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Preoperativna i intraoperativna dijagnostika u hirurškoj patologiji dojke

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Practical approach: preop

- The need for neoadjuvant therapy
- Type of surgical intervention:
the breast
- Type of surgical intervention:
the axilla

Practical approach: patient history

- Woman or man ?
- Young or elderly ?
- Previous breast pathology
- Recurrence ? Ipsilateral or contralateral ?
- Detection mode ?
- Localization within the breast ?
- Palpable ? Discharge ? Skin lesions ?
- Axilla ?

Practical approach: patient history

- Detection mode:
 - screening
 - outside screening
 - interval cancer
 - follow-up

The aim of preoperative diagnosis

- To get a **minimum** of sufficient material
- To motivate **proper** therapeutic interventions
- To **not harm** the patient

Primum non nocere !

Seeding of tumour cells following breast biopsy

- Loughran CF and Keeling CP, BJR 2011, 84:869-74, review 10 papers, 3643 patients
- There is histological evidence of seeding of tumor cells from primary neoplastic sites to adjacent breast tissue following biopsy.
- The incidence is declining with prolonged time between needling and surgery.

Seeding of tumour cells following breast biopsy

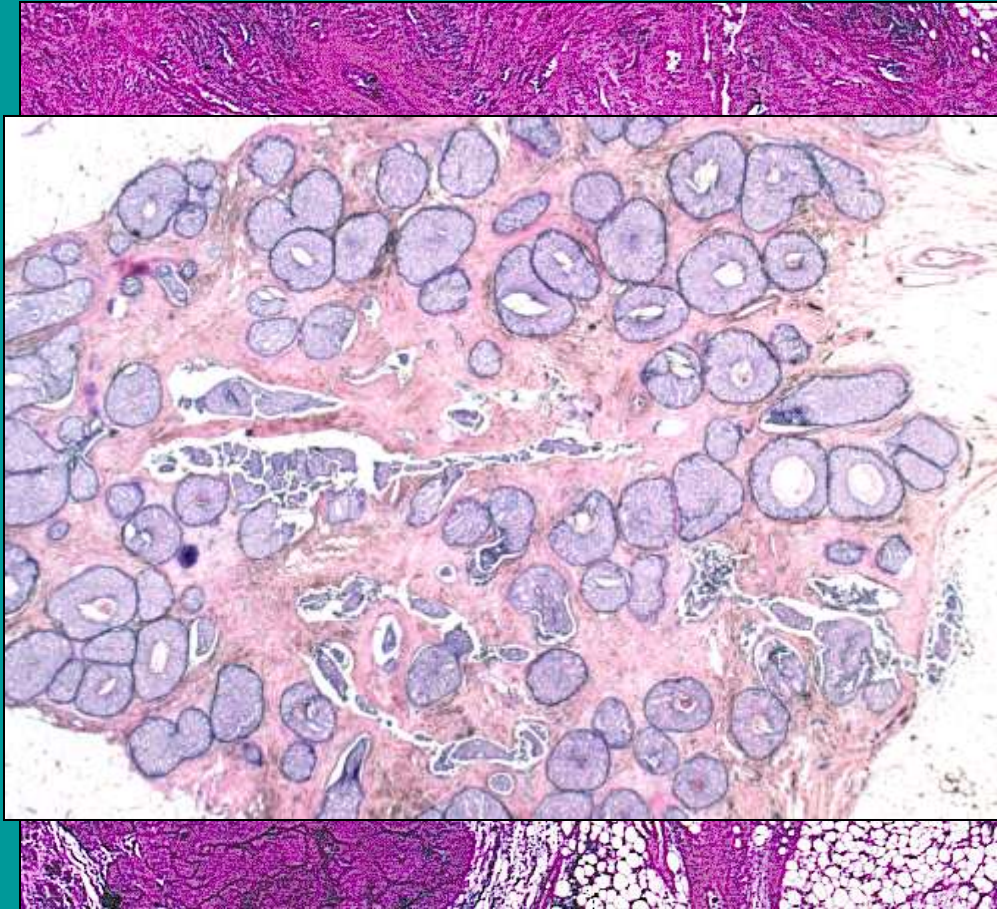
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- Needling procedure may cause hematogeneous dissemination of breast cells

Seeding of tumour cells following breast biopsy

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- Clinical recurrence at the site of needle biopsy is uncommon and the relationship between biopsy and later recurrence is difficult to confirm.

Seeding of tumour cells following breast biopsy

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- There is some evidence to suggest that cell seeding may be reduced when vacuum biopsy devices are deployed.



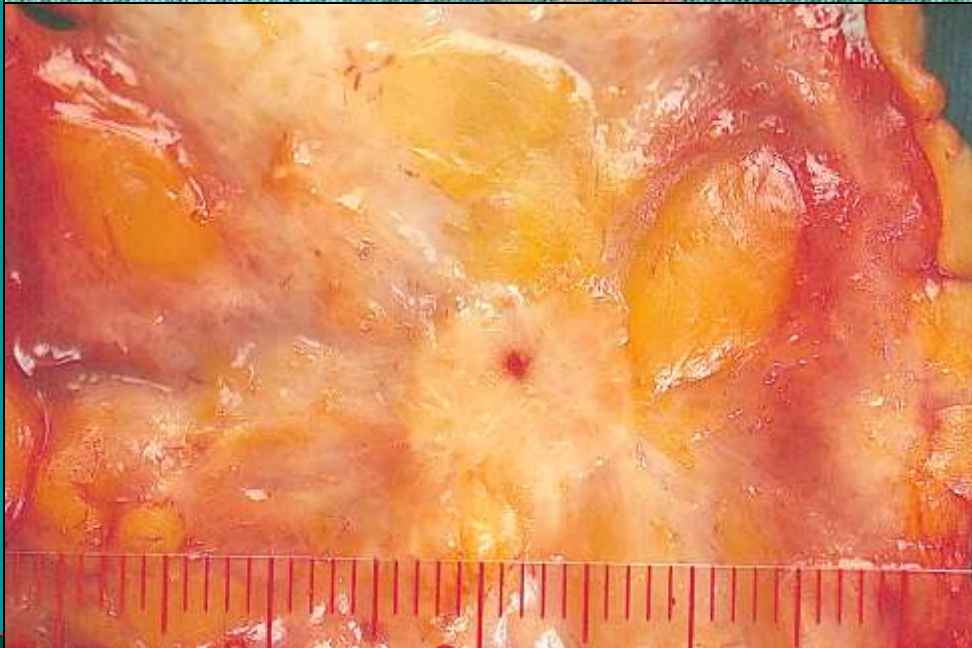
Needling artifacts in
>80% of cases

Angulated "empty"
spaces in >60%

Needle track in >20%

Pseudotumor

Epithelial
displacement in <10%



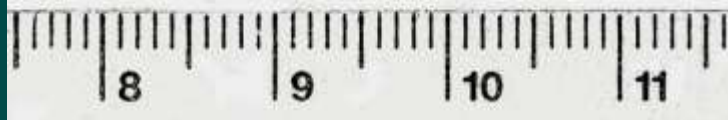
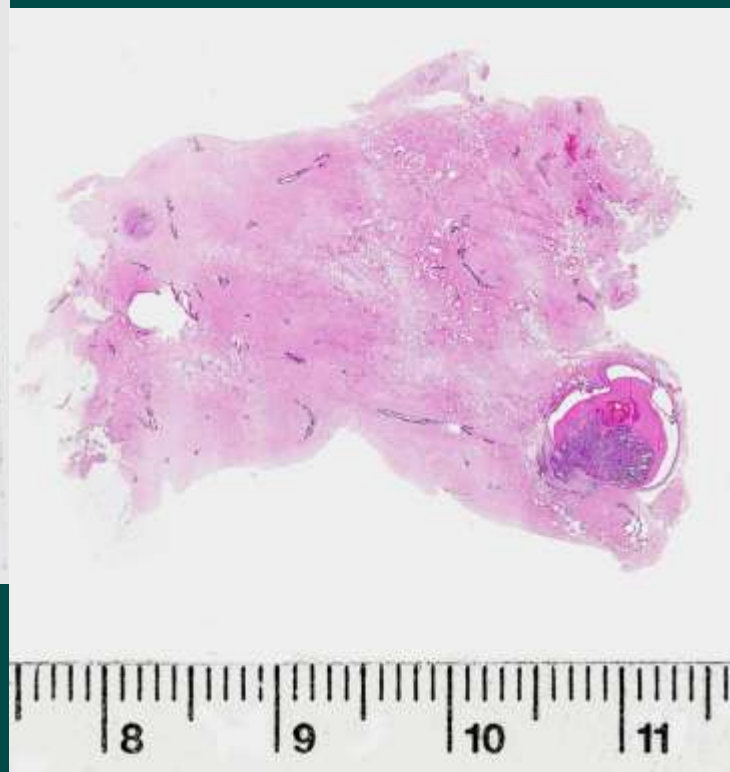
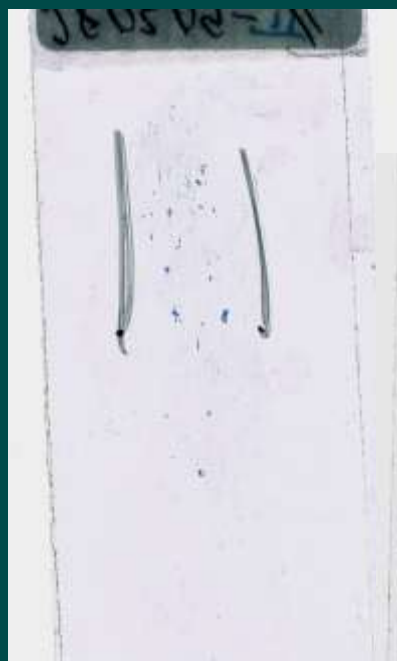
The preoperative needle biopsies are necessary but not totally free of risk.

Use the
thinnest
effective
needle !!!

Limit the number
of biopsies/case !!

Thinnest effective !

FNAB	26, 21 g
Needle biopsy	18 g
Core	14 g
Vacuum	11 g



Individual planning

Preoperative diagnosis: **planning**

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- ❑ The experience with different biopsy modalities (advantages and disadvantages)
- ❑ The clinical situation and the radiologic image

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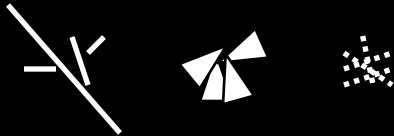
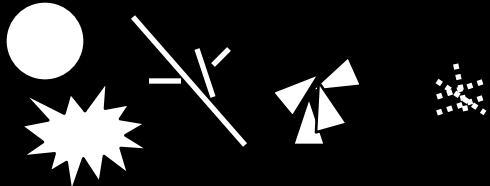
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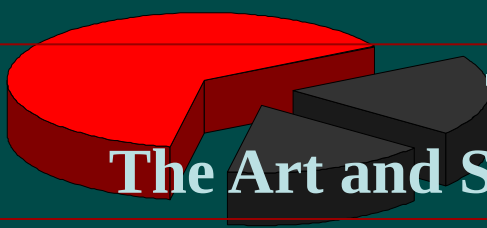
Mammographic appearance of histologically **malignant lesions**

Mass only

Calcifications only

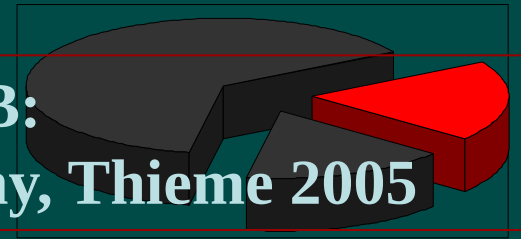
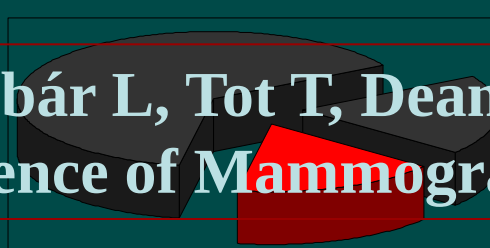
Combined

		
64% (552/866)	19% (166/866)	17% (148/866)

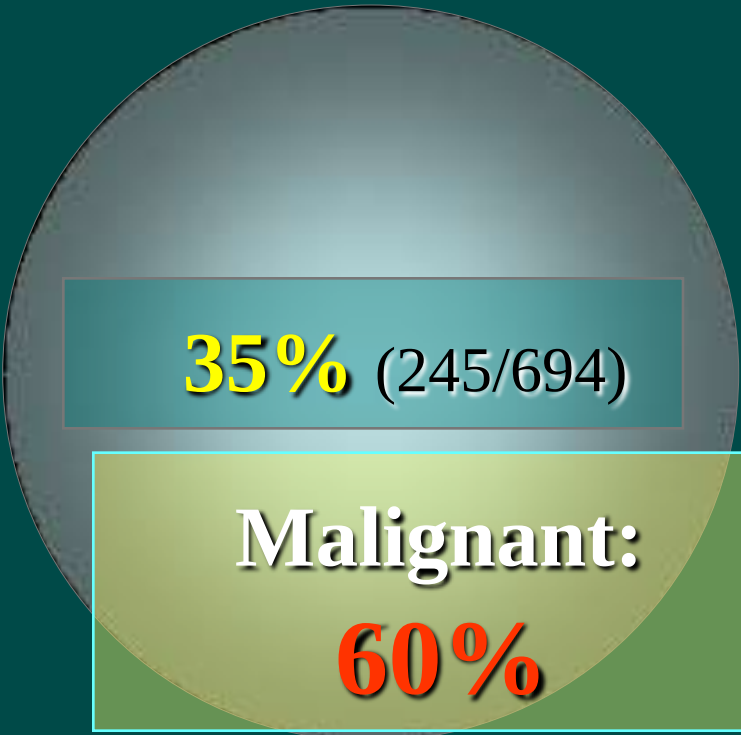


Tabár L, Tot T, Dean PB:

The Art and Science of Mammography, Thieme 2005

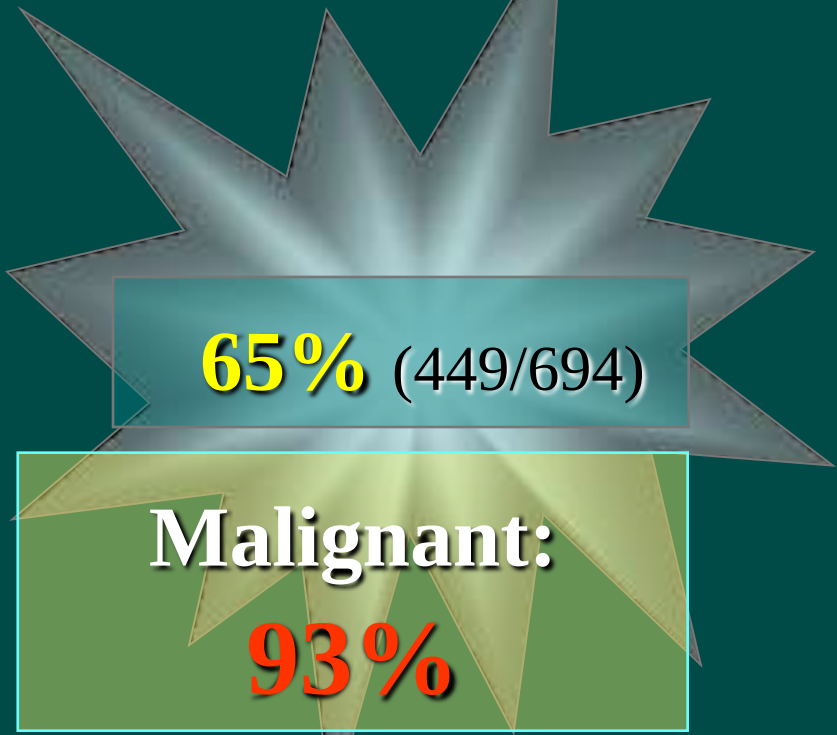


Mammographic appearance of all mass lesions on open surgery



35% (245/694)

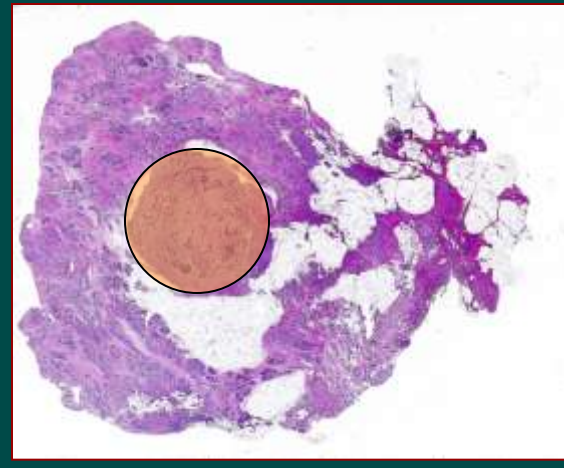
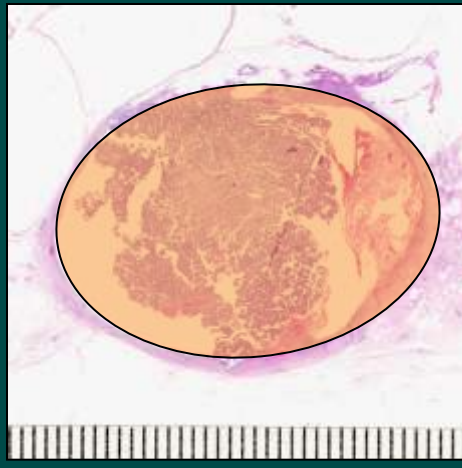
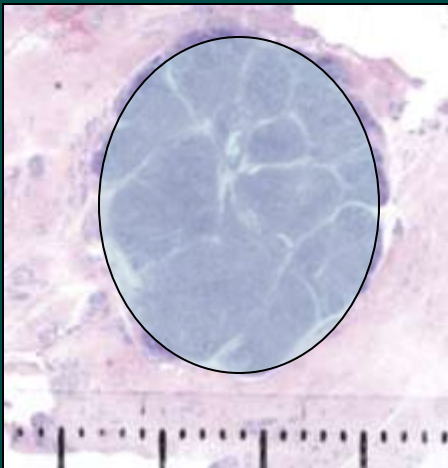
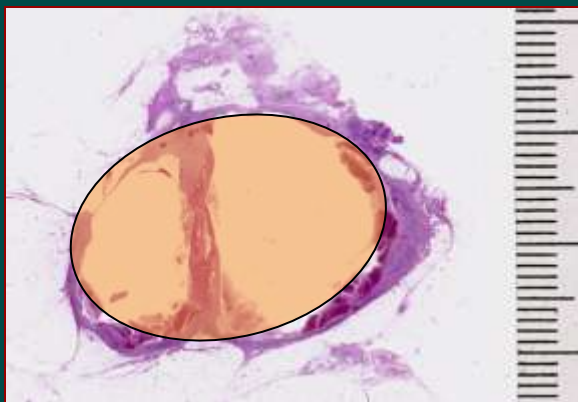
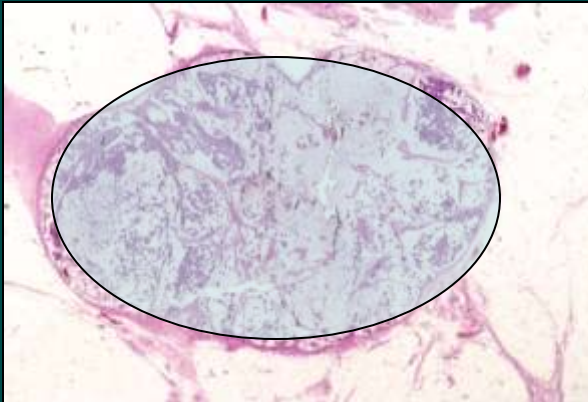
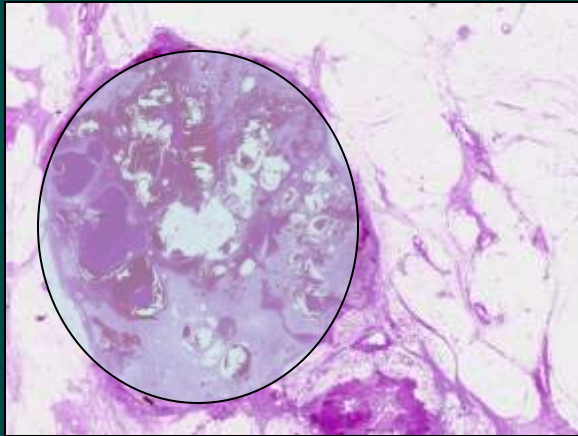
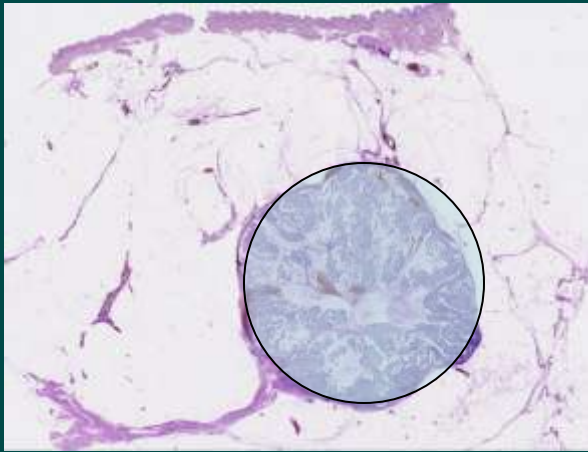
Malignant:
60%



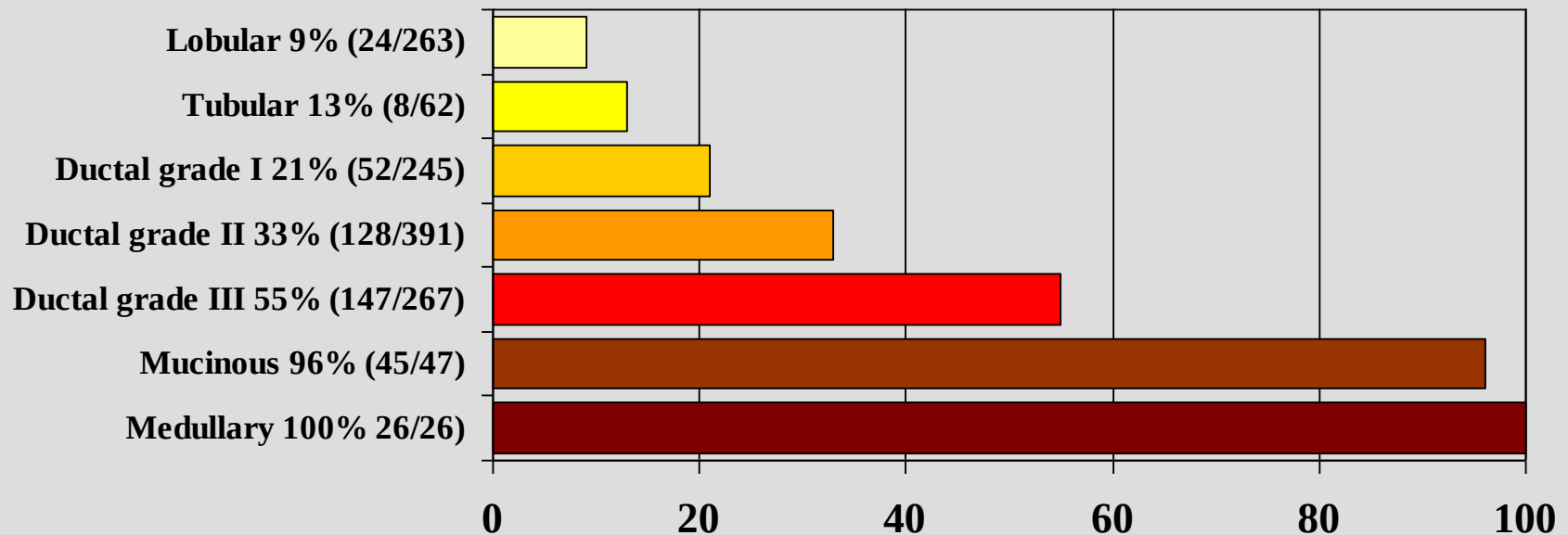
65% (449/694)

Malignant:
93%

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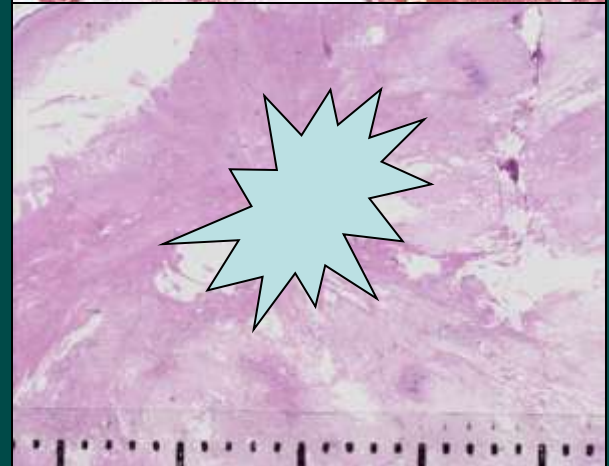


Proportion of circular lesions by histologic tumor type and grade in 1301 invasive carcinomas, Falun 1996-2003

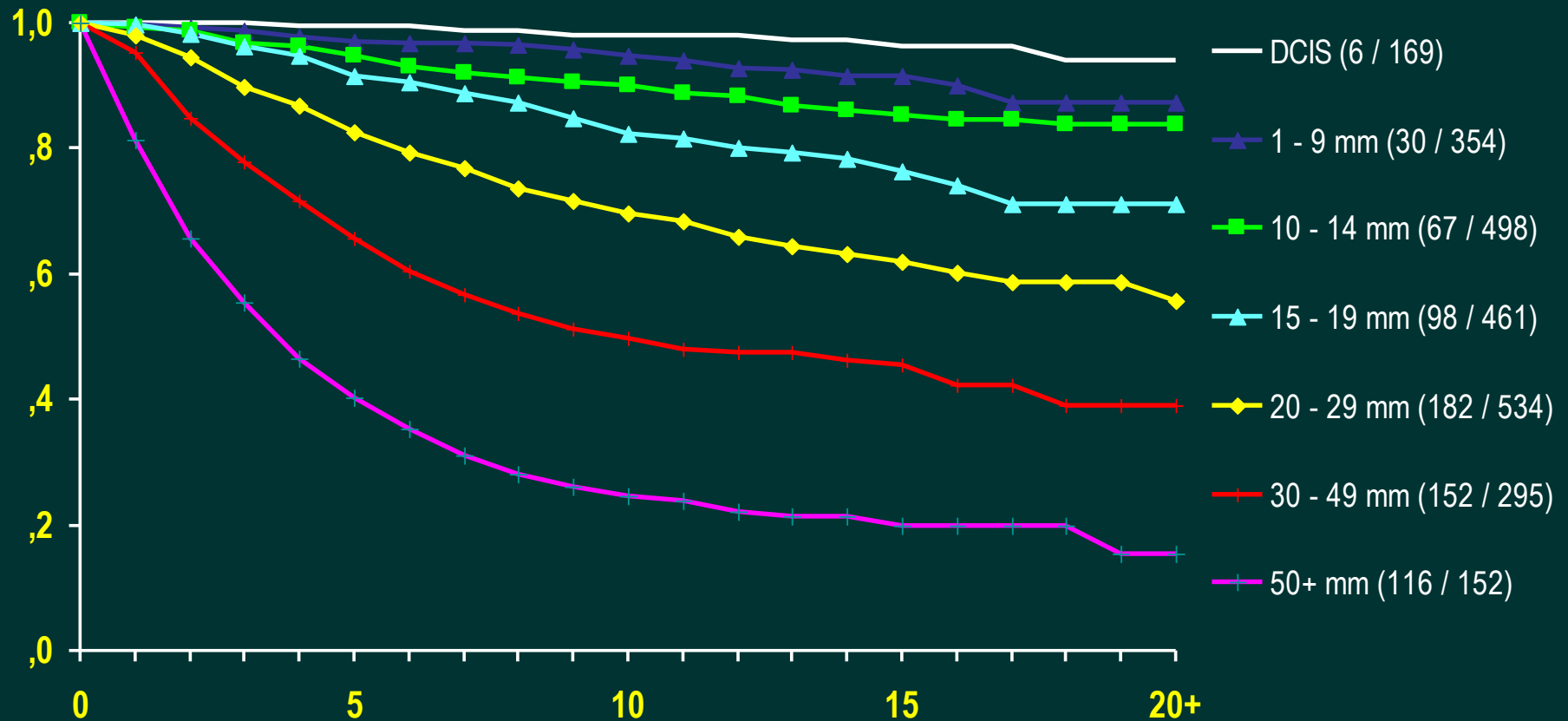


Tot T. The Subgross Morphology of normal and Pathologically Altered Breast Tissue. In Suri, Rangayyan eds. Recent Advances in Breast Imaging, Mammography and Computer – Aided diagnosis of Breast Cancer.

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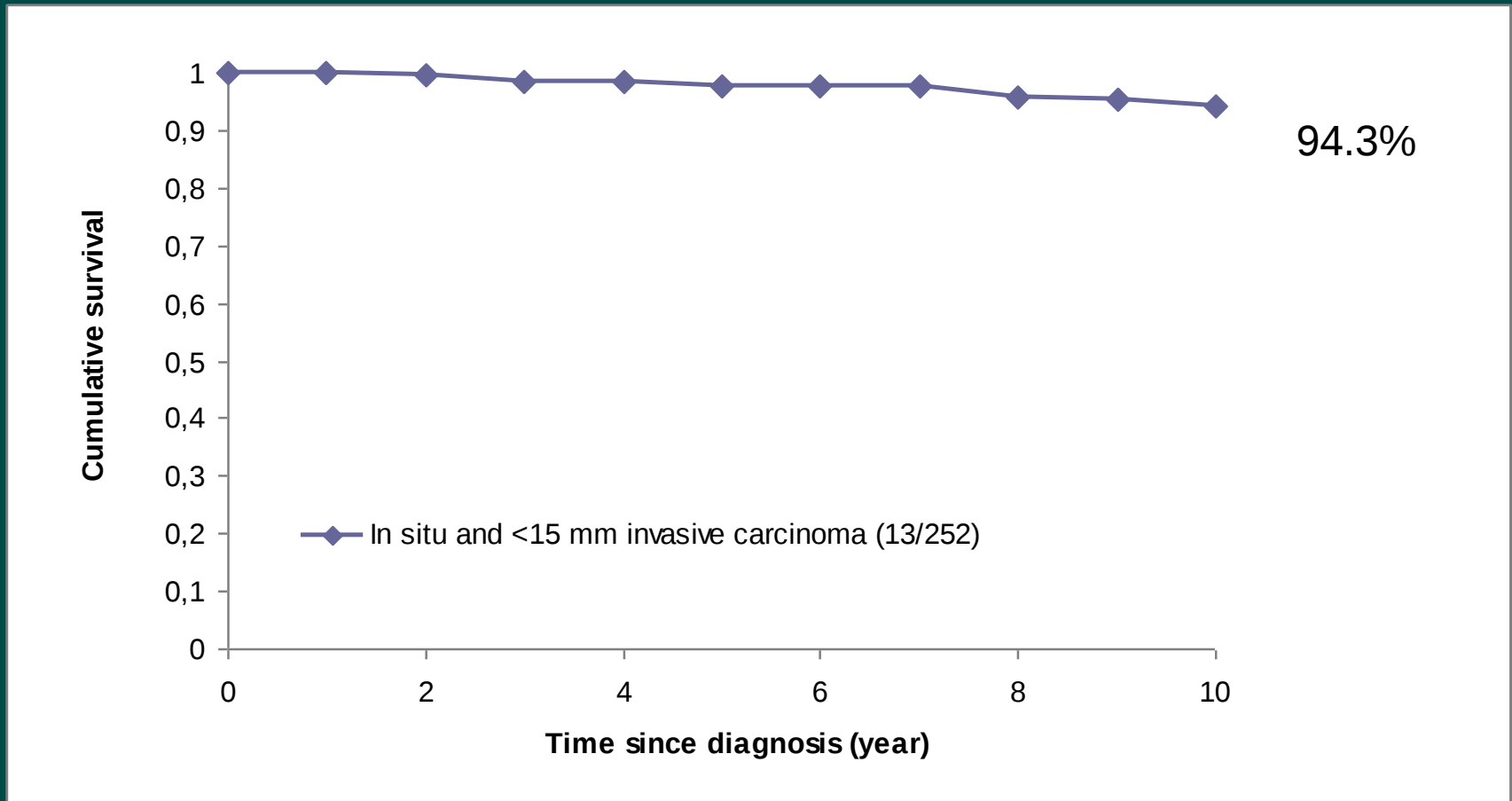


Cumulative survival of women 40-74 years with invasive breast cancer by tumor size



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Cumulative survival in early (in situ and <15 mm invasive) breast carcinomas, Falun, 1996-1998



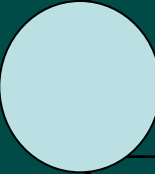
Up to 12 years follow-up, 8.34 at average, SD+/- 3.47 years

Kahán Z, Tot T. Breast Cancer, a Heterogeneous Disease Entity. The Very Early Stage Springer 2011.

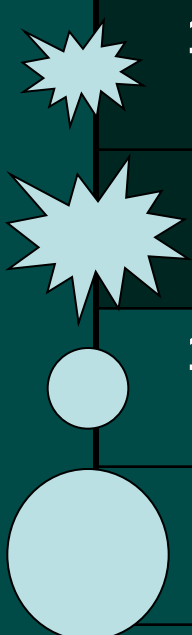
Molecular characteristics of early vs more advanced invasive breast carcinomas

	Early BC < 15 mm	Advanced BC ≥ 15 mm	Total	P-value
Basal-like	5.9% (12/203)	15.1% (48/317)	11.5% (60/520)	= 0.0035
ER negative*	12.3% (42/342)	18.2% (93/510)	15.8% (135/852)	= 0.0238
Tripple negative	6.4% (22/341)	10.5% (53/507)	8.8% (75/848)	= 0.0193
Her-2 positive	8.9% (31/347)	13.3% (68/511)	11.5% (99/858)	= 0.0917
Grade 3	12.9% (46/355)	29,5% (151/511)	22.0% (197/866)	< 0.0005
Total	41.5% (362/873)	58,5% (511/873)	100% (873/873)	

Tumor phenotype by radiological tumor shape and histological size, Falun 2005-2009

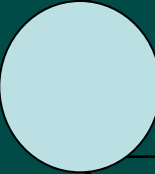
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Mammographic appearance of **all calcification cases** sent to open surgery

Casting type

Cushed stones type

Powdery



19% (51/264)



45% (119/264)

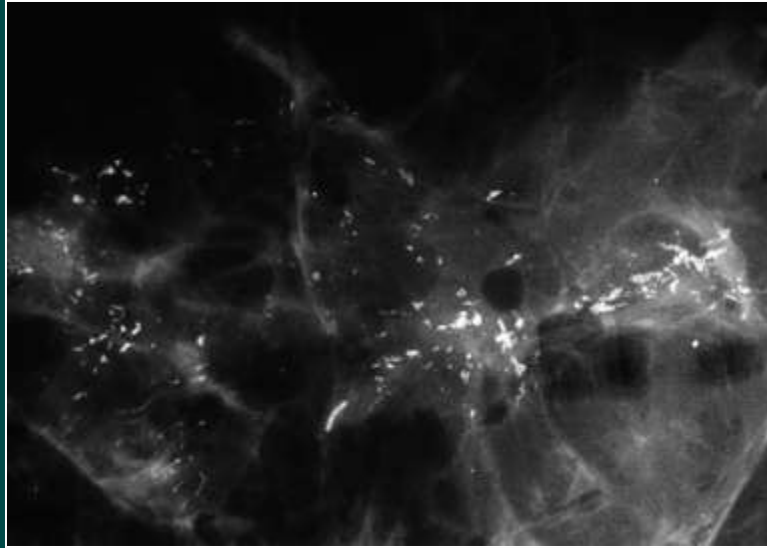


36% (94/264)

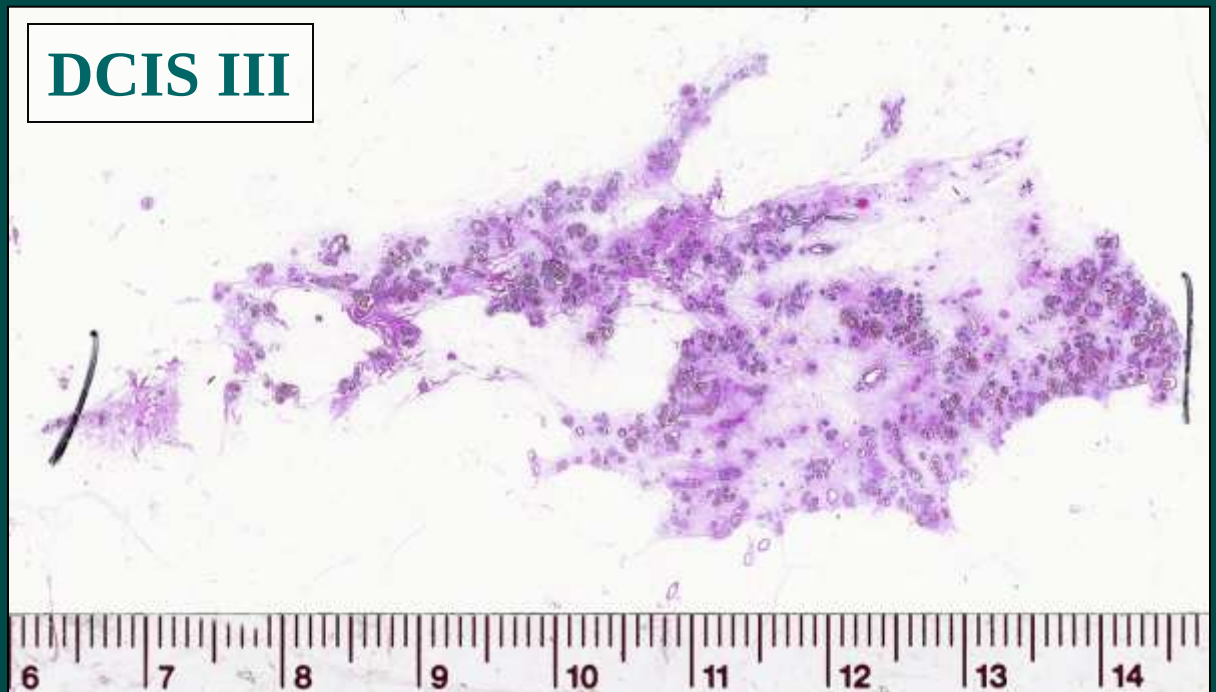
Malignancy rate
94%

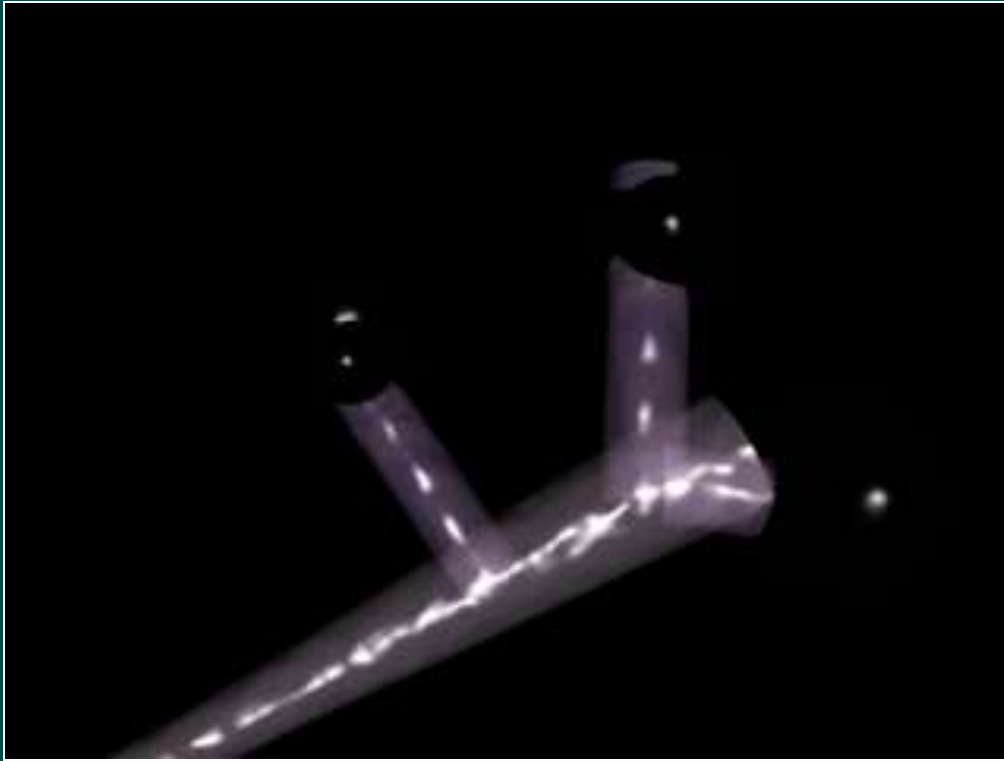
Malignancy rate
63%

Malignancy rate
50%

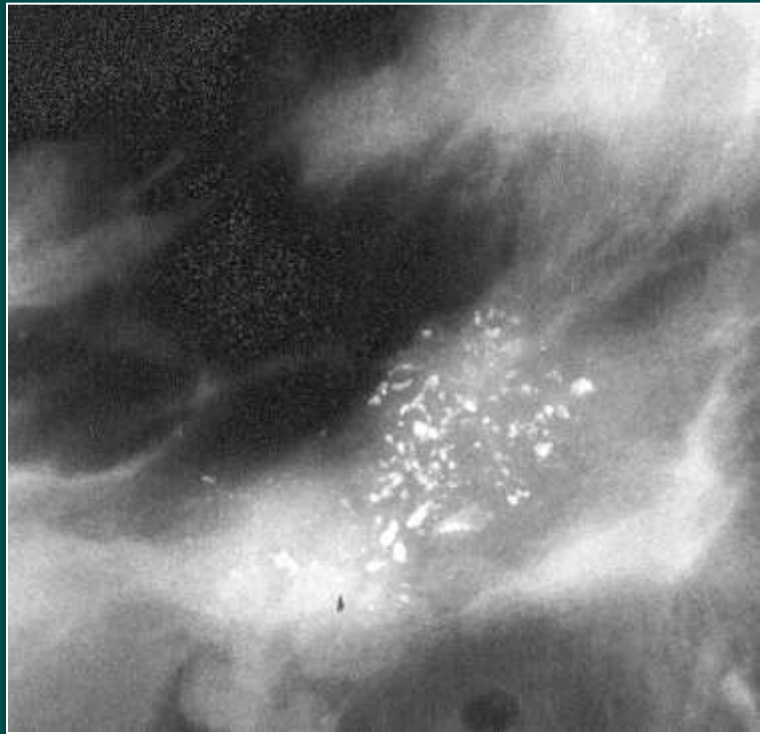


DCIS III

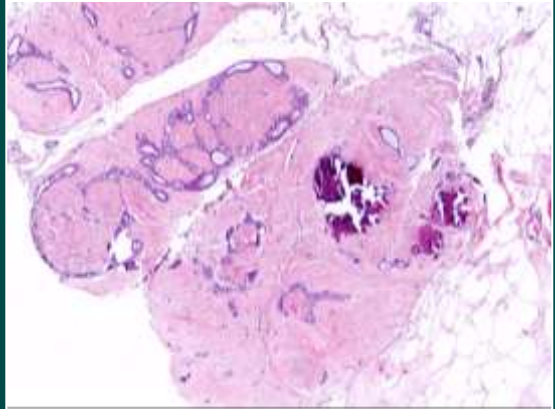
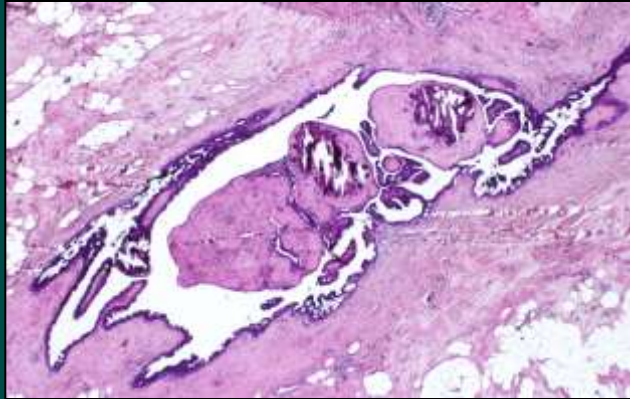
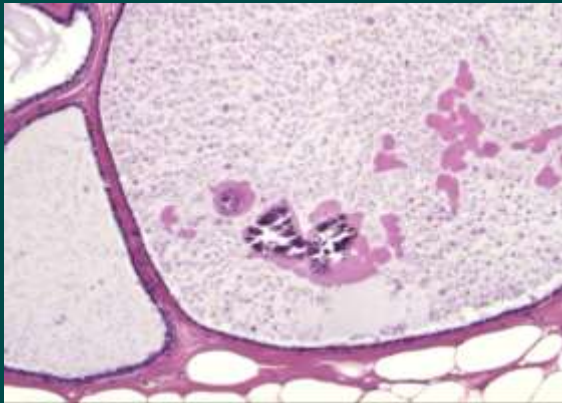


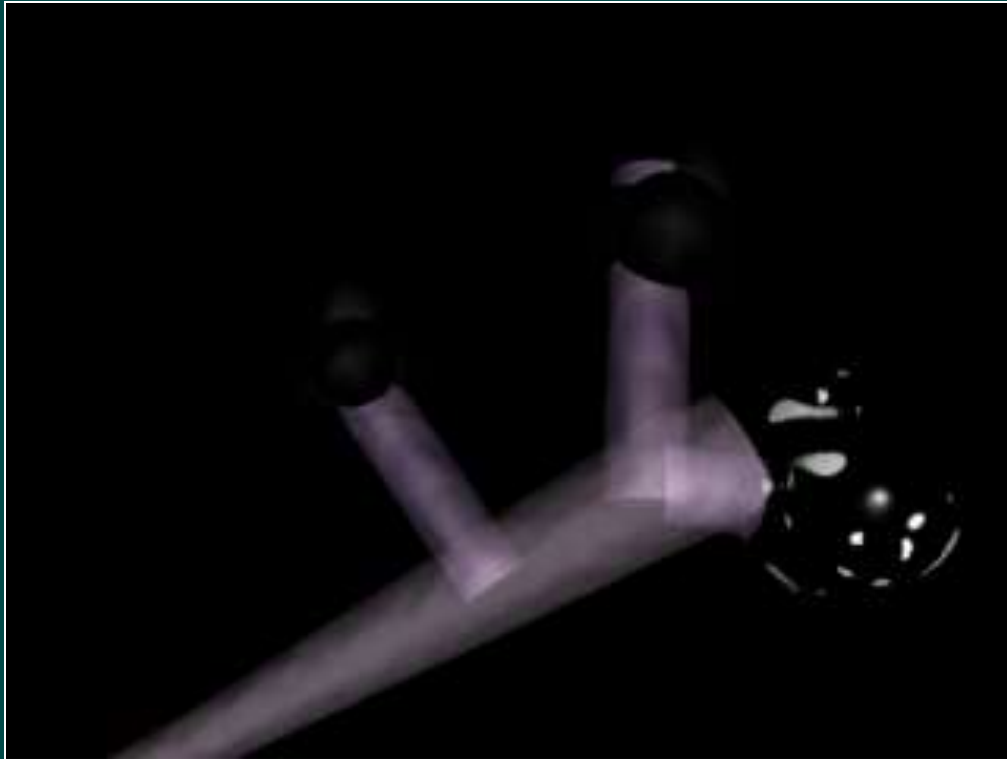


Malignancy
rate 94%

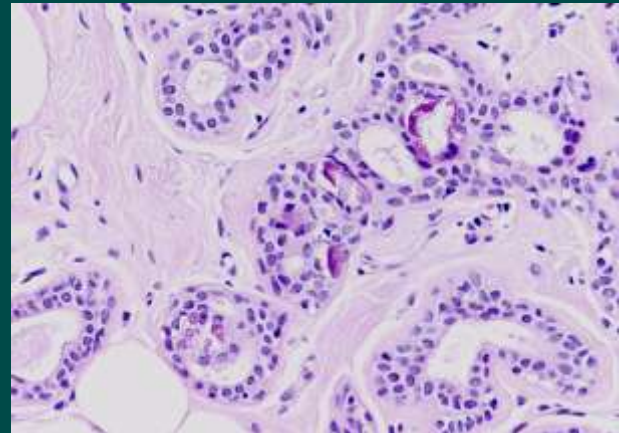
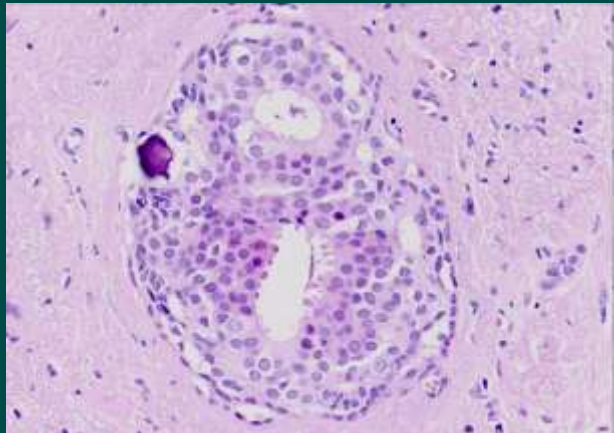


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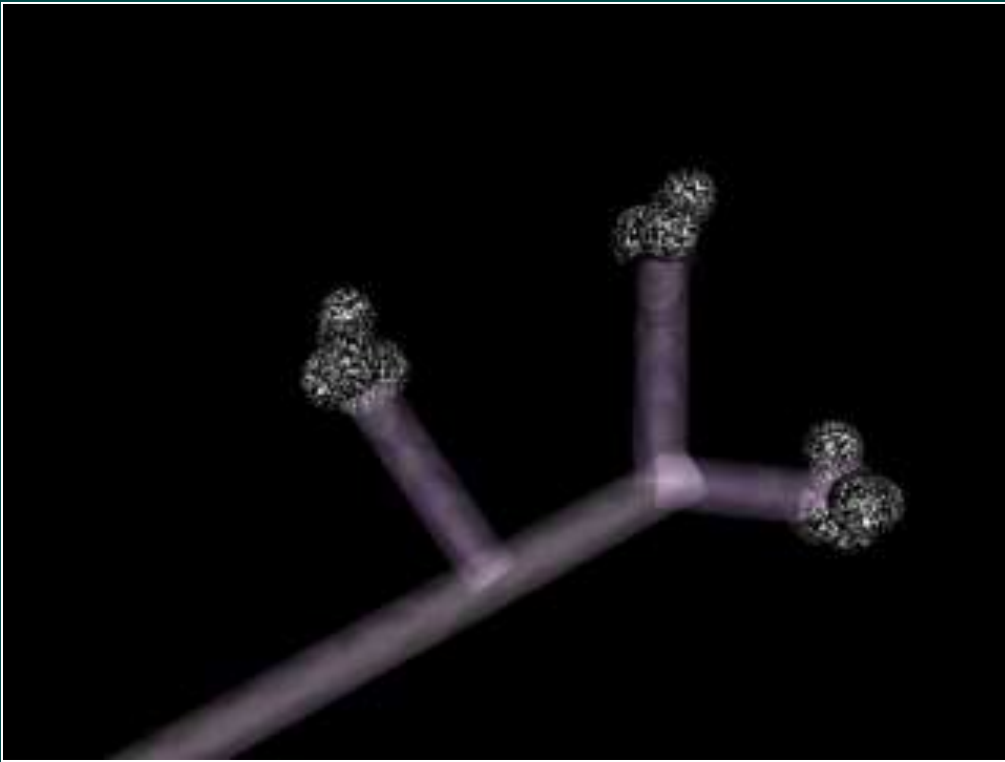




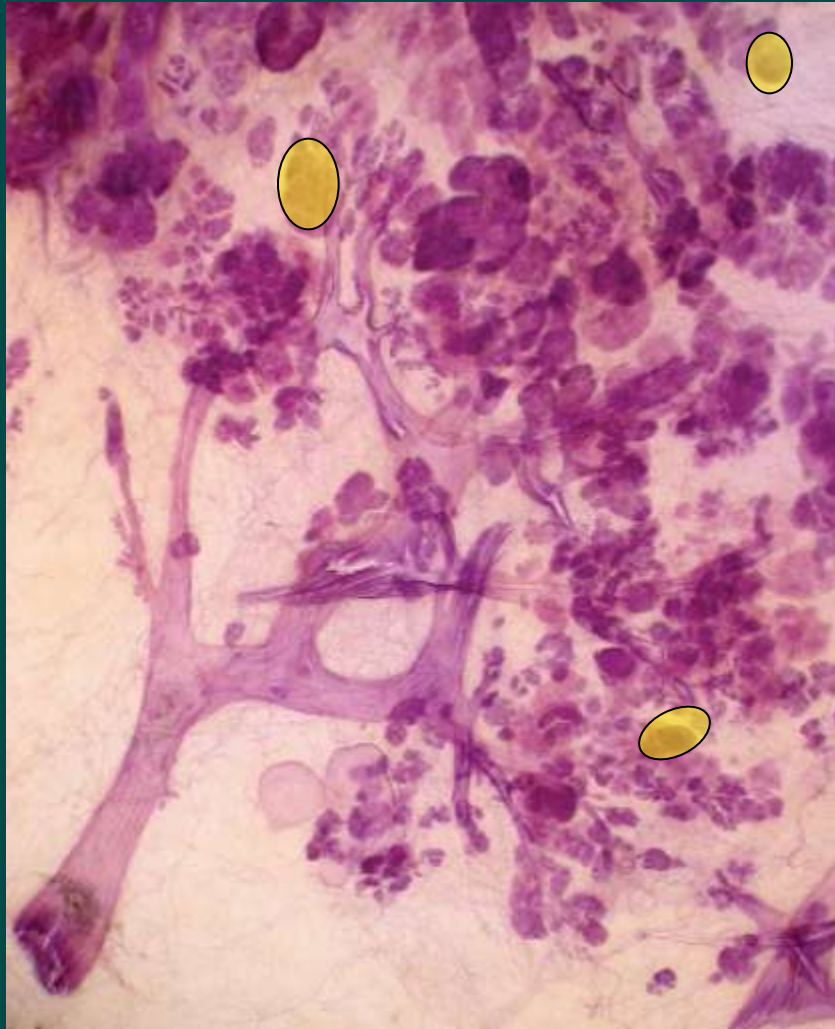
Malignancy
rate 63%

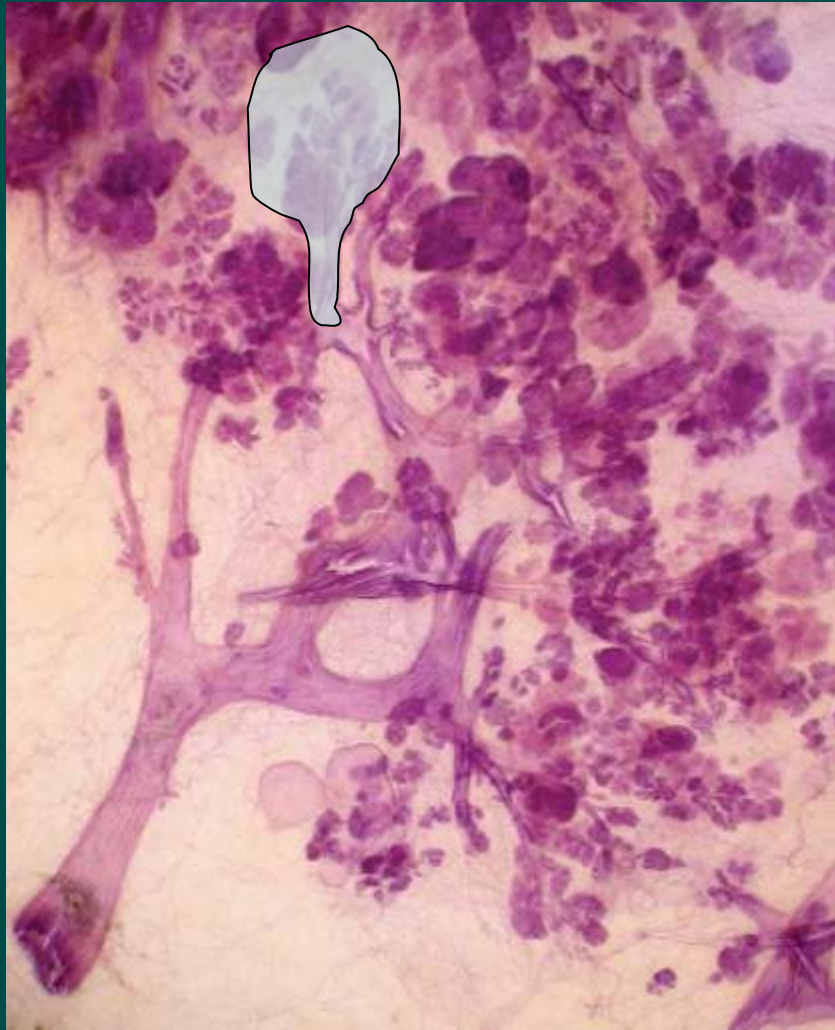


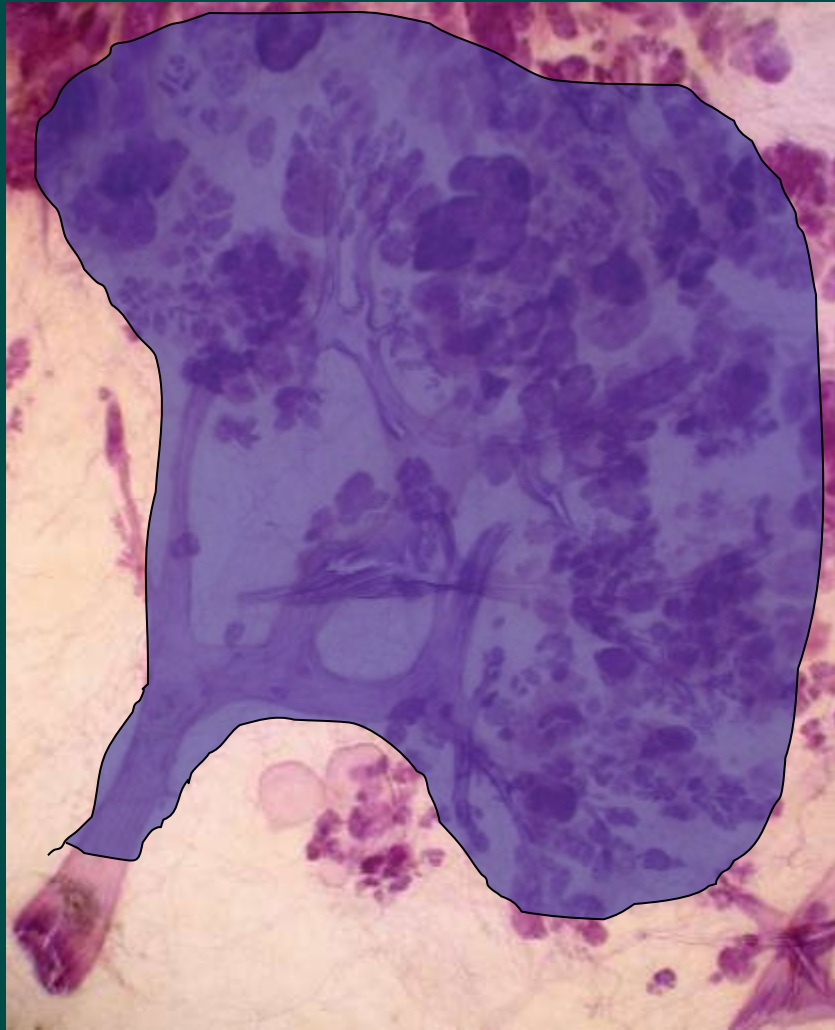
DCIS I



Malignancy
rate 50%







Invasive component

52%

33%

5%

10%

Unifocal

Multifocal

Diffuse

33%

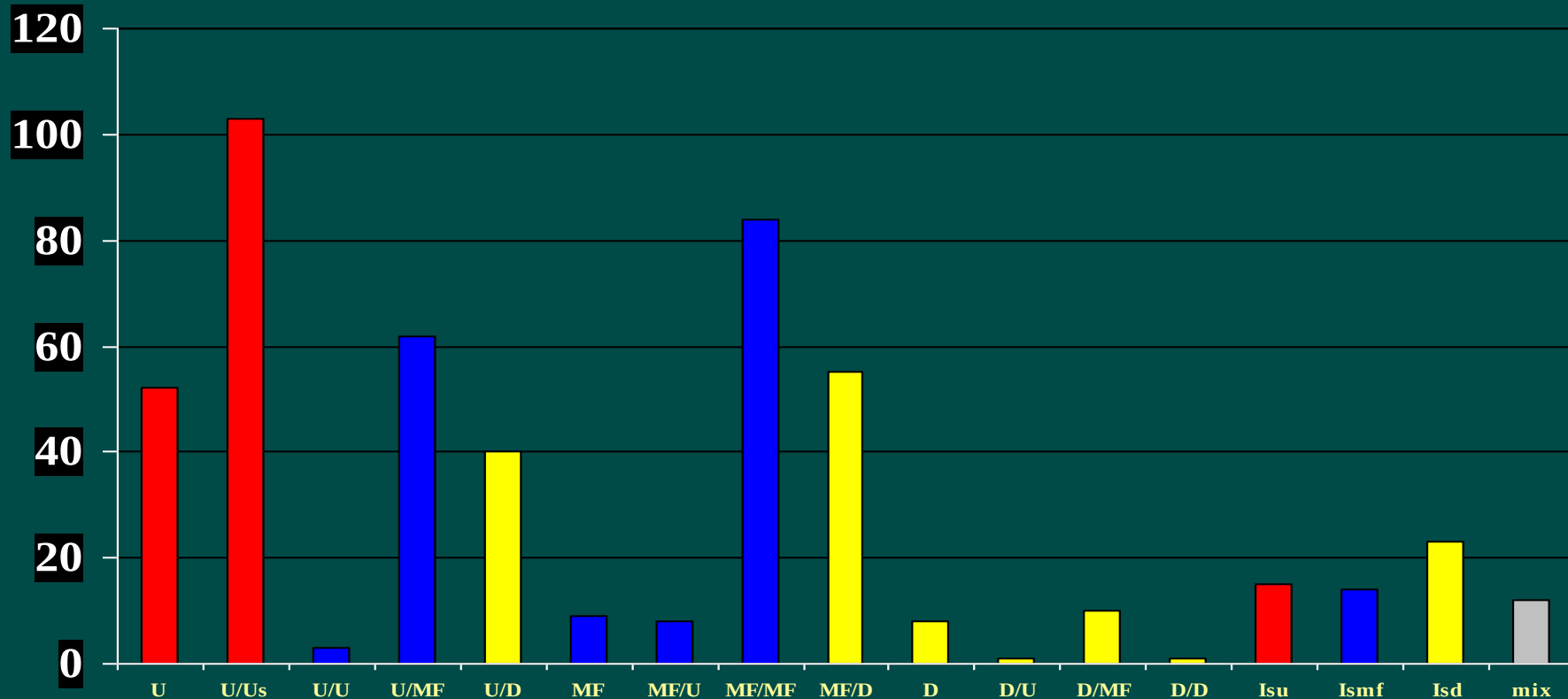
33%

24%

10%

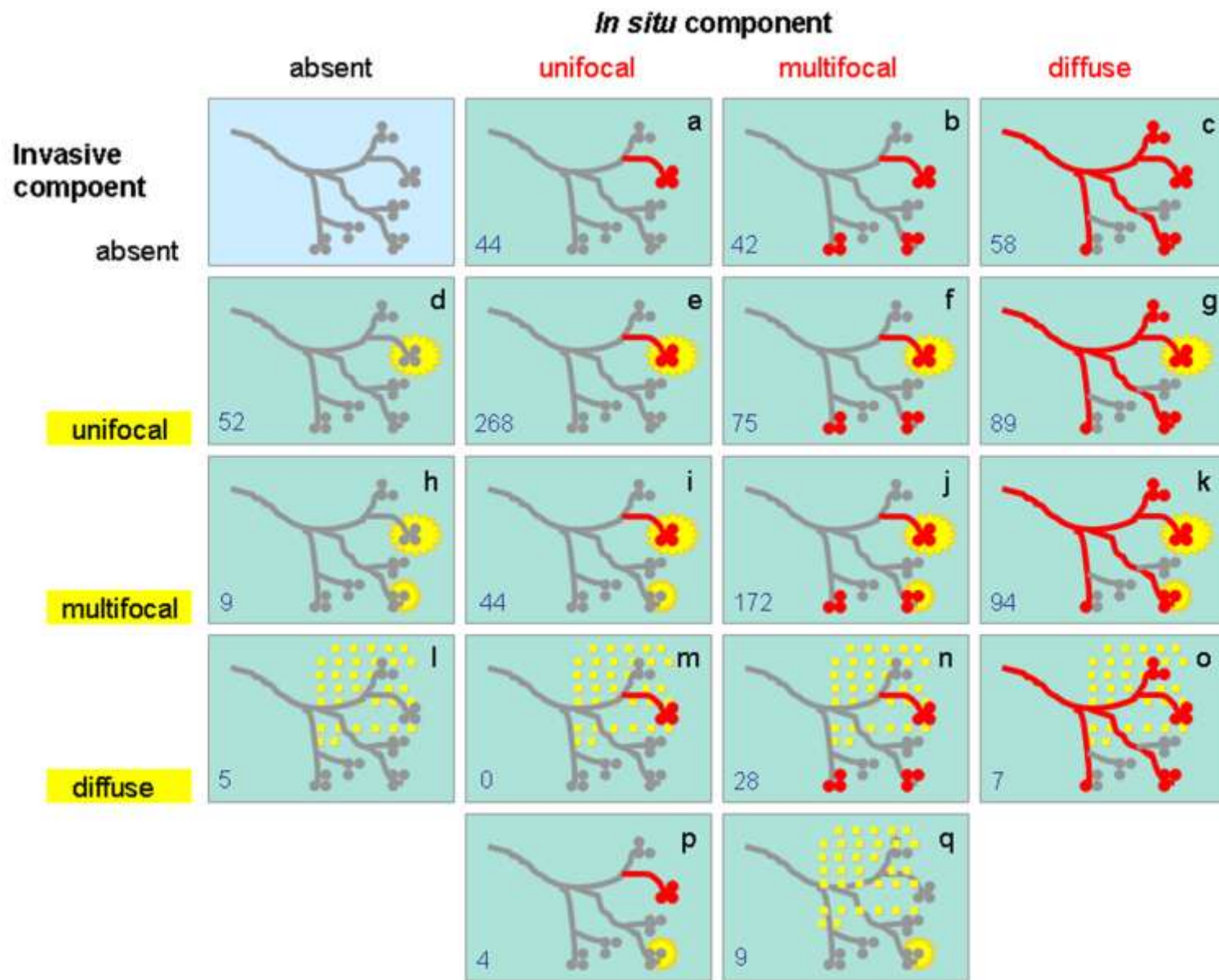
In situ component

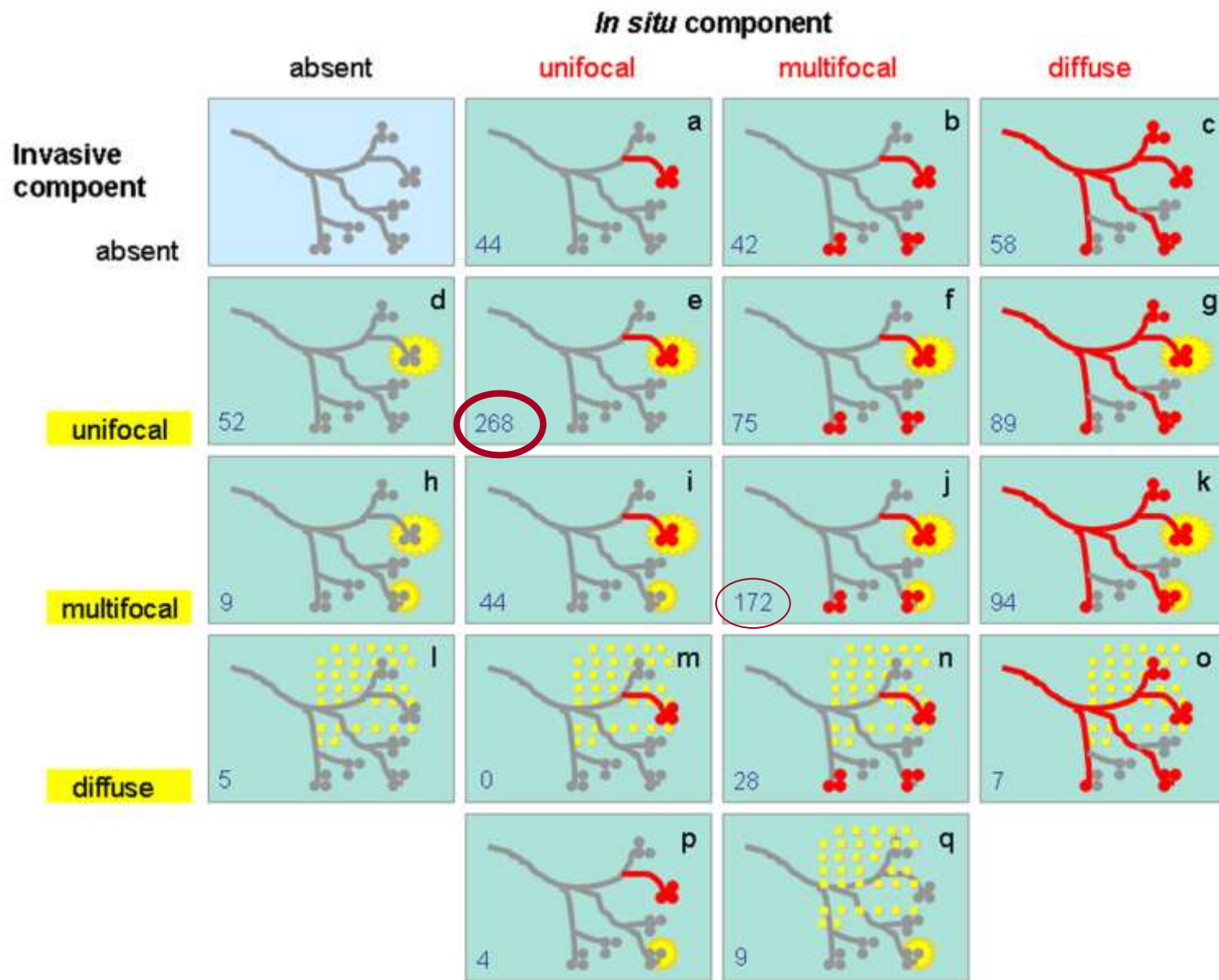
500 breast carcinomas by combined lesion distribution, Falun 2005 - 2007



Distribution of the lesions in 500 consecutive breast cancer cases documented on large-format histological sections

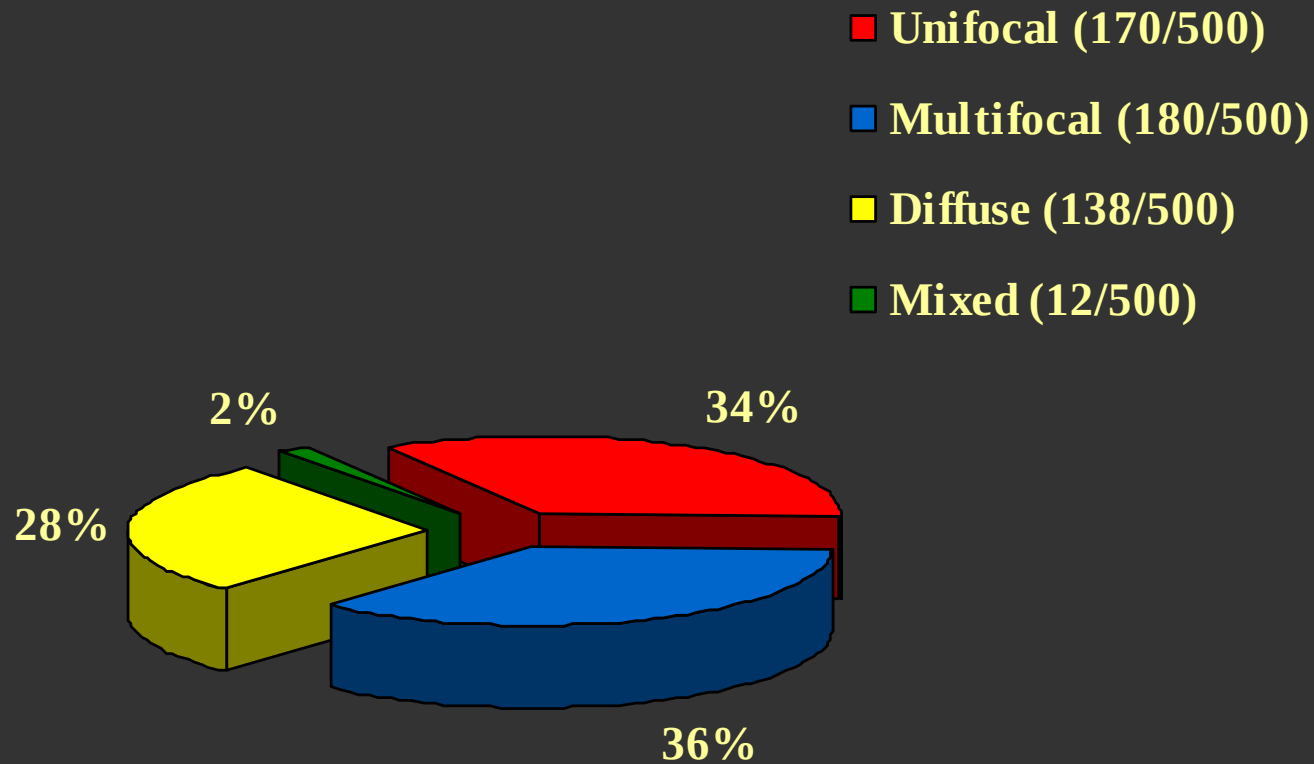
Tot T. Cancer 110:2551-60, 2007





Combined lesion distribution

T u m o r c o m p o n e n t				
In situ	I n v a s i v e			
	None	Unifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse
None	-	Unifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse
Unifocal	Unifocal	Unifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse
Multifocal	Multifocal	Multifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse
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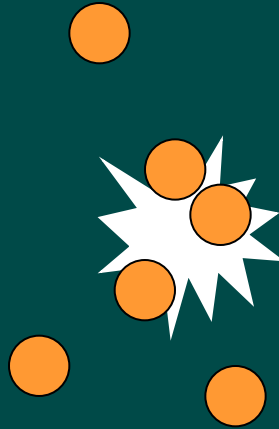


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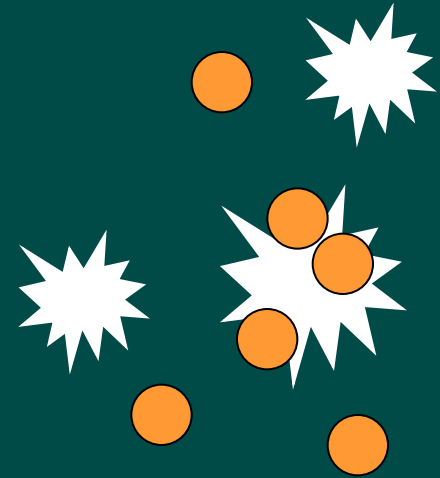
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**33%,
unifocal**



**33%,
Multifocal in situ**

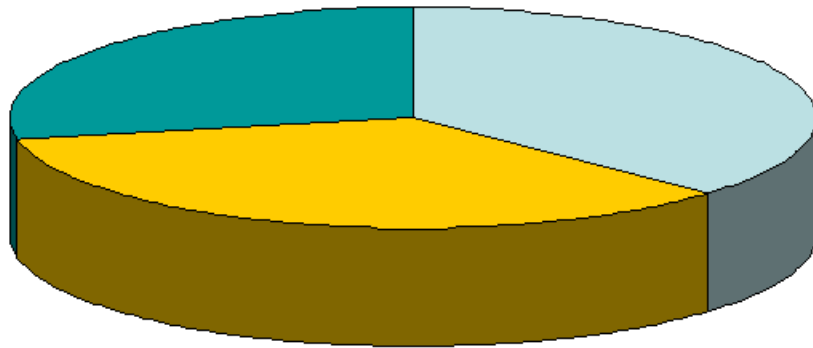


**33%,
Multifocal invasive**

Diffuse invasive 5%

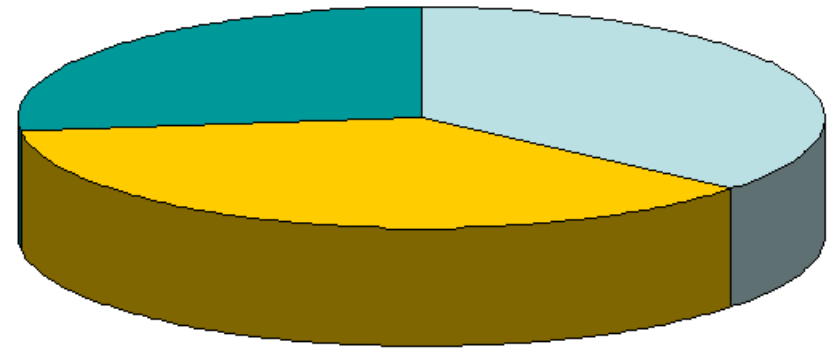
Combined (in situ + invasive) distribution of the lesions in early vs advanced invasive carcinomas, 1007 consecutive cases, Dalarna, 2005-2009

1-14 mm



■ Unifocal (36.9%, 182/493)
■ Multifocal (35.3%, 174/493)
■ Diffuse (27.8%, 137/493)

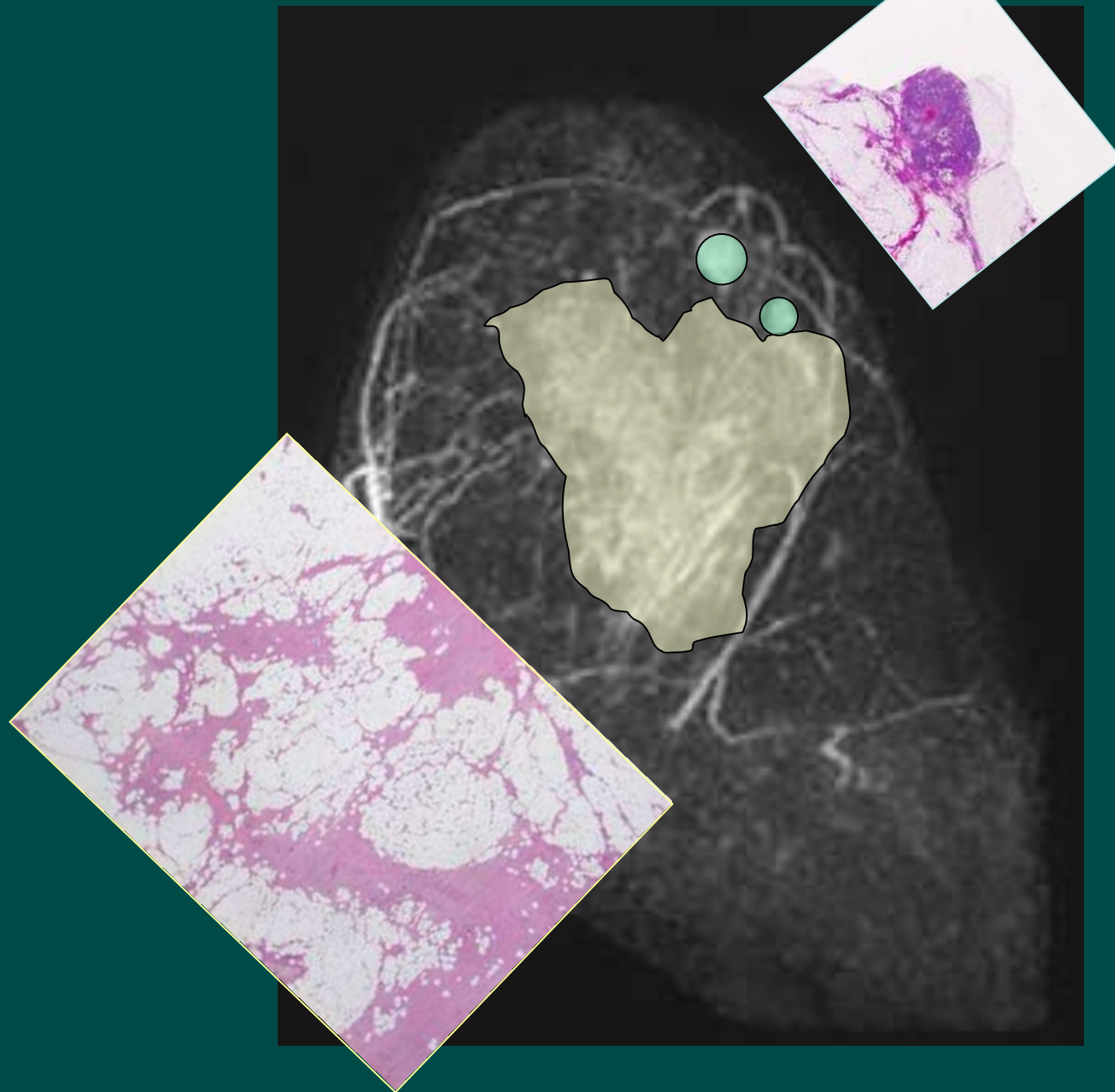
15+ mm



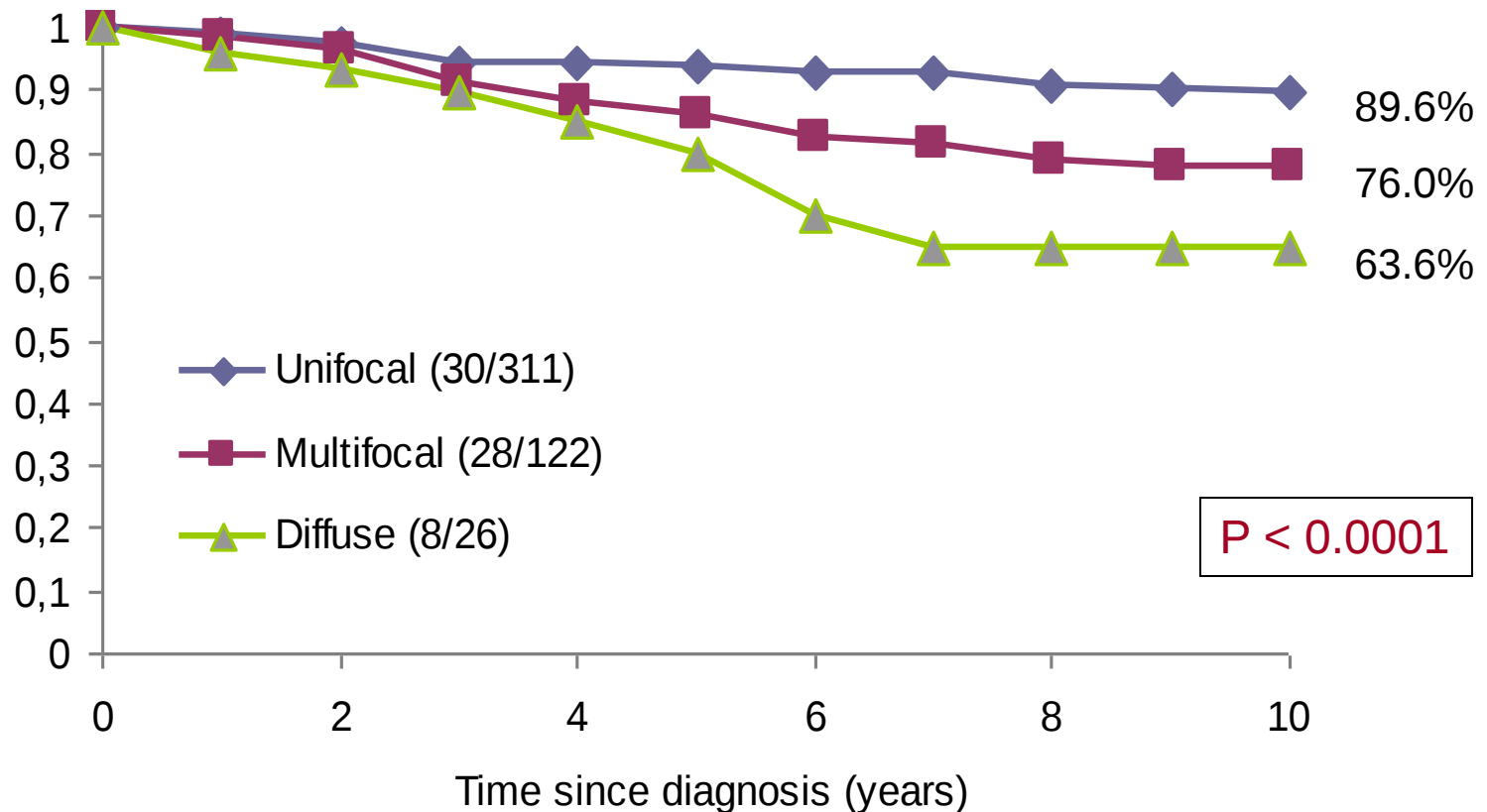
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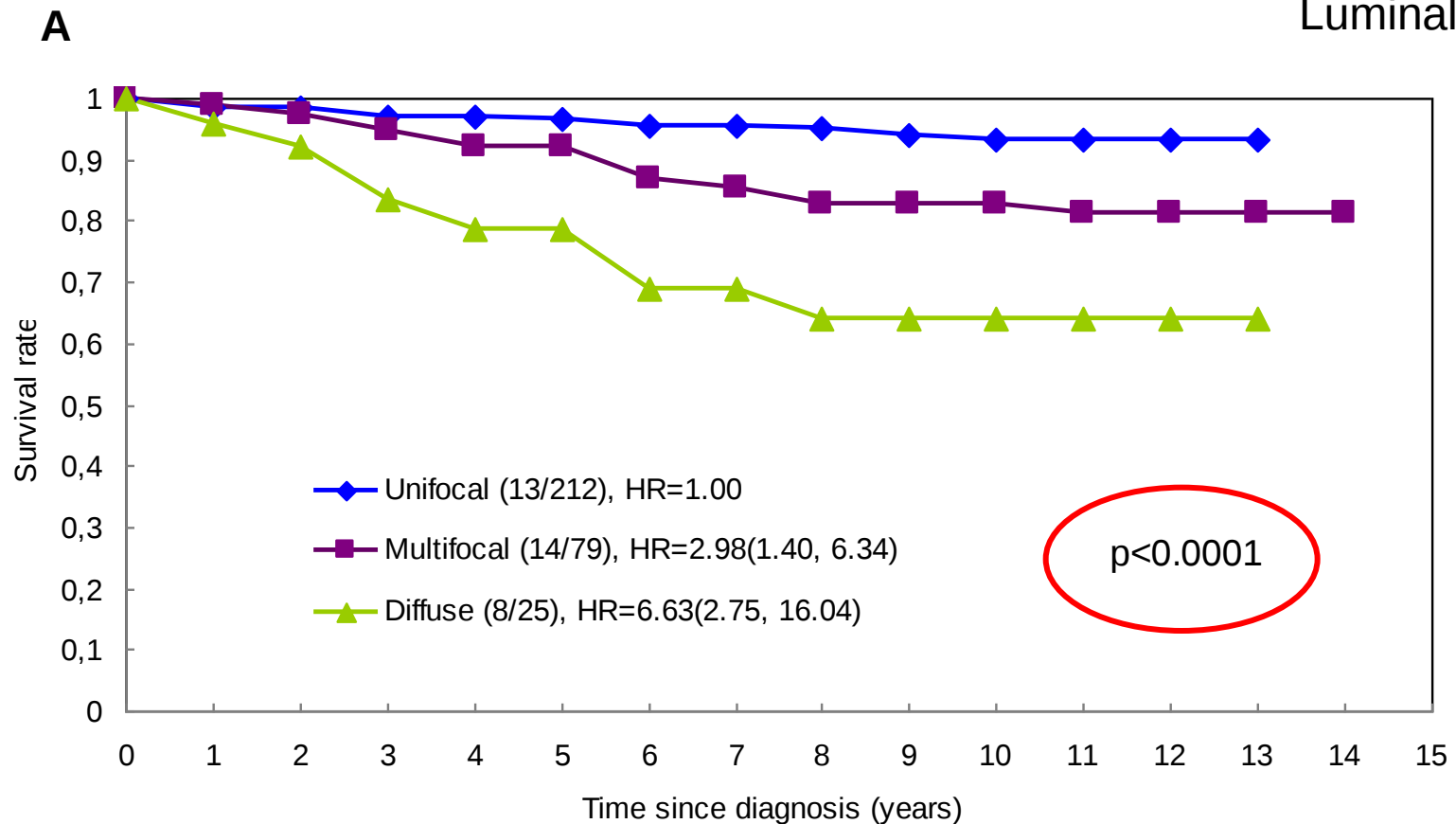


Cumulative survival in 499 invasive breast carcinoma cases by distribution of the **invasive component**, Falun, 1996-1998



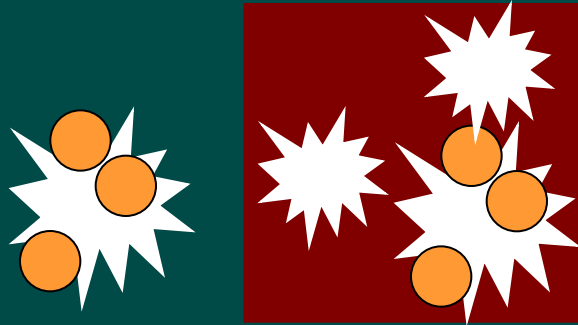
Distribution unknown in 40 cases

Luminal A

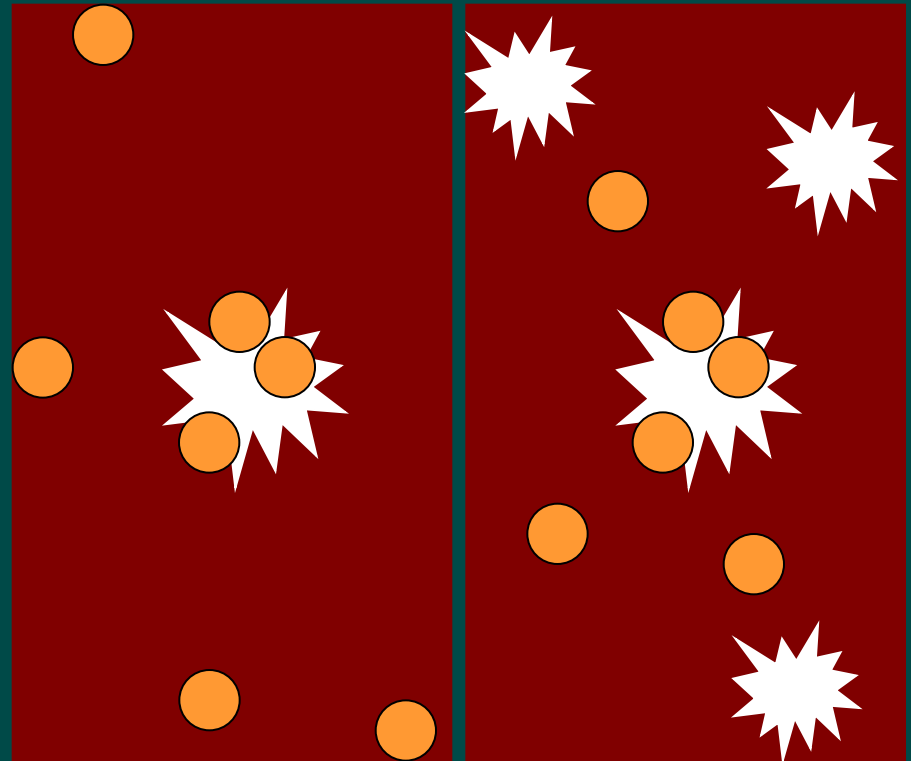


Cumulative disease-specific survival in 444 consecutive invasive breast carcinoma cases by subgross lesion distribution and molecular phenotypes in
A) 316 luminal A cancers

Pekár G et al Cancer, in press



55%
Unifocal eller multifocal,
limited extent



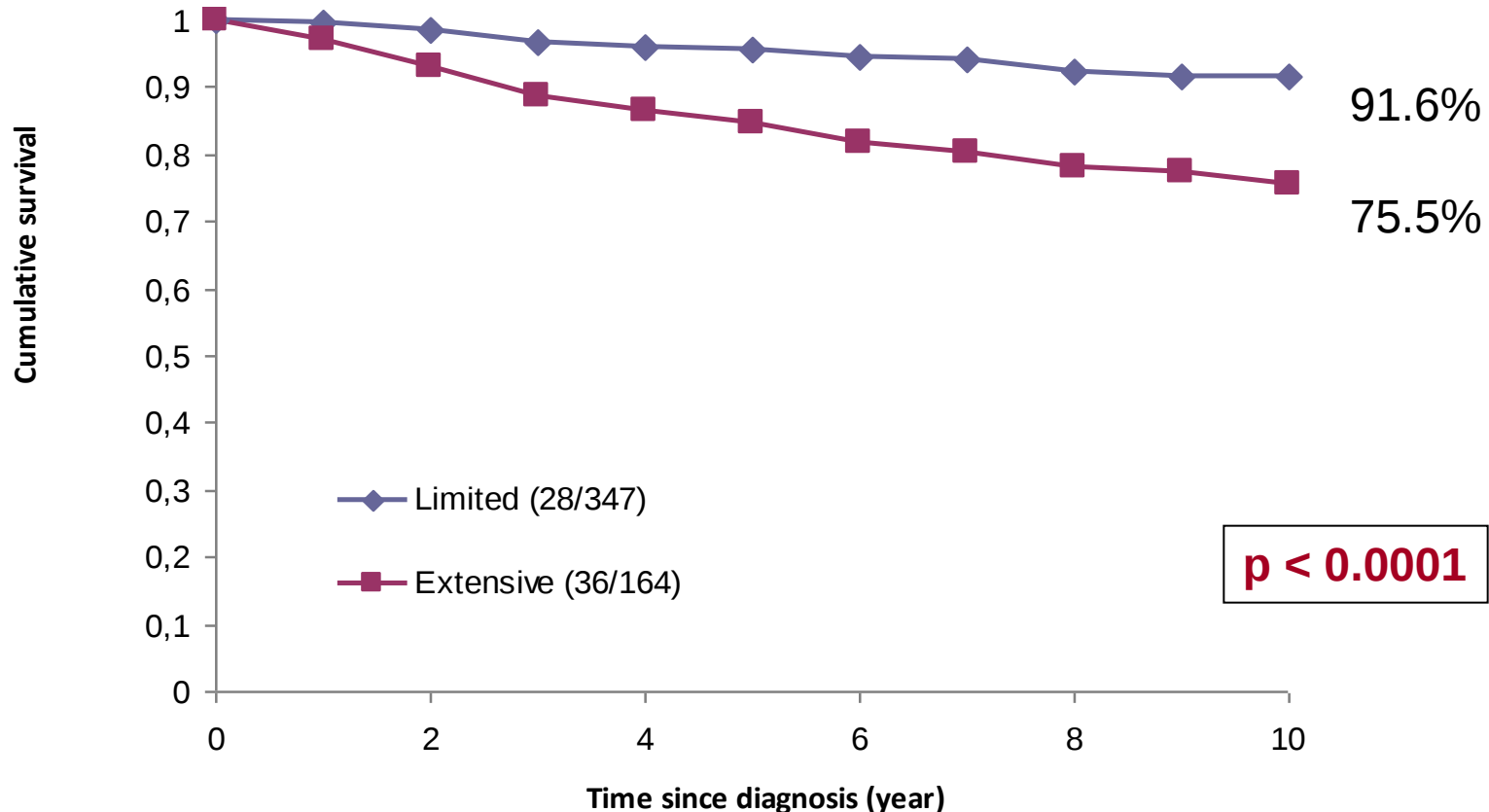
45%
M u l t i f o c a l, diffuse
extensive

	Extensive tumors ≥ 4 cm	Non-extensive tumors <4cm	Total	Relative risk	Significance level
Mastectomy	7.3% (9/124)	9.3% (8/86)	8.1% (17/210)	RR=0.7802 (CI: 0.3135- 1.9429)	P=0.5937
Breast Conserving Surgery	20.5% (9/44)	7.4% (20/269)	8.9% (29/313)	RR=2.7511 (CI:1.3401-5.6478)	P=0.0058
Sum	10.7% (18/168)	7.9% (28/355)	8.6% (46/523)	RR=1.3584 (CI: 0.7736- 2.3852)	P=0.2862
Relative risk	RR=2.8182 (CI: 1.1955- 6.6435)	RR=1.2512 (CI: 0.5717- 2.7380)	RR=0.8737 (CI:0.4928- 1.5490)		
Significance level	P=0.0179	P=0.5749	P=0.6440		

Ipsilateral local recurrence rates by disease extent and type of surgery:
extensive tumor defined as those occupying an area 4 cm or larger in
greatest dimension. Falun, 1996-98, 10-year follow-up results.

Tot T. Int J Breast Cancer 2011

Cumulative survival in a consecutive series of 574 newly diagnosed breast cancer cases by the extent of the disease, Falun 1996-1998

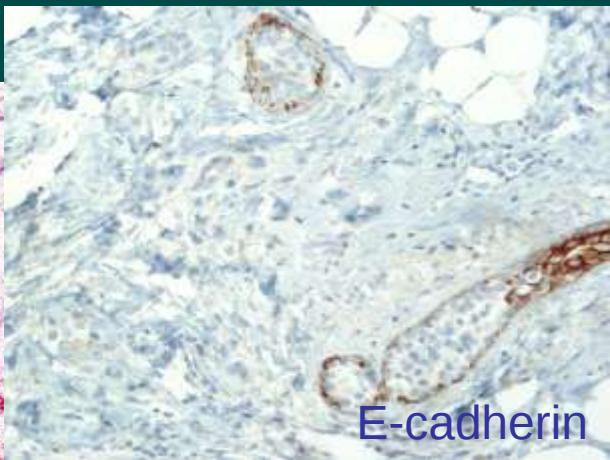


Extensive = extent ≥ 40 mm, limited extent < 40 mm, unknown in 63 cases

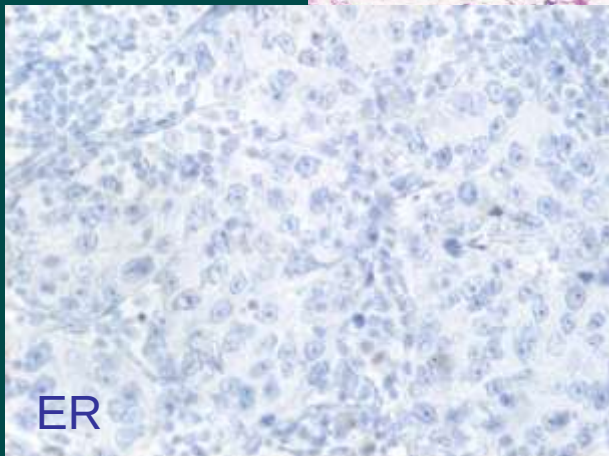
Tot T et al: Breast cancer multifocality, disease extent, and survival.
Human Pathology 2011;42:1761-9



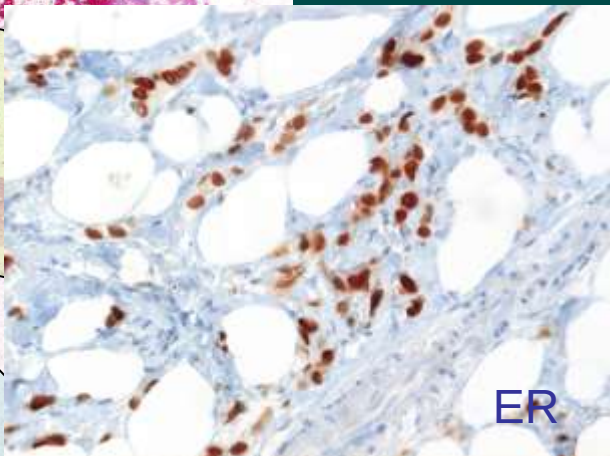
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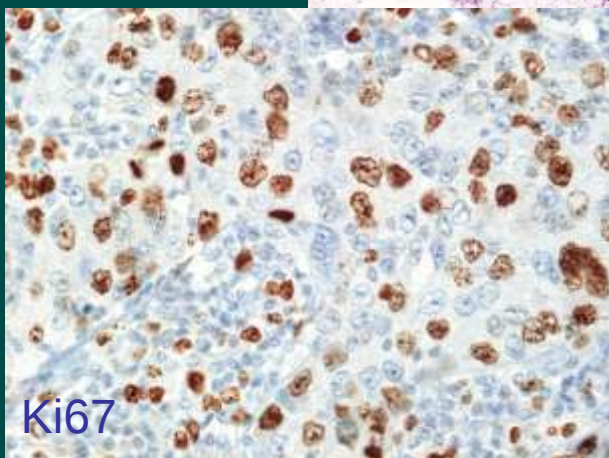
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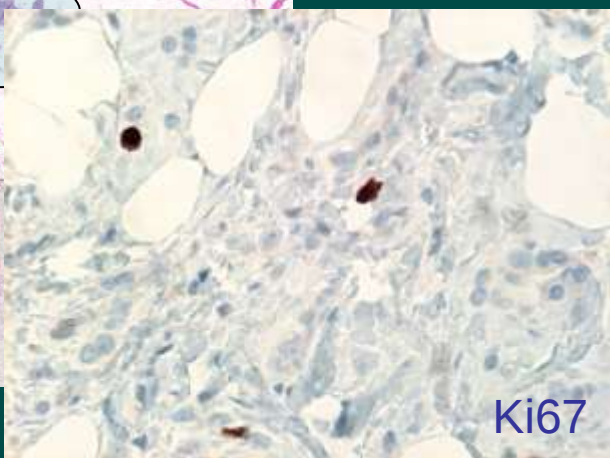
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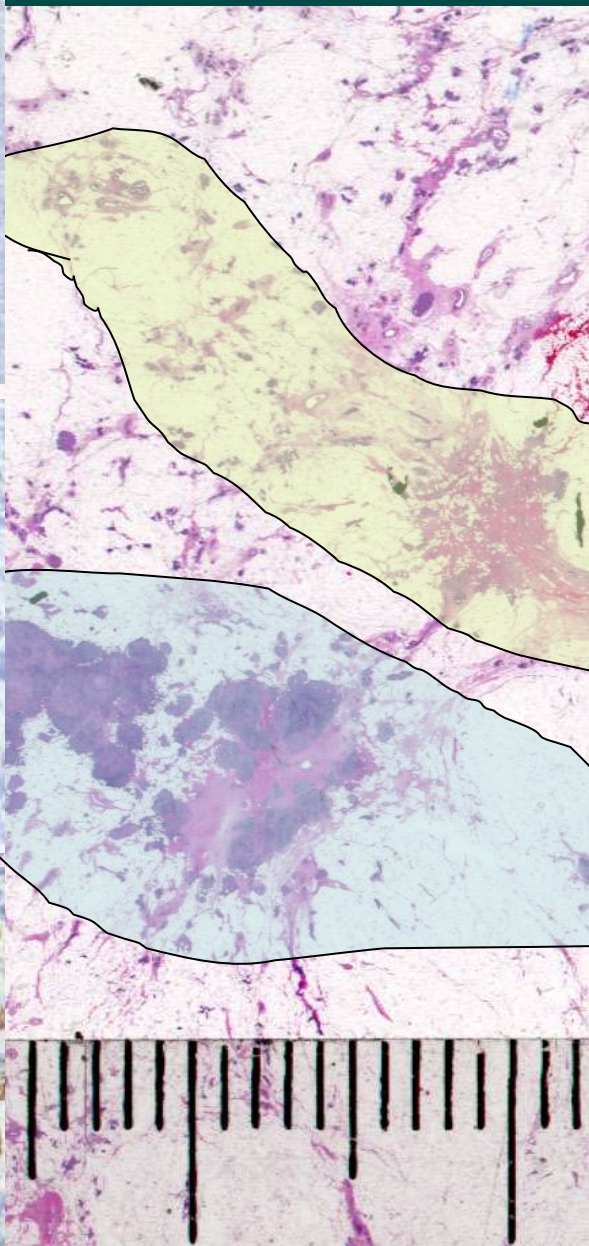
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Ki67



Ki67



When describing malignant lesions in the breast, the following morphologic parameters should be listed (independent of the used imaging method):

- the distribution of the lesions (as unifocal, multifocal or diffuse) separately for invasive and in situ lesions,
- the extent of the disease (representing the whole area including all the invasive, in situ and intravascular malignant structures),
- the size of the tumor corresponding to the largest diameter of the largest individual invasive tumor focus,
- evidence for intratumoral or intertumoral heterogeneity.

**It is far not sufficient
to preoperatively verify malignancy;**

**lesion distribution,
disease extent,
localization,
tumor size,
tumor stage**

**should also be assessed
for adequate therapeutic decision**

**There are no indications for
frozen section
on breast tissue
in modern breast pathology!**

Preoperative conference

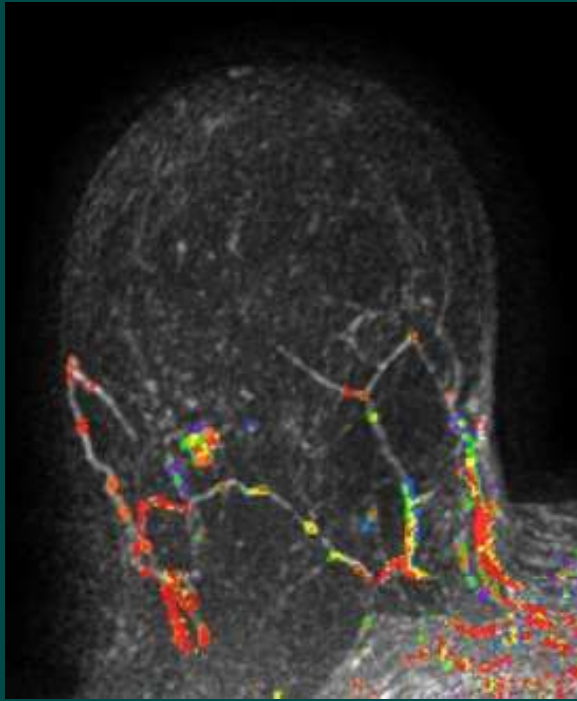


Radiological – pathological correlation

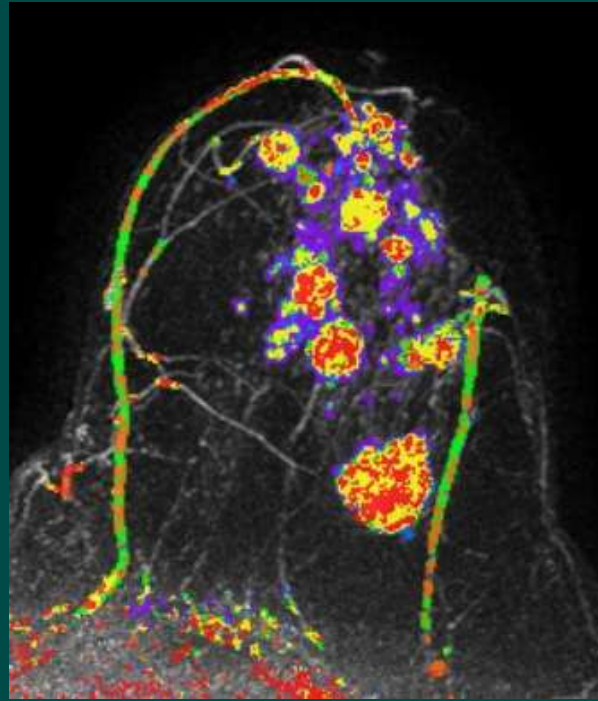
Preoperative interdisciplinary consensus diagnosis

- Benign or malignant (suspicious)
- In situ or invasive
- Tumor size
- Unifocal, multifocal or diffuse
- Extensive or of limited extent
- Position within the breast

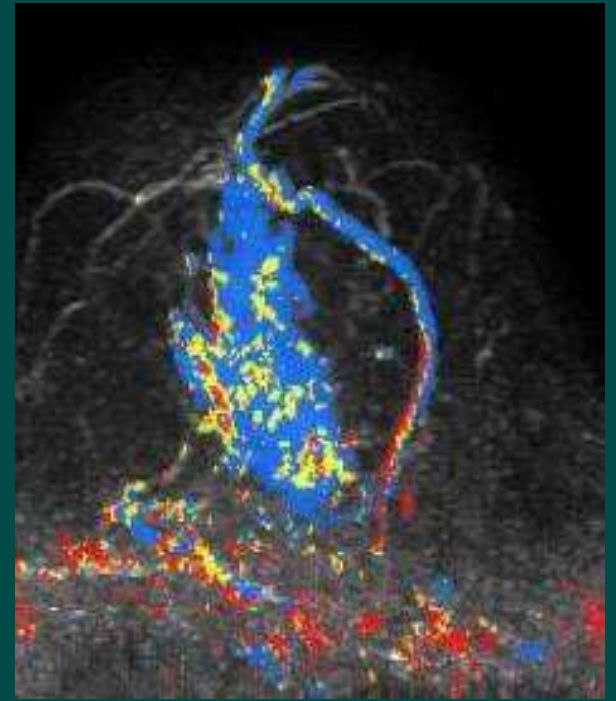
Lobular invasive, high-grade invasive,
associated high - grade in situ component



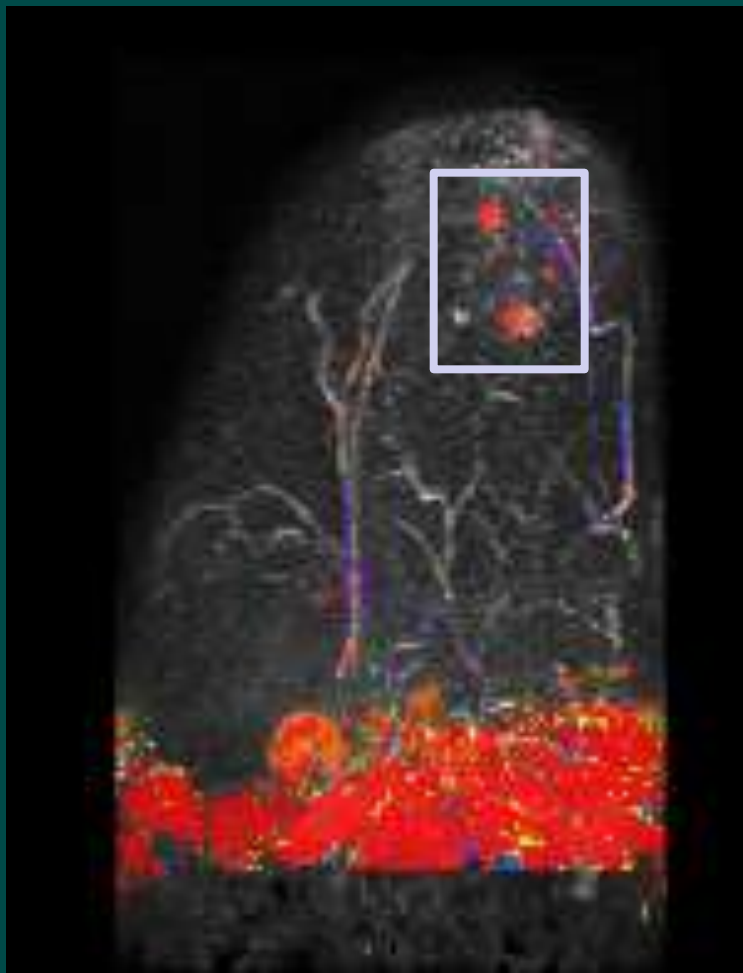
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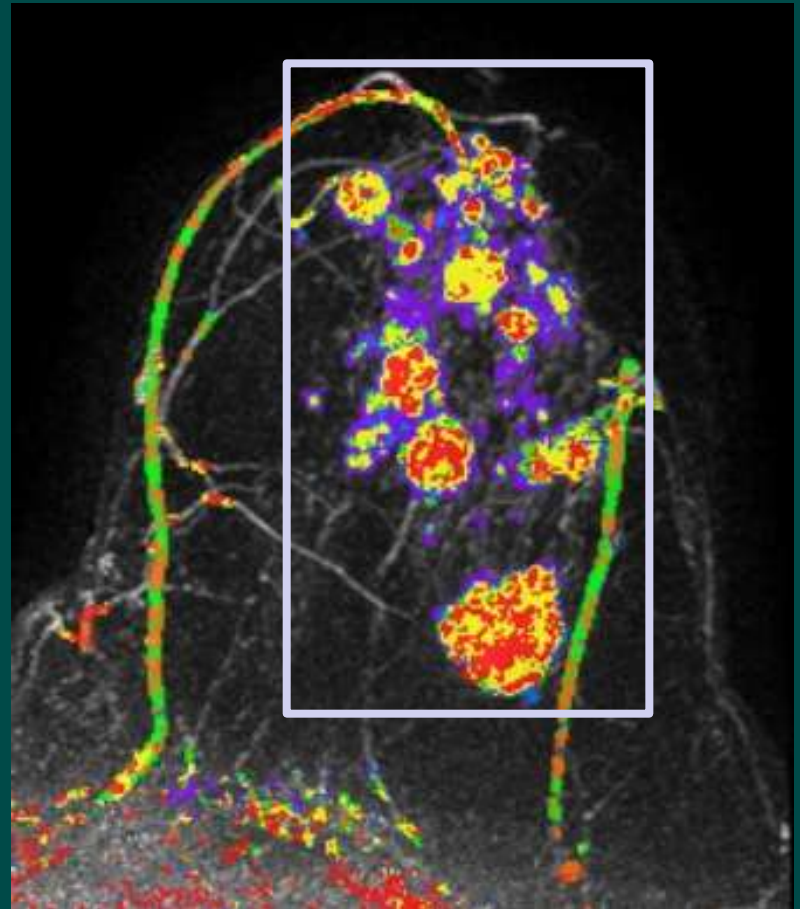
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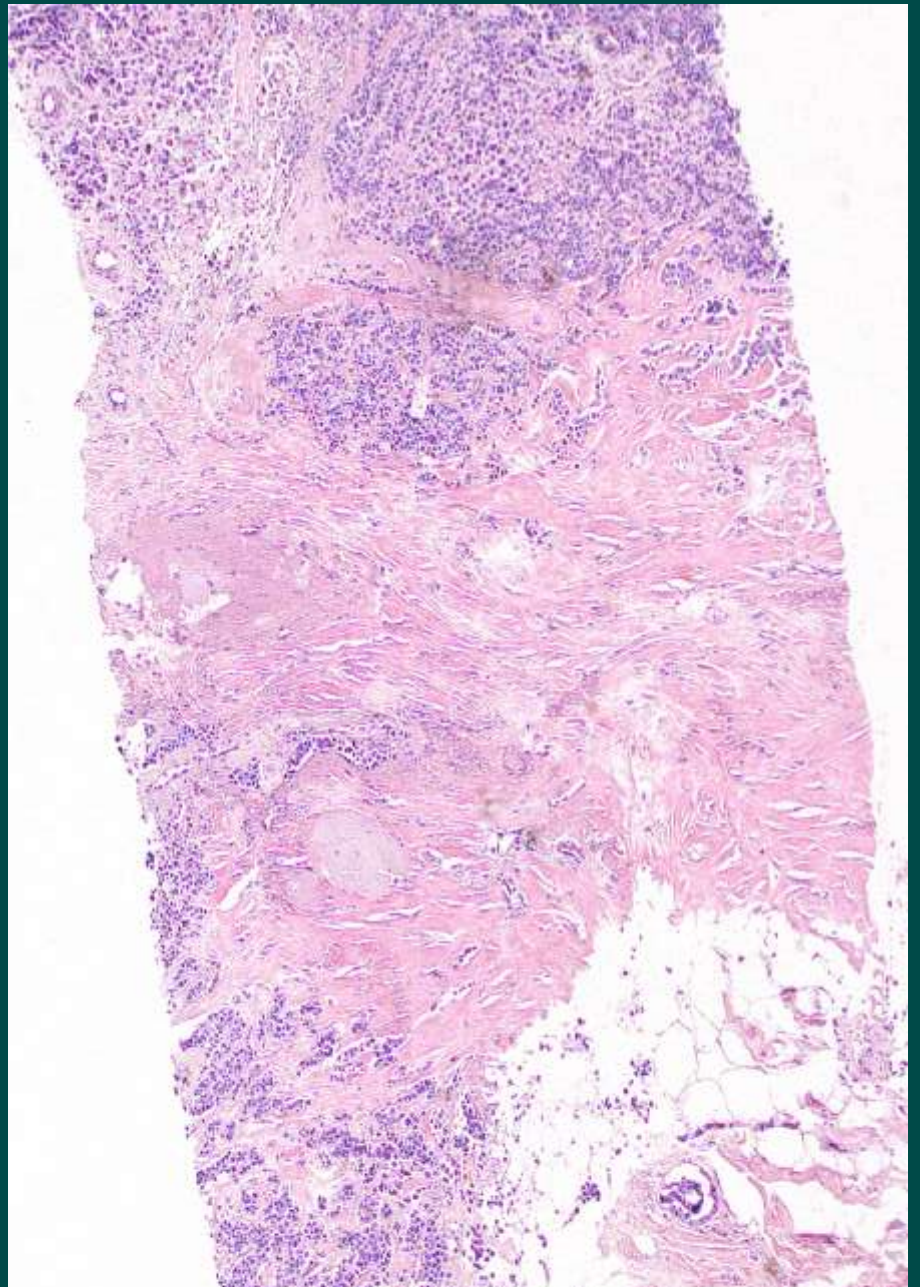
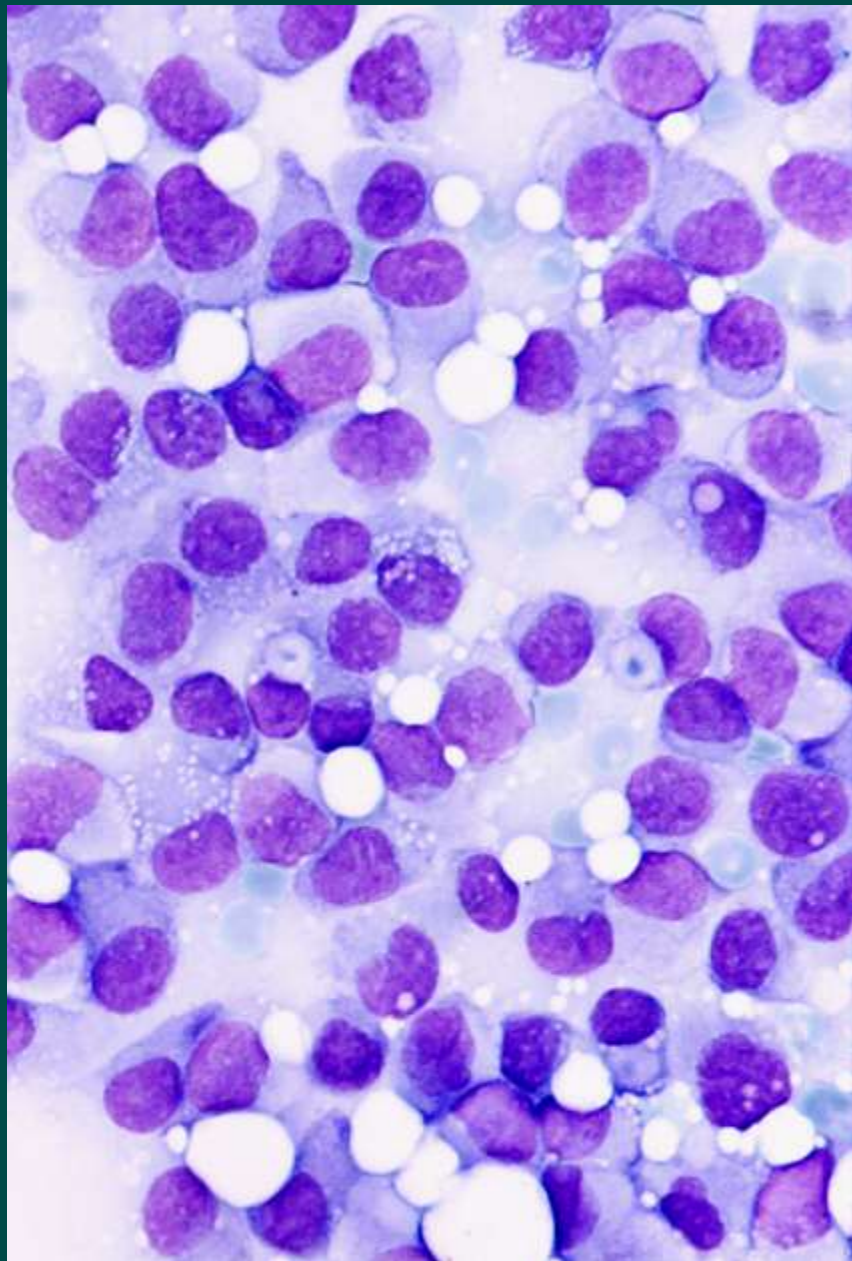
Diffuse



Limited extent < 4 cm



Extensive ≥ 4 cm



Preoperative diagnosis: **planning**

- ❑ Mammografic – pathologic correlation
- ❑ **The experience with different biopsy modalities (advantages and disadvantages)**
- ❑ The clinical situation and the radiologic image

FNAB - categories

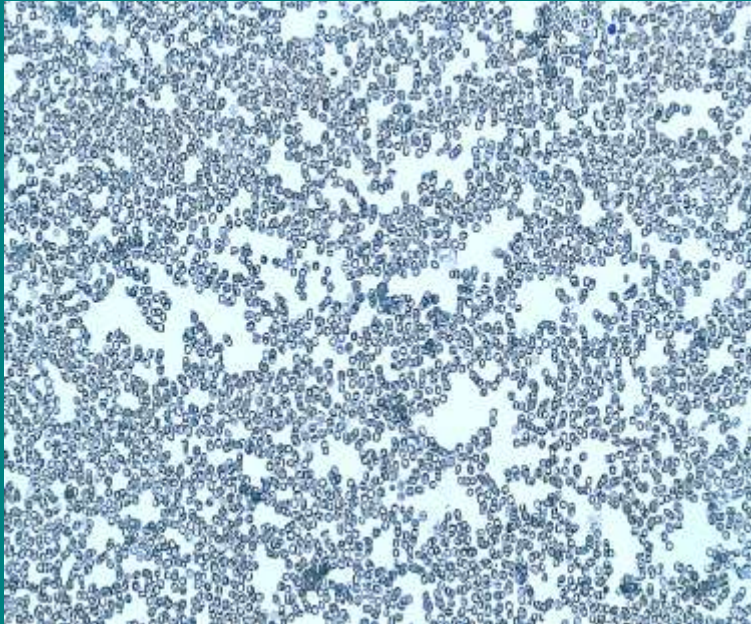
- 1. unsatisfactory
- 2. benign
- 3. atypia. probably benign
- 4. suspicious for malignancy
- 5. malignant

European guidelines...

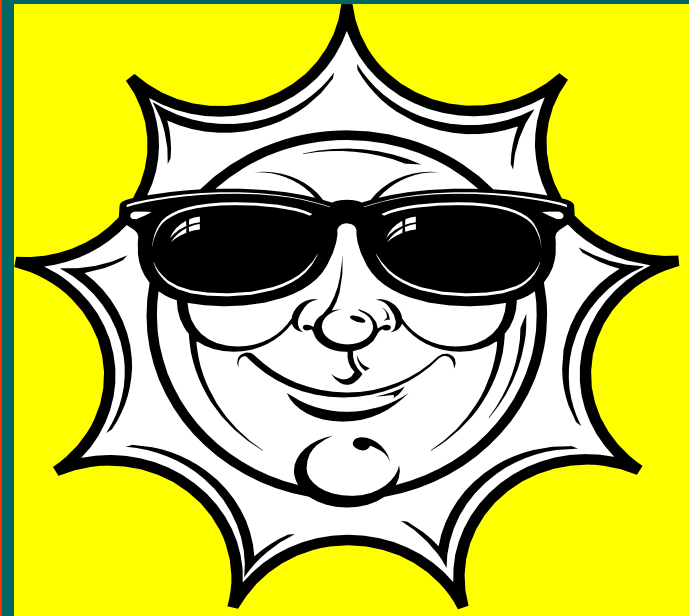
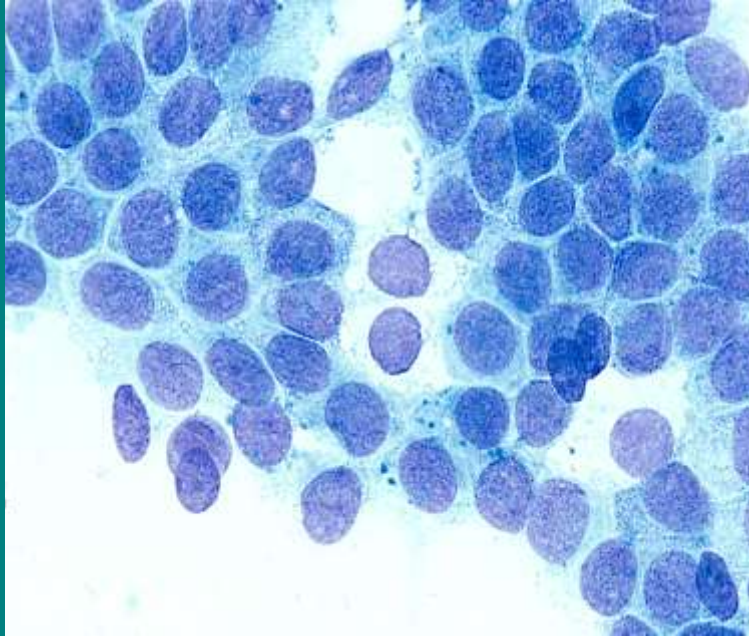
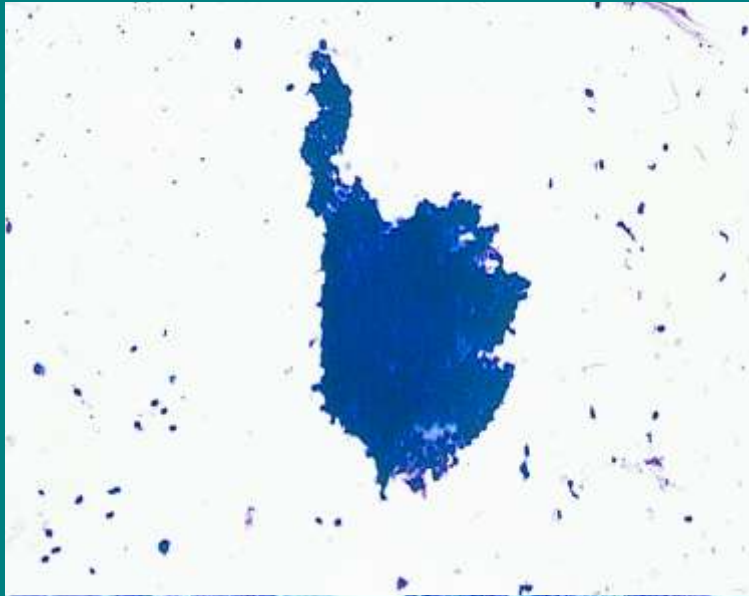
- I not performed
- II insufficient material
- III benign
- IV suspicious
- V malignant

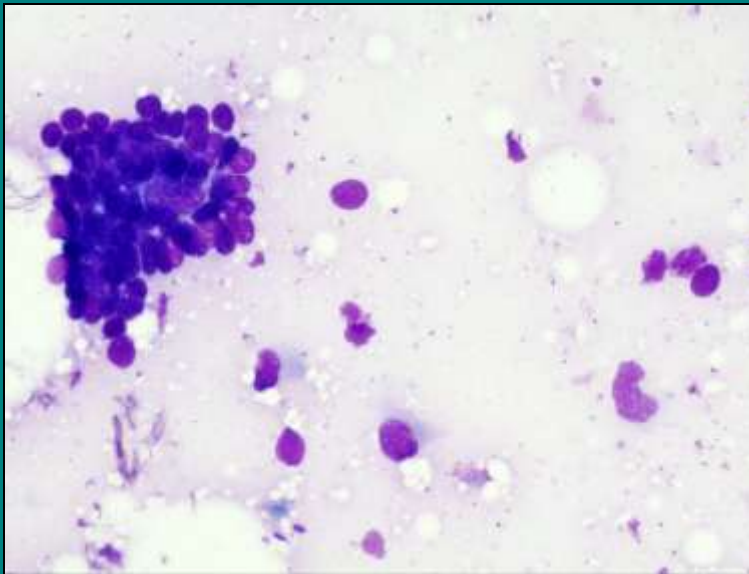
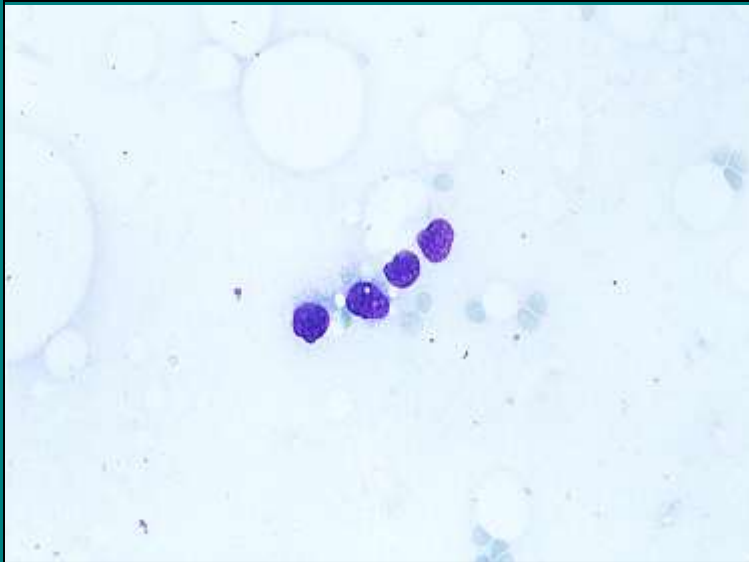
*“unsatisfactory
benign
suspicious.”*

II insufficient material



III benign

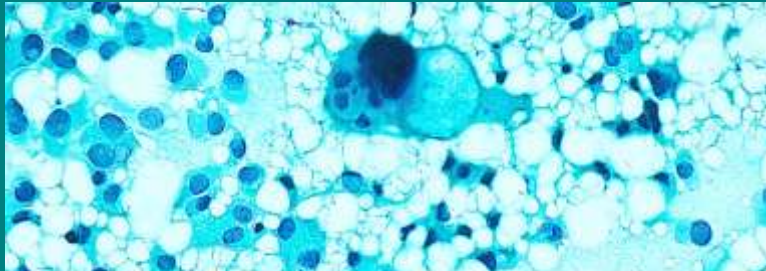
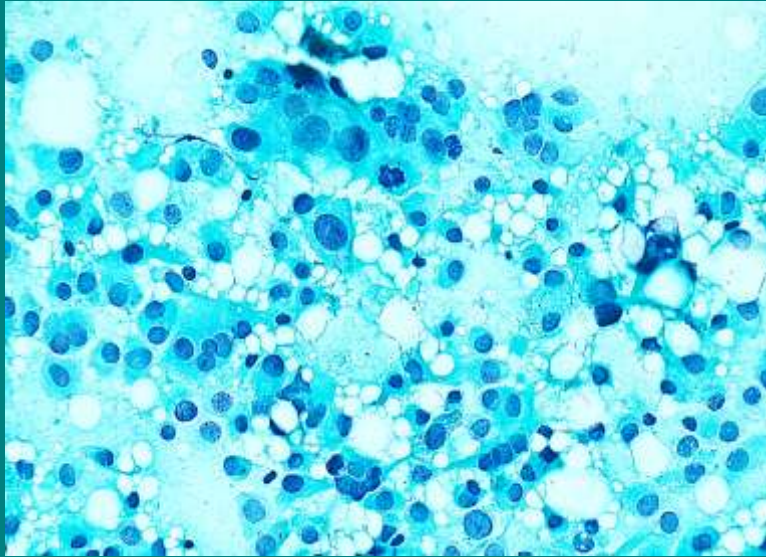




IV suspicious



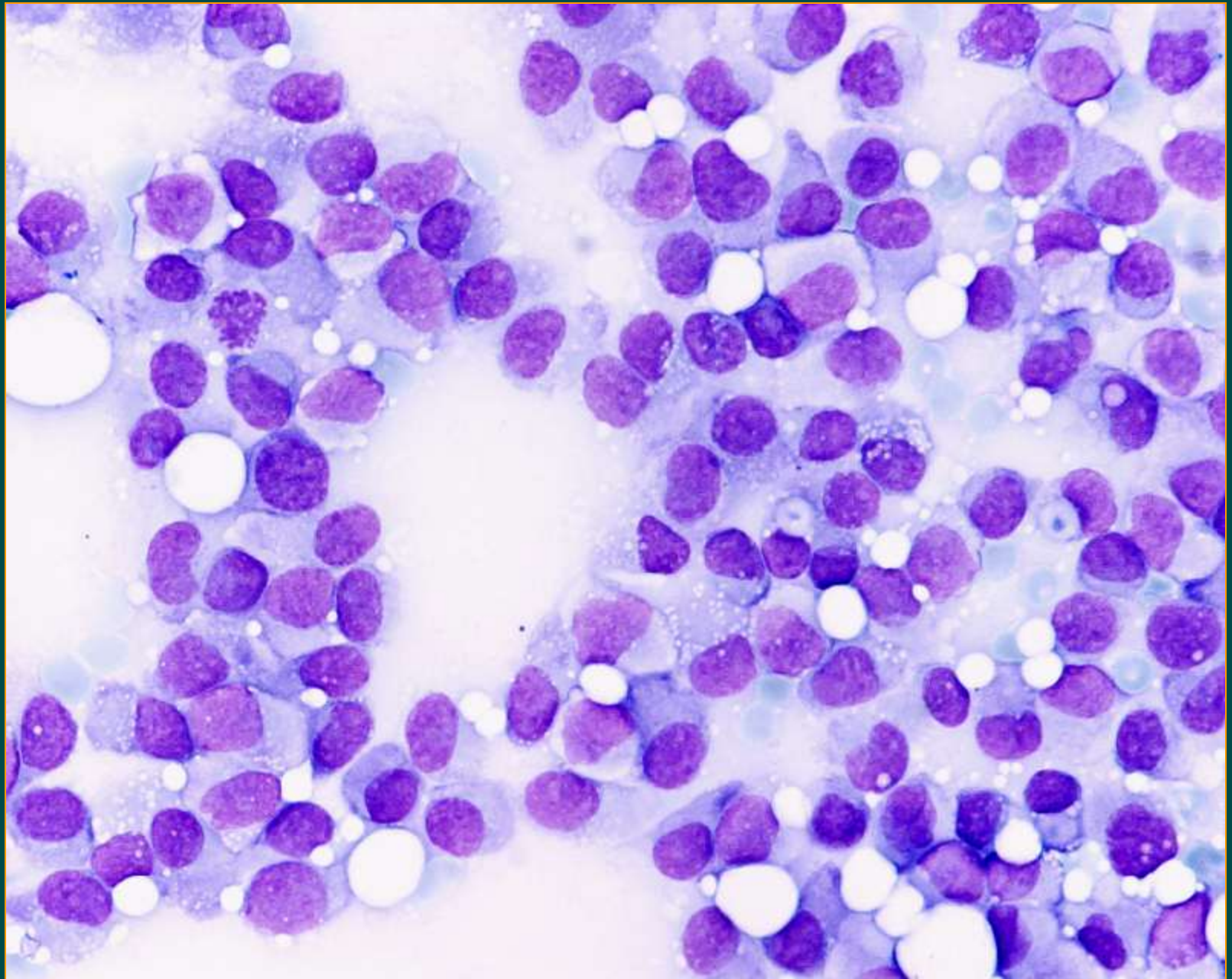
V malignant



” The interpreter should feel at ease in making such a diagnosis”

J Sloane



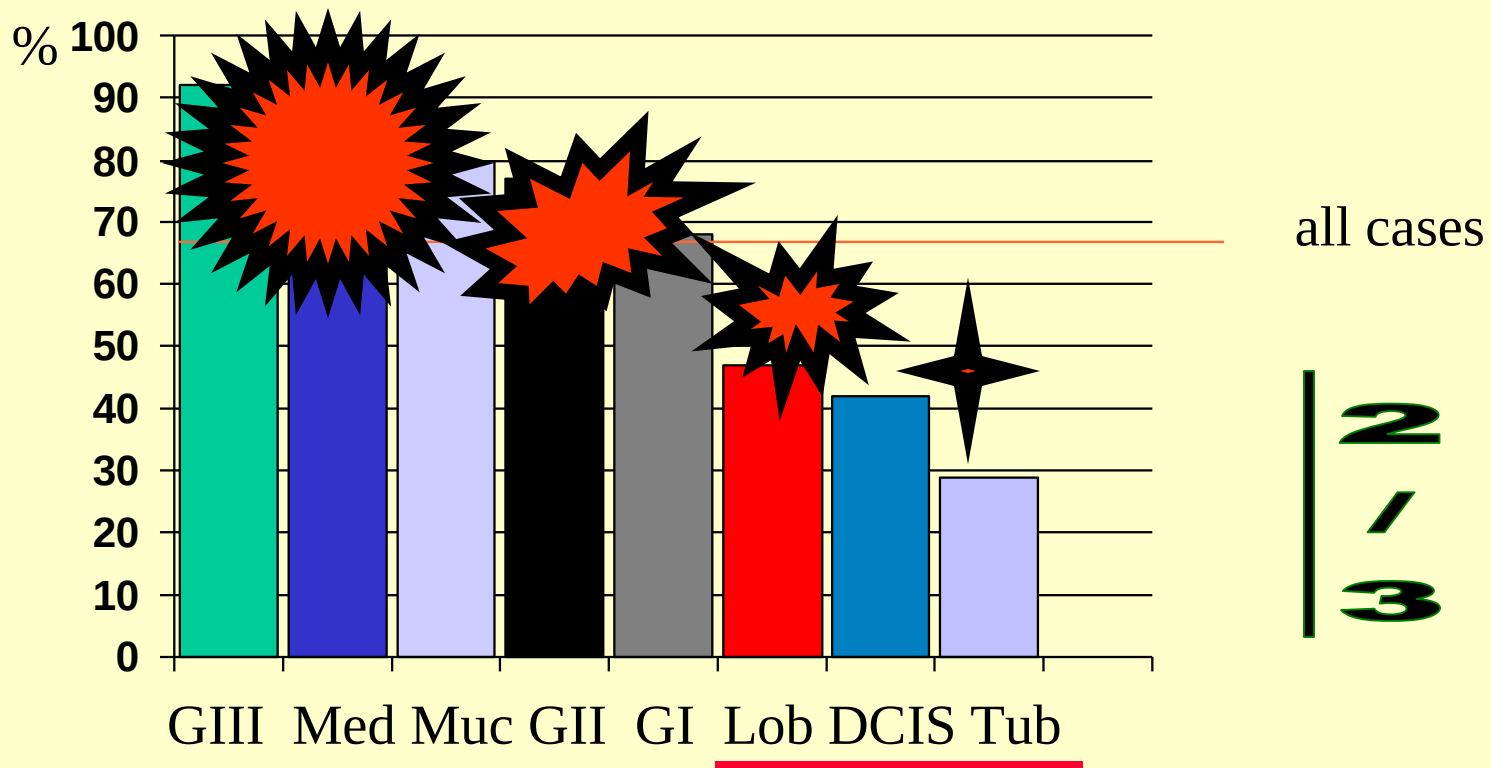


Cytological criteria

	Benign	Malignant
cellularity	-	+
myoepithelium	+	-
cochesiveness	+	-
atypia	-	+

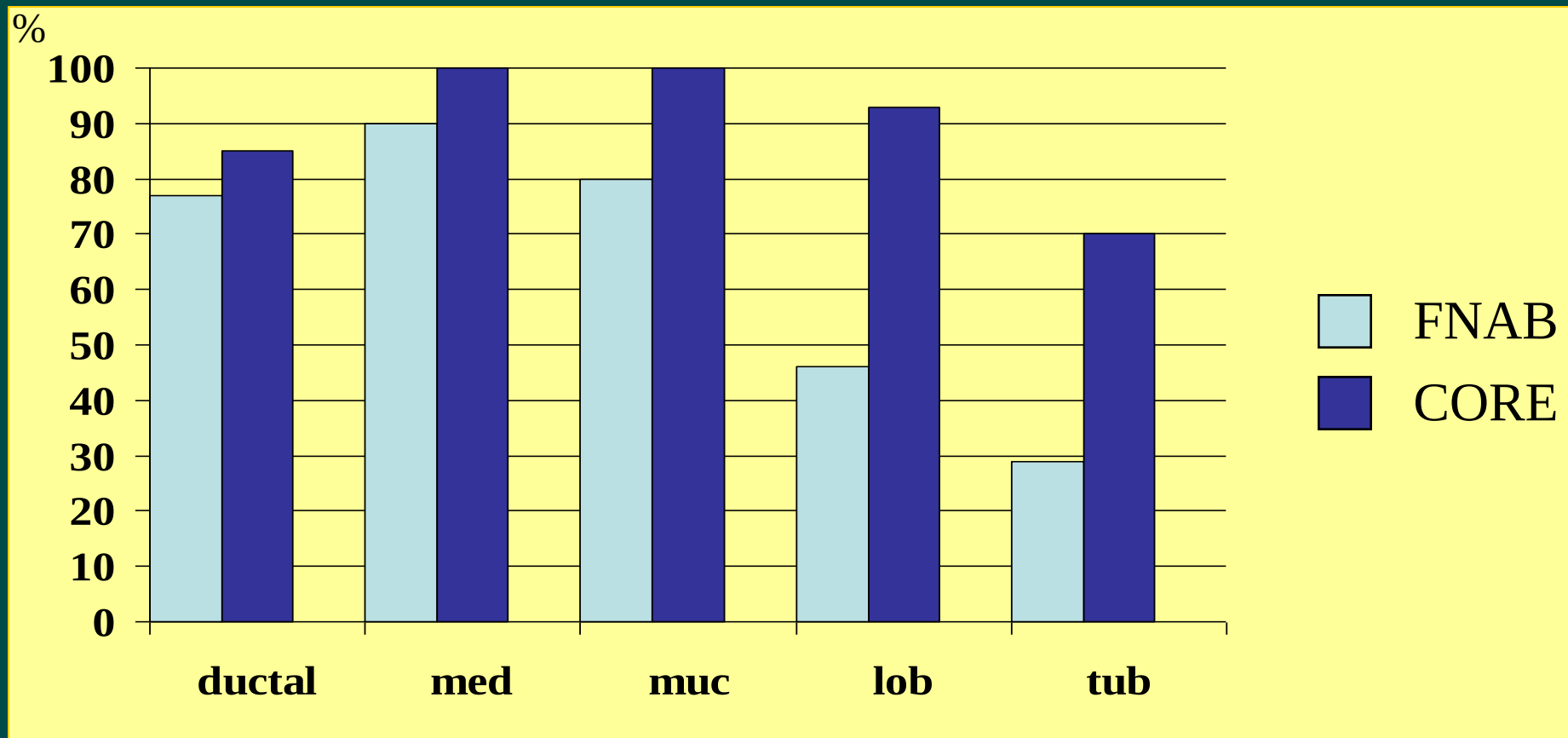
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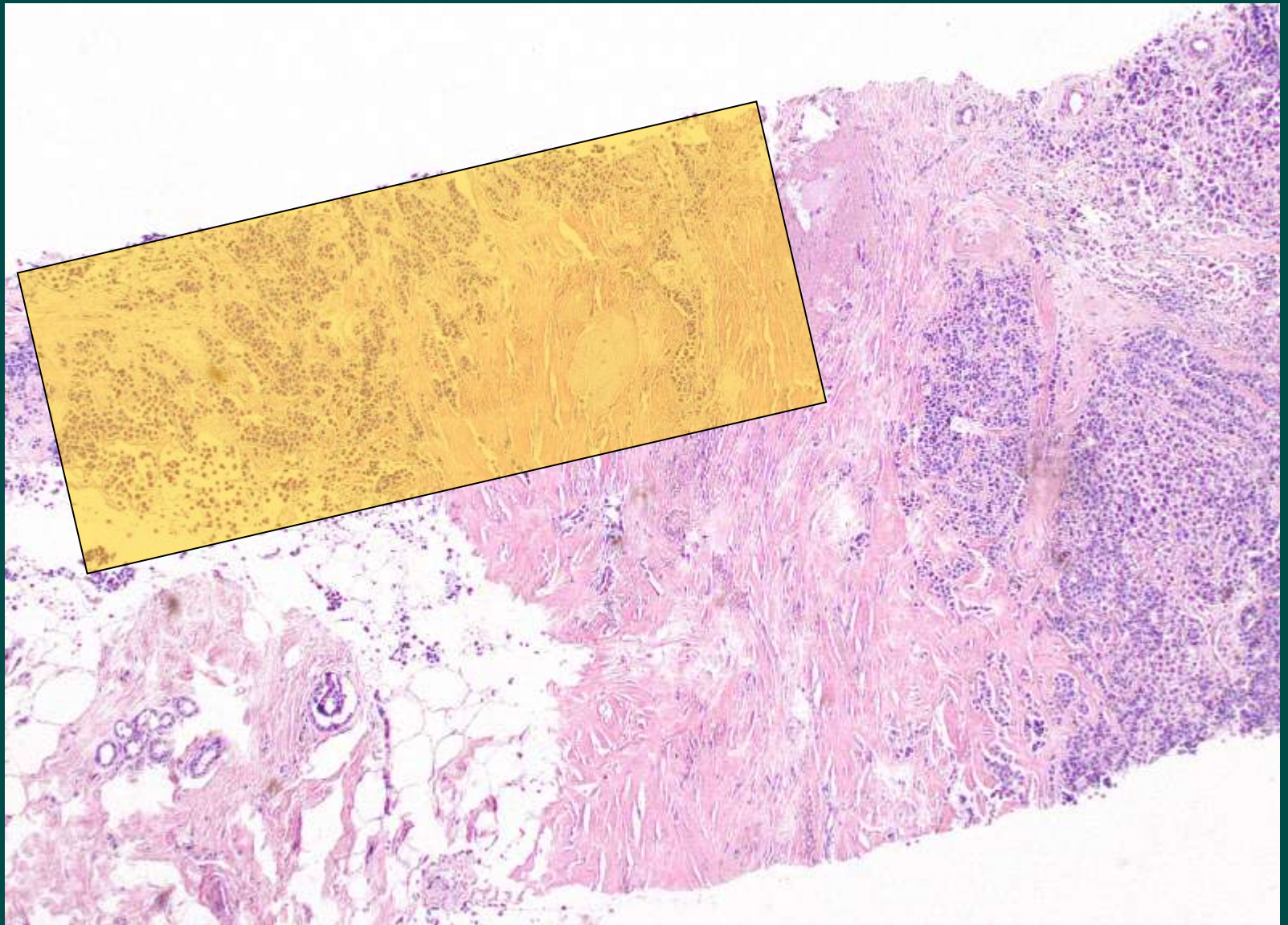
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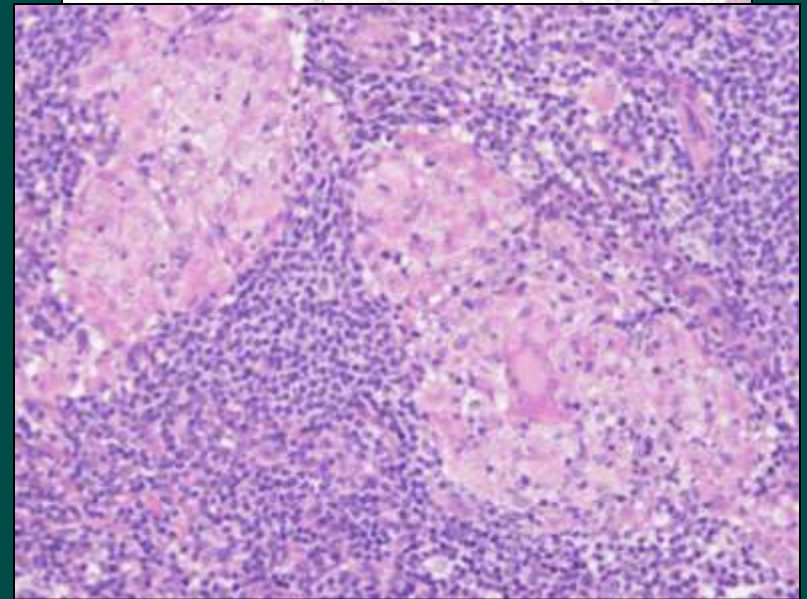
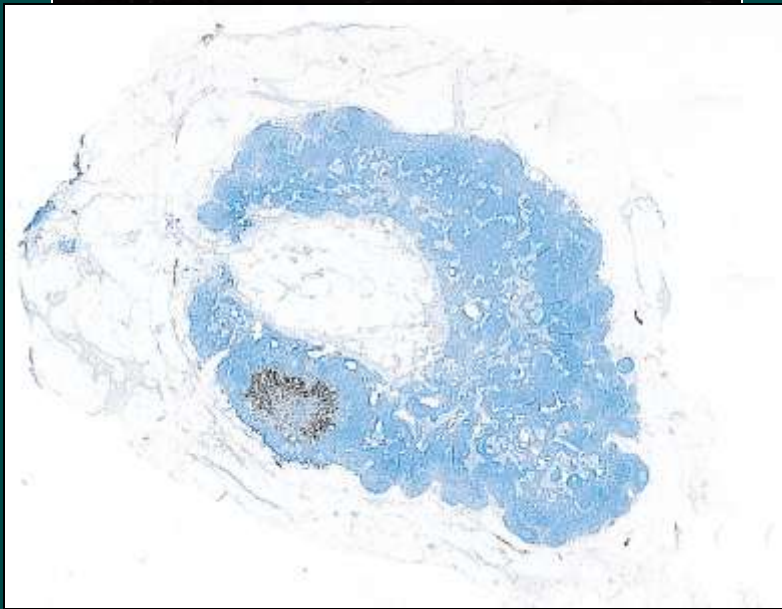
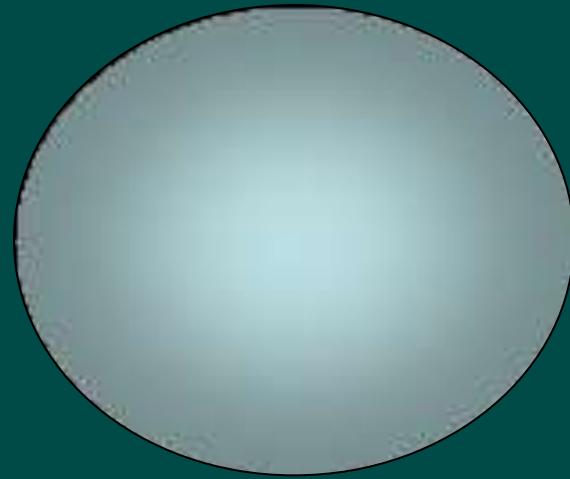
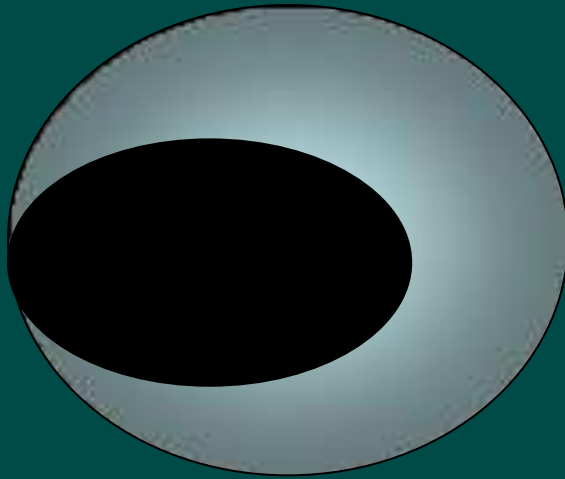


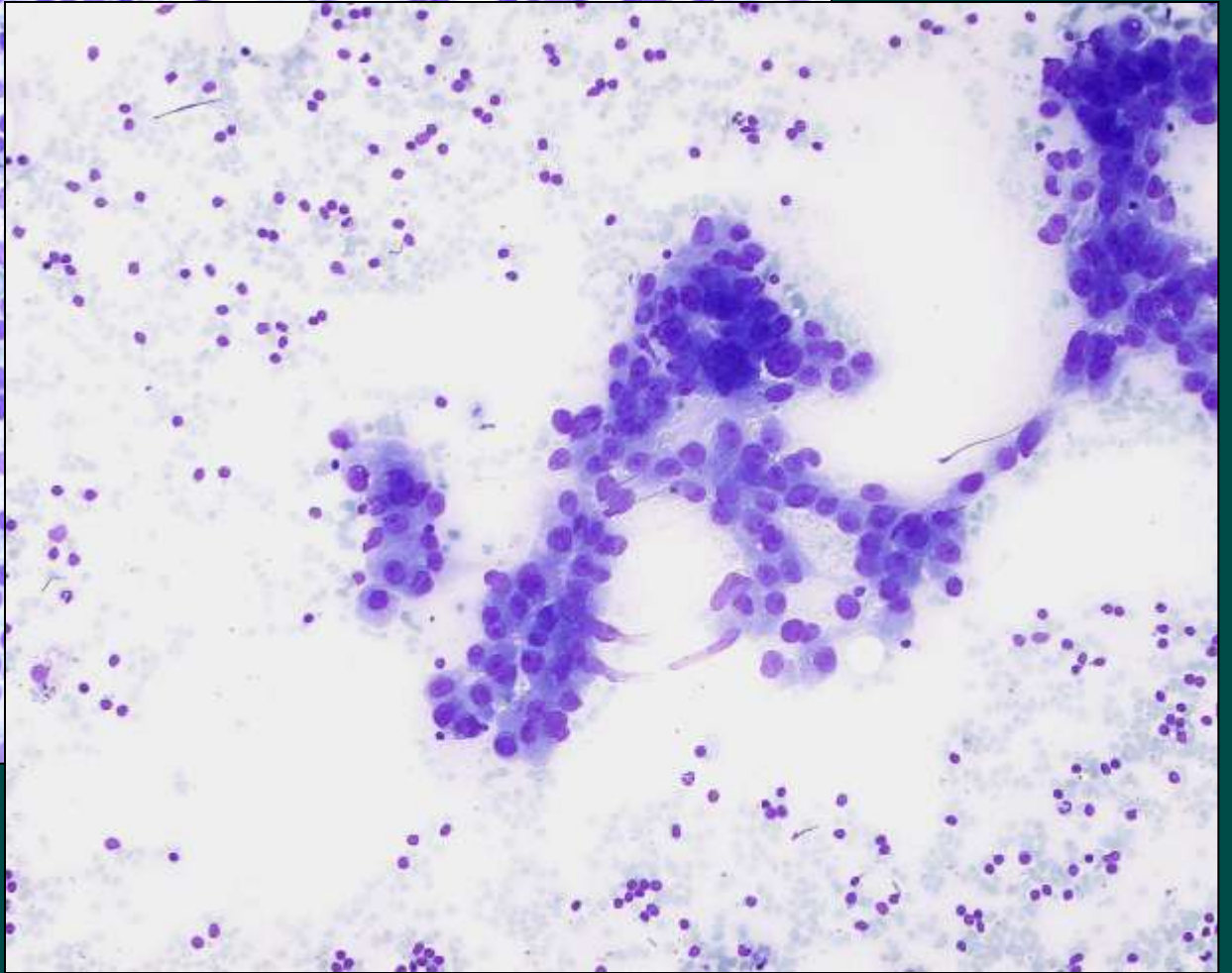
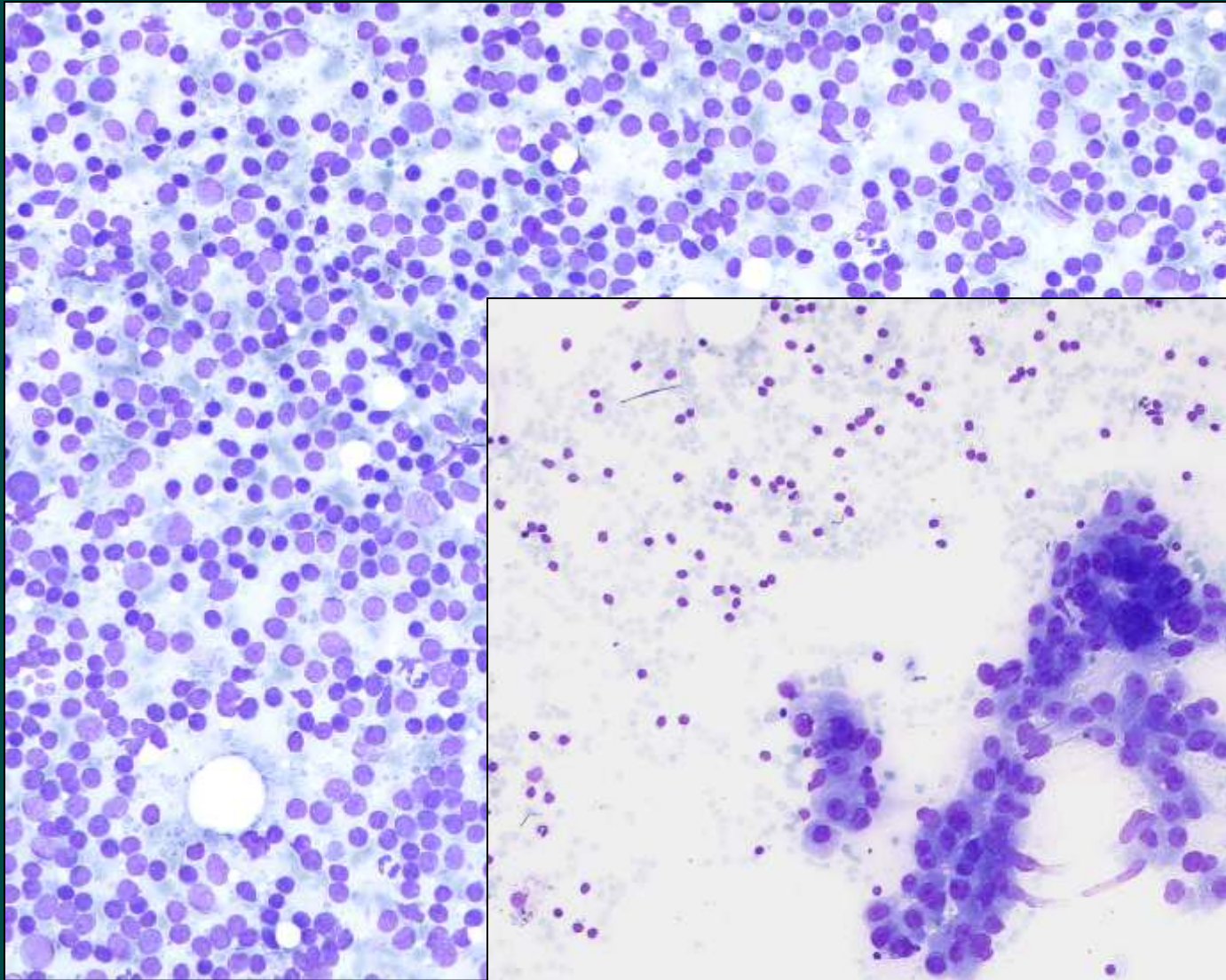
FNAB : CORE

accuracy/tumor type









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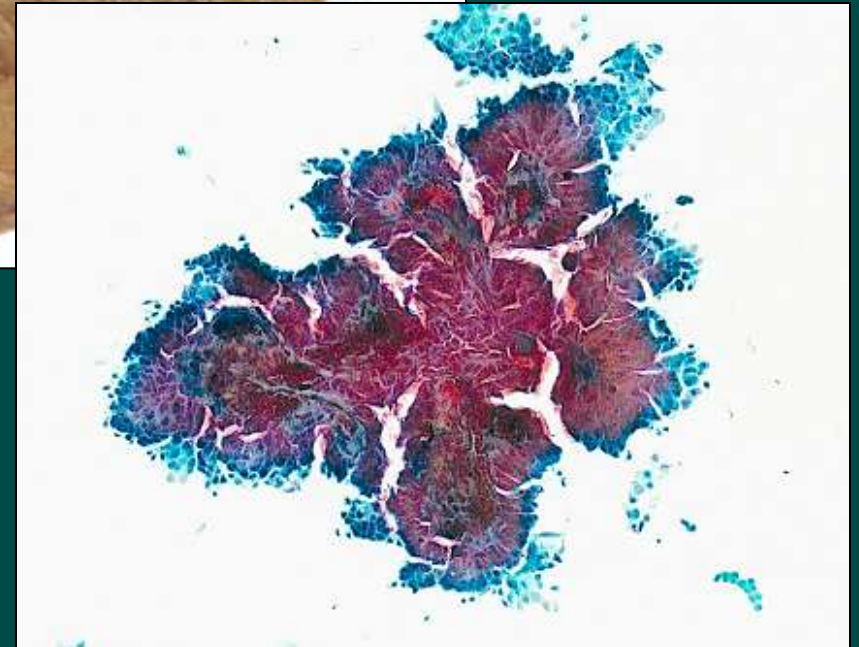
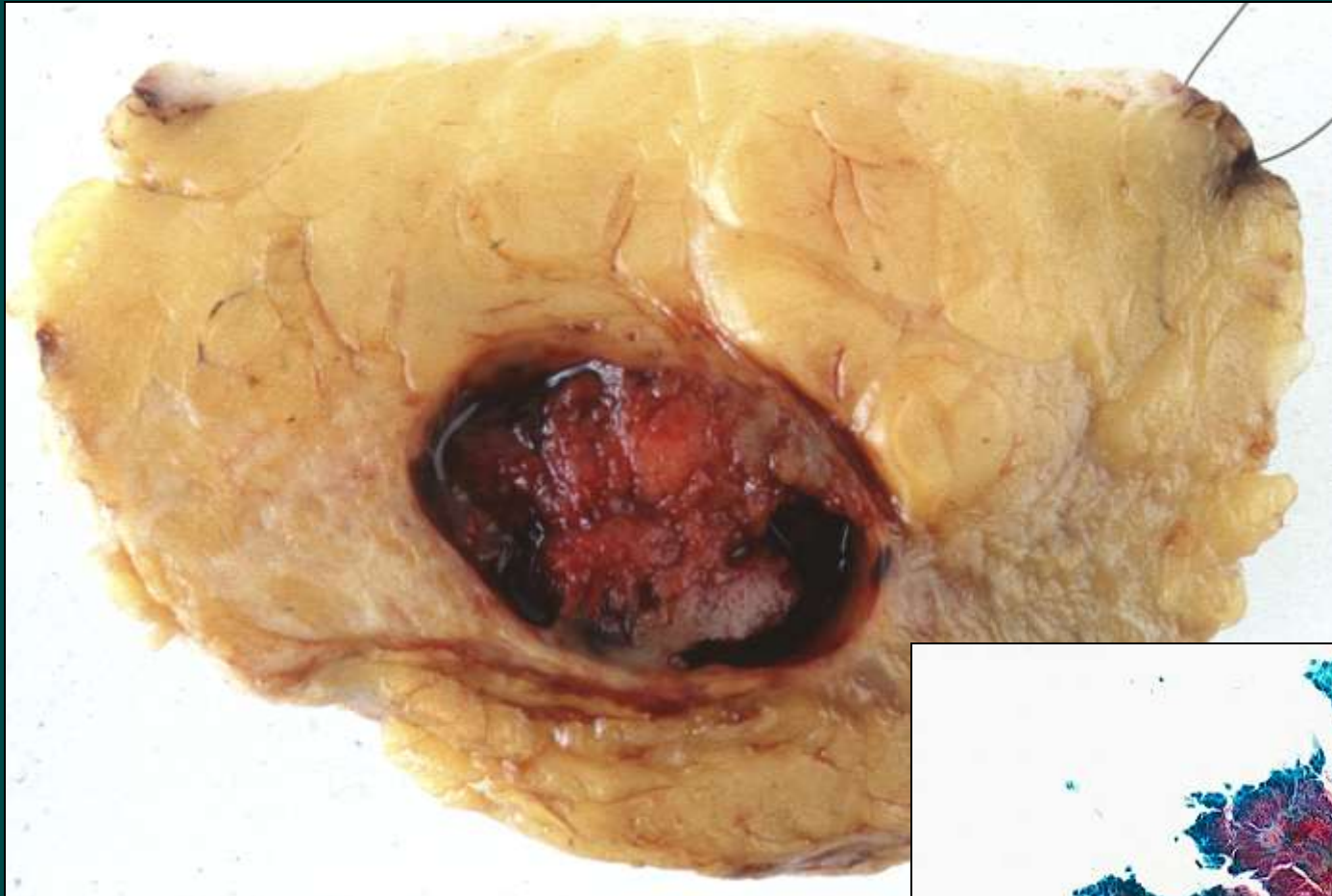
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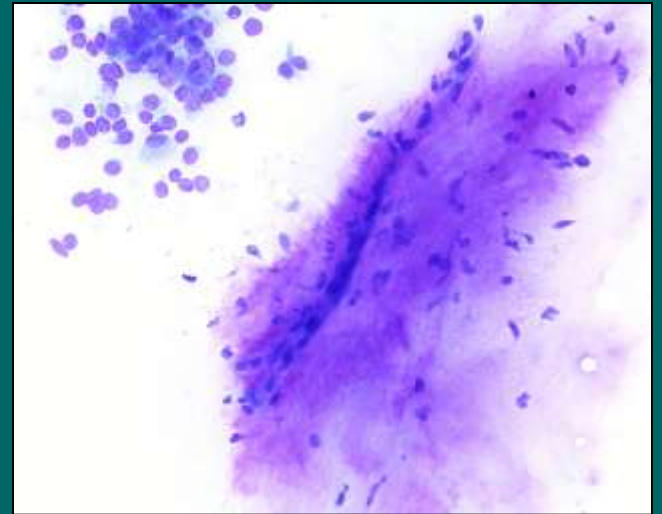
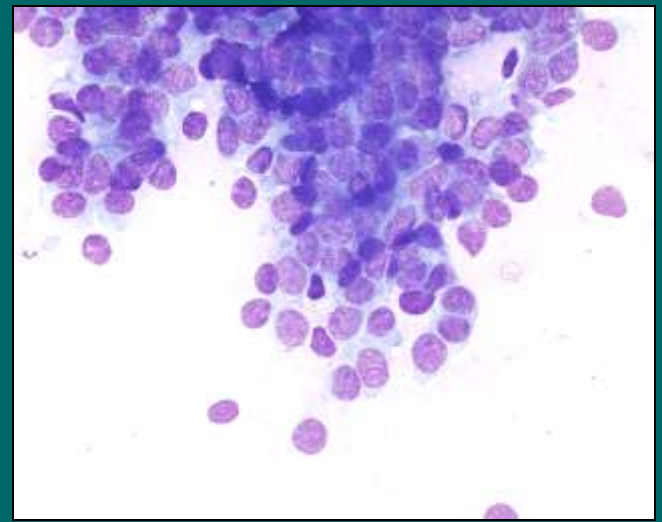
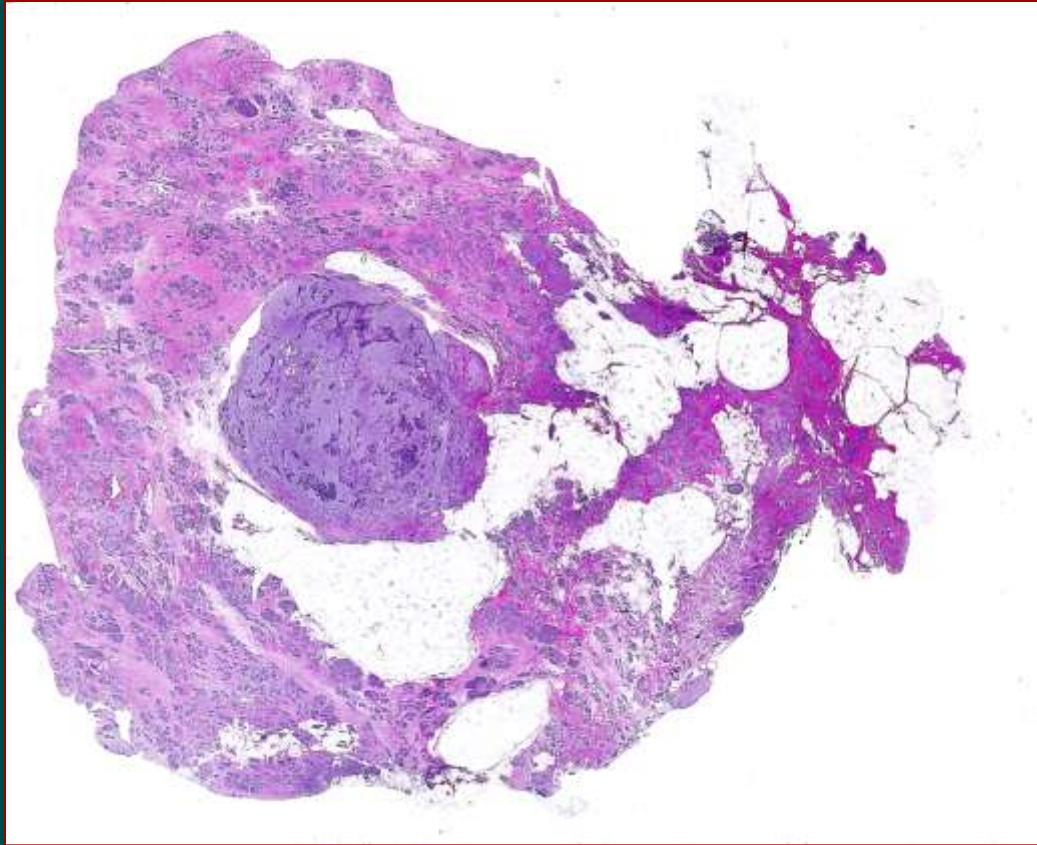
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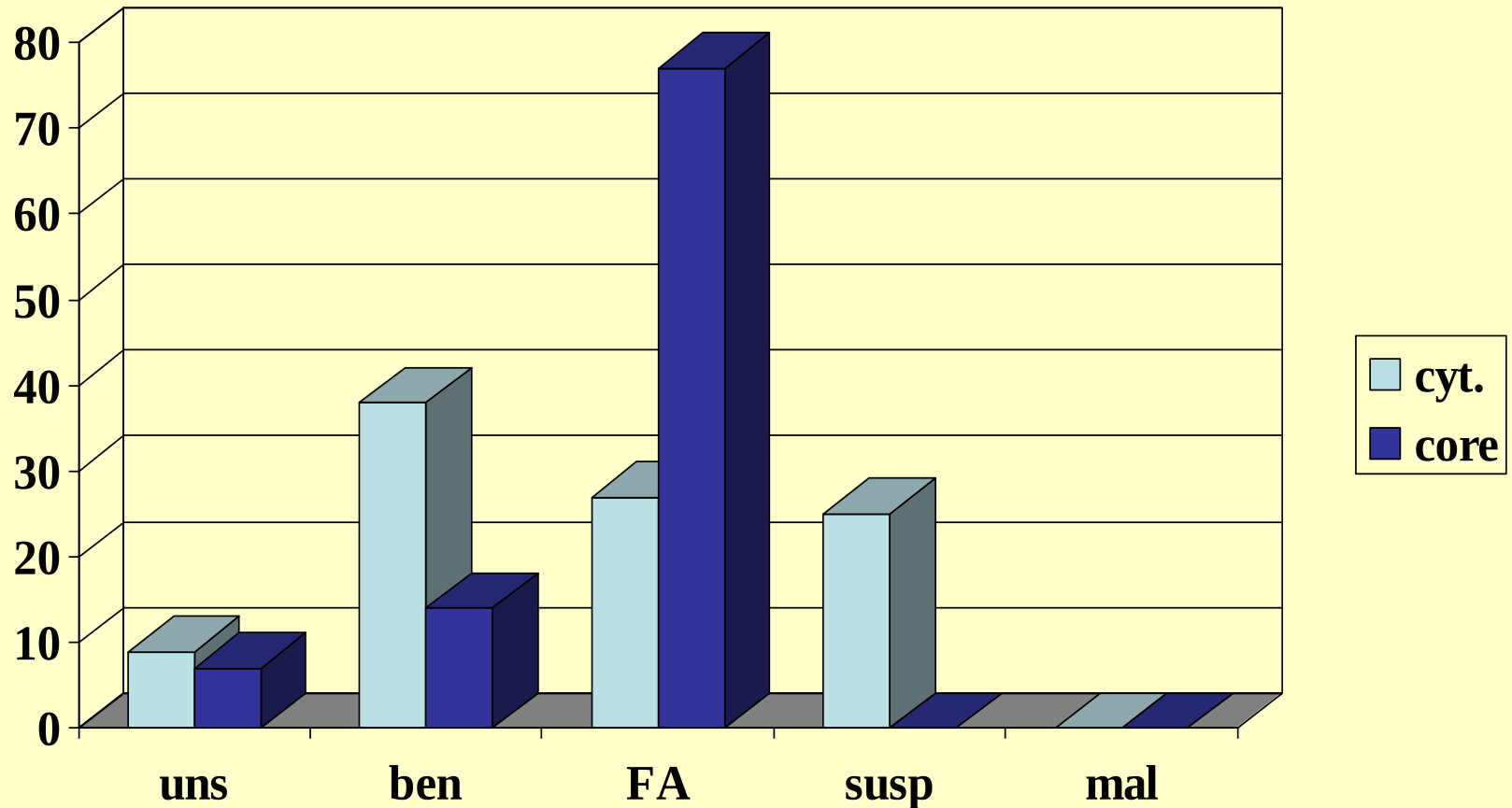
	CNB	FNAB	P value
Inadequacy rate	6.9%	17.7%	<0.001
Inadequacy rate for malignant lesion	0.9%	4.5%	<0.001
Absolute sensitivity	93.1%	74.1%	<0.001
Complete sensitivity	97.4%	93.8%	=0.001
Absolute diagnostic accuracy	84.5%	71.9%	<0.001
False negativity	1.7%	1.7%	
Specificity	88.3%	95.4%	<0.001
Complete diagnostic accuracy	93.2%	95.4%	<0.008

Brancato B, Croetti E, Bianchi S et al. Accuracy of needle biopsy of breast lesions visible on ultrasound: Audit of fine needle versus core needle biopsy in **3233 consecutive samplings** with ascertained outcomes. Breast 21:449-454, 2012

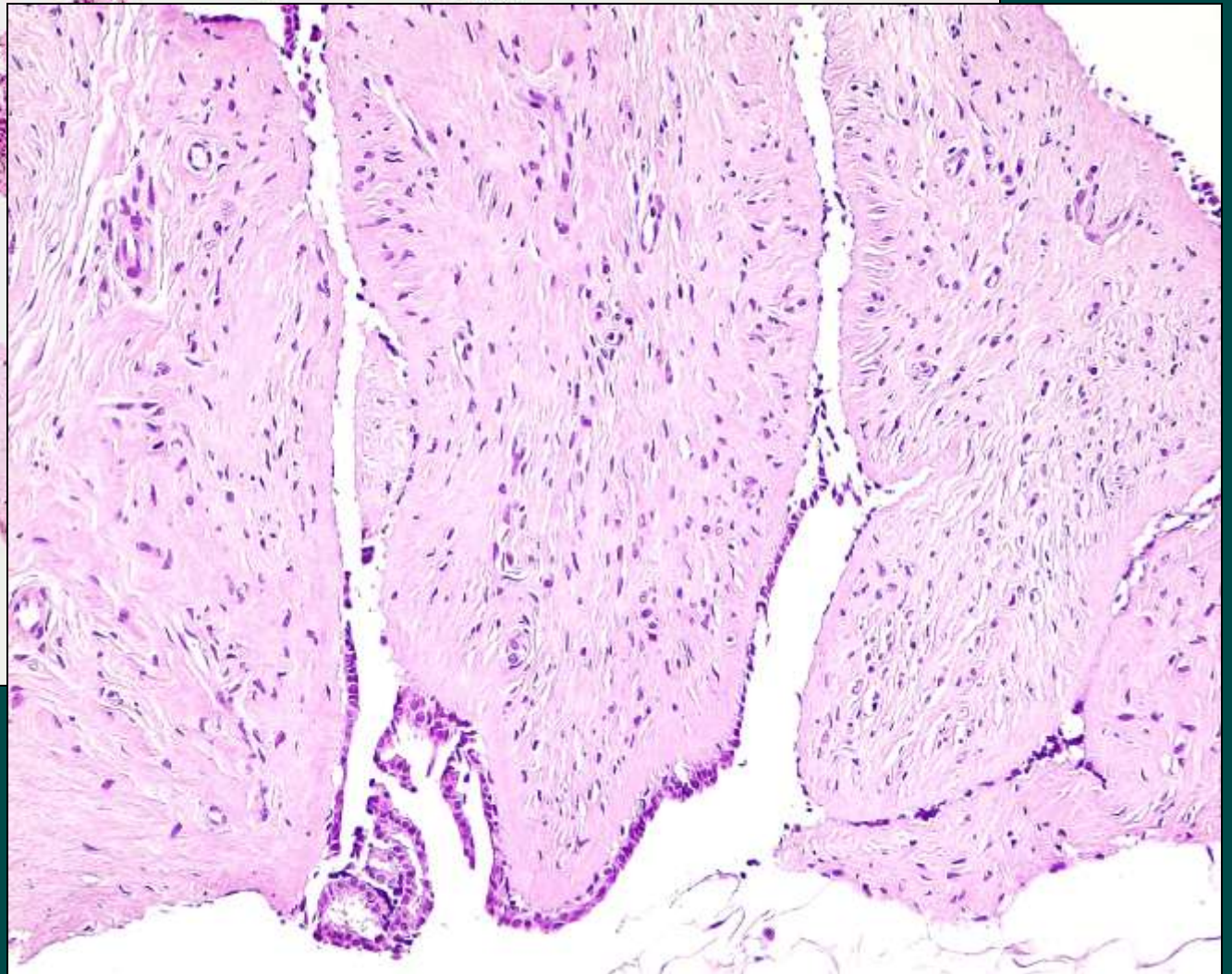
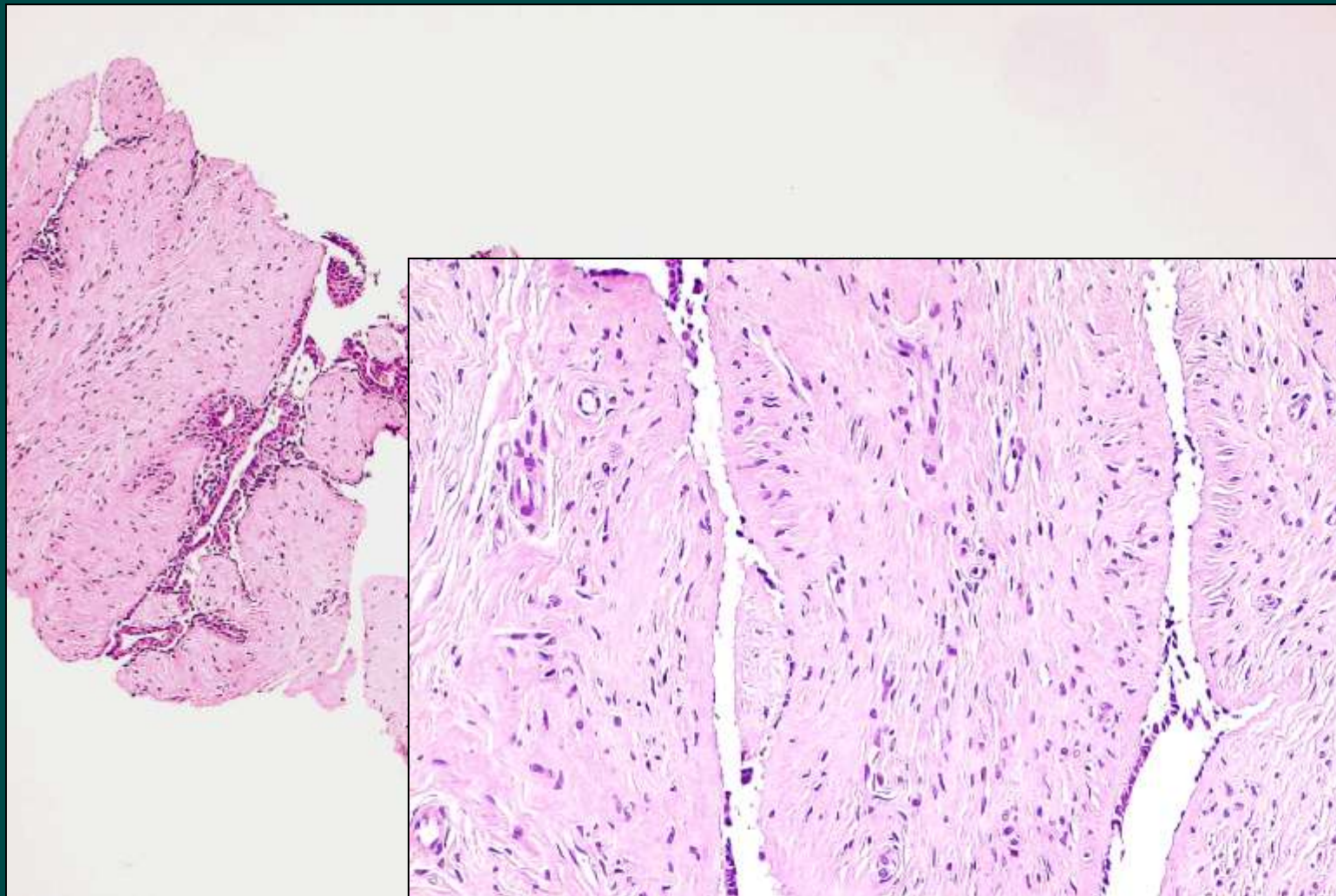




Preoperative diagnosis in 141 cases of fibroadenoma



Tot, unpublished results



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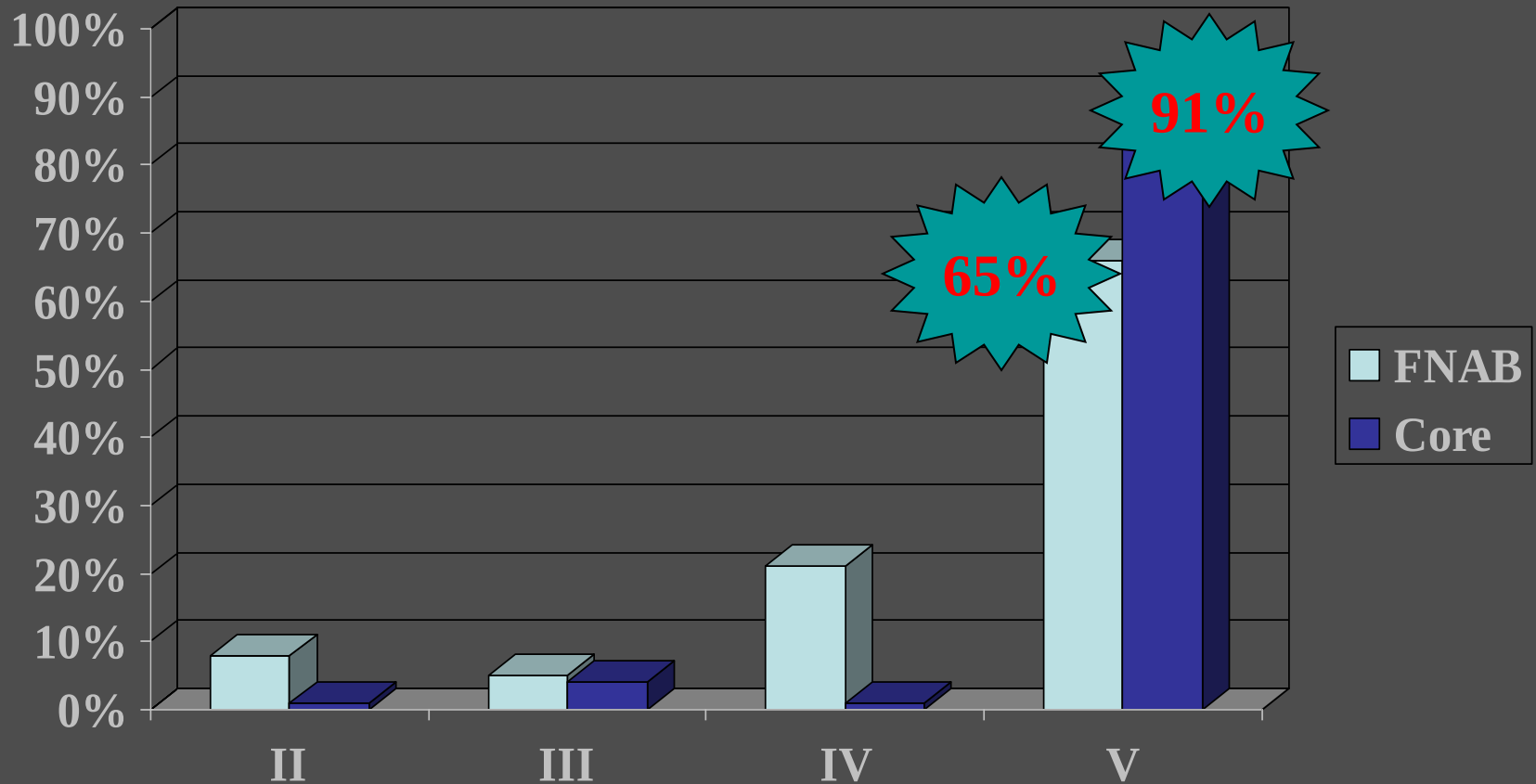
Malignant FNAB

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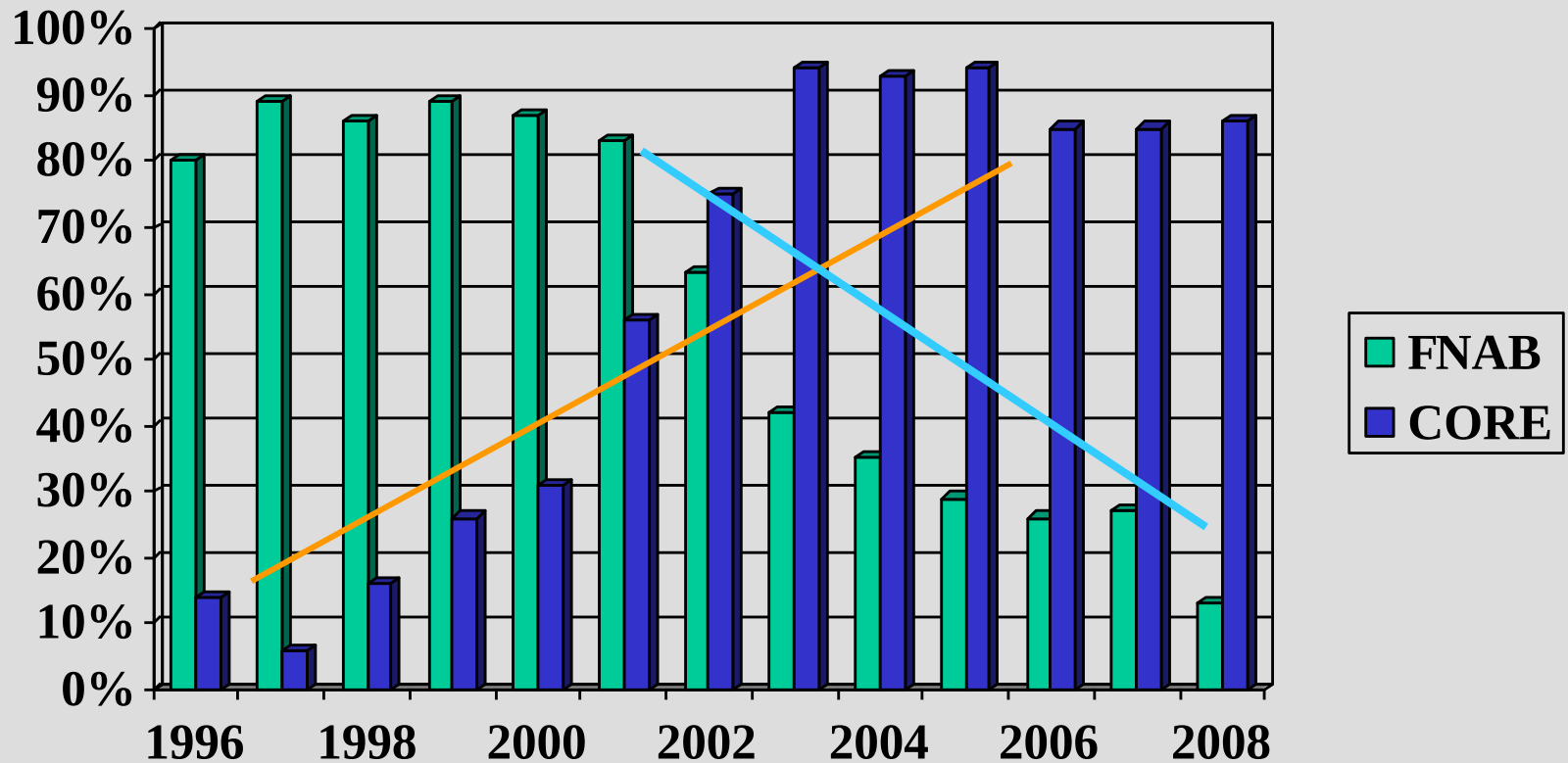
malignant

Non - malignant FNAB
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anything

Diagnostic accuracy of FNAB and Core biopsy, Falun 1996-2003

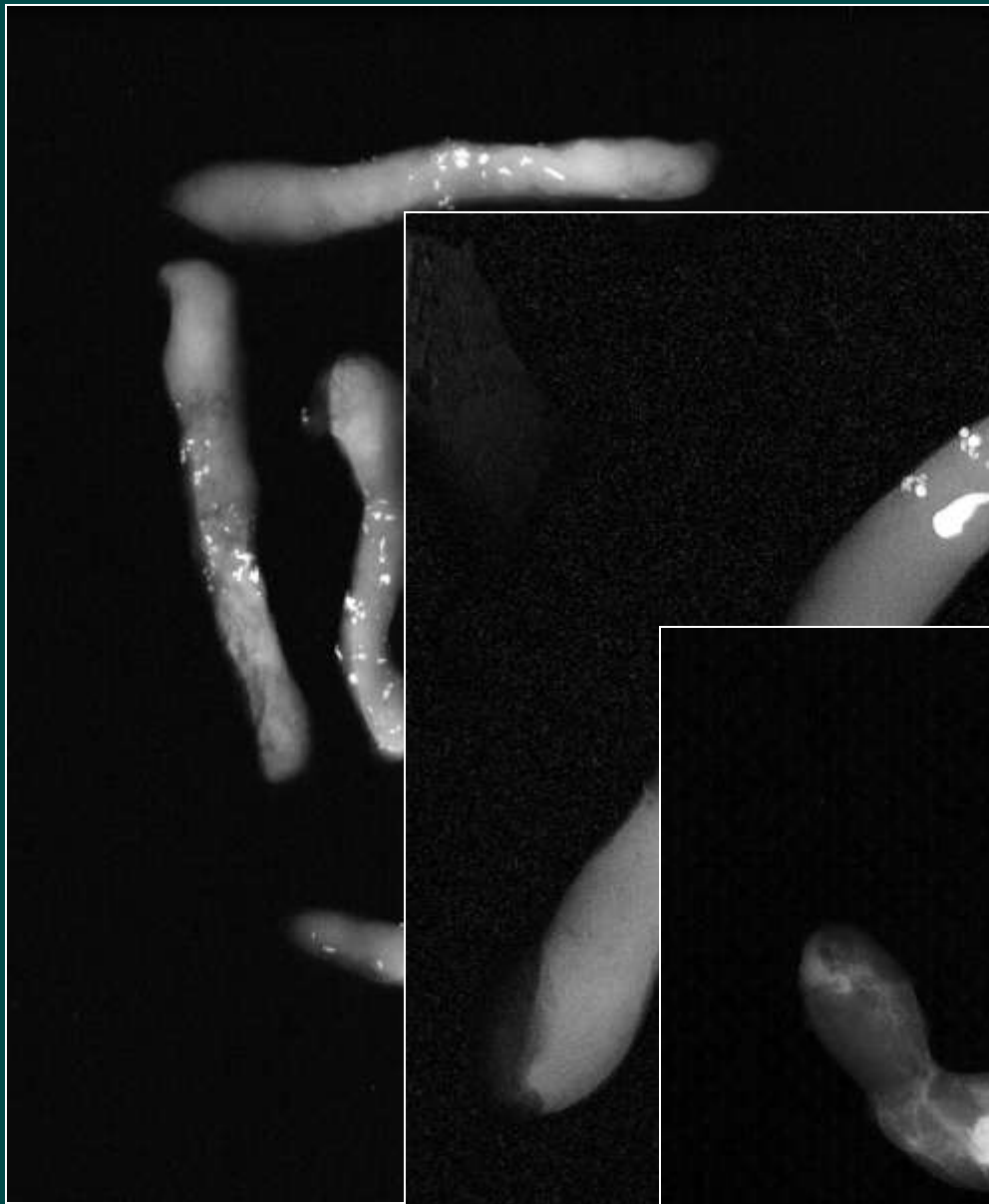


FNAB and CORE biopsy in 2500 breast carcinoma cases (Falun, 1996-2008)



Vacuum biopsy

- 3-4 mm thick cores
- May include in toto an enlarged TDLU
- May include a transsection of a distended duct
- May represent an alternative to open surgical intervention in some cases



INTACT biopsy





Choose the best sample capture size

The **Intact** Breast Lesion Excision System (**Intact** BLES) offers four sizes of capture basket. All four sizes deploy from the same 6 mm diameter wand.

Specimen actual size:				
Specimen diameter:	10mm	12mm	15mm	20mm
Specimen weight:	.8g	1.1g	2.1g	3g

Compared with VACNB, **Intact** BLES removes less total tissue for a given diameter

Remove the entire area of interest without taking excess normal breast tissue.

Specimen actual size:			
Method/diameter:	Intact BLES: 12 mm	VACNB 8 gauge	VACNB 11 gauge
Specimen weight:	1.1g	2.5g	2.25g



Preoperative diagnosis: **planning**

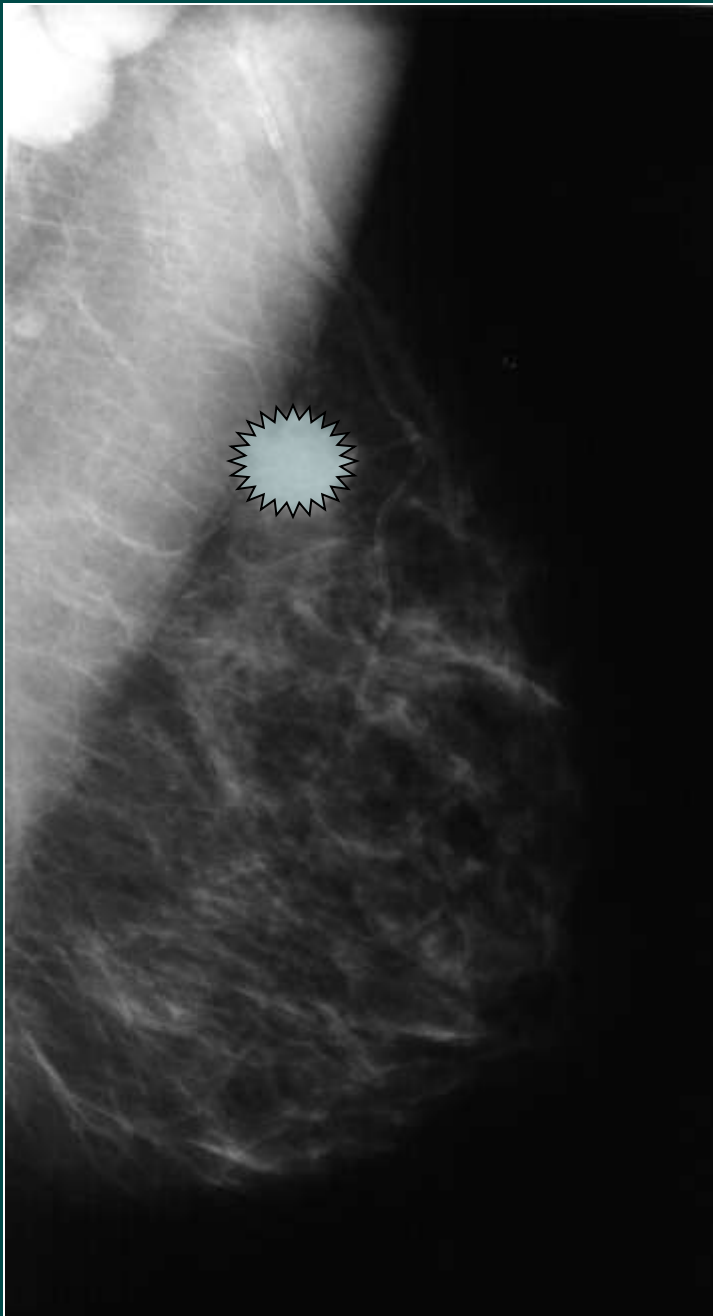
- ❑ Mammografic – pathologic correlation
- ❑ The experience with different biopsy modalities (advantages and disadvantages)
- ❑ **The clinical situation and the radiologic image**

What I am supposed to do ??

- ☐ To prove malignancy
- ☐ To prove invasion
- ☐ To prove benign character
 - cystic
 - solid
- ☐ To rule out malignancy

What I am supposed to do ??

- ❑ To prove malignancy
FNAB/CORE
- ❑ To prove invasion CORE
- ❑ To prove benign character
 - cystic FNAB
 - solid CORE
- ❑ To rule out malignancy

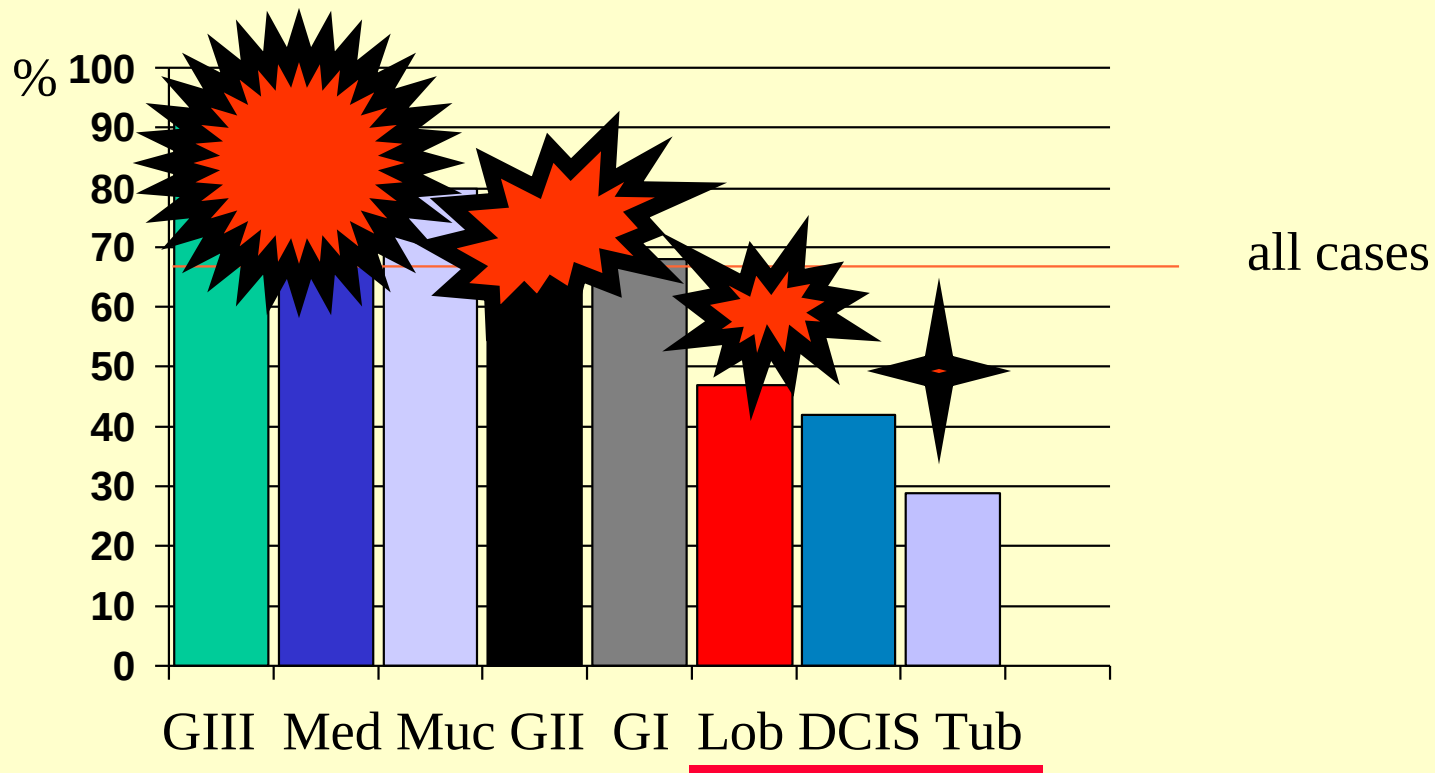


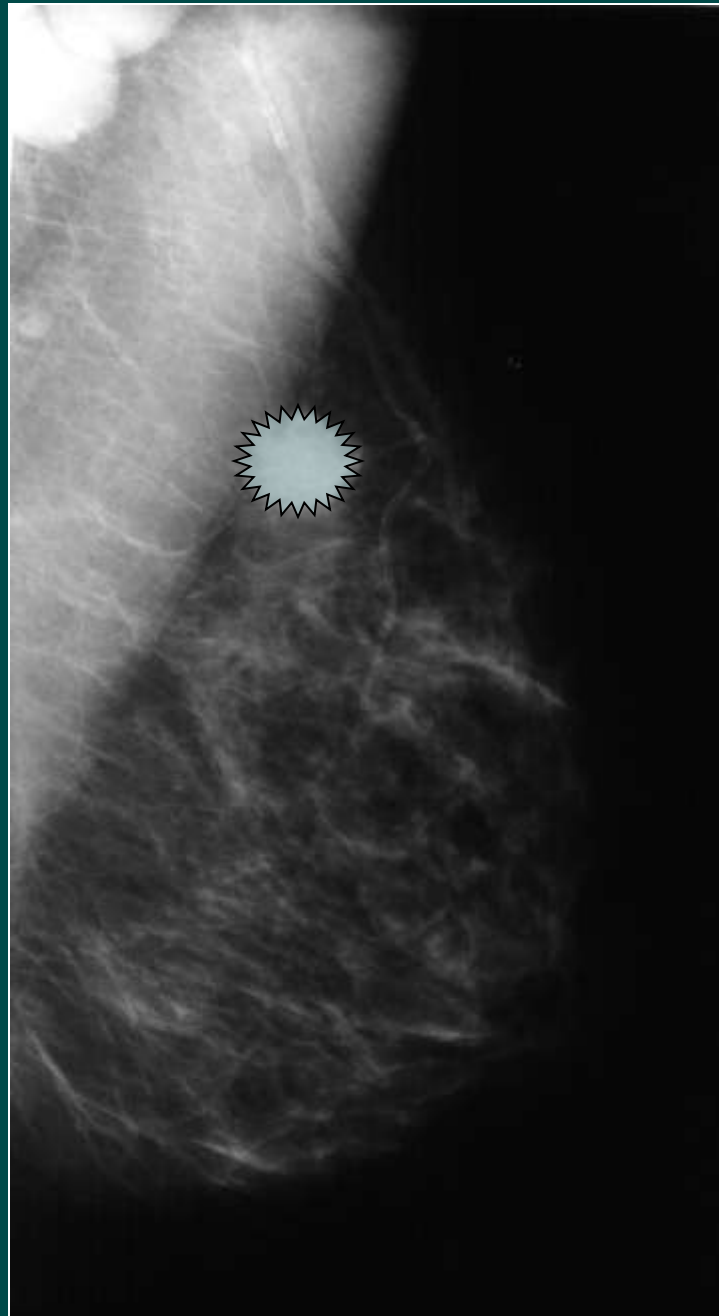
What is the purpose ?

Prove malignancy !

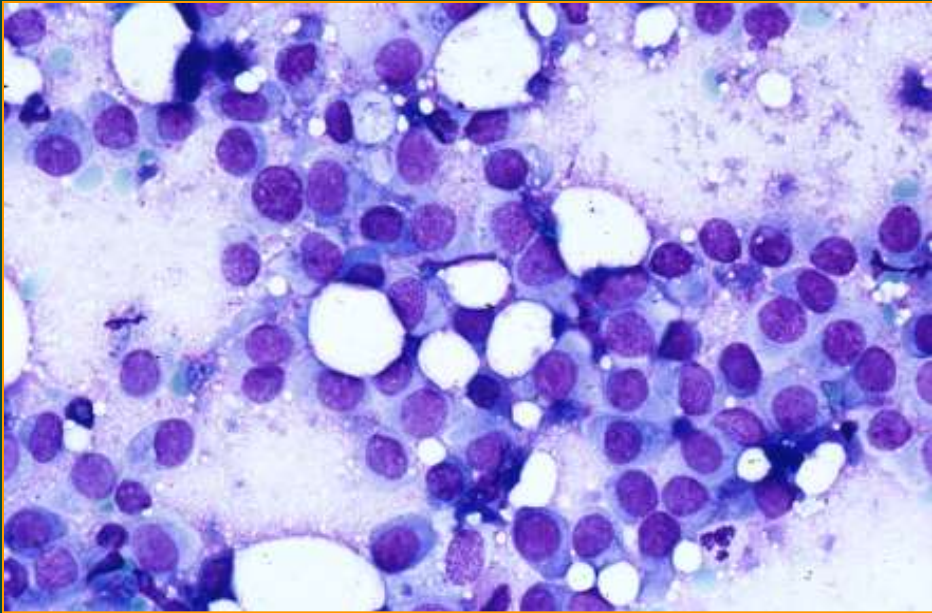
Thinnest effective !

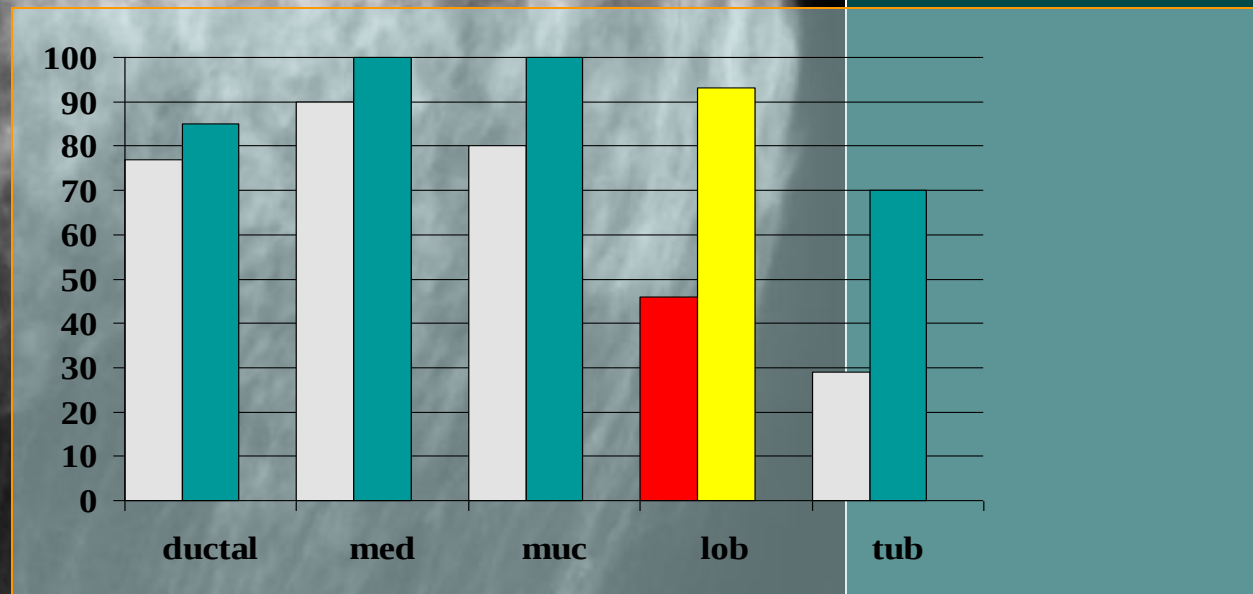
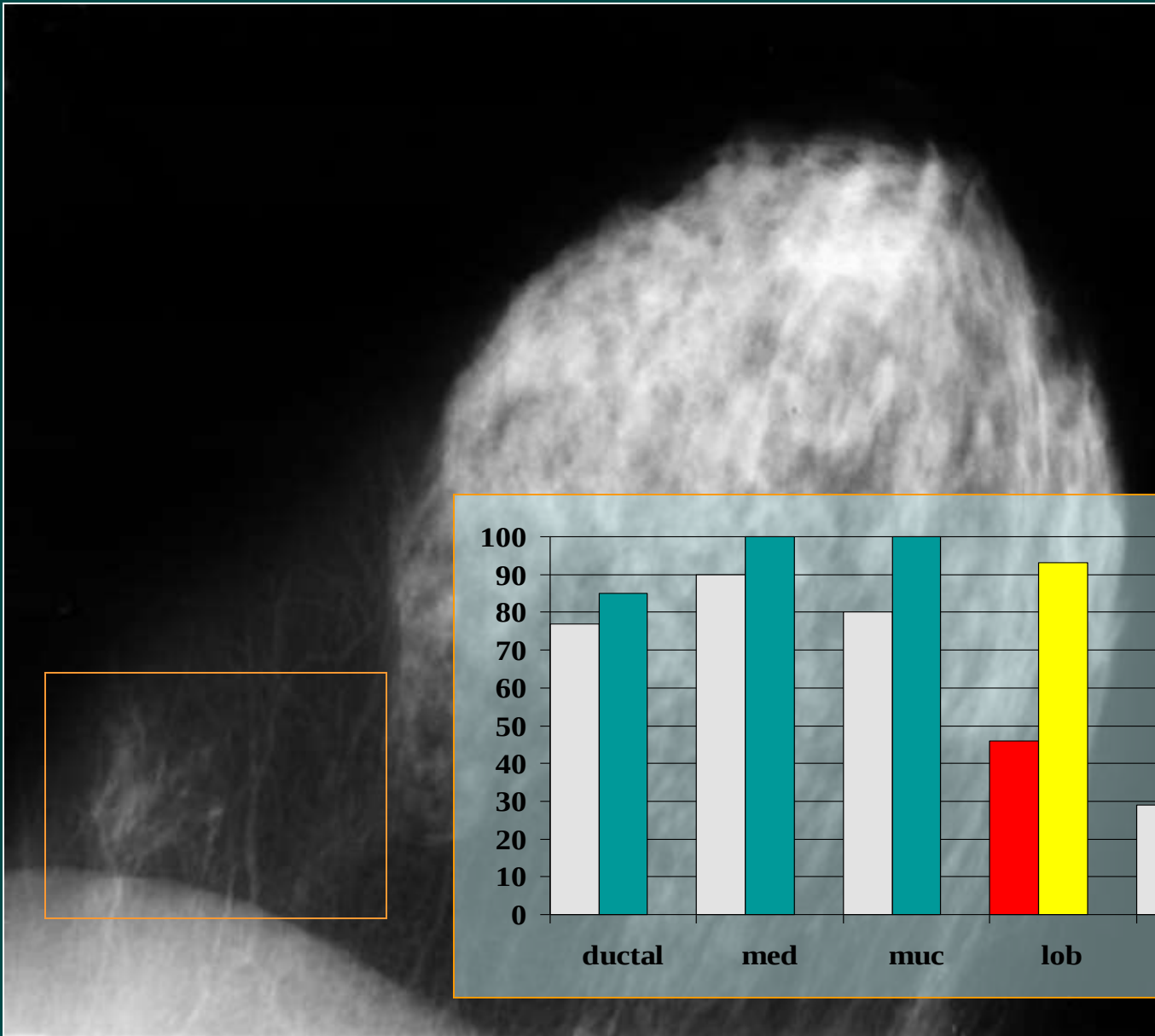
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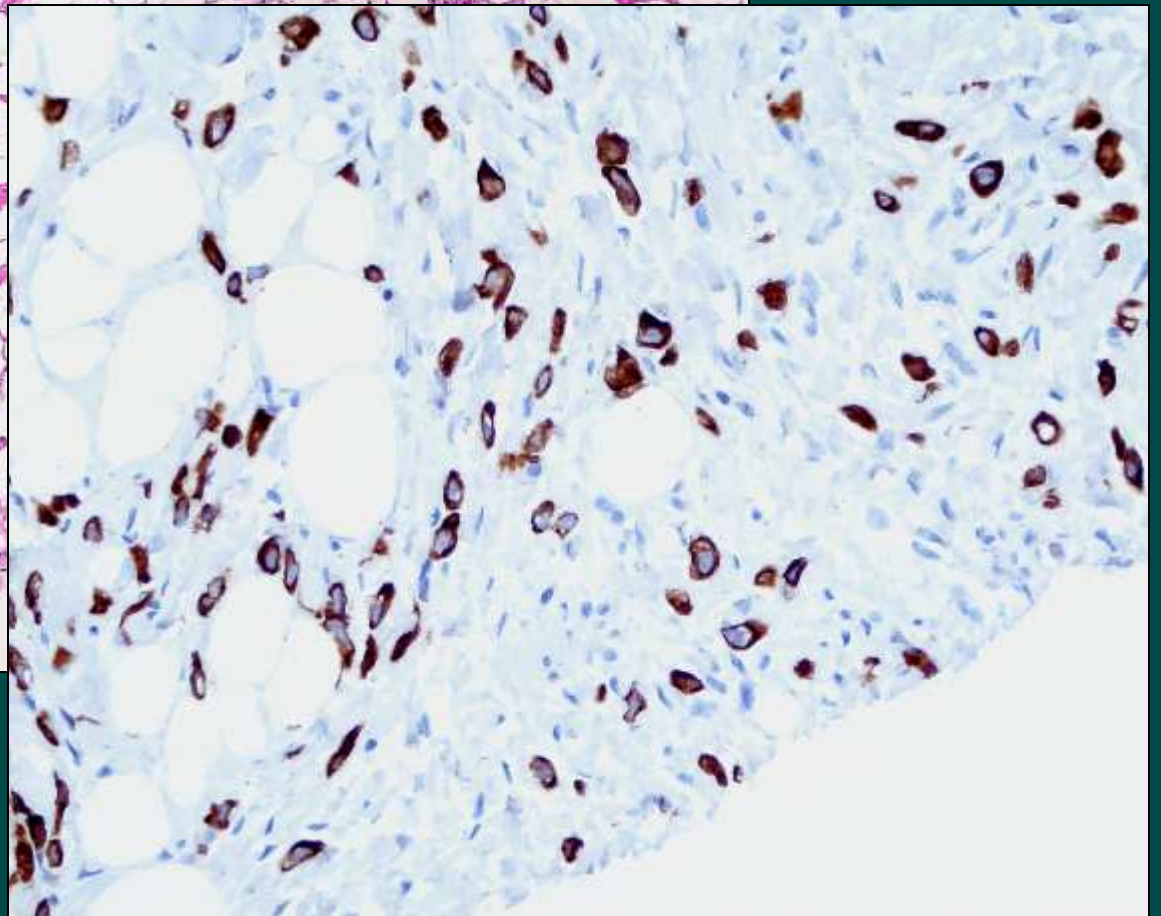
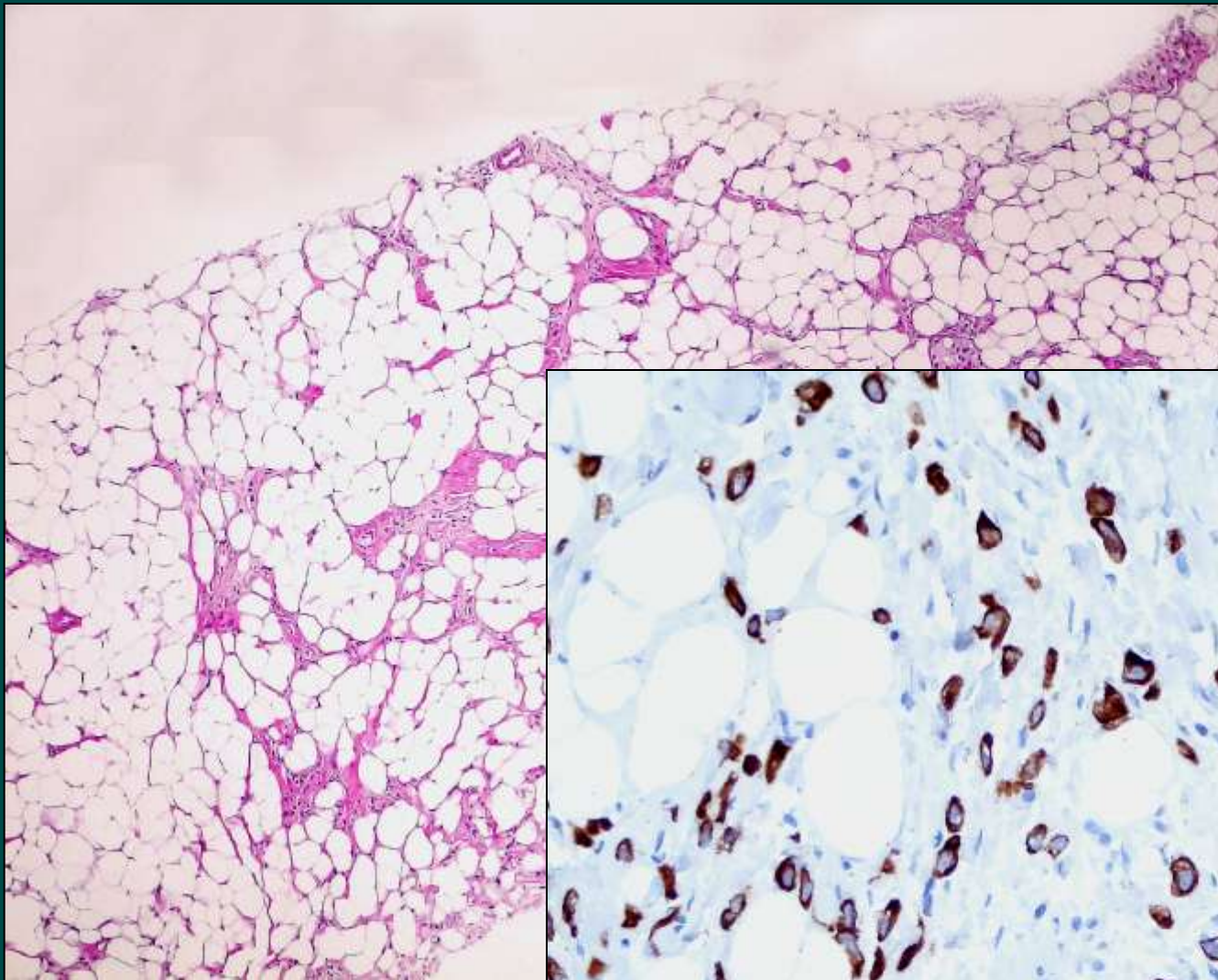




FNAB









Preoperative diagnosis

- ❑ The aim is to categorize the case as
 - Operable vs non-operable
 - Early vs advanced
 - Extensive vs non-extensive

Intra-operative diagnosis

- ☐ **Margin assessment**
- ☐ **Sentinel lymph node procedure**

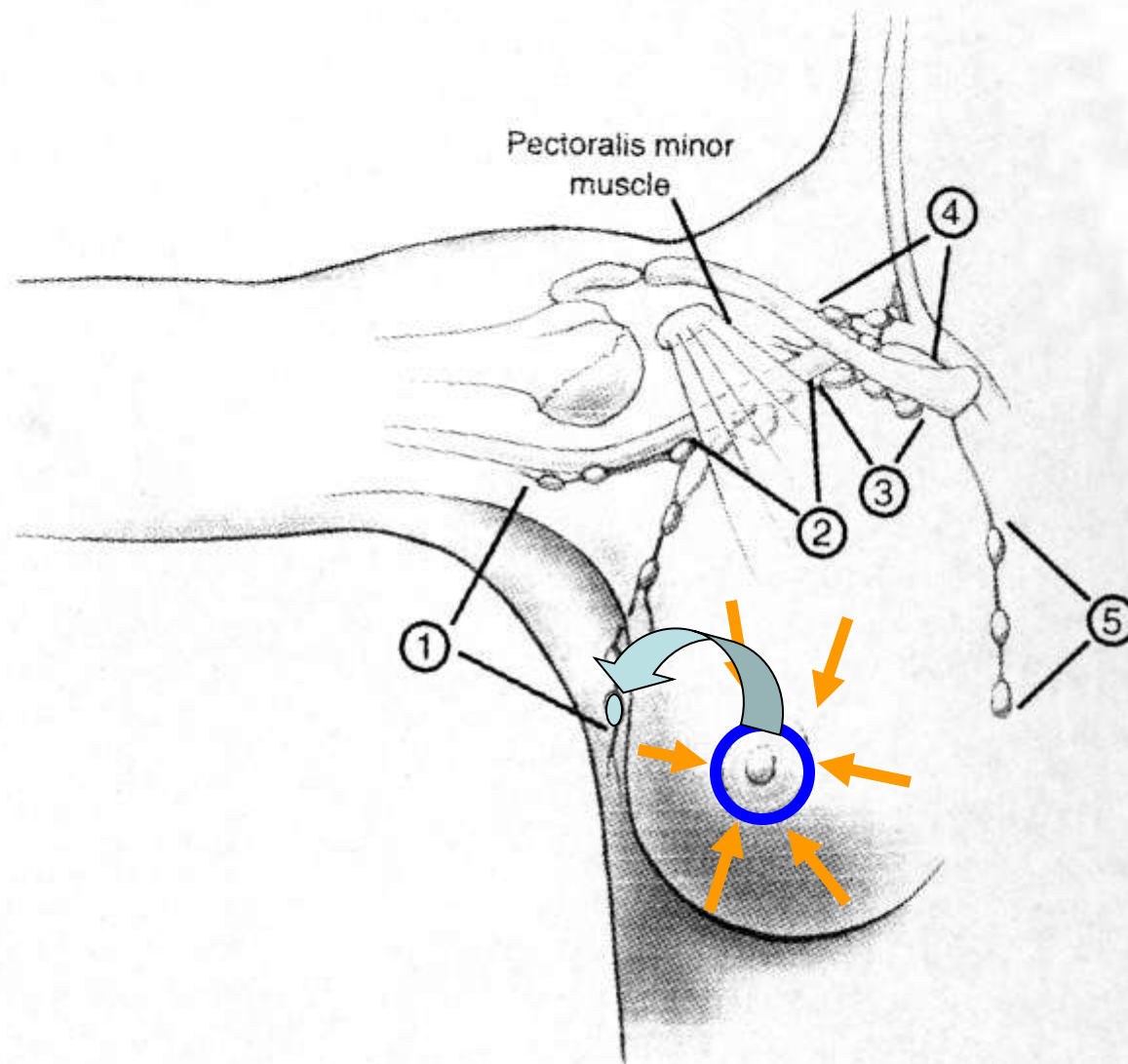


Fig. 25.1. Schematic diagram of the breast and regional lymph nodes.
① Low axillary, Level I; ② Mid-axillary, Level II; ③ High axillary, apical, Level III; ④ Supraclavicular; ⑤ Internal mammary nodes.



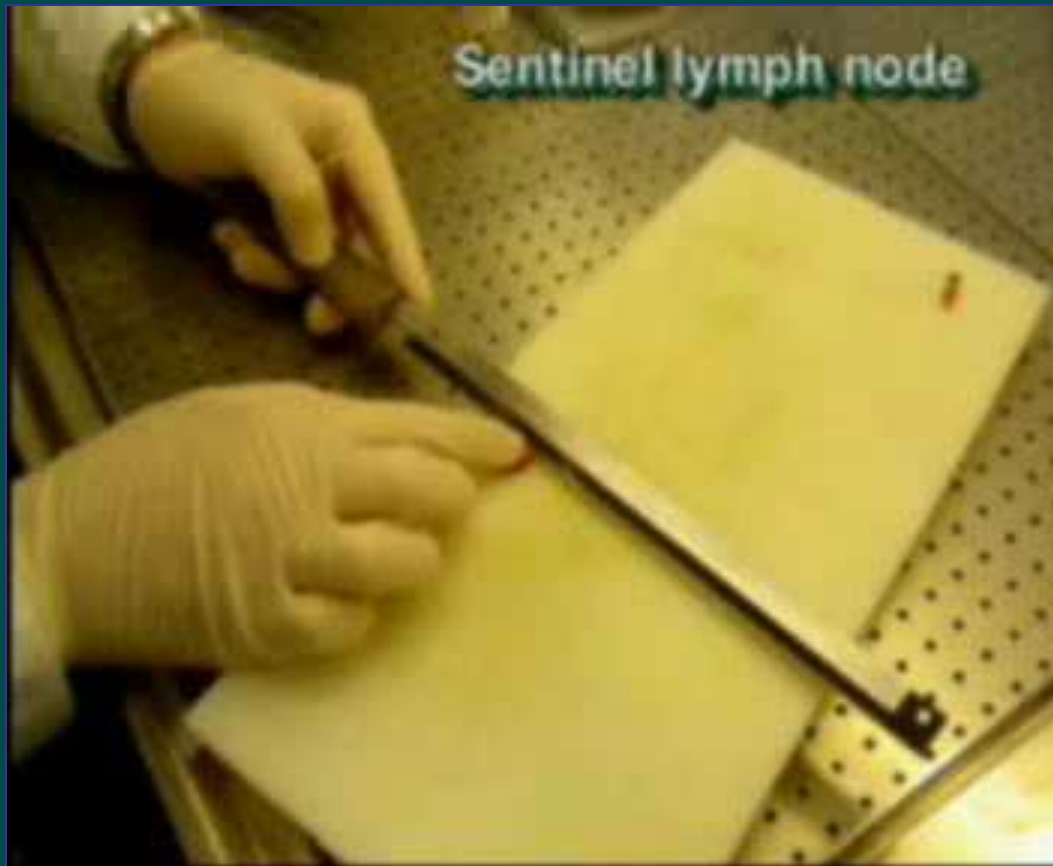


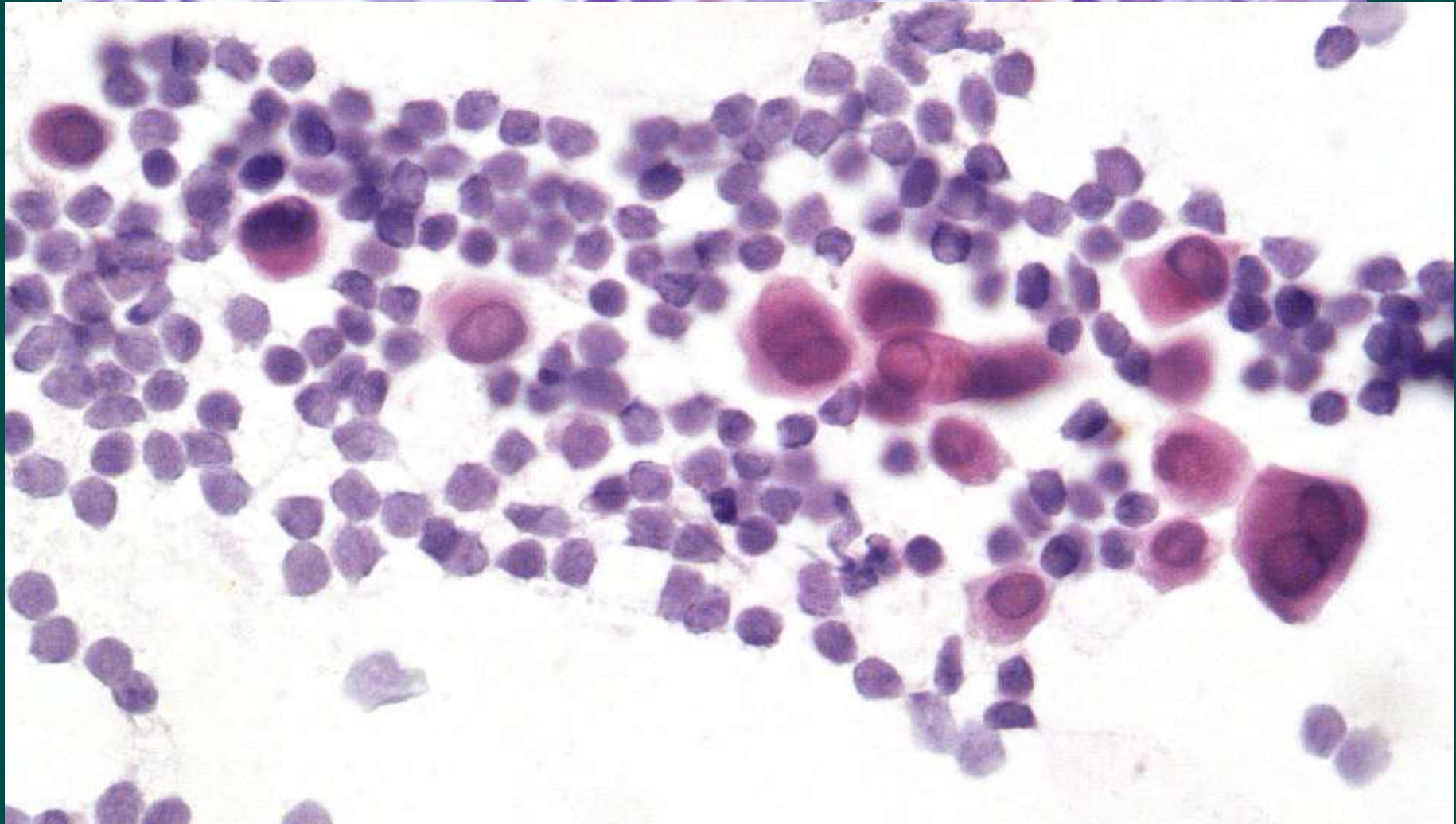
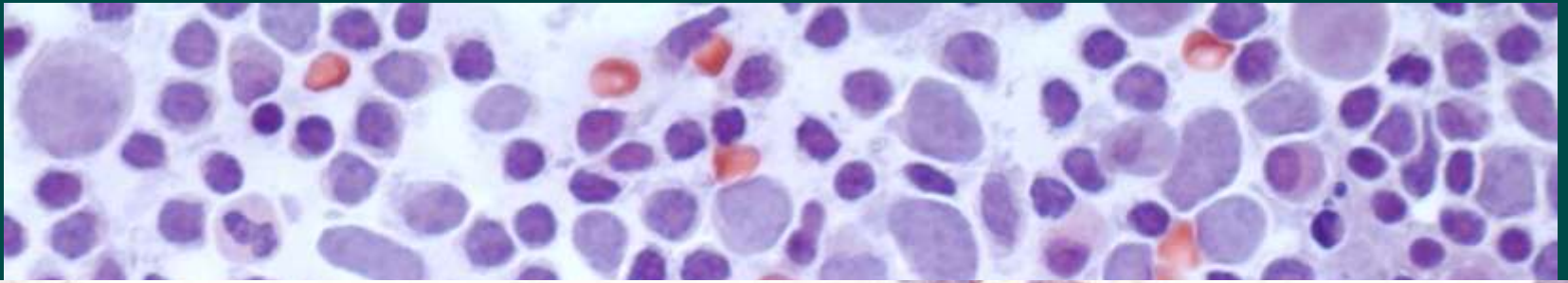
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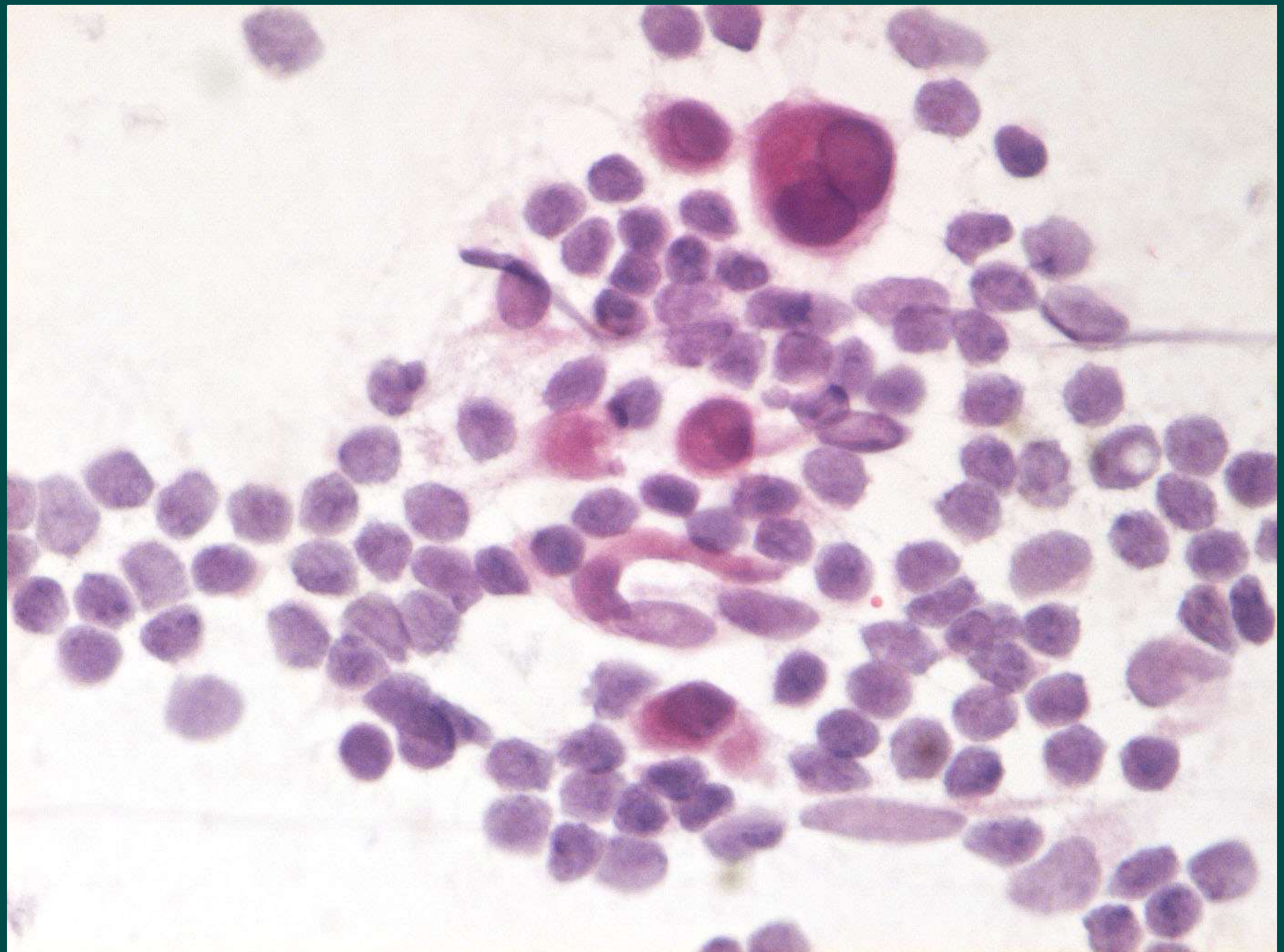
**Turner et al. 1997. : 103 patient
with metastasis - free sentinel node
immunohistology detected metastasis in 14,3 %
non-sentinel node of the same series 1/1087
contained micrometastasis**

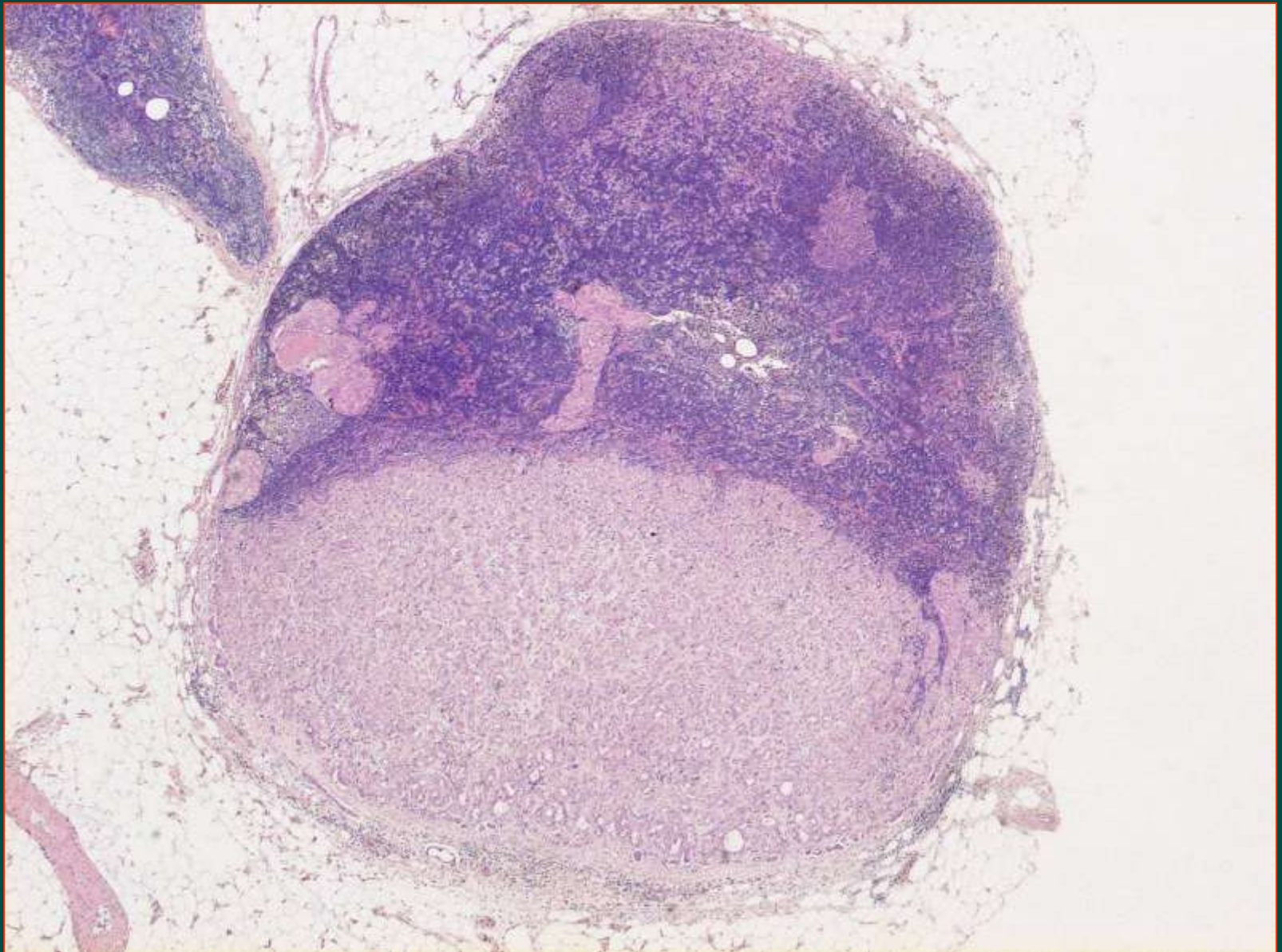
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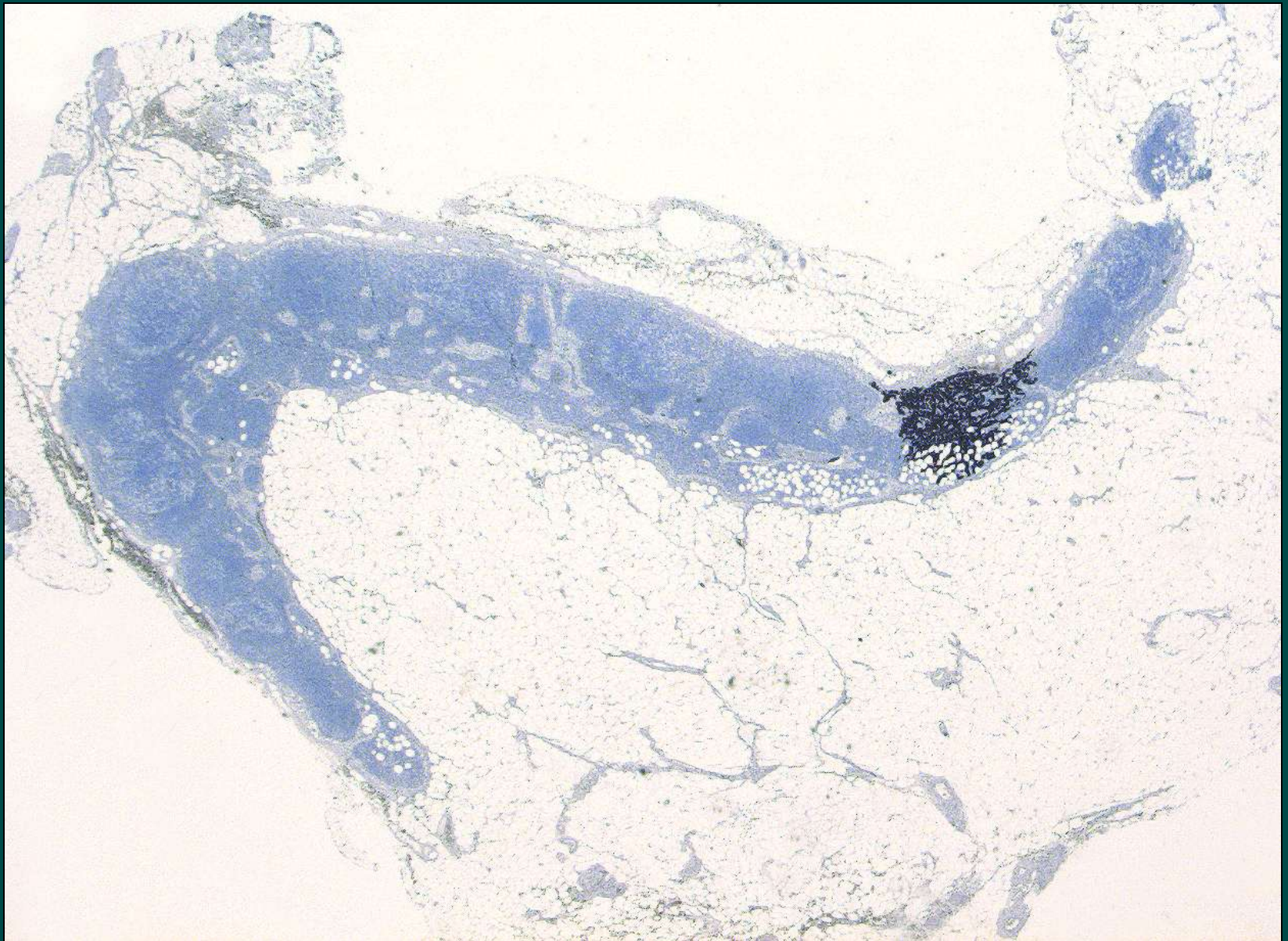
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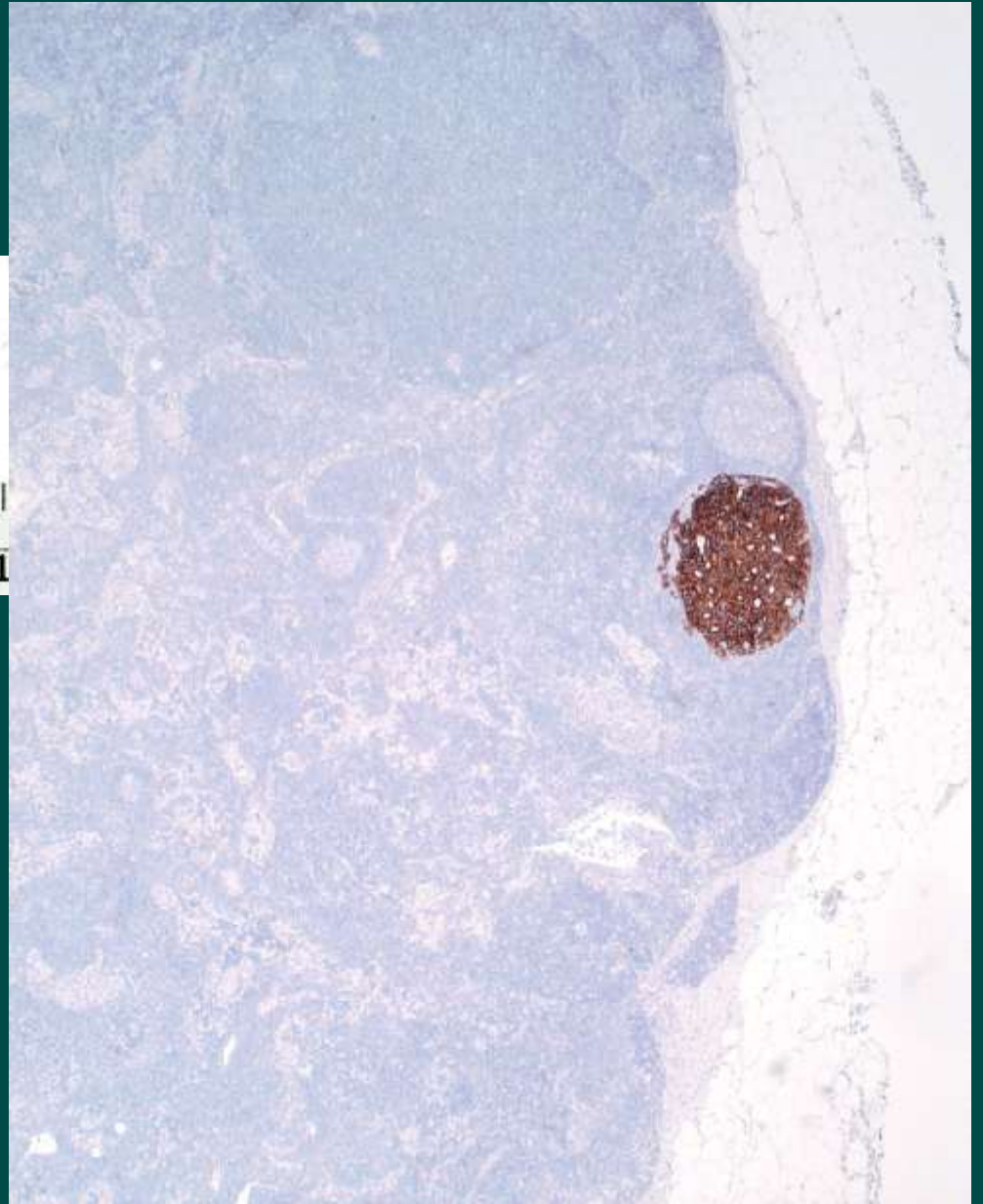
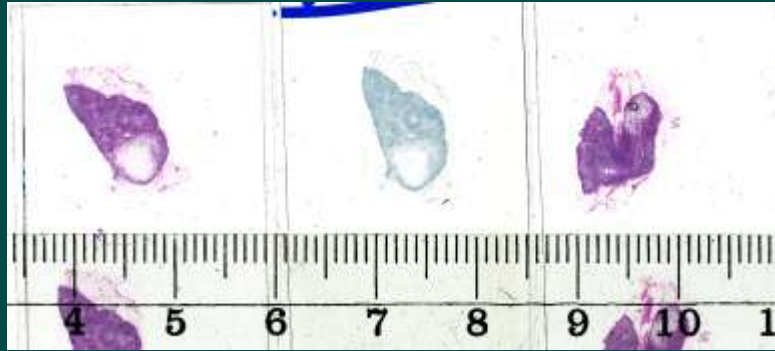


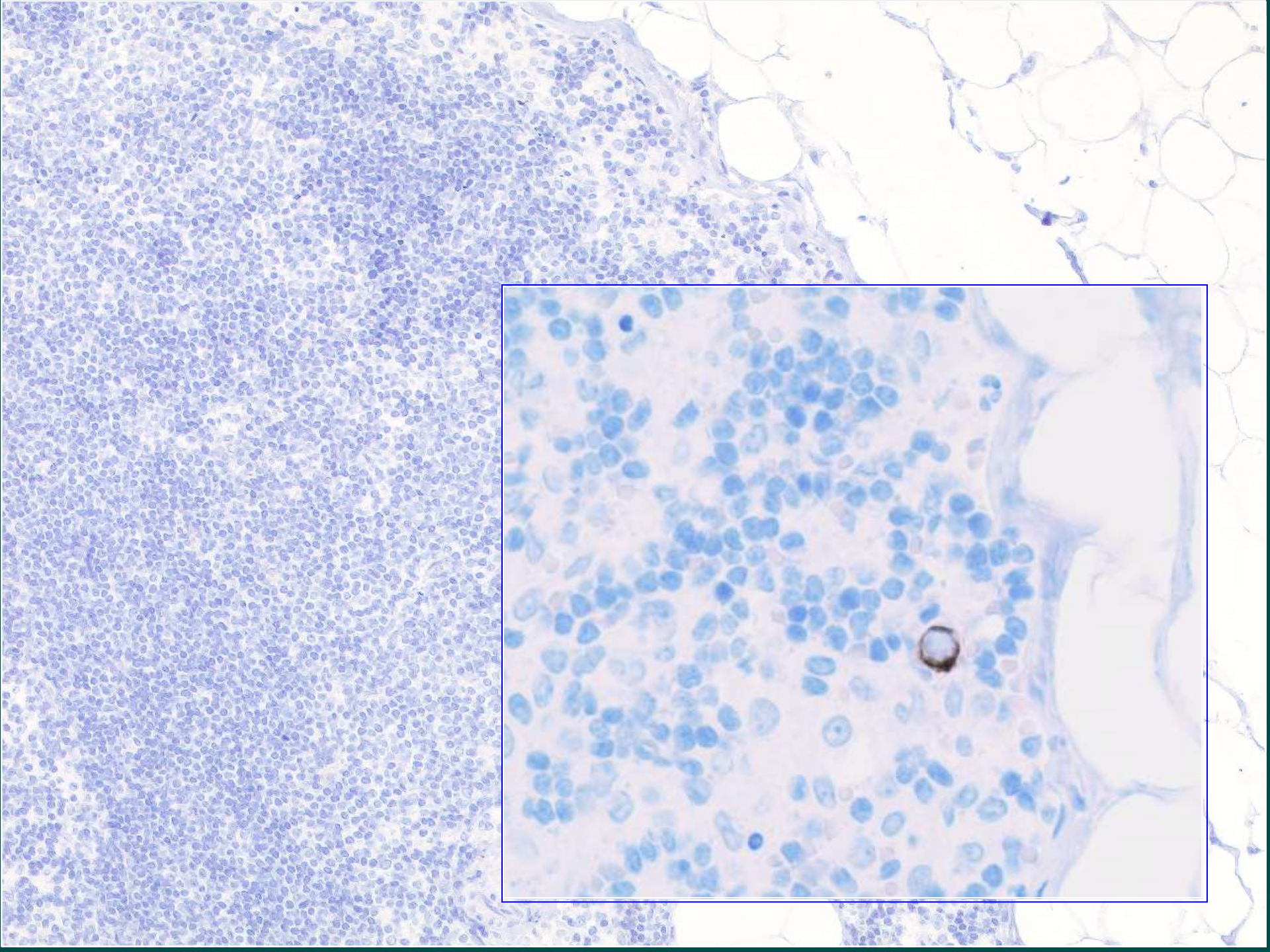












Rapportera:

Metastas > 2,0 mm

Mikrometastas > 0,2 mm eller fler än
200 tumörceller i ett histologiskt snitt

Isolerade tumörceller, ITC (Submikrometastas):
<= 0,2 mm eller färre än 200 tumörceller i
ett histologiskt snitt

Reaktiv lymfkörtel: utan påvisade
tumörceller

	Tumor size	Mastectomy	LVI	LN	ILC	n
U*	16.3 mm (9,4941)	33% (49+3/158)	18% (28/158)	28% (44/158)	4% (6/158)	158
U invasive	14.0 mm (7,3696)	35% (15+7/62)	19% (12/62)	11% (7/62)	10% (6/62)	62
MF in situ						
U invasive	14.0 mm (9,5018)	43% (8+9/40)	28% (11/40)	30% (12/40)	3% (1/40)	40
D in situ						
MF invasive	20.2 mm (11,3253)	66% (51+16/101)	42% (42/101)	48% (48/101)	25% (25/101)	101
MF invasive	16.5 mm (9,5371)	76% (29+13/55)	53% (29/55)	42% (23/55)	5% (3/55)	55
D in situ						
D invasive	n.a.	85% (14+3/20)	10% (2/20)	60% (12/20)	65% (13/20)	20
Unclassified	n.a.	17% (2/12)	n.a.	33% (4/12)	8% (1/12)	12
All invasives	16.7 mm (9,8998)	49% (219/448)	28% (124/448)	33% (150/448)	12% (55/448)	448
P-value	0.8266	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	

	Unifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse	Comparison of proportions MF vs U	Comparison of proportions D vs U
Proportion of cases with SN	80.4% (442/550)	51.1% (182/356)	42.9% (18/42)	P<0.0001 (22.6 – 35.2)	P<0.0001 (20.4 – 52.5)
Negative SN	79.9% (353/442)	60.4% (110/182)	55.6% (10/18)	P<0.0001 (11.8 – 28.3)	P=0.0310 (0.8 – 49.1)
ITC	5.0% (22/442)	6.6% (12/182)	5.6% (1/18)	P=0.4253 (-2.1 – 7.1)	P=0.7192 (-5.3 – 23)
Micrometastasis	5.4% (24/442)	9.9% (18/182)	5.6% (1/18)	P=0.0331 (0.3 – 10.6)	P=0.7192 (-5.3 – 23)
Macrometastasis	9.7% (43/442)	23.1% (42/182)	33.3% (6/18)	P<0.0001 (6.3 – 20.3)	P=0.0073 (2.9 – 48.8)
False negative SN	1.1% (5/442)	3.3% (6/182)	11.1% (2/18)	P=0.9015 (-8.1 – 12.7)	P=0.7236 (-7.8 – 30.5)
Radiologically abnormal nodes	11.6% (64/550)	27.2% (97/356)	35.7% (15/42)	P<0.0001 (9.5 - 20.6)	P<0.0001 (9.5 – 40.5)
Complete axillary intervention	26.4% (145/550)	67.7% (241/356)	73.8% (31/42)	P<0.0001 (35.6 - 48)	P<0.0001 (31.7 – 60.8)

Tot T.Axillary lymph node status in unifocal, multifocal, and diffuse breast carcinomas:
Differences are related to macrometastatic disease. Ann Surg Oncol, 2012

Tu size (mm)	Unifocal tumors			Multifocal tumors			Relative risk of macrometastatic disease (P-value, 95% CI)
	Macro-metastasis	Micro-metastasis	Isoletad cells	Macro-metastasis	Micro-metastasis	Isoletad cells	
1-9	7.8% (9/115)	1.7% (2/115)	4.7% (7/115)	16.0% (8/50)	8.0% (4/50)	2% (1/50)	2.0444 (P=0.1164, 0.8373-4.9917)
10 -14	14.7% (22/150)	4.0% (6/150)	2.7% (4/150)	36.0% (27/75)	4.0% (3/75)	1.3% (1/75)	2.4545 (P=0.0003, 1.5038-4.0065)
15 -19	23.9% (33/138)	3.6% (5/138)	6.5% (9/138)	46.6% (34/73)	5.5% (4/73)	6.8% (5/73)	1.9477 (P=0.0007, 1.3241-2.865)
20 – 29	26.7% (28/105)	9.5% (10/105)	3.8% (4/105)	59.8% (64/107)	5.6% (6/107)	3.7% (4/107)	2.2430 (P<0.0001, 1.5756-3.1931)
30 – 39	48.5% (16/33)	15.2% (5/33)	0.0% (0/33)	78.1% (25/32)	3.1% (1/32)	6.3% (2/32)	1.6113 (P=0.0184, 1.0838-2.3957)
40+	44.4% (4/9)	0.0% (0/9)	11.1% (1/9)	73.7% (14/19)	0.0% (0/19)	0.0% (0/19)	1.6579 (P=0.2030, 0.7613-3.6105)
Total	20.4% (112/550)	5.1% (28/550)	4.5% (25/550)	48.3% (172/356)	5.1% (18/356)	3.7% (13/356)	2.3726 (P<0.0001, 1.9481-2.8896)

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	Unifocal	Multifocal	Diffuse	Total	RR multifocal vs unifocal	RR diffuse vs unifocal
Grade 1	9.7%/18.2% (15/28/154)	19.2%/32.8% (11/19/58)	50.0%/50.0% (1/1/2)	12.6%/22.4% (27/48/214)	1.9471 (P=0.0685, 0.9506-3.9885)	5.1333 (P=0.0288, 1.1839-22.2582)
Grade 2	21.3%/31.7% (57/85/268)	48.8%/55.5% (102/116/209)	59.5%/69.0% (22/24/37)	35.2%/43.4% (181/223/514)	2.2946 (P<0.0001, 1.7535-3.0028)	2.7956 (P<0.0001, 1.9663-3.9749)
Grade 3	31.0%/40.5% (39/51/126)	66.3%/76.4% (59/68/89)	100.0%/100.0% (3/3/3)	46.3%/56.0% (101/122/218)	2.1417 (P<0.0001, 1.5867-2.8909)	2.8133 (P<0.0001, 1.7904-4.4205)
Total	20.3%/29.9% (111/164/548)	48.3%/57.0% (172/203/356)	62.0%/66.7% (26/28/42)	32.7%/41.8% (309/395/946)	2.3853 (P<0.0001, 1.9571-2.9071)	3.0562 (P<0.0001, 2.2877-4.0829)

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**It is far not sufficient
to preoperatively verify malignancy;**

**lesion distribution,
disease extent,
localization,
tumor size,
tumor stage**

**should also be assessed
for adequate therapeutic decision**

**There are no indications for
frozen section
on breast tissue
in modern breast pathology!**



Tack !