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Dedication

To my children, Fiona, Niall, Brian and Eva.

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Eponymous pathology : Whose disease?

There are a very large number of diseases in medicine that are named after the individual who first described them. This practice confers a sort of immortality on the original describer of the disease but sometimes leads to confusion in the minds of medical students (and others too!) who may not recall easily the pathological entity that lies behind the eponymous title. Some diseases that bear their discoverer's name are so well known that they are commonly recognized even among the "laity". Hodgkin's disease comes to mind. Others are so specialized that they are recognized by only a few initiates in highly specialized fields of medical science. There are a great many of these. In general terms the best known diseases were all described many years ago and the individuals who described them may be considered lucky to have been around at a time when medical science was in its infancy and competition was not so fierce. In more recent times, as all of the "good" diseases have been snapped up, it is the lot of medical detectives to seek their recognition (and immortality) in less common diseases. Medical men have given their names not only to specific disease states, sometimes they have donated their appellations to specific signs of disease or to a particular test that the investigator developed or even to a particular histological appearance that is seen in a specific disease. Many of these will also be found in the following pages. Finally, not all diseases that have a "name" attached are named after the person who first discovered them. There are examples where the name of the first patient or family to be described with a disease has become associated with the disorder, Christmas disease is one such disorder, indeed on occasion only the patient's initials are used—as in the naming of the JC virus.

The objective in assembling this alphabetical list of unrelated disorders is to provide in one place a quick reference source for students who come across a name with which they are unfamiliar and who wish to find out something about the related disorder. Each name is accompanied by a brief description of the disease, sign, test etc, which is intended to provide a "quick-reference" amount of information. For some of the more important diseases the amount of information provided is obviously very limited and students will recognize the need to refer to another source for information. For many of the more esoteric entities included in this book however, the amount of information provided may well be sufficient for the requirements of an average student. To facilitate recognition of important entities a "star" system is used. Entities that are very important have three stars, those of lesser importance have two and relative rarities have only one. Deciding the relative importance of different entry is obviously highly subjective and the degree of importance attached

to a particular entry may not reflect its importance as an affliction of mankind or its frequency of occurrence in medical practice. Importance occasionally derives from the scientific interest of a particular disorder, or even from its propensity to appear as a question in major licensing examinations!

This book is intended as a source for medical students who are studying pathology. You will encounter all of the names in this book during your course. These names will continue to crop up during your rotations and indeed for the rest of your medical career. Sooner or later you will become familiar almost all of them. It is hoped that if you use this book that this will happen sooner rather than later. How to approach this book? Well obviously reading from A to Z is not recommended. Perhaps its best usage is as a mini-reference book to be consulted on occasions to bring to memory a particular entity. This is particularly important when you are just beginning to encounter these disorders early in your pathology course. As your knowledge of pathology increases you might use the book as a learning tool. One suggestion is to randomly let the book fall open where it may and check out whatever name appears before you. If you haven't encountered it yet during your course then pass on to another entry. It is not a good idea to read too many entries at the one sitting, especially if they are unfamiliar, but rather tackle one or two at a time and that way build up a knowledge base. Which entries should one access first? Entries that have three stars are highly important and should be familiar to all students. Most students will also be keen to tackle the "two star" entries, leaving the "one star" entries until last. The book can also be used as a reference source for a "game of skill" among two or more students, let each student act as quizmaster to his/her colleague(s) in turn awarding points for correct answers.

Medicine carries its own large vocabulary. All medical students learn this during their years in medical school and in the hospitals. The eponymous disorders listed in this book are among the medical vocabulary that students and doctors carry around with them. Each name in this book is shorthand for a disease, a test, a pathological entity and knowledge of the relevant background will give you an increased confidence in your preparations for your licensing examinations and later in your dealings with your colleagues on the wards.

A

Addison *****Addisons disease**

Hypoadrenalism due to destruction of >90% of adrenal gland.

Etiology

Autoimmunity (commonest etiology in U.S.)

Secondary carcinoma

Tuberculosis

Clinical features

Insidious onset with vague symptoms

Generalized weakness

Gastrointestinal symptoms

Skin pigmentation

Hypotension

Pathology

That of primary disease

Autoimmunity

Glands are small

Lymphocytic infiltration of cortex of adrenal

Few viable cortical cells remaining at time of diagnosis

Laboratory tests

ACTH levels high

Hyponatremia, leading to volume depletion, Hyperkalemia,

Addisonian crisis

Sudden increase in severity of symptoms in patients who have Addisons disease.

Etiology

Sudden onset of stress creating demand for adrenocortical hormones

Infections, surgery, trauma

Clinical features

Severe vomiting

Hypotension with vascular collapse

Coma

Prognosis

Death unless treated aggressively and quickly

Addisons gastritis : Addisonian anemia

Autoimmune gastritis associated with destruction of parietal cells.

Eventually leads to deficiency of Intrinsic Factor and megaloblastic anemia

Pernicious anemia was known as Addisons anemia

*Albers – Schonberg *****Albers-Schonberg disease : Osteopetrosis : Marble bone disease**

Hereditary defect in *osteoclast* function

Dense, brittle bones.

Etiology

Various, mostly unknown

Inability of osteoclasts to generate carbonic anhydrase in some patients

Inability of osteoclasts to make superoxide anions in others.

Clinical features

Varying severity depending on exact cause

Malignant variety (Autosomal recessive)

Multiple fractures in utero

Nerve trapping, hydrocephaly

Anemia due to marrow space obliteration

Hepatosplenomegaly (extramedullary hematopoiesis)

Frequent severe infections

Benign form (Autosomal dominant)

May present in adolescence with fractures

Patients have mild anemia and cranial nerve deficits.

Prognosis

Early death with malignant form

Bone marrow transplantation can replace defective osteoclast precursors

*Albright *****Albright's Hereditary Osteodystrophy**

Hypocalcemia due to end organ insensitivity to PTH

(Pseudohypoparathyroidism)

Etiology

Genetic defect in hormonal signaling due to abnormality of the G protein that couples hormone receptors to adenylyl cyclase production.

Genetic mutation on 20q

Clinical features

Short, obese patients

Mental deficiency

Subcutaneous calcification

Short metacarpal and metatarsal bones.

Pathogenesis

Impaired production of cAMP in renal tubules in response to PTH
Increased urinary calcium loss

*Alexander ****Alexanders disease**

Failure of myelin producing oligodendroglial cells to align with neurons

Pathology

Absent myelination in CNS (normal in PNS)

“Myelin” production occurs in abnormal extracellular foci -
adjacent to blood vessels and underneath the pia

Proteolipids produced by myelin producing cells assume beaded, irregular morphology

These are *Rosenthal fibers*

Rosenthal fibers have staining characteristics of myelin

Some Rosenthal fibers are seen inside glial cells.

Clinical features

Onset of symptoms in early infancy

Psychomotor retardation, dementia and early death.

*Allison – Ghormley ****Allison-Ghormley bodies**

These are lymphoid follicles in synovial membrane in Rheumatoid arthritis.

Lymphoid follicles with germinal centers are usually only found in lymphoid tissues but are also frequently found in chronic inflammatory sites and at sites of autoimmune damage.

*Alport *****Alports syndrome**

Hereditary disorder (usually X linked) characterized by

- a. Glomerulonephritis,
- b. Deafness,
- c. Eye abnormalities (cataracts, lens dislocation etc)

Etiology

Defective collagen type IV gene (defect is in the α_5 chain)

Pathogenesis

Impaired synthesis of other collagen chains also (α_4 and α_3)

α_3 is the target antigen for anti-GBM antibodies in Goodpastures

Antibodies from Goodpasture patients don't react with GBM from patients with Alport's syndrome.

Pathology

Early: Mesangial hypercellularity with increased amount of matrix

Later: Focal and diffuse glomerular sclerosis

Tubular atrophy, interstitial fibrosis

Electron Microscopy

Characteristic thickening of GBM

Splitting of lamina densa to enclose electron lucent material.

A

Alzheimer ***

Alzheimers disease

Progressive loss of higher cortical functions due to death of neurons

Unknown etiology, incidence inversely related to level of education.

Clinical features

Onset usually after 50 years, increasing incidence with age.

<5% of individuals who are <65 years

50% of individuals at > age 85

Alterations in mood and behaviour

Progressive loss of memory

Progression to severe incapacity over many years.

Pathology

Gross appearance: Brain is shrunken

Ventricles appear enlarged.

Histology

Neuritic plaques with amyloid deposition

Foci of disorganized neuritic processes

Amyloid present in center of plaque

Neurofibrillary tangles

Filaments in cytoplasm of neurons around nucleus

Granulovacuolar degeneration

Small vacuoles in neurons (also seen in aging)

Ames ***

The Ames test

Assesses mutagenicity of chemical agents

Procedure

S typhimurium is used as the test organism

Chemicals that induce mutations in *S typhimurium* are highly likely to be mutagenic in man.

Anitschkow ***

The Anitschkow cell

Present in *Aschoff body*.

Nucleus contains a central band of chromatin.

In cross section they appear like “owls eyes”

In longitudinal section they appear banded (“caterpillar” nuclei)

Multinucleated Anitschkow cells are named “Anitschkow myocytes”

Andersen ***Andersen disease : Type IV Glycogenosis**

Congenital deficiency of branching enzyme that is necessary for glycogen synthesis

Non-branched, amylopectin molecules are produced instead which are toxic to cells.

Pathology

Amylopectin found in liver, muscle, heart and brain

Abnormal molecules lead to liver cell necrosis.

Prognosis

Death from liver cirrhosis within 4 years

See also

Glycogenosis type I *Von Gierke disease*

Glycogenosis type II *Pompe disease*

Glycogenosis type III *Cori disease*

Glycogenosis type V *McArdle disease*

Angelman ****Angelman syndrome : Happy Puppet syndrome**

Deletion of band q 12 on chromosome 15 – (q11-q13).

Pathogenesis

Angelman syndrome occurs when the chromosome carrying the deletion has been inherited from the mother. (See *Prader – Willi syndrome*)

The corresponding “normal” paternal gene is inactivated by *Imprinting*

The “abnormal” maternal gene is therefore the only one expressed.

Mechanism of imprinting

Differential methylation of genes during meiosis in mother and father may result in inactivation of some genes in the gametes of one or other parent prior to fertilization.

Clinical features

Mental retardation

Hyperactivity

Ataxic gait and inappropriate laughter (happy puppet)

Seizures

Antoni ***Antoni type A and B patterns of growth of Schwannomas***Type A*

Highly cellular tumors

Spindle cells align to form whorling arrangement

Little background matrix

Elongated nuclei may form *Verocay bodies*

Type B

Less cellular

Spindle cells are present in a myxoid matrix

See *Schwannoma* and *Verocay bodies*

Argyll-Robertson *****Argyll-Robertson pupil**

Pupils irregular in shape, unequal in size

React to accommodation but not to light

Associations

Neurosyphilis

Diabetes mellitus.

Arias-Stella ***Arias-Stella reaction**

Histological appearance of endometrial glands during pregnancy

Cell nuclei are enlarged (double DNA content – prior to division)

The nuclei protrude into the gland lumen

Association

HCG stimulation

Normal and ectopic pregnancy

Trophoblast disease

Should not be confused with neoplastic change.

Similar appearance may be seen in ovarian clear cell carcinoma

Arnold-Chiari *****Arnold-Chiari malformation**

Small posterior fossa

The caudal aspect of cerebellar vermis is displaced through foramen magnum

Foramen magnum is enlarged.

Cerebellar vermis appears overlying the dorsal aspect of cervical cord.

Associations

Hydrocephalus

Lumbar myelomeningocele

Arthus ****The Arthus reaction**

An in-vivo type III immunological reaction between antibody and antigen.

a. A high concentration of antibody is present in the subject.

b. Antigen is injected subcutaneously

c. Antigen diffuses through the walls of blood vessels towards the antibody

d. A “zone of equivalence” develops in the vessel wall

e. Antigen antibody complexes form

- f. Complement is activated and PMNs are attracted causing inflammation at the site.

Clinical significance

This type of reaction is seen in human diseases such as Farmers lung, in which antigens from spores of thermophilic actinomycetes are inhaled and react with pre-formed antibodies in the walls of small bronchi in the host.

Aschoff ***

The Aschoff Body

This lesion is the hallmark of rheumatic carditis.

Pathogenesis

Immunological reaction with cardiac antigens leading to perivascular granuloma formation.

Pathology

The Aschoff nodules are found in all parts of the heart, endocardium, myocardium and pericardium, in acute rheumatic carditis. They contain

1. a central area of fibrinoid necrosis is surrounded by
2. lymphocytes,
3. plasma cells and
4. cells of the macrophage family (*Anitschkow* cells and Giant cells)

Prognosis

Lesions heal by fibrosis. Repeated attacks lead to cumulative damage
The most serious damage occurs to the heart valves.

Askenazy **

Askenazy cells—Hurthle cells.

Metaplasia of thyroid follicular cells seen in Hashimoto's disease

Histology

Cells lining follicles have eosinophilic granular cytoplasm

May also be seen singly within thyroid gland.

The cell cytoplasm contains numerous mitochondria

Nuclear atypia often present

See also

Hurthle cells

Auer ***

Auer rods

These are structures found in cell cytoplasm in *Acute Myelogenous Leukemia*

They stain blue and appear as needle like bodies in the cytoplasm.

They are abnormal cytoplasmic granules and contain peroxidase.

Auer rods are especially numerous in M3 type (*Acute promyelocytic leukemia*)

Associations

Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy may occur
Auer rods are potent activators of coagulation.

Auerbach ****Auerbachs plexus**

Nerve plexus that is located between the two muscle layers of the intestinal wall

Connected to Meissner plexus in the submucosa

Congenital absence in *Hirschsprung's disease*

Auspitz ****The Auspitz sign**

A clinical sign found in *Psoriasis*

Several punctate bleeding spots are exposed if scales are removed from lesions.

Azzopardi ***The Azzopardi effect**

Seen in small cell carcinoma of the lung

DNA from necrotic cells is present in blood vessel walls

Results in basophilic staining (Hematoxylin)

B*Barr* *****Barr body**

Irreversible inactivation of second (or more) X chromosomes that occurs early in embryogenesis.

(*Lyon hypothesis*)

Random inactivation of either paternal or maternal X chromosome in females.

Inactivation is permanent and is passed on to all progeny.

Every organ will have a mosaic of cells, some with maternal and some with paternal X inactivation

Demonstration

Barr bodies are visible as dark bodies attached to nuclear membrane

Easily seen in buccal mucosal cells

Functional aspects

Some genes on “inactivated” X chromosome are active during life

“Inactive” X chromosome becomes “active” in preparation for gametogenesis

Extra X chromosomes (“Superfemales”) become extra Barr bodies.

Bartholin ****Bartholin gland cyst**

Obstruction to gland duct leads to accumulation of mucoid material

Cysts located laterally just inside vaginal introitus.

Associations

May become infected : Bartholin gland abscess

Barrett *****Barrett esophagus**

Metaplasia of lower end of the esophagus from squamous to columnar epithelium

Etiology

Gastro-esophageal reflux

Other etiological factors

Males > females, smoking

Associations

Thirty-fold risk of adenocarcinoma

Risk related to extent of involvement of esophagus by metaplasia

Bechet ***Bechets syndrome**

Vasculitis associated with oral and genital ulceration.

Etiology

Unknown, possible immunological etiology

Association with some MHC alleles.

Pathology

Fibrinoid necrosis of walls of medium and large arteries.

Thrombosis, aneurysm formation, hemorrhages.

Associations

Involvement of other organs, Eyes, CNS, GIT, CVS.

Becker ****Becker muscular dystrophy**

Genetic abnormality of the dystrophin gene (21p)

Dystrophin molecules *are* produced but are shorter than normal

Immunochemical staining for dystrophin is reduced but present.

Clinical features

Similar to *Duchenne* muscular dystrophy *except*

Later in onset

Milder (>90% patients survive past 20 years)

Not associated with mental deficiency

Beckwith–Wiedermann ***Beckwith-Wiedermann syndrome**

Genetic disorder associated with increased incidence of Wilms tumor

Clinical features

Enlarged body organs, hemihypertrophy, renal cysts, adrenal cytomegaly.

Etiology

Genetic abnormality chromosome 11 (near Wilms tumor gene WT-1)

Associations

Wilms tumor

Tumors of other organs (liver, adrenal, muscle, pancreas)

Bence-Jones *****Bence Jones protein**

Free, monoclonal, light chains of immunoglobulin molecules

22 kD molecular weight, therefore escape into urine.

Heat test

Originally described by Bence Jones

Urine becomes turbid as it is heated to 70° C

Urine becomes clear again when heated above 90° C

Not as sensitive as electrophoresis – monoclonal band evident

Associations

Multiple myeloma (90% of patients will have BJ protein)

(20% have BJ protein *only* – *without* serum monoclonal protein)

Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia

Amyloidosis (type AL)

Complications

Precipitation in renal tubules leading to tubular necrosis and renal failure.

Bernard – Soulier *****Bernard-Soulier syndrome : Giant platelet syndrome**

Autosomal recessive disorder : defective platelet adhesion to collagen

Etiology

Defective platelet receptor for vonWillebrand factor

(Glycoprotein Ib-IX)

Clinical features

Bleeding into skin, mucous membranes. Usually mild

Pathology

Thrombocytopenia with giant platelets on blood film

Birbeck ****Birbeck Granules**

Microscopic structures evident on electron microscopy in Langerhans cells.

They are rod shaped, expanded at one end with the appearance of a tennis racket.

Langerhans cell marker – CD1a

Associations

Langerhans cell histiocytosis—Histiocytosis X

Eosinophilic granuloma

Hand – Schuller – Christian disease

Letterer – Siwe disease

Bitot ***Bitot spots**

Associated with Vitamin A deficiency

Pathology

Regions of keratin accumulation on anterior aspect of cornea

Associations

May lead to corneal ulceration and blindness eventually.

Bloom ***Bloom syndrome**

Autosomal recessive disorder

Patients have a predisposition to chromosomal breakage

Sensitive to ionizing radiation

Clinical features

Patients may have other developmental defects

Telangiectasia, dwarfism.

Associations

Leukemia, other tumors.

Related to *Fanconi syndrome* and *Ataxia Telangiectasia*

Boeck *****Boecks Sarcoid**

Sarcoidosis was originally described by Boeck.

Boerhaave *****Boerhaave syndrome**

Rupture of esophagus caused by severe retching

cf *Mallory – Weiss* syndrome

Access of contents of esophagus to mediastinum

Grave prognosis

Bourneville ***Bourneville disease : Tuberos sclerosis**

Autosomal dominant condition characterized by

Hamartomas in CNS, “tubers” in cortex (neurons and “neuro- glial” cells)

sub-ependymal astrocytic nodules

Benign tumors : Kidney (angiomyolipoma), heart, lungs, skin.

Cysts : Liver, kidney, pancreas

Etiology

Two genetic defects – same syndrome

TSC1, chromosome 9q – Encodes hamartin (function unknown)

TSC2, chromosome 16p – encodes tuberin – GTP-ase activator

Clinical features

Seizures, mental retardation.

Association

Subependymal glial hamartomas may develop into giant cell astrocytoma.

Bowen *****Bowen disease**

Carcinoma in situ on shaft of penis in men over 35 years of age and on the vulva of older women.

Etiology

HPV 16 (usually) and 18

Clinical features

Demarcated erythematous or white single lesion on skin

Pathology

Typical carcinoma in situ, cellular atypia, mitoses.

Basement membrane is intact.

Associations

Increased incidence of visceral cancer

Erythroplasia of Querat is a related disorder that affects the glans penis

Bowenoid Papulosis

Benign papular lesions affecting shaft of penis in younger men

Etiology

HPV 16 and HPV 18

Clinical features

Multiple red or brown papules on skin

Pathology

Indistinguishable from that of Bowen disease – may resemble carcinoma in situ

Prognosis

Benign lesions – do not progress to carcinoma.

Brenner ****Brenner tumor**

Ovarian tumor that arises from celomic epithelium

Histology

Nests of transitional cells within fibrous stroma

May have mucin secreting cells forming glands in center of cell nest

Prognosis

Most tumors are benign

Brill–Zinsser ***Brill–Zinsser disease**

Reactivation infection by *R. prowazakii* (Typhus)

May occur many years after initial infection in some patients.

Milder course than primary infection.

Brodie ***Brodie abscess**

Associated with osteomyelitis

Focus of infection within bone, surrounded by new bone formed by periosteum and endosteum.

Brunn ***Brunns buds**

Budding of urinary tract epithelium into lamina propria

The buds remain in contact with the overlying epithelium

Brunns nests

Groups of epithelial cells located in the lamina propria of the urinary tract

They are not connected to the overlying epithelium

Associations

Chronic inflammatory conditions of the urinary tract

Brushfield ***Brushfield spots**

Speckling of the iris in patients with Down syndrome

Bruton *****Brutons disease**

Described the first immunodeficiency disease – hypogammaglobulinemia in a young boy who had recurrent bacterial infections.

Etiology

Genetic defect in btk gene (Bruton's thymosine kinase)

Failure of development of cells of B lineage

Failure to produce normal amounts of all classes of antibodies

Clinical presentation

Onset 6 months (maternal Ig protects until then)

Severe recurrent bacterial infections

Sinuses, Ears, Respiratory tract especially

Difficult to clear with routine antibiotic therapy

Pathology

Absence of B lymphocytes and plasma cells

Tonsils small

Serum Immunoglobulin levels low for all classes (not totally absent)

Prognosis

Good when treated with gamma globulins.

Budd – Chiari* ****Budd-Chiari syndrome**

Thrombosis of hepatic veins and tributaries

Etiology

- Polycythemia rubra vera
- Pregnancy and post partum
- Oral contraceptive use
- Carcinomas (esp hepatocellular carcinoma)
- Idiopathic (30%)

Clinical features

- Acute and chronic types
- Abdominal pain
- Ascites
- Hepatomegaly

Prognosis

High mortality unless surgically treated.

Burkitt* ****Burkitts lymphoma**

B lymphocyte tumor that has a characteristic histological appearance

Types

- Endemic African type
- Sporadic Burkitt's lymphoma occurring elsewhere, including US
- Associated with HIV

Etiology

- EBV infection in African type
 - Association with malaria infection
- EBV in 25% of Sporadic type

Clinical presentation

- Usually presents in childhood
- African type
 - Tumor of jaws, Abdominal organs (ovary, kidney, adrenal)
- Sporadic
 - Tumor involvement of ileum and cecum

Pathology

- “Starry sky” pattern
- Diffuse sheet of intermediate size lymphoid cells
 - Phenotypically these are B cells (IgM, CD 19, 20)
- Interspersed normal macrophages
 - (these are the “stars” in the starry sky)

Prognosis

- High mitotic index
 - Large cell turnover – the macrophages are phagocytosing cell debris

Rapidly fatal if untreated
Excellent response to chemotherapy

Byler *

Byler syndrome

Defective secretion of bile salts and phospholipids with cholestasis
Autosomal recessive disorder (original description in Amish)
Leads to cirrhosis

Clinical features

Progression to cirrhosis within two years

Associations

Retinitis pigmentosa
Mental retardation

C

Call-Exner ****Call-Exner bodies**

These are a histological feature of Granulosa cell tumors of the ovary.

Morphology

Cells of the tumor become arranged around a central necrotic region.

Resemble immature follicles

Nuclei tend to “palisade” pointing inwards towards center.

Caplan *****Caplan syndrome**

Association of Rheumatoid arthritis with a pneumoconiosis

Coal workers pneumoconiosis, Silicosis, Asbestosis,

Pathology

Nodular lesions especially at periphery of lung

Histologically similar to rheumatoid nodule

Central area of necrosis

Surrounded by epithelioid cells and fibroblasts.

Caroli ***Caroli disease**

Multiple dilatations of intrahepatic part of biliary tree

Association

Predispose to infection (cholangitis)

Intrahepatic cholelithiasis

Chaga ****Chagas disease**

Infection by *Trypanosome cruzi*

Clinical features

Acute infection

usually mild cardiac damage

Chronic Chagas disease

>5 years after initial infection

Cardiac and intestinal manifestations

Mechanism of damage in chronic Chagas disease

Autoimmune damage to heart muscle and nerves

Complications

Dilated cardiac failure

Damage to myocardium and conductance pathways

Mega esophagus

Mega colon

Both due to damage to myenteric plexus

Charcot **

Charcot joints

Mechanical damage to joints in patients who have sensory loss due to tabes dorsalis

Charcots triad

Biliary colic, spiking fevers and chills, and jaundice

Significance

Associated with cholangiitis

Charcot–Bouchard ***

Charcot–Bouchard aneurysms

Small aneurysms that occur in small cerebral arteries in hypertensive patients

Occur in vessels that are less than 300 um in diameter

Clinical significance

Rupture may occur – usually > 60 years.

Commonest cause of intracerebral hemorrhage.

Pathology

Found in basal ganglia, thalamus, cerebral hemispheres.

Charcot–Leyden ***

Charcot–Leyden crystals

Formed by aggregation of eosinophil membranes extracellularly

Crystals are needle shaped.

Association

Seen in bronchial secretions in Asthma patients

Charcot–Marie–Tooth **

Charcot–Marie–Tooth disease

Most common hereditary peripheral neuropathy

Etiology

There are several familial gene defects reported (chromosomes 17q, and 1)

The affected genes encode myelin-related proteins.

There is demyelination of peripheral nerves

Clinical features

Onset in childhood

Peripheral muscle atrophy (calf muscles especially)

Muscle weakness.

Pathology

Demyelination present in peripheral nerves.

Cycles of remyelination lead to development of “*onion bulb*” appearance
(Layers of Schwann cells surrounding peripheral axons)

Chediak–Higashi* *

Chediak-Higashi syndrome

Autosomal recessive disorder characterized by inability of lysosomal membranes to fuse with other membranes.

Patients have impaired enzyme release from lysosomes – into other organelles or extracellularly.

Etiology

Lysosomal membrane protein involved in “docking” with other organelles is defective.

Pathology

Affected cells have *giant cytoplasmic granules*

PMNs, lymphocytes, melanocytes, nerve cells, platelets

Clinical features

Recurrent infections – especially skin and mucus membranes
(PMN and cytotoxic T cell abnormalities)

Nerve defects, bleeding disorders, albinism.

Christmas* **

Christmas disease : Hemophilia B

X linked recessive disorder – several different types of gene defect described

Absent or non-functional Christmas factor (Factor IX.)

Clinical features

Patients may be asymptomatic or may have a bleeding tendency

Symptoms similar to hemophilia A but milder.

Laboratory tests

Prolonged PTT

Normal PT test.

Factor IX assay shows low levels or non-functioning molecule.

Churg-Strauss* *

Churg-Strauss syndrome

Association of asthma, eosinophilia and vasculitis.

Etiology

unknown

Clinical features

Early : Asthmatic symptoms with eosinophilia, pneumonia

Later : Systemic vasculitis involving especially lung, heart, peripheral nerves

End stage : Hypertension and cardiac failure contributed to by coronary arteritis and myocarditis

Pathology of vasculitis

Pleomorphic infiltrate of inflammatory cells

Eosinophils, PMNs, lymphocytes, macrophages, giant cells.

*Chvostek *****Chvosteks sign**

Induction of muscular contraction of ipsilateral facial muscles by tapping on facial nerve – due to neuromuscular irritability

Association

Hypocalcemia.—hypoparathyroidism

*Codman *****Codmans triangle**

This is a radiological feature of osteosarcoma. It is seen where the periosteum has been lifted from the bone by the tumor.

Associations

Radiological : Sunburst pattern of new bone formation by periosteum

Histological : Osteoid deposition by tumor cells

*Colles *****Colles Fracture**

Impaction fracture of lower end of the radius.

Caused by falling on outstretched hand.

Association

Osteoporosis

*Conn ******Conns syndrome**

Excessive secretion of Aldosterone by adrenal gland

Usually affects women (3 : 1) age 30 – 50 years

Etiology

Almost always caused by adenoma of adrenal cortex

Less commonly, hyperplasia of adrenal cortex

Clinical features

Patients often come to attention because of their hypertension.

They may complain of muscle weakness and parasthesias (hypokalemia)

Polyuria and polydipsia may be present

Laboratory tests

Elevated aldosterone levels.

Low renin

Sodium high, potassium low.

Cooley **

Cooley anemia

Homozygous beta- thalassemia

Etiology

Two defective genes for hemoglobin β chain

Clinical presentation

Severe anemia

Hepato – Splenomegaly (extramedullary hematopoiesis)

May have hypersplenism – destruction of WBCs and platelets.

Distorsion of cranial bones (due to excessive hematopoiesis)

Pathogenesis

α chains produced normally, precipitate in RBCs

Lead to destruction of mature RBCs and precursors in spleen

Contributes to splenomegaly

Erythropoietin is produced in response to the severe anemia and this causes

intense stimulation of bone marrow and extramedullary hematopoiesis

Pathology

Hypochromic, microcytic anemia with Anisocytosis and Poikilocytosis,

Target cells present

Primitive RBC precursor cells also present

(especially if spleen is removed)

Prognosis

Better with use of Iron chelators.

Coombs **

The Coombs test

Used to diagnose autoimmune hemolytic anemia

Principle

a. The patient's red cells are coated by autoantibodies in vivo

b. Add an antibody to patient's cells that is specific for Human IgG

c. If autoantibodies are bound to the surface of the RBCs, this second antibody will cause the cells to agglutinate.

Cori *

Cori disease : Glycogenosis type III

Autosomal recessive deficiency of debranching enzyme.

Clinical features

Accumulation of substrate in liver and muscle
Hepatomegaly, growth retardation, myopathy

Pathology

EM shows glycogen granules in affected cells.

See also

Glycogenosis type I	Von Gierke disease
Glycogenosis type II	Pompe disease
Glycogenosis type IV	Andersen disease
Glycogenosis type V	McArdle disease

Councilman ***

Councilman body

It is a liver cell that has undergone apoptosis

Appearance

Acidophilic, round body, nucleus has undergone autolysis
Present in sinusoids.

Etiology

Viral infection, autoimmune attack by T cells.

Courvoisier *

Courvoisiers law

A palpable gallbladder (*Courvoisiers sign*) in patients who have obstructive jaundice indicates that the cause of the obstruction is carcinoma of the head of the pancreas. If the gallbladder is not enlarged then the likely cause of the obstructive jaundice is a gallstone.

Rationale

Gallstones are associated with chronic cholecystitis
The wall of the gallbladder is likely to be fibrosed and therefore cannot expand when intraluminal pressure increases.
Patients who have carcinoma of the head of the pancreas are unlikely to have a fibrosed gallbladder.

Cowdry *

Cowdry type A inclusions

Intranuclear inclusion bodies associated with viral infections

Adenovirus : inclusions are present in bronchial cells.

Herpes simplex : inclusions present in cells in skin or mucous membrane lesions.

Creutzfeldt–Jacob ***

Creutzfeldt–Jacob disease

Spongiform degeneration of brain caused by prion

Types of CJD

Hereditary

Sporadic forms (onset at 65 years)

Iatrogenic (eg growth hormone preparations—now uncommon)

New-variant CJD (onset at 25 years)

Pathogenesis of sporadic form

PrP (chromosome 20p) is a normal cell membrane glycoprotein

Especially found in neurons.

Normal PrP^c (cellular) identical to PrP^{sc} (scrapie variant) in amino acid sequence.

Post translational change enables PrP^{sc} to assume beta-pleated sheet configuration—resistant to proteolysis—accumulates and kills neurons. .

PrP^{sc} can induce PrP^c to become PrP^{sc} – autocatalytic process.

Clinical presentation

Sporadic type : Rapidly progressive dementia (< 12 months), myoclonus

vCJD : Behavioural and sensory disturbances, longer time course.

Pathology

Vacuolation in grey matter – loss of neurons.

Astrocytosis

Absence of inflammatory response

Crigler–Najjar ***

Crigler-Najjar syndrome

Congenital deficiency of bilirubin UGT in liver.

Type I : Complete absence of bilirubin-UGT

Fatal within 12 – 18 months – Kernicterus

Type II : Some bilirubin-UGT is present

Severe jaundice but otherwise patients are normal.

Some may develop neurological symptoms.

Pathology

Liver histology is normal in both types.

Bile is pale in Type I

Crohn ***

Crohns disease

Inflammatory bowel disease affecting entire thickness of the wall

Etiology

Immunologically mediated damage

Microorganism?

Clinical presentation

Abdominal pain (right lower quadrant), diarrhea, blood in stools.

May mimic acute appendicitis

Pathology

Involves any part of GIT but especially terminal ileum and colon

Skip lesions

Luminal narrowing (due to edema in early stage, fibrosis later)

Linear fissuring on mucosa (cobblestone appearance)

Tendency to *fistula* formation – to other bowel loop, elsewhere.

Histology—acute phase

Edema of wall

Chronic inflammatory cell infiltrate (lymphocytes, plasma cells)

Granulomata – non caseating (<50% patients)

Ulceration and fissuring

Associations and complications

Extra-intestinal manifestations

Cholangiitis, iridocyclitis,

Malabsorption

Intestinal obstruction – String sign

Cancer (slightly increased risk)

Crooke **

Crookes hyaline degeneration

Affects basophils in the pituitary gland.

Associated with Cushing's syndrome.

Etiology

High levels of corticosteroids

Pathology

Hyalinization of corticotrophs in pituitary

Caused by accumulation of keratin-positive intermediate filaments

Curling **

Curling Ulcers

Etiology

Acute ulceration of gastric mucosa in patients who have extensive burns.

Ulcers may also be present in the duodenum

Pathology

The ulcers are usually shallow but may be deep enough to perforate.

Curschmann ***

Curschmann spirals

Shedding of epithelium of bronchi and bronchioles into the mucus filled lumen in asthmatic patients. Detectable in sputum.

They assume a whorled appearance.

Cushing ***

Cushing disease

Corticotroph adenoma of the pituitary causing adrenal cortical hypersecretion.

Responsible for 50% of cases of hyper-cortisolism

Affects females > males (5 : 1)

Pathogenesis

Excess production of ACTH over-stimulates adrenal cortex

Adrenal cortical hyperplasia

Elevated ACTH levels and elevated Cortisol

Cushing syndrome

Increased secretion of cortisol by the adrenal cortex

Etiology

Hyperplasia, adenoma or carcinoma of adrenal gland

Iatrogenic administration of corticosteroids (commonest cause)

Ectopic production of ACTH by tumor

Clinical features

Protein catabolism, thin arms and legs, osteoporosis

Truncal obesity (buffalo hump)

Moon face (face appears red due to visibility of blood vessels under thin skin)

Diabetes mellitus, peptic ulceration, increased incidence of infections.

Poor wound healing, abdominal striae, purpura, amenorrhea, hypertension.

Emotional and psychiatric disturbances.

Diagnosis

24 hours free urinary cortisol excretion.

Loss of diurnal pattern of cortisol secretion

Dexamethasone suppression test

Reduction of cortisol secretion if caused by pituitary ACTH secretion

No change if the cause is of adrenal origin

No change if ACTH is produced ectopically by tumor.

Cushing ulcers

Etiology

Acute ulceration of gastric mucosa in patients who have CNS trauma

Also seen in patients undergoing brain surgery

Caused by increased vagal activity

Pathology

Ulcers are often deep and tend to perforate

They may be located in esophagus or duodenum also.

D

Dane ****The Dane particle**

The complete Hepatitis B virus visualized by electron microscopy.

Appearance

Central dark core

Surrounded by viral envelope (site of HBs antigen)

Darier ***Darier disease**

Autosomal dominant defect in intercellular adhesion of keratinocytes

Clinical features

Appearance of warty growths (1—4 mm diameter) during childhood

Mainly on the trunk and head

Darier sign

Development of a wheal when affected skin is rubbed in patients who have mastocytosis.

Denys–Drash ***Denys–Drash syndrome**

Genetic disorder characterized by gonadal dysgenesis and nephropathy

Gene defect on 11p (WT-1 gene)

Association

Most patients develop *Wilms tumor*

Descemet ***Descemet's membrane**

Site of deposition of copper in Wilson's disease to form Kayser–Fleisher rings

Location

In the basement membrane of the epithelium of the cornea

De Quervain ***

DeQuervains thyroiditis : Subacute thyroiditis : Granulomatous thyroiditis

Inflammatory thyroid disorder in middle aged women.

Etiology

Onset often occurs after recent viral infection of respiratory tract.

Adenovirus, echovirus, coxsachie, mumps.

MHC association (B35) suggesting possible immunological factor.

Clinical features

Gradual onset of painful enlargement of thyroid gland.

Fever

Symptoms of hyperthyroidism in acute stage (release of stored hormones)

Pathology

Focal infiltration of thyroid gland by aggregates of macrophages (granulomata)

Macrophages are phagocytosing necrotic thyroid cells and thyroglobulin.

Multinucleate giant cells also present.

Outcome

Resolution over several weeks.

Diamond-Blackfan *

Diamond-Blackfan anemia

Defect in precursor cells for RBCs

Clinical presentation

Patients present with anemia in first year of life

Pathology

Fewer red cell CFUs in marrow

Precursor cells do not respond to erythropoietin

Outcome

Some response to Steroids (suggesting possible immune pathogenesis)

DiGeorge ***

DiGeorge syndrome

Congenital maldevelopment of third and fourth branchial pouches.

Etiology

Deletion on 22q in most patients

Clinical presentation

Abnormalities of structures that develop from affected branchial pouches

Facial abnormalities : Wide set eyes, low set ears, "fish mouth"

Congenital cardiac abnormalities

Absence of parathyroids : Tetany soon after birth

Absence of thymus : Severe T cell immunodeficiency

Treatment

Management of calcium homeostasis
Thymic transplant

Partial DiGeorge syndrome

Some thymic tissue present
T cell function may become normal without treatment.

*Di Guglielmo ****DiGuglielmo syndrome**

Variant of acute myelogenous leukemia (M6b)

Features

Marrow replaced by erythroblasts
Multinucleate forms, with multipolar mitotic figures

*Dohle ****Dohle body**

Large blue cytoplasmic inclusion in PMNs
These are residual endoplasmic reticulum with attached ribosomes.
They are seen in PMNs in leukemoid or reactive processes.

*Down ******Down syndrome : Trisomy 21**

Commonest chromosomal abnormality
Commonest cause of mental retardation

Clinical features

Typical facies, epicanthal folds, flattening of nasal bridge
Simian palmar crease
Mental retardation – IQ < 70, decreases with advancing years.

Associations

Congenital cardiac abnormalities
Duodenal atresia
Congenital megacolon
Acute lymphoblastic leukemia (15 fold risk)
Features of Alzheimer's disease in all patients by 40 years
Increased susceptibility to infection

Prognosis

Depends on cardiac status
25% of patients with cardiac abnormalities die in childhood
Others survive to mid 50s

Dressler ***Dressler syndrome***Etiology*

- Autoimmune reaction to heart muscle
- Occurs post myocardial infraction (2 weeks – 2 months)
- May occur post operatively after cardiac surgery

Clinical presentation

- Chest pain due to pericarditis.
- Responds to steroid therapy.

Dubin–Johnson *****Dubin–Johnson syndrome**

- Inability to secrete conjugated bilirubin into biliary tract

Etiology

- Genetic abnormality of secretory mechanism for bilirubin-digluconide

Clinical features

- Intermittent jaundice, otherwise patients are usually clinically unaffected
- Association with pregnancy, oral contraceptives

Pathology

- Liver darkly pigmented (“black”)

Histology

- Accumulation of brown pigment in hepatocytes and kupffer cells
- Centrilobular distribution.

Urinary findings

- Excretion of conjugated bilirubin – dark urine
- Coproporphyrin I excretion increased.

Duchenne *****Duchenne muscular dystrophy**

- Progressive disorder of skeletal muscle with progressive necrosis of myocytes

Etiology

- Deletion affecting Dystrophin gene on X chromosome
- Absence of dystrophin molecule (normally located under sarcolemma)
- Absence of dystrophin predisposes to membrane damage during muscular contraction
- Progressive necrosis of muscle cells during life

Incidence

- 1 : 10,000 males.

Clinical features

- Onset after the first year
- Progressive debility during childhood
- Patients are wheelchair bound by 10 – 12 years
- Death usually in second decade from cardiac or respiratory failure

Mental deficiency also present. (Dystrophin important for neuronal function)

Pathology

Muscles may appear normal or to have increased mass

“Pseudohypertrophy” – is initially due to increase in size of individual muscle fibers and later, as muscle cells die, is caused by fat infiltration

Lab tests

Dystrophin not present under cell membrane

- muscle biopsy cytochemical assay

Elevated levels of creatine kinase

*Duncan **

Duncan disease: X linked lymphoproliferative syndrome

X linked T cell defect

Inability to respond adequately to Epstein Barr virus infections

Clinical features

Normal response to childhood infections.

Patients develop severe infectious mononucleosis if exposed to EBV

Common cause of death

Others develop *hypogammaglobulinemia* or *lymphoproliferation*

Lymphoproliferation is initially polyclonal

Later monoclonal B cell neoplasms arise.

*Dupuytren **

Dupuytren contracture: Palmar fibromatosis

Fibrous cords and nodules in palmar fascia, older persons (>65 years)

Results in flexion contracture of fingers, bilateral in 50% of cases

Etiology

Trauma

Associations

Diabetes, Alcoholism

*Duret ***

Duret hemorrhages

Hemorrhages in midbrain and pons caused by transtentorial herniation.

Midline location of linear hemorrhages.

*Dutcher **

Dutcher bodies

Intranuclear eosinophilic inclusion bodies in plasma cells

Contains immunoglobulin molecules.

Pathogenesis

Invagination of portion of cytoplasm which contains *Russell body* into nucleus

Associations

Immune reactivity and immunocyte neoplasms (multiple myeloma)

See *Russell bodies*

E

Eaton–Lambert *****The Eaton Lambert syndrome**

A syndrome of muscular weakness, similar to myasthenia gravis.

Etiology

Autoimmune reaction to calcium channels prevents release of Acetylcholine from motor end plates in neuromuscular junction

Association

Small cell carcinoma of the lung

Clinical presentation

Muscle weakness, not relieved by anti-cholinesterase treatment.

Ebstein ***Ebstein malformation**

Downward displacement of tricuspid valve into right ventricle

Upper part of right ventricle becomes part of the right atrium

Lower part of ventricle retains ventricular function

Clinical features

Lower part of ventricle undergoes dilatation

Eventually leads to heart failure

Sudden death may occur (arrhythmias)

Edwards ***Edwards syndrome: Trisomy 18**

Incidence 1 : 8,000

Etiology

Non-dysjunction during meiosis.

Clinical findings

Females affected four times as often as males.

1. Mental retardation
2. Abnormal facies
3. Congenital cardiac defects
4. Renal abnormalities
5. Overlapping fingers

Erlenmeyer ***Erlenmeyer flask deformity**

Radiological appearance of lower femur in *osteopetrosis*
 Widening of metaphysis and diaphysis of bone
 Similar in shape to the standard laboratory flask.

Ewing *****Ewings sarcoma**

A small cell tumor of bone derived from primitive neuroectodermal cells.

Etiology

Genetic : Translocation 11 – 22

Chimeric gene (EWS1 – FLI-1) encodes for a transcription factor

Clinical features

Occurs in childhood and adolescence, boys >girls.

Painful, enlarging mass in humerus, tibia, femur or pelvis

Lesion is warm to touch, systemic symptoms common

X ray : Lytic lesion

Layers of reactive periosteal bone formation (“onion skinning”)

Pathology

Grey- white tumor starts in medullary cavity but erodes through to cortex

Regions of necrosis and hemorrhage

Histology

Uniform, small round cells, Glycogen rich cytoplasm.

Homer-Wright rosettes

Cells form in a circle around fine fibrillary processes.

Prognosis

50% long term cures with modern treatment.

F

Fabry ***Fabry disease**

Glycosphingolipid accumulation in endothelial and smooth muscle cells
X linked recessive disorder

Enzyme defect: α -Galactosidase A

Substrate—Ceramide Trihexose

Accumulates in lysosomes in endothelial and smooth muscles cells

Clinical features

Angiokeratomas (bathing trunk distribution)

Hypohidrosis.

Acroparasthesias – attacks of severe pain in hands and feet.

Ischemia of heart, kidneys, brain responsible for long term debility

Prognosis

Mean survival 40 years.

Falot *****Tetralogy of Falot**

Most common congenital heart disease comprising four elements

1. Stenosis of pulmonary outflow tract
2. Ventricular septal defect
3. Aorta is moved to right so that it over-rides the VSD
4. Hypertrophy of right ventricle

Pathogenesis

Right to left shunt – early cyanosis

Clinical features

Dyspnea and cyanosis

Retarded physical development

Polycythemia

Complications

Thrombosis (secondary to polycythemia)

Cardiac failure

Prognosis

Excellent if surgically treated.

Fanconi **

Fanconi anemia

Autosomal recessive aplastic anemia

Etiology

Several different gene defects may occur

The most frequent is a defect in Fanconi Anemia Complementation group

C gene (*FACC*)

Associations

Congenital malformations

Short stature, *truncated thumbs, absent radii*, pigmentation of skin (café au lait spots), renal anomalies.

DNA instability—susceptibility to damage by radiation or chemicals.
predisposition to malignancy

Fanconi syndrome

Proximal renal tubular disorder

Etiology

Genetic : Autosomal recessive, dominant and X linked inheritance

Associated with other genetic disorders

Cystinosis, galactosemia, Wilson's disease, tyrosinemia.

Features

Generalized impairment of tubular reabsorption of

Potassium, sodium, bicarbonate, amino acids, glucose, uric acid, phosphates,
mild proteinuria (up to 2 gm / day)

Clinical features

Polyuria, metabolic acidosis, hypokalemia,

Associations

Rickets, osteomalacia

Felty *

Felty's syndrome

A variant of Rheumatoid arthritis characterized by splenomegaly and neutropenia

Associations

Especially seen in patients who have long-standing RA.

Predisposition to bacterial infection

Fenton *

The Fenton reaction

This is an iron-catalysed reaction in phagocytic cells. The reaction leads to the production of hydroxyl radicals which are required for bacterial killing.

Flexner–Wintersteiner ***Flexner–Wintersteiner rosettes**

Cellular arrangements that are found in *retinoblastomas*

Features

Cuboidal or columnar cells surround central lumen

Nuclei are located away from the luminal side of the cell

Fine processes may be present in the lumen.

Friedreich ***Friedreich ataxia**

Most common inherited ataxia

Autosomal recessive inheritance pattern

Etiology

Gene defect in *frataxin* gene on chromosome 9q13

A *triplet repeat mutation* (GAA) is present in the first intron

Pathogenesis

Frataxin is involved in iron transport into mitochondria

The gene is especially expressed in heart muscle and spinal cord.

Clinical features

Onset earlier and more severe disease if GAA repeats are more numerous

Usual onset in childhood, progressive motor incoordination

Kyphoscoliosis and pes cavis are also present

Pathology

Neuronal loss from Brain stem, cerebellum and spinal cord

Axonal loss from posterior columns of spinal cord, gliosis

Myocardial cell necrosis with inflammation and fibrosis

Cardiac enlargement.

Prognosis

Patients are confined to wheelchair within 5 years

Death is usually from pneumonia or cardiac complications.

G

Gardner ****Gardner syndrome**

Familial polyposis of the colon, osteomas and soft tissue tumors of skin.

Etiology

Hereditary—autosomal dominant inheritance

Defect involves FAP gene

Clinical features

Adenomatous polyps in colon

Osteomas in mandible, skull, long bones

Soft tissue tumors : fibromas, epidermal cysts.

Gartner ***Gartner duct cysts**

Found in wall of vagina

Derived from remnants of Wolffian duct.

Pathology

Located submucosally

Fluid filled

Gaucher ****Gauchers disease**

Accumulation of glucosylceramide in macrophage lysosomes.

Etiology

Several different defects

All involve the glucocerebrosidase gene encoding for β -glucosidase

Clinical features

Incidence 1 : 1,000 – 1 : 2,000 among Askenazy jews.

Accumulation of substrate in macrophages throughout body

Brain involved in one uncommon variant only.

Splenomegaly is always present

Hepatomegaly also common

Involvement of bone marrow leads to anemia etc.

Pathology

Accumulation of Gaucher cells in all affected organs (see below)

Prognosis

Variable expression

If brain is not involved: normal life expectancy almost

If brain is involved: death within one year

Gaucher cell

Macrophage with accumulation of glucosylceramide in lysosomes.

Features

Large cell (20 – 100 microns in diameter)

Eccentric nucleus

Cytoplasm filled with fibrillary material

“wrinkled tissue paper appearance”

Cells are strongly PAS positive

EM – parallel layers of tubular structures in lysosomes.

*Gerstmann–Straussler – Wiedermann ****Gerstmann–Straussler–Wiedermann syndrome**

Slowly progressive, familial, spongiform degeneration of brain

Etiology

Mutation in PRNP gene on chromosome 20 that encodes PrP^c

Clinical features

Present initially with ataxia

Onset of dementia late in the disease

Pathology

Spongiform findings in cerebrum, cerebellum, brain stem

Amyloid plaques

Prognosis

Prolonged course over several years.

*Ghon ******Ghon focus**

TB lesion found in primary infections

Pathology

Localized granuloma at periphery of lung in response to TB infection

Typical TB granuloma

Usually located at upper part of lower lobe or lower part of upper lobe.

Ghon complex

Ghon focus with accompanying granulomata in hilar lymph nodes

Also seen only in primary infections

Gilbert ****Gilberts syndrome**

Hyperbilirubinemia due to decreased production of UDP-glucuronyl transferase

Occurs in 5% of normal people – males more often affected than females.

Etiology

Recessive gene defect in promotor region of UDPG gene

Reduced production of the normal enzyme (<30%)

Clinical presentation

Usually detected around puberty

Episodic jaundice, may be associated with stress

Familial

Prognosis

Normal life expectancy.

Gitter ****Gitter cells**

These are *astrocytes* that have phagocytosed lipid debris

Pathology

Astrocytes with intracytoplasmic lipid droplets appear “foamy”.

Association

Tissue necrosis in CNS

Glanzmann ****Glanzmann Thrombasthenia**

Autosomal recessive bleeding disorder

Etiology

Defective platlet receptor for vonWillebrand factor and Fibrinogen (Glycoprotein IIb/ IIIa)

Pathogenesis

Impaired platlet aggregation

Impaired activation of platlet cytoskeleton, which normally leads to clot contraction

Pathology

Platlet count normal

Symptoms relieved by platlet transfusion

Goldblatt ***Goldblatt kidney**

Experimental procedure in which one renal artery is narrowed

Pathogenesis

The affected kidney produces renin leading to hypertension

The opposite kidney develops hypertensive changes
 The “experimental” kidney is protected from the hypertensive effects because of the narrowing of the renal artery.

Clinical relevance

Similar findings seen in patient who have unilateral renal artery stenosis
 Fibromuscular dysplasia of renal artery
 Atherosclerosis involving renal artery.

Goodpasture ***

Goodpasture syndrome

Association of hemoptysis and acute glomerulonephritis

Etiology

Autoantibody to non-collagenous part of α_3 chain of collagen type IV
 Binds to basement membranes in lung and glomerulus
 Initiates type II immune reaction
 Association with smoking
 MHC association (DR alleles)

Clinical presentation

Usually presents in young males
 Initially present with pulmonary hemorrhages
 Later onset of rapidly progressive glomerulonephritis.

Prognosis

Improved by plasmapheresis to remove autoantibodies.

Graves ***

Graves disease

Hyperthyroidism caused by autoantibody to TSH receptor
 Thyroid stimulating immunoglobulin (TSI)

Etiology

Autoimmunity : (females, 20 – 40 years, family history)

Clinical features

Hyperthyroidism, increased metabolic rate, heat intolerance
 Weight loss, tremors, nervousness etc

Pathology

Evidence of hyperstimulation of gland
 Thyroid gland enlarged, meaty.
 Follicular cells become columnar and hyperplastic (papillary ingrowths into follicle lumen)
 Thyroglobulin is removed from follicles
 (Scalloping of edge of thyroglobulin by follicular cells)
 Focal lymphocytic infiltration into gland

Associations

Exophthalmos

Pre-tibial myxedema

Family members may have other autoimmune diseases

Groton *

Groton lesions

Skin rash that occurs in dermatomyositis patients

Location

Knuckles, knees, elbows.

Appearance

Scaling erythematous rash.

Guillain-Barre **

Guillain-Barre syndrome

Commonest form of peripheral neuropathy

Etiology

Immunological damage to myelin

Clinical features

Onset occurs after viral or mycoplasma infections

Weakness of distal arms and legs

Weakness progresses towards trunk to involve proximal muscles

Sensory and autonomic symptoms in some cases

Pathology

Segmental demyelination of PNS

Perivascular infiltration by lymphocytes, macrophages, plasma cells

Associations

Occurs in HIV patients, and in some cancer patients

Prognosis

Usually full recovery within a month

H

Hand–Schuller-Christian ***Hand-Schuller-Christian disease**

One of the clinical entities that comprise *Langerhans cell histiocytosis*

It is a clonal proliferation of antigen-presenting Langerhans cells

Clinical features

Occurs in young children (2–5 years)

Multifocal lesions

Bony lesions

Involvement of endocrine glands

Pathology

Langerhans cells

>15 microns diameter

Abundant eosinophilic cytoplasm

Birbeck granules

CD1a molecule on membranes

Intermixed inflammatory cells

Eosinophils, plasma cells, PMNs

Prognosis

Indolent, benign disorder usually

Hand-Schuller-Christian triad

Defects in calvarium, proptosis, diabetes insipidus.

Occurs in 15% of patients with the disease.

Hansen ***Hansen disease: Leprosy**

Infection by *M. leprae*, first isolated by Hansen

Clinical features

Tuberculoid leprosy

Associated with good immune response

Focal lesions of skin – usually small

Bacilli are few in number in lesions

Granulomatous inflammation

Nerve involvement leads to focal loss of sensation.

Lepromatous leprosy

Associated with poor immune response

Diffuse lesions : usually large, disfiguring

Numerous bacilli inside foamy macrophages in the lesions

Lesions tend to fuse and to ulcerate

Pathology

M leprae grows best at cooler temperatures – body surfaces

Hamman–Rich* ****Hamman-Rich syndrome: Usual interstitial pneumonitis (UIP)**

Inflammation and fibrosis of lung interstitium

Etiology

Immunological (20% have other autoimmune disease)

Viral (history of flu-like disease in some patients)

Clinical features

Insidious development of dyspnea

Dry cough

Progressive over 10 years

Restrictive pattern in pulmonary function tests

Pathology

Lungs are small and firm

Histology

Inflammatory infiltration in alveolar walls in early stages

Fibrosis later with collapse of alveoli

Dilatation of bronchioles—cystic

Harrison* **Harrison groove**

Indentation at lower part of rib cage in children suffering from Rickets

Induced by diaphragmatic contraction acting on softened ribs

Hashimoto* ****Hashimoto's thyroiditis: Struma lymphomatosa**

Inflammatory destruction of thyroid gland, goiter and hypothyroidism

Etiology

Autoimmunity : Autoantibodies to thyroid cells, thyroglobulin

Clinical features

Early stages : goiter

Later : hypothyroidism

Pathology

Enlargement of gland, which is firm and white on cross section.

Extensive inflammatory infiltration by lymphocytes

Lymphoid follicles also present

Destruction of thyroid follicles

Thyroid cells may undergo metaplastic change : *Hurtle* cells.

Associations

Other autoimmune disorders in members of family

Especially pernicious anemia but also others.

Autoantibodies to gastric parietal cells

B cell lymphoma may develop in the gland.

Heberden ***

Heberden nodes

Osteophytic lesions at the sides of the distal interphalangeal joints

Association

Osteoarthritis in women

Heinz ***

Heinz bodies

Precipitation of insoluble globin molecules in cytoplasm of red cells.

Associations

Hemoglobinopathies

Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency

Effects

Removal of Heinz bodies occurs in the spleen

Shortening of RBC life expectancy

Hirano **

Hirano bodies

Inclusion bodies found in hippocampal pyramidal cells in Alzheimers disease

Appearance

Elongated eosinophilic bodies, consisting of beaded filaments

Actin present in filaments.

Associations

Also found in aging brains but to a lesser extent than in Alzheimer's

Hirschsprung ***

Hirschsprungs disease

Failure of innervation of part of colon during development

Ganglion cells absent from *Auerbach* and *Meissner* plexuses

Aganglionic segment extends from rectum upwards

Clinical features

Incidence—1 in 5,000 live births, males > females (4 : 1)

Failure to pass meconium after birth

Constipation

Abdominal distention

Infections may supervene
 May progress to perforation

Pathology

Affected segment is contracted
 Colon is dilated proximal to affected region
 Ganglion cells absent from affected segment

Cytochemistry

Acetylcholinesterase accumulation in affected segment

Associations

Ten-fold increased in incidence in Down syndrome patients

*Hodgkin ****

Hodgkins disease

Neoplastic disorder of Reed-Sternberg cells (see later)

Etiology

Epstein Barr virus? possibly other infectious agents?

Clinical features

Bimodal age distribution – 20 years and 50 years
 Painless cervical lymphadenopathy as initial symptom usually
 Spread to contiguous nodes

Pathology

Four histological subtypes

Lymphocyte predominant	(< 5%)
Lymphocyte depleted	(< 5%)
Mixed cellularity	(25%)
Nodular sclerosing type	(70%)

Associations

Systemic manifestation (<50%)
 Fever, (*Pel-Epstein fever*), night sweats, weight loss
 Skin anergy
 Pain in affected nodes if alcohol is taken in <10%of patients

*Homan ***

Homans sign

Diagnostic clinical test for deep venous thrombosis in the leg.
 The patient complains of pain when the foot is forcibly dorsiflexed.

*Homer–Wright ***

Homer-Wright rosettes

Histological structures seen in Retinoblastomas and in Ewings sarcoma.
 Radially arranged tumor cells surrounding central tangle of fibrils

Horner ****Horner syndrome**

- Comprises four features
 - Enophthalmos (eye sunken in socket)
 - Ptosis (upper lid drooping)
 - Miosis (constriction of pupil)
 - Anhydrosis
- Findings are unilateral

Associations

- Apical cancers of the lung (Pancoast tumors)

Howship ***Howships lacunae**

- Areas of bone that have been recently resorbed by osteoclasts

Appearance

- Scalloping of the edge of the bone trabecula at site of osteoclastic resorption.

Associations

- Especially prominent in hyperparathyroidism

Hunner ****Hunner ulcers**

- Chronic ulceration of urinary bladder mucosa in interstitial cystitis.

Etiology

- Autoimmune
 - Association with other autoimmune disorders—SLE

Clinical presentation

- Symptoms of cystitis – dysuria, frequency etc
- Sterile urine

Pathology

- Chronic inflammation and fibrosis throughout wall of bladder
 - Mast cells* especially notable
- Acute inflammation and ulceration of mucosa
- Granulation tissue also present

Hunter ****Hunter syndrome: Mucopolysaccharidosis II (MPS II)**

- X linked genetic disorder (all other MPS are autosomal recessive)
- Mucopolysaccharide accumulates in lysosomes of cells of the body.
 - Macrophages, endothelial cells, smooth muscle cells.

Clinical features

- Hepatomegaly during first year of life
- Varying degrees of severity

May be associated with mental deficiency
 Corneal clouding is NOT present (it is present in Hurler's syndrome)

Prognosis

Death usually during teenage years

Huntington* **

Huntingtons chorea

Autosomal dominant disorder, gene on chromosome 4.

Characterized by movement disorders and dementia

Etiology

This is one of the triplet repeat mutation disorders

CAG repeats present in coding region – polyglutamine regions.

Abnormal protein produced—named Huntingtin,

This is toxic to neurons

Clinical features

Onset of involuntary movements and progressive dementia after age 30

Onset earlier in patients who have more “repeats”.

Anticipation—disease worse in succeeding generations.

Prognosis

Progressive over several years

Death usually occurs from intercurrent infections.

Hurler* *

Hurler syndrome: Mucopolysaccharidosis I (MPS I)

Autosomal recessive disorder

Accumulation of mucopolysaccharides in various cells

Etiology

Deficiency of α -1 iduronidase

Accumulation of glycosaminoglycans in lysosomes

Clinical features

Hepatosplenomegaly within 1 – 2 years

Stunting of growth,

Corneal clouding present

Coarse features

***Hutchinson* ***

Hutchinsons teeth

Notching of permanent incisors, found in congenital syphilis

Hutchinsons freckle : Lentigo Maligna Melanoma

Subtype of Malignant melanoma

Etiology

Sun exposure

Pathology

Macular lesion with melanoma cells located in basal layer
Invasion not prominent during the radial growth phase

Hurthle ***Hurthle cells**

Altered thyroid follicular cells with eosinophilic cytoplasm.
Cytoplasm contains numerous mitochondria
Nuclear atypia may be present

Association

Hashimoto's thyroiditis

See also

Askenazy cells

Hurthle cell tumor

Rare benign tumor of thyroid gland composed of Hurthle cells

I

Ito ***Ito cells**

Situated in the space of Disse, between hepatocytes and sinusoidal epithelial cells

Normally store Vitamin A

Clinical significance

They may transform into myofibroblast cells if stimulated

Stimulants include inflammatory cytokines and toxins

Inflammatory cytokines can be produced by Kupffer cells

Ito cells are responsible for deposition of collagen in cirrhosis.

J

Jones *****Jones criteria for the diagnosis of Rheumatic Fever**

This is a list of clinical findings, some designated “Major” others “Minor”
2 major or 1 major and two minor criteria are required for diagnosis.

Major criteria

Carditis
Migratory polyarthritis
Sydenham’s chorea
Subcutaneous nodules
Erythema marginatum

Minor criteria

Include Fever, Arthralgia, Raised ESR, CRP, Prolonged PR interval

Plus

Evidence of recent infection by Group A streptococcus
Positive culture for the organism or increasing antibody titers.
(ASOT)

JC *****JC virus**

Etiologic agent of Progressive Multifocal Leukoencephalopathy (PML)
It is a papova virus related to SV 40
Infects oligodendroglial cells leading to demyelination

Clinical features

Insidious onset of neurological symptoms
Weakness, dementia, ataxia, blindness.
Rapid downhill course over 6-8 months.

Pathology

Affects white matter of CNS—especially cerebrum and brain stem
Multiple areas of demyelination
Ranging from small to massive lesions
Intranuclear virus particles are present in adjacent oligodendroglial cells.
Pronounced astrocytosis – with some pleomorphism

Associations

Immunosuppression

Occurs in up to 3% of AIDS patients

Astrocytomas may develop

Job ***Job syndrome : Hyper IgE syndrome**

Inherited immunodeficiency syndrome

Characterized by recurrent infections by *S. aureus*

Etiology

Impaired PMN motility in some patients.

Clinical features

Recurrent skin and sino-pulmonary infections

Inadequate inflammatory response

Patients clinical condition appears good in relation to extent of infection

“Cold abscesses”—infections with minimal inflammation

Associations

Very high IgE levels

K

Kallman ***Kallmann syndrome**

Hypogonadism and anosmia

Etiology

X linked recessive disorder affecting KAL gene

Abnormal neuronal migration of neurons from olfactory anlage to hypothalamus

Pathogenesis

Absence of secretion of gonadotrophin-releasing hormone (GnRH)

Clinical features

Failure of secondary sexual characteristics to develop at puberty.

Associations

Cleft palate

Kaposi *****Kaposi Sarcoma**

Malignant tumor of endothelial cells

Etiology

HHV 8

Clinical features

Four types

Classical type:	Older men, eastern Europe
Lymphadenopathic:	Young children, Africa
Transplant associated:	Related to immunosuppressive therapy
AIDS associated:	Homosexual men

Pathology

Typically red – blue nodular skin lesions, lower extremities

Histology

Vascular channels in a *spindle cell stroma*

Kartagener *****Kartagener syndrome**

Bronchiectasis, Sinusitis, Dextrocardia (Situs inversus sometimes)

Etiology

Abnormality of *Dynein*

Ciliary immotility

Associations

Infertility : defective ciliary function in vas deferens and fallopian tubes.

*Kawasaki *****Kawasaki syndrome: Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome**

Arteritis in young children

Etiology

Infection: parvovirus B19

Epidemics occur in Japan

Inappropriate immune response

Clinical features

Involvement of blood vessels throughout body

Coronary arteries especially involved

May lead to aneurysm / thrombosis

Death in 1% of patients

Pathology

PMN infiltration of vessel walls

Fibrinoid necrosis in severe cases

Prognosis

Self-limiting unless cardiac complications supervene

Most common cause of death from acquired heart disease in children

*Kayser–Fleisher ******Kayser–Fleischer rings**

Deposits of copper in Descemet's membrane in cornea in Wilson's disease

Golden colored pigmentation

Associations

Indicate that copper is also being deposited in the brain.

*Kennedy ****Kennedy Syndrome: Bulbospinal atrophy**

Neurologic disorder involving distal muscles and bulbar nuclei

X linked

Etiology

Triplet repeat mutation in androgen receptor (CAG – polyglutamine)

Clinical features

Onset in adult life

Atrophy of muscles

Dysphagia

Tongue fasciculations

Associations

Azoospermia
 Testicular atrophy
 Gynecomastia

*Kerley ****Kerley B lines**

Radiological finding in lower lobes of patients with early pulmonary edema
 Linear shadows caused by edema fluid in lobular septae

Etiology

Left heart failure
 Fluid overload

Clinical features

Patient may be asymptomatic at this stage
 Usually progresses to development of intra-alveolar edema

*Kernig ****Kernig's sign**

Flexion of hip causing pain in the leg

Association

Meningeal irritation

*Kikuchi ****Kikuchi disease**

Necrotizing cervical lymphadenitis
 Immunoblasts and macrophages infiltrate nodes.
 Affects younger women

Etiology

Unknown: Virus suspected

Outcome

Resolution within 6 months

*Kimmelstiel–Wilson ******Kimmelstiel-Wilson disease: nodular glomerulosclerosis**

Eosinophilic nodules in periphery of glomeruli in diabetic patients

Etiology

Non-enzymatic glycosylation of proteins

Pathology

Two patterns
 1. Nodular (K-W nodules)
 2. Diffuse thickening of basement membranes

Prognosis

Progression to renal failure over many years in 20 – 50% of patients

Require renal transplantation.

Associations

May develop nephrotic syndrome

*Klatskin ***

Klatskin tumor

Cholangiocarcinoma occurring at junction of right and left hepatic ducts

Clinical features

Jaundice, hepatomegaly, gall bladder normal size

Pathology

The tumor is an adenocarcinoma

There is a prominent fibroblastic response

Prognosis

Better than with other cholangiocarcinomas.

Slowly growing

Metastasizes less frequently

*Klinefelter ****

Klinefelters syndrome

Genetic disorder characterized by XXY genotype

Etiology

Nondysjunction during meiosis

Clinical features

Tall thin boys with long legs

Normal pubertal changes do not occur

Small testis, poor masculinization, gynecomastia

High pitched voice, female hair distribution

Infertility

Slightly reduced intelligence

Pathology

Atrophy of seminiferous tubules

Laboratory tests

Elevated FSH

Low testosterone levels

Elevated estradiol levels

Associations

Extra X chromosomes may be present

Associated with more profound abnormalities

*Knudson ****

Knudson “two-hit” hypothesis of oncogenesis

Defects in both alleles of a tumor suppressor gene are required for cancer to develop

Hereditary cancer patients are born with one defective gene

Examples : Retinoblastoma, *Li Fraumeni syndrome*

If the single normal gene is damaged during life (second “hit”) cancer can arise

In normal individuals both alleles have to be damaged during life to cause cancer

Koch **

Kochs bacillus

Original name for *M. tuberculosis*

Kochs postulates

Requirements to confirm that a particular organism causes a specific disease.

1. Organism must be isolated from all cases of the disease
2. Organism must be cause disease in experimental animal
3. Organims must be isolated from the experimental animal
4. It must be capable of causing the same disease in another animal

Koebner *

Koebner phenomenon

Development of Psoriatic lesions at site of previous trauma in psoriasis patients

Proposed pathogenesis

Trauma unmasks skin antigens against which an immune response is mounted

Kohn **

Pores of Kohn

Intercommunicating pores in alveolar walls that allow direct access from one alveolus to the next.

Clinical significance

Allow infectious organisms to spread to adjacent alveoli
Especially in Lobar pneumonia.

Koplik *

Kopliks spots

White spots against a background of an inflamed, buccal mucosa.
Indicative of *measles* infection

Korsakoff ***

Korsakoff psychosis

Retrograde amnesia with confabulation (imaginary memories)
Associated with chronic alcoholism but also seen in other mental disorders

Krabbe ***Krabbe Disease**

Autosomal recessive leukodystrophy

Etiology

Absence of *galactocerebroside β-galactosidase*

Galactocerebroside converted to galactosphingosine via alternate pathway

Galactosphingosine is toxic to oligodendroglial cells.

Clinical features

Motor dysfunction within 3 months of birth

Pathology

Absence of myelin in CNS and peripheral nerves

Globoid cells – multinucleate macrophages surrounding blood vessels

Prognosis

Death within two years

Krukenberg *****Krukenberg tumor**

Secondary adenocarcinoma of the ovary – Primary tumor in the stomach

Pathogenesis

Transclomelic spread of tumor cells

Pathology

Tumor contains signet ring cells

Kveim ***The Kveim test**

Used in the diagnosis of Sarcoidosis.

Methodology

Kveim “antigen” is obtained from spleen of a patient who has sarcoidosis

Antigen is injected to perform a DTH type skin test similar to Mantoux

Injection site is biopsied several weeks later

Macrophages are present if the test is positive

This test is of *historical interest only* and is no longer used

L

Laennec ****Laennec cirrhosis: Alcoholic cirrhosis**

Laennec also invented the stethoscope

Lambl ***Lambl excrescences**

Organized thrombi on aortic and mitral valves

Clinical features

Seen in older people

Of no clinical significance

Pathology

Small nodules on *lines of closure* of affected valves

Langerhans *****Langerhans cells**

Cells of the monocyte-macrophage series

They are located as a network within the epidermis and elsewhere

They present antigen to immune system

Identification

Express MHC class I and class II molecules

Receptors for Fc IgG and C3.

Express CD1a antigen and S-100 protein

Contain *Birbeck granules* in cytoplasm

Langerhans cell histiocytosis : Histiocytosis X

Tumor of Langerhans cells

There are three related disorders included under this heading

Hand-Schuller-Christian disease

Letterer-Siwe disease

Eosinophilic granuloma

Langhan ****Langhans giant cells**

Associated with granulomas.

Formed by fusion of epithelioid cells.

Multiple nuclei are arranged peripherally as distinct from *Foreign Body* giant cells where the nuclei are arranged in the center of the cell.

Langhans cells

Term used for cytotrophoblast cells.

Lambert–Eaton *****Lambert-Eaton syndrome**

See “Eaton-Lambert syndrome”

Leigh ***Leigh disease**

Abnormal *mitochondrial enzyme*

Impaired ATP production

Autosomal recessive disorder

Clinical features

Lactic acidemia

Various neurological deficits

Pathology

Random regions of necrosis of brain tissue

Prognosis

Death within 2 years.

Leishman-Donovan ***Leishman-Donovan bodies**

Multiple cytoplasmic dots in macrophages

Associated with cutaneous Leishmaniasis

Pathology

Each “dot” represents an amastigote of the organism.

Lesch–Nyhan *****Lesch-Nyhan syndrome**

Deficiency of HGPRT (hypoxanthine-guanine-phosphobiosyl transferase)

Impaired purine salvage leads to increased purine synthesis

Increased uric acid production

X linked inheritance

Clinical features

Hyperuricemia

Neurological defects

Mental retardation, *self mutilation*

Gout (after age 20 and not in all patients)

Letterer-Siwe *

Letterer-Siwe disease

One of the clinical syndromes that comprise Histiocytosis X

Tumor of Langerhans cells

Clinical features

Occurs in infants and adults

Skin rash—especially scalp, face and trunk

Lymphadenopathy

Visceral involvement

Pulmonary eosinophilia

Osteolytic bone lesions

Pathology

Langerhans cells present

Variable accompanying cellular infiltration

Prognosis

Infancy—aggressive behaviour

Adults—more benign

Lewis *

Lewis triple response

Sequence of events that occurs when skin is firmly stroked by blunt object (pen)

White line – vasoconstriction

Red line – vasodilatation

Wheal—edema

Significance

First demonstration of humoral control of inflammation

Vasodilatation and increased vascular permeability are caused by release of histamine from traumatized mast cells

Lewy ***

Lewy body

Cytoplasmic inclusion bodies found in neurons in Parkinsons disease

Appearance

Central round eosinophilic body

Surrounded by “halo” (less dense eosinophilic material)

Electron microscopy

Densely packed fine filaments (looser packing at rim)

Composition

Ubiquitin and α -*synuclein* present
Immunocytochemical demonstration.

Leydig* ***Leydig cell tumor**

Tumors of testicular stromal cells
Can produce androgens, estrogens or glucocorticoids

Clinical features

Childhood (uncommon tumor in childhood)
Sexual precocity due to hormonal effects
Adults (20 – 60 years)
Testicular mass

Pathology

Small brown tumors

Histology

Large cells with central nucleus
Eosinophilic cytoplasm
Cytoplasmic lipid droplets
Crystalloids of Reinke

Prognosis

Usually benign, 10% malignant

Libman–Sacks* ***Libman-Sacks endocarditis**

Endocarditis associated with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Features

Small vegetations (<5 mm diameter)
On valve *surfaces*, including *undersurface*
Mitral and aortic valves

Pathogenesis

Thrombotic lesions

Associations

Anti-phospholipid syndrome

Clinical significance

May lead to regurgitation if severe

Liddle* **Liddle syndrome**

Hereditary hypertension syndrome
Autosomal dominant gene defect—chromosome 16
Defective sodium receptor in renal tubules.

Etiology

Renal tubular absorption of sodium is increased
 The abnormal sodium receptor is *permanently activated*

Clinical features

Hypertension
 Hypokalemic alkalosis

Pathology

Low renin and aldosterone levels (feedback)

Lindau **

Lindau syndrome

Hereditary *hemangioblastoma* of the cerebellum
 Unassociated with any other lesions
 Also see *Von Hippel-Lindau*

Lisch **

Lisch nodules

These are hamartomas found in the *iris* in Neurofibromatosis type I
 They are pigmented nodules composed of melanocytes.

Li-Fraumeni ***

Li Fraumeni syndrome

Inherited genetic mutation of one copy of p53 gene
 Mutation in second copy of this tumor suppressor gene predisposes to cancer

Clinical features

Twenty five-fold chance of developing malignancy before age 50
 Patients develop tumors of several organs
 Breast cancer, sarcomas, leukemias, adrenal cortex.
 The tumor cells have mutations of both p53 genes.

Loeffler *

Loeffler syndrome

A self-limiting mild pneumonia characterized by eosinophilic infiltration of lungs

Etiology

Unknown

Clinical features

X rays show patchy infiltrates in lung
 Minimal clinical symptomatology

Pathology

Eosinophils in alveolar space and in interstitium
 Eosinophilia on peripheral blood film

Prognosis

Self-limiting over period of a few weeks

Loeffler Endocarditis

Inflammatory condition affecting sub-endocardium and endocardium
Affects males, 40 – 50 years.

Etiology

Unknown
Patients have eosinophilia (usually quite marked)
Toxic constituents of eosinophil granules damage myocardium

Pathology

Eosinophilic infiltration in subendocardial region – necrosis of cells.
Superimposed mural thrombi in heart chambers (may embolize)
Eventually repair by deposition of dense collagen in endocardium
Affects cardiac movement

Prognosis

Progressive condition leading eventually to heart failure.

*Lutembacher *****Lutembacher Syndrome**

Presence of Atrial septal defect and mitral stenosis
Mitral stenosis may be congenital or acquired (rheumatic fever)

Pathogenesis

Stenotic mitral valve and increased LA pressure contributes to maintenance of patency of the septal defect

*Lynch ******Lynch syndrome**

Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal carcinoma

Etiology

Genetic defect in DNA mismatch repair gene
One defective gene is inherited by an individual in an affected family
The second gene functions normally
A mutation of the second gene eventually may occur leading to cancer
(1,000 – fold increased risk of colon cancer)

See also

Knudson

*Lyon ******The Lyon effect**

Random inactivation of X chromosomes in excess of 1.
Occurs at 16th week of embryogenesis
Appear as Barr body in nuclei of cells (see *Barr*)

M

MacCallum ****MacCallums patch**

Irregularly thickened plaque on posterior (usually) wall of Left Atrium
Present in patients who have mitral stenosis secondary to rheumatic fever

Pathogenesis

Regurgitation of jet of blood during systole impinges on atrial endocardium and induces thickening.

Maffucci ***Maffucci syndrome**

Association of multiple enchondromas (see *Ollier disease*) with cavernous hemangioma of skin.

Association

Chondrosarcoma develops in 50% of patients.
Other tumors also may develop
Gliomas, ovarian tumors

Mallory *****Mallory bodies: Alcoholic hyalin**

Eosinophilic body in the cytoplasm of hepatocytes
Usually located close to nucleus in damaged cell.

Association

Alcohol ingestion

Structure of Mallory body

Keratin intermediate filaments.

Mallory–Weiss *****Mallory-Weiss syndrome**

Longitudinal tears of the mucosa in the lower esophagus

Etiology

Severe retching

Clinical presentation

Hematemesis

Location of lesions

Lower esophagus, cardia of stomach.

Association

Chronic alcoholism

Boerhaave syndrome

Rupture of esophagus

*Marek ****Marek disease of chickens**

Herpesvirus that induces lymphoid neoplasm in chickens.

Clinical relevance

The virus also induces atherosclerotic lesions

Provides suggestive evidence for a viral etiology for human atherosclerosis

Herpesviral genomic sequences have been found in human atherosclerotic plaques

*Marfan ******Marfans syndrome**

Hereditary connective tissue disorder

Etiology

Marfan's syndrome is an autosomal dominant disorder.

There is a mutation in the Fibrillin gene (fbn) on chromosome 15q

Fibrillin normally serves as scaffolding for elastin assembly

Abnormal fibrillin results in defective elastin organization.

Clinical features

Incidence 1 : 15,000

Typical phenotype—Tall, thin, individuals with arachnodactyly

Lesions affect

Skeletal system : Skeletal deformities

Pectus excavatum or carinatum, skull bossing

Laxity of tendons and ligaments.

Eye : Lens dislocation, retinal detachment, myopia.

Vasculature : Aortic dilatation and mitral valve prolapse.

Prognosis

Death in fifth decade unless treated (valve replacement etc)

*Marie–Strumpell ******Marie-Strumpell disease: Ankylosing spondylitis**

Seronegative arthritis affecting sacroiliac and spinal joints especially

Etiology

Autoimmunity

Association with B27 in >90% cases

Clinical features

- Onset in adolescence
- Low back pain
- Progressive, death from respiratory failure usually

Pathology

- Chronic inflammatory process leading to destruction of affected joint
 - Sacroiliac and apophyseal joints of spine
- Bony ankylosis
 - “poker spine”

Associations

- Uveitis
- Aortitis
- Amyloidosis

*McArdle *****McArdle disease: Type V glycogenosis**

- Absence of phosphorylase from muscle cells
- Muscle cells are unable to break down glycogen to provide glucose for energy

Clinical features

- Pain and cramping on exercise

Pathology

- Muscle appears normal unless over-worked
 - (over-use results in muscle cell necrosis)
- Lactate levels remain normal even after exercise

Prognosis

- Good if subject avoids severe exercise.

See also

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| Glycogenosis type I | Von Gierke disease |
| Glycogenosis type II | Pompe disease |
| Glycogenosis type III | Cori disease |
| Glycogenosis type IV | Andersen disease |

*McCune–Albright *****McCune-Albright syndrome**

- Polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, café au lait spots and endocrine dysfunction

Etiology

- Somatic* mutation during embryogenesis
- Gene defect involves Guanine nucleotide-binding protein.
- Excessive production of cyclic AMP

Clinical features

- Fibrous dysplasia affecting many bones – *often unilateral*
- Skin pigmentation – *also usually unilateral*
- Hypersecretion of endocrine glands

Precocious sexual development
Hypersecretion of thyroid, pituitary, adrenals.

Meckel ***

Meckels diverticulum

Persistence of vitelline duct at point of attachment to terminal ileum

This is a *true* diverticulum (all layers of bowel present)

Rule of “twos”

Two feet from ileocecal valve

Two inches long

Occurs in *two* percent of population.

Most patients present before *two* years of age.

Clinical associations

Most are asymptomatic

Ectopic gastric mucosa present in 50%

Ulceration of ileum and *hemorrhage, perforation.*

Intestinal obstruction

Volvulus, intussusception

Inflammation—similar to appendicitis clinically.

Meigs ***

Meigs syndrome

Association of *fibroma of ovary* with *ascites* and *right sided hydrothorax.*

Pathogenesis unknown.

Meissner **

Meissner plexus

Submucosal nerve plexus in gastrointestinal tract

Focally absent in *Hirschsprungs* disease

Plexus is damaged in Chagas disease resulting in acquired megacolon.

Menetrier ***

Menetrier disease

Hyperplasia of mucus producing cells in gastric mucosa

Greatly enlarged rugae, contributing to a large increase in weight of stomach.

Similar in appearance to brain—“cerebriform”

Etiology

Childhood : CMV infection (self limiting)

Adults : Overproduction of TGF- α

Clinical features

Males > Females (4 : 1), 30-50 years

Often asymptomatic

Upper intestinal symptomatology—discomfort

Weight loss

Protein losing enteropathy – hypoalbuminemia, edema.

Pathology

Greatly enlarged rugae

Mainly mucin secreting cells in glands—few chief or parietal cells.

Associations

Persistent condition may need gastrectomy

May be pre-cancerous—monitor.

Merkel *

Merkel cells

Specialized epidermal cells with possible neurosecretory function

Contain membrane bound *dense-core granules*.

May have tactile function

Merkel cell carcinoma

Tumor contains small cells with neurosecretory granules

Similar to small cell carcinoma of lung, or small cell lymphoma

Michaelis-Guttman *

Michaelis-Guttman bodies

Laminated, calcified bodies found inside macrophages in malakoplakia lesions

Pathology of malakoplakia

These are raised, soft, lesions found especially in the bladder in women

Associated with bladder infection—*E coli*

Histology

Lesions contain PAS positive macrophages

Phagosomes contain bacterial remnants

Michaelis-Gutmann bodies represent calcified bacterial debris.

Mikulicz **

Mikulicz syndrome

Destruction of salivary and lachrymal glands

Etiology

Sarcoidosis, lymphoma, other tumors

Clinical features

Dry mouth and dry eyes

(xerostomia and keratoconjunctivitis sicca)

Milroy **

Milroys disease

Hereditary lymphedema

Present at birth, usually affecting only one limb.

Etiology

Defective development of lymphatic channels

Pathology

Affected region has greatly dilated lymphatic channels

Monckeberg ***

Monckebergs medial calcific sclerosis

Calcification of the media of medium sized arteries—arms and legs.

Affects persons over 50 years old.

Pathology

Affected arteries are hard

Calcification is concentric, may lead to nodularity of vessels.

Lesions may undergo ossification.

No decrease in lumen diameter

Significance

No clinical significance

Munroe *

Munroe microabscesses

Collections of PMNs in epidermis and stratum corneum in Psoriasis

N

Negri *****Negri body**

Inclusion body which is pathognomonic for rabies.

Features

Circular eosinophilic, intracytoplasmic, inclusion bodies.

Resemble a red cell

Seen in pyramidal cells of the hippocampus, brain stem and Purkinje cells.

Rabies virus is present in the Negri body.

Nelson ****Nelsons syndrome**

Rapidly growing pituitary corticotroph tumor seen after adrenalectomy.

Pathogenesis

The original tumor was receiving feedback suppression from the high level of glucocorticoids which were produced by the adrenal gland.

When the adrenal gland was removed this feedback ceased.

The pituitary tumor increases in size more rapidly.

Clinical features

The tumor first comes to attention a few years following adrenalectomy

Presents as pituitary mass, may be invasive

This syndrome is not seen now as pituitary tumors are treated when the patient first presents.

Pathological features

Tumor cells do not demonstrate Crookes hyaline degeneration

Suggests that this feature requires a high level of corticosteroids

Nezelhof ***Nezelhof syndrome**

Congenital T cell immunodeficiency syndrome

Niemann–Pick ****Niemann-Pick disease**

Sphingomyelin accumulation in macrophages, hepatocytes and neurons

Etiology

Several different mutations of *sphingomyelinase gene* on chromosome 11p
Prevalent in Askenazy Jews.

Clinical features

Two clinical patterns type A (80% of cases) and Type B

Type A

Presents in infancy
Hepatosplenomegaly
Impaired mental development
Death within 3 years

Type B

CNS not involved
Survival into adult life

Pathology

Widespread distribution of “foam cells” in most organs
These are enlarged macrophages
Sphingomyelin accumulation in lysosomes
The inclusions have a laminated structure on electron microscopy
Zebra bodies

Association

Cherry red spot on macula (in 50% patients)
Also seen in Tay-Sachs disease

O

*Ollier *****Ollier disease**

Multiple enchondromas especially in bones of hand and feet.
Symmetric distribution, result in deformation of bones.

Association

Tendency to give rise to chondrosarcoma.

See *Maffucci* syndrome

Enchondromas with cavernous hemangioma of skin.

*Osler-Weber-Rendu ****Osler-Weber-Rendu syndrome : hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia**

Arteriovenous fistulae in skin of the face and extremities, GIT and elsewhere.

Autosomal dominant inheritance

Clinical features

Development of telangiectasia in adolescence

Patients present with epistaxis and GIT bleeding.

Associations

A-V shunting in internal organs – lung, liver

P

Paget *****Pagets disease of bone : Osteitis deformans**

Irregular bone destruction and formation

Etiology

Paramyxoviral infection of osteoclasts and osteoblasts

Pathogenesis

Three stages

Increased osteoclastic activity

Increased osteoblastic activity

Quiescent stage

Clinical features

May affect single bone (monostotic) or many bones (polyostotic)

May be asymptomatic – detected during X ray examination

May cause bone pain and deformity leading to trapping of nerves

May present as fracture.

Pathology

Thickened regions of bone

Histology : *Mosaic pattern* of lameller bone

Associations

Heart failure due to high vascularity of lesions (A-V fistula)

Osteosarcoma and other tumors (5% of patients)

Pagets cell

Tumor cells that are found within the epidermis of nipple or vulva

Histological appearance

Arranged singly or in groups

They are large cells with clear cytoplasm

Cytoplasm contains mucin

The cells appear to be separated from surrounding skin cells by a space.

Pagets disease of the nipple

Eczematous, oozing, ulcerated lesions on the skin of the areola and nipple

Pathology

Infiltration of *Paget cells* into epidermis from underlying tumor

Association

Underlying ductal carcinoma – in-situ or invasive.

Extramammary Pagets disease

Refers to the finding of Paget cells in the skin of vulva or perianal region.

Usually are *not associated* with deeper lesions

Indolent course usually

Pancoast *****Pancoast syndrome**

Invasion of cervical nerves (C8 and T1) by apical lung cancer

Usually a squamous carcinoma

Clinical features

Shoulder pain radiating along ulnar side of the arm.

Association

Pancoast tumors may also cause *Horners syndrome*

Parkinson *****Parkinsons disease**

Degeneration of dopaminergic neurons in substantia nigra

Clinical features

Stooped posture

Slow movement with shortened steps

Rigid facial expression

“Pill-rolling” tremor in hands

Dementia at late stage in 15% of patients

Pathology

Loss of pigmentation of the substantia nigra and locus ceruleus

Patau ****Patau's syndrome: Trisomy 13***Etiology*

Non dysjunction during meiosis usually

Clinical features

Microcephaly, cleft lip and palate

Congenital defects in heart and kidneys

Polydactyly and “rocker-bottom” feet

Prognosis

Death usually occurs within a year due to severe malformations.

Patterson–Kelly *****Patterson-Kelly syndrome**

Triad of clinical findings

Iron deficiency anemia

Glossitis

Dysphagia (esophageal webs)

Association with esophageal carcinoma

Also known as the *Plummer-Vinson syndrome*

Paul Bunnell ***

The Paul Bunnell test

Detects antibodies that react with sheep red blood cells in patients who have infectious mononucleosis

As these antibodies react across species they are called “heterophil” antibodies.

Pautrier *

Pautrier microabscesses

Collections of T lymphocytes within epidermis in Mycosis Fungoides.

Pel-Ebstein **

Pel-Ebstein fever

Recurring fever that lasts for 3-10 days and disappears for a similar time

Associated with *Hodgkins disease* and other lymphomas

Pelger-Huet *

Pelger-Huet anomaly

Abnormal PMNs that have bilobed nuclei, dense chromatin and fine granules

Associations

Found as a benign inherited dominant trait

May be seen in AML

Peutz-Jeghers ***

Peutz-Jeghers syndrome

Autosomal dominant syndrome (19p) characterized by

Benign hamartomatous polyps are present throughout the intestinal tract

Especially numerous in small intestine

Melanin pigmentation of oral mucosa, lips, hands, genitalia

Clinical presentation

May present with obstruction, intussusception due to polyps

May present as acute upper GIT bleeding

Anemia may develop due to chronic bleeding.

Associations

Increased incidence of cancers of *breast, pancreas, ovary, testis*

The hamartomatous intestinal polyps are *not premalignant*

Peyronie *

Peyronies disease of the penis

Abnormal deposition of fibrous tissue in shaft of penis

Usually dorsal surface

Clinical features

Contraction of fibrous tissue may lead to deformity or urethral obstruction

Associations

This disorder is related to palmar fibromatosis (*Dupuytren contracture*)

Pick *

Pick disease: lobar atrophy: lobar sclerosis

Severe atrophy of frontal and parietal lobes

Clinical features

Presents as a progressive dementia in 30s and 40s

Pathology

Severe reduction in size of affected lobes

Assymetric involvement

Gyri may be very thin “*knife edge gyri*”

Histology

Severe neuronal depletion

Residual cells are swollen (*Pick cells*)

May contain “*Pick bodies*”

Intracytoplasmic bodies, silver staining.

Other parts of the brain may also be atrophic (caudate, putamen)

Prognosis

Downhill course over 4-10 years.

Pickwick **

Pickwickian syndrome

Hypoventilation due to limitation of thoracic expansion by extreme obesity

Clinical features

Somnolence

Sleep apnea

Polycythemia

Right heart failure

Plummer-Vinson ***

Plummer-Vinson syndrome

Triad of clinical findings

Iron deficiency anemia

Glossitis

Dysphagia (esophageal webs)
Also known as the *Patterson-Kelly* syndrome

Pompe *

Pompe disease: Glycogenosis type II

Absence of acid maltase from lysosomes

Etiology

Different genetic mutations responsible in infant and adult types.

Clinical features

Infantile form

Cardiomegaly and death within 2 years

Adult form

Onset between 10 and 70 years

Myopathy, proximal muscles.

Slowly progressive

Pathology

Lysosomal accumulation of glycogen in affected cells

See also

Glycogenosis type I *Von Gierke disease*

Glycogenosis type III *Cori disease*

Glycogenosis type IV *Andersen disease*

Glycogenosis type V *McArdle disease*

Pott **

Pott disease: Potts caries

Tuberculous infection of vertebral bodies causing destruction

Complications

Compression fracture leading to *kyphosis*

Erosion of necrotic material into surrounding tissues

Necrotic material tracks along the psoas muscle to groin

“*Cold abscess*” in groin where material reaches the surface

Potter *

Potter complex

Seen in neonates who develop in-utero in the presence of *oligohydramnios*

Etiology of oligohydramnios

Maternal causes

Placental insufficiency

Chronic leakage from amniotic membrane

Fetal cause

Renal agenesis (urine not formed)

Clinical features

Lack of amniotic fluid leads to *compression of the fetus* which results in

Flattened facies
Abnormal position of hands and feet
Pulmonary hypoplasia

Prader-Willi **

Prader-Willi syndrome

Deletion of paternally derived chromosome 15q
Example of genetic imprinting

Clinical features

Unusual facies
Obesity and hypotonia
Hypogonadism, mental retardation

Association

Deletion at same locus in maternally derived chromosome 15 results in
Angelman syndrome

Q

*Querat ****Erythroplasia of Querat**

Carcinoma in-situ of the penis

Etiology

HPV (Usually type 16)

Clinical features

Lesions located on glans penis

Appear as red, shiny plaques.

Pathology

Typical carcinoma in-situ

R

Raynaud *****Raynaud disease**

Irregular attacks of intense vasospasm in small arteries and arterioles

Etiology

Increased sensitivity to external stimuli – cold

Clinical features

Affects young healthy women

The skin of the extremity changes color in the following sequence

White—intense vasospasm

Blue—cyanosis in affected region

Red—hyperemia in tissue as blood supply returns.

Pathology

There are no pathological changes in arteries or arterioles

Raynaud phenomenon

Similar sequence of events to that seen in Raynaud's disease

Secondary to some other organic disorder

Etiologies

Arteritis : SLE, Systemic sclerosis, Buerger's disease

Atherosclerosis

Reed–Sternberg *****Reed-Sternberg cell**

Is considered to be the malignant cell in Hodgkin's disease.

Description

Large cell (> 15 microns diameter)

Cytoplasm

Abundant cytoplasm

Nucleus

Classically binucleate or bilobed

May be multinucleate

Nuclei are bean shaped

Often oppose each other (mirror image)

Nucleolus

Prominent nucleolus
 Surrounded by clear area (“halo”)
 “Owls eye” appearance

Variants

Lacunar type : in nodular sclerosing Hodgkins disease
 Nucleus appears within an “empty” space

Popcorn type : in lymphocyte-predominant Hodgkins disease
 Nuclei resemble popcorn

Reid *****Reid index**

Histological measurement of bronchial wall
 Expressed as ratio of the thickness of the mucous glands to the thickness of the bronchial wall

Association

Mucous gland hyperplasia is typically seen in chronic bronchitis.

Reidel ****Reidels thyroiditis: Woody thyroiditis**

Fibrosing disorder of the thyroid gland.

Clinical features

Usually due to pressure symptoms on surrounding structures
 Dysphagia, dyspnea

Pathology

Dense fibrosis, difficult to cut through (ligneous—woody)

Associations

Related to other fibrosing disorders
 Retroperitoneal fibrosis
 Mediastinal fibrosis

Reinke ***Crystalloids of Reinke**

Rectangular shaped, eosinophilic, crystalloids in the cytoplasm of Leydig cells

Nature unknown

Reiter *****Reiter syndrome**

Comprises *Arthritis, Urethritis and Conjunctivitis*

Etiology

Autoimmune reaction triggered by GIT or urinary tract infection

Clinical features

Infection precedes other symptoms by a few weeks.
 Patients present with lower back pain and joint stiffness
 Knees, ankles and feet especially
 Asymmetric involvement
 Extra-articular involvement
 Conjunctivitis

Associations

High frequency of HLA—B27 in patients

Prognosis

Highly variable course
 Recurrent attacks in >50% of patients.

***Rendu–Osler–Weber* ***

See *Osler-Weber-Rendu* syndrome

Reye* **

Reyes syndrome

Liver failure and encephalopathy in children associated with aspirin ingestion

Etiology

Prior viral infection and aspirin administration blamed

Clinical features

Sudden hepatic failure
 Hyperammonemia
 Encephalopathy.

Pathology

Liver
 Microvesicular fat accumulation in liver cells
 Abnormal appearance of mitochondria in liver and brain
 They are larger than normal, with budding or branching.
 Decrease in mitochondrial enzyme content

Brain

Fat infiltration and edema

Richter* *

Richter syndrome

Development of a large cell B lymphoma in patients who initially had small cell tumors—

 CLL or small cell lymphoma

Clinical features

Sudden deterioration in clinical condition
 Fever, enlarging lymph nodes, abdominal pain.

Significance

This is a terminal event in 10% of patients who have small cell tumors

Prognosis

Survival limited to a few months

Roger **

Roger disease: ventricular septal defect

Commonest congenital heart abnormality in clinical practice

Clinical features

Large defect

Left to right shunting of blood

Pulmonary hypertension

Right ventricular hypertrophy

Reversal of flow (Eisenmenger complex)

Small defect

May be asymptomatic

May close spontaneously

Rokitansky–Aschoff **

Rokitansky–Aschoff sinuses

Glandular epithelial nests found in the muscle coat of the gallbladder in chronic cholecystitis

Etiology

Herniations of mucosa into inflamed bladder wall

Rosenthal *

Rosenthal fibers

Abnormal proteolipid structures found in CNS in *Alexander's disease*

Pathogenesis

Glial cells fail to align with neurons during development

They align with other structures – pia and blood vessels by default

“Myelin” produced in this situation forms defective structures

Histology

Irregular beaded, proteolipid structures

Sub-pial location and around blood vessels.

Also in cerebellum and spinal cord

Located extracellularly

Small fibers may be seen inside glial cells.

Roth *

Roth spots

Focal retinal hemorrhages caused by microembolism

Associated with infectious endocarditis – now uncommon

Rotor* ****Rotor syndrome**

One of the hereditary hyperbilirubinemias
Autosomal recessive inheritance pattern

Etiology

Several defects in hepatocytes including
Defective uptake of bilirubin
Defective intracellular conjugation of bilirubin

Clinical features

Benign disorder

Pathology

The liver is not pigmented in this disorder (cf *Dubin-Johnson* syndrome)

Russell* ***Russell bodies**

Cytoplasmic, refractile, eosinophilic inclusion bodies in plasma cells
Stain positively with PAS

Composition

Immunoglobulins

Associations

May be present in plasma cells during normal immune response
Also seen in neoplastic plasma cells – Myeloma.
Analogous to *Dutcher bodies* in Nucleus.

S

Sandhoff ***Sandhoff disease**

Variant of *Tay-Sachs* disease

Autosomal recessive inheritance pattern, gene on chromosome 5

Etiology

Defective gene that encodes β subunit of Hexoseaminidase A and B

Accumulation of GM₂ ganglioside in all organs

Clinical features

See *Tay-Sachs disease*

Schatzki ****Schatzki rings**

Protrusion of mucosa into lumen of esophagus at gastro-esophageal junction.

Clinical features

Commonly causes dysphagia

Histology

Upper surface of Skatzki ring is lined by esophageal epithelium

Lower surface is lined by gastric mucosa

Schaumann ****Schaumann bodies**

Laminated, calcified inclusion bodies in macrophages

Characteristically seen in granulomata in Sarcoidosis

(*Asteroid bodies* also present in Sarcoidosis)

Schmidt ***Schmidt syndrome**

Polyglandular endocrine disorder (type II)

Etiology

Familial in 50% of instances

Autoimmune destructive reaction to involved glands

Clinical features

Adrenal gland is always involved associated with

Autoimmune thyroid disease (Hashimotos or Graves disease)
 IDDM
 Ovarian dysfunction

Schwann **

Schwannoma: Neurilemmioma

Benign tumor of Schwann cells on peripheral or cranial nerves

Clinical features

Intracranial Schwannomas

Usually involve acoustic nerve (Acoustic neuroma)

Usually unilateral

Present with hearing loss and tinnitus

They are bilateral in Neurofibromatosis Type II

Peripheral Schwannomas

Commonly affect dorsal nerve roots

Head and neck region

Present with pain

Pathology

Proliferation of Schwann cells in two patterns

Antoni type A

Whorling, spindle cell with elongated nuclei

Highly cellular

Verocay bodies may be present

Antoni type B

Less cellular

Spindle cells present in myxoid background

Sertoli–Leydig *

Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor : Androblastoma

Tumor of ovarian stroma that produce weakly active androgens

Clinical features

Occurs in younger women (20 – 40 years)

Virilization in 50% of patients (those with larger tumors)

Breast atrophy, amenorrhea

Pathology

Large Leydig cells with eosinophilic cytoplasm

Central nucleus with prominent nucleolus

Cords and tubules of Sertoli cells

Prognosis

Usually benign, full recovery when tumor is removed.

Sezary **

Sezary-Lutzner cells

T helper cells present in epidermis in Mycosis Fungoides patients (Cutaneous T-Cell lymphoma)

Histological appearance

Convolutated nucleus (cerebriform)

May aggregate in epidermis to form “*Pautrier microabscesses*”

They appear in the peripheral blood in *Sezary syndrome*.

Sezary syndrome

Cutaneous T cell lymphoma —a variant of Mycosis Fungoides

Clinical features

Age distribution 30—60

Infiltration of skin with clonal T cells

Extensive *exfoliative erythroderma*

Lymphadenopathy

Pathology

Sezary cells circulate in peripheral blood

Prognosis

Prolonged indolent course over 10 years.

Sezary cells

Circulating cells resemble those in the cutaneous lesions of Mycosis Fungoides

CD4 antigen present (T helper cells)

Cerebriform nucleus (highly convoluted)

Perinuclear rim of PAS positive granules

Sheehan ***

Sheehan syndrome

Ischemic necrosis of pituitary gland during the postpartum period.

Pathogenesis

Pituitary gland undergoes enlargement during pregnancy

Requires increased blood supply

Postpartum hemorrhage, if severe, leads to shock

Shock results in ischemic necrosis of gland

Clinical features

Failure of lactation (Prolactin)

Hypothyroidism (TSH)

Hypoadrenalism (ACTH)

Amenorrhea (FSH, LH)

Sherman ***Sherman paradox**

In certain genetic disorders the risk of developing the disorder varies with the position of the individual in the pedigree.

In families affected with Fragile X syndrome, later generations are at increased risk of developing the syndrome than are earlier generations

Pathogenesis

In triplet repeat syndromes (including Fragile X syndrome), the number of repeats increases with each generation.

The severity of the clinical syndrome depends on the number of repeats.

Shy-Drager ***Shy-Drager syndrome**

Dysfunction of autonomic nervous system in patients who develop Parkinsons disease

Clinical features

Autonomic symptoms

Postural hypotension, impotence, bladder dysfunction,

Parkinsonian symptoms

Onset some time after autonomic symptoms

Pathology

Diffuse neuronal degeneration in many parts of CNS

Striatonigral degeneration with Lewy bodies

Prognosis

Progressive, death within 5-10 years

Sipple ****Sipple syndrome: MEN 2A**

- Association of
1. Pheochromocytoma with
 2. Medullary carcinoma of the thyroid gland and
 3. Hyperplasia or adenoma of parathyroid glands

Etiology

Mutations in RET oncogene

Codes for receptor for glial-derived neurotrophic factor

Mutated receptor is constitutively activated

Constant proliferative stimulation in absence of ligand

Sjogren *****Sjogrens syndrome**

Destruction of lachrymal and salivary glands

Etiology

Autoimmune damage to glands

Possible viral trigger (EBV, HTLV-1)

Clinical features

Occurs mainly in women age 30 – 60 years

Enlargement of affected glands

Keratoconjunctivitis sicca and xerostomia (dry eyes and mouth)

Pathology

Lymphocytic infiltration into glands

Mainly CD4 cells

Extensive destruction of acini and ducts

Autoantibodies to nuclear antigens

Anti SS-A and SS-B (Ro and La)

Associations

Other autoimmune disorder present in 60% patients

Especially rheumatoid arthritis

Increased incidence of lymphoma in the affected glands

Smith *

Smith antigen

Antigen present in nucleus

Autoantibodies to this antigen are diagnostic of SLE

Stein–Leventhal **

Stein–Leventhal syndrome

Multiple follicular cysts of the ovaries associated with oligomenorrhea

Anovulation, obesity and hirsutism

Etiology

Defects in regulation of hormonal biosynthesis

LH, insulin growth factors

Pathology

Thickened ovarian cortex

Numerous follicular cysts in cortex of gland

Corpora lutea rare or absent.

Stevens–Johnson *

Stevens–Johnson syndrome

Severe variant of Erythema Multiforme with extensive involvement of mucosal surfaces

Etiology

Abnormal immunoreactivity associated with

Drug ingestion — penicillin, sulphonamides etc

Viral infections—EBV, HSV.

Clinical features

Children predominantly affected

Ulceration of lips and oral mucosa with hemorrhage
 Involvement also of perianal region, urethra, conjunctiva, GIT
 Fever and superimposed infections

Pathology

Edema of dermis
 Infiltration of epidermis by lymphocytes
 Zones of epidermal necrosis
 Blister formation
 Ulceration

*Stewart–Treves **

Stewart-Treves syndrome

Rare occurrence of angiosarcoma after mastectomy.
 Occurs in skin on edematous arm
 Edema caused by impairment of lymphatic drainage

*Still **

Stills disease: Juvenile arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis occurring in childhood

Features

Lymphadenopathy, hepatosplenomegaly, fever, systemic symptoms
 Often negative for rheumatoid factor

*Sturge–Weber ***

Sturge-Weber syndrome

Developmental anomaly of blood vessels in brain and skin
 Meningeal hamartomatous masses of blood vessels
 Port wine stain on same side of face – often in distribution of trigeminal
 nerve

Clinical features

Seizures
 Hemiplegia
 Mental retardation

T

Takayasu ****Takayasu arteritis: Pulseless disease**

Arteritis of medium and large arteries

Affects mainly arch of aorta and its branches leading to narrowing of lumen

Etiology

Immune damage to wall of arteries

Clinical features

Affects mainly women ages <30 years

Absence of pulses in arms

Ocular disturbances due to ischemia

Neurological symptoms

Pathology

May affect arch and/or descending aorta

Histology

Early Giant cell infiltration of wall of affected vessels
Granulomata
Necrosis

Late Fibrosis of all layers of aorta
Especially in intima

Associations

Myocardial infarction if coronary arteries are involved

Pulmonary involvement may lead to pulmonary hypertension

Renal involvement may lead to systemic hypertension

Prognosis

Highly variable.

Tay-Sachs *****Tay-Sachs disease**

Accumulation of GM₂ gangliosides in various tissues

Due to defective hexosaminidase A

Etiology

Defective gene on chromosome 15 that encodes α chain of
Hexosaminidase A

Several different mutations identified (>30)
 Prevalent in Askenazy Jews – carrier rate 1:30

Clinical features

Variable depending on which mutation is present
 Severe deficiency of hexosaminidase A leads to
 Neurological impairment within 6 months
 Motor incoordination
 Mental retardation leading to dementia

Cherry red spot on retina

Pathology

Intracellular accumulation of gangloiside GM₂
 Especially in neurons although other cells affected to lesser degree
 Material is stored in lysosomes
 Stains positively for lipid (Oil Red O, Sudan Black)
 Electron microscopy
 Stored material is arranged as whorled membranes.
 Later there is extensive neuron loss

Prognosis

Death within 2 – 3 years in severe cases

Trousseau **

Trousseau's sign: Trousseau's syndrome

Migratory thrombophlebitis.

Association

Carcinoma of *pancreas*, colon, lung

Turcot *

Turcots syndrome

Adenomatosis polyposis of the colon associated with tumors of the central nervous system
 Medulloblastoma and Glioblastoma multiforme

Turk *

Turk cells

Atypical lymphocytes in peripheral blood that resemble plasma cells.
 Cell have abundant basophilic cytoplasm

Association

Infectious mononucleosis

Turner ***

Turner syndrome: 45 XO

Commonest sex chromosome abnormality in females (1:3,000 births)

Clinical features

Infancy

- Edema at periphery due to malformation of lymphatic system
- Cystic hygroma in neck
- Congenital heart disease
 - Coarctation of the aorta
 - Bicuspid aortic valve

Older patients

- Short stature
- Web neck
- Failure of development of secondary sexual characteristics
 - Amenorrhea

Pathology

Patients have streak ovaries

- Accelerated loss of oocytes from ovaries during early development
- Complete loss by 2 years of age

Associations

- Autoimmune disease of the thyroid gland in 50% of patients

Tzanck ****Tzanck test**

- Test for herpes simplex infection
- Inspection of blister fluid for cells showing signs of viral infection
 - Intranuclear viral inclusions
 - Multinuclear giant cells.

U

Usher ***Ushers syndrome**

Genetic disorder characterized by

Deafness, vestibular loss and blindness (retinitis pigmentosa)

V

Verner-Morrison ***Verner-Morrison syndrome**

Rare syndrome due to excessive secretion of VIP by tumor of pancreatic islets

Clinical features

Episodic profuse watery diarrhea
Hypokalemia
Hypochlorhydria

Pathology

Patients have tumor of D1 cells of pancreatic islets
High serum level of Vasoactive Intestinal Peptide.

Verocay ***Verocay bodies**

Histological structures that are found in schwannomas of Antoni type A
Cells of the tumor align together so that their nuclei form a palisade.
This alignment is referred to as a Verocay body

Vincent ***Vincent's angina**

Ulcerating lesions affecting mouth in
Immunocompromized individuals
After trauma to mouth mucosa

Etiology

Infection by organisms that are normally present in buccal flora
Fusiform bacillus and *Borrelia Vincentii*

Pathology

Ulceration and necrosis of mucous membrane
Pseudomembrane formation

Virchow *****Virchows triad**

Refers to the three elements that contribute to formation of a thrombus

Endothelial cell injury
Hypercoagulability of the blood
Loss of laminar blood flow

Virchows node

Enlarged supraclavicular node caused by secondary carcinoma from stomach
Also known as *Sentinel node*

Von Economo *

Von Economo encephalitis: Encephalitis lethargica

Historical encephalitis that accompanied the influenza pandemic in WW I
Etiologic agent unknown—believed to be viral

Clinical features

Extreme somnolence leading to death in majority of patients

Pathology

Perivascular cuffing by lymphocytes in CNS

Associations

Development of *Parkinsons disease* in survivors.

Von Gierke **

Von Gierke disease: Type I glycogenosis

Accumulation of glycogen in liver due to deficiency of *glucose-6-phosphatase*

Clinical features

Onset of symptoms within 3 months

Hepatomegaly, enlarged abdomen

Hypoglycemia and lactic acidosis

Associations

Hyperlipidemia

Hyperuricemia (may lead to *gout* in adolescence)

See also

Glycogenosis type II *Pompe disease*

Glycogenosis type III *Cori disease*

Glycogenosis type IV *Andersen disease*

Glycogenosis type V *McArdle disease*

Von Hippel-Lindau **

Von Hippel-Lindau disease

Retinal angiomas with cerebellar hemangioblastoma

Etiology

Rare autosomal dominant gene defect (*chromosome 3p*)

Gene encodes tumor suppressor product (pVHL)

pVHL prevents RNA elongation during synthesis

Associations

- Angiomas of spinal cord
- Renal cell carcinoma* (bilateral)
- Pheochromocytoma
- Polycythemia* (EPO production by cerebellar tumor)
- Cysts in pancreas, kidneys, liver

Von Recklinghausen* ****Von Recklinghausens disease: Neurofibromatosis Type I**

Widespread neurofibromas, café au lait spots and *Lisch* nodules in iris

Etiology

- Autosomal dominant gene defect (50%) – chromosome 17q
- The rest have a new mutation
- Gene product encodes *neurofibromin*, a tumor suppressor gene

Clinical features

- Expression of the disorder may range from minimal to severe
- Neurofibromas* – widespread through out body – especially skin
- Skin pigmentation – classically present as *café au lait* spots
- Six or more lesions required for diagnosis
- Lisch nodules* – hamartomas of the iris

Associations

- Bone lesions – erosion by neurofibromas or bone cysts
- Reduced intelligence
- Increased risk of developing other tumors
- Pheochromocytoma, *Wilm's* tumor, meningioma, optic glioma, chronic myeloid leukemia

Von Recklinghausens disease of bone: Osteitis fibrosa cystica

Excessive osteolytic activity secondary to elevated parathormone levels

Clinical presentation

- Bone pain
- Pathologic fractures
- Hypercalcemia
- Renal stones

Pathology

- Localized hyperactivity of osteoclasts—osteopenia
- Local regions of severe bone resorption (cysts)
- Replacement by fibrous tissue
- Hemorrhage into fibrous tissue leads to brown coloration
- “Brown tumors”

Von Meyenburg *

Von Meyenburg complexes

Multiple bile duct hamartomas in the liver

Surrounded by fibrous stroma

Lesions are cystic and lined by bile duct cells and may contain bile

They are not clinically significant.

Von Willebrand ***

Von Willebrand disease

Absence or defective function of Von Willebrand factor (VWF)

Etiology

Type I Autosomal dominant inheritance (most cases)

Partial deficiency of VWF

Type III Autosomal recessive inheritance

Total deficiency of VWF – severe disease

Type II A number of qualitative defects in VWF also occur with varying clinical consequences.

Normal functions of VWF

Synthesis

VWF is released from *Weibel Palade* bodies in endothelial cells

Functions

Binding of platelets to collagen

Binds glycoprotein Ib on platelets

Binding of platelets to other platelets to form hemostatic plug

Binds glycoprotein IIb / IIIa molecules on platelets

Stabilizes factor VIII

Defective factor VIII function in VW Disease

Clinical feature

Mild bleeding tendency (except for type III)

Epistaxis, menorrhagia, easy bruising, GIT bleeding

Excessive hemorrhage after trauma

Pathology

Prolonged bleeding time

Ristocetin test

Ristocetin is used to upregulate glycoprotein Ib expression on platelets

The test plasma is added to the Ristocetin modified platelets

Failure to agglutinate indicates deficiency of VWF

W

*Waldenstrom *****Waldenstroms macroglobulinemia**

Tumor of B lymphocytes that is associated with production of monoclonal IgM

Clinical features

Indolent tumor affecting older people

Lymphadenopathy and *hepatosplenomegaly*

Hyperviscosity symptoms

Neurological symptoms

Dizziness, paresis, headache

Cardiovascular symptoms related to hyperviscosity

Bleeding tendency – coating of platelets by monoclonal protein

Pathology

Plasmacytoid lymphocytes present

Intermediate features of plasma cells and lymphocytes

More cytoplasm than normal lymphocyte

Rough endoplasmic reticulum present (IgM synthesis)

Monoclonal IgM protein present in plasma

High molecular weight prevents escape from vascular system.

Prognosis

Indolent tumor, slowly progressive

Hyperviscosity requires immediate treatment—Plasmapheresis

*Warthin *****Warthin tumor of parotid gland: Adenolymphoma**

Benign tumor of parotid gland containing both glandular and lymphoid elements

Clinical features

Enlargement of parotid gland in older males (> 40 years)

May be bilateral

Strong association with cigarette smoking

Pathology

Tumor contains *cystic regions lined by double layer of cells*

May have papillary projections into cysts

Epithelial element is surrounded by *lymphoid tissue*
 Germinal centers may be present

Prognosis

Total excision is curative, recurrence rare

Warthin–Fingeldey **

Warthin-Fingeldey cells

Multinucleated giant cells which are *pathognomonic for measles*

Appearance

Scant cytoplasm, delicate nuclear chromatin, small nucleoli.
Eosinophilic inclusions bodies in cytoplasm and nucleus

Waterhouse–Friderichsen ***

Waterhouse-Friderichsen syndrome

Disseminated intravascular coagulation, hemorrhage into adrenal gland and shock

Etiology

Meningococcal meningitis (other organisms also)

Clinical features

Young children especially but any age may be affected
 Sudden onset of fever, endotoxic shock, prostration

Pathology

Meningococcal septicemia is associated with damage to blood vessels
 Petechiae and hemorrhages into tissues generally
 Severe damage to capillaries in adrenal medulla
 Adrenal glands are enlarged and filled with blood
 Destruction of gland is responsible for the profound shock

Prognosis

Death within a short time unless promptly and aggressively treated.

Wegener ***

Wegeners granulomatosis

Severe vasculitis leading to necrosis of vessel walls
 Especially affects upper respiratory tract and kidneys

Etiology

Immune damage to vessel walls
 c-ANCA present in 90% of patients

Clinical features

Affects men aged 40 – 60 years
 Present with pneumonia type illness (90%)
 Pulmonary infiltrates and cavitation on x ray
 Sinusitis
 Nasopharyngeal ulceration

Glomerulonephritis
Hematuria and proteinuria

Pathology

Respiratory tract lesions
Granulomas within blood vessel walls and in tissues
Widespread mucosal ulceration and tissue necrosis

Renal lesions

Crescent formation in glomeruli
Focal necrosis of glomeruli

Prognosis

Rapidly downhill course without treatment
Excellent response to immunosuppressive therapy.

Weibel-Palade **

Weibel-Palade bodies

Membrane bound structures inside endothelial cells (3 x 0.1 mm)
Contain *Von Willebrand* factor

Wermer **

Wermer syndrome: MEN type I

Parathyroid, Pancreas and Pituitary glands involved. (3Ps)

Etiology

Gene defect on chromosome 11q
Gene product has no known function

Clinical features

Onset in adult life (age > 40)

Pancreas: Insulinomas- recurrent hypoglycemia
Gastrinoma—peptic ulceration (Zollinger-Ellison)

Pituitary : Adenomas—usually not clinically significant
Prolactinoma is the most common adenoma

Parathyroid: Hyperplasia or adenomas—hypercalcemia
Most common presenting symptom

Werner *

Werner syndrome: Progeria

Early onset of signs of aging

Etiology

Autosomal recessive disorder, gene located on 8p
Encodes for DNA helicase

Unwinds DNA and helps preserve it's integrity
Buildup of DNA damage in absence of gene product

Clinical features

Premature onset of signs of aging

Hair loss, cataracts, osteoporosis
Atherosclerosis, skin changes etc

Prognosis

Death from complications of atherosclerosis or from carcinoma in 5th decade

Wernicke **

Wernicke encephalopathy

Syndrome of thiamine deficiency in chronic alcoholics

Clinical features

Disturbance of thermal regulation
Ophthalmoplegia and nystagmus
Ataxia
Mental disorientation

Pathology

Early : Dilated capillaries with enlarged endothelial cells
Foci of hemorrhagic around capillaries
Necrosis in
Mamillary bodies
Area adjacent to third and fourth ventricles.
Anterior cerebellum
Later: Cystic changes
Hemosiderin-laden macrophages in area

Wernicke–Korsakoff **

Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome

Syndrome of thiamine deficiency seen in chronic alcoholics

Clinical features

Progression from Wernicke encephalopathy to include
Korsakoffs syndrome
Impairment of recall (retrograde amnesia)
Confabulation (inventing a history)

Pathology

As for Wernicke's syndrome but usually lesions are of the late type
Lesions are also found in the thalamus.

Whipple **

Whipples disease

Systemic disorder involving GIT, brain and joints
Accumulation of macrophages containing *Tropheryma whippelii*

Etiology

T. whippelii

Clinical features

White males aged 30 – 40 years

Present with GIT symptomatology

Diarrhea, malabsorption and weight loss

Also may have joint pain and CNS symptoms, lymphadenopathy and skin pigmentation

Pathology

Affected tissues infiltrated by large macrophages (Whipple cells)

Macrophages contain PAS positive material

EM shows the material to consist of rod shaped bacilli

GIT

Whipple cells distend the villi and block lymph drainage

Cystic lymph channels are present

Prognosis

Good response to antibiotics in most patients

*Williams **

Williams syndrome

Aortic stenosis affecting the ascending aorta,

Associated with hypercalcemia of infancy and developmental defects in other organ systems

Etiology

Defective elastin gene in some cases

*Wilms ****

Wilms tumor

Tumor of embryonal renal elements, the commonest renal tumor of childhood

Etiology

Abnormality of *WT* genes

WT-1 and *WT-2* genes on chromosome 11p

Possible *WT-3* gene elsewhere in some families

Clinical presentation

Presents in children age 2 – 4 years typically

Present with abdominal mass, may cross midline

Abdominal pain

Intestinal obstruction

Hematuria

Pathology

Large tumors with regions of hemorrhage and necrosis

Tumor tries to recapitulate normal renal development

Primitive tubular and glomerular elements present

Prognosis

90% long term survival with appropriate treatment

Associations

Wilms tumor is associated with several genetic abnormalities

WAGR syndrome

Wilms, Aniridia, Genital abnormalities, mental Retardation

Autosomal dominant genetic disorder, gene on chromosome 11p

Related to *WT-1* gene locus

Denys-Drash syndrome

Wilms, gonadal dysgenesis, renal failure

Abnormal gene located on chromosome 11p also

Also related to *WT-1* locus

Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome

Large organs, hemihypertrophy, renal cysts, adrenal cytomegaly

Gene in different region of chromosome 11p (related to *WT-2*)

*Wilson ******Wilson's disease: Hepatolenticular degeneration**

Accumulation of copper in tissues of the body

Etiology

Autosomal recessive disorder, gene (*ATB7B*) is on chromosome 13

Encodes copper transporting protein present in biliary canaliculi

Defective protein unable to facilitate secretion of copper

Clinical features

Accumulation of copper damages tissues

Onset of clinical symptoms usually in childhood (>6years)

Liver – leading to cirrhosis

Brain – behavioural changes, psychosis, *Parkinsons*

Eye – *Kayser-Fleischer* rings in *Descemets* membrane

Pathology

Progressive changes in liver from fatty change to frank cirrhosis

High levels of copper in liver.

Deposition of copper in basal ganglia – especially putamen

Serum ceruloplasmin levels are low

Urinary secretion of copper is high

Prognosis

Much improved with chelation therapy

*Wiscott-Aldrich ****Wiscott-Aldrich syndrome**

Recurrent infections, with thrombocytopenia and eczema

Etiology

X-linked recessive disorder

Abnormal gene encodes Wiscott-Aldrich Syndrome Protein (WASP)

WASP maintains integrity of cytoskeleton and ensures signal transduction

Clinical presentation

Infections in early life

Especially pneumococcal infections, *P. carinii*, *H. influenza*

Associated with *IgM deficiency*

Predisposition to bleeding due to thrombocytopenia

Platlets are small

Eczematous rash

Prognosis

Bone marrow transplantation often successful

Associations

Autoimmune diseases

Cancer

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Zahn *****Lines of Zahn**

Alternating pale and darker lines observed grossly in thrombi

Pale lines contain mainly platelets and fibrin

Darker lines also contain red blood cells.

Pockets of Zahn

Puckering of the endocardium in the left ventricle just below the aortic valve

Found in patients who have aortic incompetence

Pathogenesis

Puckering is induced by jets of blood that regurgitate through the incompetent valve during diastole.

Zahns infarct

Obstruction of portal vein tributaries resulting in “infarction” of part of liver

Cells undergo *atrophy* rather than necrosis in the “infarct” region.

Etiology

Obstruction by carcinoma

Chronic venous congestion

Zenker ***Zenker diverticulum**

Outpouching of esophageal wall above upper esophageal sphincter

Etiology

Increased intraluminal pressure acting on weak region of the wall

Clinical features

Retention of food in the diverticulum may cause

Halitosis

Food regurgitation

Dysphagia (if it compresses the esophagus wall)

Aspiration pneumonia

Zollinger–Ellison ***

Zollinger–Ellison syndrome

Gastrin producing tumor of the pancreatic islets (*Gastrinoma*)

Excessive production of *hydrochloric acid* by stomach

Peptic ulceration of stomach, duodenum, jejunum.

Clinical presentation

Symptoms of peptic ulceration

Intractable to treatment

Diarrhea

Pathology

Tumors usually arise in pancreatic islets

Also are found in peri-pancreatic tissue and duodenum

Prognosis

50% have metastasized by time of diagnosis