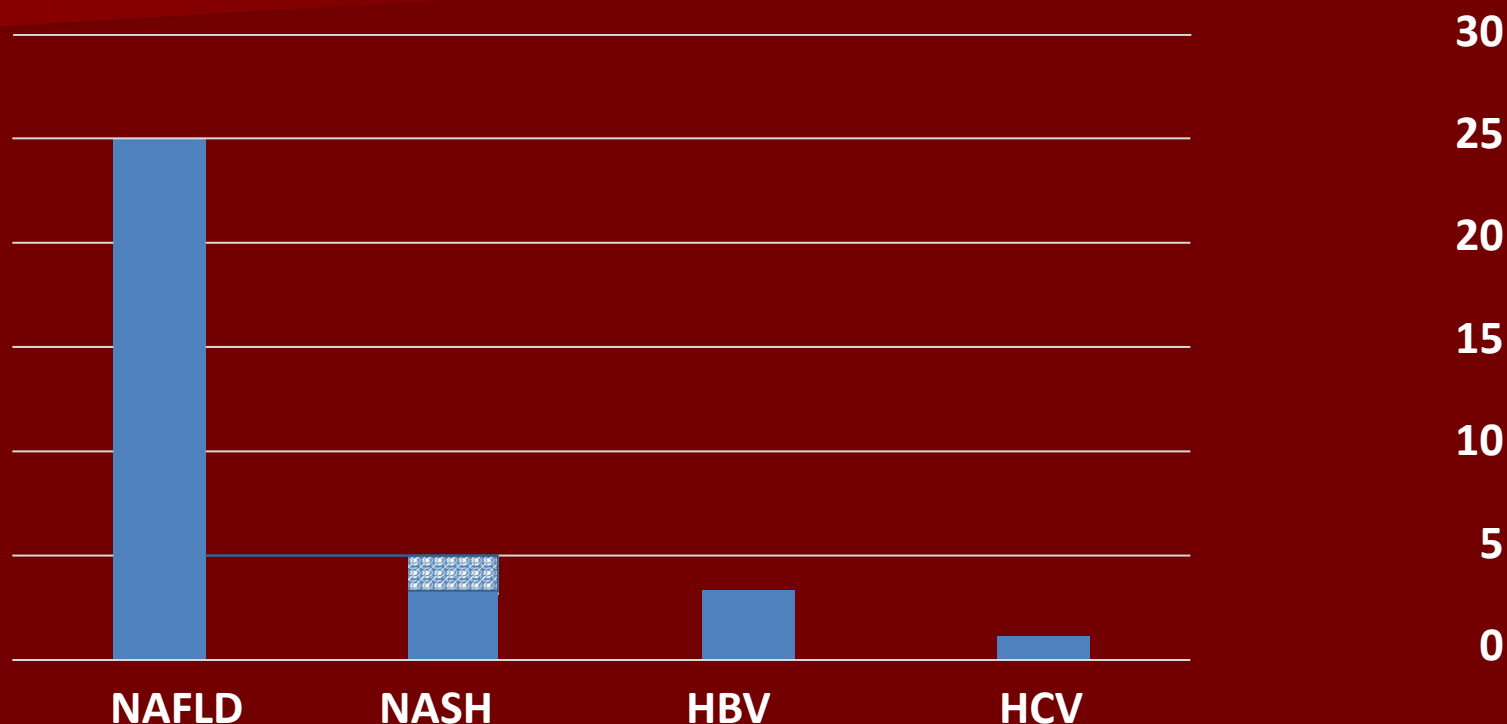
# Forms of alcohol-related liver diseases (2) X

- *Alcoholic steatosis* (Fatty liver)
  - Most common
- *Alcoholic hepatitis*
  - rapid onset of jaundice, malaise, anorexia, fever, abd.pain, leukocytosis, GOT incr  $\geq 50$  IU/ml, etc.
  - „acute-on-chronic” liver failure (hepatic and extrahepatic organ failure, mortality up to 30%), but, may be asymptomatic
  - Liver cell necrosis (mainly central), Mallory bodies (alcoholic hyalin), neutrophils, perivenular fibrosis
  - Appr. 3% progress to cirrhosis annually
  - 3 groups:
    - „definite alcoholic hepatitis”, „probably alc.hep.”, „possible alc.hep.”
  - Grades („scorings”):
    - mild, moderate, severe
- *Alcoholic cirrhosis*
  - with or without steatosis

- **NAFLD is the most prevalent chronic liver disorder worldwide**
- **Due to the increasing prevalence of metabolic syndrome and aging of the population, NAFLD prevalence and complications (including HCC) are projected to increase**
- **As many as 40 to 50% of HCC associated with NAFLD occur in non cirrhotic livers**
- **The most important risk factors for HCC in NAFLD are metabolic**
- **Lifestyle modifications are currently the most effective measures to reduce the risk of HCC in NAFLD**



# Global prevalence of major chronic liver disorders



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# Etiology of NAFLD/NASH XX

## **Metabolic**

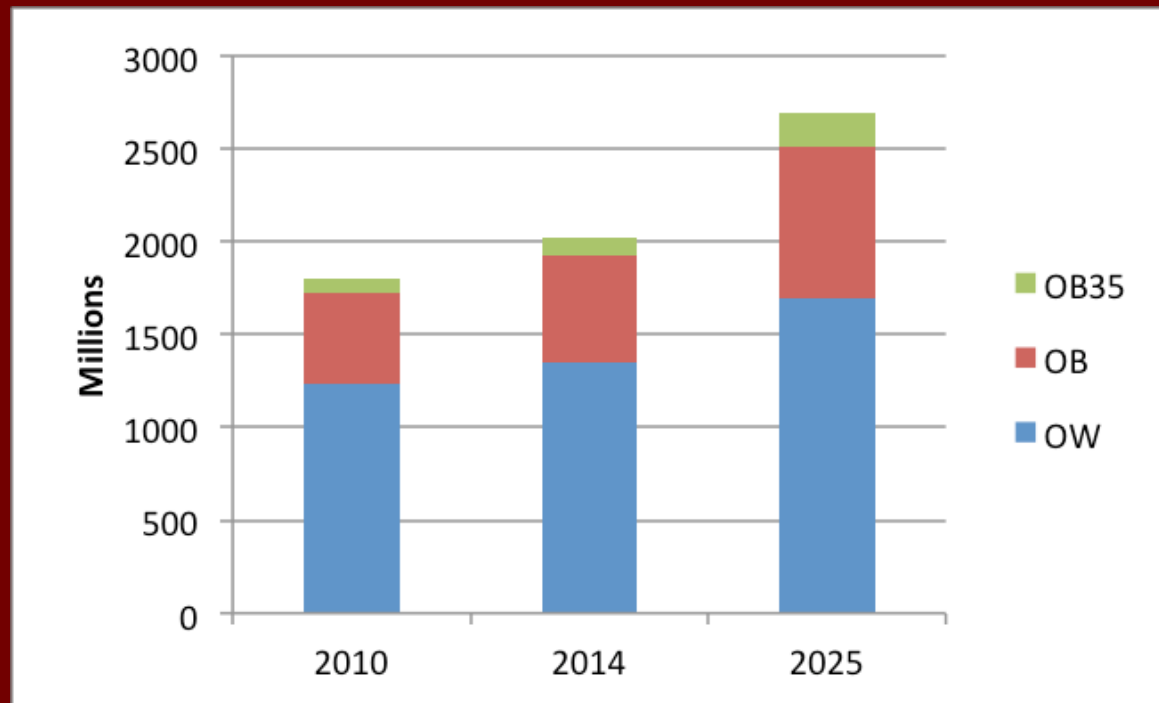
obesity, type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM),  
hyperlipidaemia, metabolic syndrome etc.)

**Drugs** (corticosteroids, synthetic estrogens etc)

**Surgery** (small bowel resection, jejunoileal bypass,  
etc.)

**Other** ( $\alpha$  -  $\beta$  lipoproteinaemia, etc)

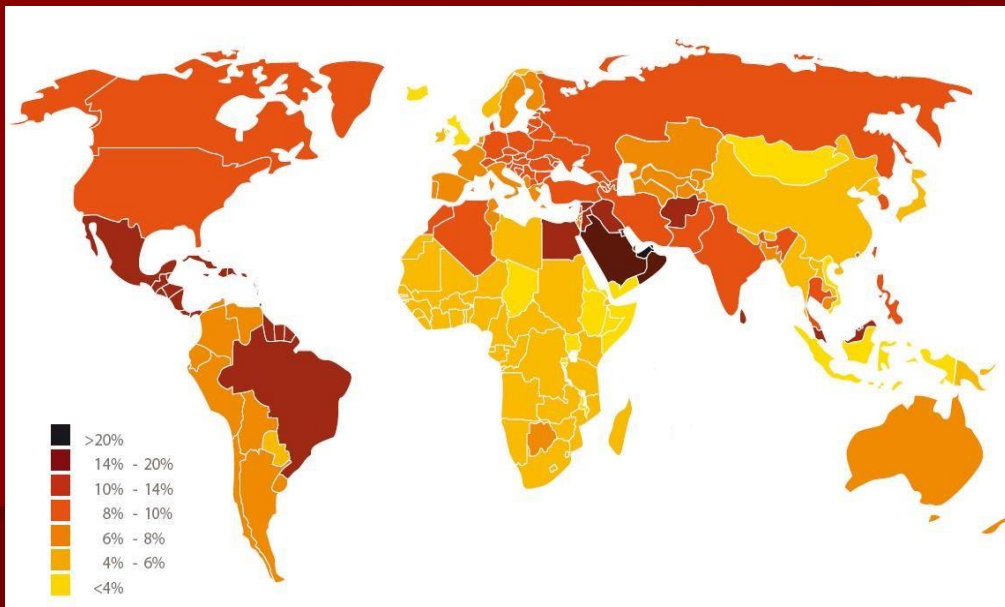
## Trends for global overweight, obesity and severe obesity



<http://blog.wcrf.org/wpcontent/uploads/2015/09/WOGraph.png>



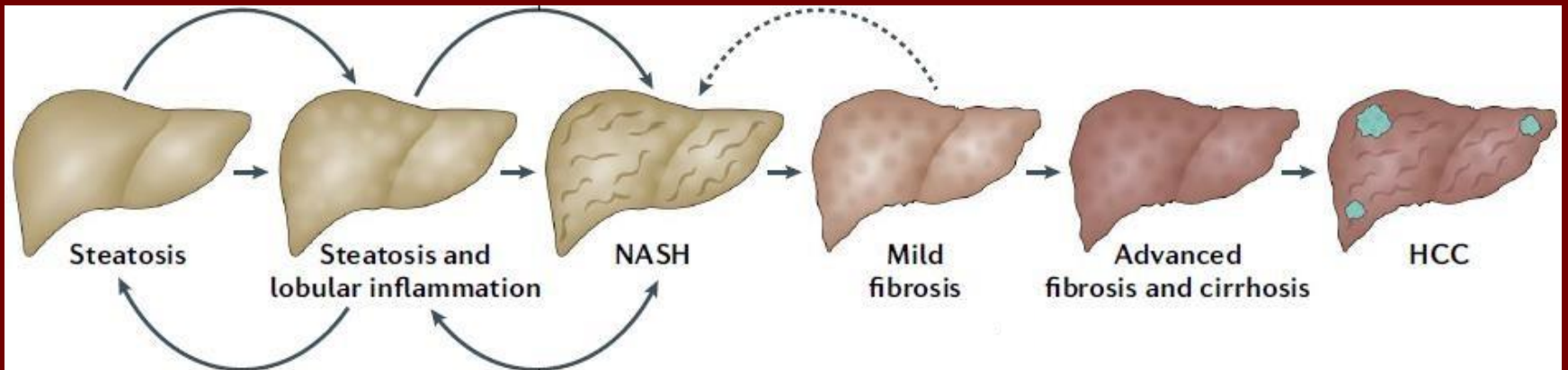
**Diabetes  
in 2010**



**Diabetes  
in 2025**

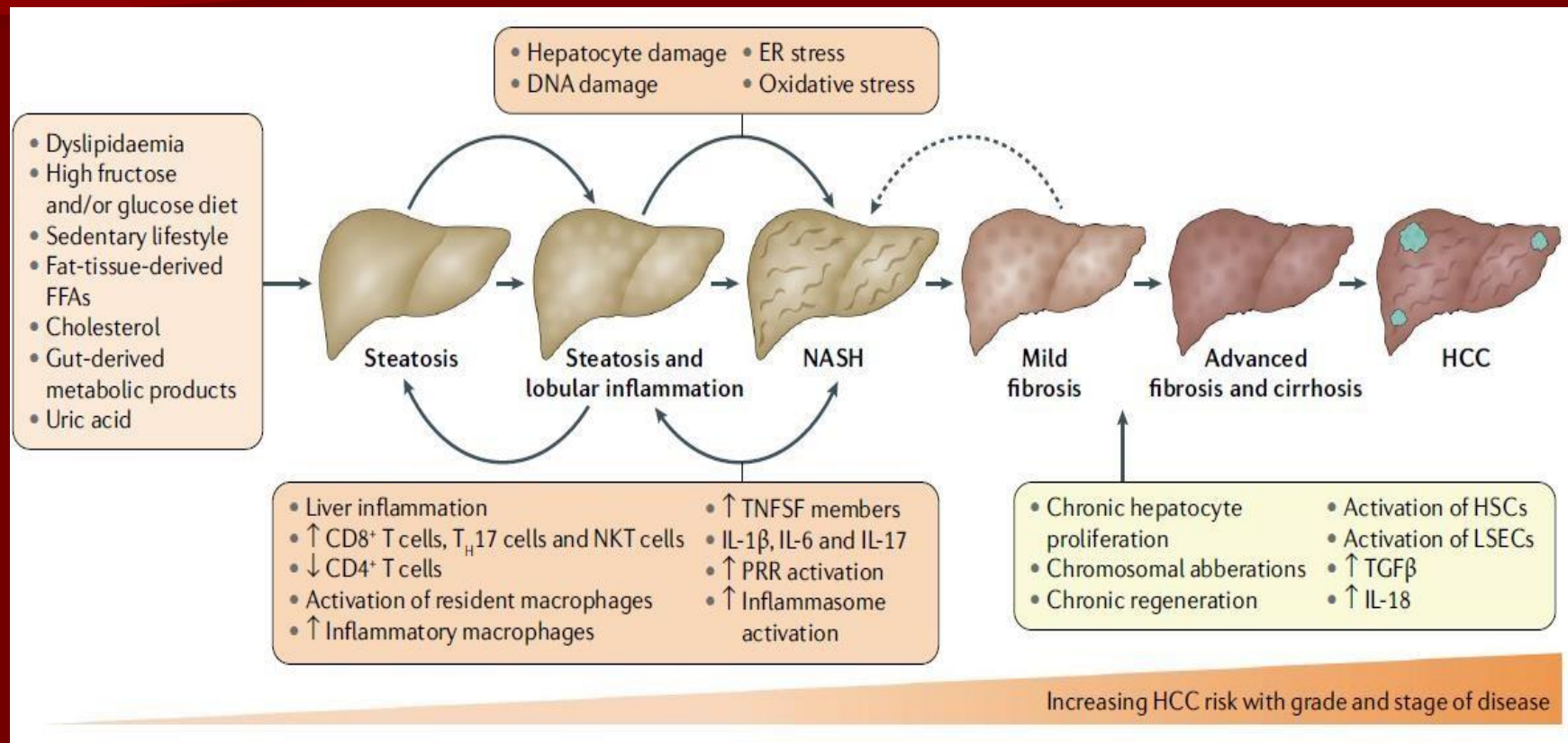
Source: [www.who.org](http://www.who.org)

# Natural history of NAFLD X



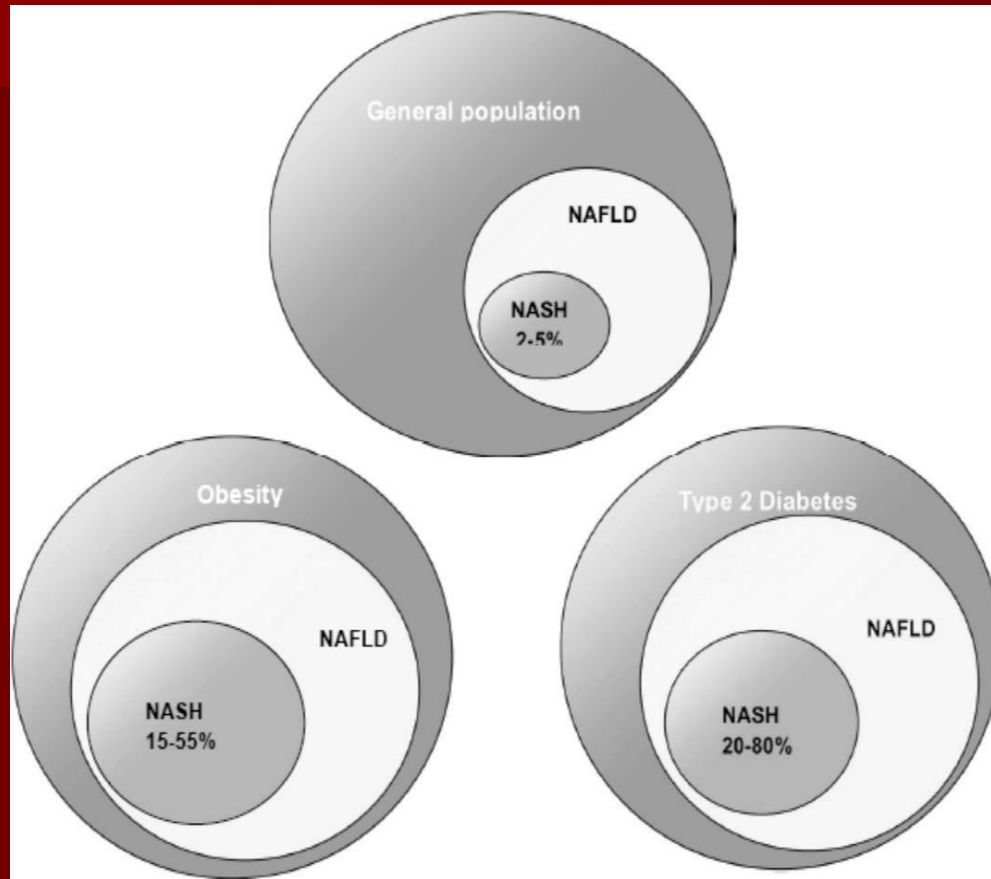
Adapted from ANSTEE Q, et al. Nat Rev Gastroenterol Hepatol 2019;16:411-428

# The risk of HCC progresses together with the progression of NAFLD grade and stage



# NAFLD The dimension of the problem

**Obesity**  
1 billion persons  
overweight or obese  
around the world

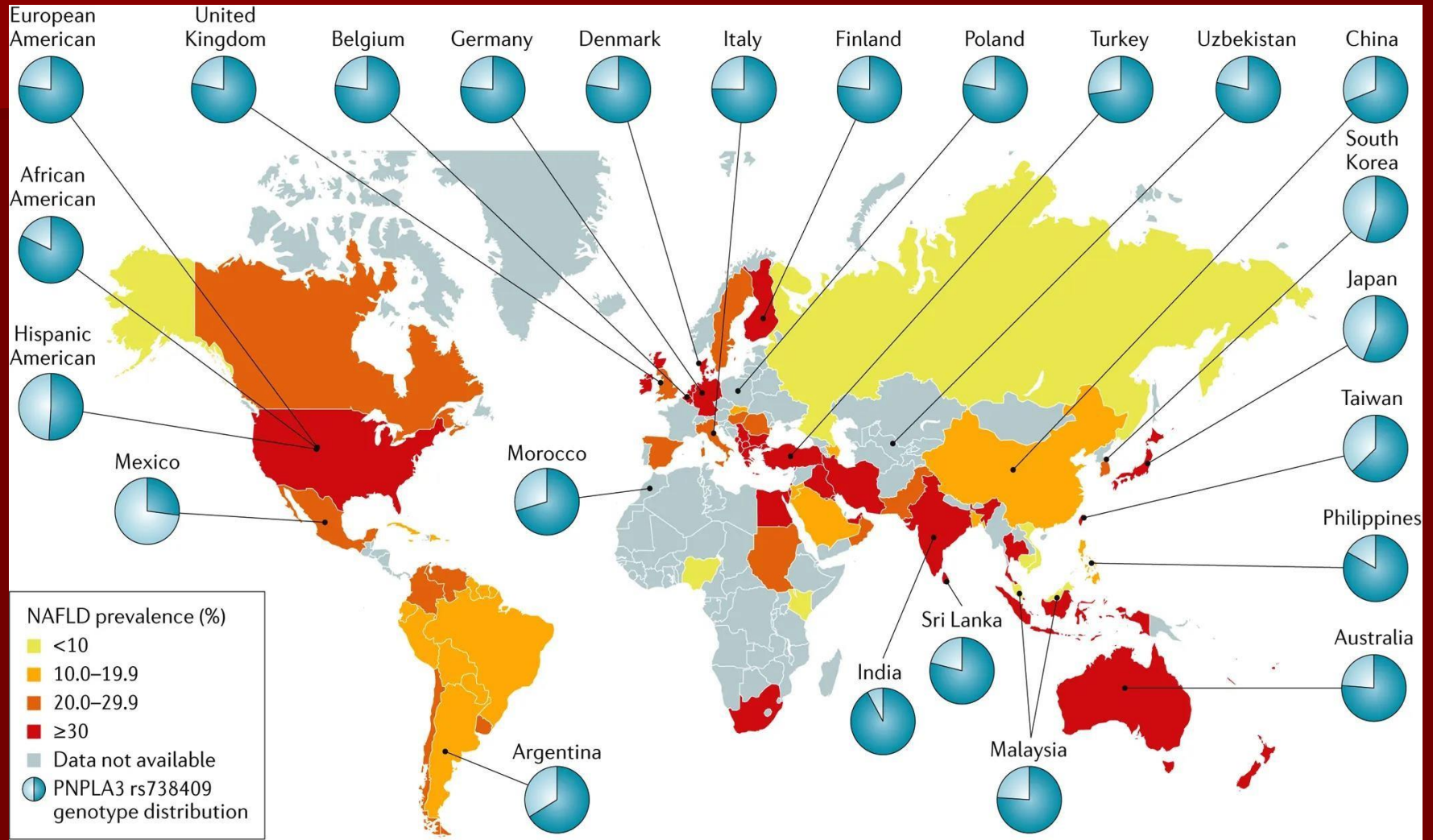


Hepatologists only see the most severe cases (the tip of iceberg), and have a scarce idea of the global extent of disease

**Diabetes**  
> 380 milion cases  
(550 in 2030)

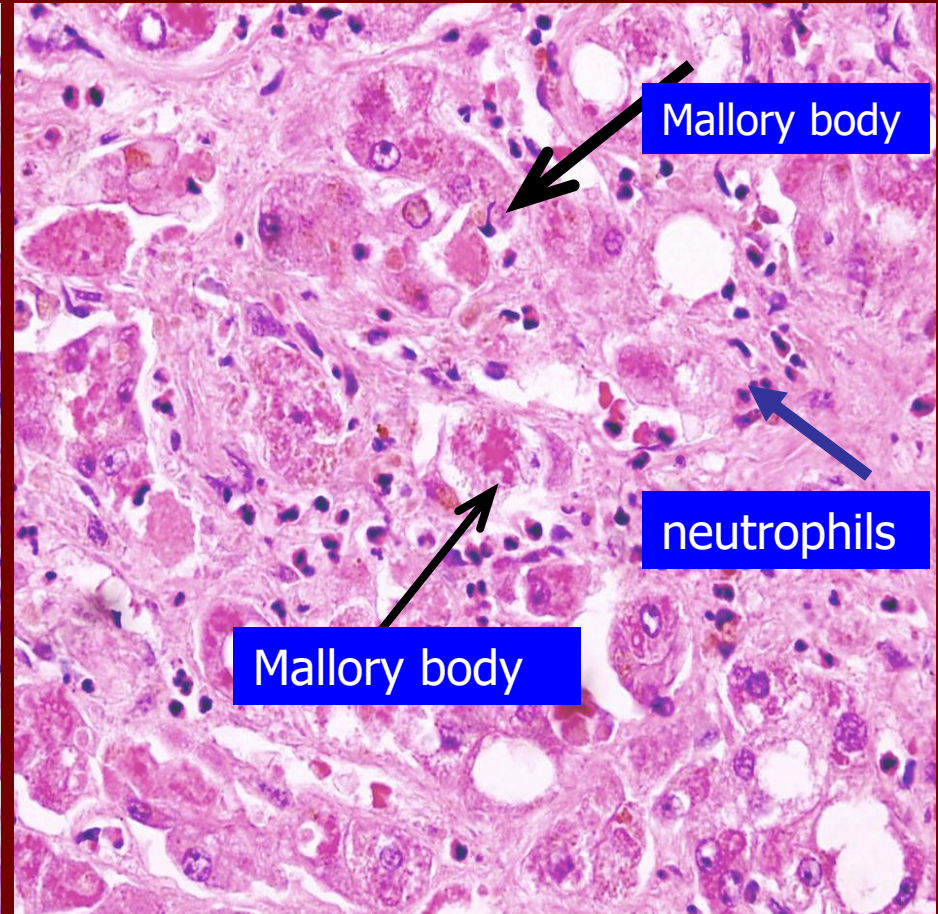
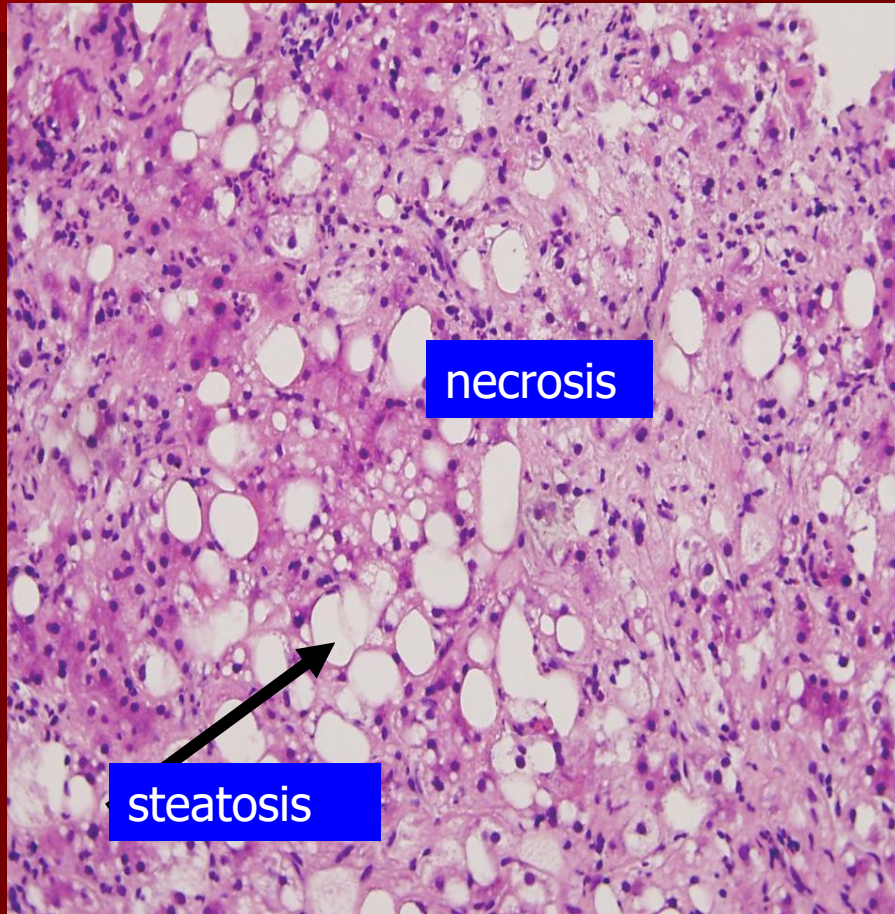


# NAFLD affects one quarter of the global population





# Histology of ASH/ NASH X



# Histology and NAFLD

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« Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) includes a spectrum of histological changes that begin with simple fatty infiltration of the liver (NAFL), which may gradually progress to the development of chronic inflammation (NASH), fibrosis, and ultimately cirrhosis. .... Currently, there are no clear criteria to identify this group of patients.” *Draft Guidance from FDA, Dec 2018*

\* If a diagnosis of NASH is required, then liver biopsy is necessary

- NAFLD clinical trials (eligibility and end-points)
  - Comorbidities
  - Suspicion of advanced liver disease
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# Definition of NASH (X)

## Histology

Similar to ASH

inflammation (lobular / portal)

Mallory bodies (+ / -)

fibrosis /cirrhosis

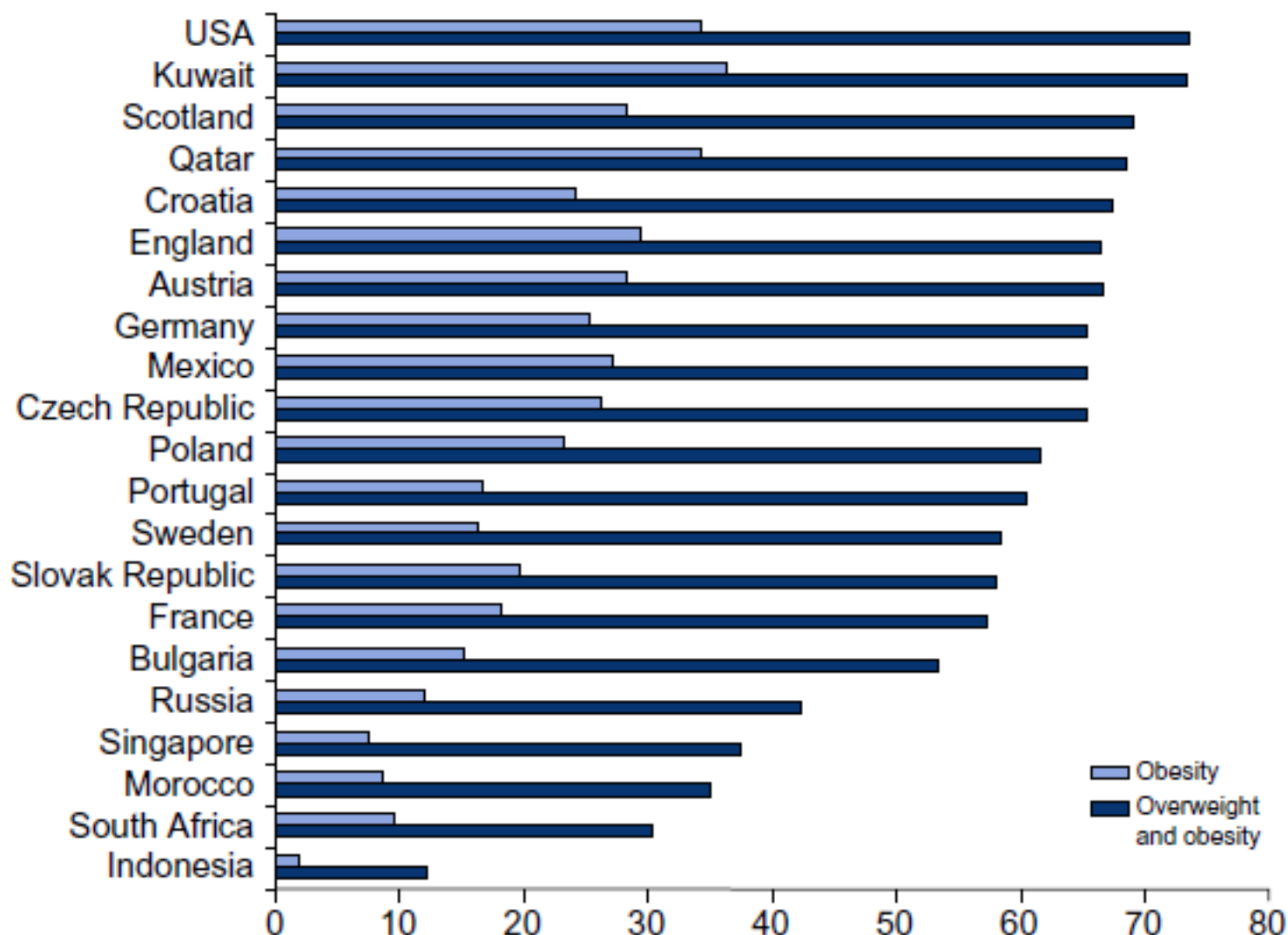
No alcohol abusos

No other liver disease

# Obesity and diabetes as risk factors for NALD and NASH (J.Hepatol. 2019)

- T2DM is on rise
- 400 million with diabetes (in 2015), 90% T2DM (WHO)
- Diabetes-caused deaths 1,5 million in 2012
- diabetes begins to increase around puberty especially in children who are overweight
- The prevalence of NASH/NAFLD in T2DM over 60%
- T2DM accelerates the course of NAFLD, and is a predictor of advanced fibrosis and mortality





**Fig. 1. Countries with the highest adult prevalence rate of overweight and obesity.** (World Population: 7,505,257,673 and World Obesity Population: 774,000,000).<sup>8,20</sup>

# Obesity and overweight in children

(WHO 2016, J.Hepatol 2019)

- 41 million children under 5 yrs overweight or obese
- 340 million between 5 – 19 yrs overweight or obese
- The numbers vary from country to country...

# NAFLD and NASH (X)

- NAFLD – global prevalence 25%
- NASH - global prevalence 3 – 5%
- Varies from country to country, with age, with ethnicity

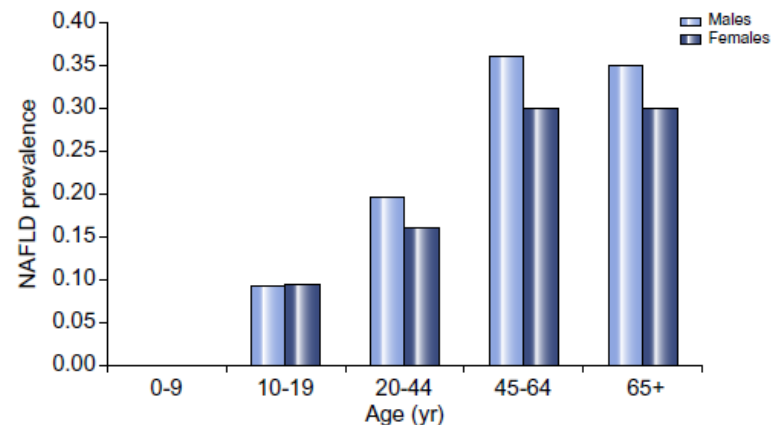


Fig. 2. Trends in the prevalence of NAFLD by age.<sup>7,13</sup> NAFLD, non-alcoholic fatty liver disease.

# Lean NAFLD

- BMI is lean
- But: may be
  - metabolic abnormality
  - congenital or acquired lipodystrophy
  - Genetic factors (PNPLA3 allele etc)
  - Congenital defects of metabolism (lysosomal acid lipase deficiency)
  - Endocrine disorders (polycystic ovarian sy, hypothyreodism, growth hormon deficiency)



# Mortality in NAFLD

- Cardiovascular disease – 5-10 % in NAFLD
- Associated metabolic syndromes
- Cirrhosis
- HCC – 7 fold increase
- Transplantation



## Prof Francesco Negro: Natural History of NASH and HCC

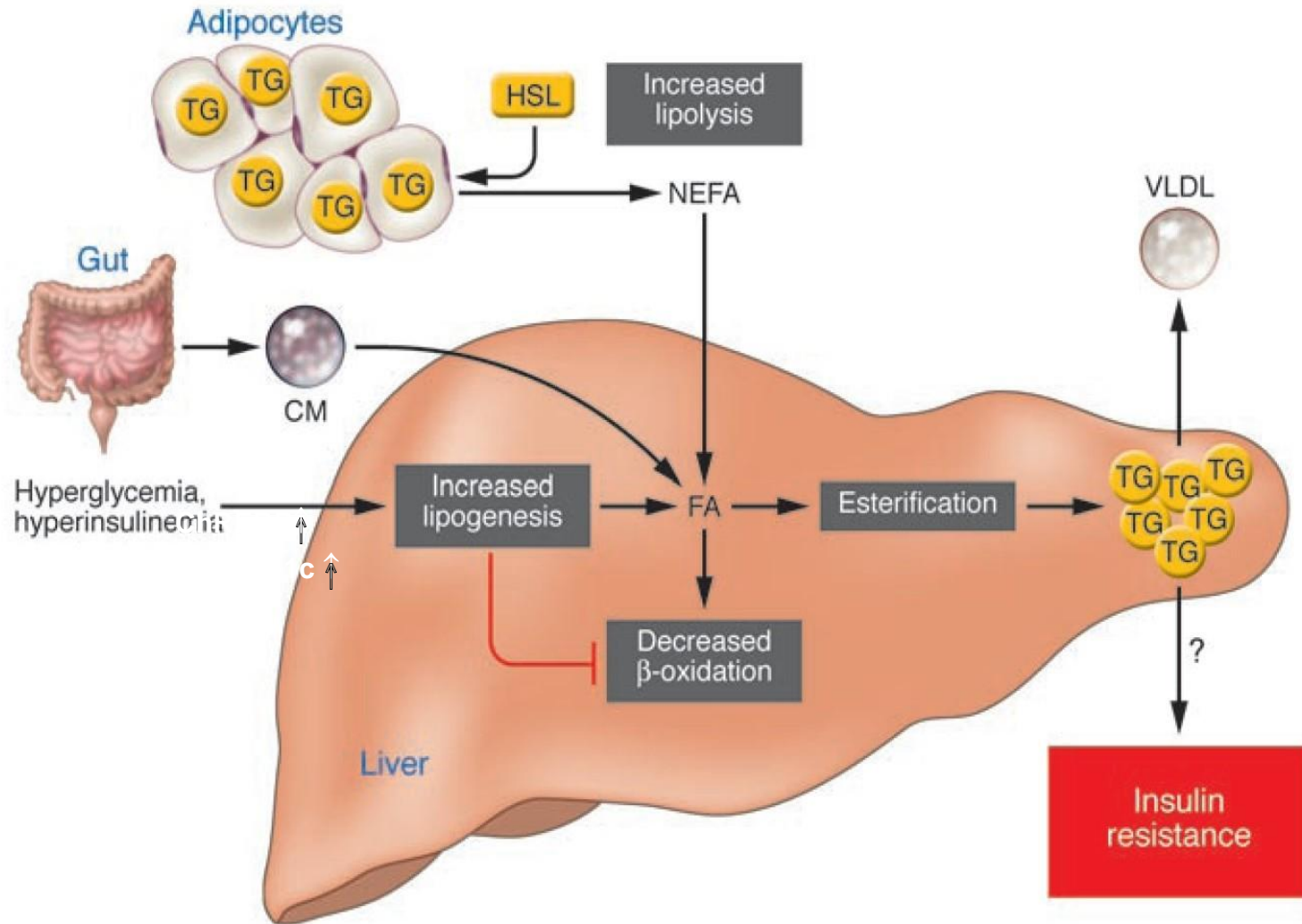
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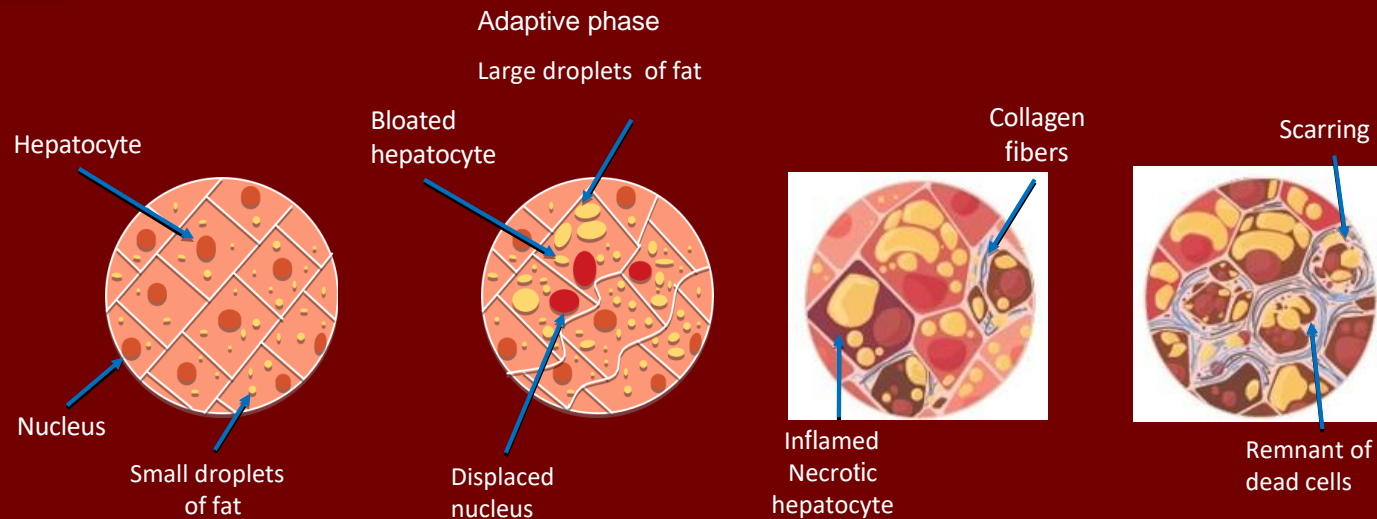
# Prof Massimo Pinzani:

## PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF NAFLD AND NASH

### Metabolic Defects Leading to Steatosis



# NASH Fibrosis: Stage-dependent Mechanisms



## No evident necrosis

Defective Autophagy  
LIPOTOXICITY  
Oxidative Stress Genetic factors

## Evident necrosis

Chronic Wound Healing Increase  
intestinal permeability Complex  
inflammatory networks Genetic factors

# CIRRHOSIS (1) XX

- Cirrhosis is the **end stage of chronic liver diseases** characterized by destruction of normal hepatic architecture by fibrous septa, formation of regenerative nodules
  - (fibrotic septa, death/regeneration of hepatocytes, ductular reaction and varying degree of inflammation)

# Classification of cirrhosis XX

- *Morphological* (based on nodular pattern)
  - Micronodular (3 mm, Laennec, „portal, septal, nutritional“)
  - Macronodular („postnecrotic, posthepatitic, multilobular“)
  - mixed
- *Etiological*
  - Alcoholic, nutritional
  - Viral, postnecrotic, toxic, autoimmune
  - Metabolic (diabetes – NASH, Fe, Wilson, AAT, glycogenosis, tyrosinemia, Gaucher, Niemann-Pick etc)
  - Biliary (primary, secondary)
  - Other (infectious agents etc)

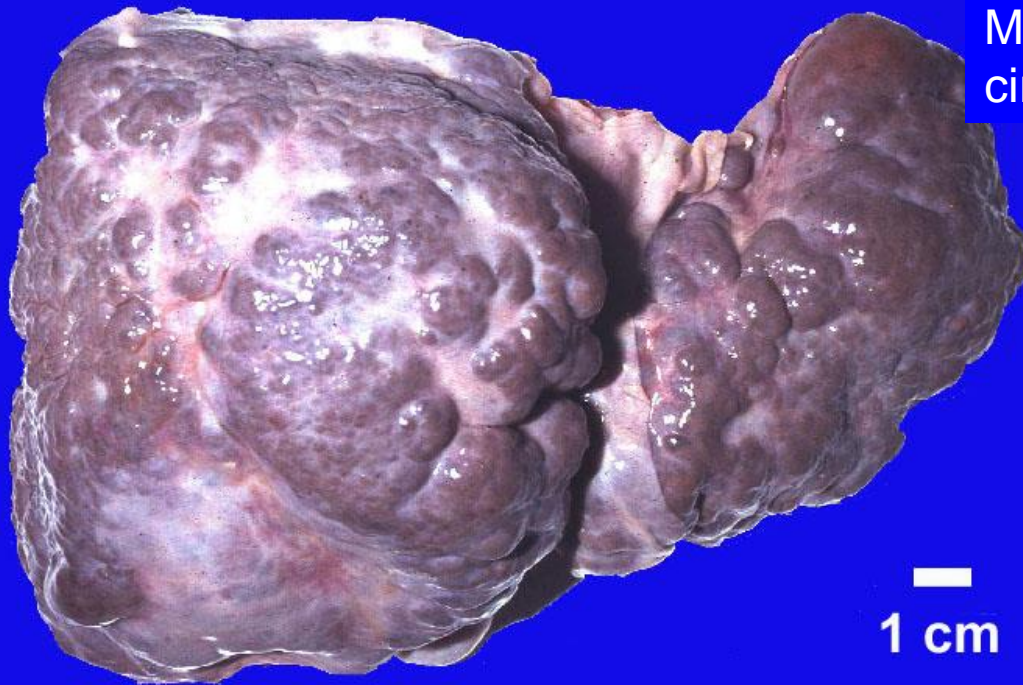


Micronodular cirrhosis



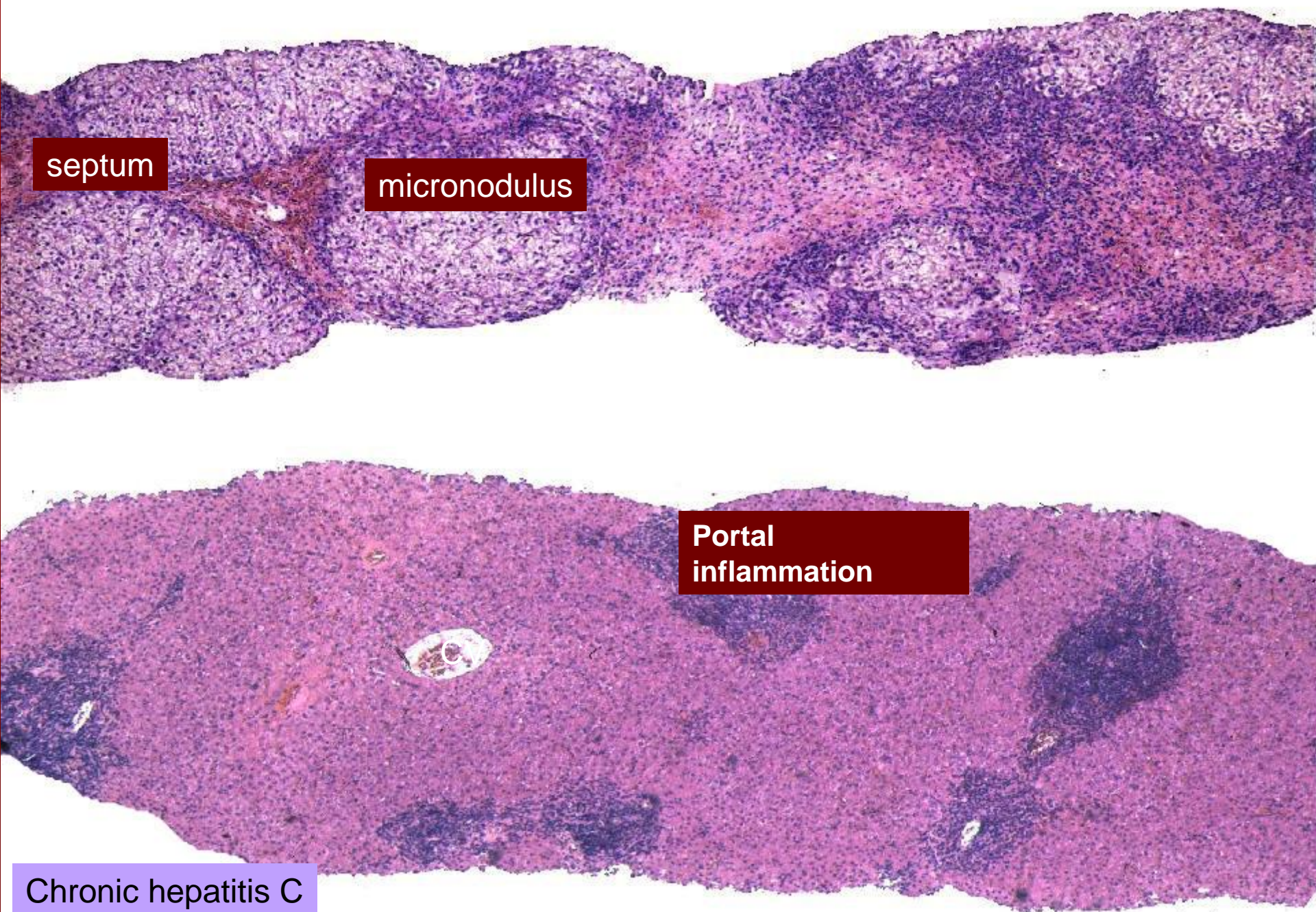
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Macronodular/mixed  
cirrhosis

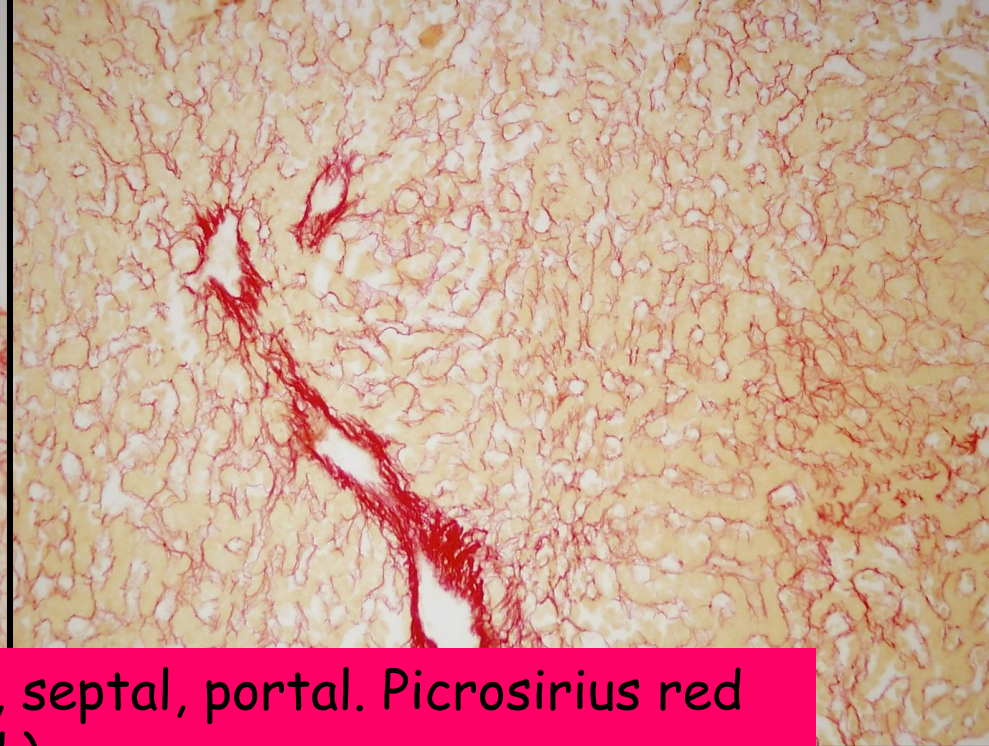
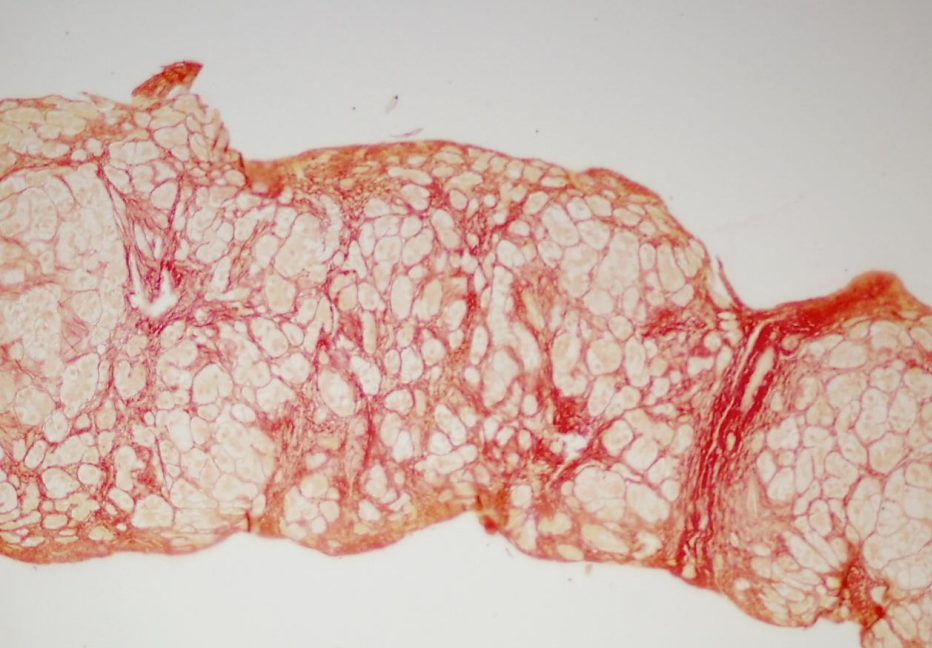




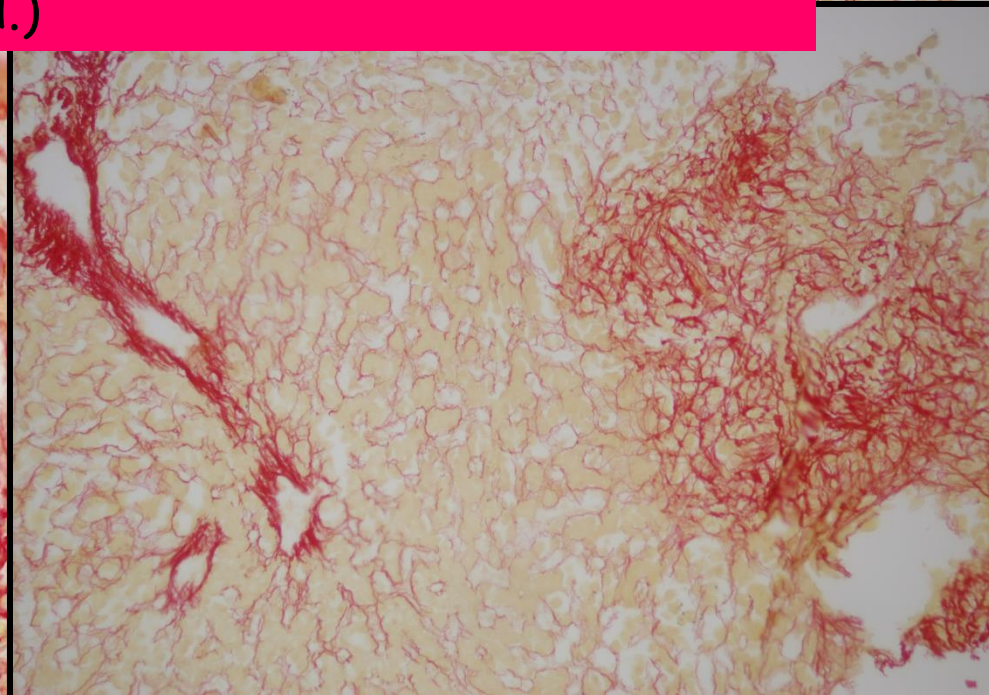
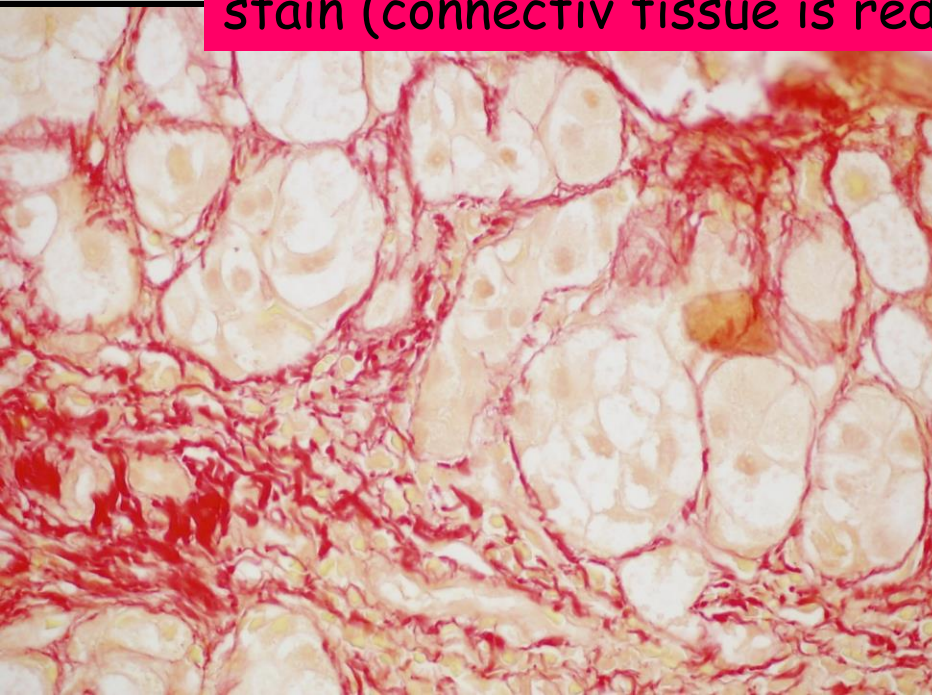
Micronodular cirrhosis. HE staining





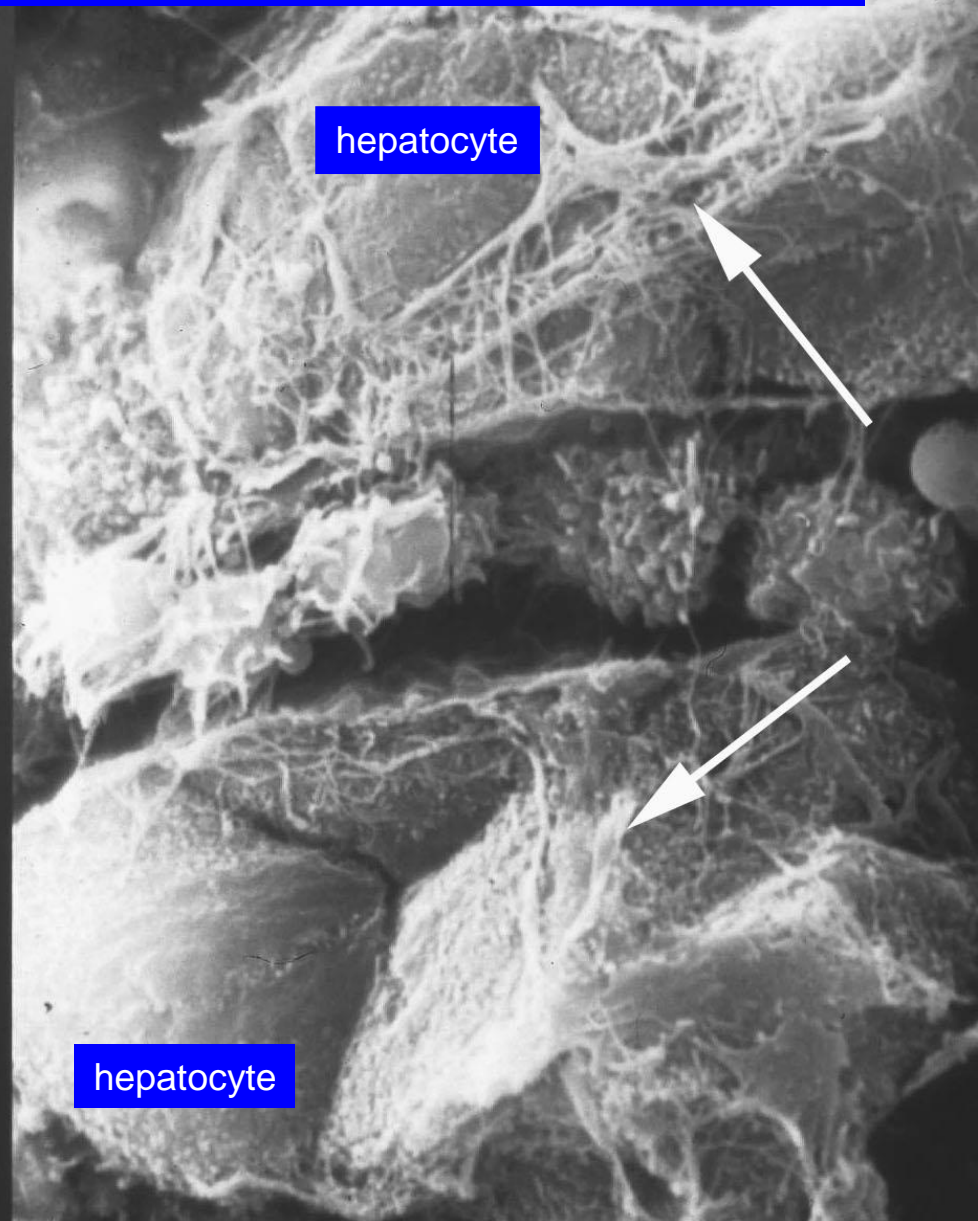
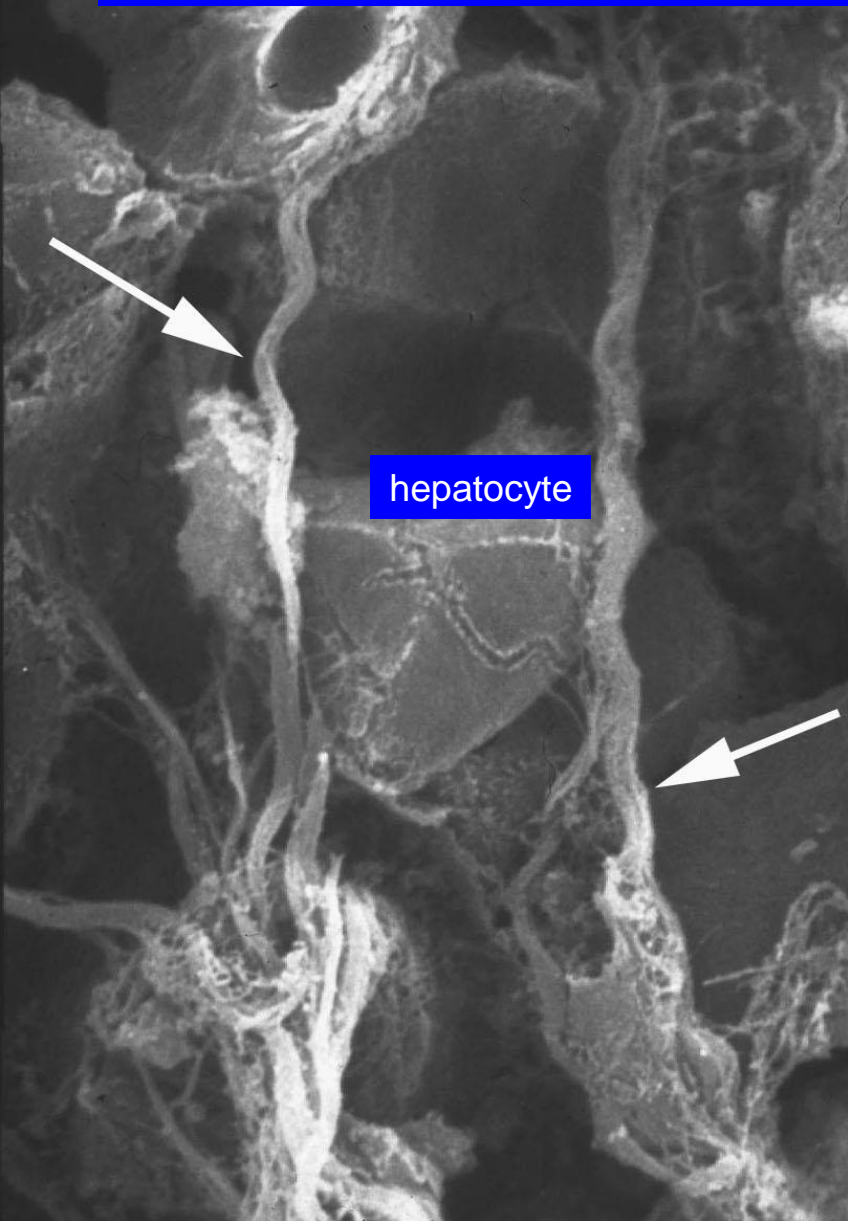


Severe fibrosis: pericellular, septal, portal. Picrosirius red stain (connectiv tissue is red.)





Distorsion of the liver architecture, formation of septa and nodules. Change in microcirculation, hepatocyte polarity etc



# Features and complication of cirrhosis (1) XX

## — Liver insufficiency

- Icterus
- Hepatic encephalopathy (I-IV stadium)
- Foetor hepaticus
- Hepatorenal syndrom
- Coagulation disturbances
- Hypalbuminaemia
- Endocrin alterations (feminisation, gynecomastia, testicular atrophy, impotencia, spider nevi, erythema plantare, palmare etc)

# Features and complication of cirrhosis (2) XX

## ■ Liver insufficiency (2)

### — Portal hypertension

- Causes: prehepatic (v.portae thrombosis), intrahepatic (cirrhosis, PBC, Shistosomiasis), posthepatic (hepatic veins thrombosis – Budd-Chiari-syndrome, veno-occlusive disease)

### ■ Consequences

- Ascites
- Varices (esophageal, portosystemic shunt, anorectal, caput medusae)
- Splenomegaly (hypersplenism)

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**Caput medusae  
gynecomastia**

**VIDEO**



# Nemesánszky-Schaff-Szalay Hepatologia Oktató CD 2004 Falk



# Clubbing of the nails





# „Ground glass” nails



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Spider nevi



# Spider nevus





# Causes of death in cirrhosis XX

- Varix rupture  
(bleeding esophageal  
varices)
- Hepatic failure  
(encephalopathy)
- Intercurrent diseases



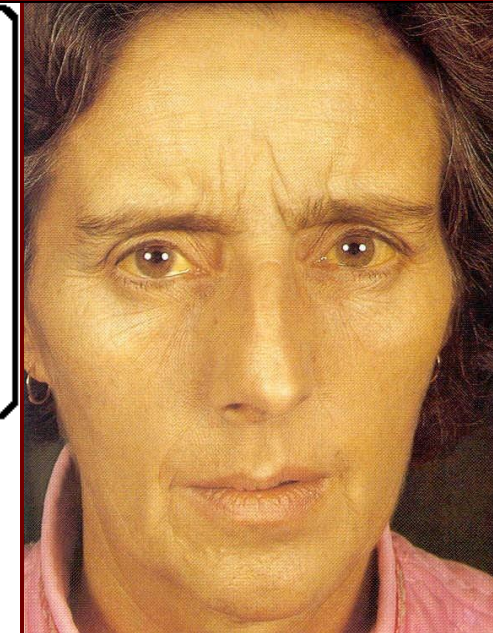
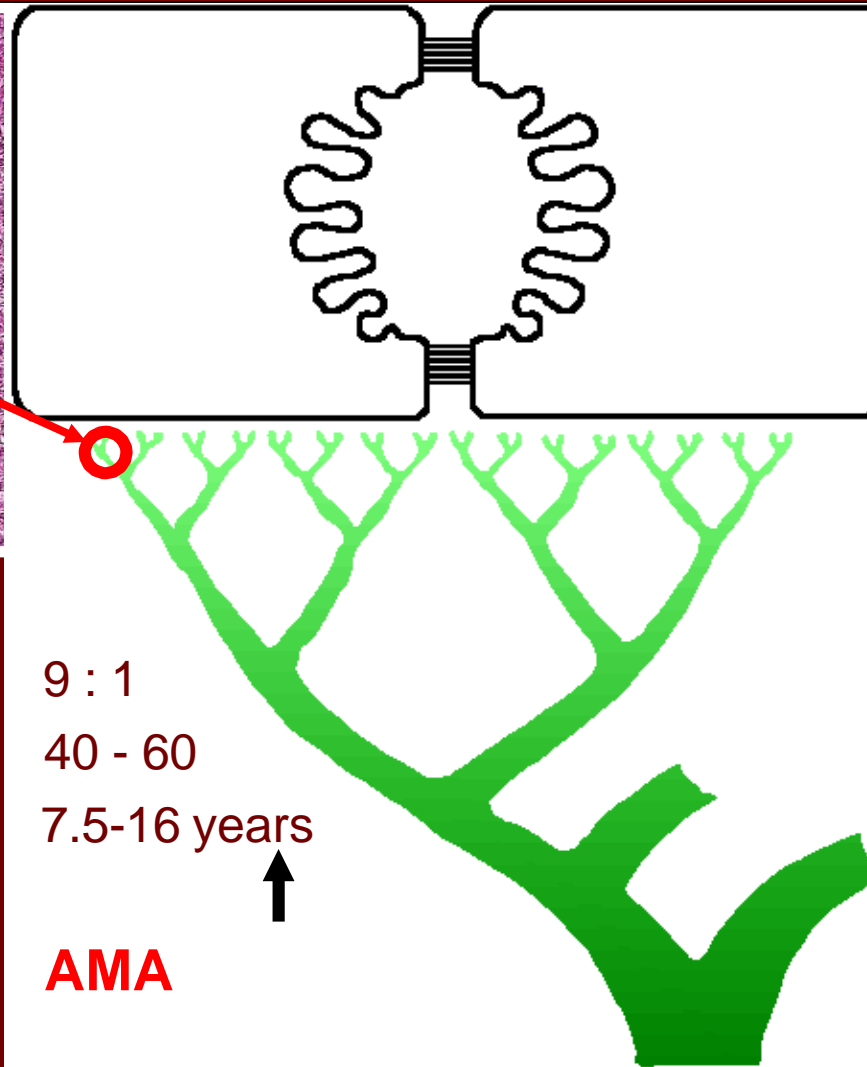
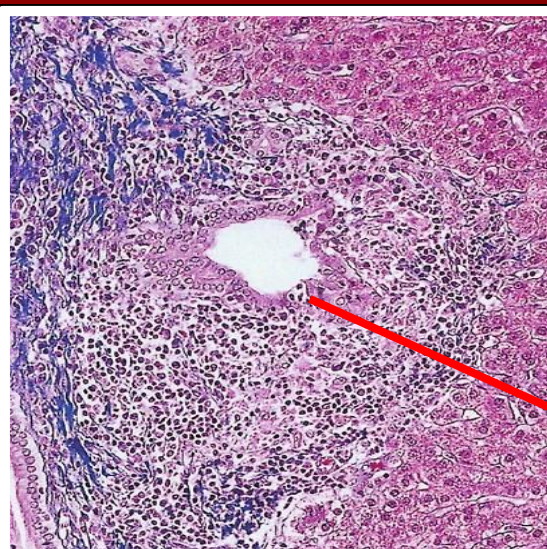
# Diseases of intrahepatic biliary system

## XX

- Primary biliary „cirrhosis“ - **cholangitis** (PBC)
  - Autoimmune, female predominance, ALP, AMA, seBi, hist:: non supp. cholangitis, ductular proliferation, bile duct loss, „cirrhosis“. 4 stadiums
- Secondary biliary cirrhosis
  - Following bile duct obstruction (stone, tumor, structure), bile duct dilatation, cholestasis
- Primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC)
  - Autoimmune, male predominancy, colitis ulcerosa, medial/large bile duct narrowing , onion skin fibrosis

# Primary biliary cholangitis\* (PBC)

## Characteristics



Sherlock and Summerfield, 1991

## Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Pruritus
- Sicca syndrome
- ...

Florid, non-suppurative, destructive cholangitis

**Women : Men** Age at diagnosis

**Survival** without treatment

**Cholestasis** ALP,  $\gamma$ GT

**Autoantibodies**

9 : 1

40 - 60

7.5-16 years



**AMA**

# Primary biliary cholangitis:

## *Potential pathogenetic mechanisms*

**Immune-mediated bile duct injury**



**Aggravation of bile duct injury  
by hydrophobic bile acids**



**Cholestasis with retention of  
hydrophobic bile acids in liver**



**Fibrosis, cirrhosis**



**Liver failure**

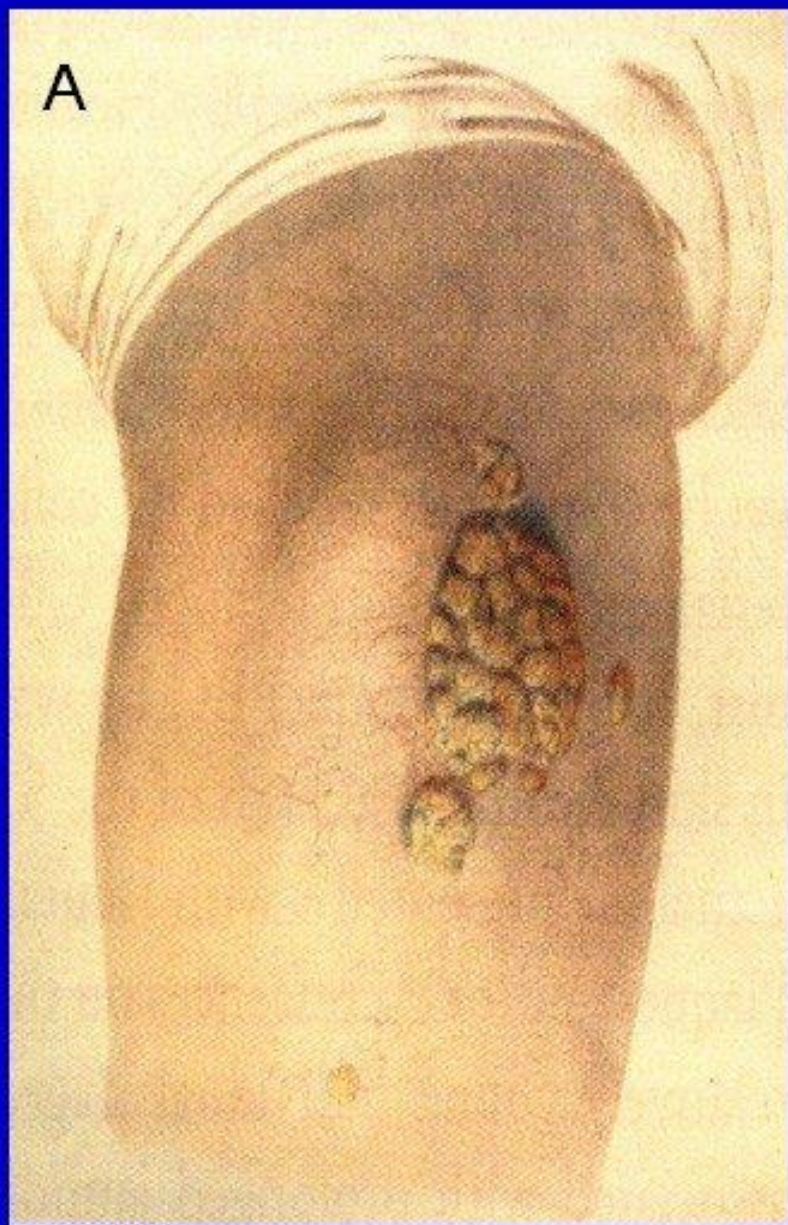
Genetic  
Predisposition

Environmental  
factors  
(molecular mimicry)

Cellular/humoral  
immune response



Xanthomák PBC-s beteg könyökén. A: Addison rajza (1851) B: Foto 1981

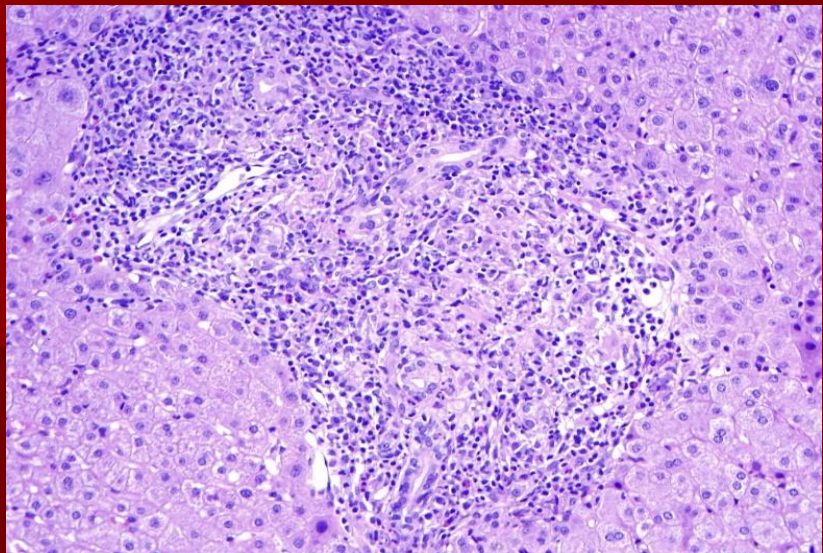




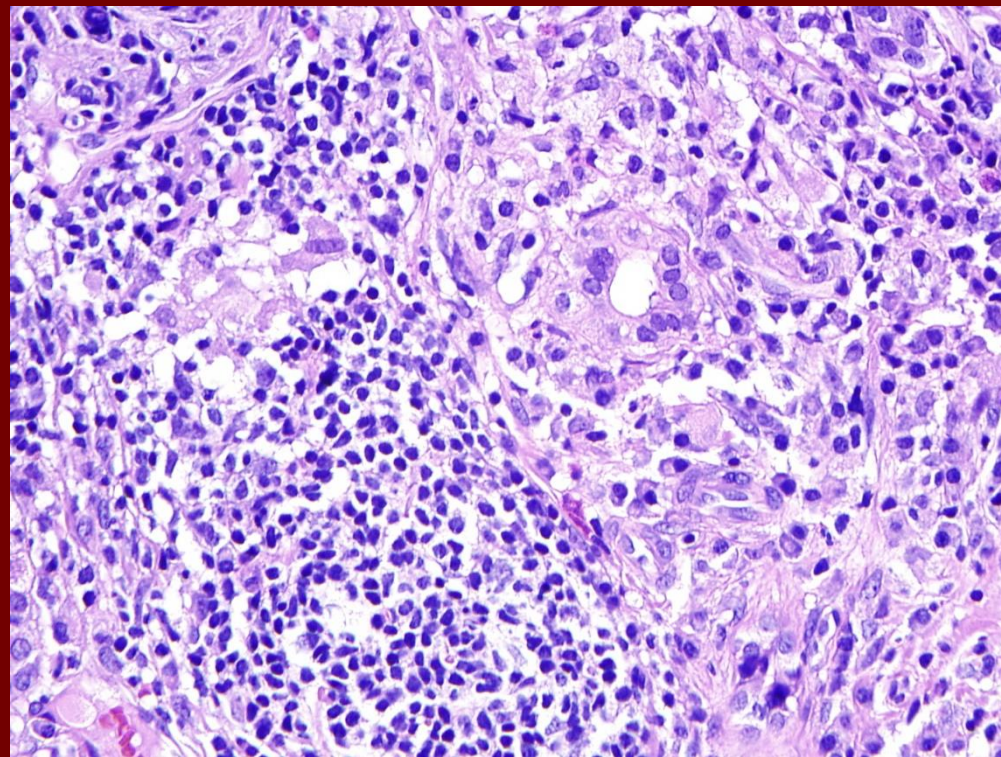
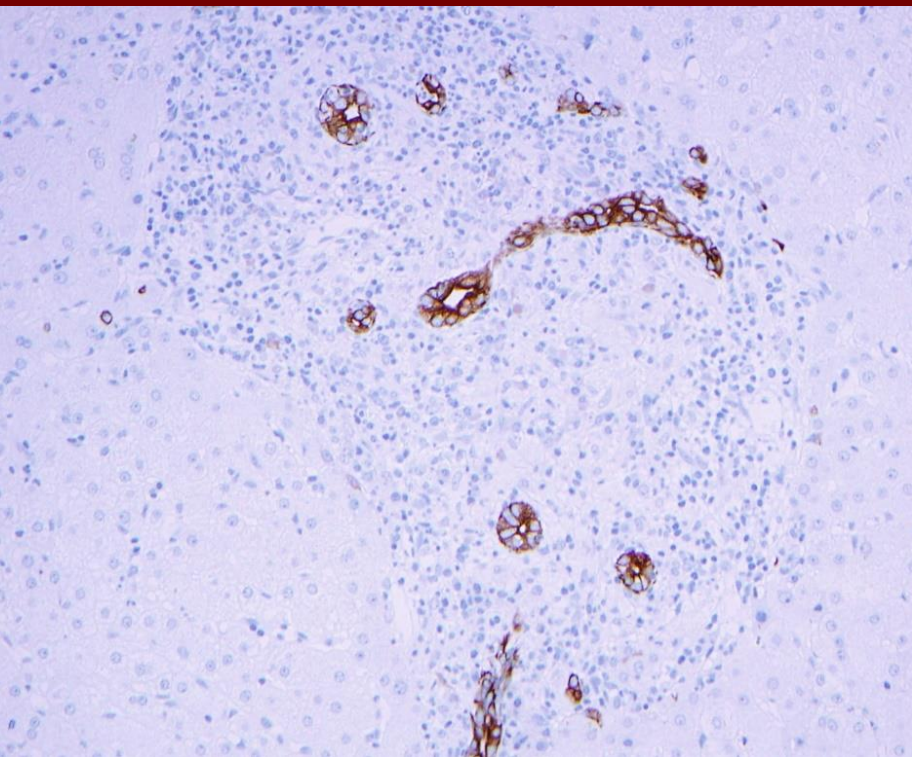
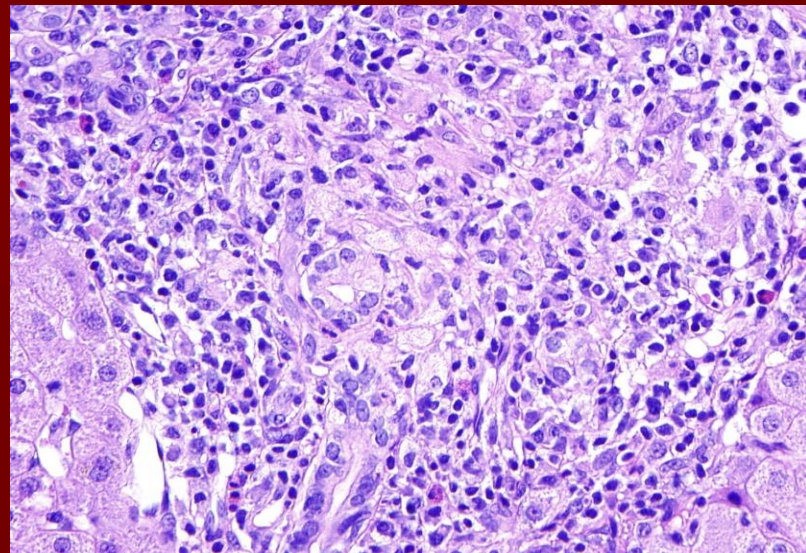
# Xanthomatosis PBC-s beteg tenyerén







PBC





# PSC ERCP KÉPE



Szűkületek-  
tágulatok

Gyöngyfűzér-  
szerű kép

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# Primer sclerotisáló cholangitis ERCP

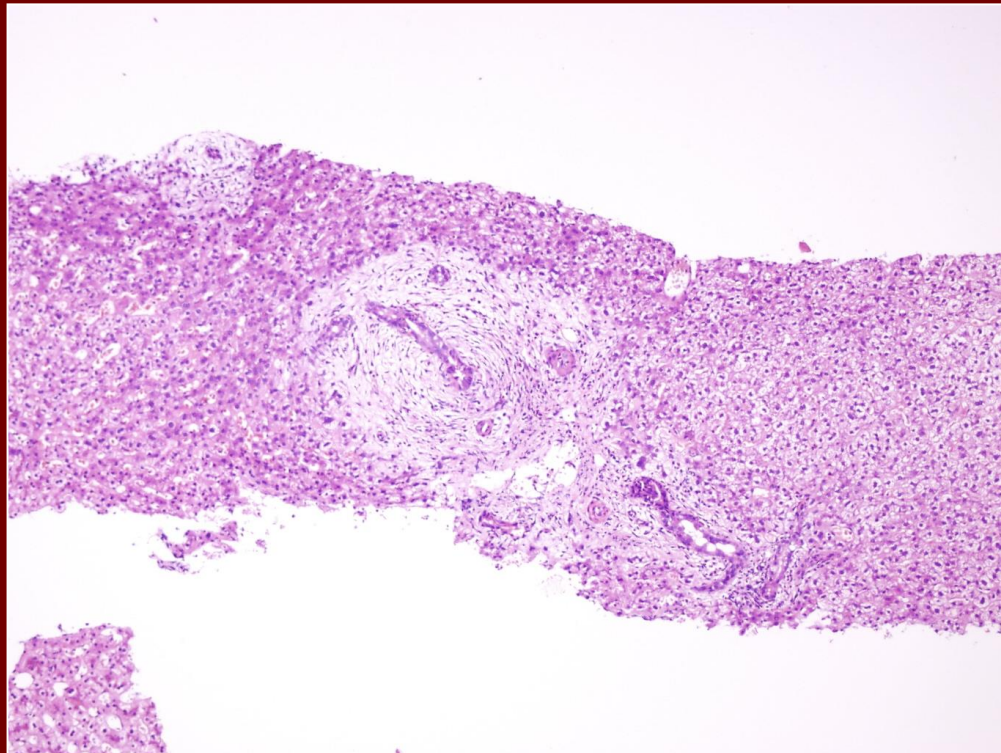
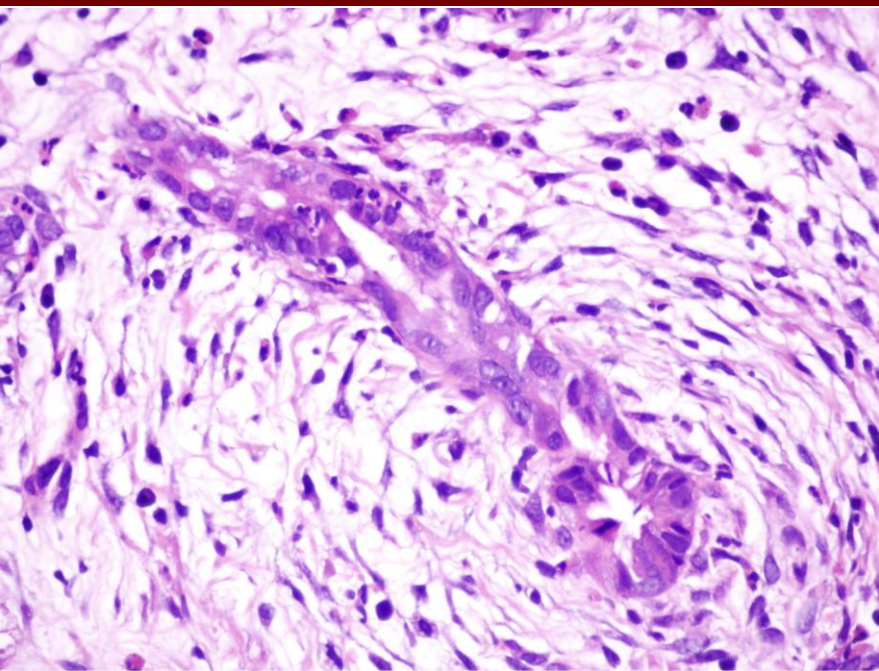
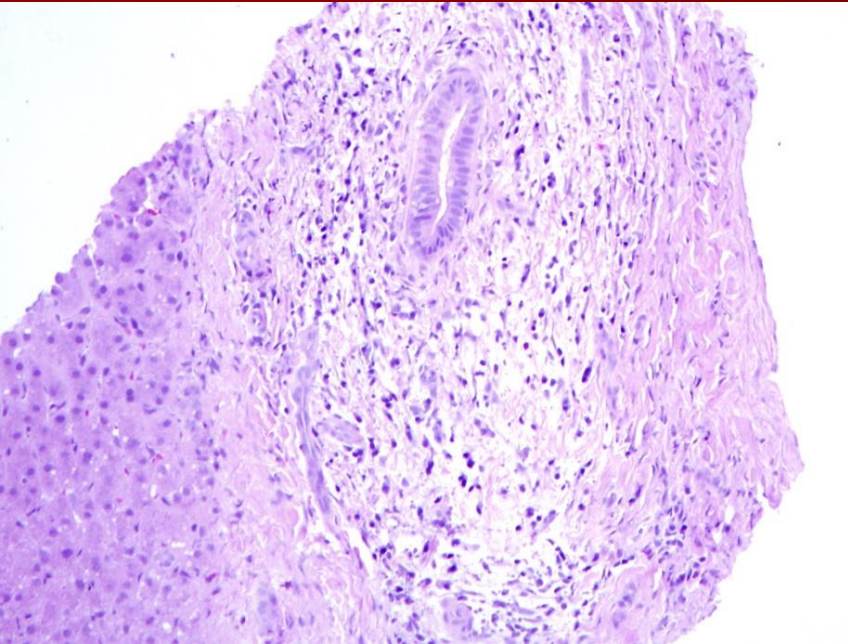


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# Primary sclerosing cholangitis



# Vascular disorders

## ■ Inflow

- A.hepatica thromb., embolia – infarctus
- V.portae obstruction, thrombosis (pylithrombosis) – portal hypertension, causes

## ■ Trough

- congestion, hepar moschatum, peliosis hepatis

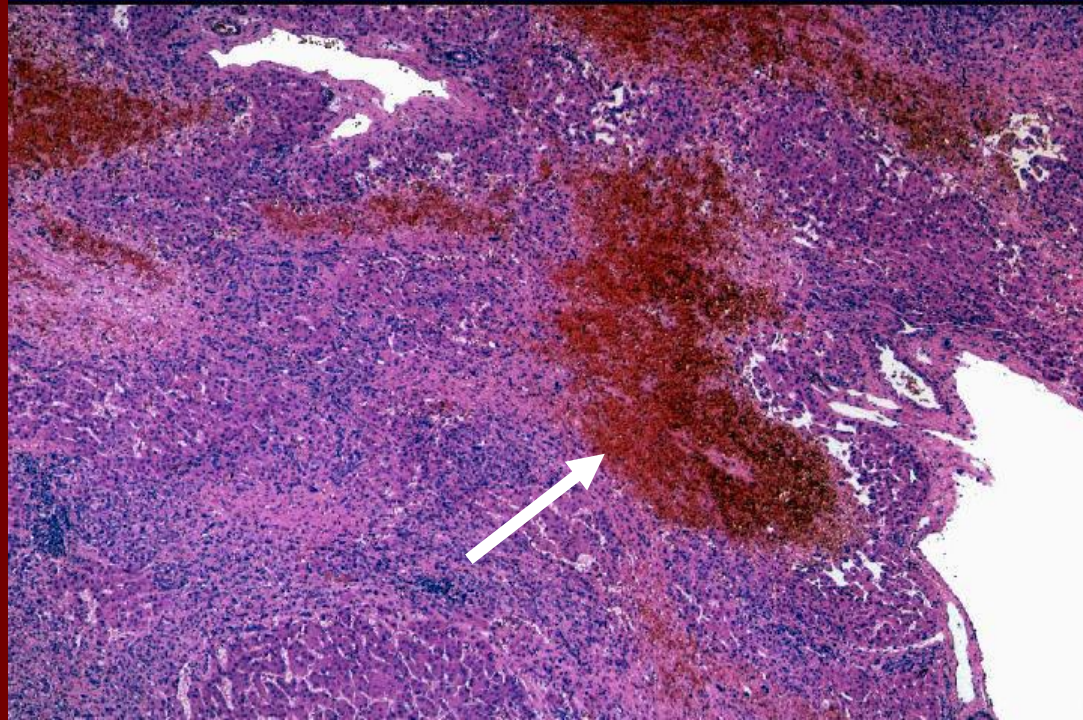
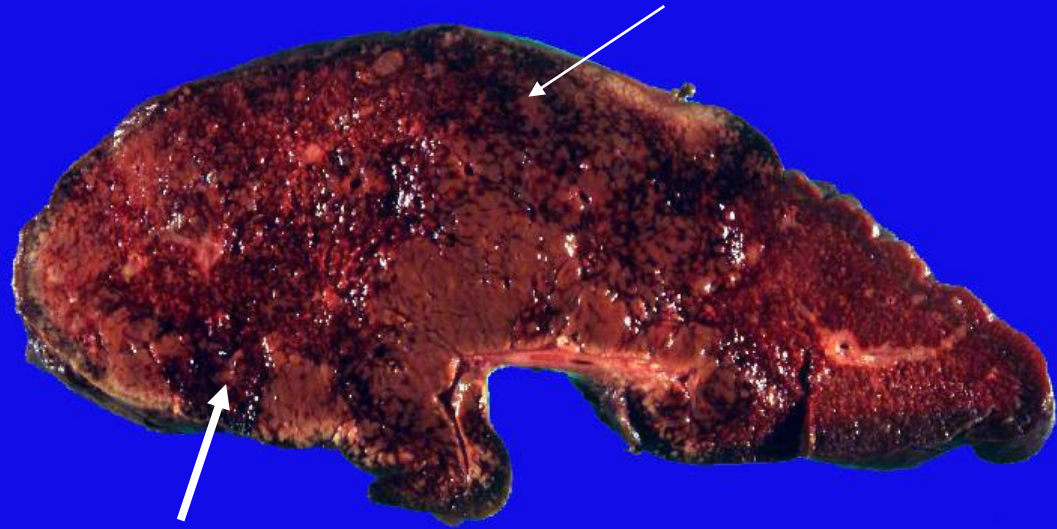
## ■ Outflow

- Budd-Chiari syndrome
- VOD



# **Budd-Chiari syndrome**

(Extended hemorrhages in the liver parenchyma caused by thrombosis of hepatic veins)





# Liver alterations associated with pregnancy

## X

- Acute steatosis in pregnancy
  - rare, from mild to severe (could be fatal), 3.trimester, perinatal, microvesicular steatosis, pancreatitis (common)
- Intrahepatic cholestasis in pregnancy
  - 3. trimester, icterus, itching, cholestasis, ??
- Praeeklampsy, eklampsy
  - HELLP-syndrom (hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, low platelets), pale liver with red foci, fibrin deposits in sinusoids, hemorrhages



