

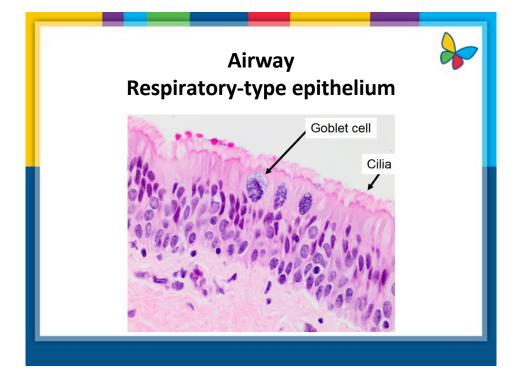
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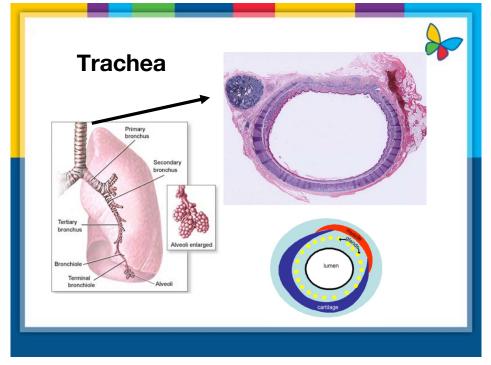
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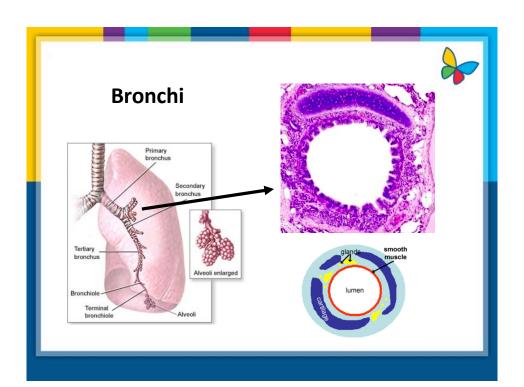
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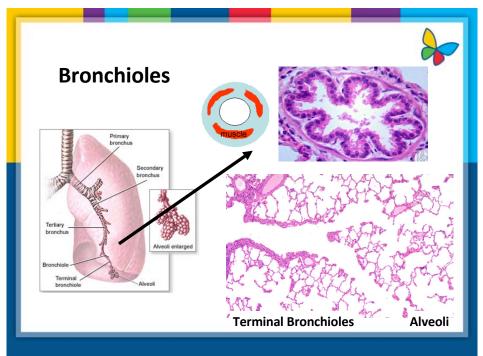


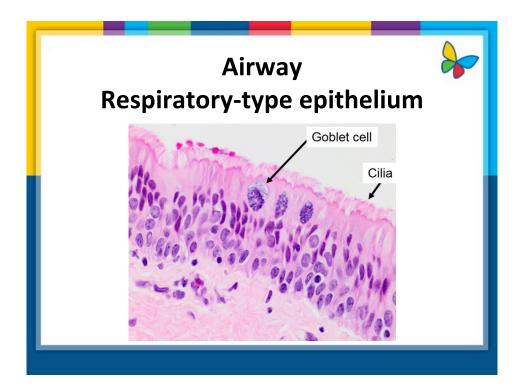
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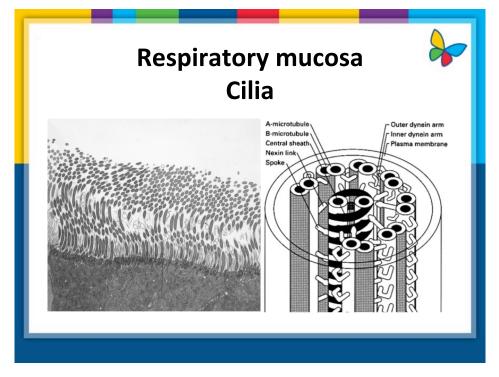


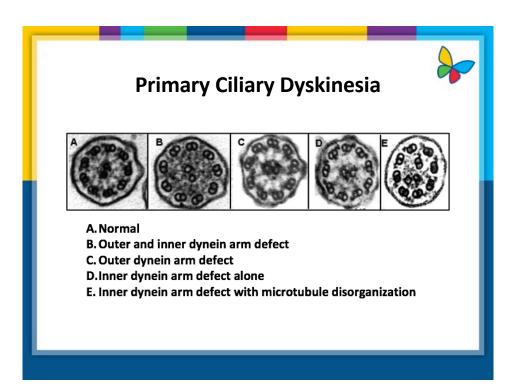


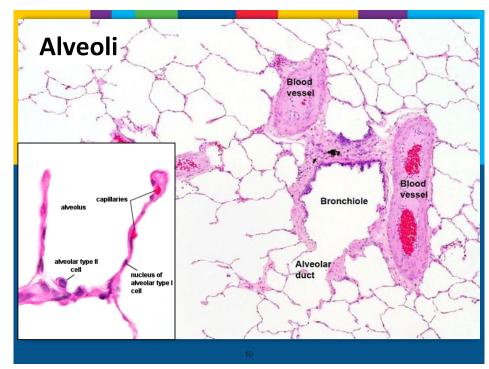


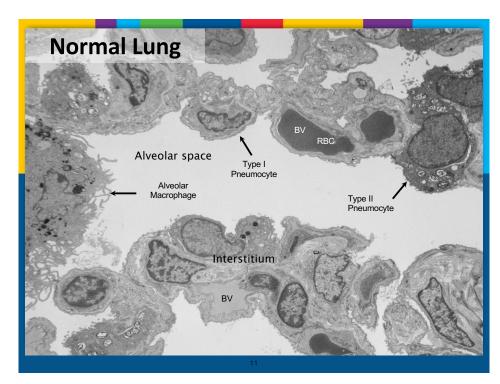


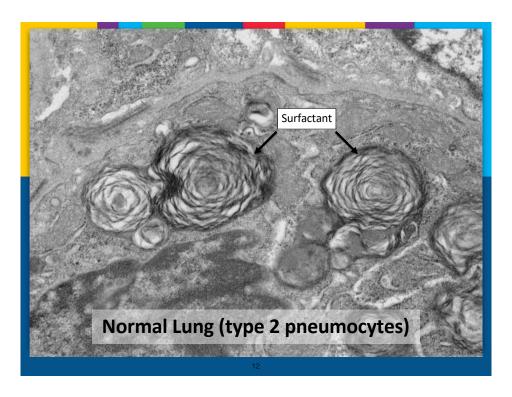






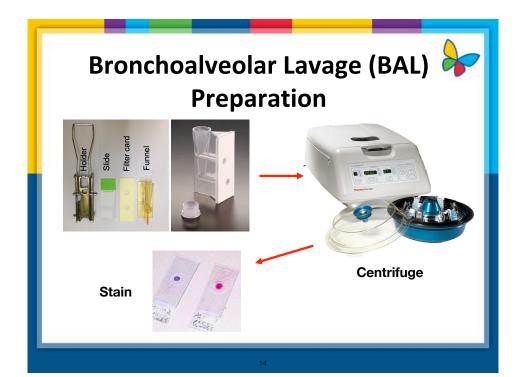








Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL)



Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) Stains



- H&E x 2
- GMS: fungal elements
- AFB: mycobacterial organisms
- Gram: bacteria

Per order:

- Oil red O: lipid droplets
- Iron: hemosiderin deposits

Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) Adequacy

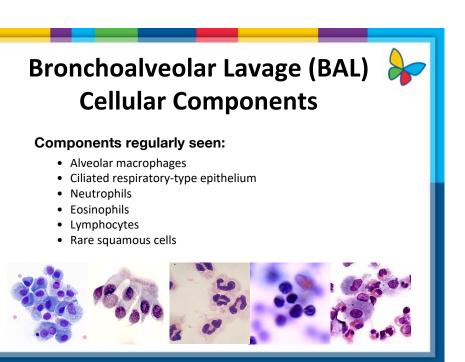
No clear criteria for adequacy but,

Not good if:

- < two million total cells [<10 cells in high-power field (HPF)]
- Severe degenerative changes



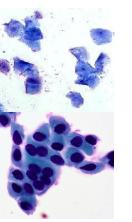
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Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) Cellular Components

Abnormal findings:

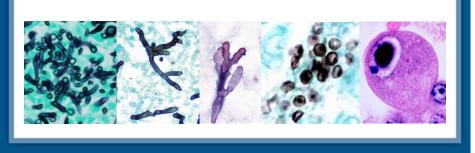
- Abundant squamous cells
 Oral contamination/aspiration
- Metaplastic respiratory-type epithelium Chronic injury of the epithelium
- Microorganisms
- Increased neutrophils
- Increased eosinophils
- Increased lymphocytes
- Increased foamy macrophages
 Lipid-laden macrophages
- · Increased hemosiderin-laden macrophages

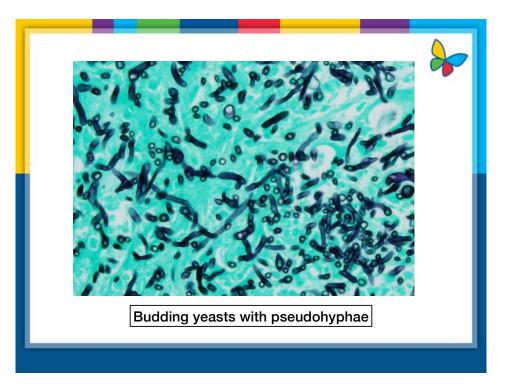


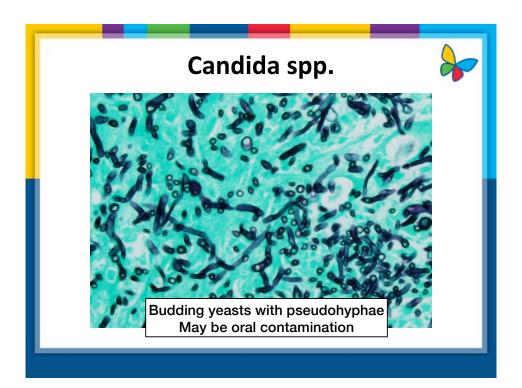
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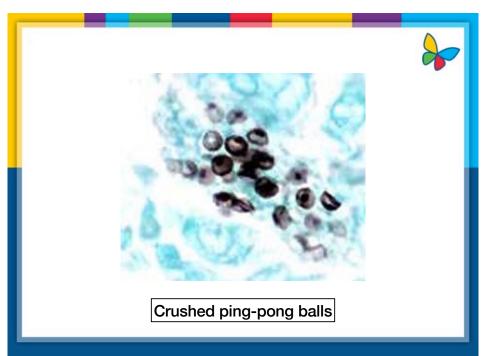
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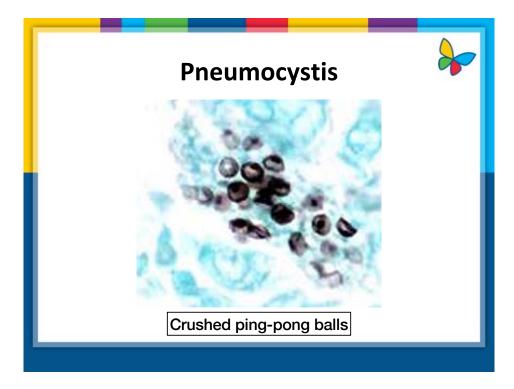
- Fungal elements
- Bacteria (if a large single population)
- Viral cytopathic effects (CMV)

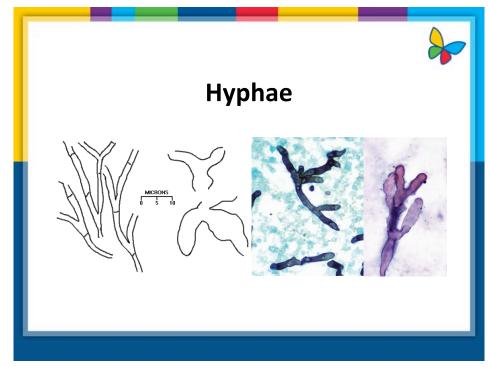


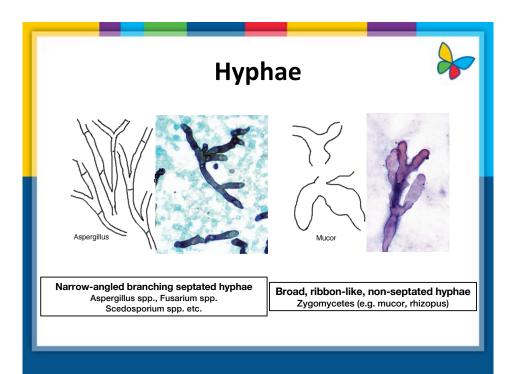


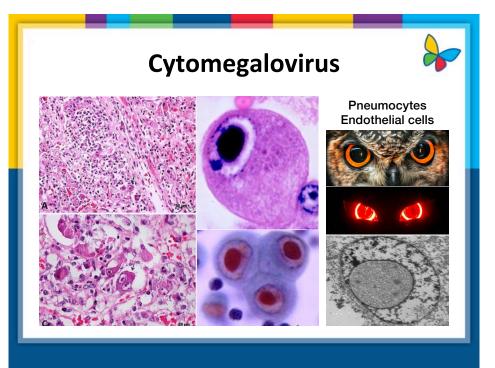




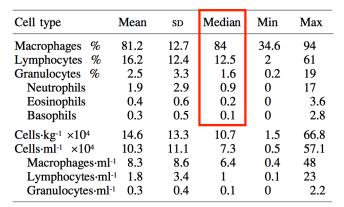








Bronchoalveolar Lavage (BAL) Cell Differentials - Normal Children

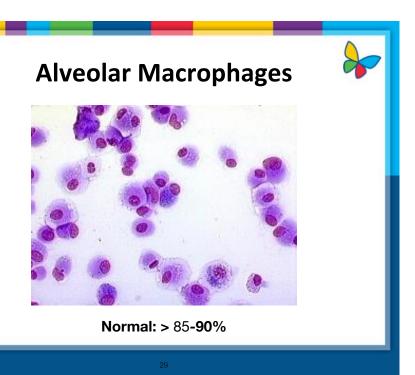


Eur Respir J, 1994, 7, 1865-1870



| Normal Adults (Nonsmokers) | BAL Differential Cell Counts |
|--|------------------------------|
| Alveolar macrophages | >85% |
| Lymphocytes (CD4+/CD8+ = 0.9 -2.5) | 10–15% |
| Neutrophils | ≤3% |
| Eosinophils | ≤1% |
| Squamous epithelial*/ciliated columnar epithelial cells [†] | ≤5% |



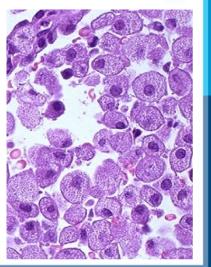


Alveolar Macrophages



Foamy macrophages

- Aspiration
- Infections:
 Mycobacteria: triacylglycerol-rich lipid
 bodies
- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis
- Drug-induced pneumonitis Amiodarone
- Chemical inhalation
- Sarcoidosis
- Storage disorders:
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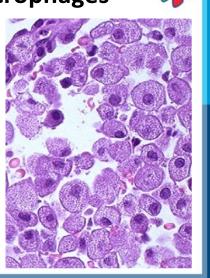


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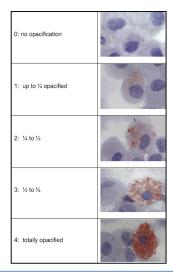
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Aspiration Foamy macrophages (lipid-laden), neutrophils, multinucleated giant cells, vegetable/food matters -> airway-centered (peribronchiolar) interstitial inflammation -> fibrosis

Lipid Laden Macrophages - Oil red O





Lipid Laden Macrophage Index (LLMI)

Count 100 cells

(# of cells with type 4) x 4 (# of cells with type 3) x 3

+ (# of cells with type 2) x 2 (# of cells with type 1) x 1

LLMI

Respiratory Medicine Volume 108, Issue 1, 71-77

Lipid Laden Macrophages - Oil red O



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The sensitivity, specificity, and positive and negative predictive value (PPV and NPV) were 57%, 75%, 84%, and 69%

Lipid Laden Macrophages - Oil red O



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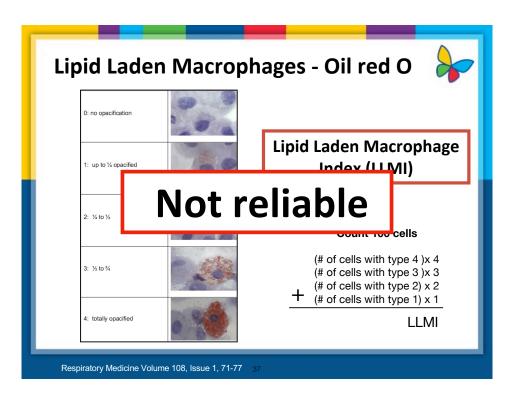
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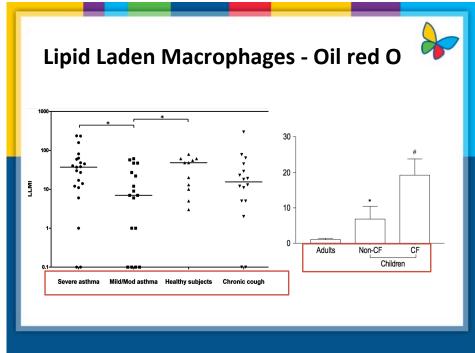
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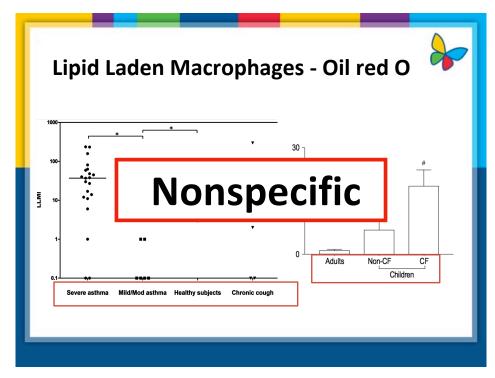
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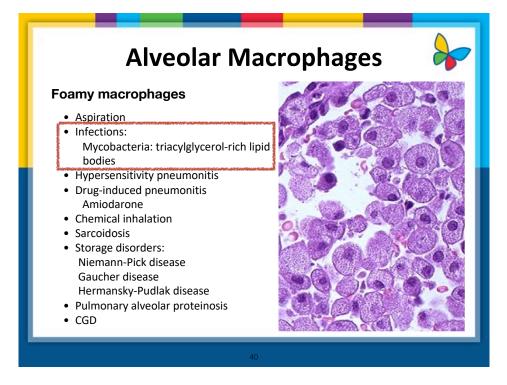
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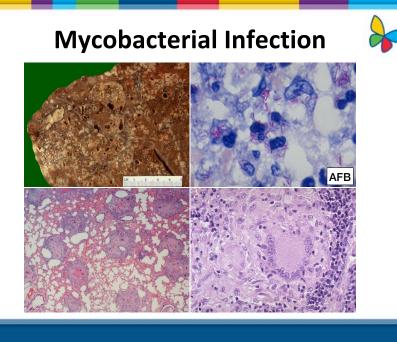
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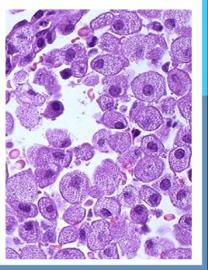


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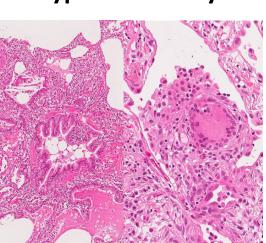
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Hypersensitivity Pneumonitis





- Foamy macrophages and lymphocytes in alveolar spaces
- Airway-centered inflammation
- Non-necrotizing granulomas
 - Giant cells with cholesterol clefts

Acute HP

Neutrophilic

Intra-alveolar fibrin deposition

Subacute HP

Neutrophilic Lymphocytic with granulomas or

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Chronic HP

Lymphocytic with granulomas or giant cells

Diffuse fibrosis

Alveolar Macrophages



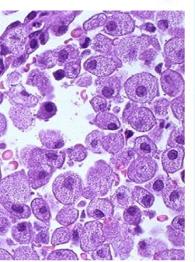
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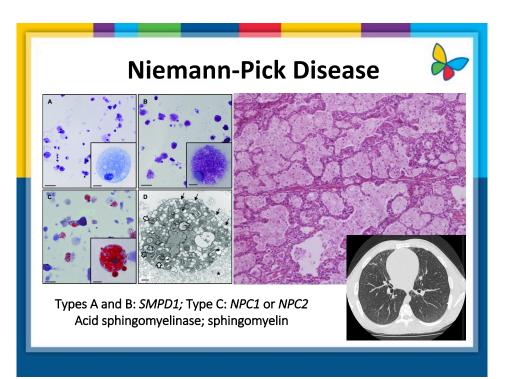
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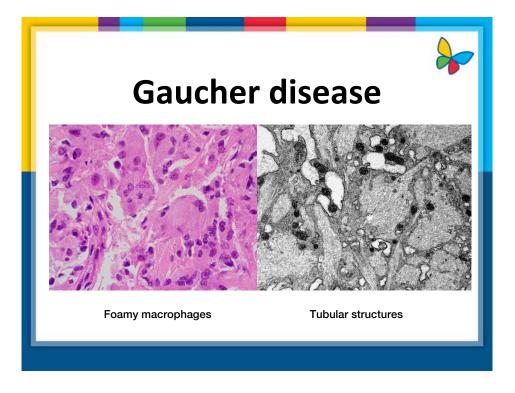


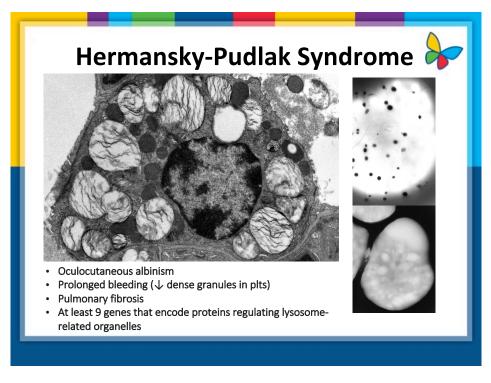


Gaucher disease

- The most common lysosomal storage disease
- GBA
- Beta-glucocerebrosidase
- **Gaucher cells:** glucosylceramide mainly in macrophages
- Three main subtypes:
 - Type 1 (non-neuronopathic form)
 - Type 2 (acute neuronopathic form)
 - Type 3 (subacute neuronopathic form)
- · Common clinical manifestations:
 - Hepatomegaly, splenomegaly, pancytopenia, and bone abnormalities

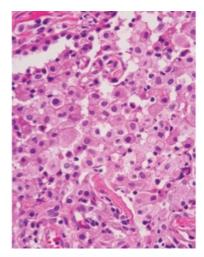






Amiodarone-Related Toxicity





- Finely vacuolated foamy macrophages in alveoli and septa
- May have:
 - Diffuse alveolar damage/ cryptogenic organizing
 - Pneumonia-type changes
 - Nonspecific interstitial pneumonia (NIP)
 - Desquamative interstitial pneumonia (DIP)

Alveolar Macrophages

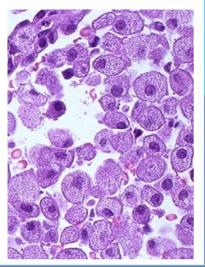


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Chronic Granulomatous Disease

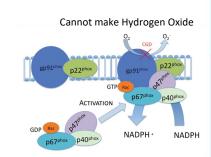
- A rare hereditary immunodeficiency 1/250,000 births
- X-linked CGD: CYBB mutations at Xp21.1
 2/3 of CGD
- Followed by mutations in NCF1 (AR)
- 5% caused by mutations in CYBA, NCF2 and NCF4 (AR)

Chronic Granulomatous Disease

- Caused by mutations in the genes encoding subunits of the NADPH oxidase enzyme complex
- Defects lead to inability to kill intracellular pathogens.

susceptible to catalase-positive microorganisms:

- Cannot borrow microorganisms hydrogen oxide
- Staphylococcus aureus, P. aeruginosa,
 Burkholderia spp, Aspergillus spp., Nocardia spp.,
 Enterobacteriaceae, Mycobacterium tuberculosis
 (at body temp.)

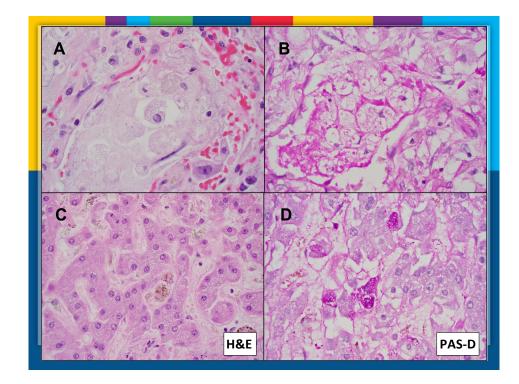


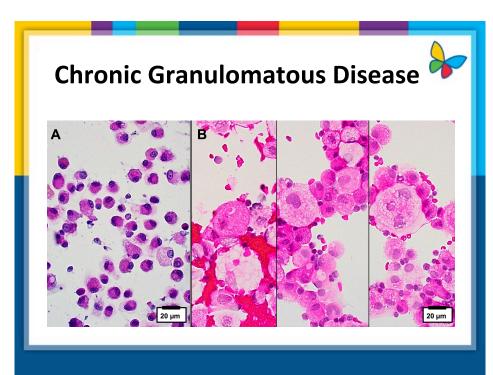
Hydrogen Oxide Catalase $2 \text{ H}_2\text{O}_2 \longrightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$

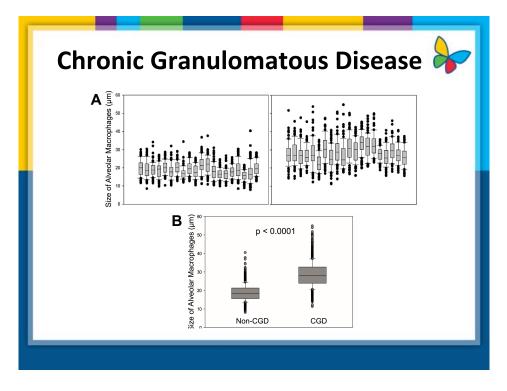
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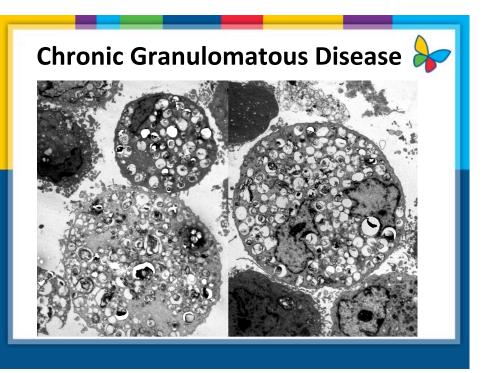
First described as "a syndrome of recurrent infection and infiltration of viscera by pigmented lipid histiocytosis"

Lightly pigmented histiocytes are increased in the lymph nodes, spleen, liver, lung, skin and brain.



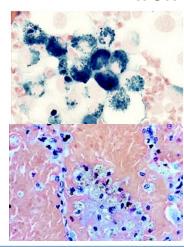






Hemosiderin-Laden Macrophages Iron Stain





Increased hemosiderinladen macrophages

- >20%: highly specific and sensitive for alveolar hemorrhage
- Subclinical hemorrhage is possible at as low as 5%.

Hemosiderin-Laden Macrophages





- Vasculitis commonly affect the lungs:
- Granulomatosis with polyangiitis (Wegener)/microscopic polyangiitis
- Churg-Strauss vasculitis
- · Goodpasture syndrome

Vasculitis uncommonly affect the lungs:

- · Polyarthritis nodosa
- Takavasu arteritis
- Henoch-Shonlein purpura (HSP)
- · Bechet disease

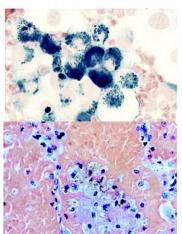
Systemic autoimmune diseases

- SLE
- Scleroderma

Transplant rejection

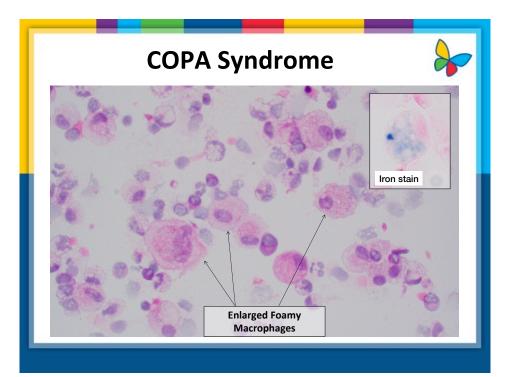
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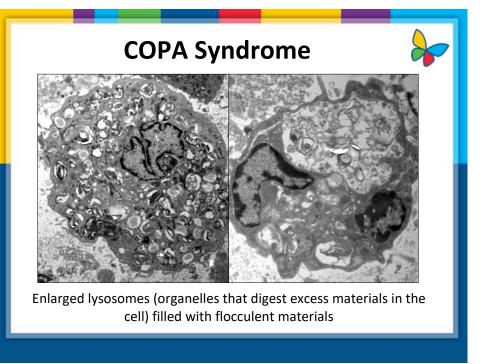


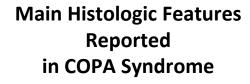


Alveolar hemorrhage without capillaritis:

- Diffuse alveolar damage (ARDS)
- Autoimmune diseases (SLE) direct alveolar damage
- Hemorrhage secondary to other lung injuries:
 - Infections
 - Drug toxicity
 - Radiation
 - Trauma
 - · Foreign body
- · Cardiovascular diseases
- Malignancies
- · Coagulopathies
- VOD
- Lymphangioleiomyomatosis
- Idiopathic pulmonary hemosiderosis (IPH) endothelial damage (capillaritis?)







Pulmonary hemorrhage (diffuse alveolar hemorrhage)

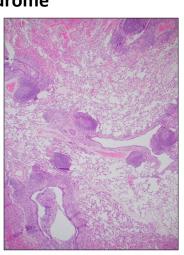
Capillaritis: inflammation and disruption of capillaries in the alveolar septae

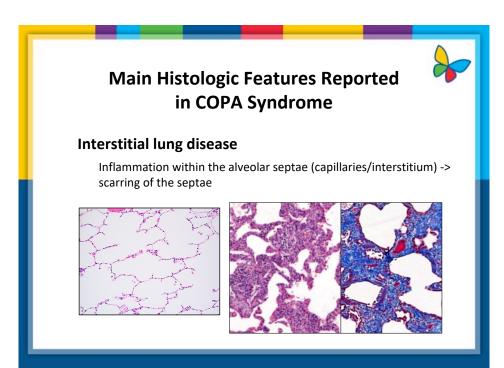


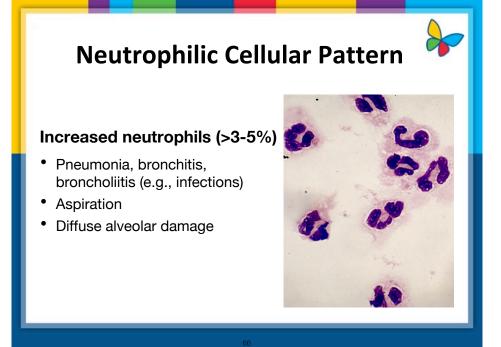
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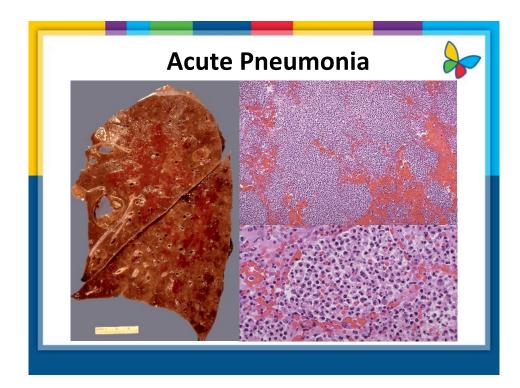
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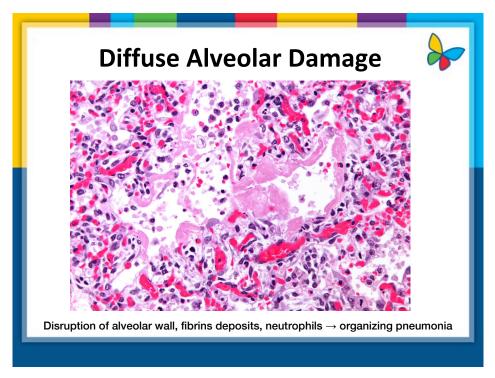
- Aggregates of inflammatory cells (lymphocytes) adjacent to the bronchioles
- Nonspecific:
 - Can be seen in many other immune deregulatory syndromes and autoimmune diseases
 - Particular types of lymphocytes??
 - Further investigations required

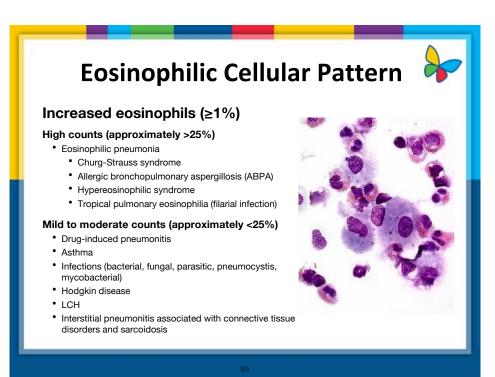


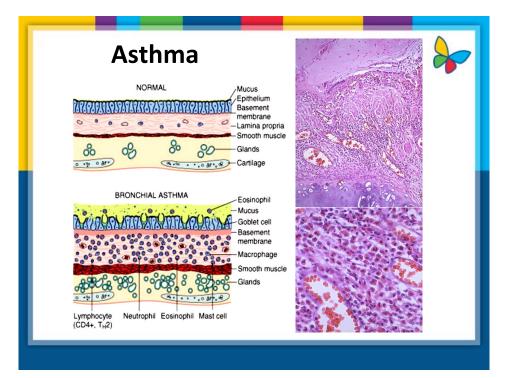


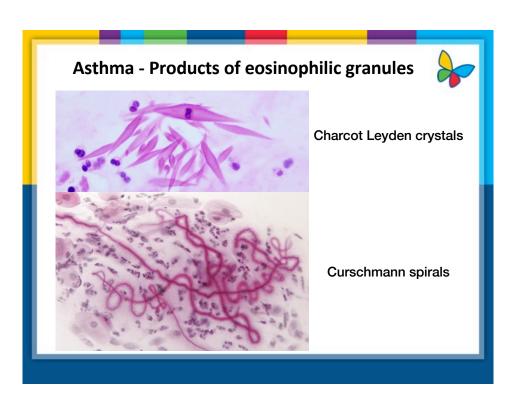


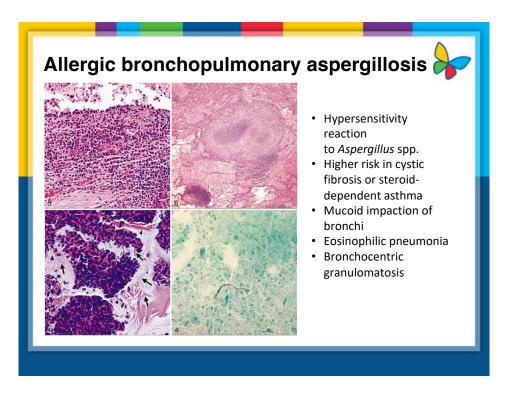


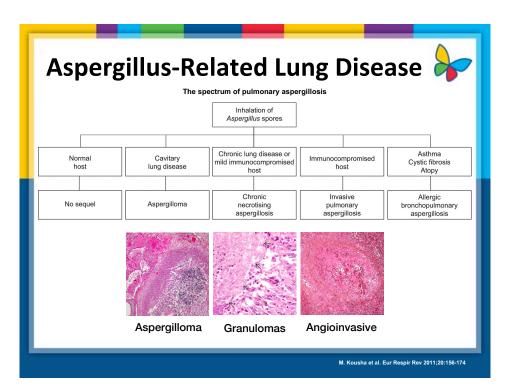










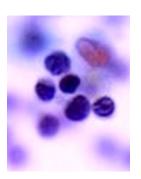


Lymphocytic Cellular Pattern



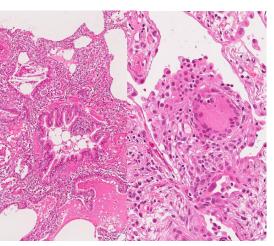
Increased lymphocytes (>15%)

- Hypersensitivity pneumonitis (60-80%)
- Sarcoidosis (acute phase: 40-60%)
- Collagen vascular disease
- Drug-induced pneumonitis
- Radiation
- · Cryptogenic organizing pneumonia
- Lymphoproliferative disorders/lymphoma
- LCH
- Mycobacterial infection



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Early fibrosis

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Diffuse fibrosis

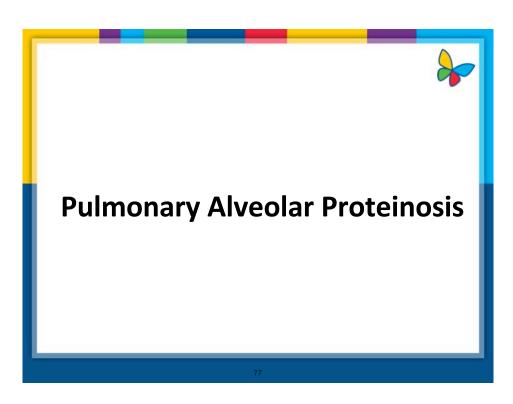
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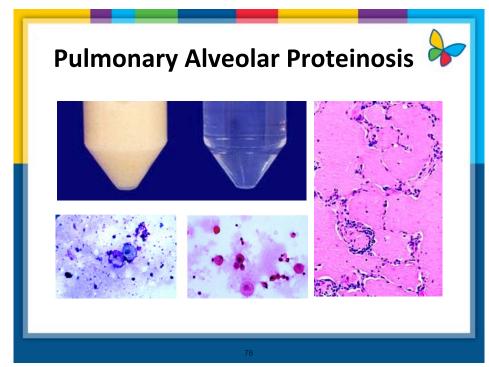


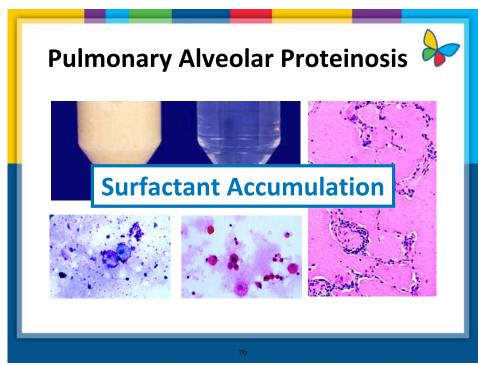
| CD4 : CD8 raised | CD4 : CD8 normal | CD4 : CD8 lowered | |
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| Sarcoidosis | Tuberculosis | Hypersensitivity pneumonitis | |
| Berylliosis | Lymphangioleiomyomatosis | Silicosis | |
| Asbestosis | | Drug induced | |
| Crohn's disease | | ВООР | |
| Rheumatoid arthritis | | HIV infection | |

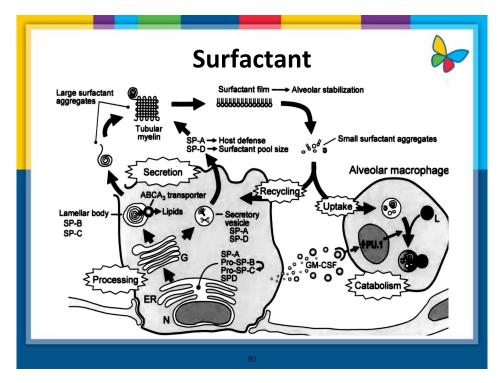
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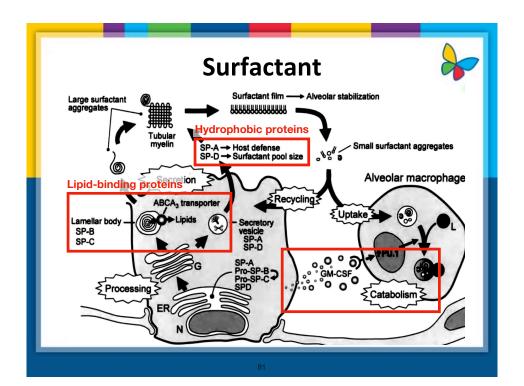
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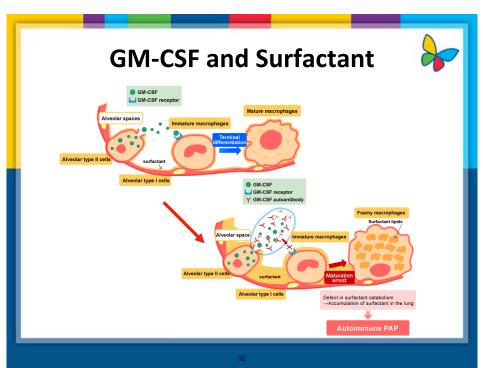


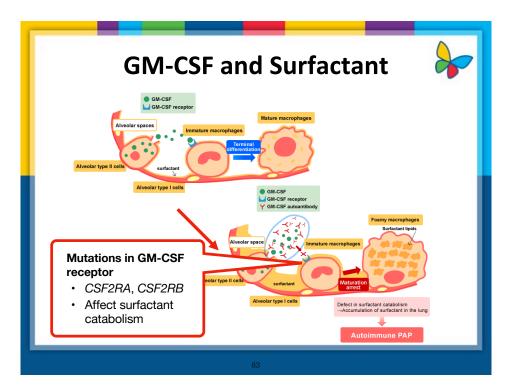


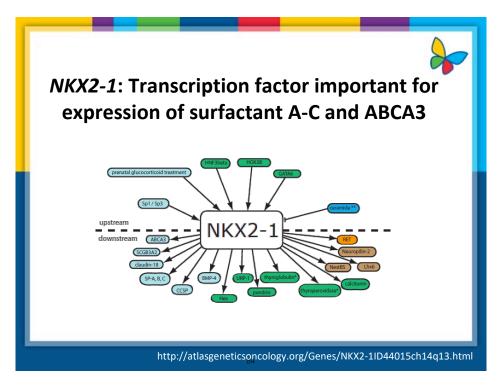












Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis 🗼



Congenital forms

Genetic disorders of surfactant dysfunction

| | SFTPB | SFTPC | АВСАЗ | NKX2.1 | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Mode of inheritance | Autosomal recessive | Autosomal dominant, de novo | Autosomal recessive | Autosomal dominant, de novo | | |
| Pulmonary presentations | Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome | Childhood interstitial lung disease Adult interstitial lung disease Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome | Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome Childhood interstitial lung disease | Neonatal respiratory distress syndrome Childhood interstitial lung disease Recurrent infection No pulmonary involvement | | |
| Course | Neonatal lethal | Highly variable Survival until 6th decade reported | Neonatal lethal Variable severity in childhood | Neonatal lethal Variable severity in childhood | | |
| Treatment options | Supportive Lung transplant ^[1,2] | Supportive ^[3] Corticosteroids ^[4,5] Hydroxychloroquine ^[4,5] Azithromycin ^[4] Lung transplant ^[2] | Supportive Corticosteroids ^[6] Hydroxychloroquine ^[6,7] Lung transplant ^[8,9] | Supportive | | |

Mutations in GM-CSF receptor genes

- CSF2RA, CSF2RB
- · Affect surfactant catabolism

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Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis



Acquired form

- · Antibodies to GM-CSF (autoimmune PAP)
- · 90 percent of cases: adults
 - Reported in only a few children (late childhood or adolescence)

Secondary form

- · Infections (Nocardia, mycobacteria, Pneumocystis, HIV)
- · Hematologic malignancies
- Immunodeficiencies (HIV infection, SCID)
- · Chemical inhalation [insecticides, fumes, minerals (silica, aluminum, and titanium)]

Idiopathic form

- Unclear etiology
- In about 1/3 of infant cases suggesting a surfactant defect, no mutations
- · Most older children with PAP do not have anti-GM-CSF antibodies.

Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis



- · Typically milky fluid
- · Light microscopy:

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Amorphous, lipo-proteinaceous material

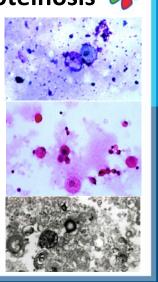
Brightly positive with PAS stain

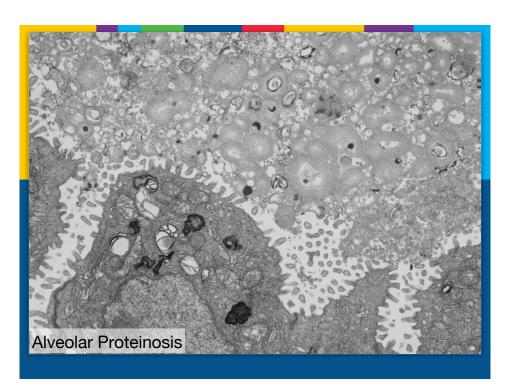
Differential cell count:

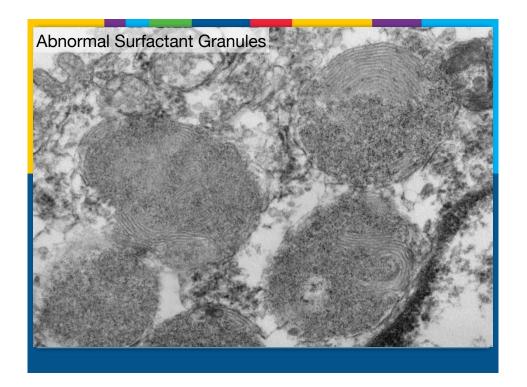
Macrophage predominance without significant numbers of inflammatory cells

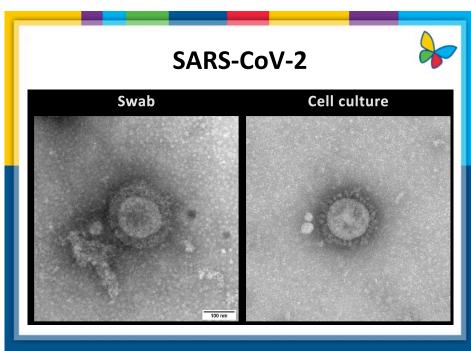
Large foamy macrophages are often seen

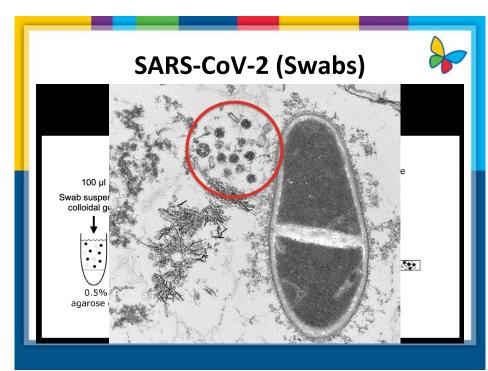
Electron microscopy can be helpful

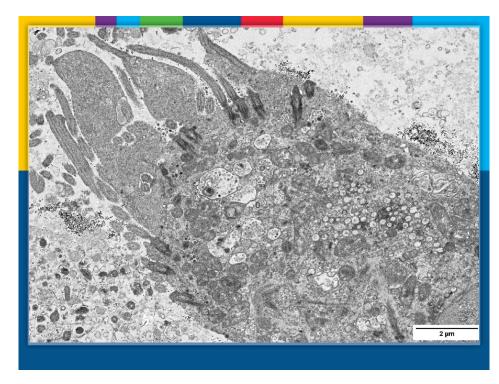


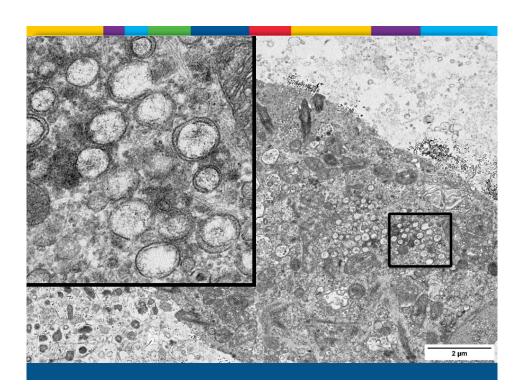


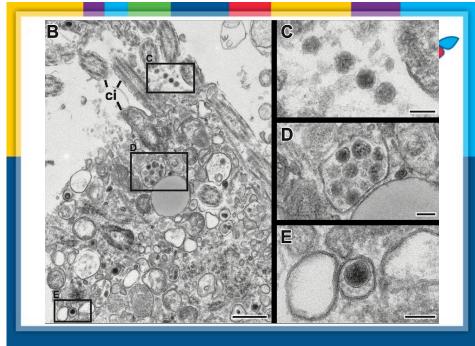


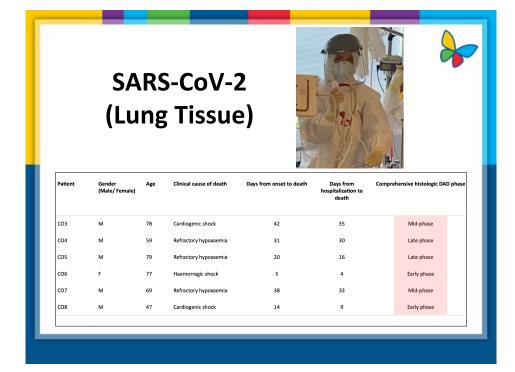


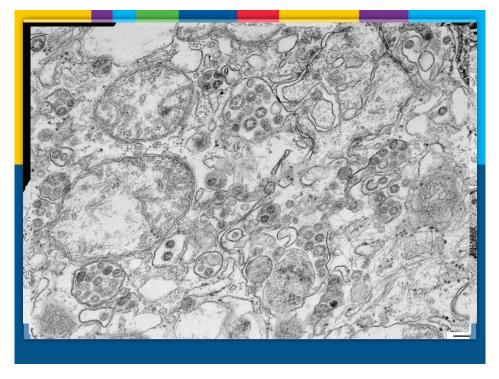














SERS-Cov-2 Infection

- Structural presentation is difficult (autolysis, pathologic damage, chemical fixation).
- Infection can be focal.
- Detection of viral RNA or protein does not mean that viral particles are still present.
- Alveolar damage may not be caused by viral replication.
- The alveolar damage is similar to ARDS caused by other etiologies (infections, trauma, etc.)

