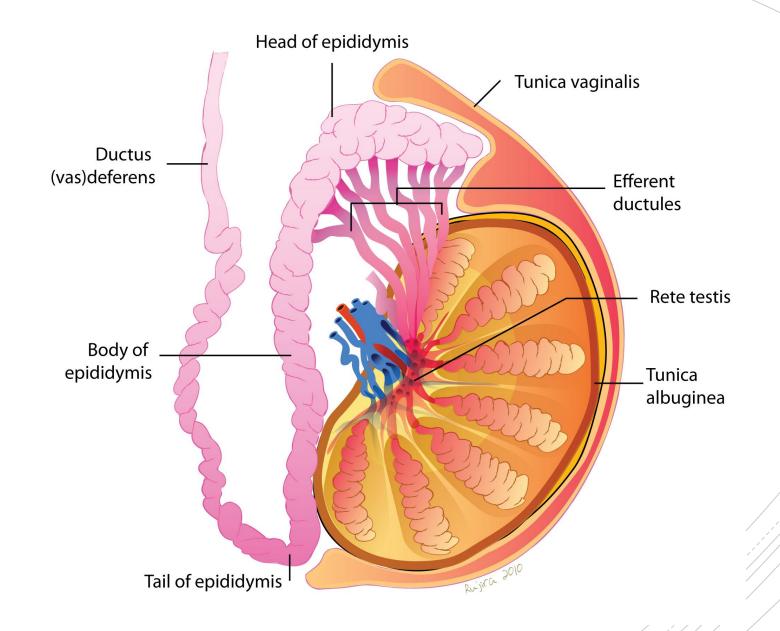
# Pathology of the Male Genital System-Testis.

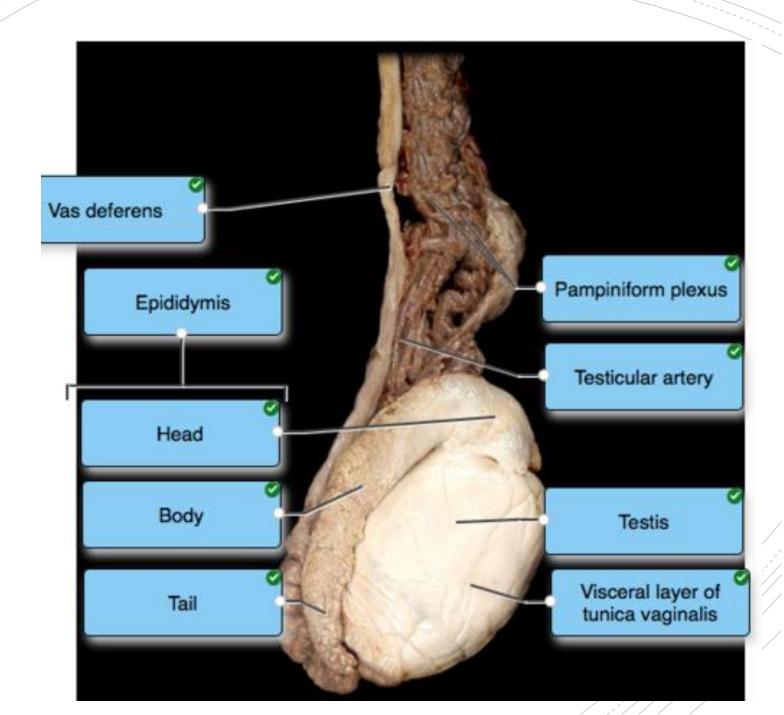
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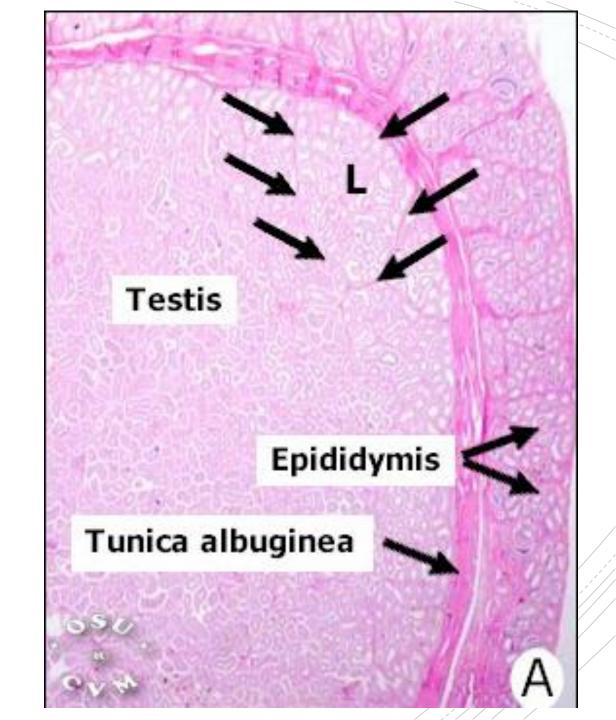
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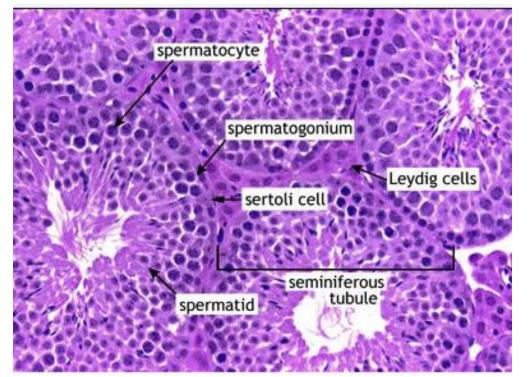


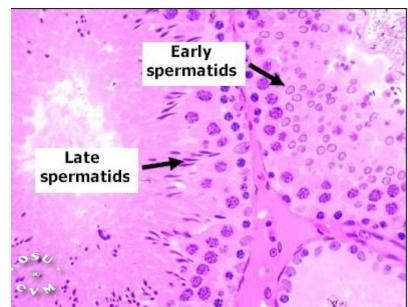
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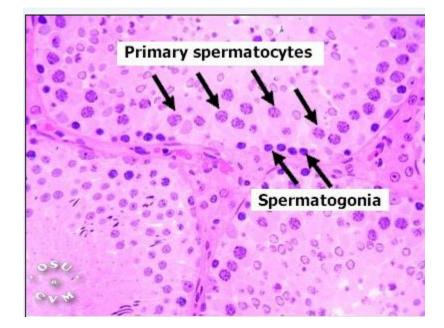


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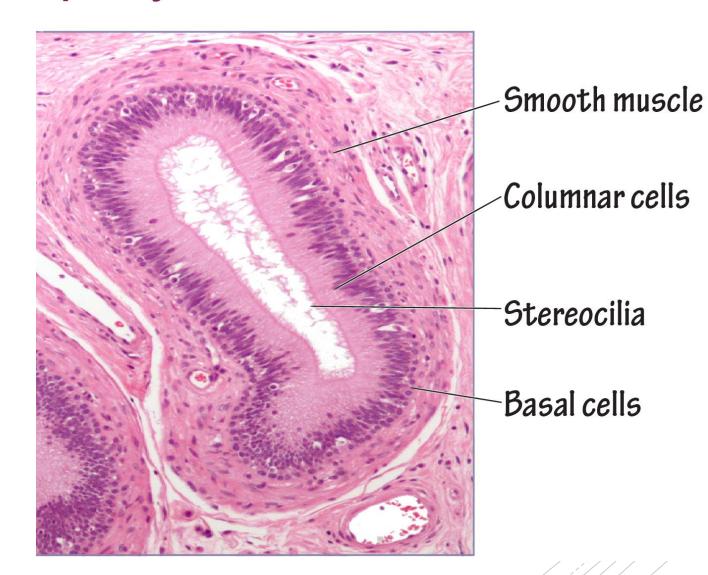






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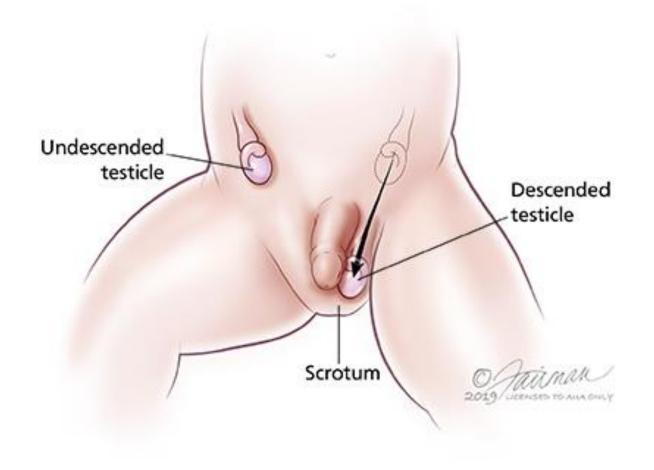
#### **Epididymis**





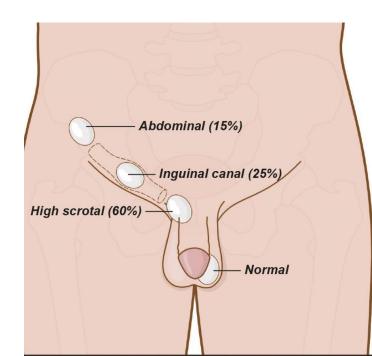
- Cryptorchidism.
- Vascular Disturbances.
- Neoplasms.





#### 1. Cryptorchidism

- It is a failure of testicular descent into the scrotum.
- Normally, the testes descend from the abdominal cavity into the pelvis (3rd month of gestation) → then through the inguinal canals into the scrotum (last 2 months of intrauterine life).

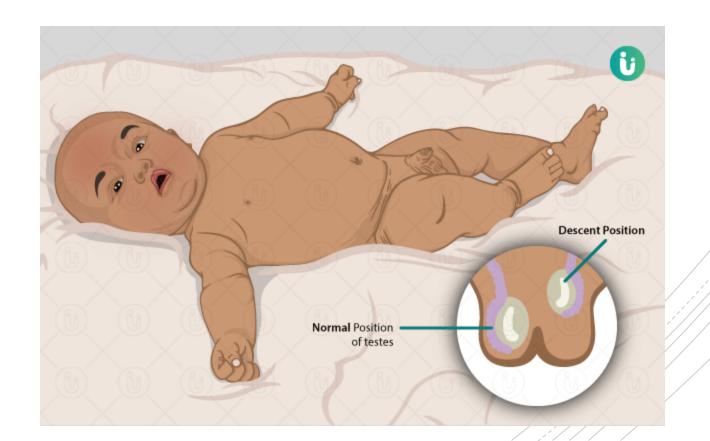


#### 1. Cryptorchidism

- Cryptorchidism affects 1% of the male population.
- Mostly the cause is unknown.
- Bilateral in ~ 10% of affected patients
- Undescended testes may become atrophic → if bilateral → sterility.
- Associated with a 3-5 fold increased risk for testicular cancer → in <u>both</u> testes, (including normally descended testis) suggesting that some intrinsic abnormality)

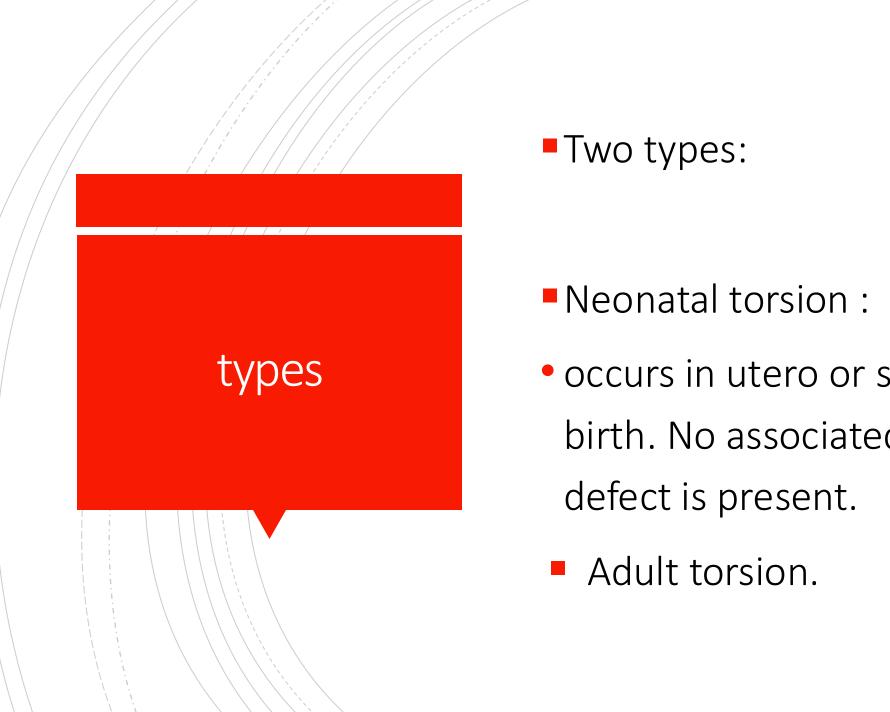
Diagnosis:

• only established with certainty after 1 year of age, particularly in premature infants, because testicular descent into the scrotum is not always complete at birth.



# 2. Vascular Disturbances. Torsion

- Torsion or twisting of the spermatic cord → results in obstruction of testicular venous drainage (thick-walled & more resilient arteries are left patent)
- Leads to intense vascular engorgement & infarction if not relieved.



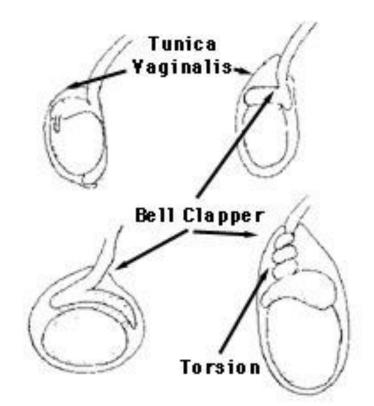
 occurs in utero or shortly after birth. No associated anatomic

#### **Adult Torsion**

- Surgical emergency due to twisting of the testicle around the spermatic cord or vascular pedicle attachments.
- Mostly under 18 years old.
- Usually patient presented with Unilateral scrotal pain, nausea and vomiting.

■ In contrast with neonatal torsion, it results from a bilateral congenital anomaly; testis is abnormally anchored in the scrotal sac, leading to 个 mobility (bell clapper abnormality).

pathogenesis



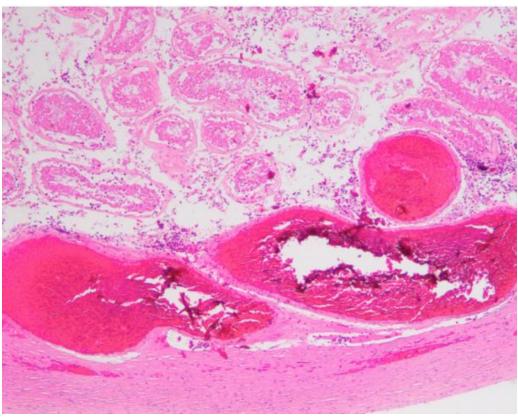
#### Testicular torsion





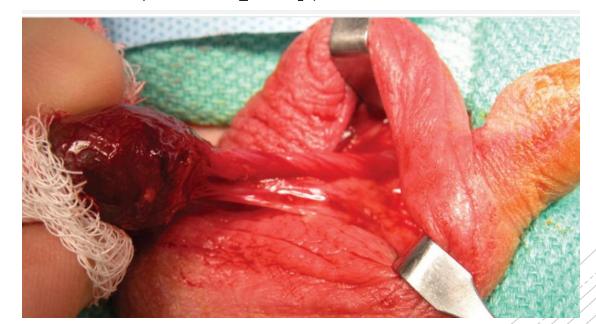
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Damaged blood vessels with coagulative necrosis



#### Treatment

- If explored surgically & the cord is manually untwisted within ~ 6 hours, the testis will likely remain viable.
- To prevent the catastrophic occurrence of another torsion in contralateral testis, unaffected testis is surgically fixed within the scrotum (orchiopexy).



#### 3. Neoplasms

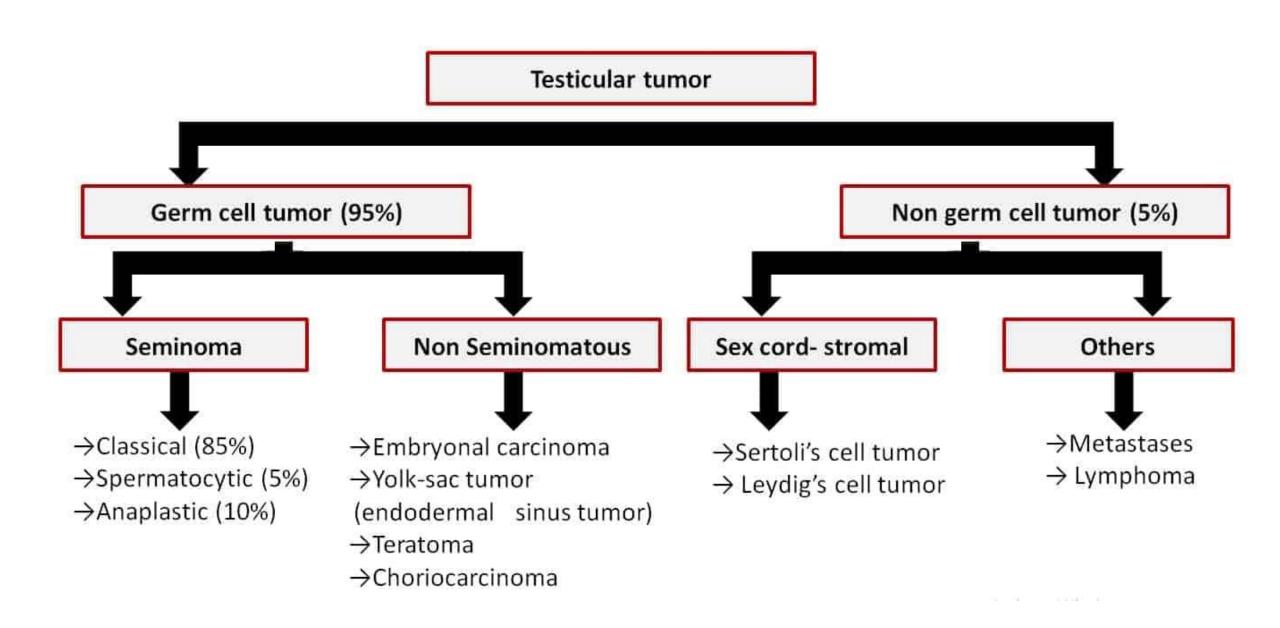
- In the 15-34-year-old age group, they are the most common tumors in men (peak in incidence).
- Heterogeneous groups include:
- ✓ Germ cell tumors: 95%, all are malignant.
- ✓ Sex cord—stromal tumors: uncommon, usually benign, & derived from Sertoli or Leydig cells.
- The cause of testicular neoplasms is poorly understood.



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**Intersex syndromes** 



#### Clinical features

- Presentation: mostly as a painless testicular mass.
- Biopsy of a testicular neoplasm is associated with a risk of tumor spillage (contraindicated).
- Standard management of a solid testicular mass is radical orchiectomy, based on the presumption of malignancy.

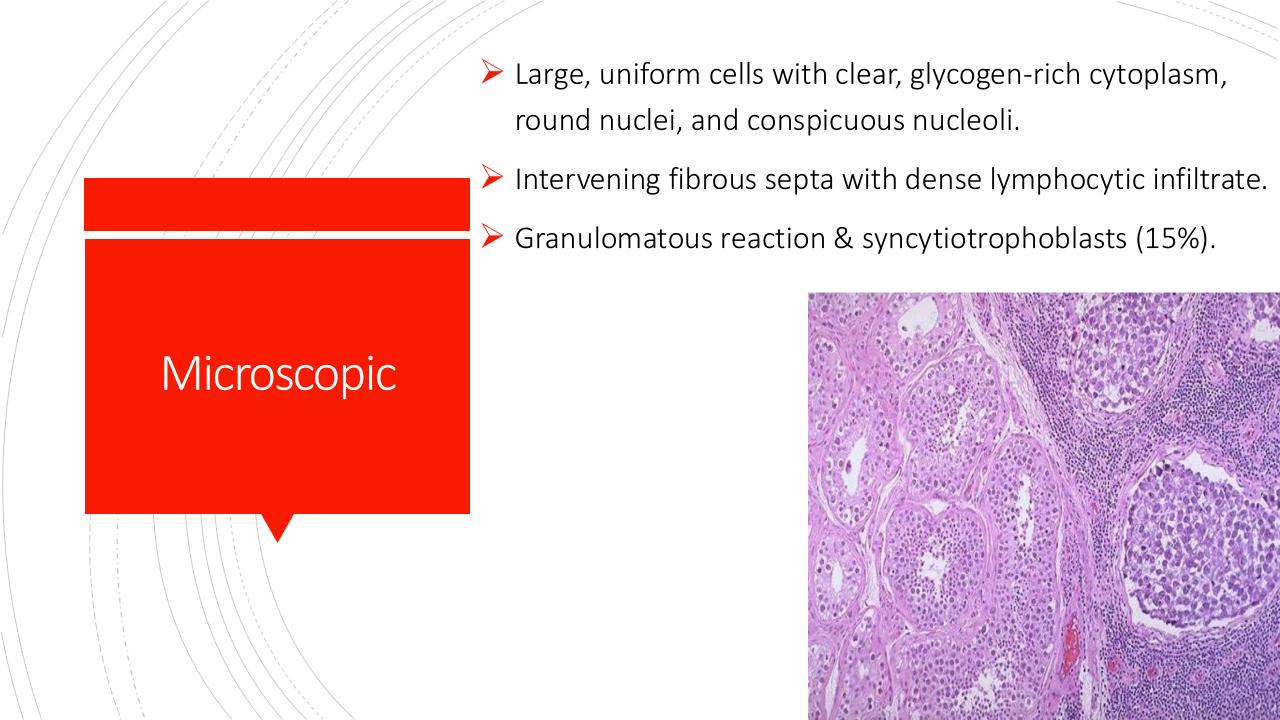
#### 1. Seminoma

- Third decade of life never in infants.
- Histologically identical tumors called dysgerminomas, in the ovary, and germinomas of the CNS.
- Presentation: progressive painless enlargement of the testis.

morphology

Gross: soft, well-demarcated graywhite, usually w/o hemorrhage





# 2. Embryonal carcinoma

- malignant germ cell tumor (GCT) resembling undifferentiated stem cells during embryonic development.
- Second most common type of testicular pure GCT
- Average age of presentation 25 35 years old,
   ~10 years younger than seminoma
- Can occur in Anterior mediastinum and retroperitoneum

Gross: ill-defined, invasive masses containing foci of hemorrhage and necrosis.

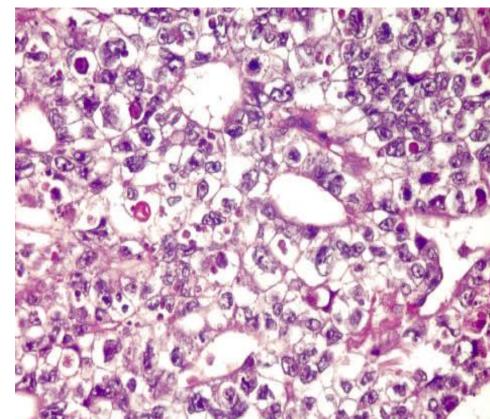
Morphology



•large cells with basophilic cytoplasm, they are undifferentiated & may form primitive glands.

Microscopic

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# 3. Yolk sac tumor

- The most common primary testicular neoplasm in children <u>younger than 3</u> <u>years old.</u>
- In this age group, it has a very good prognosis.
- In adults, yolk sac tumors most often are seen admixed with embryonal carcinoma (incidence of yolk sac elements is 80% in mixed).

•Poorly circumscribed, nonencapsulated, predominantly solid. Gray to white to yellow to tan, gelatinous surface

Morphology



- □ tumor composed of low cuboidal to columnar epithelial cells that form microcysts, lacelike (reticular) patterns.

  □ A distinctive feature is the presence of structures resembling primitive glomeruli, the so-called Schiller-Duval bodies.
  - Tumors have eosinophilic globules containing α1-antitrypsin and alpha fetoprotein (AFP – can be detected in the serum)

Microscopic

### 4. Choriocarcinoma

• Malignant germ cell tumor composed of syncytiotrophoblast, cytotrophoblast and intermediate trophoblast cells,

• May present initially with metastases (liver, lung, mediastinum, retroperitoneum) with normal testis or small tumor but with increased serum hCG.

#### Morphology

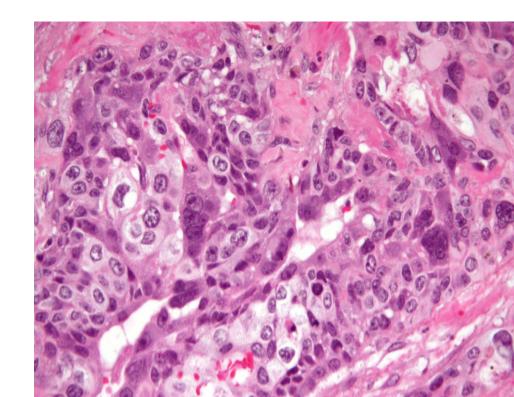
- **♦** Gross:
- may be small lesions, even those with extensive systemic metastases
- May show total necrosis & extensive hemorrhage



Microscopic

(1)Cytotrophoblast: Sheets of small cuboidal cells, irregularly intermingled with

 (2)Syncytiotrophoblast: large, eosinophilic cells with multiple dark, pleomorphic nuclei.



#### 5. Teratoma

- Neoplastic germ cells differentiate along multiple somatic cell lineages.
- Pure forms of teratoma are common in infants and children, 2nd in frequency only to yolk sac tumors.
- In adults it is seen in combination with other histologic types (mixed), pure forms are rare.

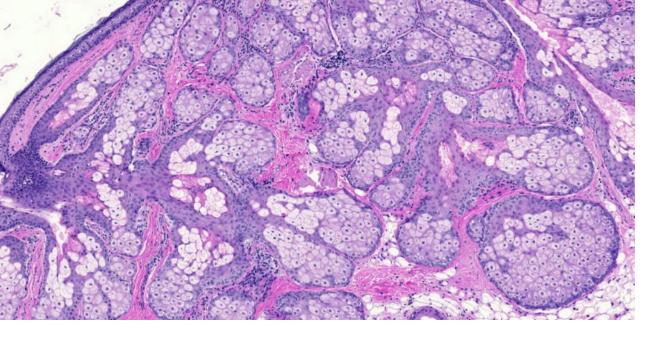
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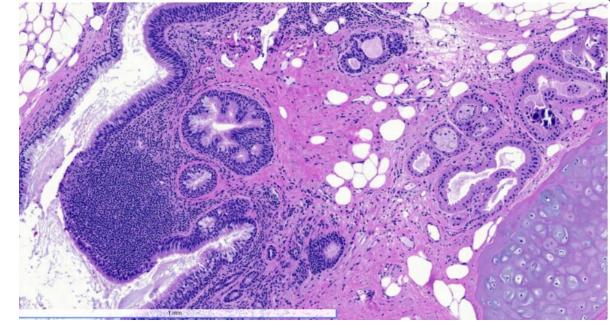
- Elements may be:
- mature (resembling various tissues within the adult)
- immature (sharing features with fetal or embryonal tissues).

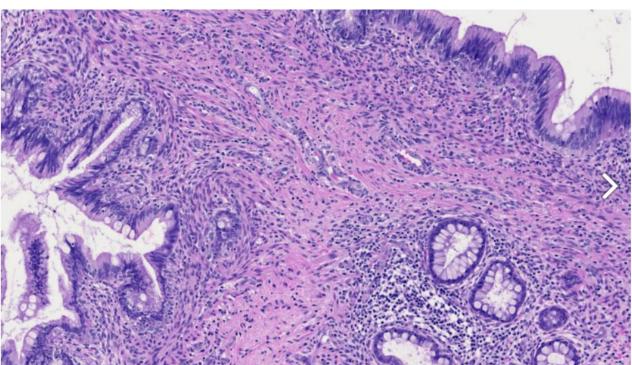
- In prepubertal males, teratomas are benign.
- The majority of teratomas in postpubertal males are malignant whether they have mature or immature elements.

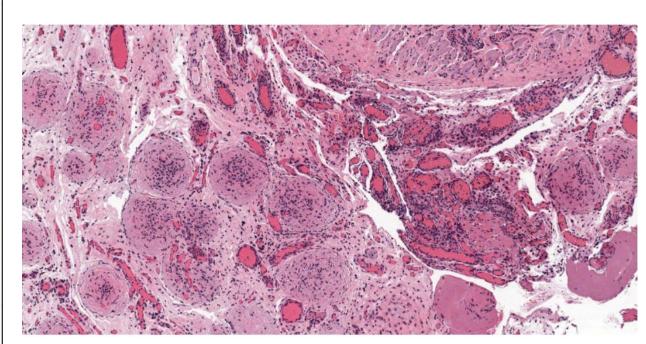
Gross











#### Tumor markers

- Serum tumor markers secreted by germ cell tumors is important in two ways; <u>diagnostically</u>
   & in <u>following</u> the response to therapy after the diagnosis:
- ✓ Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG): always elevated in Choriocarcinoma
- ✓ Alpha fetoprotein (AFP): when elevated in testicular neoplasm , indicates a yolk sac tumor component.
- ✓ Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH): correlate with the tumor burden.

