

**APPROVED**

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What are the 4 most common causes of chronic renal failure in the US?

Answer: next slide

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Answer:

- 1) Diabetic nephropathy
- 2) Hypertensive nephropathy
- 3) Glomerulonephritis
- 4) Renal cystic disease



**Cystic kidney disease:** term used for bunch of diseases with not much in common other than the end stage of them are the same: kidney with lots of cysts.

# Cystic kidney disease

- U.S. prevalence about 600,000 cases
- Fourth-leading cause of ESRD
- About **90% of cases** are adult (autosomal dominant) polycystic kidney disease

APKD accounts for ~90% of cases.

# Cystic kidney diseases

		Age at presentation	
		Infant/child	Adult
Mechanism	Hereditary	<b>Infantile PCKD</b> Juvenile nephronophthisis Glomerulocystic kidney	<b>Adult PCKD</b> VHL/TS Medullary sponge Glomerulocystic
	Non-hereditary (developmental or acquired)	<b>Multicystic dysplastic kidney</b>	<b>Dialysis-associated cystic disease</b>

talking about today.





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# Adult polycystic kidney disease

- Hereditary basis
  - Frequency ~1:750
  - “Most common genetic disease”
  - **Autosomal dominant** (“ADult”)
  - 25% no family Hx ← new mutation

APKD is second most common autosomal dominant genetic disease - Dr. H

APKD is Autosomal Dominant. However, ~ 25% of Pts have no family history; could be due to new mutations.

- Presents in adulthood
  - **Widely variable expressivity**
  - 100% penetrance by age 80
  - Most present in 30's to 40's

Could present in 20s or 80s, but **most present in middle age (30s, 40s).**



# APKD: Clinical

- Symptoms

- Flank pain, acute or chronic
- Hematuria
- Infection

Usually the cause of the pain they have.

Other reason for pain/discomfort could be from mass effect of having an enlarged kidney.

- Complications

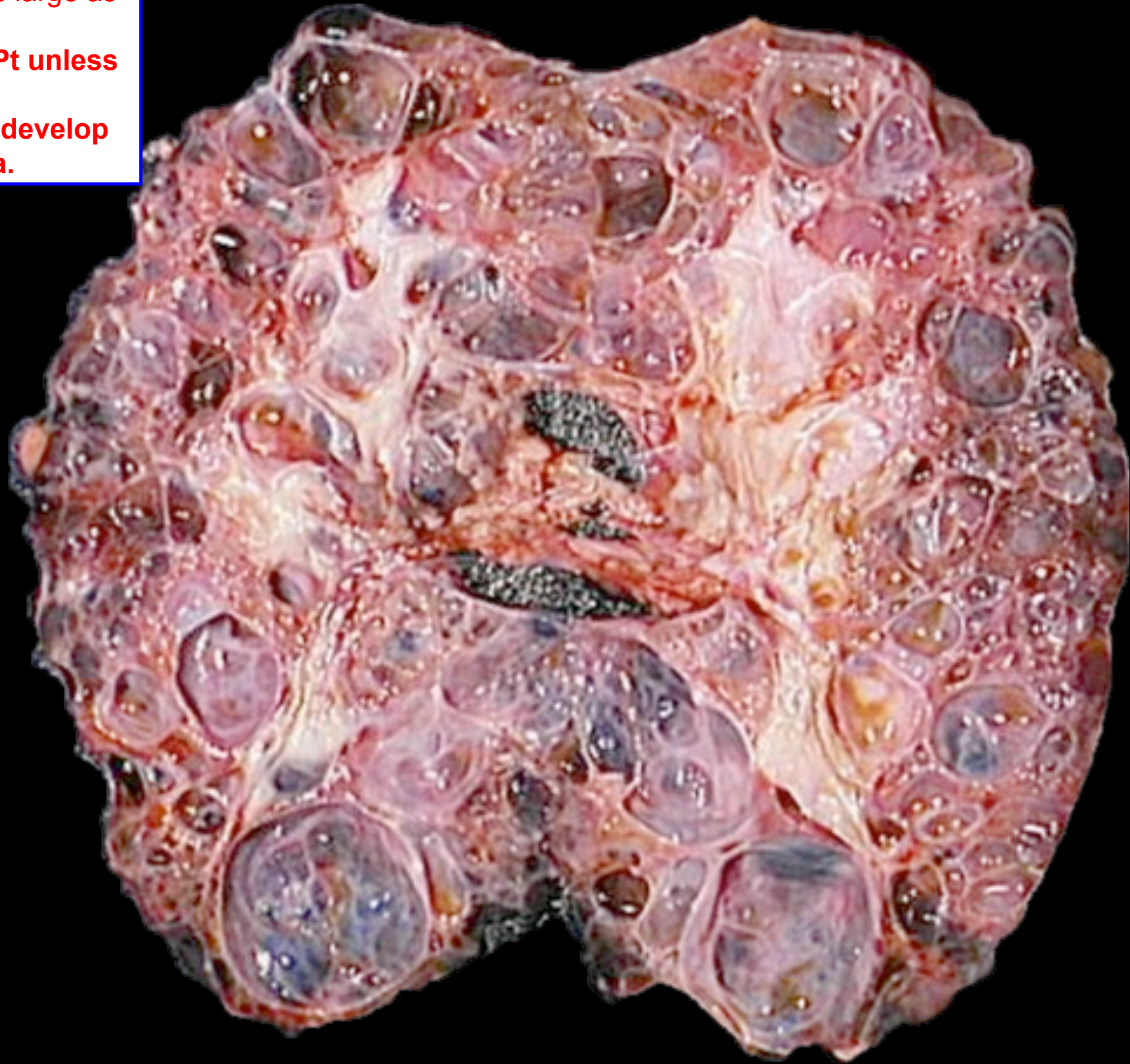
- Hypertension (10%)
- Nephrolithiasis (10%)
- Perinephric abscess
- Renal cell carcinoma (up to 5%)

aka, kidney stones

a risk for any cystic disease of any cause

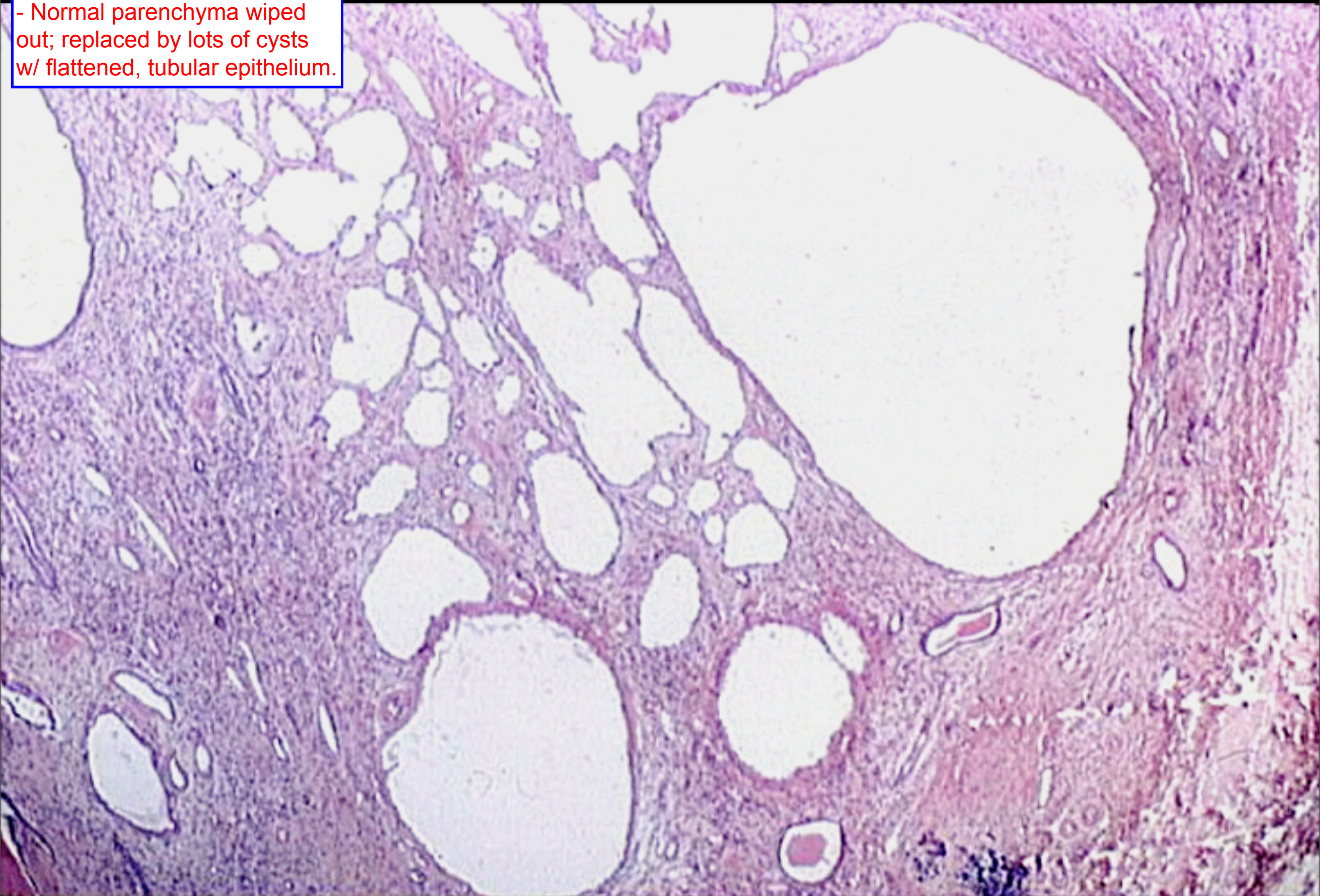


- Pic of a cystic kidney.
- Can get to be as large as a loaf of bread.
- **Usually left in Pt unless they become symptomatic or develop into a carcinoma.**





- Histo pic of cystic kidney.  
- Normal parenchyma wiped out; replaced by lots of cysts w/ flattened, tubular epithelium.





- Genes associated w/ APKD:

1) PKD1

2) PKD2

- Gene products are polycystin proteins  
(calcium ion channel regulatory proteins)

# APKD: Molecular basis

PKD1:  
chromosome 16

- **PKD1** (16p13.3) → polycystin 1
  - 4302 AA transmembrane protein
  - Protein binding and ion channel regulatory domains
  - Mutation in 90% of cases

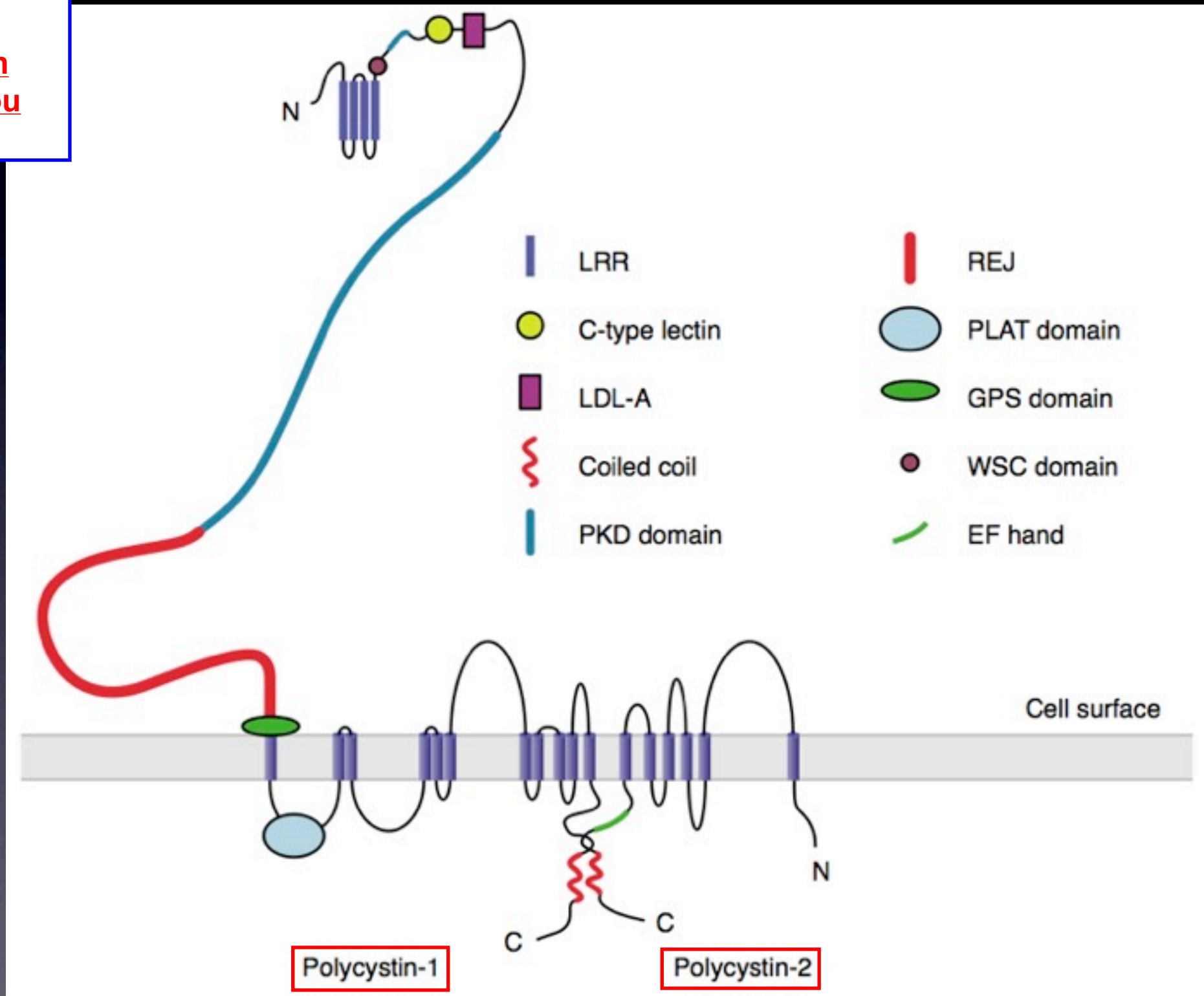
PKD2:  
chromosome 4

- **PKD2** (4q21) → polycystin 2
  - 968 AA transmembrane protein
  - Ca<sup>2+</sup>-permeable nonselective cation channel
  - Mutation in remaining 10%



# Domain structure of polycystins

- Predicted structures of polycystins.  
- **Mutations in ion channels give you PKD.**





Another pic of a polycystic kidney.





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Can happen to  
anyone on chronic  
dialysis.





# Acquired cystic renal disease

- **Chronically** non-functioning kidneys in **dialysis patients**
- Undergo **cystic transformation** after many years
- **Increased risk of renal cell carcinoma**

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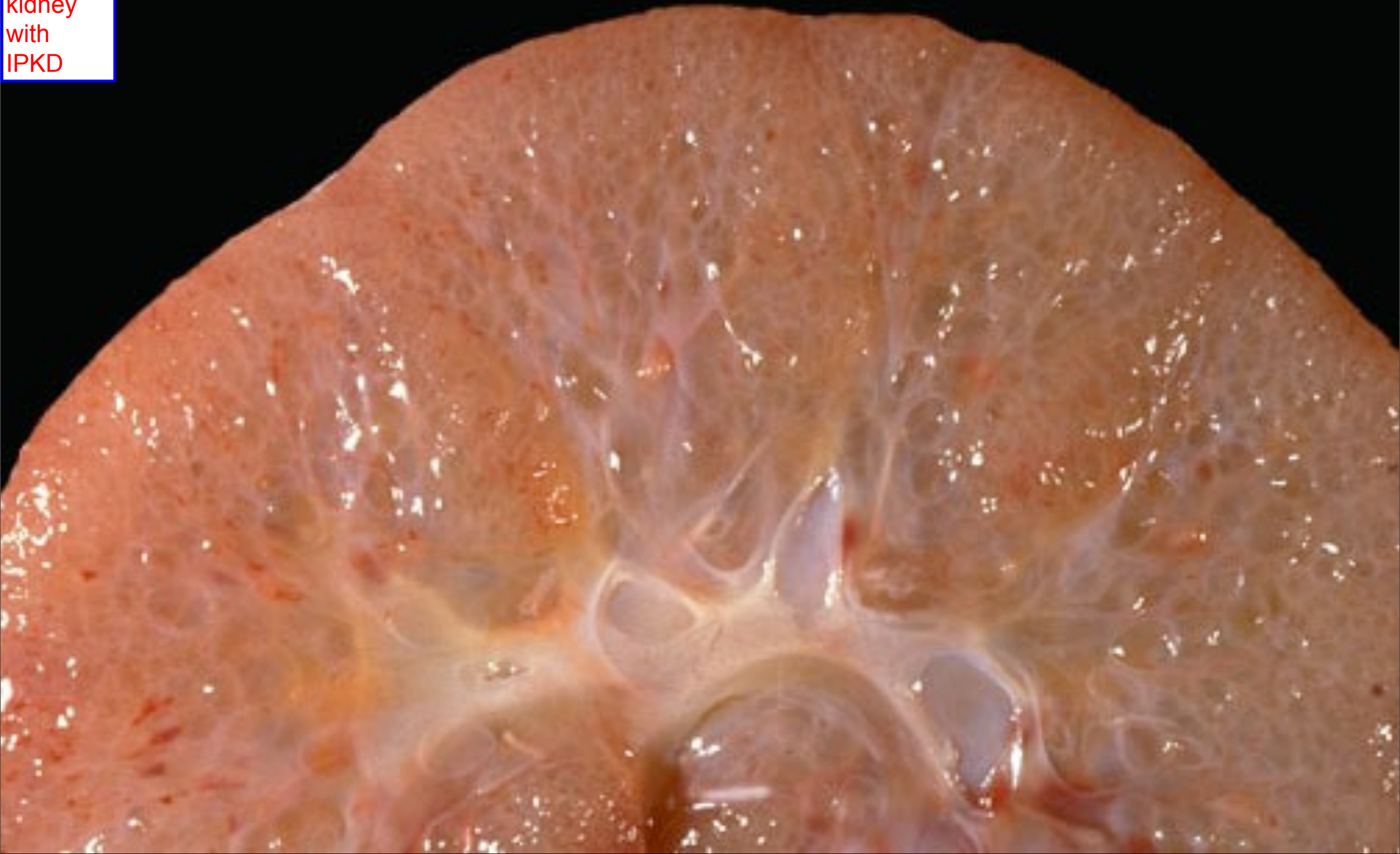
# Infantile polycystic kidney disease

- **Autosomal recessive**
  - PKHD1 located at 6p21
  - 1 in 20,000 pregnancies
- Multiorgan manifestations
  - Bilateral renal cysts
  - Liver cysts
  - Pulmonary hypoplasia (2°)
- Most die in utero or early infancy

My 3 cents on IPKD:  
1) **Autosomal recessive**  
2) Occurs in **early infancy**  
3) **Bilateral kidney enlargement**

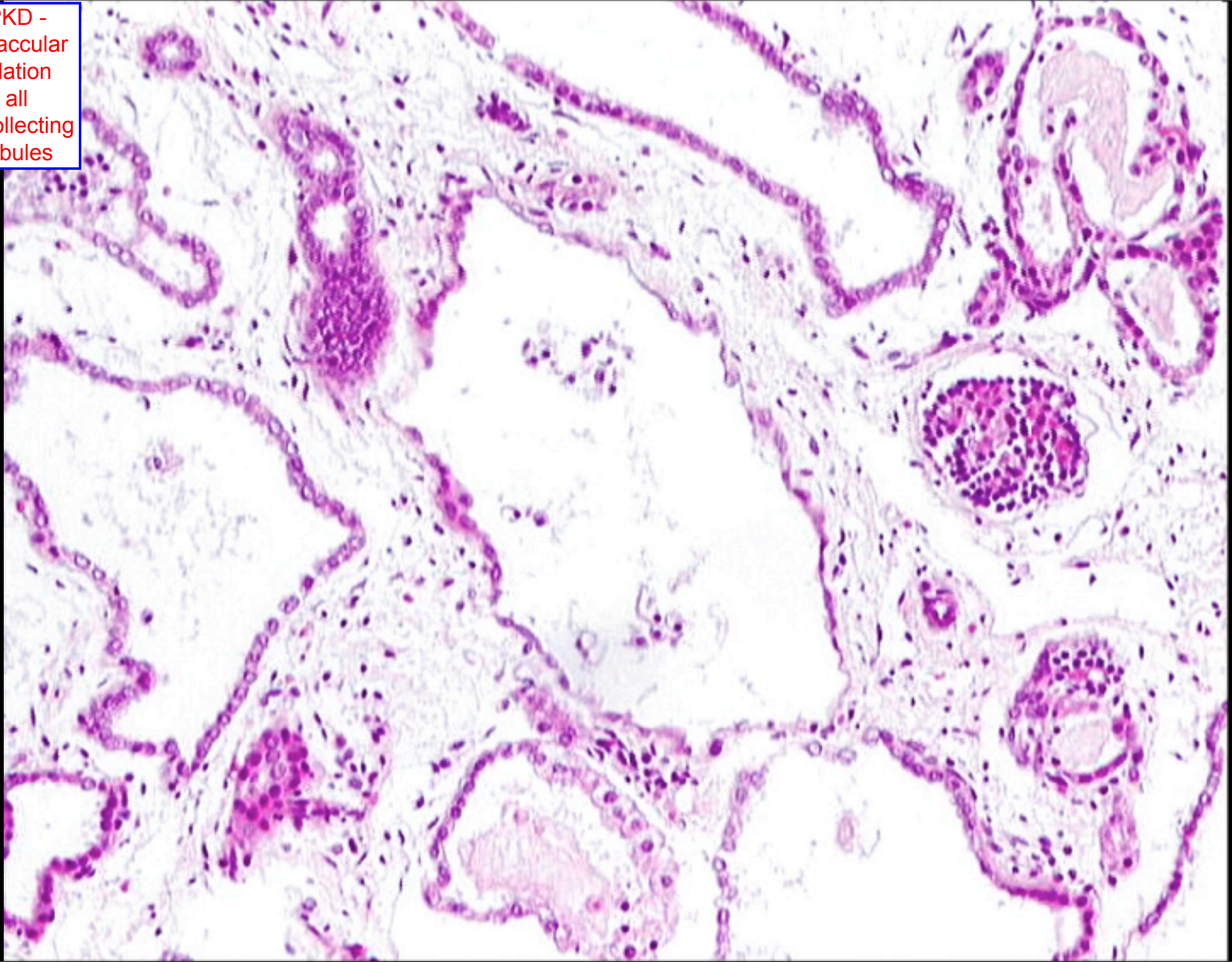


Section through the pelvis of baby kidney with IPKD





IPKD -  
Saccular  
dilation  
of all  
collecting  
tubules





# Multicystic renal dysplasia

- Non-hereditary
  - May occur as one component of multiple malformation syndrome
- Congenital presentation
  - 1 in 1500 births
- Maldevelopmental basis
  - Obstructive ureteral anomaly (90%)
  - May have other malformations

My 4 cents on multicystic renal dysplasia:

1) **Most common cystic disease in children**

2) **No inheritance pattern**

3) Associated w/ abnormal development resulting in

**urinary tract obstruction and malformed kidneys**

4) **Most cases present as a unilateral flank mass in an otherwise asymptomatic infant**

What important\* non-neoplastic kidney diseases have we missed today, and what should you do about it?

\*Could mean many things, but among them—for you at this stage in your training—might mean **“board-testable”!**



- Pre-renal diseases have no associated intrinsic renal pathology.  
- Keep your eye out for highlighted terms when you're thinking about renal diseases.

# Pre-renal diseases

- Remember what you have learned about **atherosclerosis**, the **Goldblatt kidney**, **low cardiac output states**, **hypovolemia**, **shock** etc. in other pathology and physiology lectures.
- Keep an eye open for **hepatorenal syndrome**.

**Hepatorenal syndrome:**  
functional renal failure  
associated w/ hepatic failure.

# Intrarenal diseases



- Most infectious diseases of the kidney are ASCENDING from the bladder.  
- Know highlighted terms.

# Infectious

- Will say a bit about **pyelonephritis** next week in the bladder lecture
- For other infectious kidney diseases, check your Microbiology notes!

- **Tuberculosis**

In transplant and immunosuppressed Pts.

- **Polyomavirus**

# Deposition

- Read about **kidney bladder stones (lithiasis)** in your text
- Dr. Howell will talk about **amyloidosis, myeloma kidney,** etc.



# Autoimmune

- Dr. Howell

# Post-renal

- We will talk in bladder lecture next week about some **obstructive diseases of urinary tract** and their effects on the kidney.



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# Featured kidney neoplasms

- Benign

- Angiomyolipoma
- Renal oncocytoma
- Others

- Malignant

- Renal cell carcinoma
- Renal medullary carcinoma
- Nephroblastoma
- Others



- Often discovered incidentally.  
- Association w/ tuberous sclerosis (TS)  
1) 70% of TS Pts have angiomyolipoma  
2) 20-25% of angiomyolipoma Pts have TS

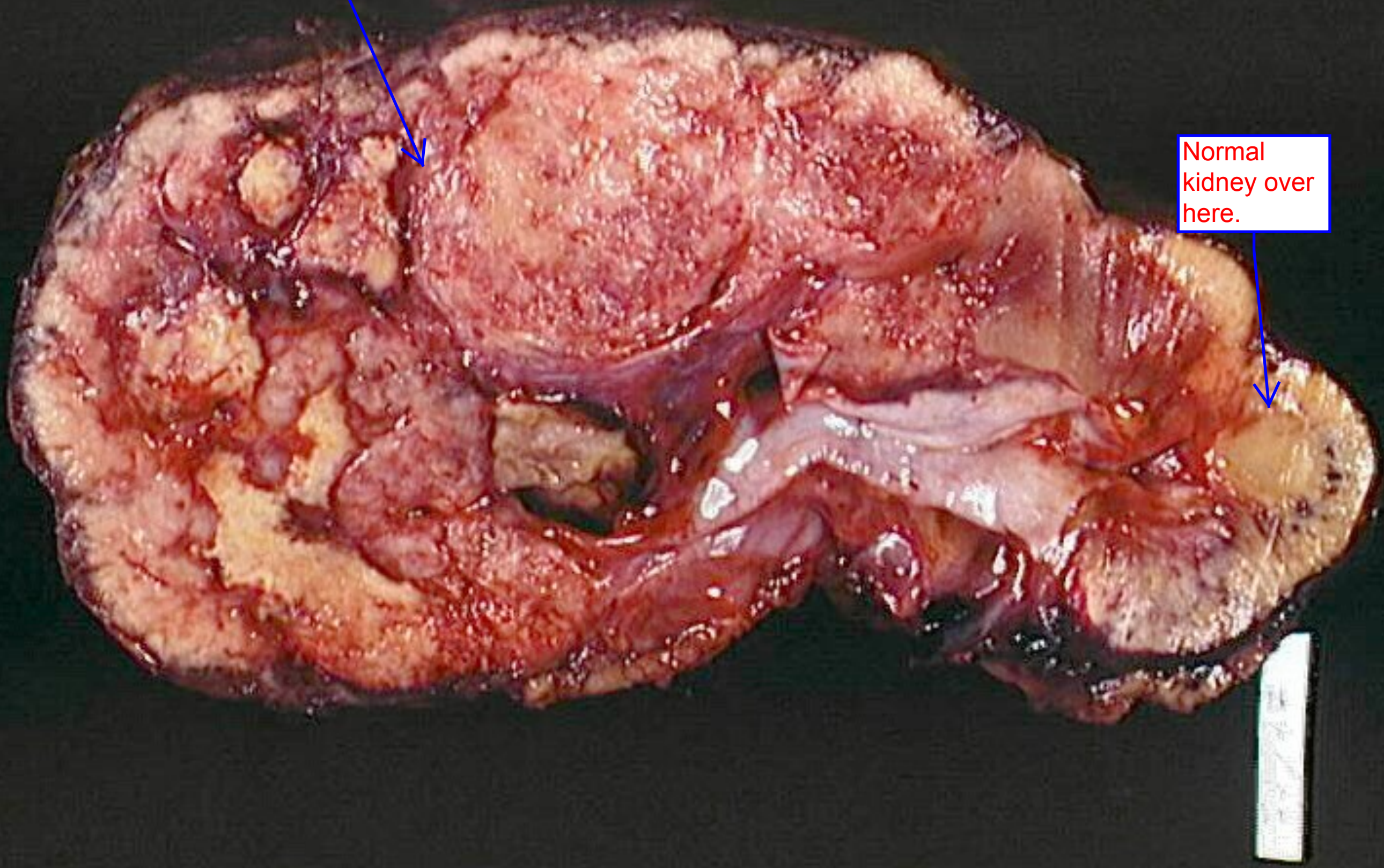
# Angiomyolipoma

- **Benign** tumor consisting of:
  - abnormal blood vessels **and has lots of them**
  - proliferating smooth muscle
  - fat
- About 2% of renal tumors
- **Middle-age**
- **Females** > males
- **1 in 4 have tuberous sclerosis**



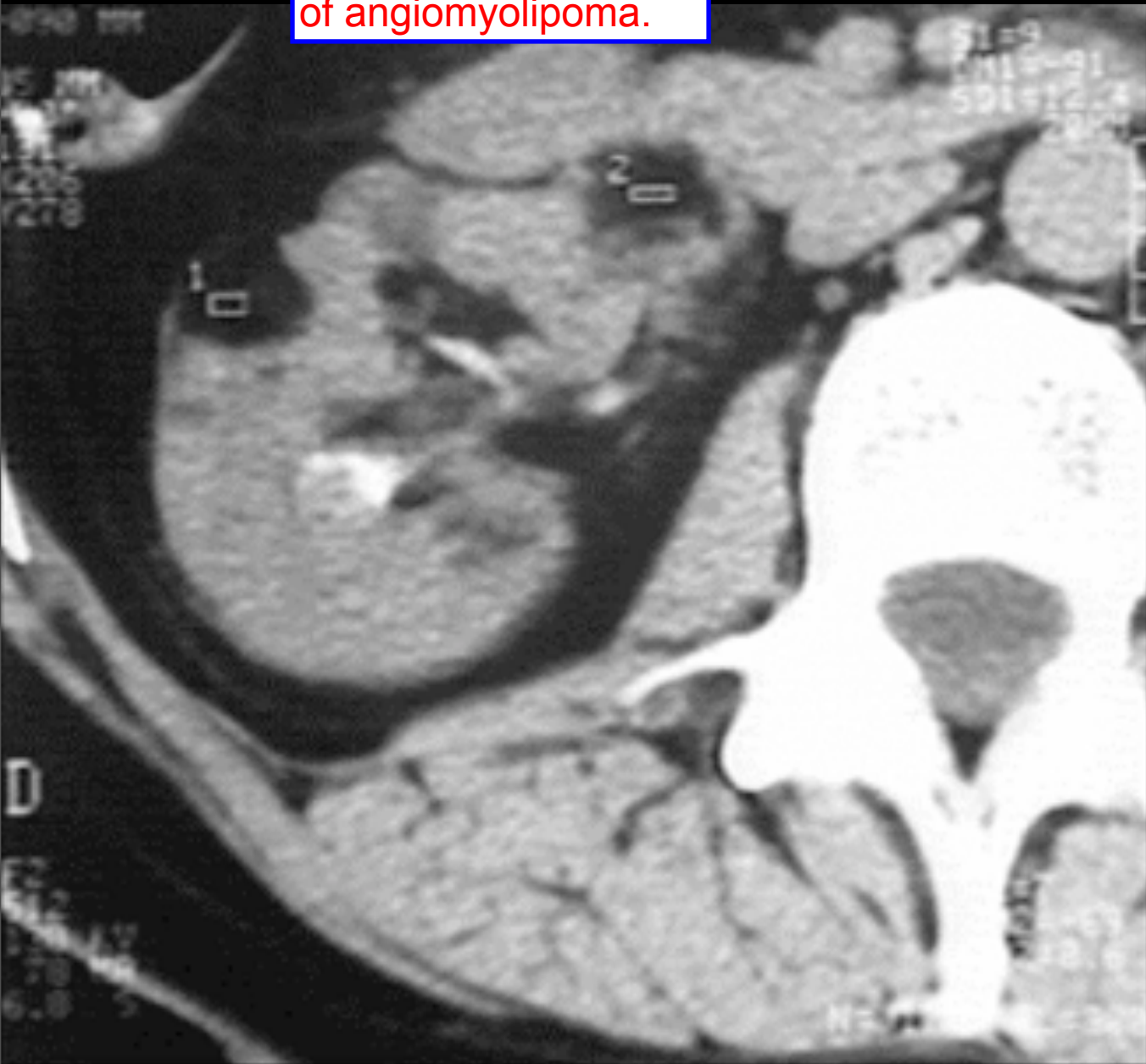
All of this is the angiomyolipoma.

Normal kidney over here.

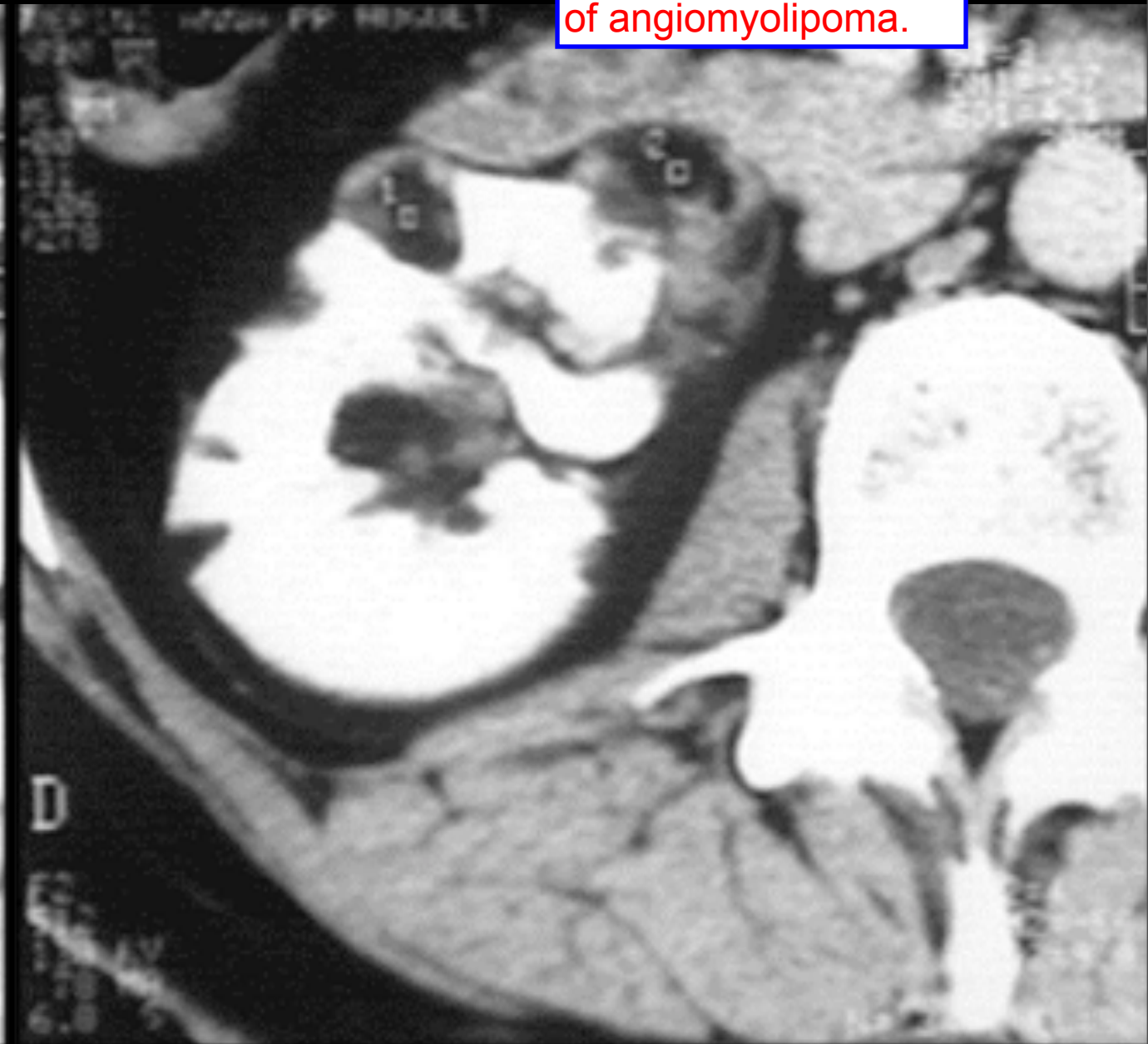




CT scan w/o contrast of angiomyolipoma.



CT scan w/ contrast of angiomyolipoma.





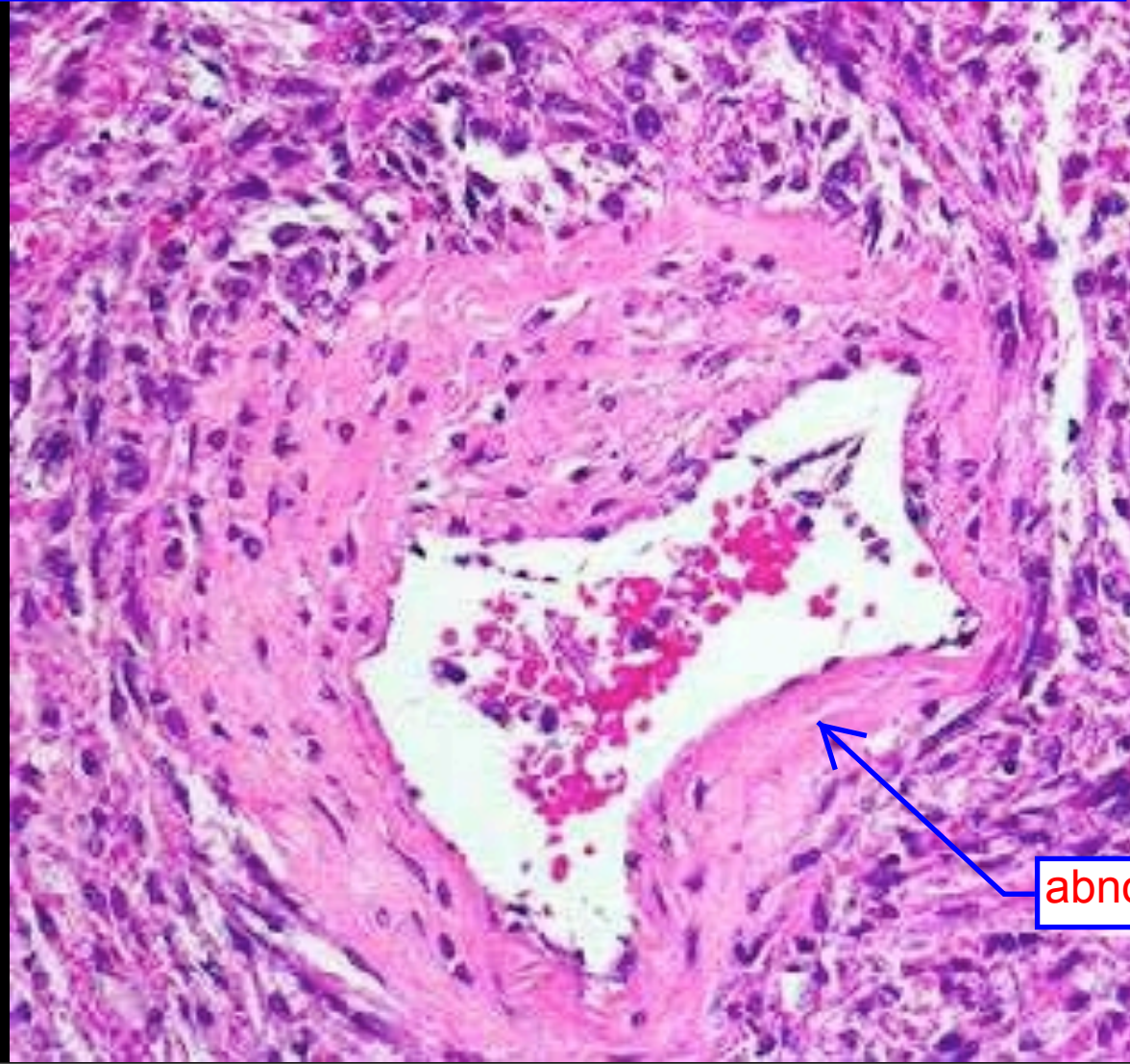
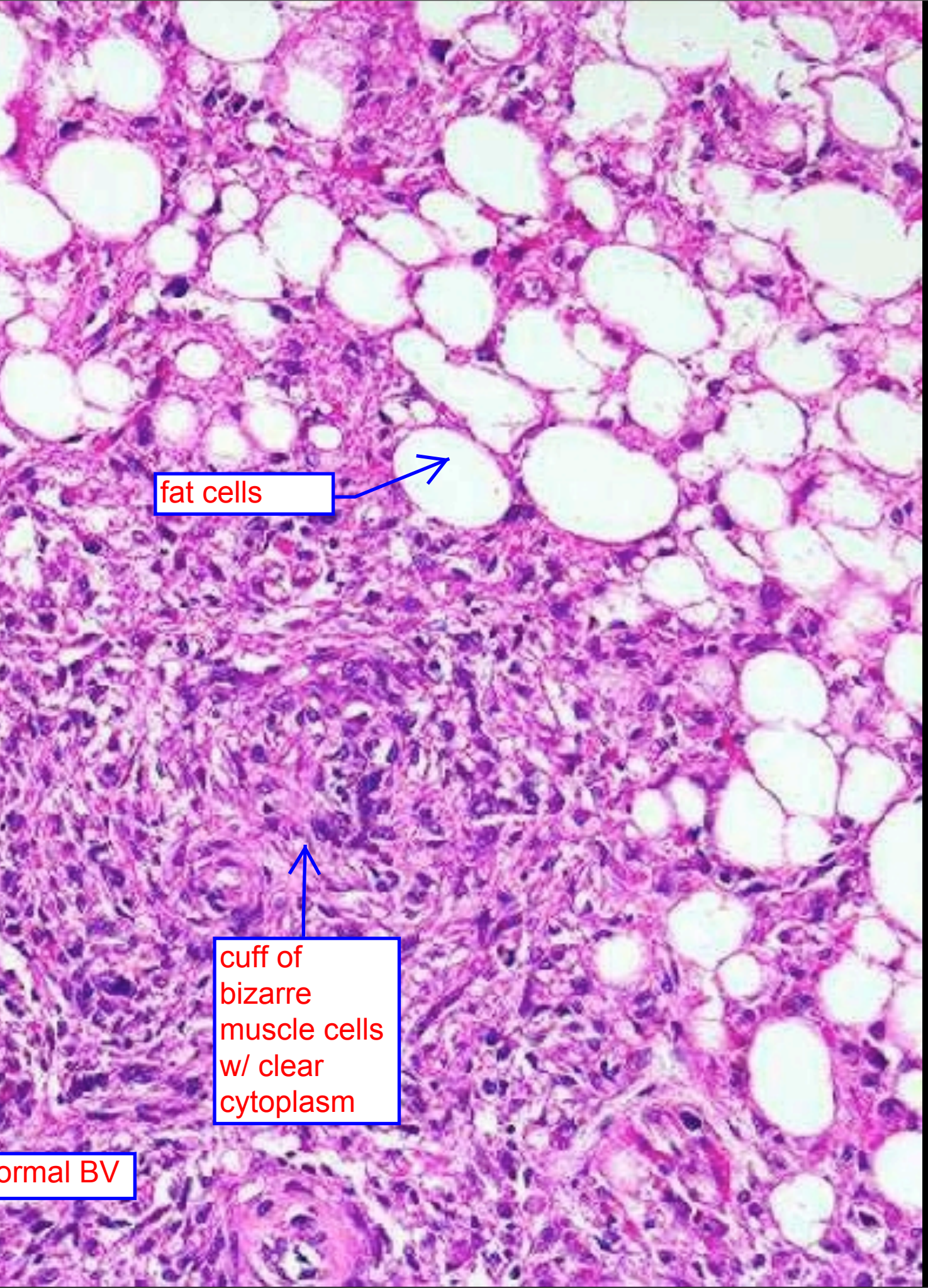
**- 3 histo features of angiomyolipomas**

- 1) angio: blood vessels (BVs)
- 2) myo: muscle
- 3) lipo: fat

**- All of these cells are actually one cell type: perivascular epitheloid cell (PEC); myomelanocytic phenotype that expresses melanocytic and muscle markers simultaneously.**

- 1) **PECs are funny-looking**
- 2) PECs occur in a bunch of tumors in various locations in the body

- Relation w/ TS suggests involvement of mTOR pathway lesions in these tumors; rapamycin may have therapeutic potential.





# Angiomyolipoma: clinical

- **Larger tumors symptomatic**, smaller tumors incidental
- Radiographic differential diagnosis = **renal cell carcinoma**
  - ← Radiographically, look a lot like renal cell carcinoma, which is also very vascular.
- Therapy
  - Symptomatic → nephrectomy
  - Asymptomatic ? → embolization
- **Workup patient for tuberous sclerosis**
  - ← Remember to check for TS in Pts w/ angiomyolipomas!

# Renal oncocytoma

- **Benign** neoplasm consisting of “oncocytes”
- About 3% of nephrectomies for tumor

- **Usually asymptomatic, incidental**

- ↑ incidence ← ↑ imaging

- Older adults

- **Males** > females

- **Circumscribed cortical mass**

- **Central stellate scar**

- Like w/ angiomyolipomas, renal oncocytomas **look like renal cell carcinoma (RCC)**, so surgeons take them out and find them to be otherwise post-op.  
- **Benign**, so you won't die of them, but could end up having partial or complete nephrectomies on their account since they look like RCC.  
- **Also made of odd cell type: oncocytes**  
- Increased incidence likely due to increased imaging.  
- Could get biopsy of them and if (+), then can treat w/ cryotherapy.

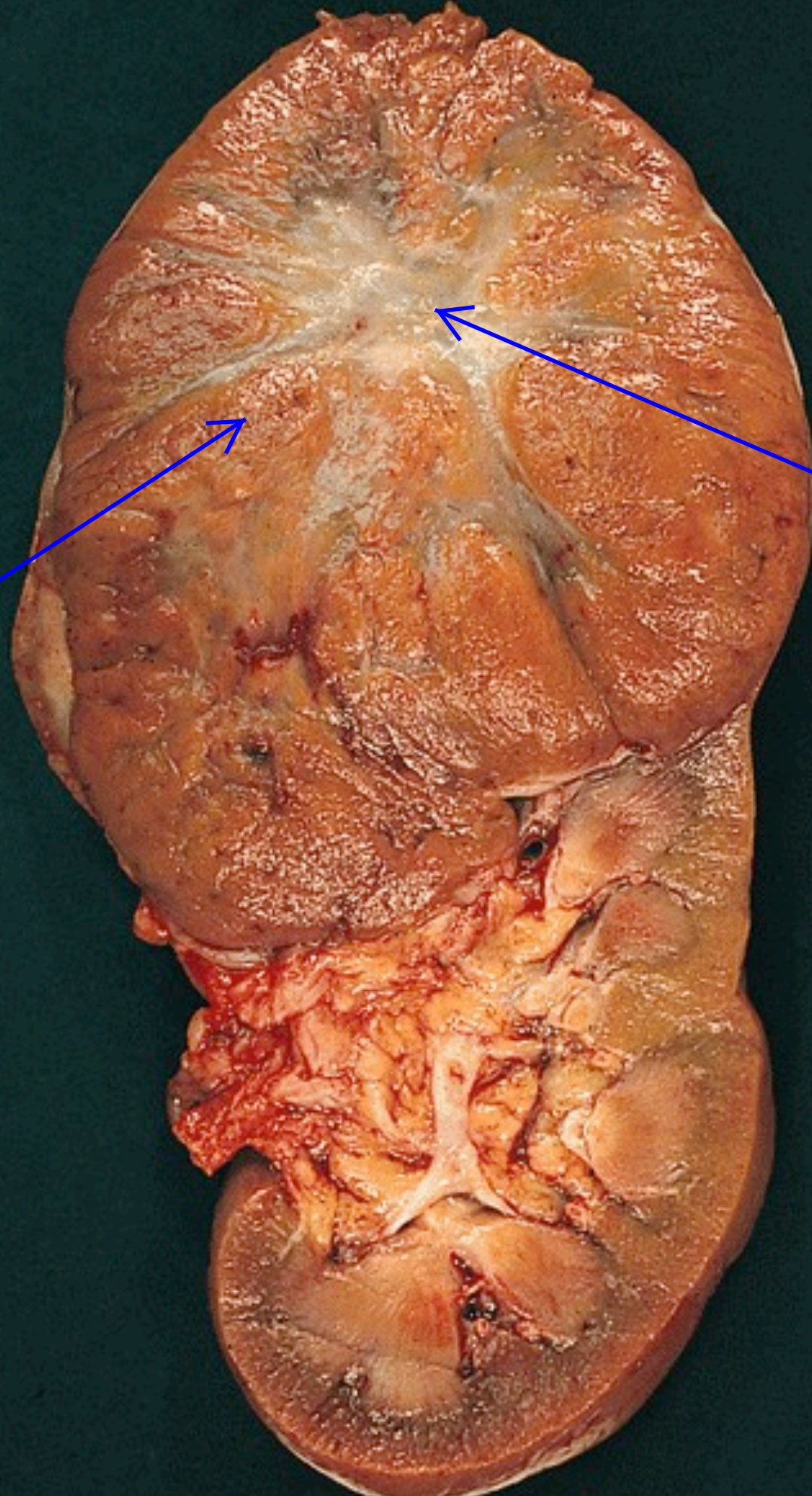
← **Central stellate scar:** used by radiologists to indicate level of suspicion of a mass to be renal oncocytoma.



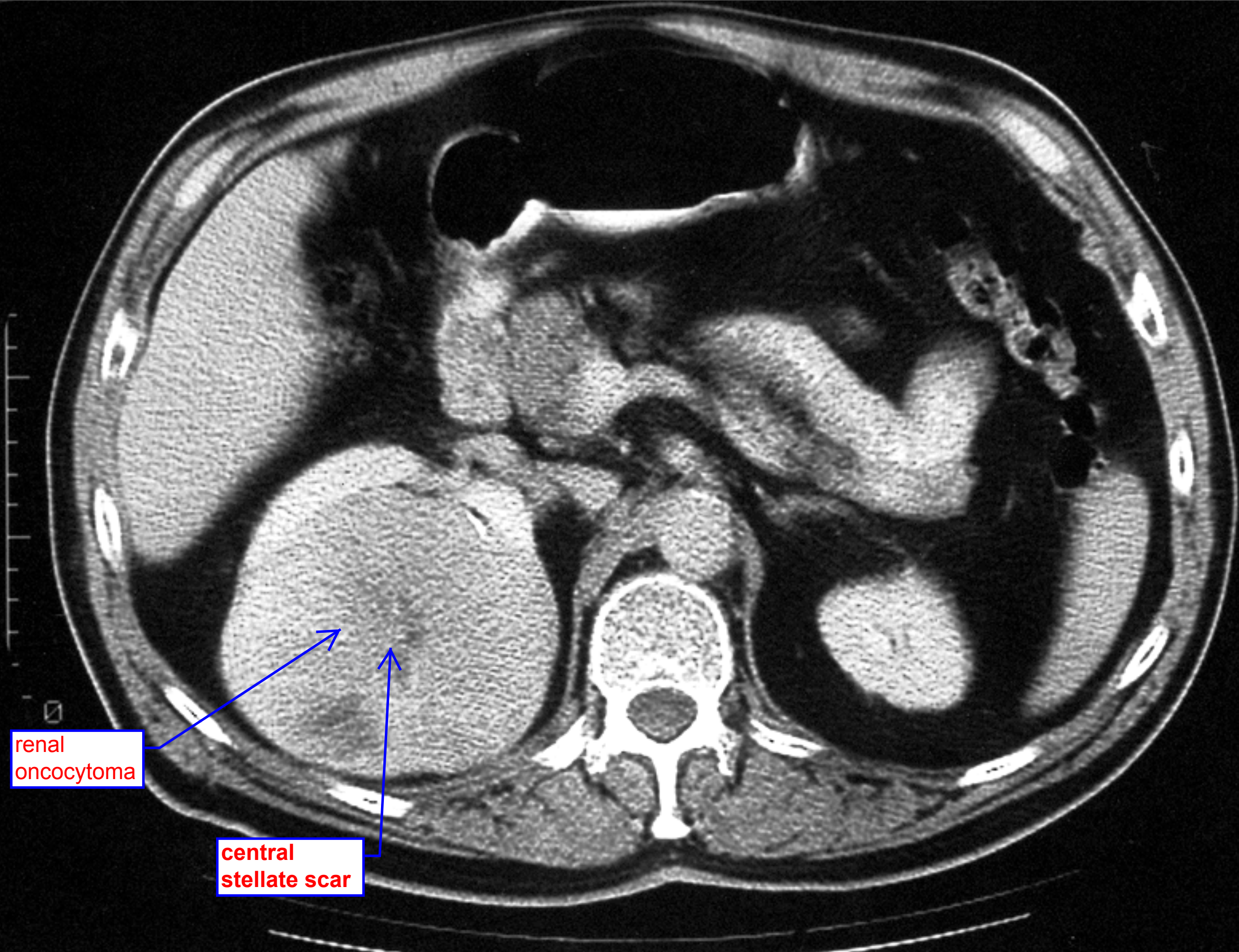
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oncocytoma

central  
stellate scar

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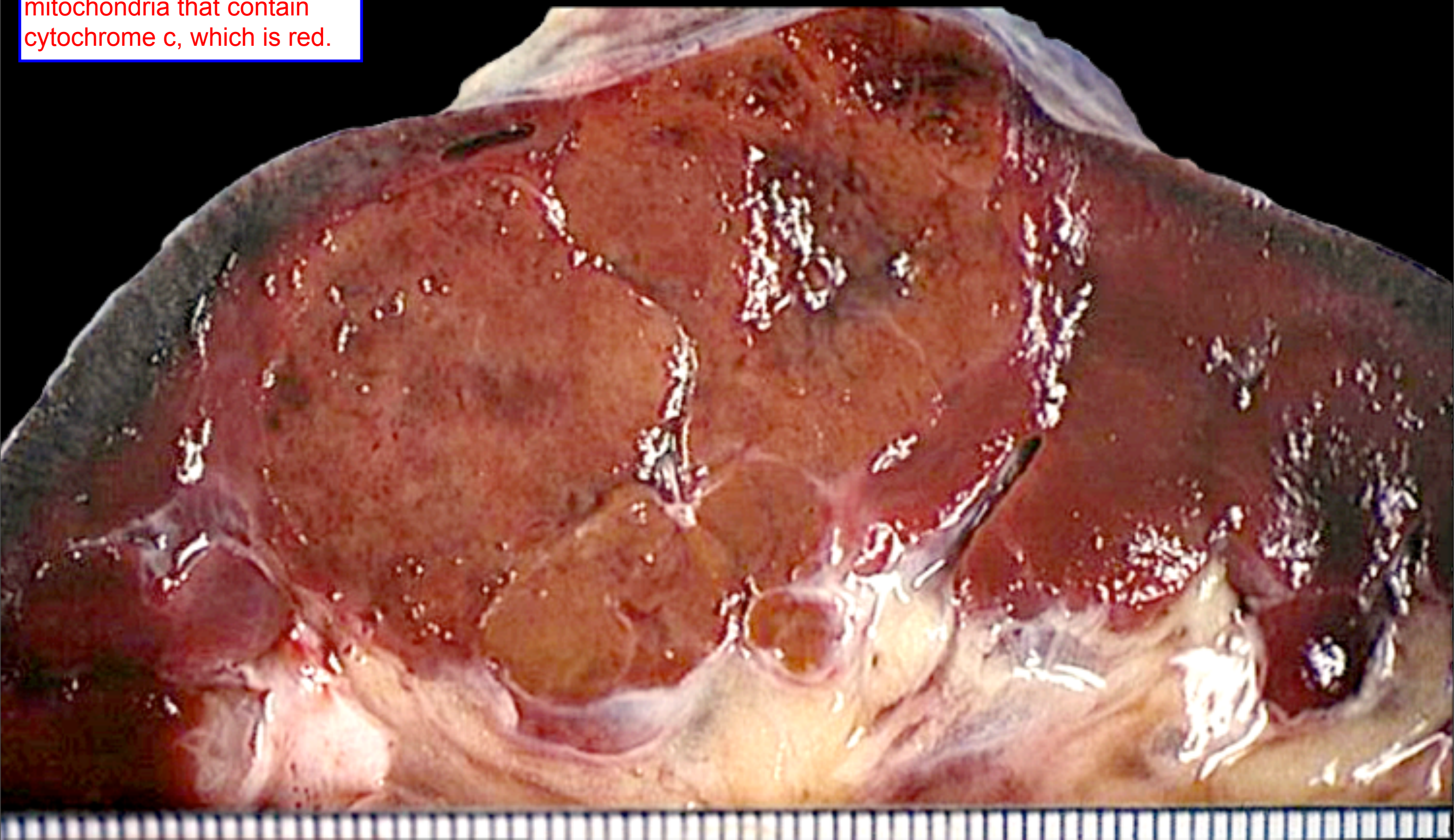


renal  
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central  
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**Renal oncocytomas are mahogany or red-colored:** due to all the mitochondria that contain cytochrome c, which is red.





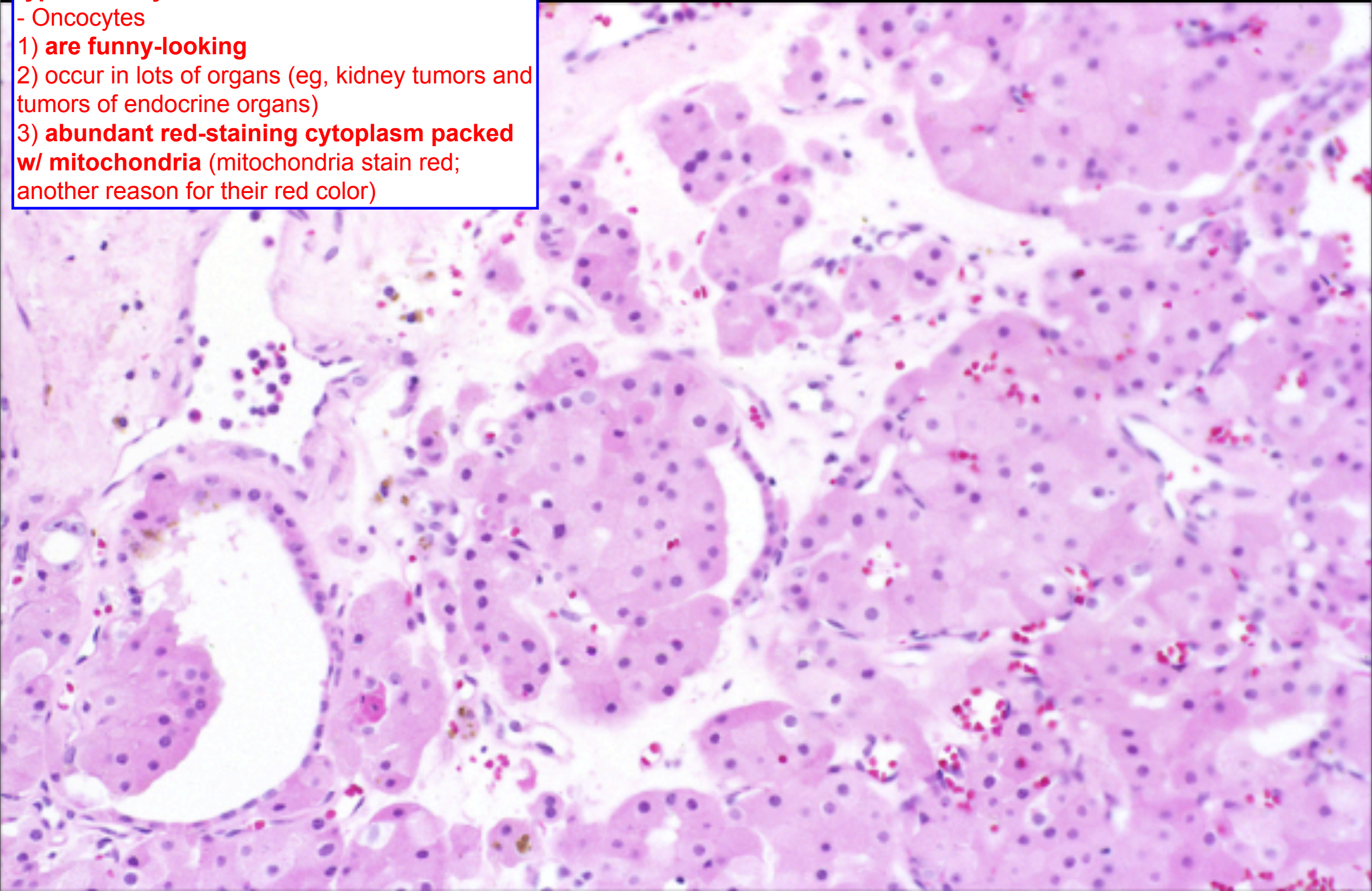
- **Renal oncocytomas are made of odd cell type: oncocytes.**

- Oncocytes

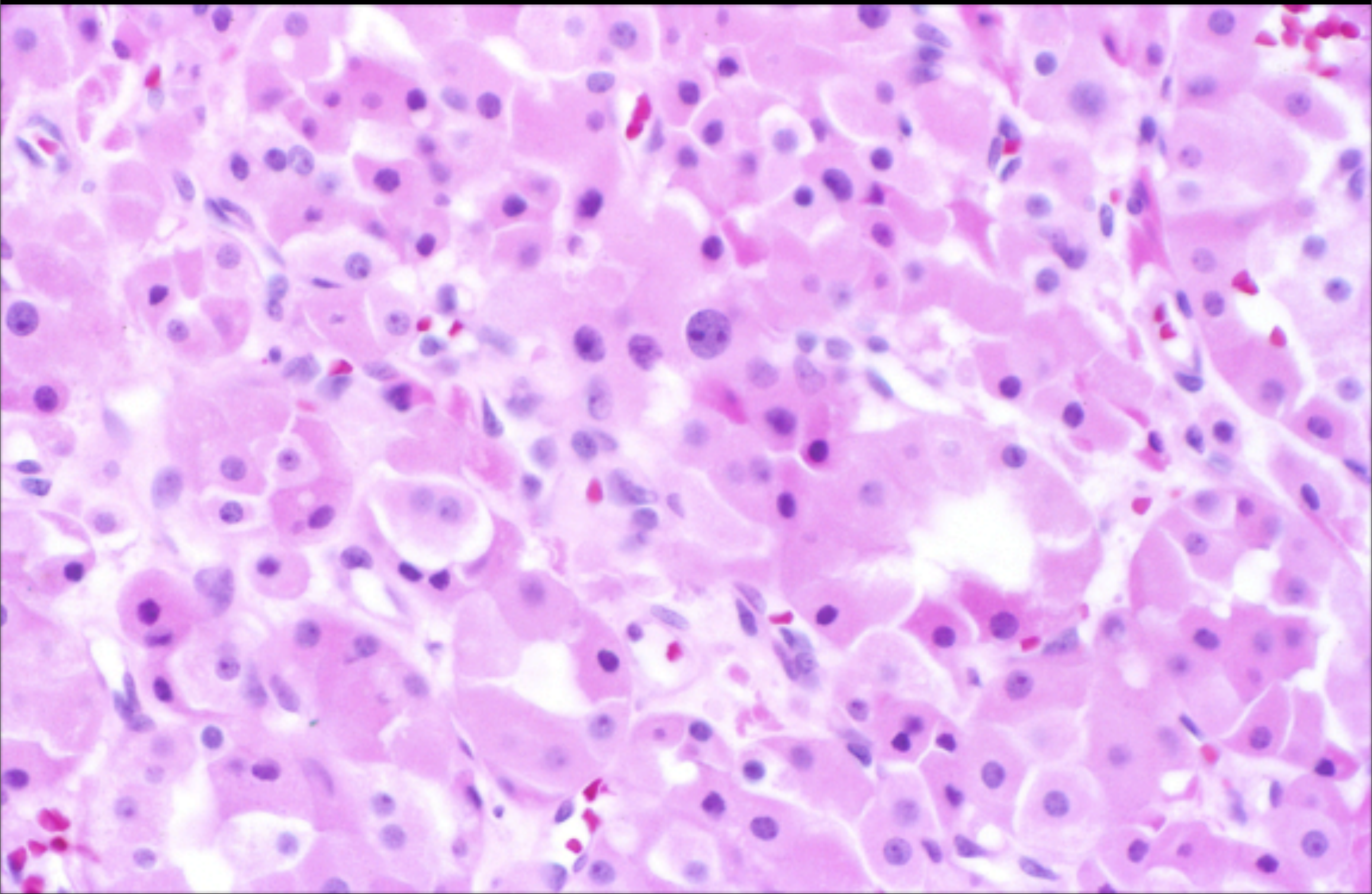
1) **are funny-looking**

2) occur in lots of organs (eg, kidney tumors and tumors of endocrine organs)

3) **abundant red-staining cytoplasm packed w/ mitochondria** (mitochondria stain red; another reason for their red color)

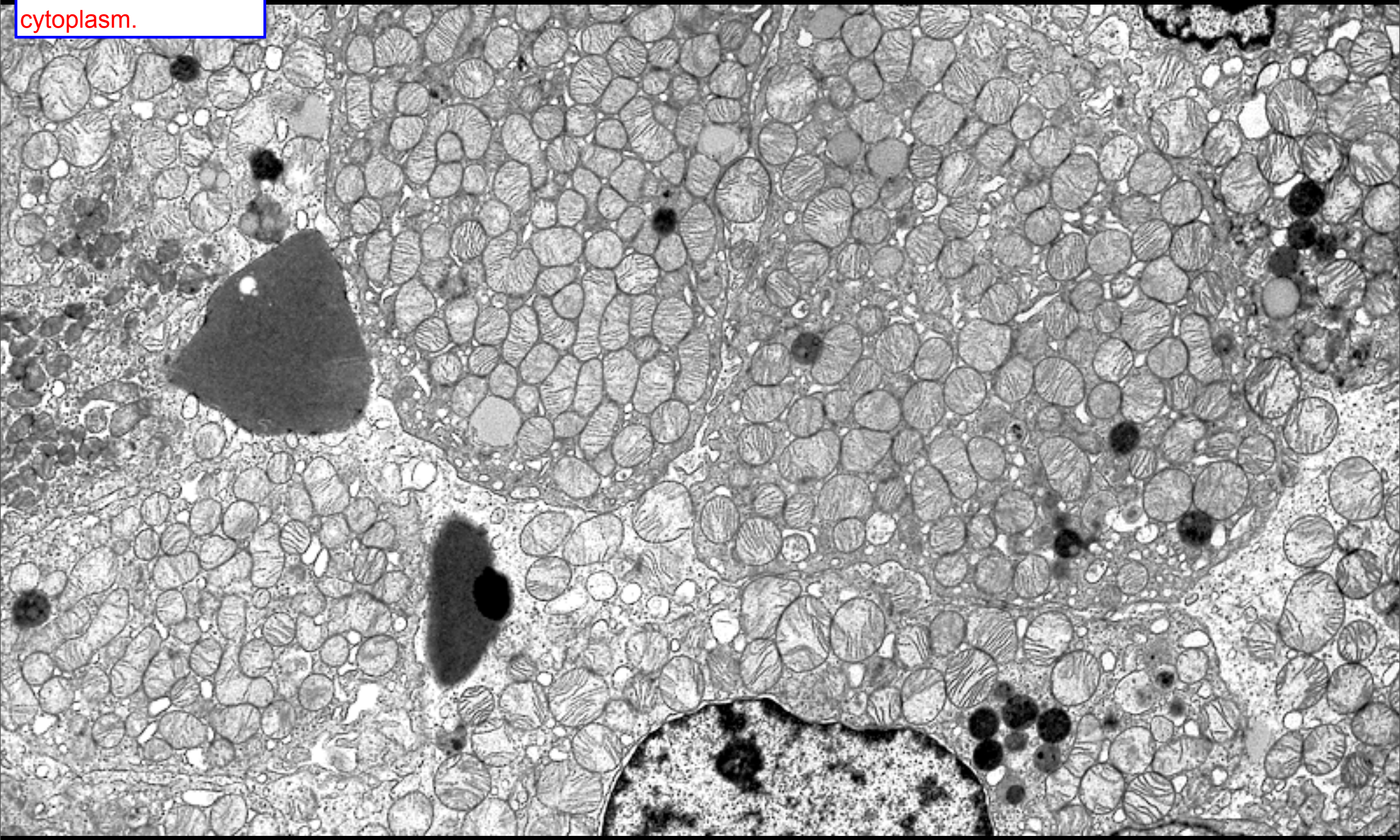








EM pic of oncocytes with lots of mitochondria in the cytoplasm.






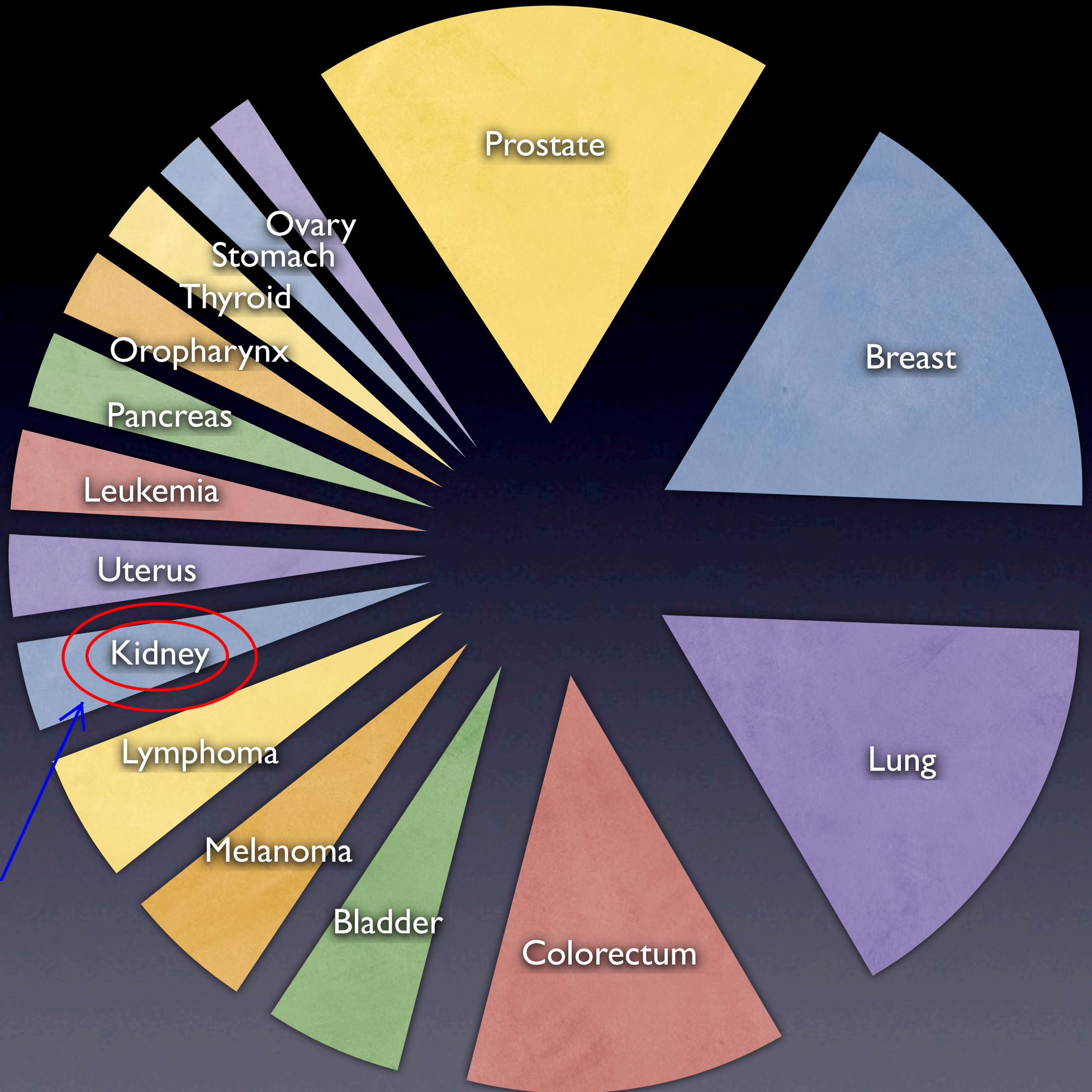
## RCC

- 1) malignant
- 2) most common renal tumor
- 3) usually presents in mid-50s
- 4) slight male predominance

# Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)

- **Most common renal tumor**
  - 3% of adult **malignancies**
- **Median age 55 years**
- **Male** : female :: 1.6 : 1
- Risk factors  Not well-defined, but here are some of them.
  - Tobacco
  - Hereditary/acquired cystic disease
  - von Hippel-Lindau syndrome

**Relative US  
Cancer  
Incidence by  
Site, both  
sexes, all  
races,  
2002-2006**



RCC fairly common when compared to other cancers like pancreatic and endometrial.



# RCC: Clinical

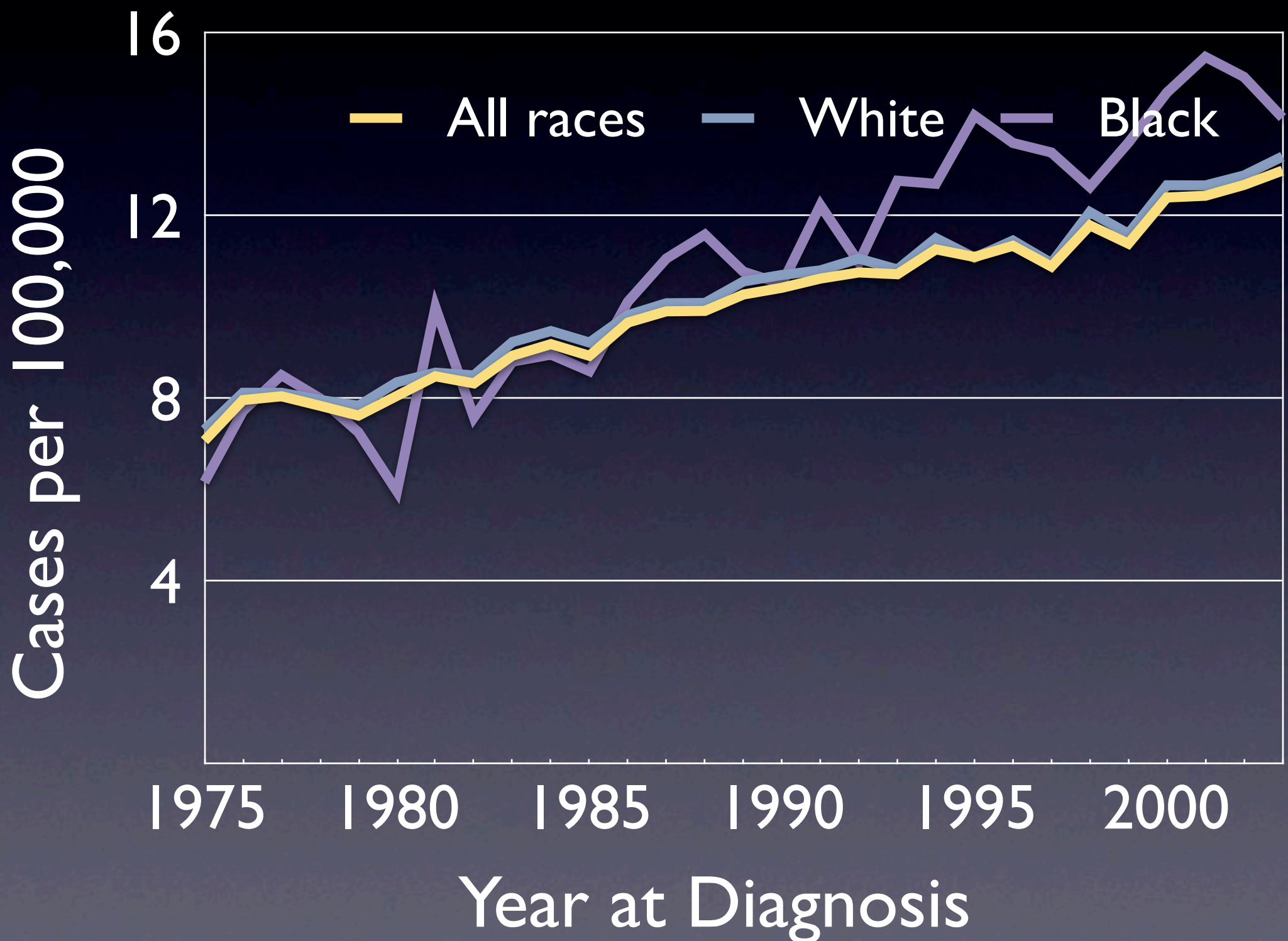
- **Majority asymptomatic**
- “Classic triad”  $\Rightarrow$  advanced disease
  - Hematuria
  - Flank pain
  - Flank mass
- **Paraneoplastic syndromes**
  - Erythrocytosis
  - Hypercalcemia
  - Liver dysfunction

'Classic triad' only shows up in advanced disease, so don't bank on it to make the diagnosis!

These might actually bring the Pt to the forefront of the physician's attention.

- Increased incidence of kidney cancers likely due to:  
1) better imaging  
2) better diagnoses

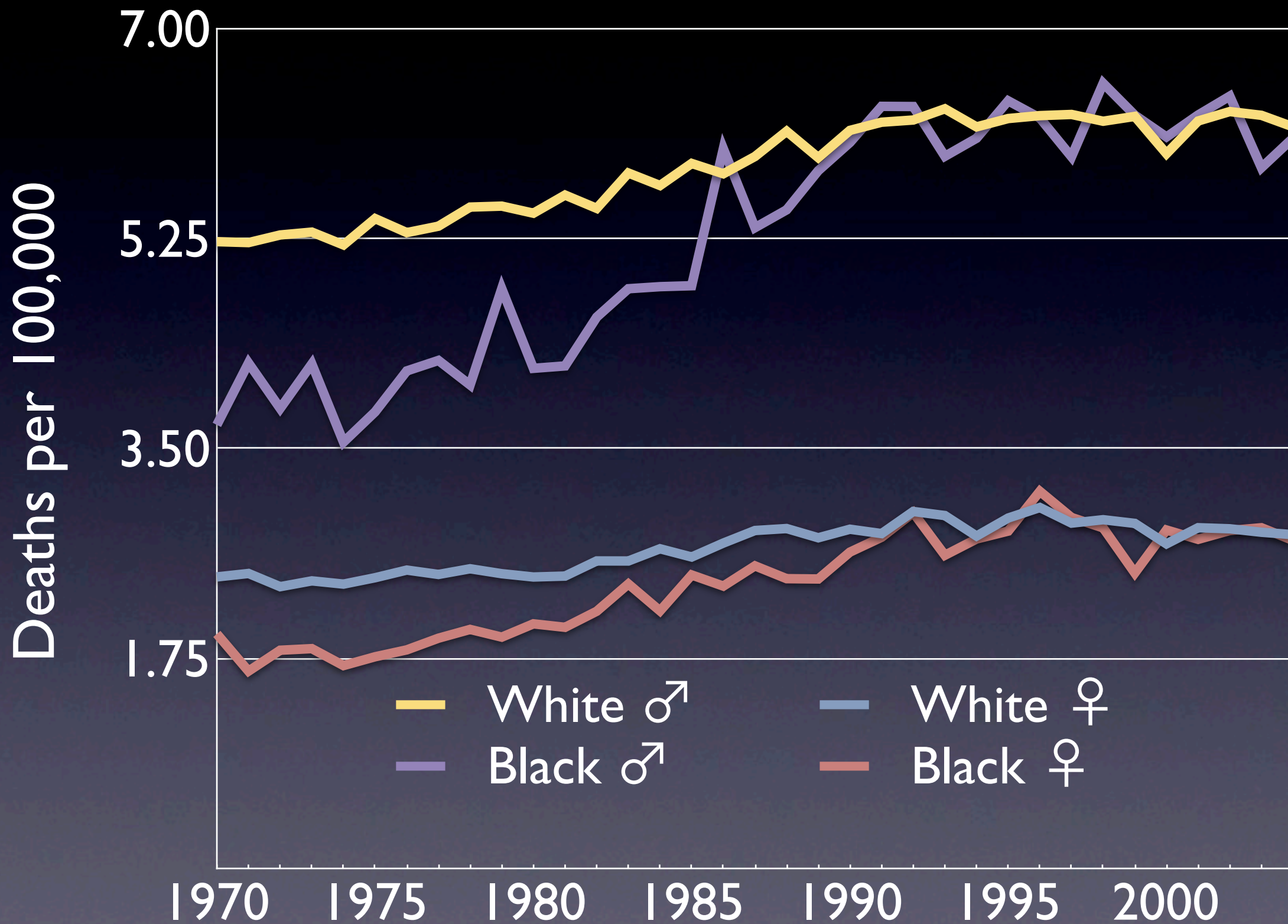
# RCC Incidence

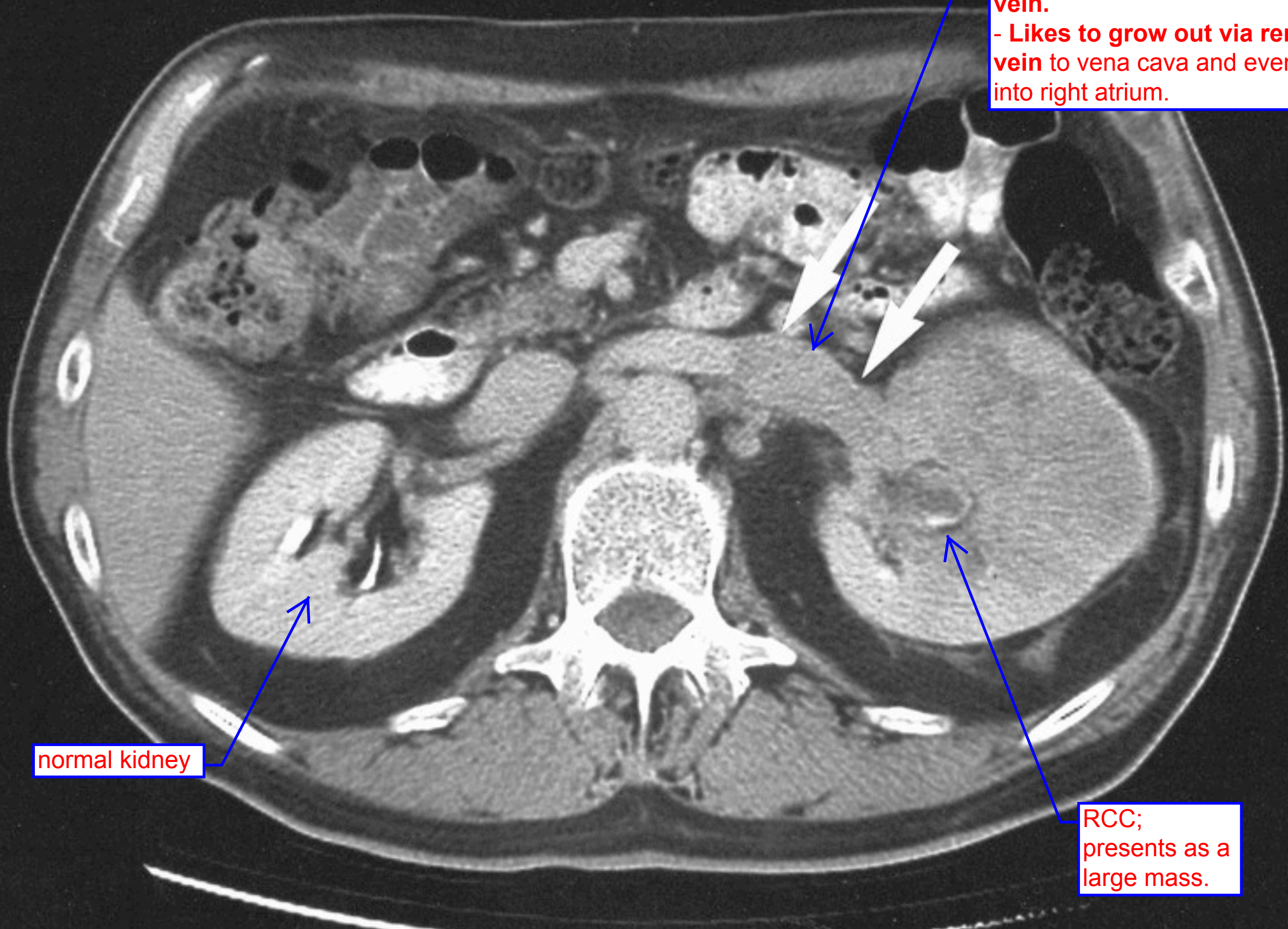




- 5-yr survival for RCC has increased due to better meds and possibly earlier diagnosis; used to be treated only via surgery.

# RCC mortality





- **Feature of RCC: 'Sausage'** is RCC thrombus in renal vein.  
- **Likes to grow out via renal vein** to vena cava and even into right atrium.

normal kidney

RCC; presents as a large mass.



# RCC Staging

whether it stays  
within the kidney  
or not

- T1 Localized to kidney,  $\leq 7$  cm
- T2 Localized to kidney,  $>7$  cm
- T3 Local extension
- T4 Wide extension
- N #/size of (+) nodes
- M Distant metastasis

- There are about a half-dozen RCC subtypes.  
- Although cytogenetically different, they all have the same prognosis and you treat them the same.

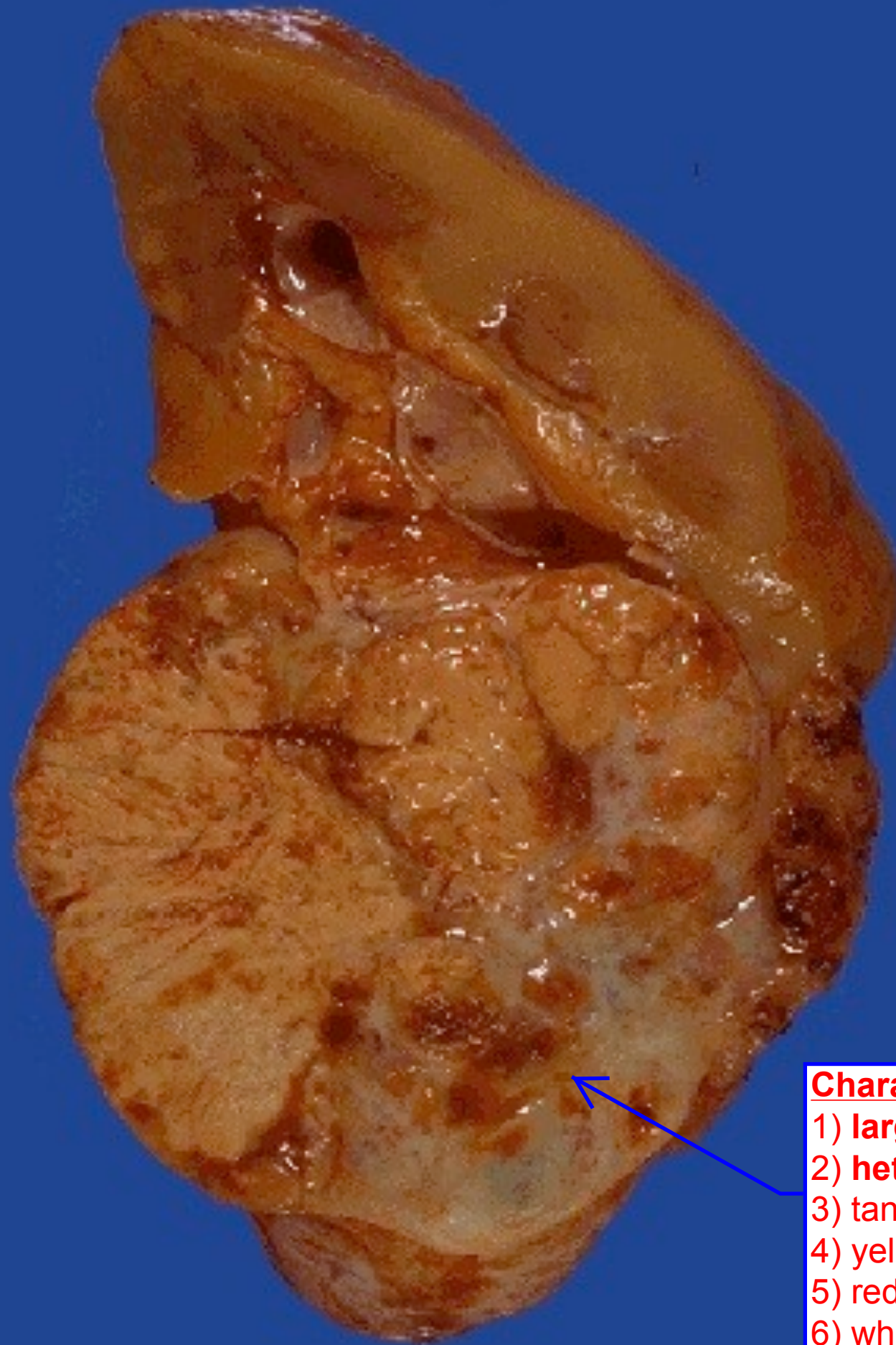
# RCC Subtypes

- Characteristic cytogenetic abnormalities
- Prognostic significance
- Important for pathologic recognition



# Conventional (“clear-cell”) RCC

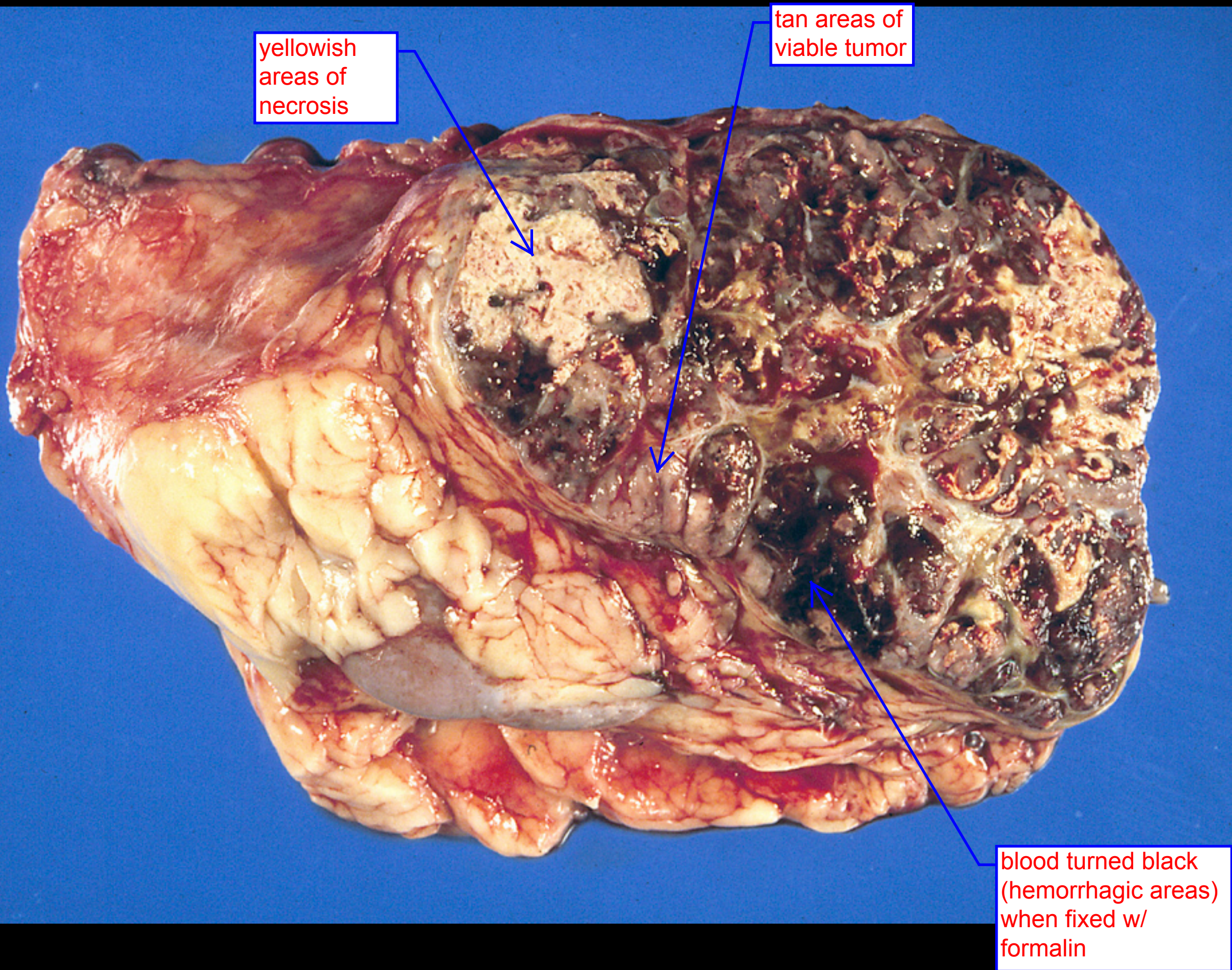
- **Most common subtype (70%)**
- Frequently has del 3p
- Characteristic appearance
  - Rounded cortical mass
  - Variegated cut surface
    - Tan (viable tumor with lipid), yellow (necrosis), red (hemorrhage), white (calcification)
  - Cystic areas ( $\pm$ )
  - **Extension into renal vein ( $\pm$ )**



**Characteristic appearance:**

- 1) **large-sized mass**
- 2) **heterogeneous**
- 3) tan areas: viable tumor with **lipids**
- 4) yellow areas: **necrosis**
- 5) red areas: **hemorrhage**
- 6) white areas: **dystrophic calcification**



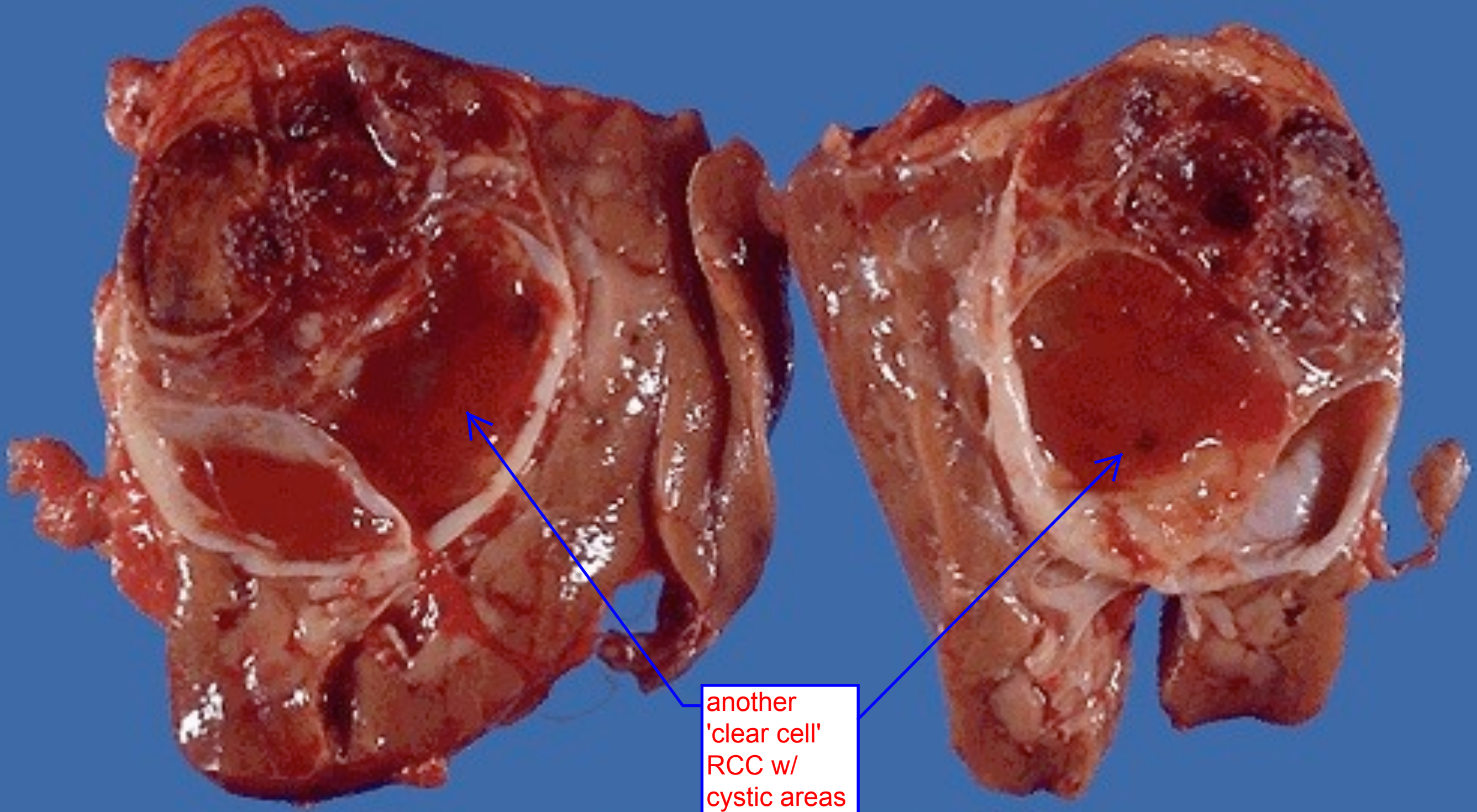


yellowish  
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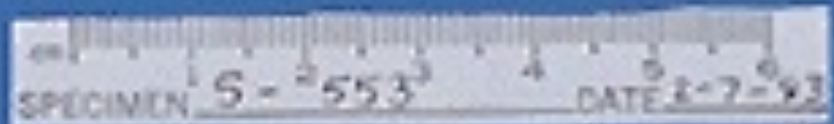
tan areas of  
viable tumor

blood turned black  
(hemorrhagic areas)  
when fixed w/  
formalin





another  
'clear cell'  
RCC w/  
cystic areas





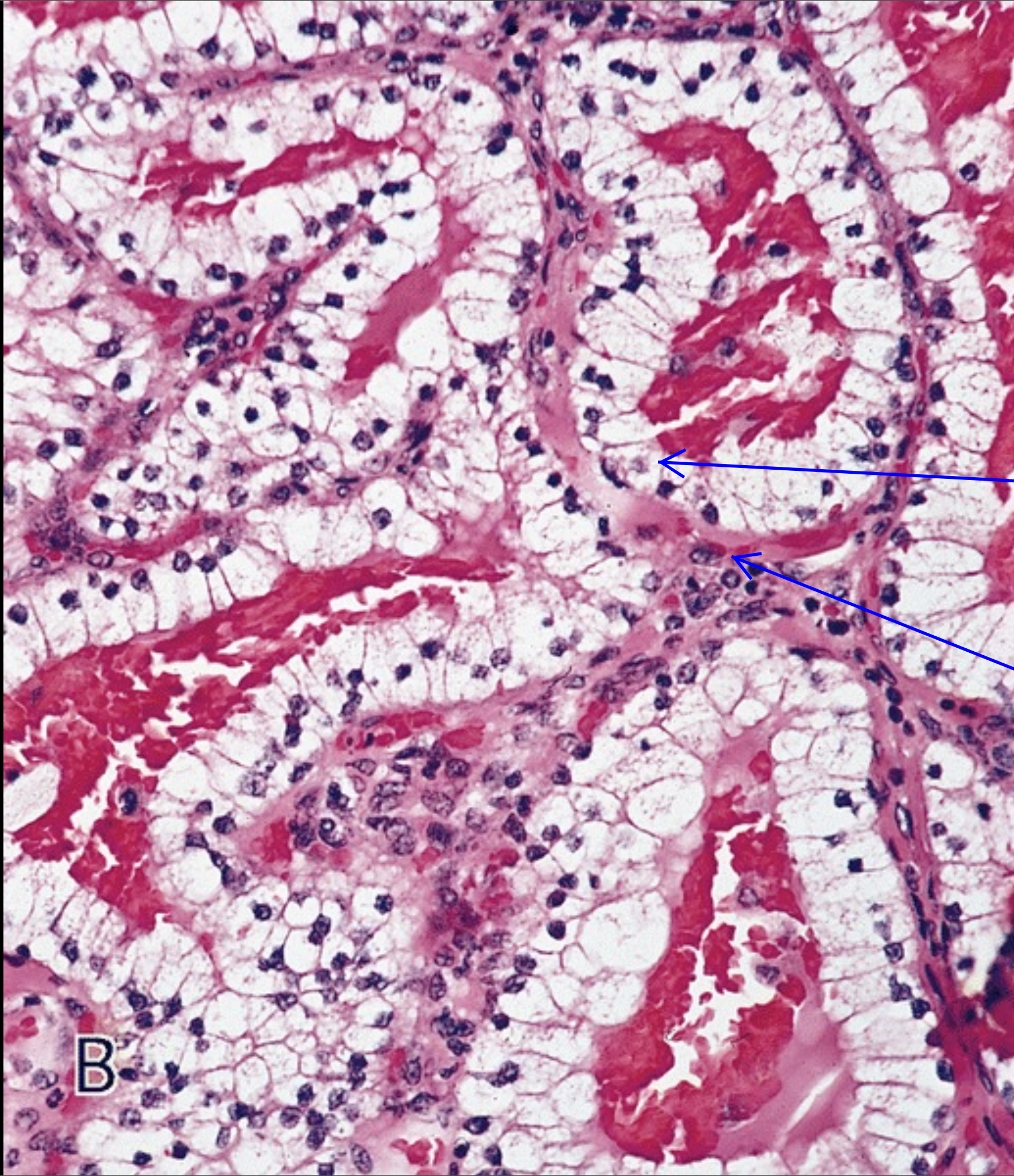
# Conventional RCC: microscopic

- “Clear cell”
- Cytoplasmic lipid and glycogen
- Solid or glandular
- Prominent capillary network
- Frequent hemorrhage and necrosis

why cells  
are 'clear'



- Pic of 'clear cell' RCC.  
- Can form glands, solid areas and cysts.



'clear cells'

**Tons of capillaries**, but often delicate and poorly formed, leading to a lot of hemorrhage in these.

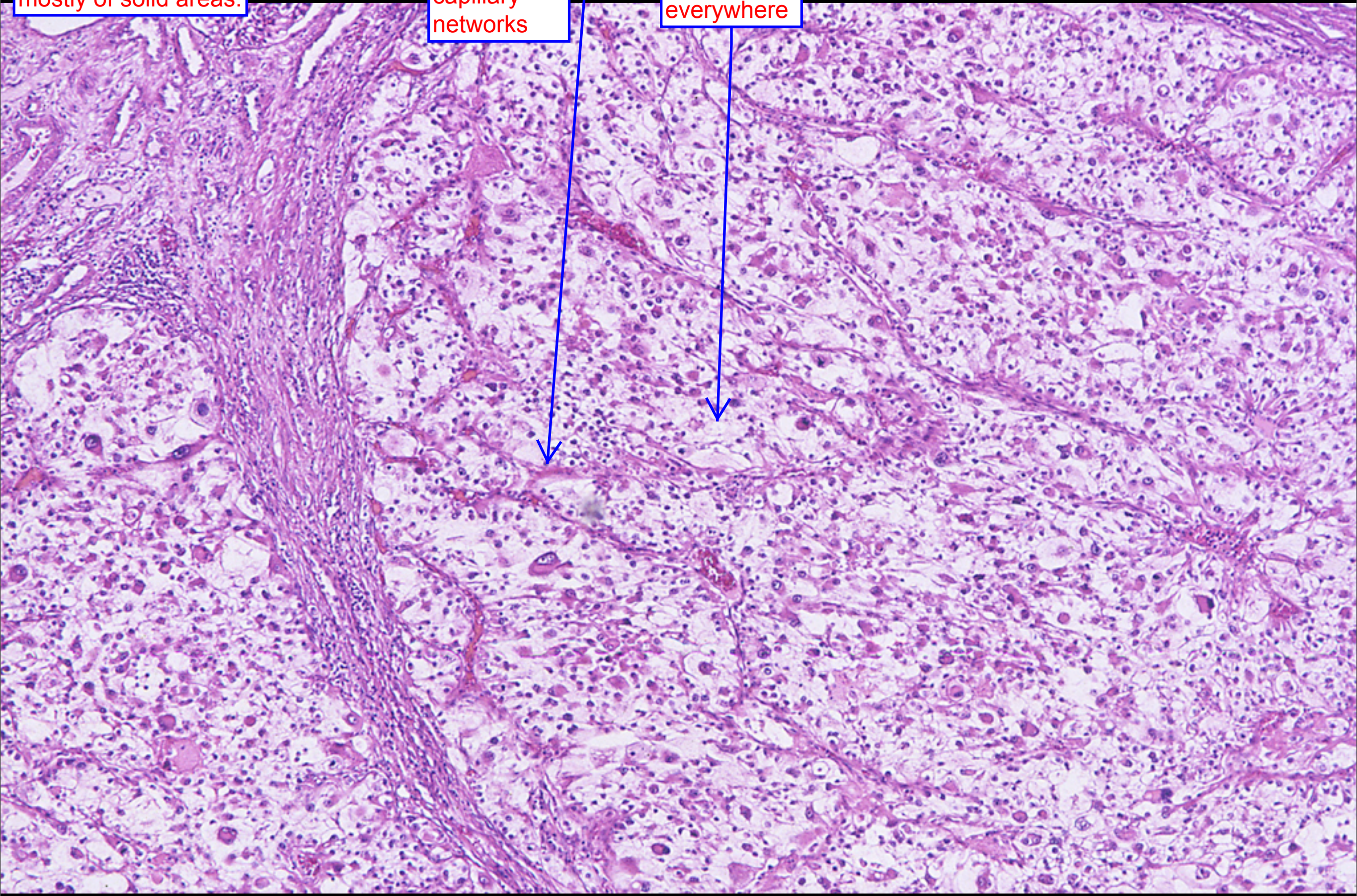
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Pic of one formed mostly of solid areas.

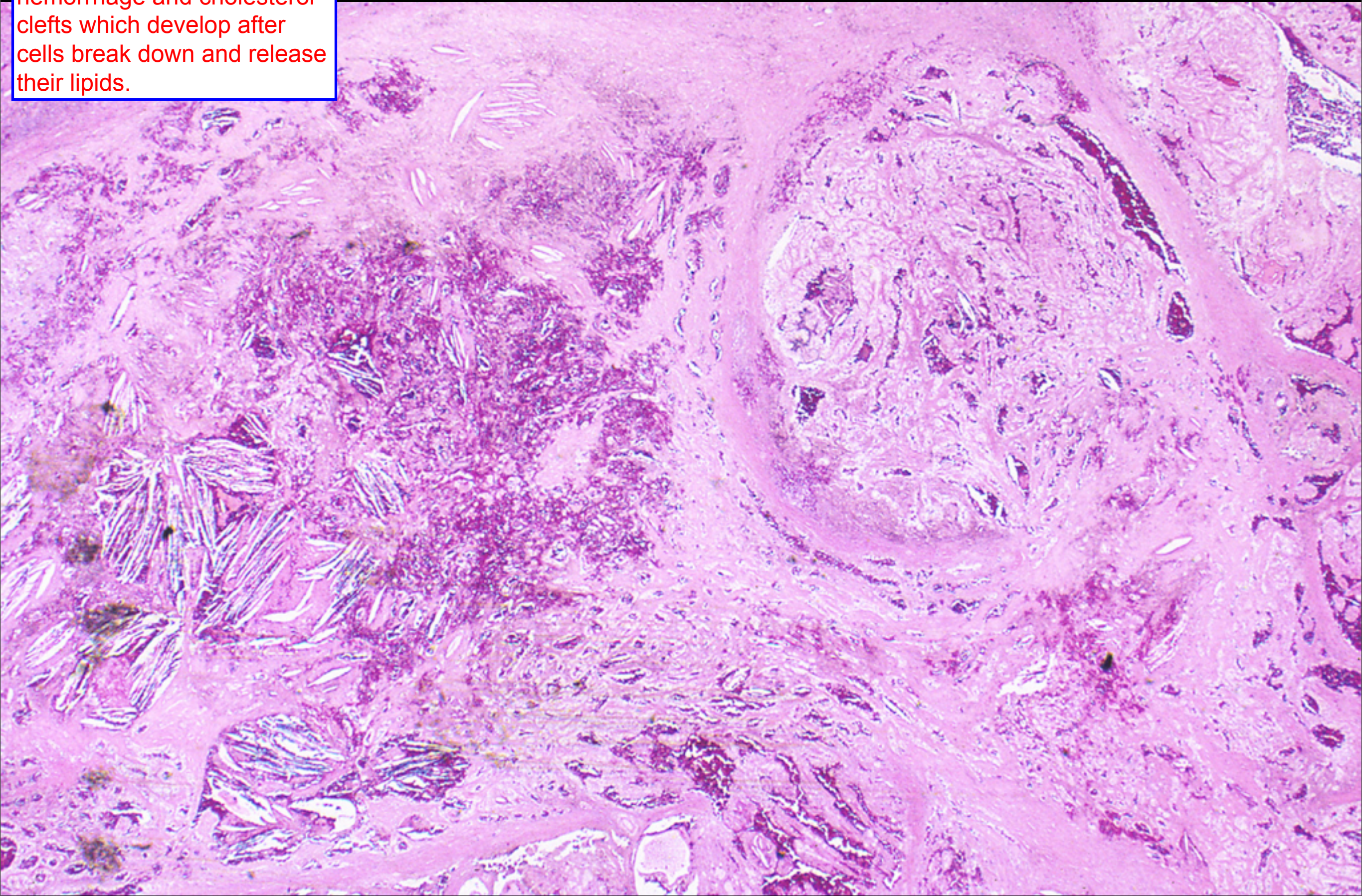
prominent capillary networks

'clear cells' everywhere





Pic of one showing necrosis, hemorrhage and cholesterol clefts which develop after cells break down and release their lipids.





EM showing 'clear cells.'





- Of all the subtypes, it has the most consistent cytogenetics.  
- Frequently has deletions or abnormalities of genes in short arm of chromosome 3 (3p).

Conventional (clear-cell) RCC (CCRCC):

# Molecular pathology

3p = hypermutable region rich in tumor suppressor genes

(TSG's)

von Hippel-Lindau

- VHL (3p25)

Specific CCRCC association (next 2 slides)

- FHIT (3p14.2)

Nucleotide hydrolase inactivated in many cancers  
incl. familial CCRCC with t(3;8)

- LCTSGR1 (3p21.3)

“Lung/Breast Cancer TSG Region 1”

- LCTSGR2 (3p12)

“Lung/Breast Cancer TSG Region 2”



# von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) tumor suppressor gene (3p25)

- Germline mutation → familial CCRCC
- Mutation in ~50% sporadic CCRCC
- Promoter hypermethylation (↓ transcription) in additional 15%
- Reintroduction of wild-type VHL into CCRCC cell lines suppresses tumorigenicity in vivo

- VHL tumor suppressor gene is found in 3p region (last slide).  
- VHL is a risk factor for getting 'clear cell' RCC.  
- VHL gene has the most clear association w/ RCC.  
- Pts w/ familial RCC typically have VHL germline mutation.  
- In Pts w/ sporadic RCC, ~ 50% have VHL germline mutation.



# VHL gene product (pVHL)

- **VHL gene product**

- 1) **regulatory protein**

- 2) **pleomorphic effects on bunch of pathways**

From 2010 slides

- Inactivation of VHL results in mTOR up-regulation

- Forms a complex w/ E3 ubiquitin ligase that normally degrades HIF-alpha

- 213 AA soluble protein, not closely related to any other known proteins
- **Specifically binds to components of multiple regulatory pathways**
- Component of ubiquitin ligase that in normal cells **indirectly downregulates:**
  - **Angiogenesis**
  - **Hypoxia-inducible gene expression**



- Of the other subtypes of RCC, papillary RCC is the most imp.

- **Appears different histologically & radiographically from 'clear cell' RCC.**

1) papillary RCC: often multifocal; better prognosis

2) 'clear cell' RCC: often unifocal

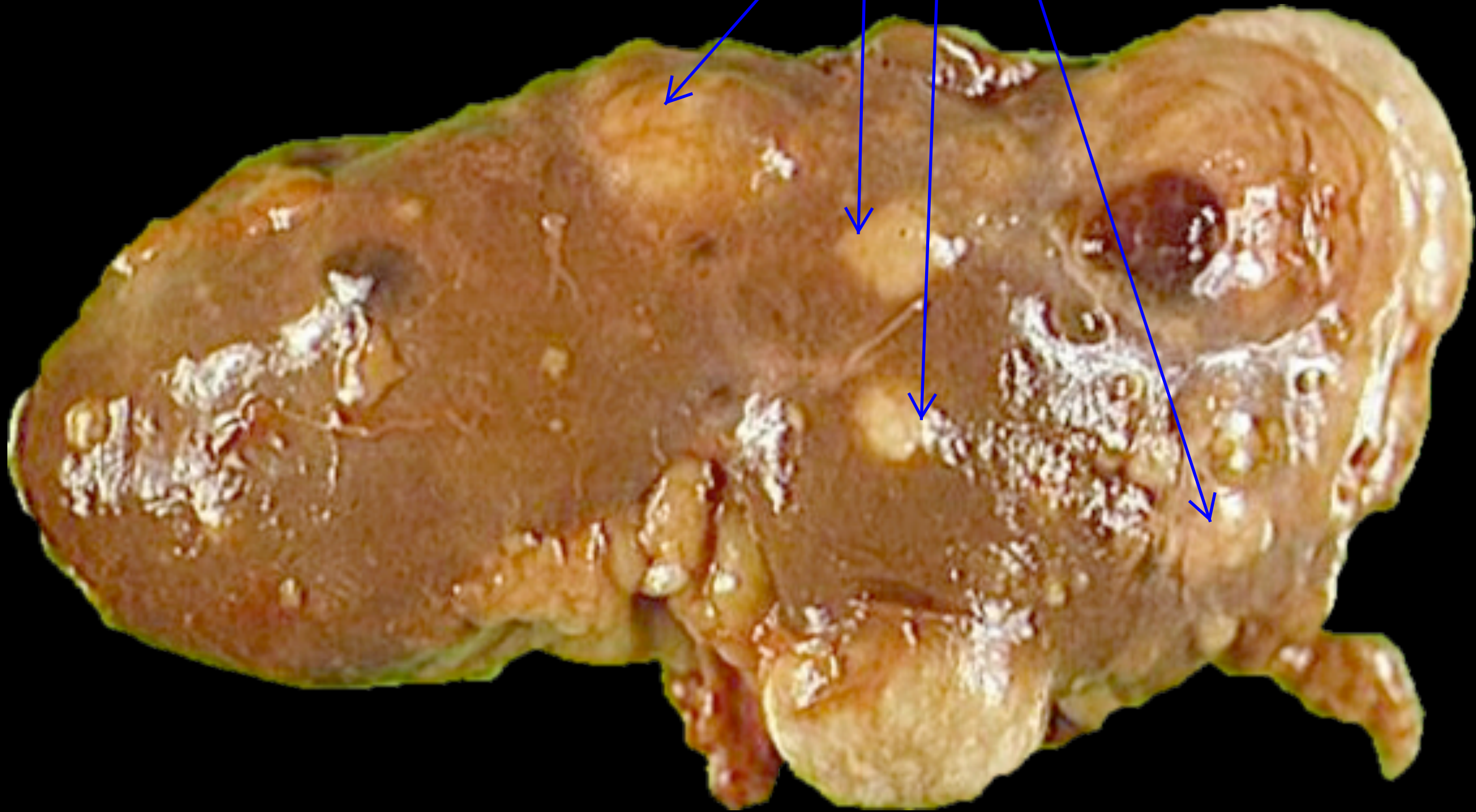
- Pts w/ acquired cystic disease usually have it.

# Papillary RCC

- **Second-most common type (15%)**
- **Appearance different from CCRC**
  - Peripheral cortex
  - Often multifocal
  - Can be very large, yet circumscribed
  - Usually low stage
- **Better prognosis than CCRCC**
- **Acquired cystic disease associated**



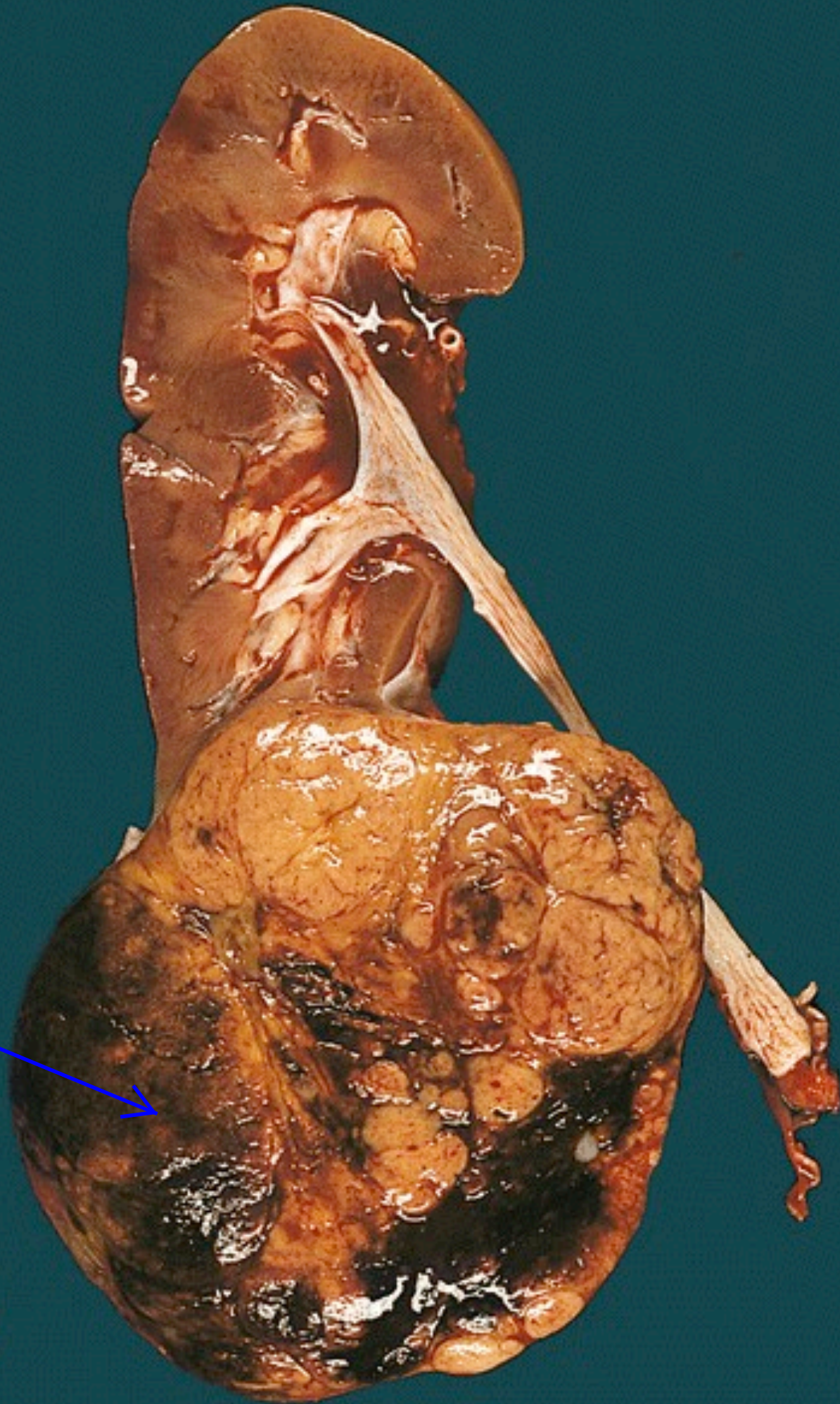
**Papillary RCC  
is usually  
multifocal.**



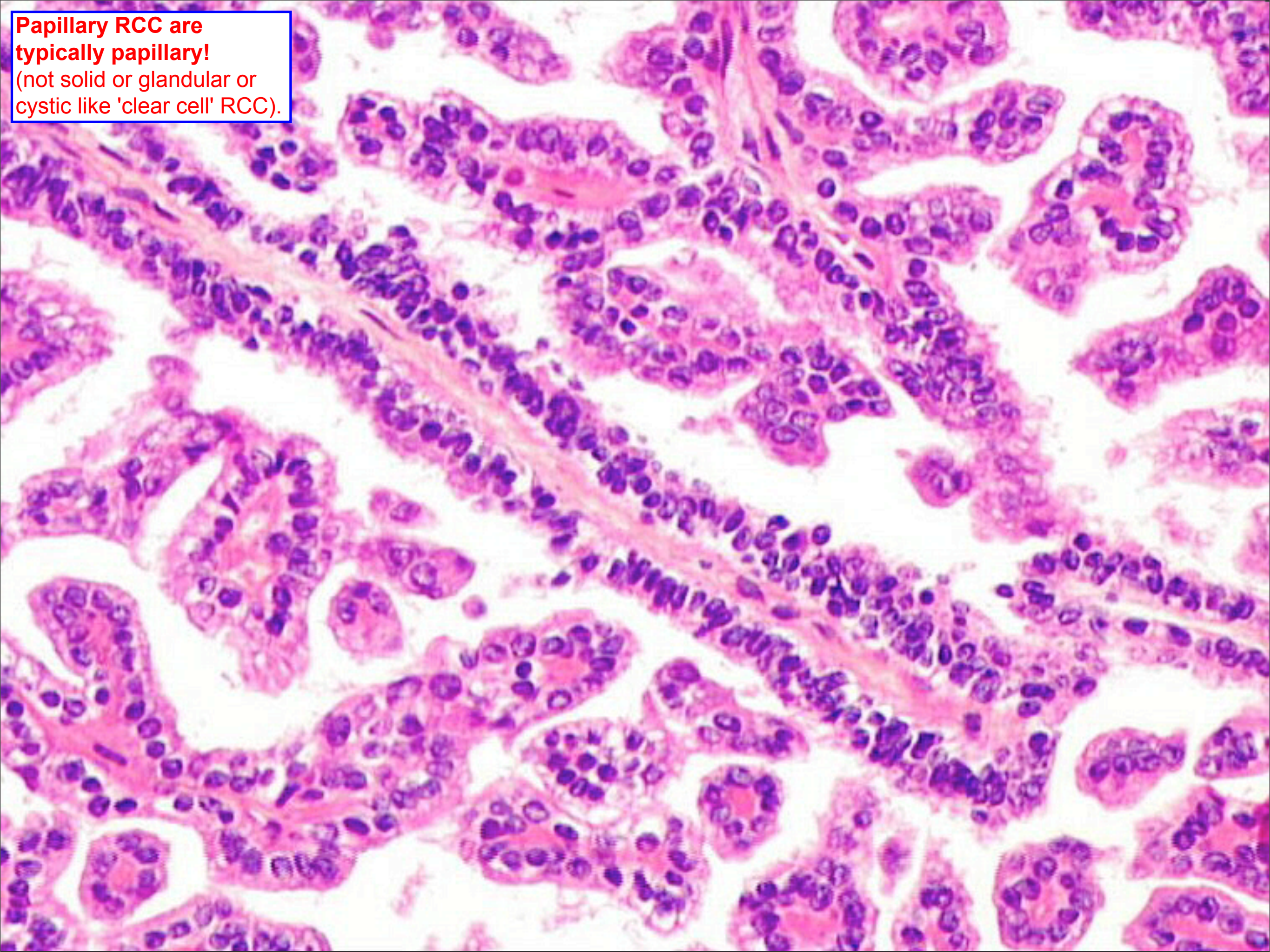


Unifocal  
papillary  
RCC, but  
quite large.

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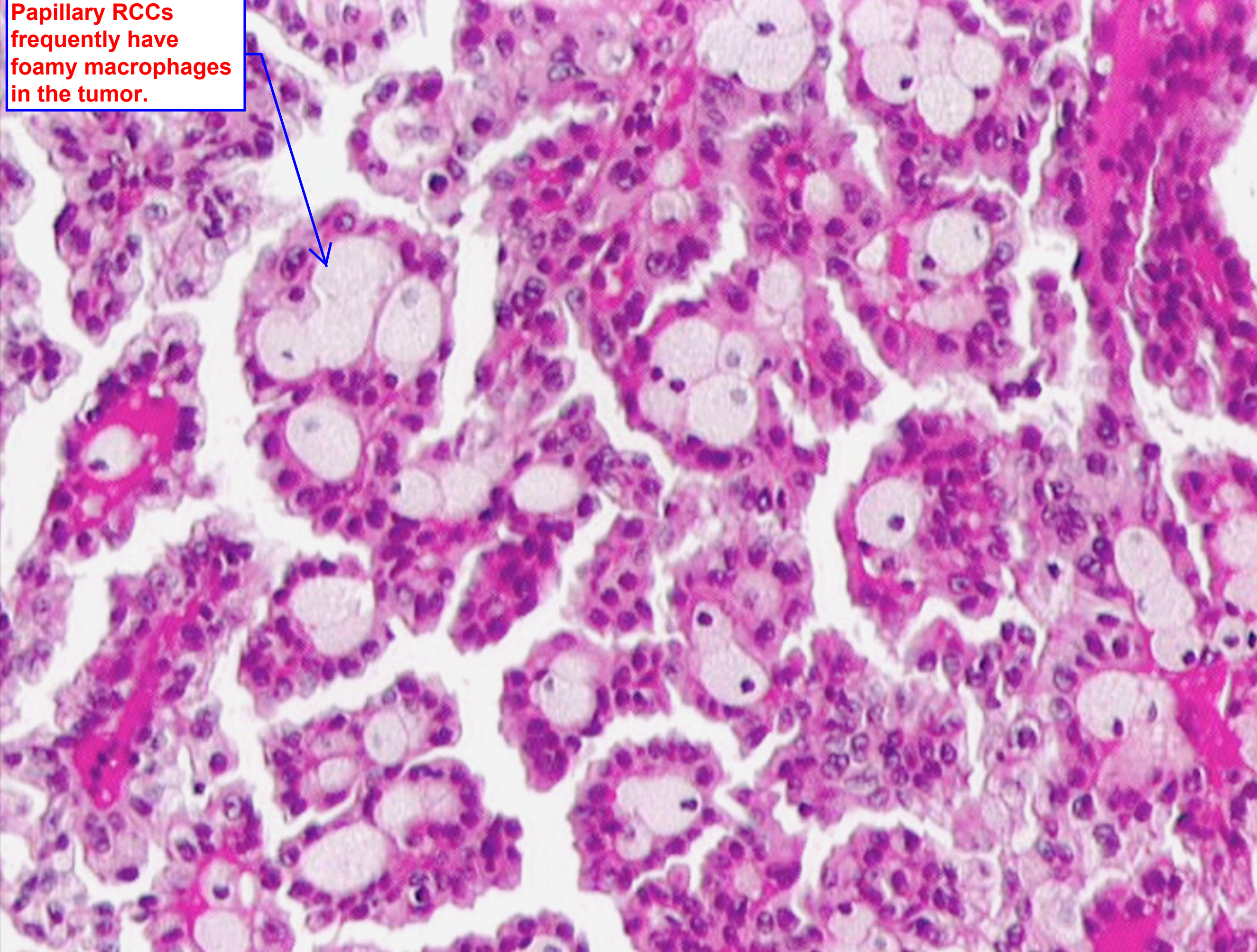




**Papillary RCC are typically papillary!**  
(not solid or glandular or cystic like 'clear cell' RCC).



**Papillary RCCs frequently have foamy macrophages in the tumor.**





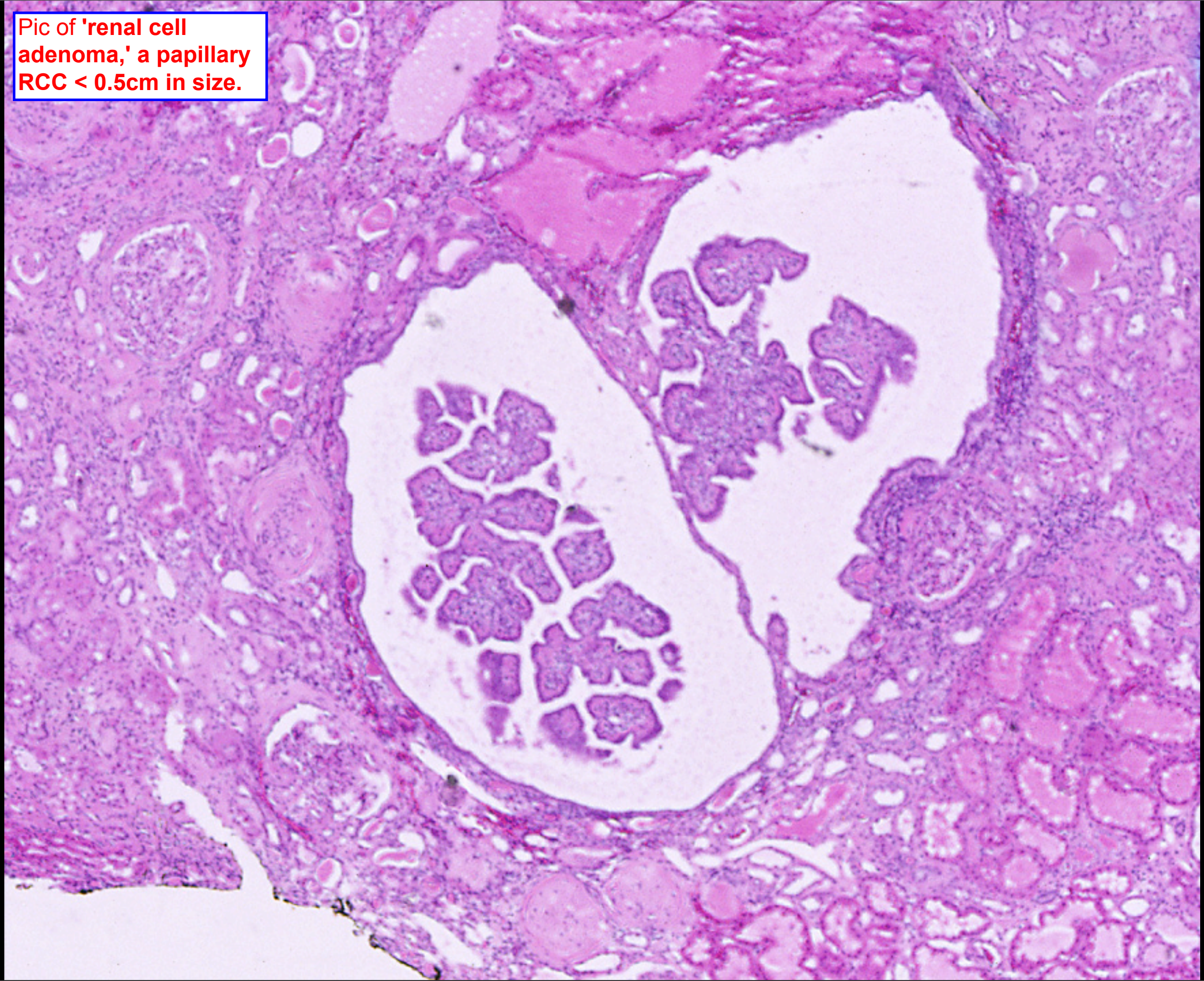
# “Renal cell adenoma”

Unfashionable to say RCCs are adenomas unless it's the papillary subtype < 0.5cm in size.

- Historically, small tumors discovered incidentally (e.g. at autopsy)
- However, even **small, localized RCC can metastasize** ← **Size doesn't dictate ability to metastasize.**
- Term is currently **reserved for papillary subtype RCC ≤0.5 cm**



Pic of 'renal cell adenoma,' a papillary RCC < 0.5cm in size.





A commonality in papillary RCCs is trisomy of chromosome 7.

## Papillary RCC (PRCC): Molecular pathology

- Various trisomies and -Y common in sporadic cases
- MET proto-oncogene (7q31)
  - Many familial and some sporadic cases
  - Mutations in tyrosine kinase domain of pMET → constitutive activation
  - Trisomy 7 common in sporadic cases, can selectively amplify mutant *MET*



# Less-common RCC

- **Chromophobe cell type**

Found in association w/  
renal oncocytoma.

- Very distinctive cytology
- Genetics not yet understood

- **Collecting duct type**

- Arises near medulla
- Very poor prognosis

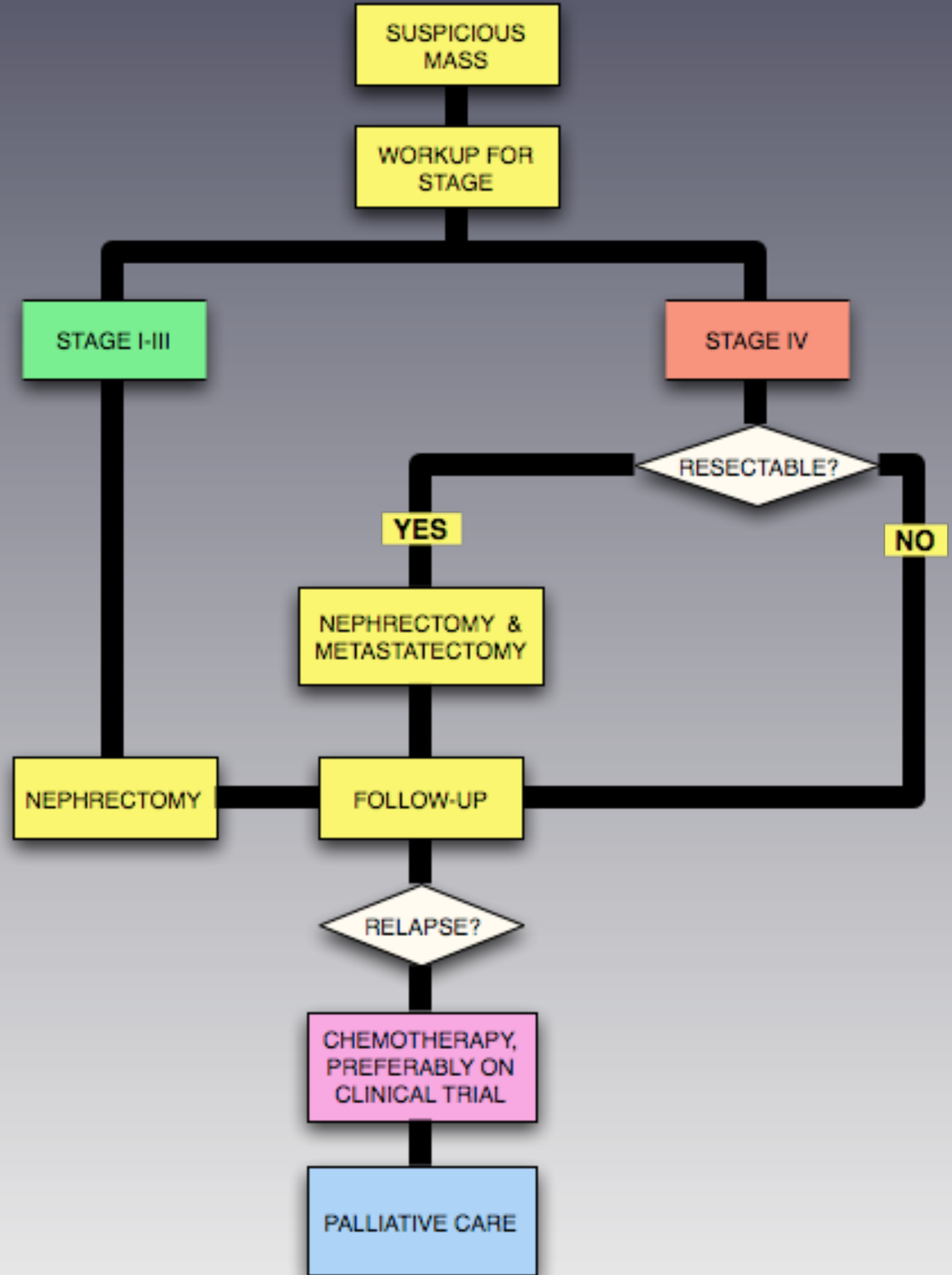
- **Sarcomatoid RCC**

Actually collecting duct  
type; tend to be very  
high grade.

- Not really a separate type
- High grade, de-differentiated form of  
(usu.) CCRCC
- Very poor prognosis



- Flowchart of what to do when someone comes in w/ suspicious mass.  
- **First thing to do: try to establish stage!**





# Emerging treatment options in lasts 5-10 years

- **Kidney-sparing surgery** for smaller tumors
  - Partial nephrectomy
  - Cryosurgery, HIFU, radiofrequency ablation
- **Chemotherapy** biggest advancement
  - Kinase inhibitors (sunitinib, sorafenib)
  - **Doubles progression-free survival in Stage IV RCC** means only a few more months, but still a very big deal
  - mTOR inhibitor (temsirolimus) pretty routine in the care of Pts w/ 'clear cell' RCC; increase survival (months to a year on average)
  - Cytokines (IFN $\alpha$ , IL-2)
  - Antiangiogenic (bevacizumab/avastin) especially in 'clear cell' RCC due to relationship w/ tons of BVs



**- Important criteria for  
RCC staging**

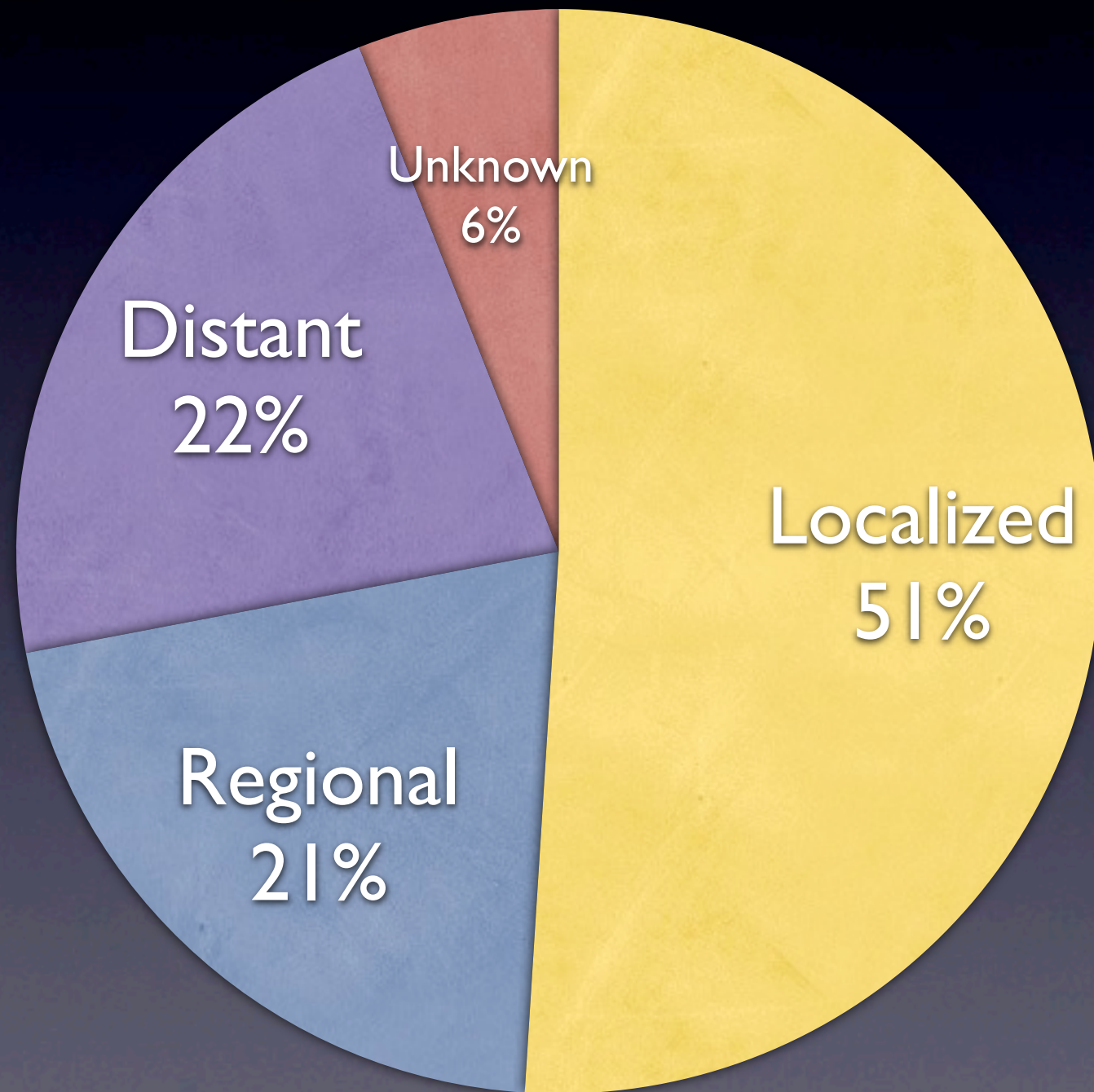
- 1) size
  - 2) localization to the kidney or not
- A huge deal in RCC:  
dictates prognosis!

# RCC Staging

- Stage I: Localized to kidney, <7 cm
- Stage II: Localized to kidney, <10 cm
- Stage III: Compartmental invasion and/or nodal metastasis (including vena cava)
- Stage IV: Extracompartmental invasion (adrenal, retroperitoneum) and/or distant metastasis

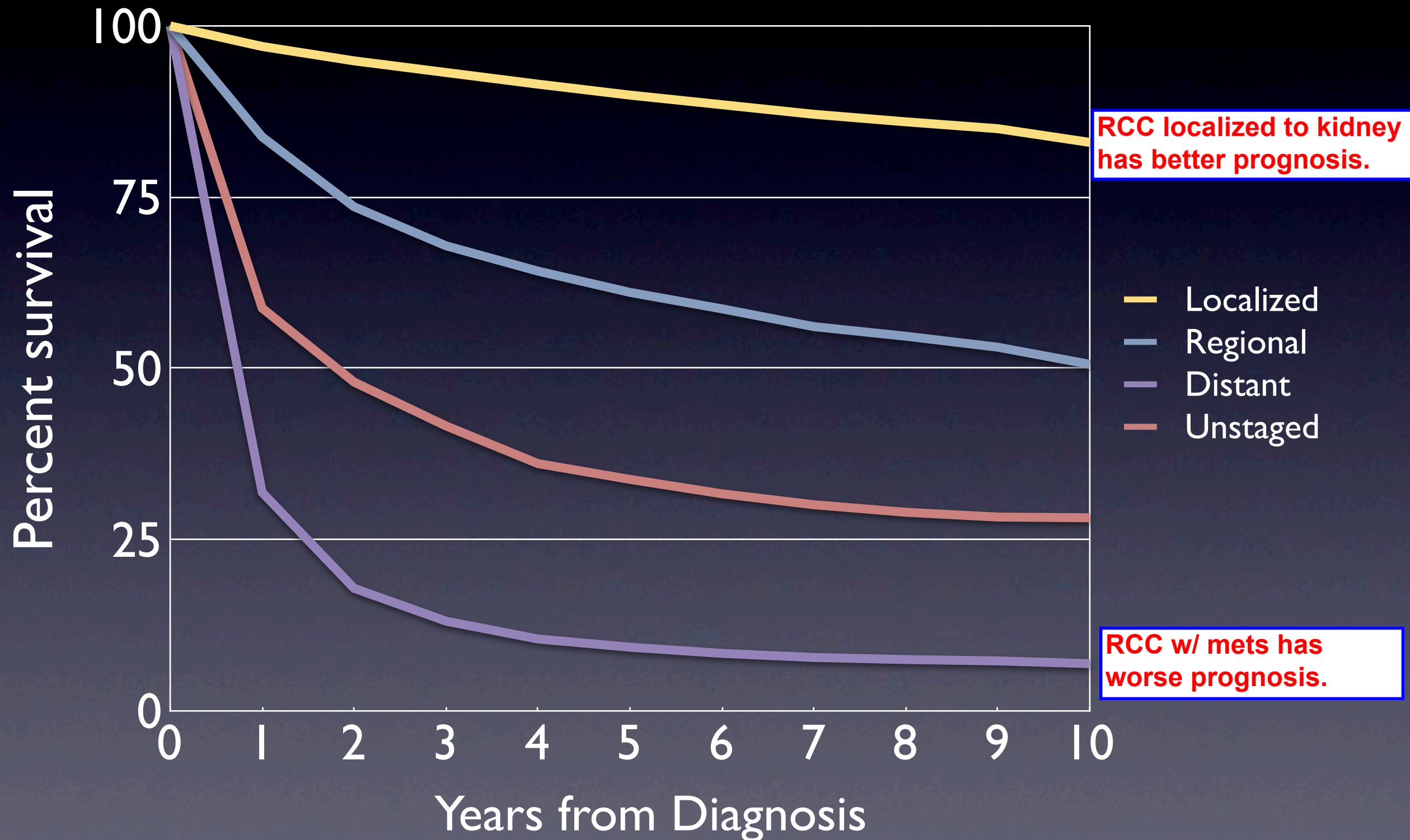


# RCC Stage Distribution in USA





# RCC survival (1988-2002)

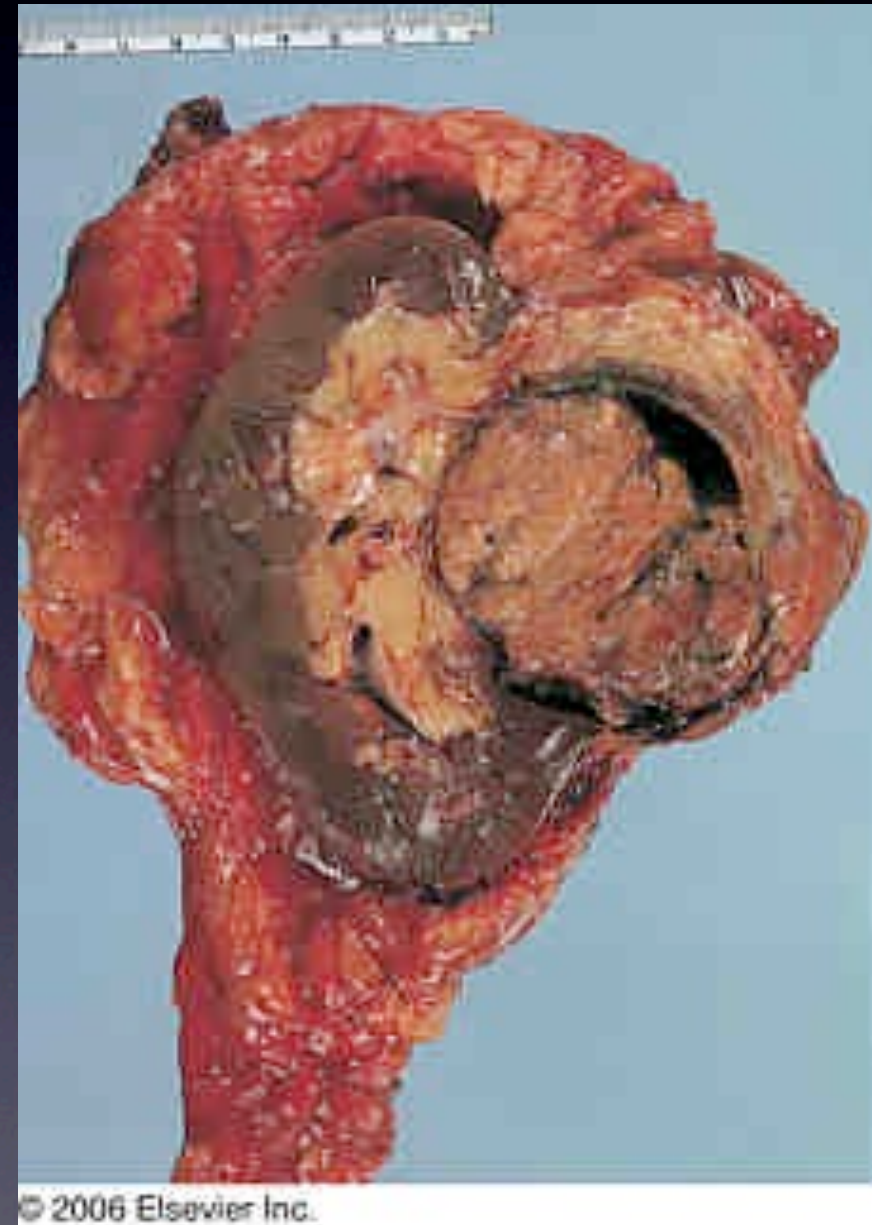




- Not considered part of RCC classification.
- Occurs ONLY in young Pts w/ sickle cell disease or sickle cell trait.
- Very high grade tumor that is usually fatal.

# Renal medullary carcinoma

- “Seventh sickle nephropathy”
- Almost exclusively in patients with sickle cell disease/trait
- Males > females
- Age ~20



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# Nephroblastoma (Wilms' Tumor)

- Recapitulates structures of embryonic kidney
- **#1 renal cancer of childhood**
- **#3 solid cancer of childhood**
  - 6% of childhood cancer
  - About 500 U.S. cases/year
  - **>90% of pediatric renal tumors**
- Males~females, **average age ~3 years**
  - Rare before 6 mos or after 10 yrs

- **Most common renal cancer of childhood!**  
- Doesn't present as a congenital tumor.  
- **Very rarely presents in adulthood.**  
- Like RCC, it also has a **tendency to creep out the renal vein.**



# Nephroblastoma

## Clinical

- **85% abdominal mass**
- 40% pain
- 60% hypertension
- 5% coexisting urogenital anomalies
- 5% bilateral

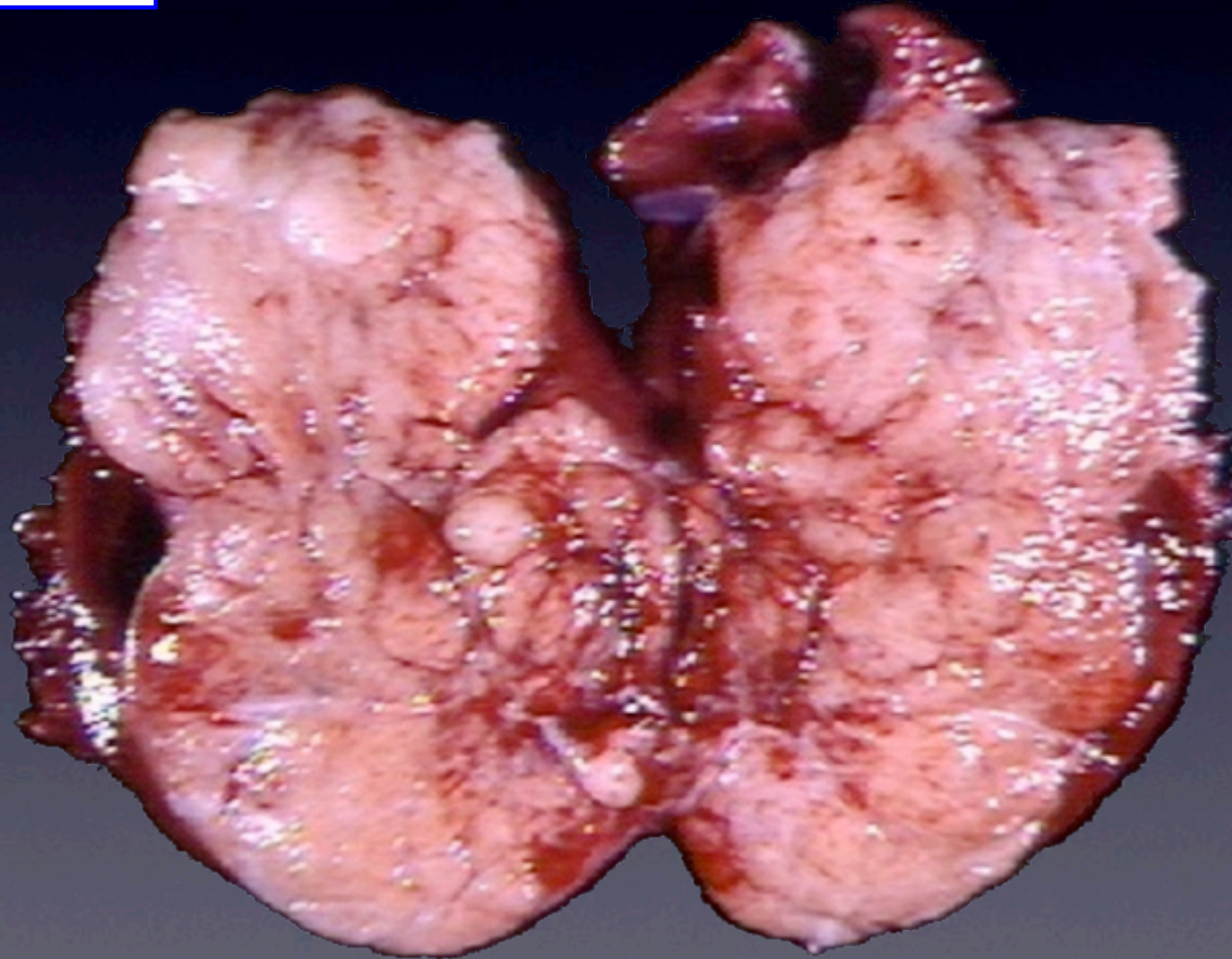
**Classic Wilm's story:**  
Mom bathing kiddo and  
finds a mass in his belly.

These Pts are at higher risk of  
getting Wilm's tumor.



# Fleshy, friable mass replacing entire kidney

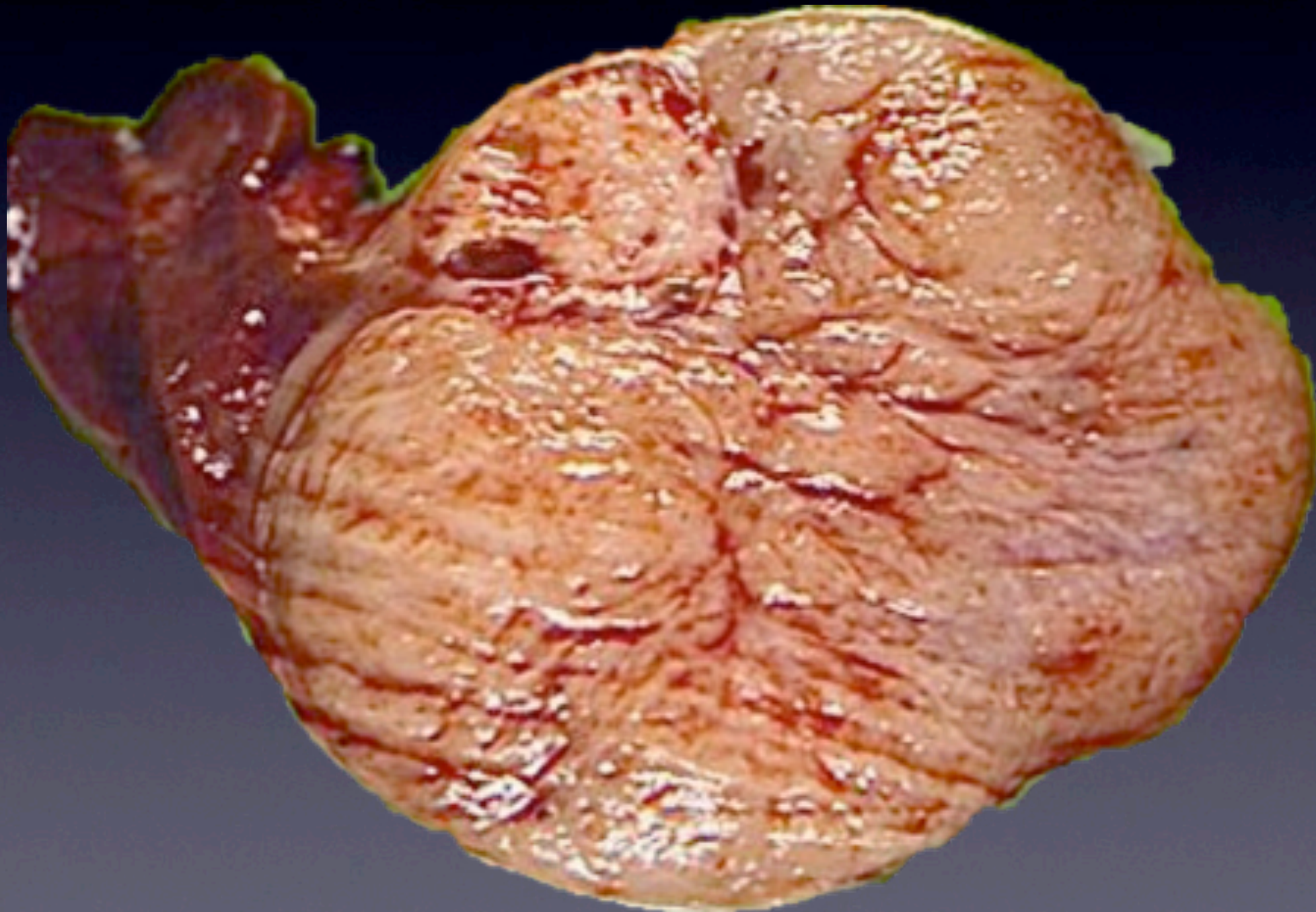
almost like  
cutting into  
custard





Since tumor is so friable, they are usually not biopsied because it upstages them.

# Soft, friable texture easily





- **Triphasic tumor.**  
- Recapitulates stages of embryonic development of the kidney.

- **3 components of the tumor:**

- 1) **blastema**
- 2) **epithelium**
- 3) **stroma**

# Components of nephroblastoma



Blastema

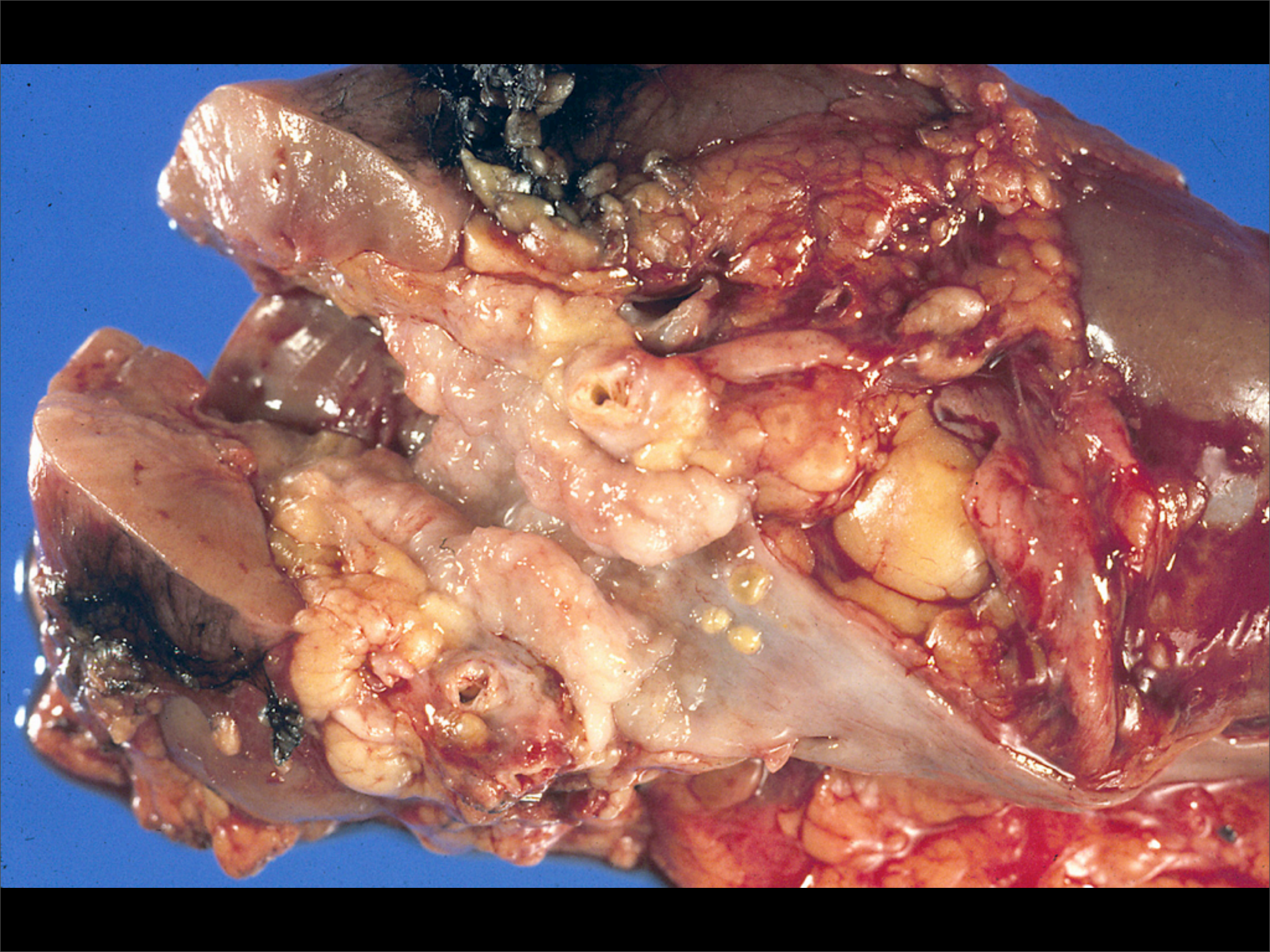


Epithelium



Stroma

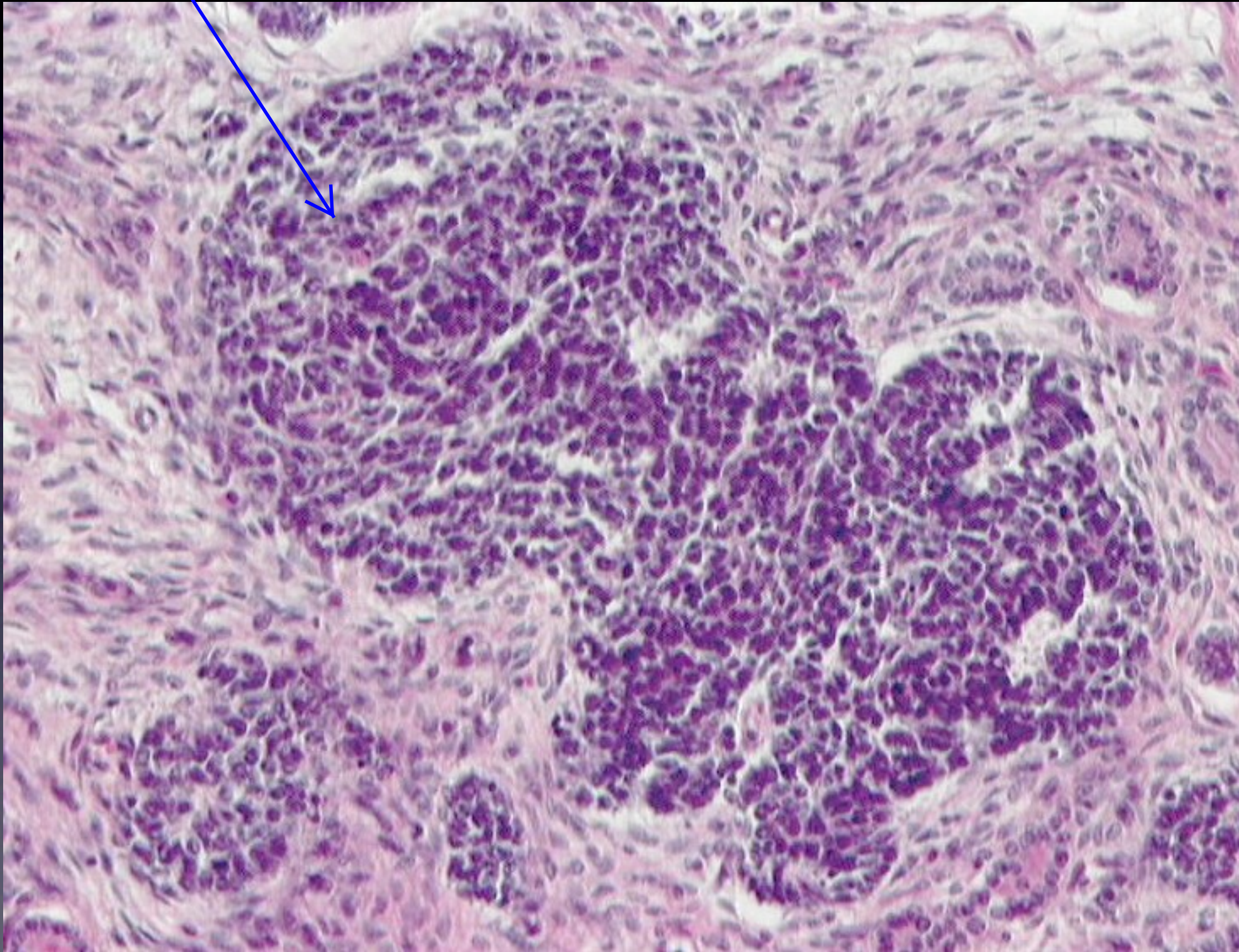






# Blastema

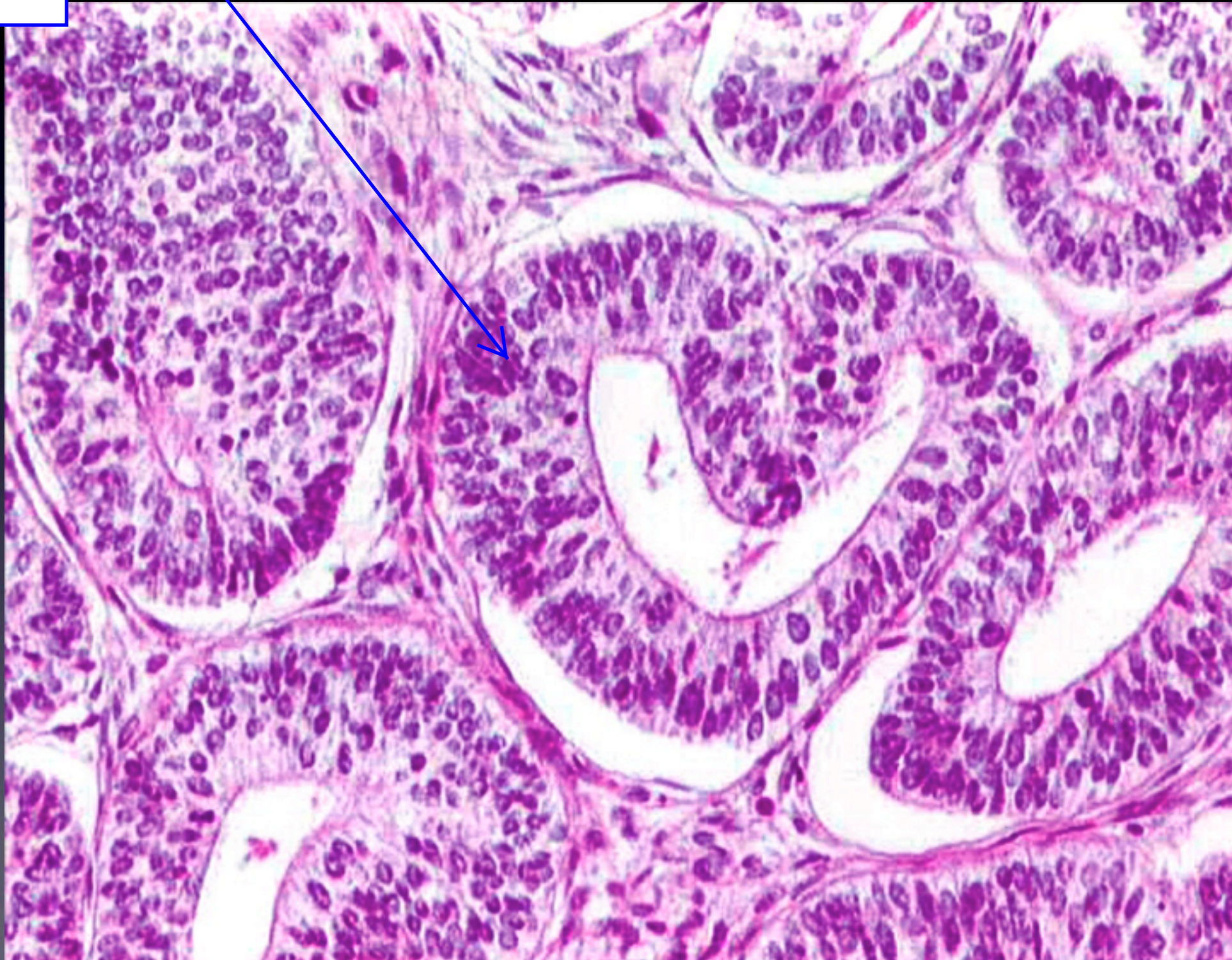
Undifferentiated cells seen in nests or lakes.





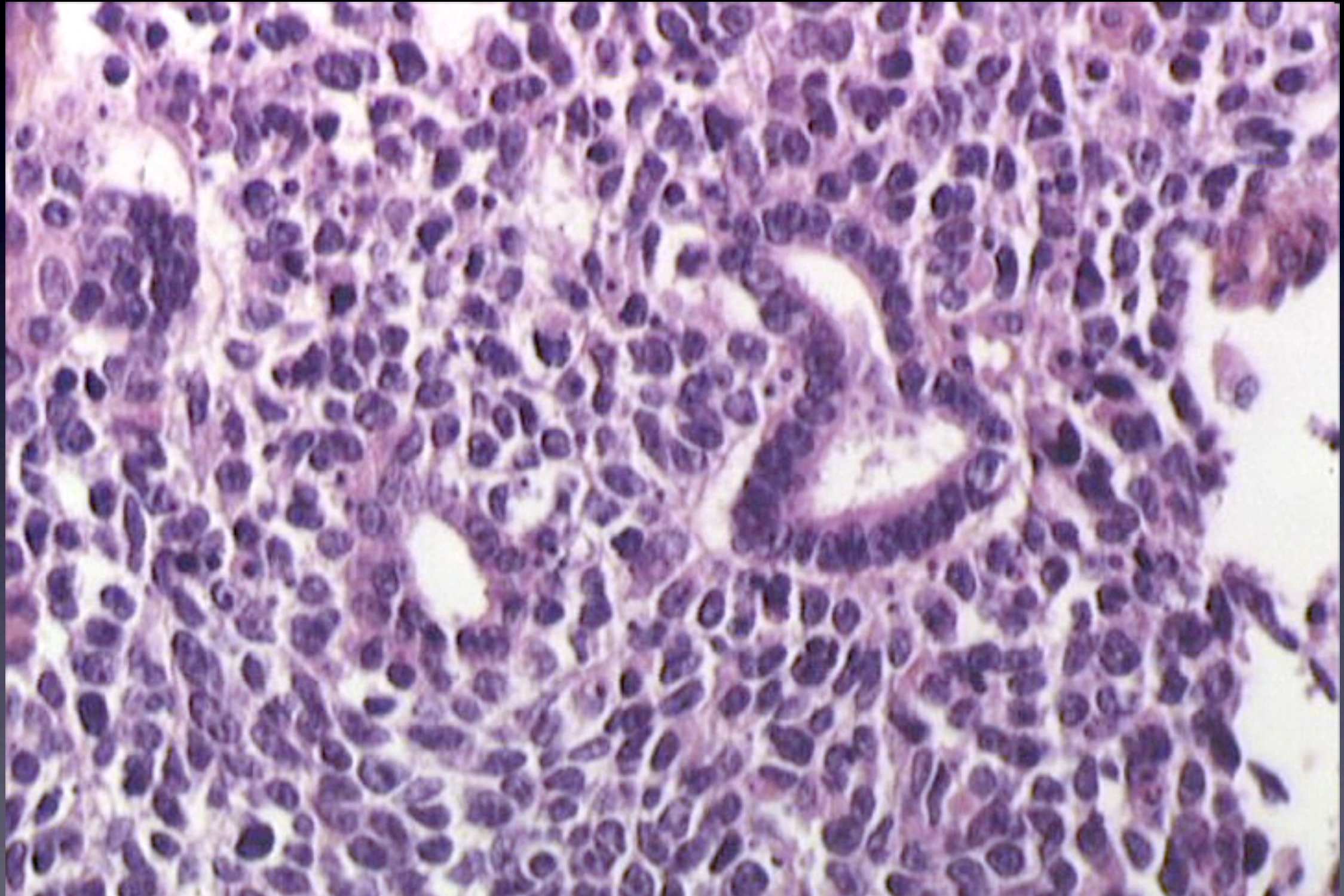
Epithelial structures trying to look like renal tubules or Bowman's or glomeruli, but don't quite get there.

# Epithelium



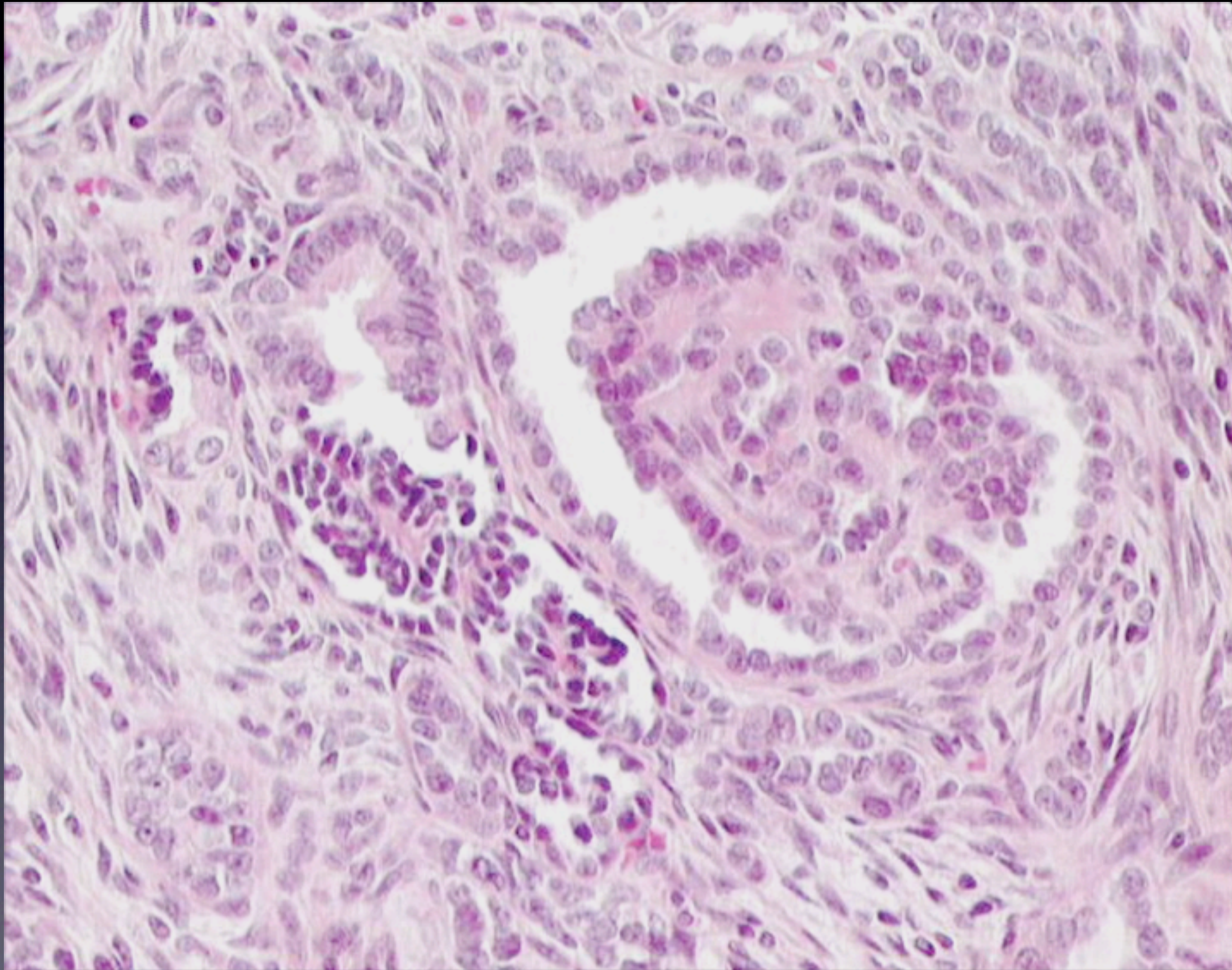


# Epithelium





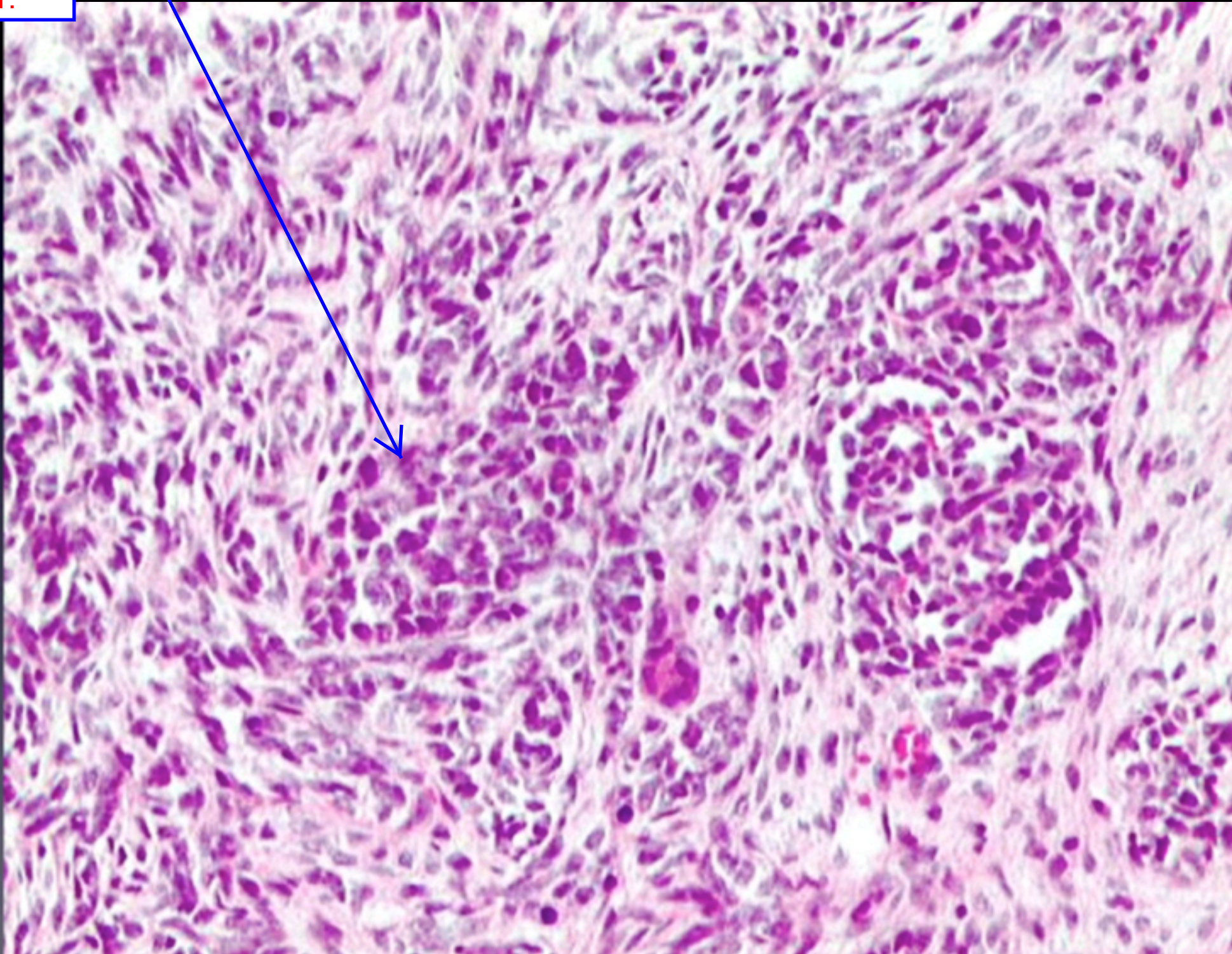
# Glomeruloid structure





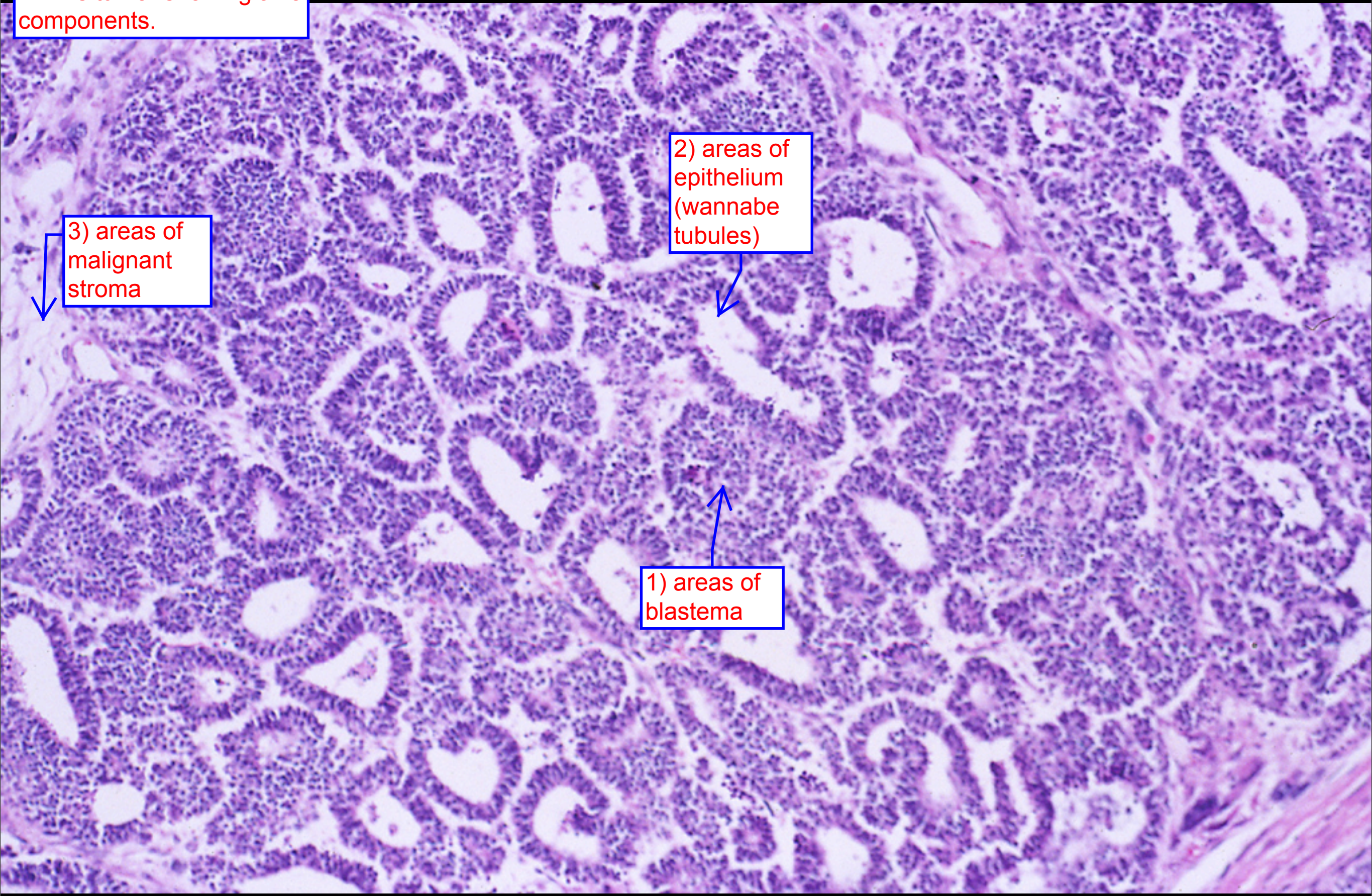
# Stroma

Can have fibroblasts, muscle cells, cartilage and other components: triphasic tumor.





Low power histo pic of Wilm's tumor showing all 3 components.



3) areas of malignant stroma

2) areas of epithelium (wannabe tubules)

1) areas of blastema



# Nephroblastoma Cytogenetics

- **WT1 Tumor Suppressor Gene (11p13)**

- About 1/3 of Wilm's tumor Pts have loss of heterozygosity of this gene.  
- Normally not expressed after definitive development of the kidney, but Wilm's tumor Pts keep expressing it.

- LOH in one-third of NB
- DNA-binding protein
- Normally extremely tissue- and developmentally-restricted expression
- Transcriptional regulation

- **WT2 Tumor Suppressor Gene (11p15)**

- Beckwith-Weidemann Syndrome

- **WT3 (16q)**

- Poor prognosis

Wilm's tumor  
- Fairly well characterized.  
- Problematic genes can be found on  
1) chromosome 11  
2) chromosome 16



- Therapeutic course is generally

1) definitive resection

2) chemotherapy

- How much post-op treatment influenced by whether histo is 'favorable' or 'unfavorable.'

- 'favorable' or 'unfavorable' discrimination has to do w/ tumor grading and age of the Pt.

# Nephroblastoma grading

- “Favorable histology” (95%)

- Without anaplasia

- Focal anaplasia

- “Unfavorable histology” (5%)

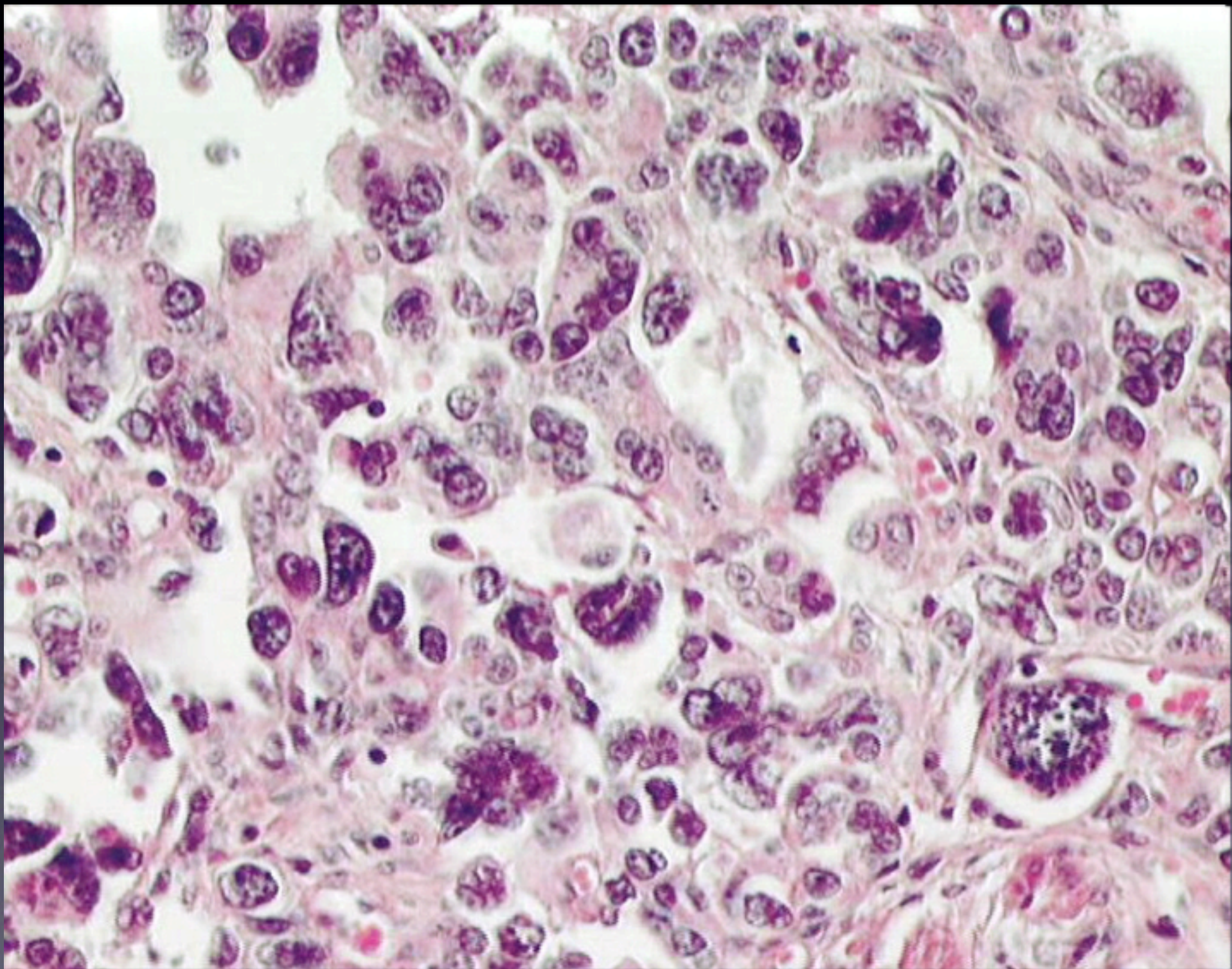
- Diffuse anaplasia

worse prognosis



Pic of anaplastic Wilm's tumor.

# Anaplasia





# Nephroblastoma staging

has to do w/  
extent of  
disease

- Stage I Limited to kidney, completely excised
- Stage II Extends beyond kidney, but completely excised
- Stage III Residual tumor confined to abdomen
- Stage IV Distant (hematogenous) metastasis
- Stage V Bilateral renal involvement at diagnosis



# Important prognostic factors

- Age at detection  
(older = worse)
- Stage
- Unfavorable histology



# Typical therapy

- Favorable, Stage I-II or Unfavorable, Stage I
  - Light chemo and surgery
- Favorable, Stage III-IV or Unfavorable, Stage II-IV
  - Chemo, radiation, surgery

Big deal, because Pts in this category invariably end up w/ radiation-induced scoliosis.



# NB treatment outcome

Stage	Histology	Survival
I-III	Favorable	>95%
IV	Favorable	90%
II-IV	Unfavorable	82%

Irrespective about stage and histo, **survival is in the 80%**s****, which is great.