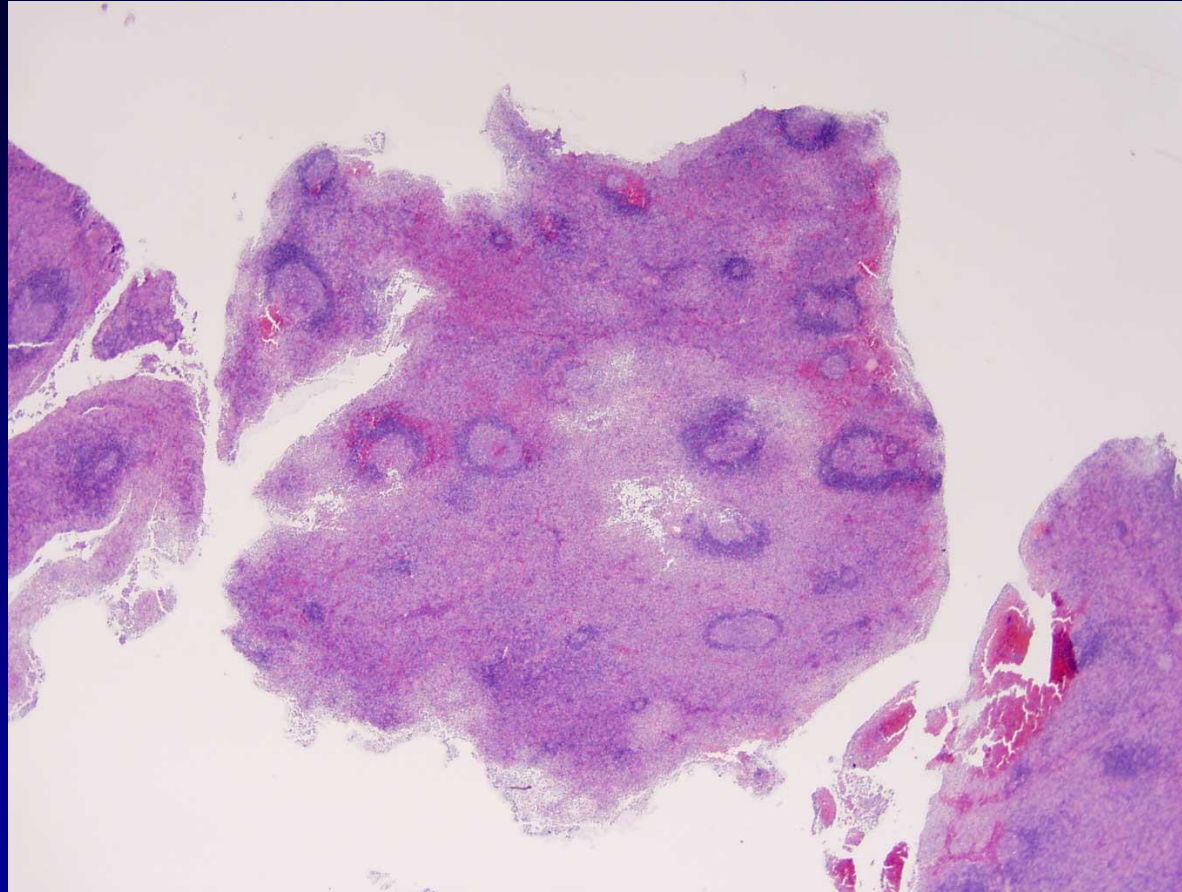
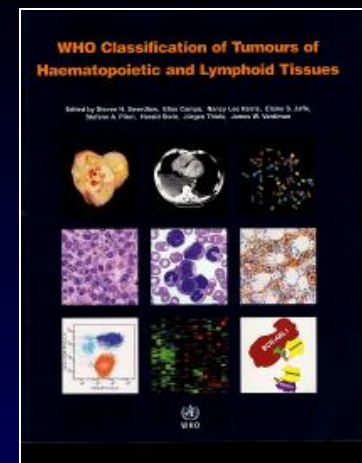


# Marginal Zone Lymphomas



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# Indolent B-Cell Lymphomas in WHO Classification



## Lymphoma Type

## Frequency

Follicular lymphoma

29 %

Small lymphocytic lymphoma/CLL

12 %

Extranodal MZL/MALT lymphoma

9 %

Nodal marginal zone lymphoma

2 %

Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/WM

1.4 %

Splenic marginal zone lymphoma

0.9 %

# **What do normal MZ lymphocytes do?**

**First line of defense against foreign organisms**

**T-cell independent**

**Bulk of primary antibody response**

**Short-lived antibody production**

**No memory B-cells are not generated**

# Extranodal MZL/MALT Lymphoma

## First Description

### *Malignant Lymphoma of Mucosa-Associated Lymphoid Tissue*

*A Distinctive Type of B-Cell Lymphoma*

PETER ISAACSON, DM, MRC PATH, AND DENNIS H. WRIGHT, MD, FRC PATH

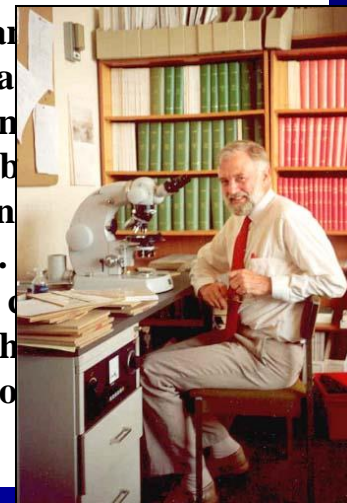
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**Peter Isaacson**

**Cancer 52: 1410, 1983**



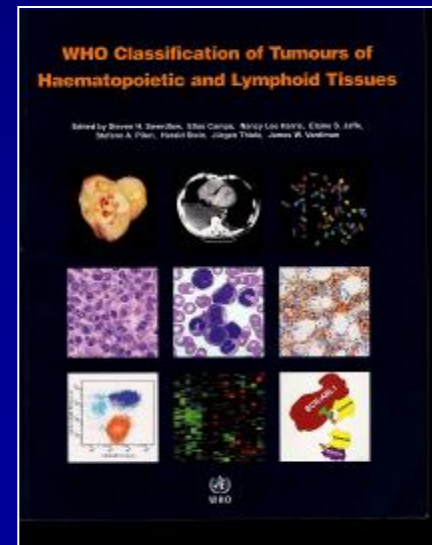
**Dennis Wright**

# Extranodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma of Mucosa-associated Lymphoid Tissue (MALT Lymphoma)

## Definition

An extranodal lymphoma composed of morphologically heterogeneous small B-cells including marginal zone cells, monocytoid cells, small lymphocytes and scattered immunoblasts and centroblast-like cells. There is plasmacytoid differentiation in a proportion of cases. The infiltrate is in the marginal zone of reactive B-cell follicles... In epithelial tissues lymphoepithelial lesions can be present.

WHO book, p. 214



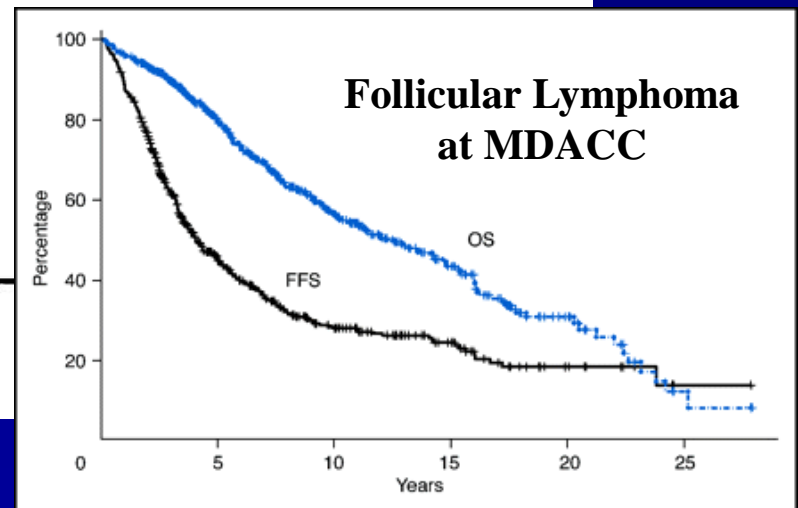
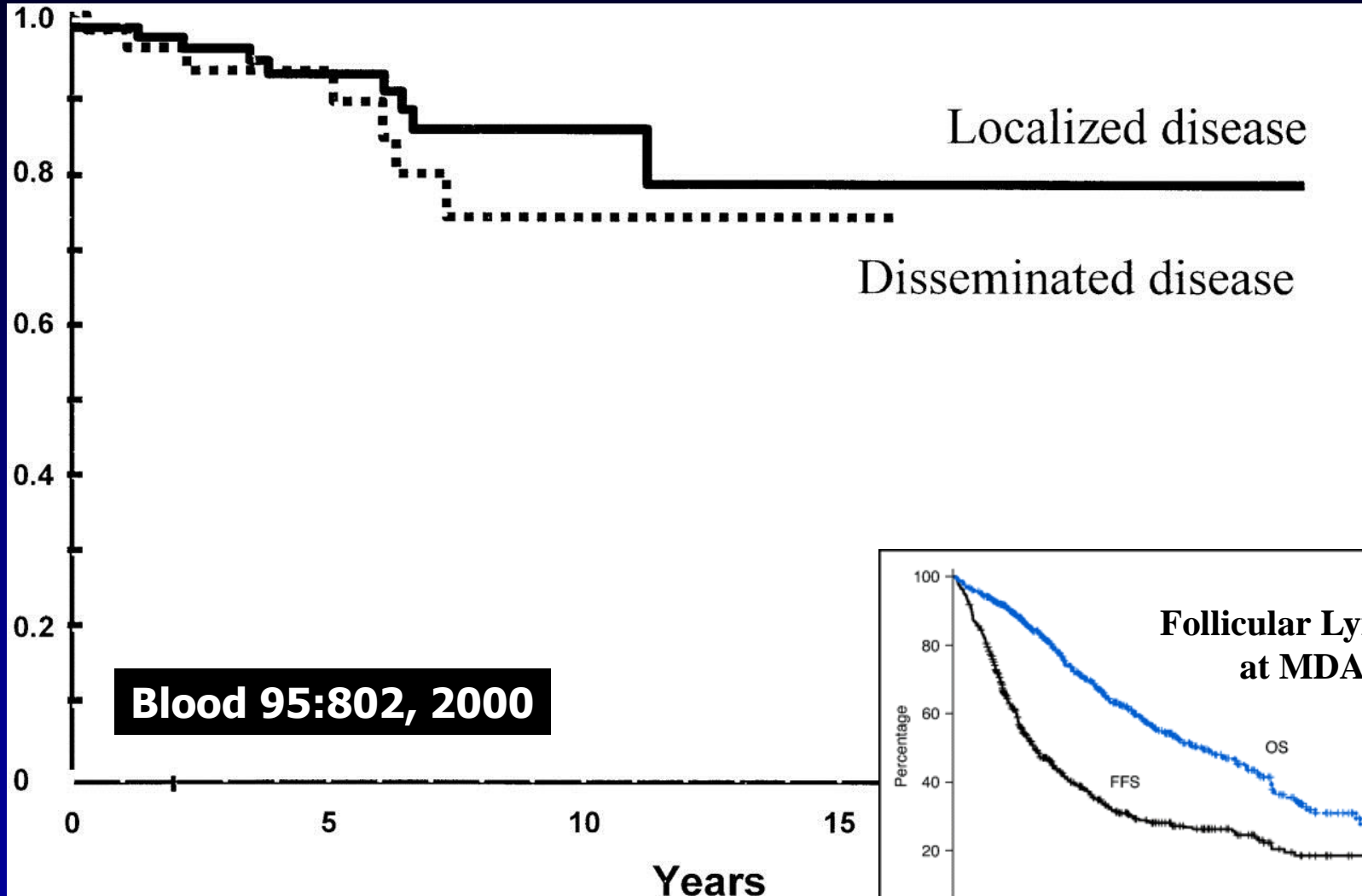
# **MALT Lymphoma**

## **Clinical Findings**

	<b>EMZL</b>	<b>FL</b>
<b>Median age</b>	<b>60 yrs</b>	<b>59 yrs</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>48 %</b>	<b>42 %</b>
<b>BM+</b>	<b>14 %</b>	<b>42 %</b>
<b>B symptoms</b>	<b>19 %</b>	<b>28 %</b>
<b>Stage</b>		
<b>I-II</b>	<b>67 %</b>	<b>33 %</b>
<b>III-IV</b>	<b>33 %</b>	<b>67 %</b>

# MALT Lymphoma

## Freedom from progression



# MALT Lymphomas

## Relative Frequency of Involved Sites

<b>Stomach</b>	<b>28 %</b>
<b>Skin</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>Salivary gland</b>	<b>17 %</b>
<b>Ocular adnexae</b>	<b>15 %</b>
<b>Intestine</b>	<b>6 %</b>
<b>Lung</b>	<b>6 %</b>
<b>Thyroid gland</b>	<b>2 %</b>
<b>Breast</b>	<b>2 %</b>
<b>Liver</b>	<b>2 %</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>2 %</b>

# **MALT Lymphoma**

## **Unusual Sites**

**Almost any site can be involved**

**Dura**

**Tongue**

**Thymus gland**

**Pleura**

**Muscle**

**Gallbladder**

**Kidney**

**Cervix**

**Endometrium**

**Ovary**

**Testis**

# MALT Lymphoma

## Tonsils and Ileum

**Uncommon** sites for MALT lymphoma

These sites have abundant MALT tissue

Many lymphoepithelial lesions

### Tonsils

Usually we receive bigger specimens

Can assess architecture

### Ileum

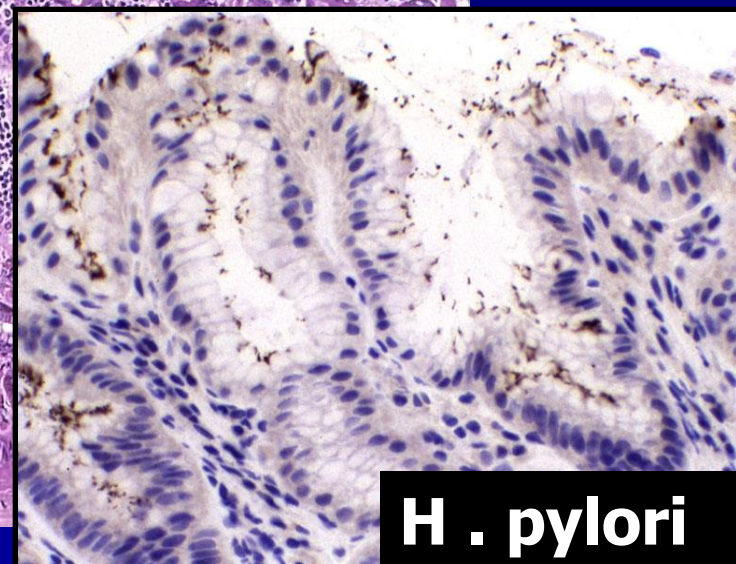
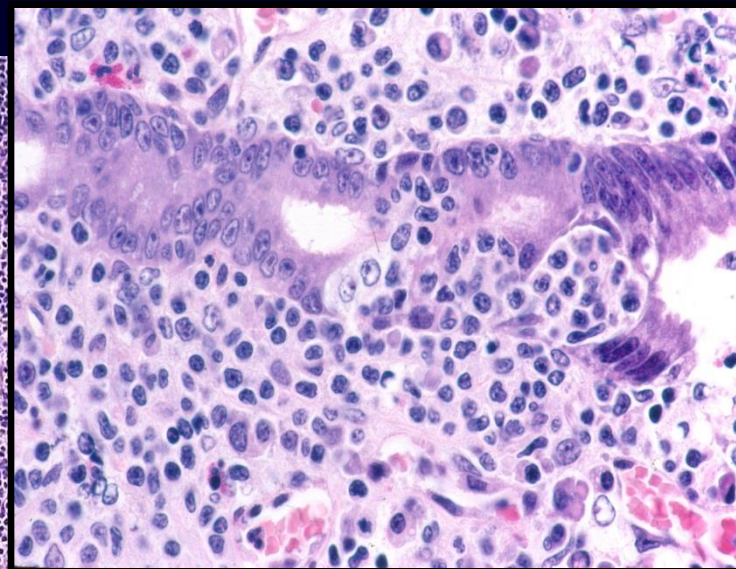
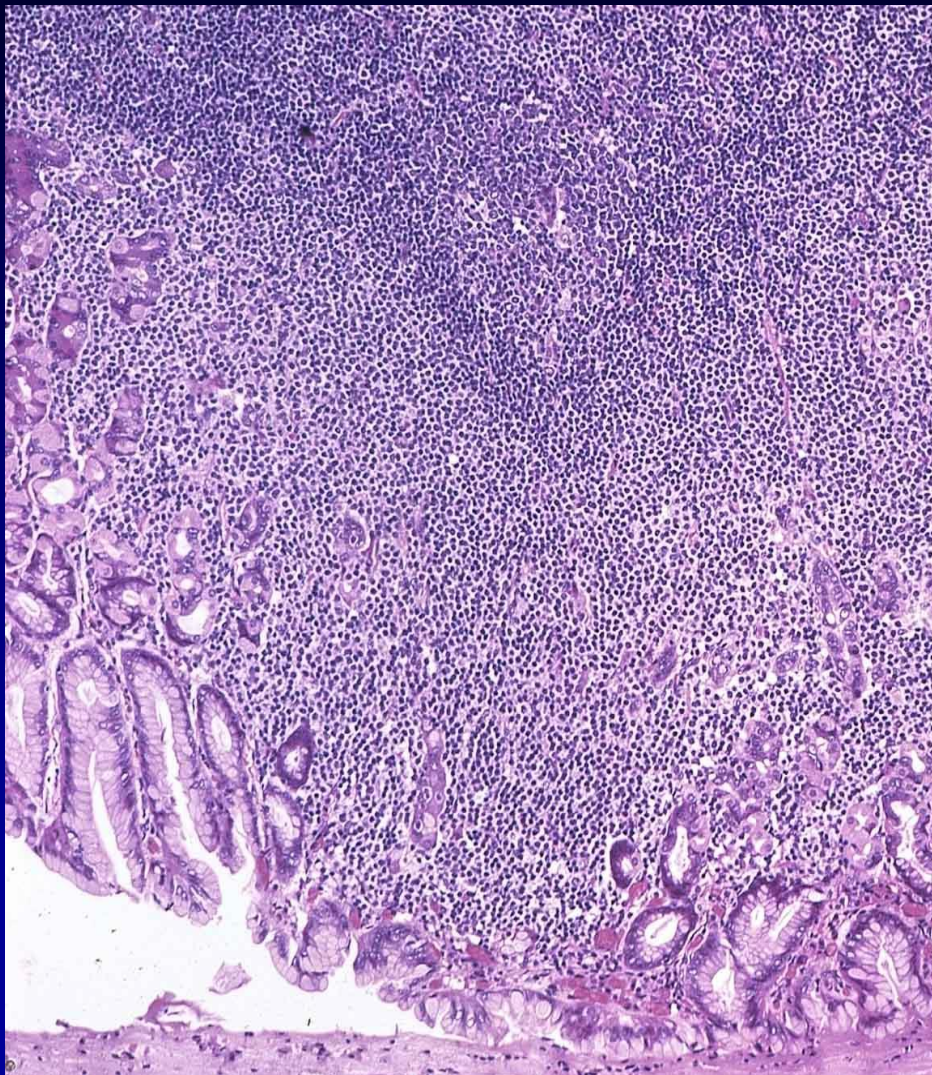
Tiny endoscopic biopsy specimens

No architecture to assess

I cannot diagnose MALT lymphoma

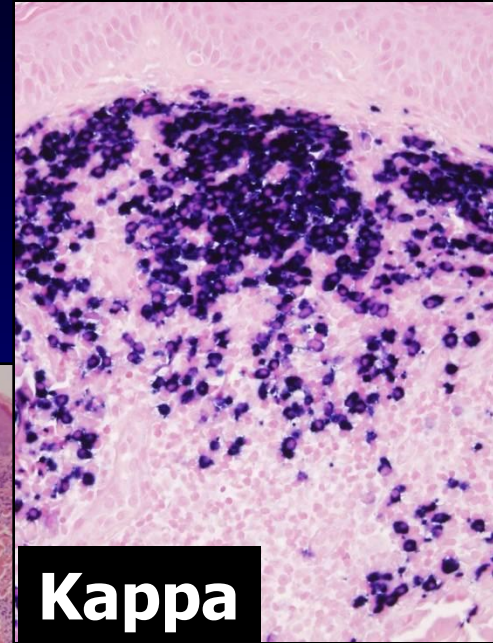
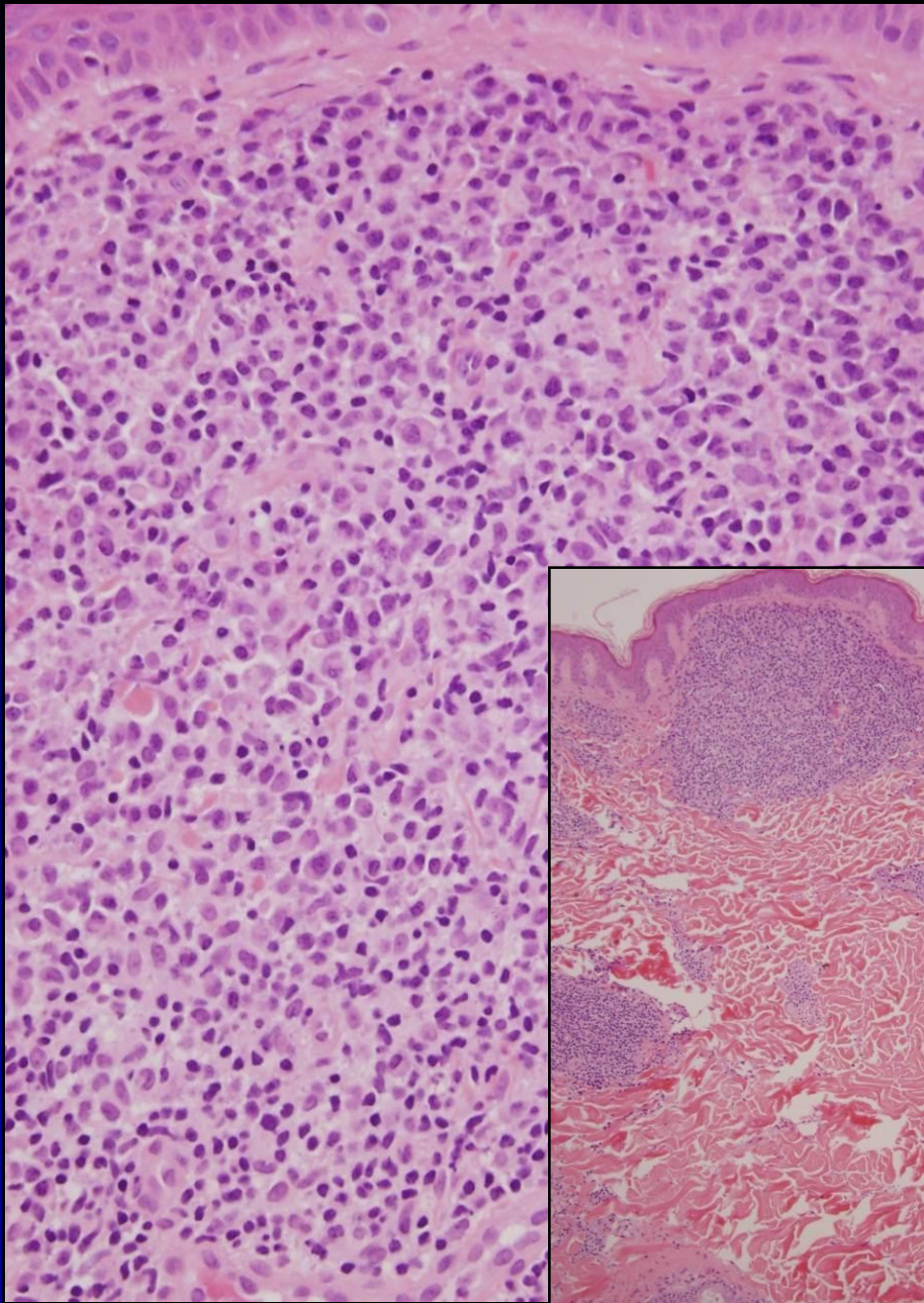


# MALT Lymphoma of Stomach

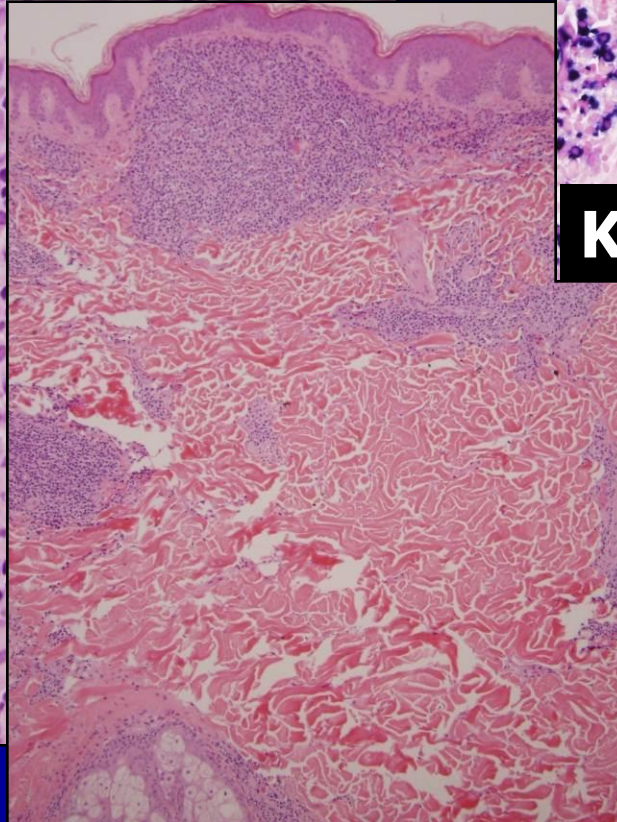


**H . pylori**

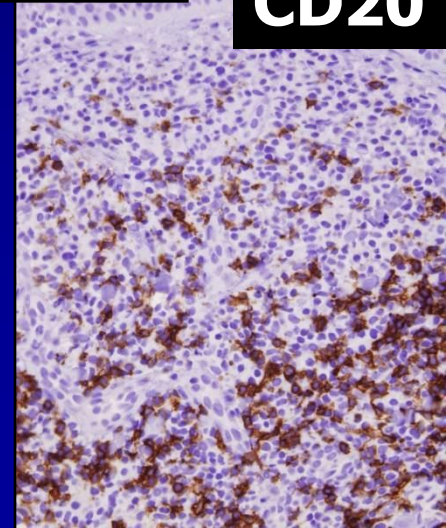
# MALT Lymphoma of Skin Immunocytoma Pattern



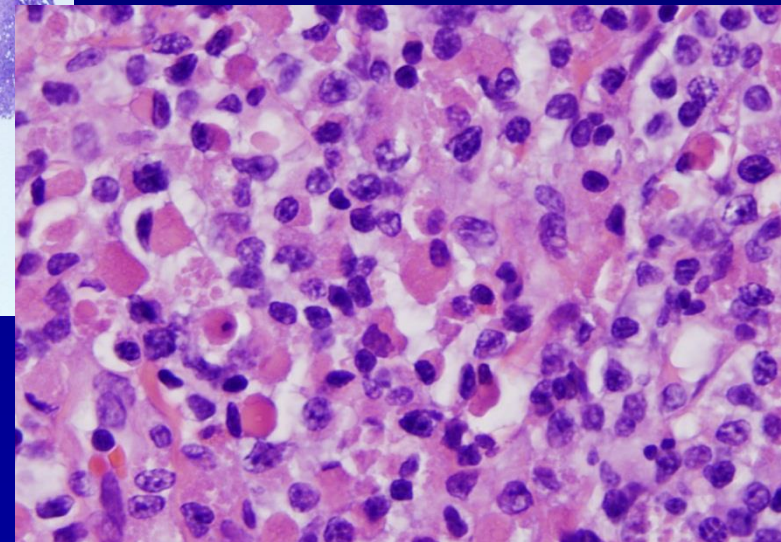
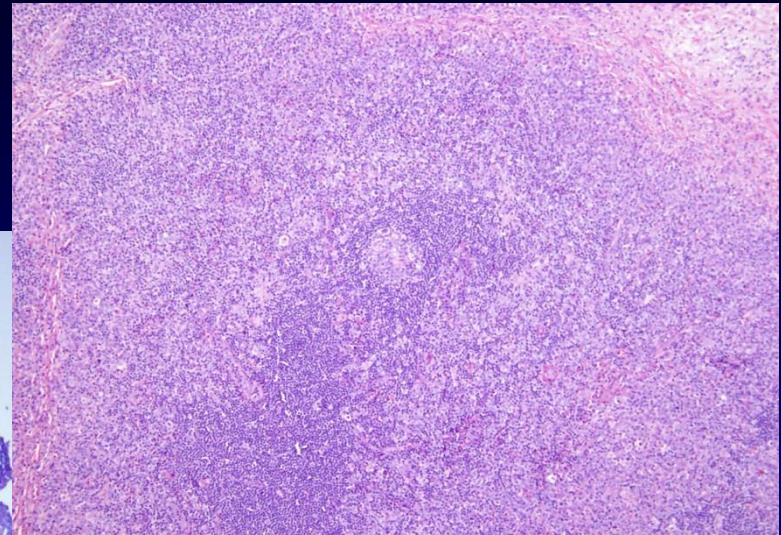
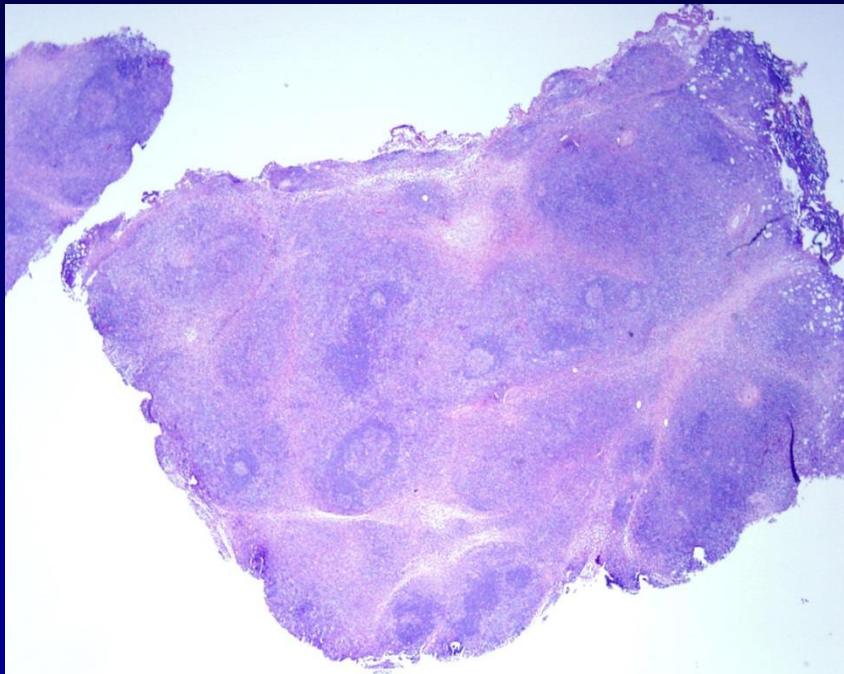
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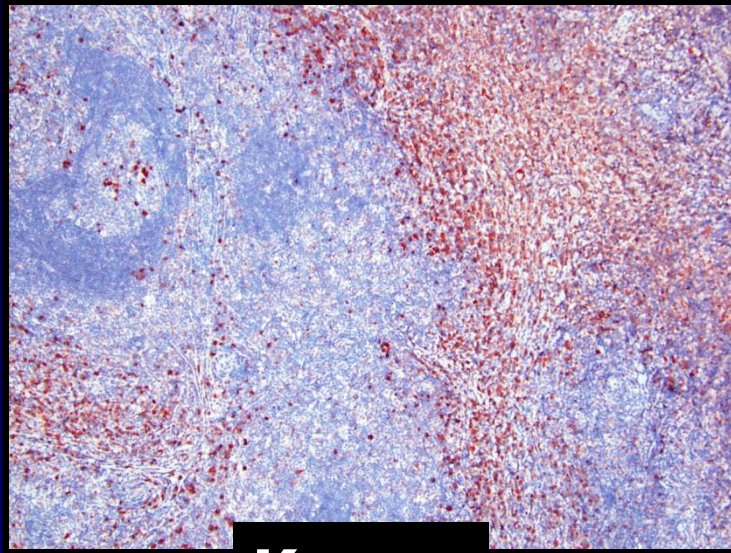
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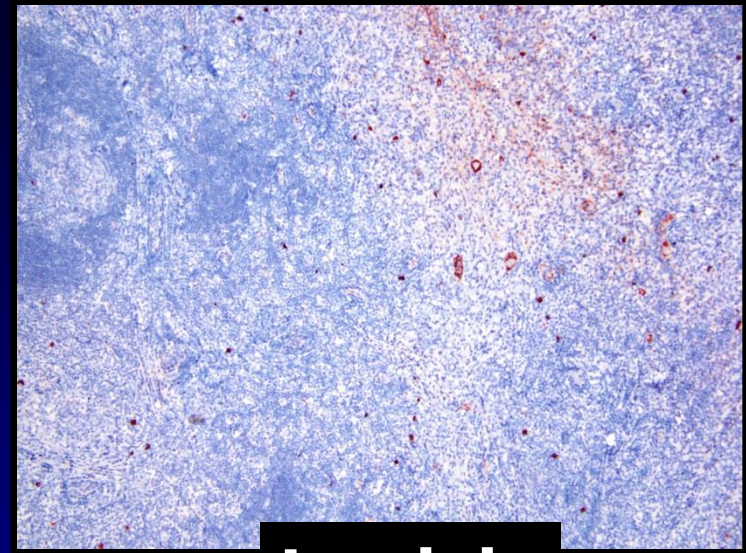
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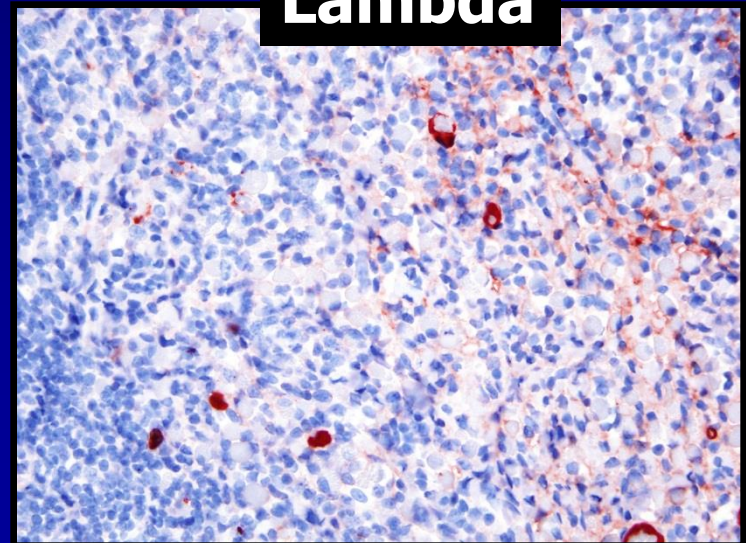
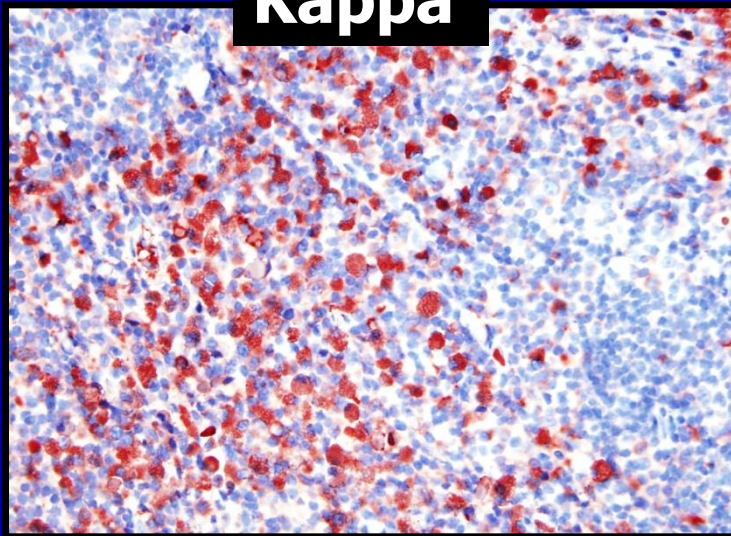
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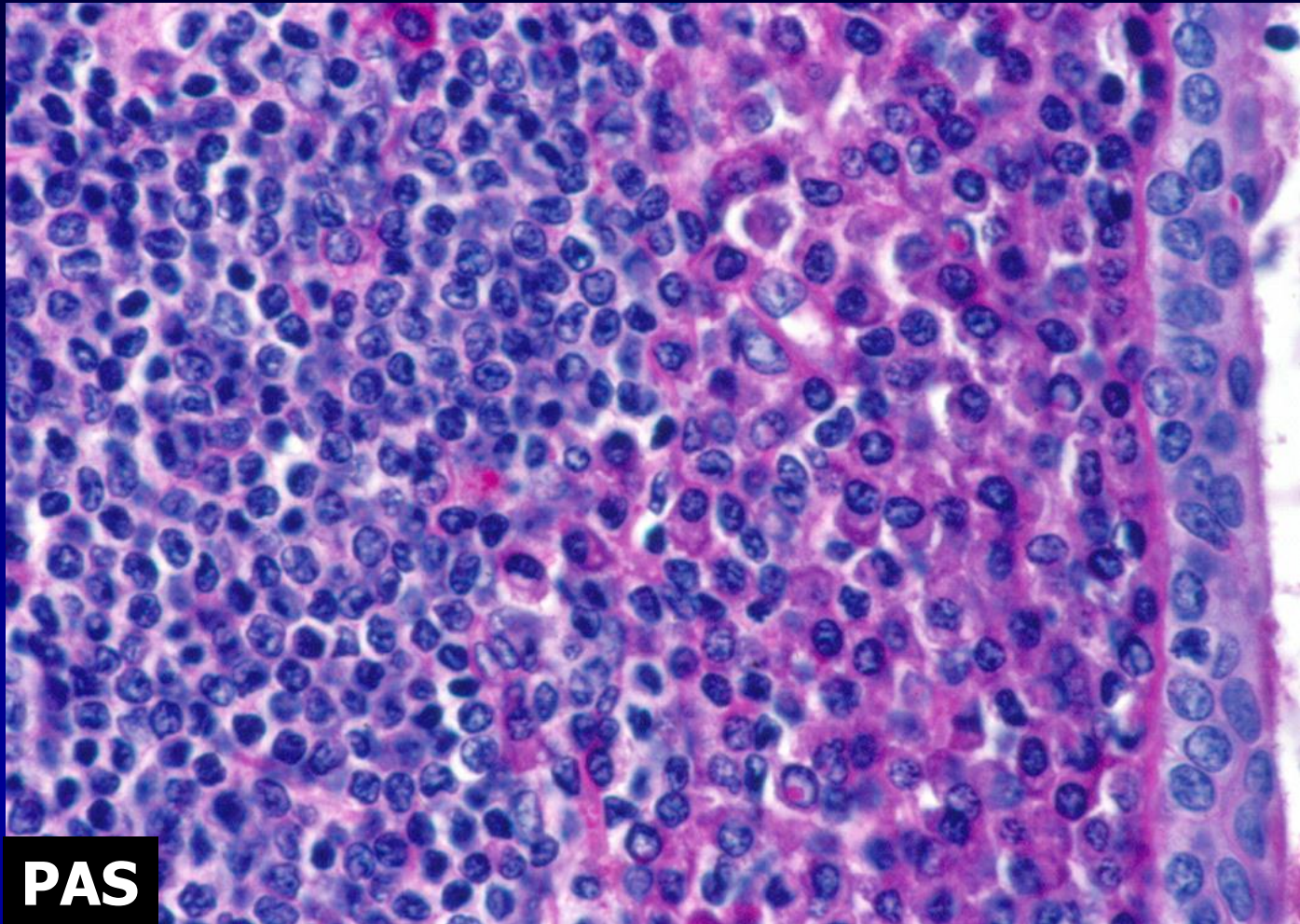


**Lambda**



# MALT Lymphoma of Conjunctiva

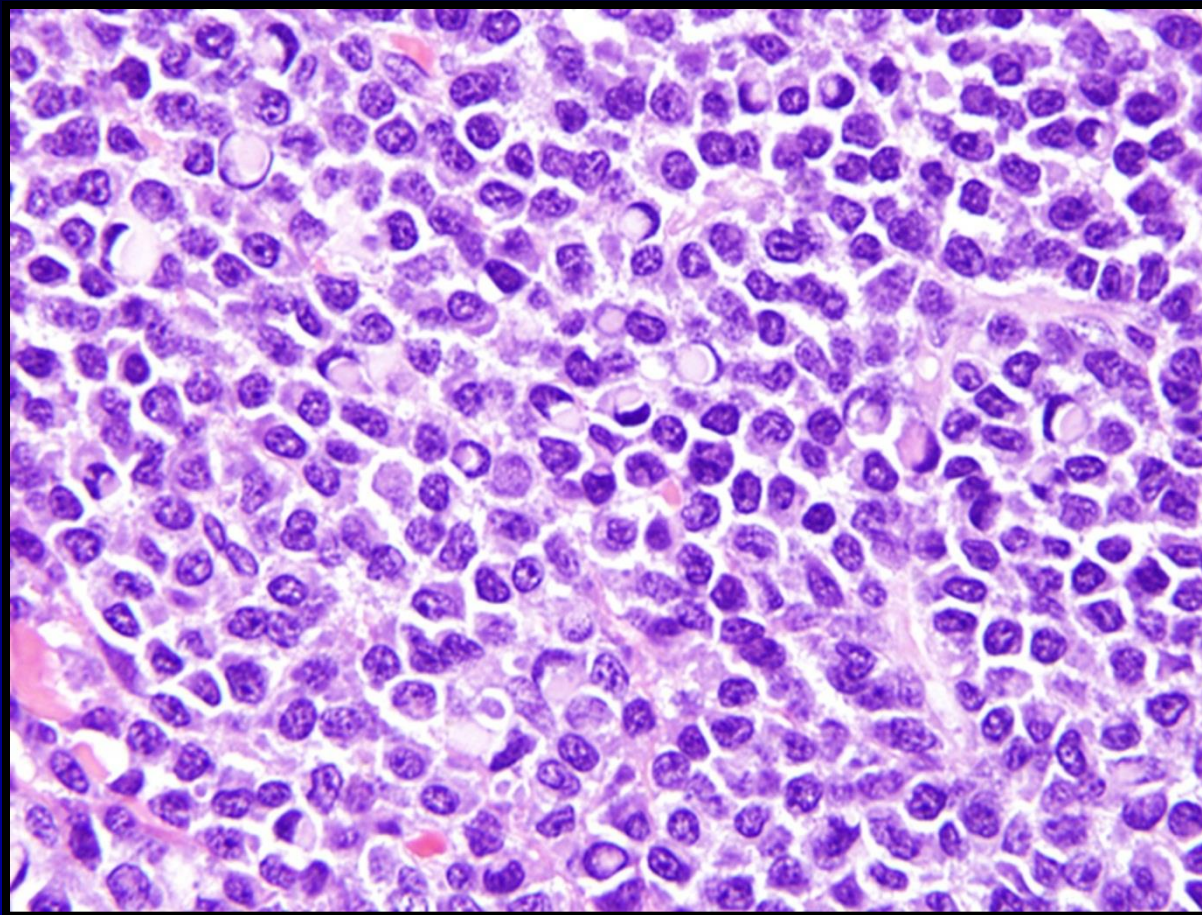
Plasmacytoid Differentiation Can be Prominent



PAS

# **MALT Lymphoma**

**Dutcher Bodies are Helpful for Dx**



**Dutcher bodies = nuclear pseudo-inclusions of cytoplasm  
Numerous Dutcher bodies support lymphoma**

# **MALT Lymphomas**

## **Histologic Features**

**Neoplastic small lymphoid cells**

**Small round lymphocytes**

**Monocytoid cells**

**Centrocyte-like cells**

**Plasmacytoid lymphocytes**

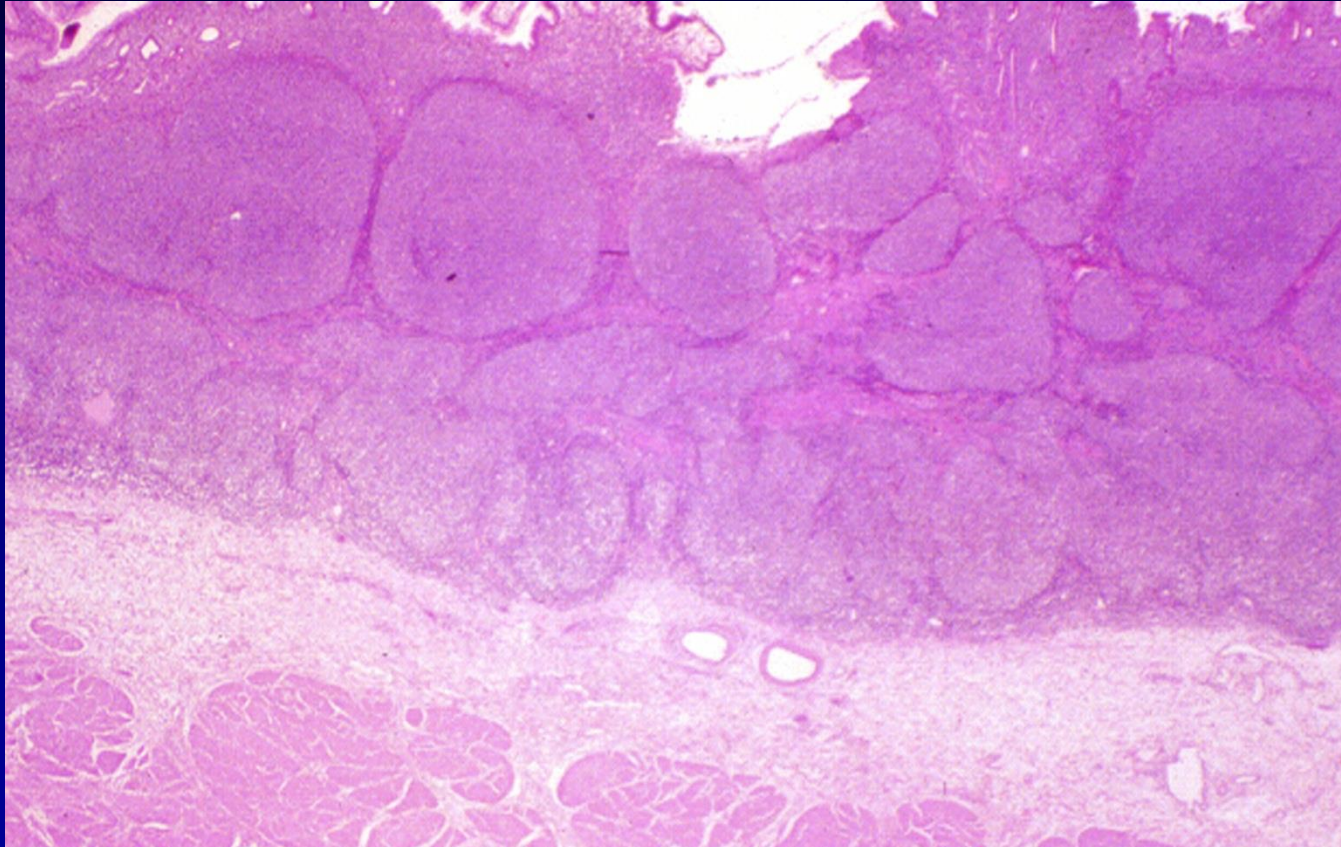
**Occasional large cells (blasts)**

**Lymphoepithelial lesions**

**Reactive follicles**

# **MALT Lymphoma of Stomach**

## **Follicular Colonization**

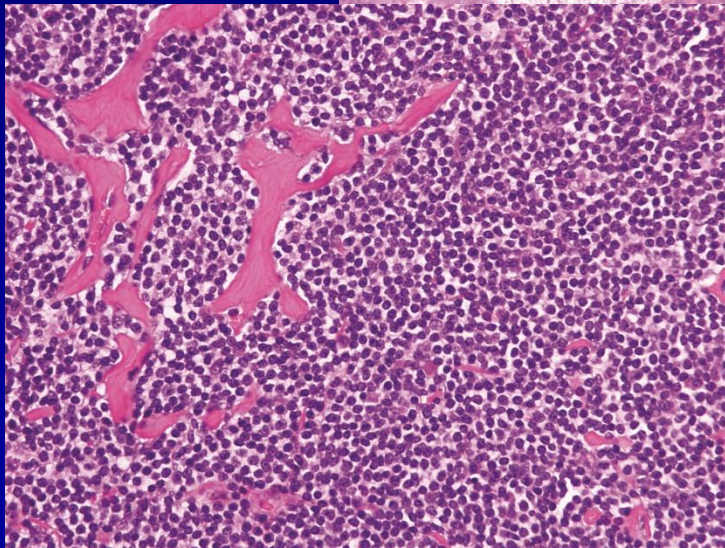
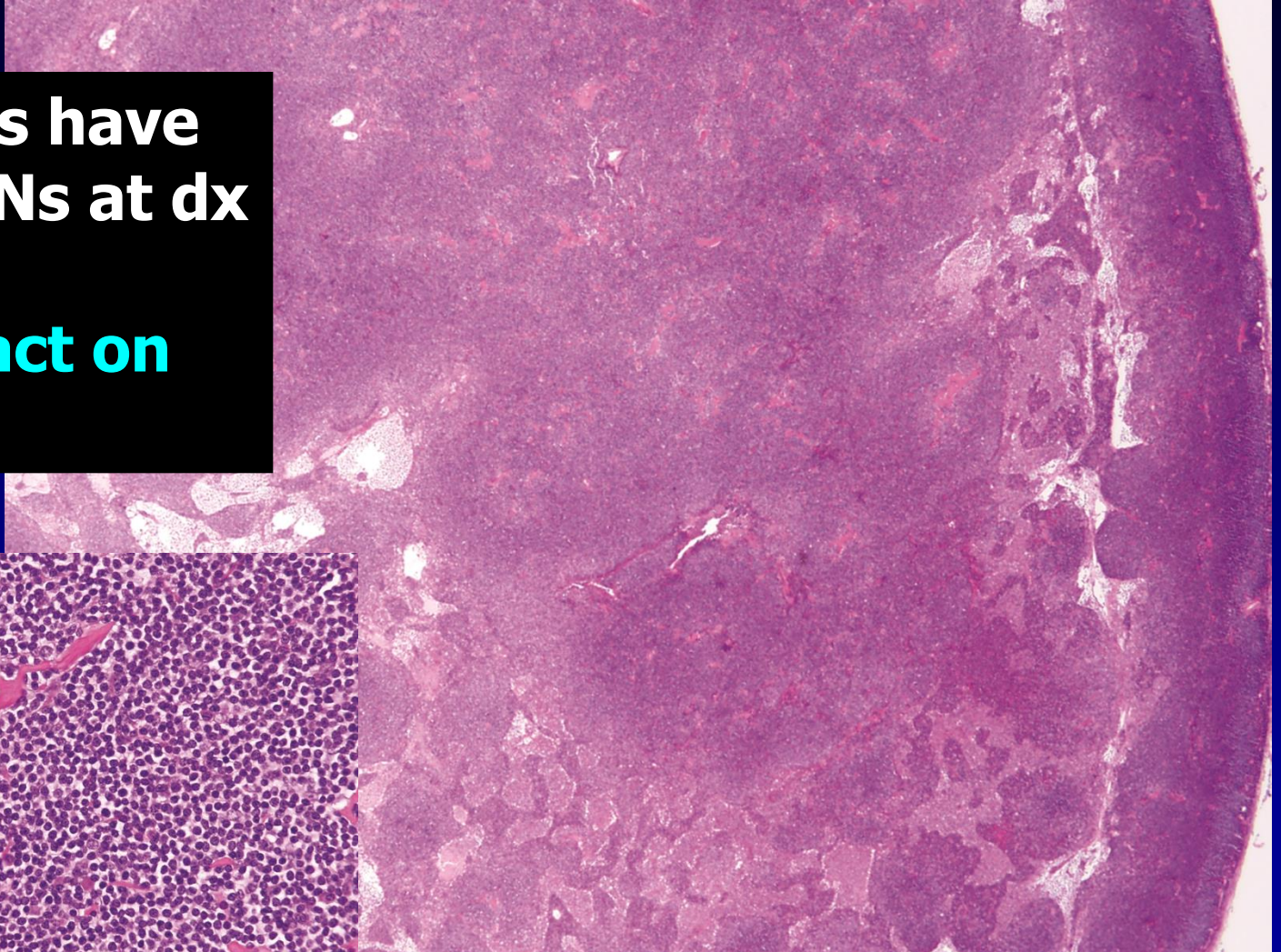


**This case was CD10-, BCL6-, and t(14;18)-**

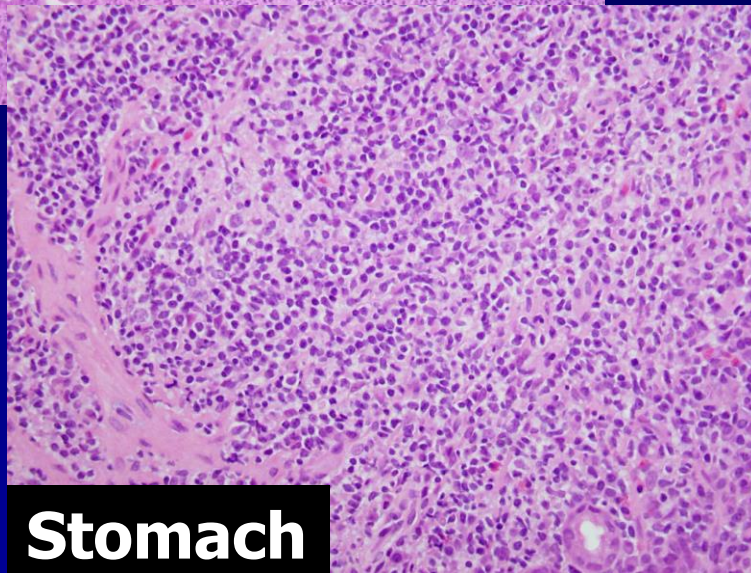
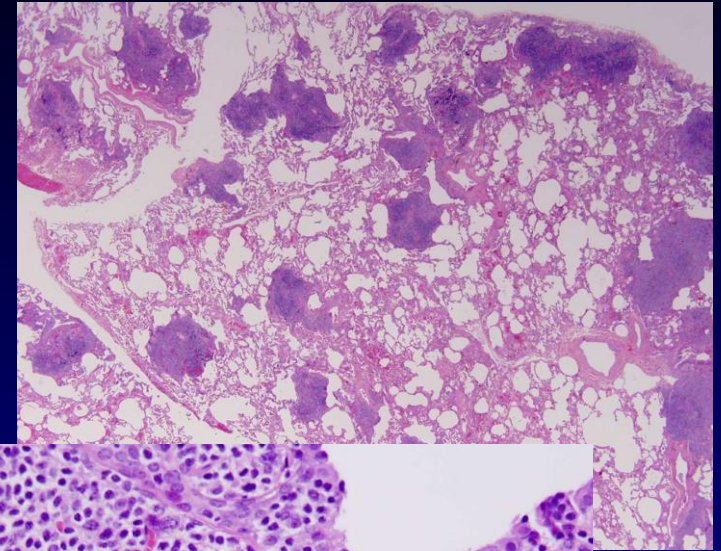
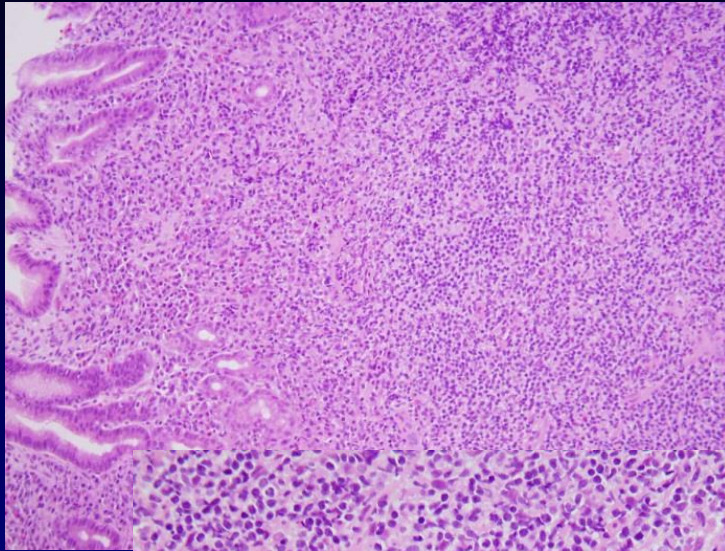
# MALT Lymphoma in Regional Lymph Node

**20% of pts have regional LNs at dx**

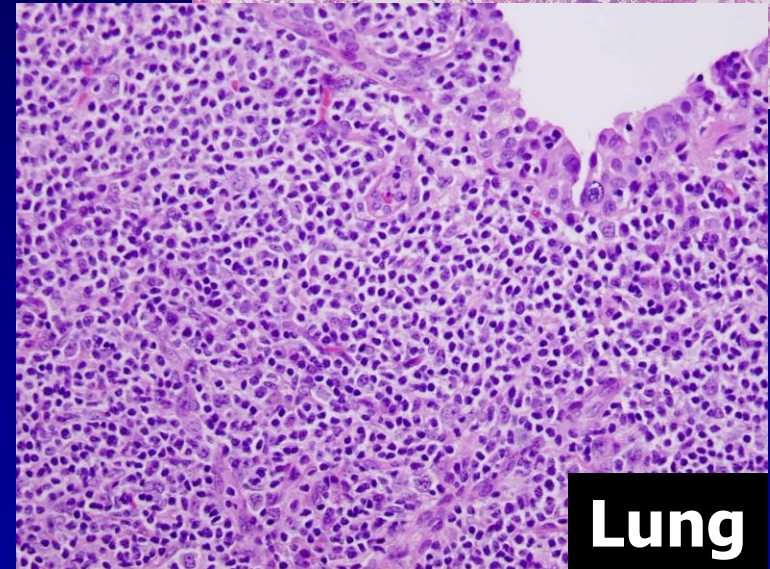
**Little impact on prognosis**



# MALT Lymphoma Can be Multicentric



**Stomach**



**Lung**

~ 25% of pts

May not be clonally related (true in this case)

# MALT Lymphoma

## Associated Infections and Autoimmune Diseases

Stomach

*Helicobacter pylori*

Skin

*Borrelia burgdorferi* (Europe)

Jejunum

*Campylobacter jejuni*

Ocular adnexa

*Chlamydia psittaci*

Lung

*Achromobacter xylosoxidans*

**Lymphoid interstitial pneumonia**

Thyroid

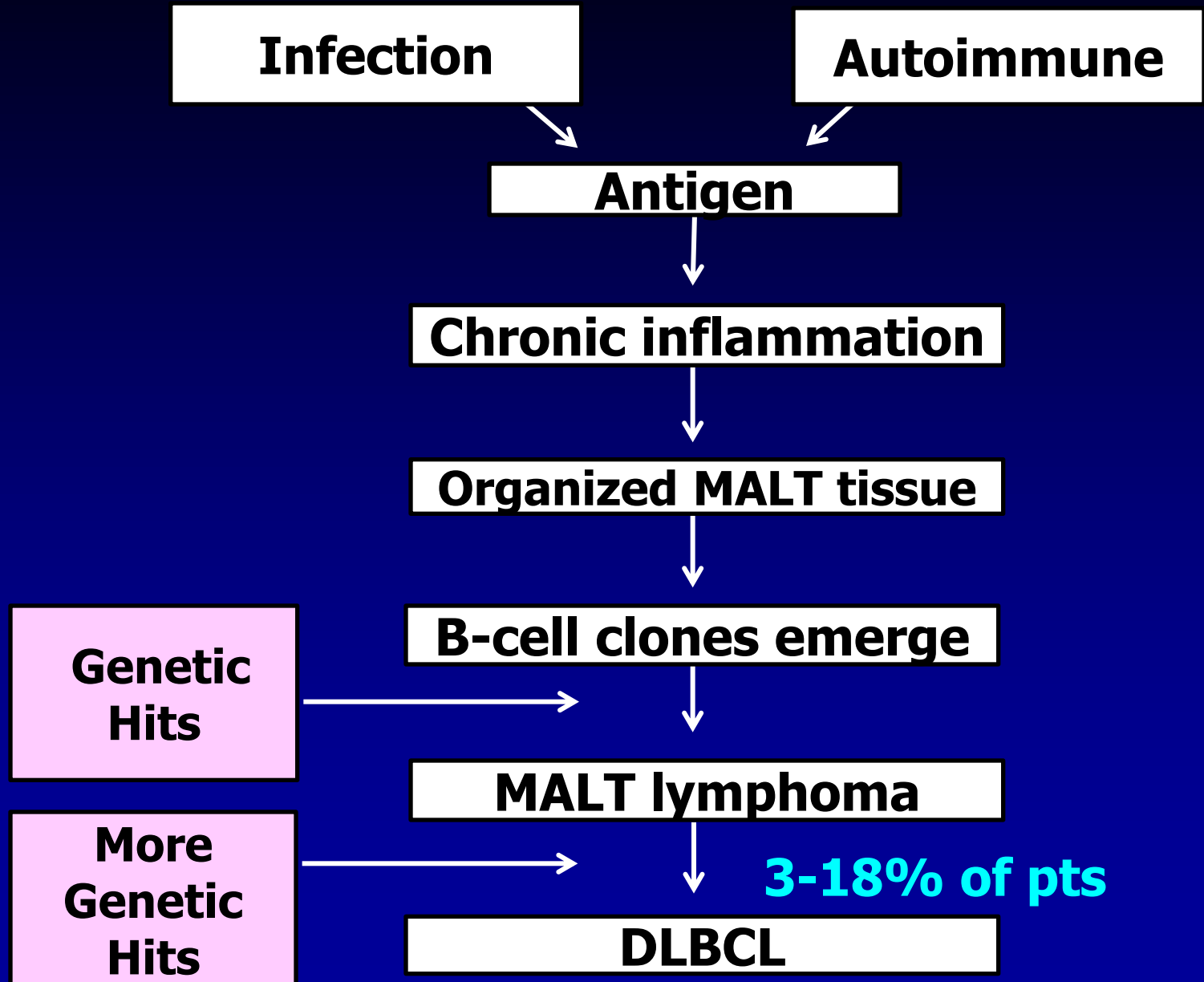
**Hashimoto thyroiditis**

Salivary gland

**Sjogren syndrome**

**Hepatitis C may have a role for non-gastric cases (Italy)**

# Pathogenesis of MALT Lymphoma



# MALT Lymphoma

## Immunophenotype

Positive	Negative
Immunoglobulin	CD3, CD5
CD19, CD20, CD22, CD79A, PAX5	CD10
BCL2	CD23 -/+
<b>IRTA*</b>	BCL6
<b>MNDA*</b>	Cyclin D1

\* Less than 100% sensitive

# CLONALITY IN MALT LYMPHOMA

Sensitivity of detection depends on method

Method	Sensitivity	Comment
Paraffin IHC (kappa, lambda)	~10%	Need plasmacytoid lymphocytes/plasma cells
Flow cytometry	~ 0.1-001%	% clonal cells important
PCR IGH	~ 0.1%	Many false negatives  Size of clone important

# Chromosomal Translocations in MALT Lymphoma

## The Famous 4

<b>Abnormality</b>	<b>Genes</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>t(11;18)(q21;q21)</b>	<b><i>API2 (BIRC3)</i> and <i>MALT1</i></b>	<b>20-30%</b>
<b>t(14;18)(q32;q21)</b>	<b><i>IGH</i> and <i>MALT1</i></b>	<b>10-15%</b>
<b>t(3;14)(p14.1;q32)</b>	<b><i>FOXP1</i> and <i>MALT1</i></b>	<b>~10%</b>
<b>t(1;14)(p22;q32)</b>	<b><i>BCL10</i> and <i>IGH</i></b>	<b>~5%</b>

# Cytogenetic/Molecular Abnormalities in MALT Lymphoma

<b>Abnormality</b>	<b>Genes</b>	<b>Frequency</b>
<b>3q27/BCL6 rearrangements</b>	<b><i>BCL6</i></b>	<b>&lt;5%</b>
<b>t(X;14)(p11.2;q32)</b>	<b><i>GPR34</i> and <i>IGH</i></b>	<b>2-3%</b>
<b>t(1;2)(p22;p12)</b>	<b><i>BCL10</i> and <i>IGK</i></b>	<b>~1%</b>
<b>t(1;14)</b>	<b><i>CNN3</i> and <i>IGH</i></b>	<b>Rare</b>
<b>t(5;14)(q34;q32)</b>	<b><i>ODZ2</i> and <i>IGH</i></b>	<b>Rare</b>
<b>t(9;14)(p24;q32)</b>	<b><i>JMJD2C</i> and <i>IGH</i></b>	<b>Rare</b>
<b>t(6;7)(q25;q11)</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Rare</b>
<b>Del(6p23)</b>	<b><i>TNFAIP3/A20</i></b>	<b>10-20%</b>
<b>Trisomy 3 and 18</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>40-60%</b>
<b>Trisomy 7 and 12</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>~30%</b>

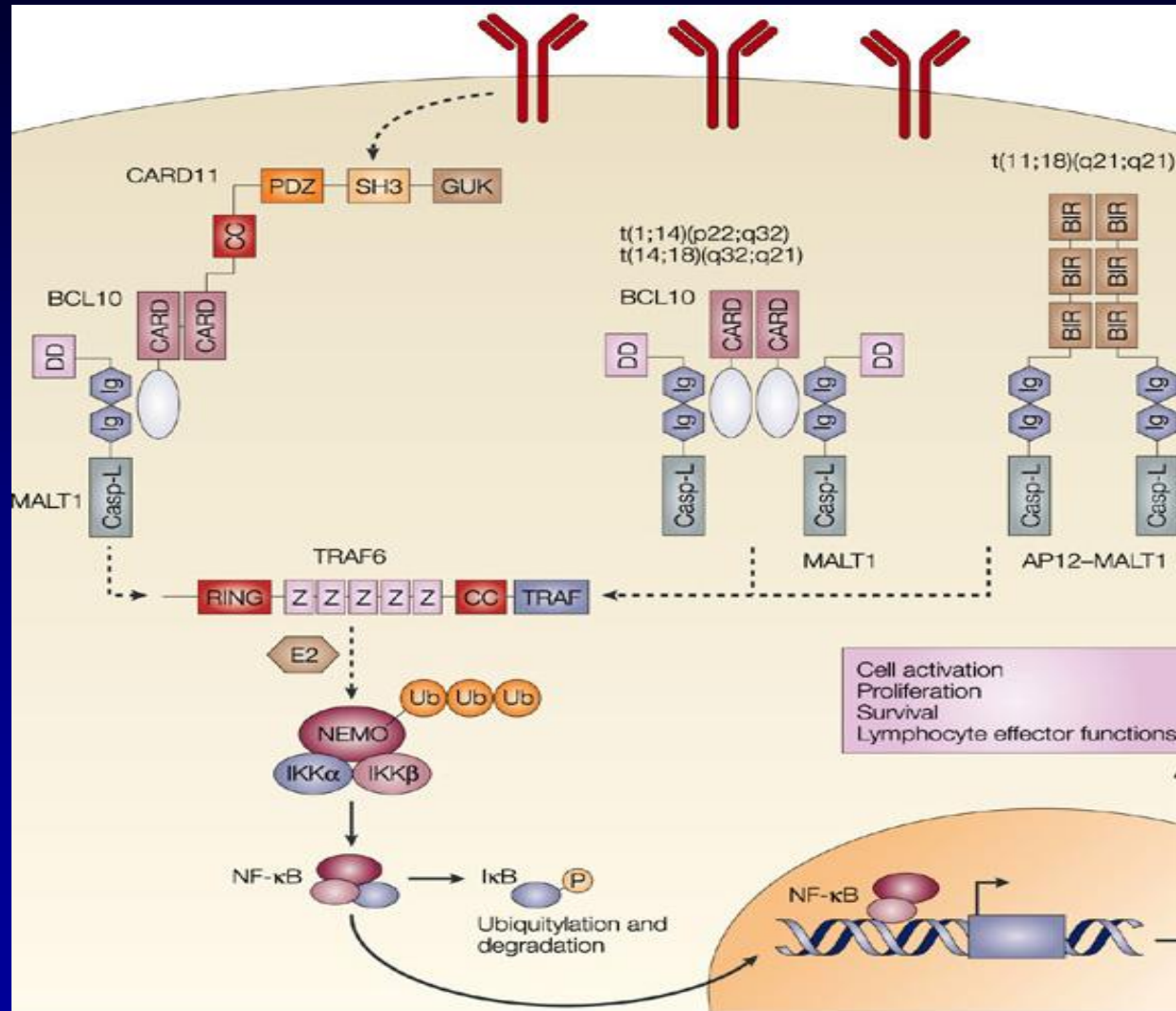
# MALT Lymphomas

## Translocation Frequency Related to Site

Site	t(11;18)	t(14;18)	t(1;14)
Stomach	24 %	1 %	0 %
Skin	8 %	14 %	0 %
Salivary gland	2 %	12 %	2 %
Ocular adnexae	3 %	24 %	0 %
Intestine	13 %	0 %	12 %
Lung	53 %	7 %	7 %

# MALT Lymphoma

## Common Activation of NF- $\kappa$ B pathway



# **MALT-Lymphoma of Stomach**

## **Clinical Implications of t(11;18)**

### **t(11;18) +**

**Poorer response to antibiotics for *H. pylori***  
**Higher stage**  
**Often do not progress to large cell lymphoma**

### **t(11;18) -**

**Usually respond to antibiotic therapy**  
**Lower stage**  
**May progress to large cell lymphoma**

# Clues to Diagnosis of MALT Lymphoma

**Extranodal site**

**History of infection or autoimmune disease**

**Monocytoid or plasmacytoid lymphocytes**

**Dutcher bodies (many)**

**Too many B-cells by IHC**

**Appropriate immunophenotype**

**CD20+, CD5-, CD10-, BCL6-, cyclin D1-**

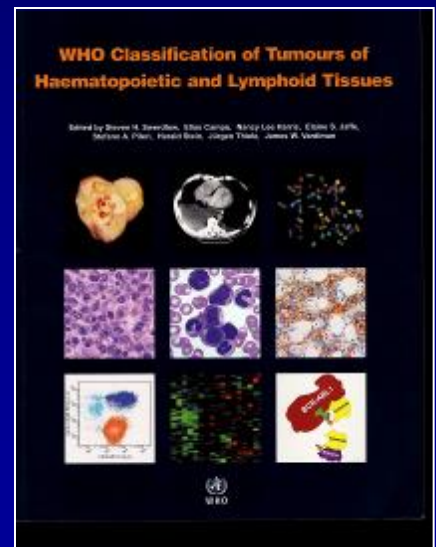
**Warning: systemic B-cell lymphomas can initially present in an extranodal site – need to exclude**

# **Nodal Marginal Zone B-cell Lymphoma**

## **Definition**

**A primary nodal B-cell neoplasm that morphologically resembles lymph nodes involved by MZL of extranodal or splenic types but without evidence of extranodal or splenic disease**

**Old name: monocytoid B-cell lymphoma**



**WHO book, p. 218**

# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

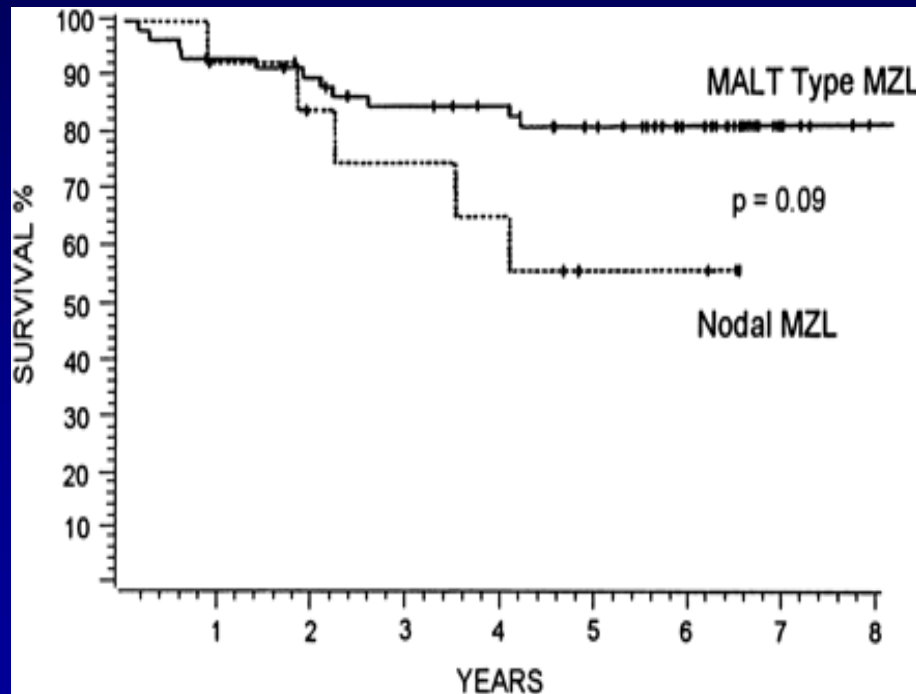
## Clinical Findings

	NMZL	FL
Age	58 y	59 y
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BM+	32 %	42 %
B symptoms	37 %	28 %
Stage		
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III-IV	74 %	67 %

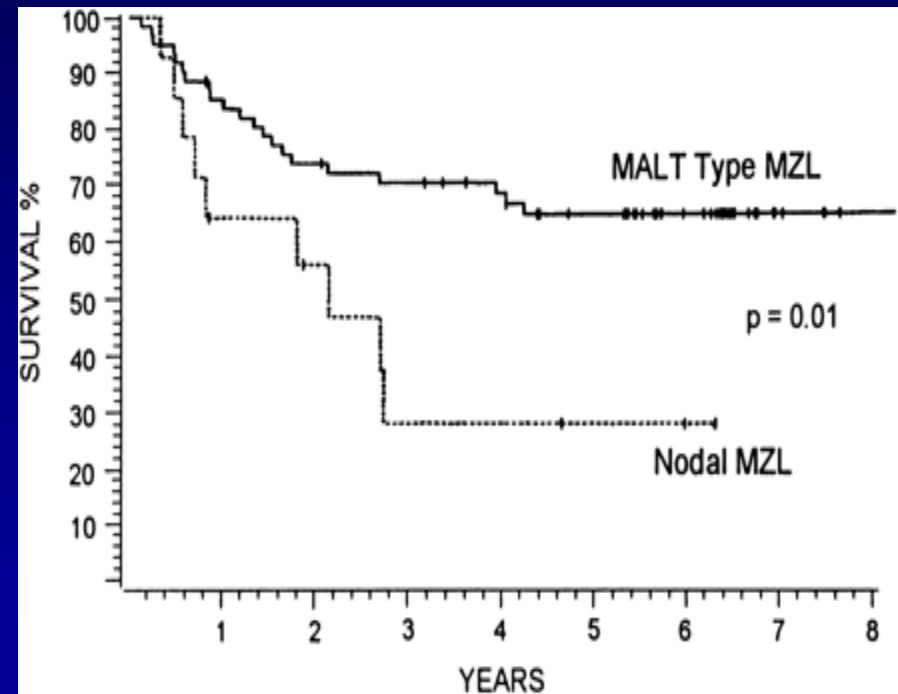
# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Survival

Overall



Failure-Free



# **Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma**

## **Histologic Features**

**Marginal zone distribution**

**Abundant cytoplasm**

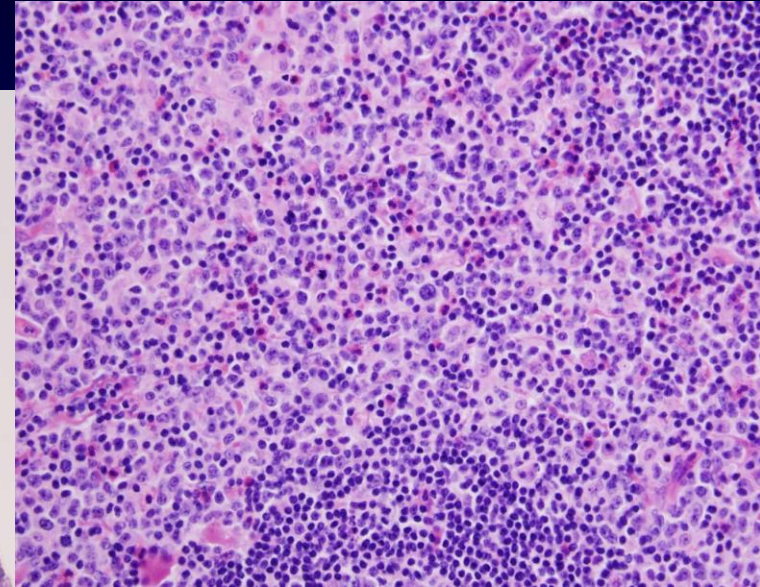
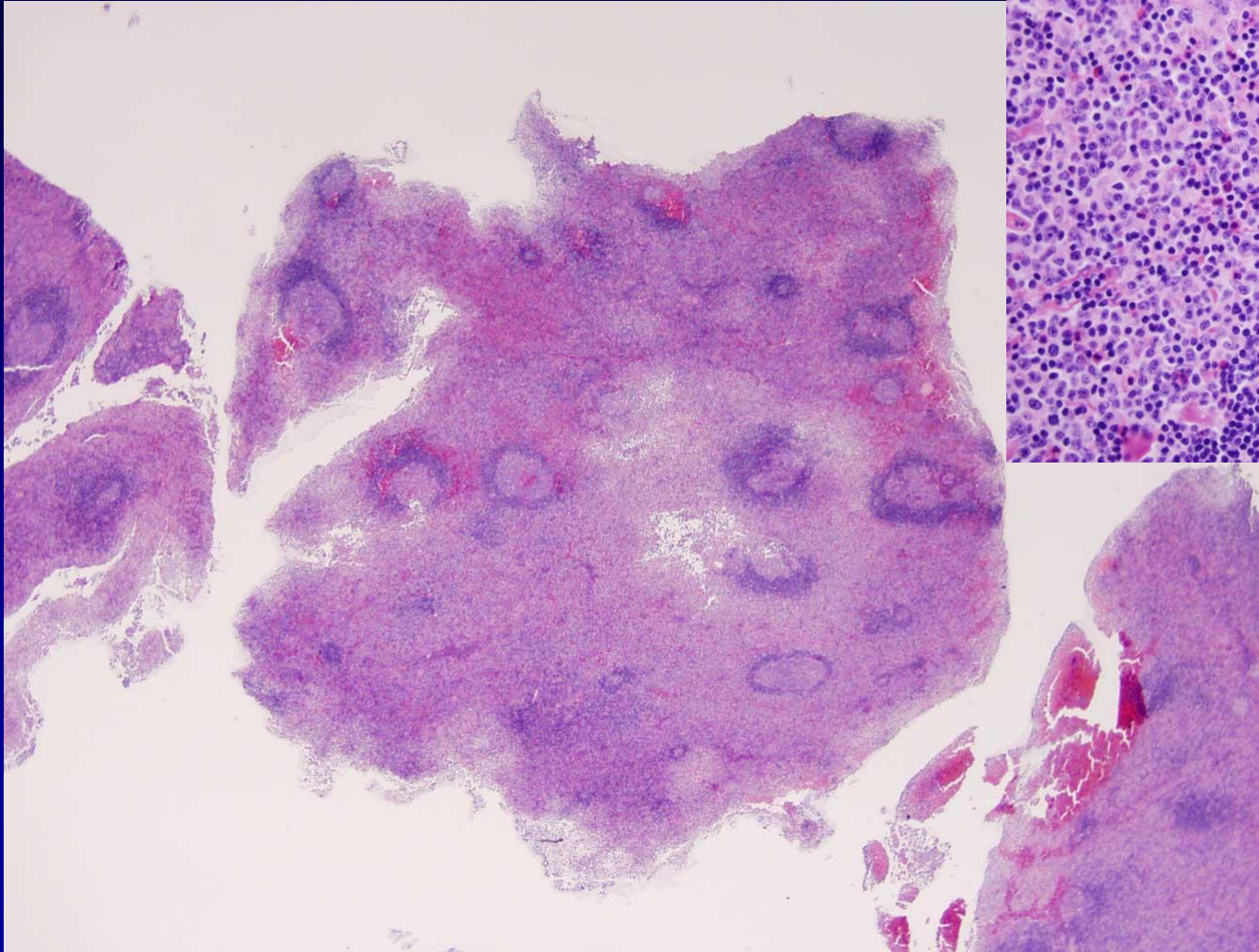
**Often pale at low power**

**Plasmacytoid differentiation +/-**

**Follicular colonization +/-**

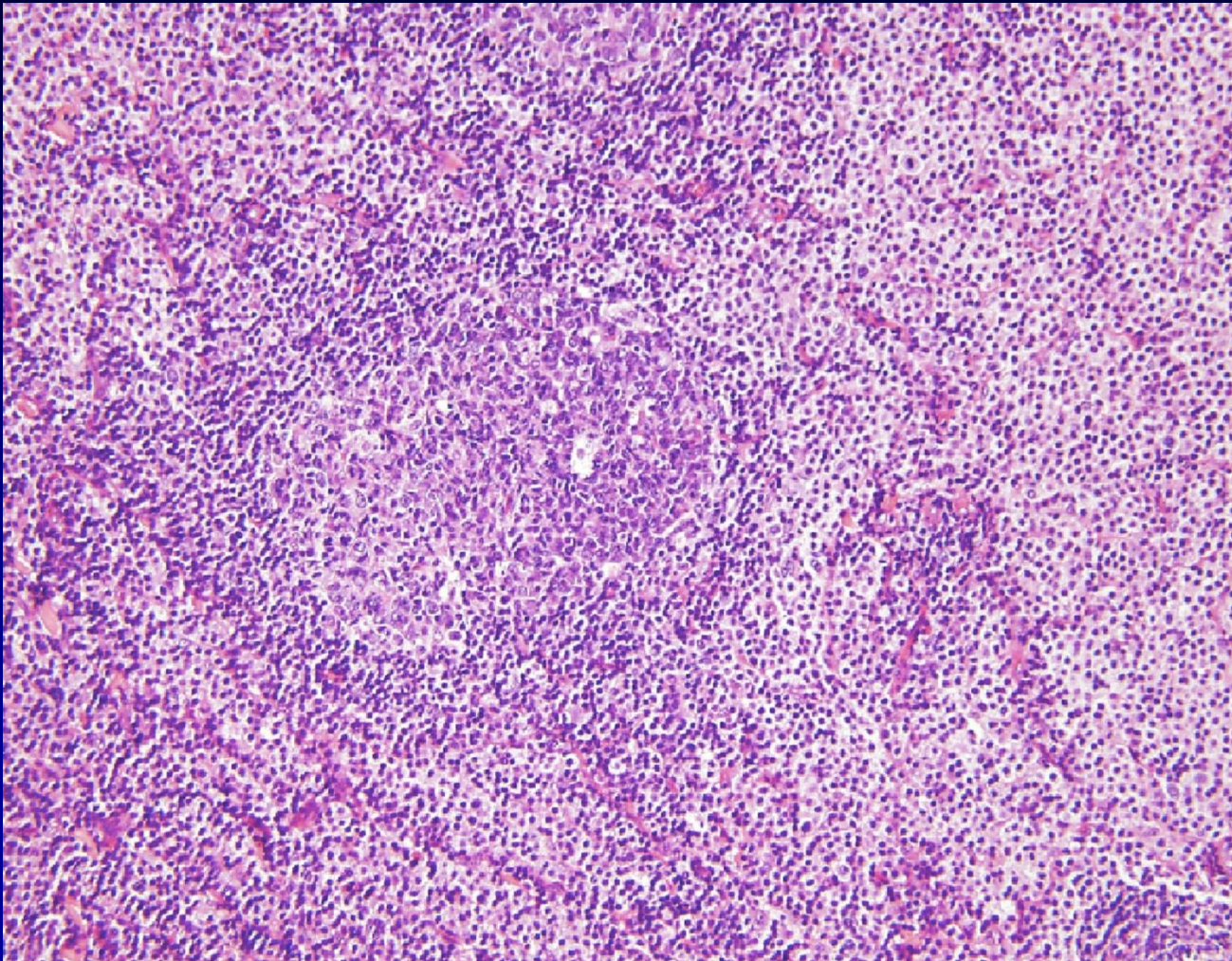
# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Marginal Zone Pattern and Pale Cytoplasm



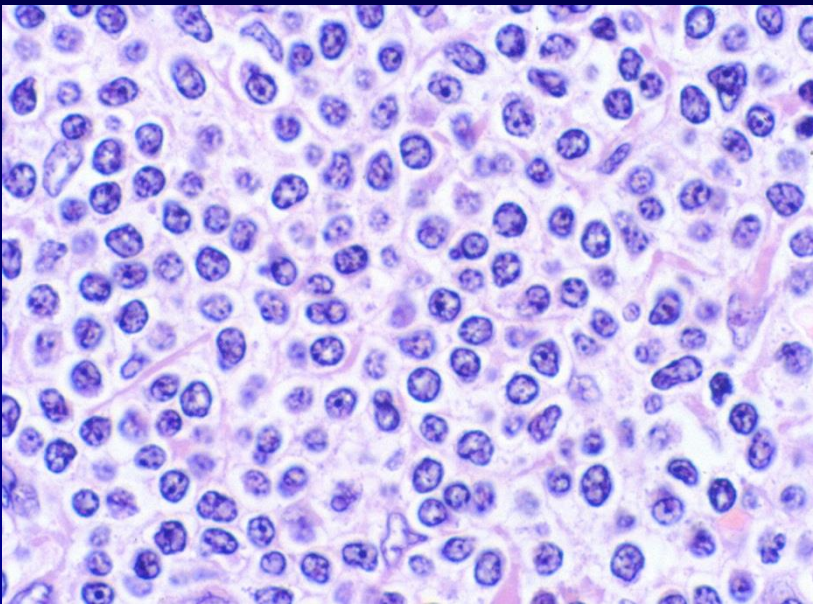
# **Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma**

## **Marginal Zone Pattern and Clear Cytoplasm**

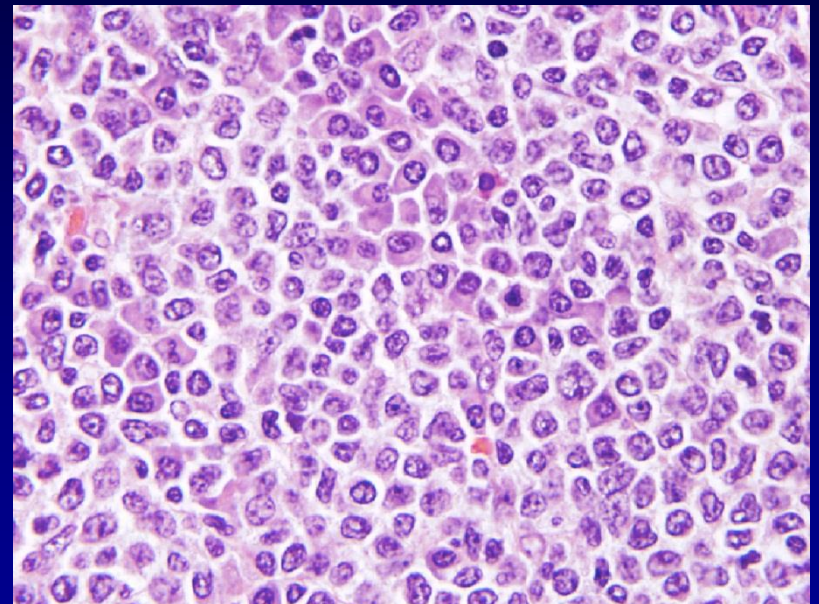


# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Cytologic Spectrum



**Monocytyoid**



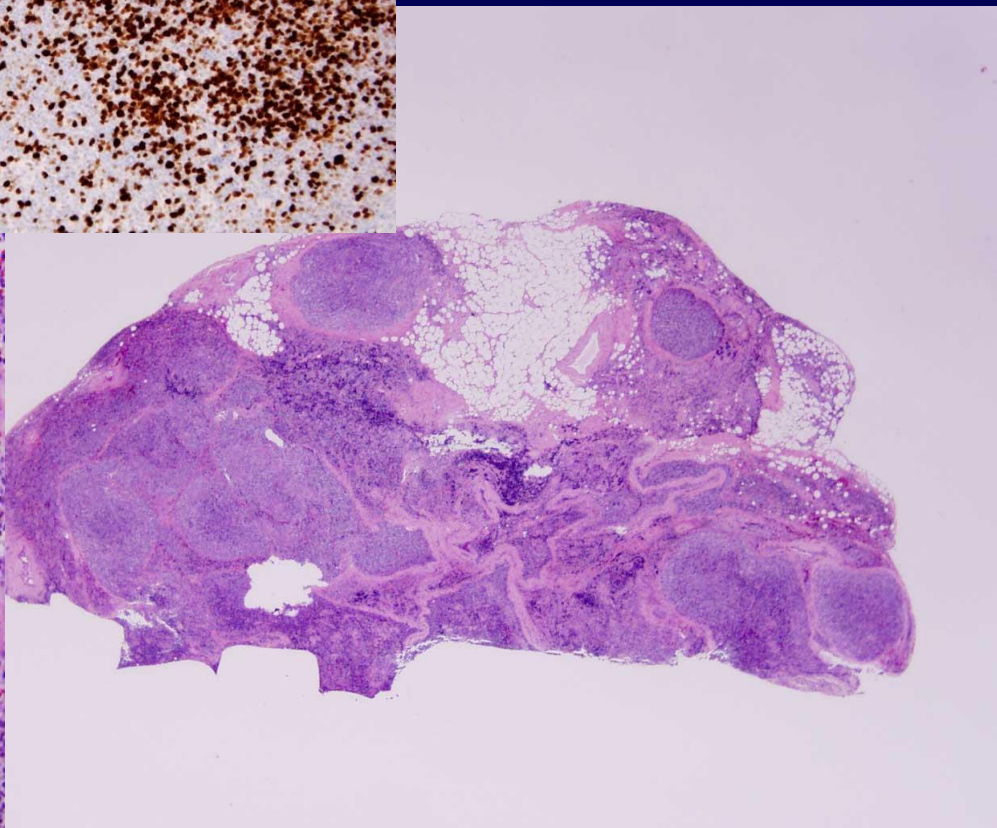
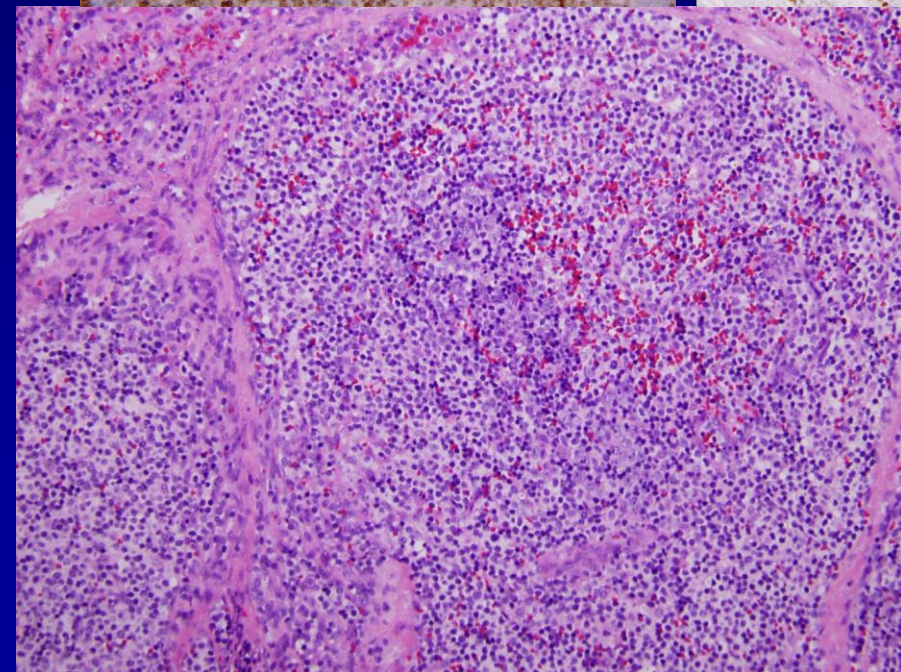
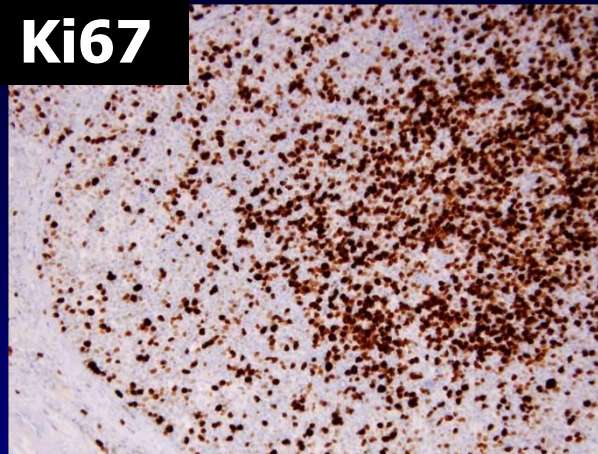
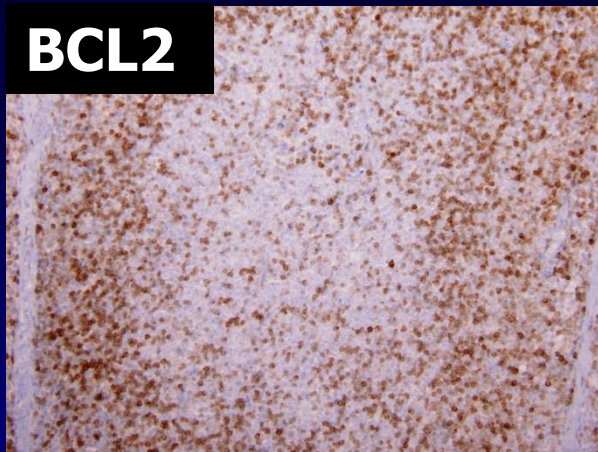
**Plasmacytoid**

# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Hint of Residual Germinal Centers

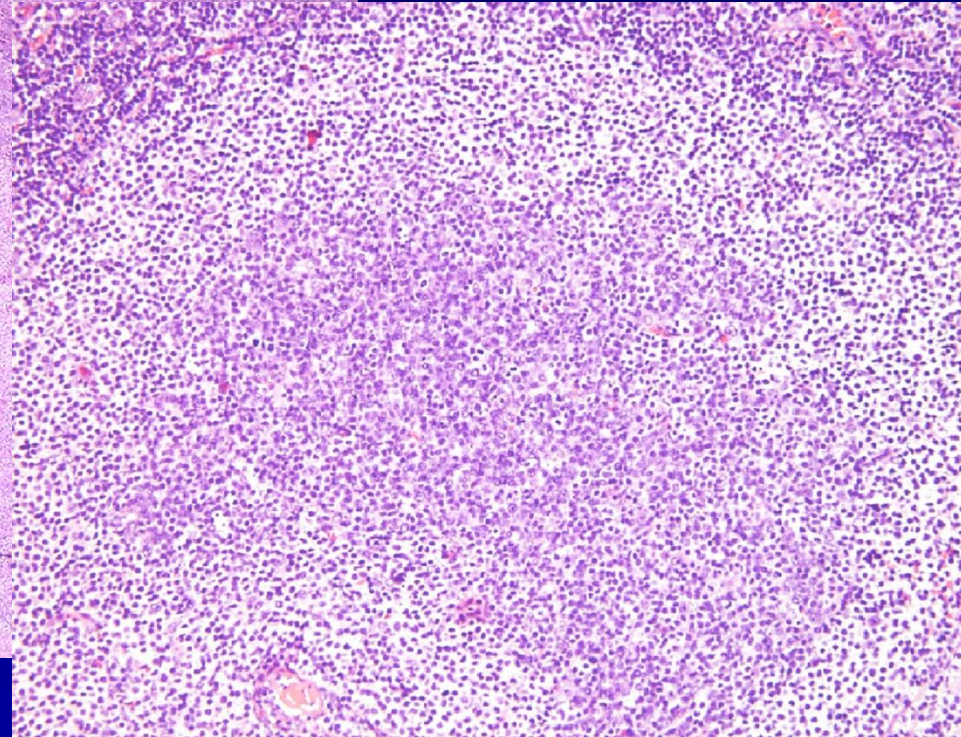
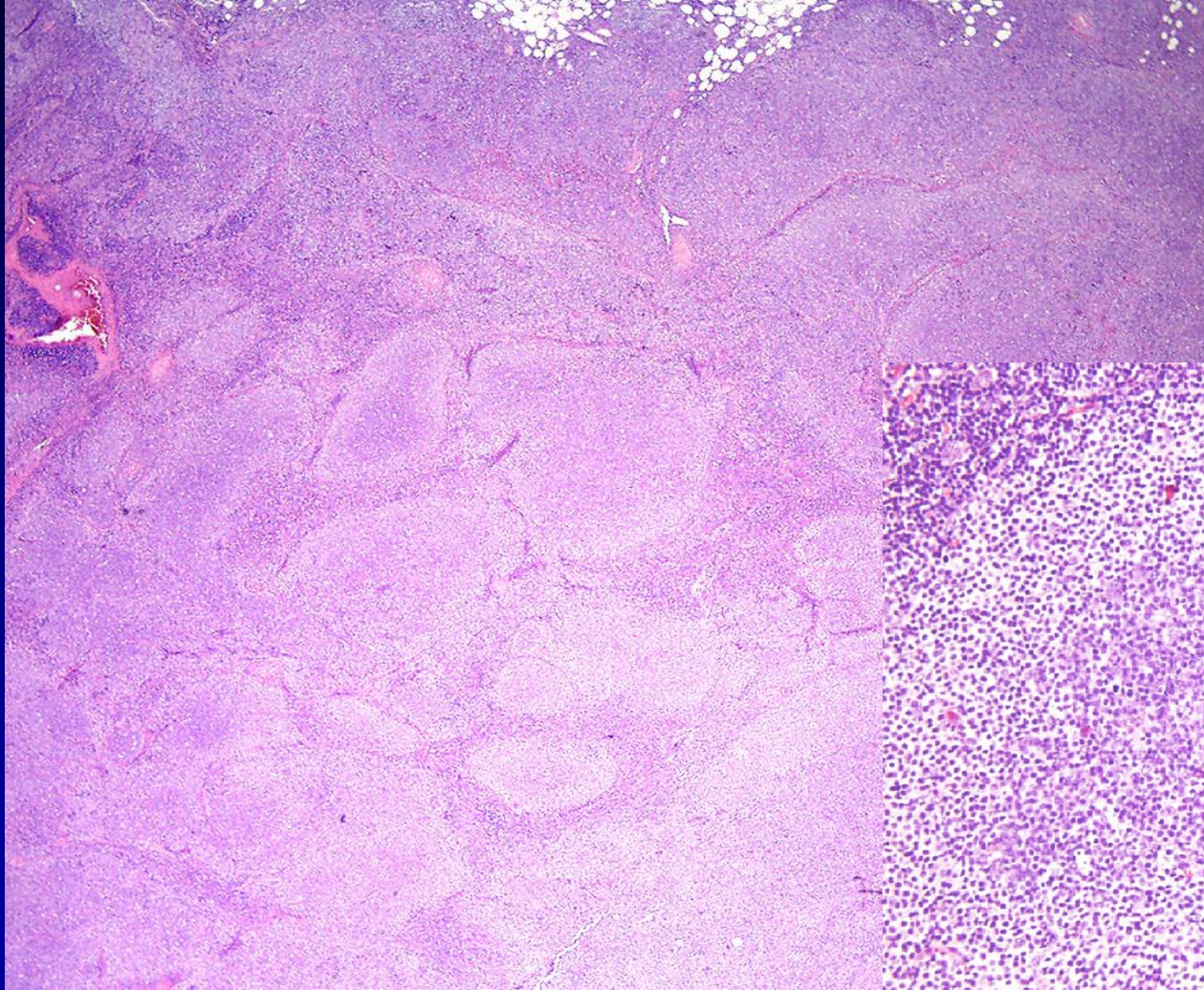
**BCL2**

**Ki67**



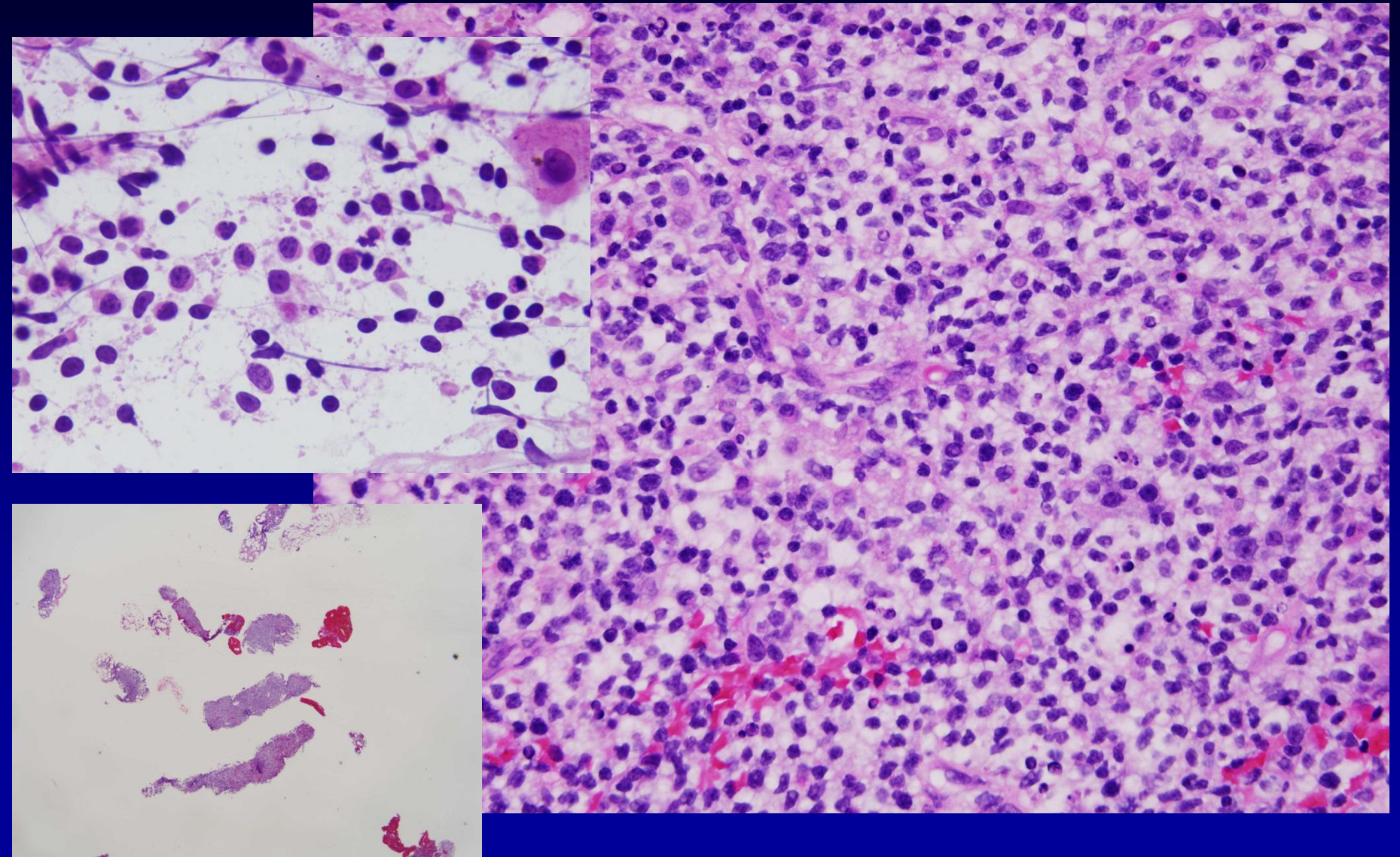
# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Follicular Colonization



# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Can do by FNA with Flow/Ipox



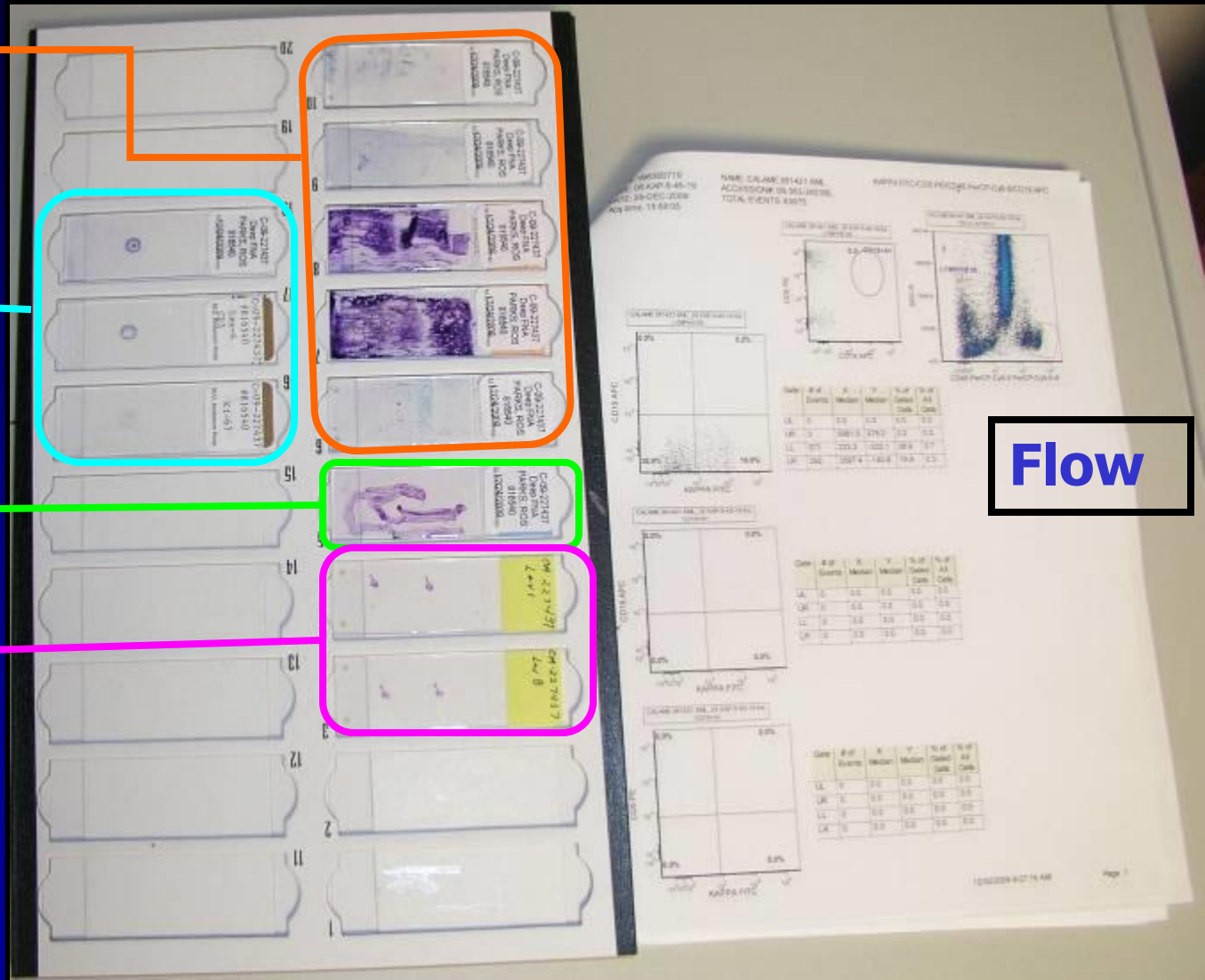
# Fine Needle Aspiration of LN - Components

**Smears**

**Ipox**

**Imprint**

**Clot**



# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Immunophenotype

**Ipx** CD19, CD20, PAX5, BCL2

**Flow** CD11c+/- CD23-/+ CD25-/+ FMC7+/-  
CD5- ,CD10-

## Molecular Features

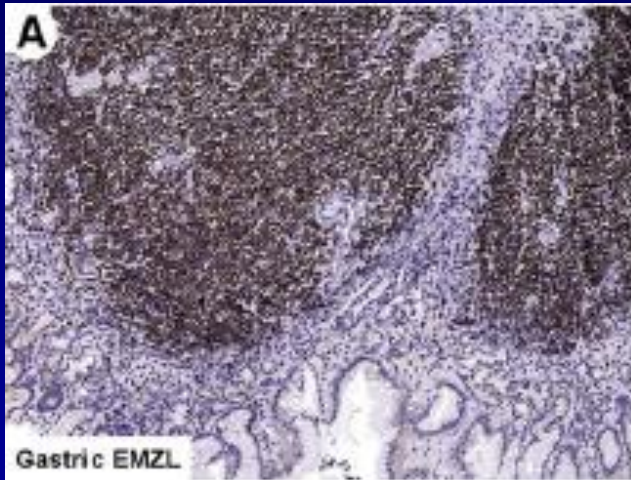
No characteristic translocations

Myeloid cell nuclear differentiation antigen is expressed in a subset of marginal zone lymphomas and is useful in the differential diagnosis with follicular lymphoma<sup>☆</sup>



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Diagnosis	MNDA Positive
NMZL	16 / 24 (66.7%)
EMZL	27 / 44 (61.4%)
SMZL	5 / 21 (23.8%)
CLL/SLL	4 / 31 (12.9%)
MCL	9 / 140 (6.4%)
LPL	2 / 8 (25.0%)
FL	6 / 110 (5.5%)
DLBCL	2 / 61 (3.3 %)

# IRTA1 is selectively expressed in nodal and extranodal marginal zone lymphomas

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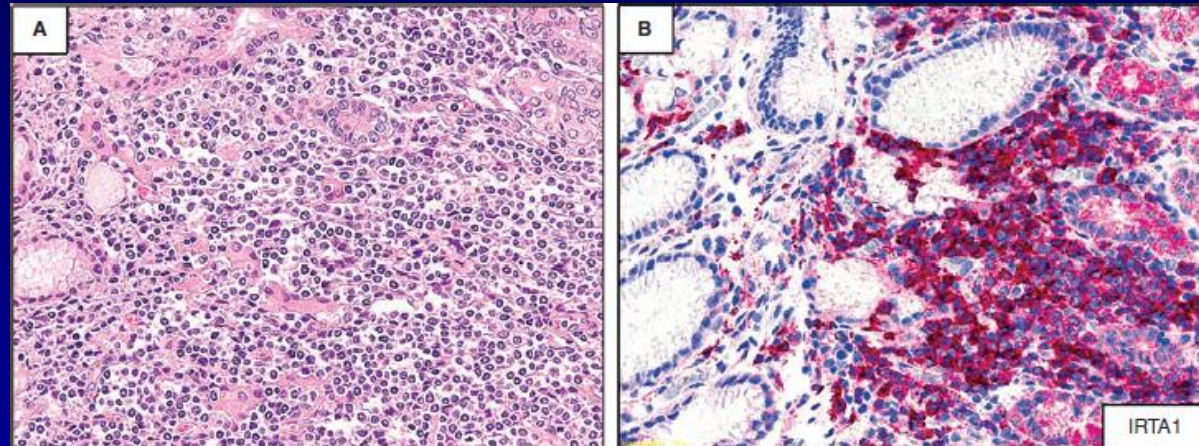
## Immunoglobulin superfamily receptor translocation-associated 1

**EMZL 307/329 (93%)**

**NMZL 154/210 (73%)**

**SMZL 0/21 (0%)**

**DLBCL 69/256 (27%)**



**All other B- and T-NHLs are negative for IRTA1**

# The genetics of nodal marginal zone lymphoma

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**KMT2D** 34%  
**PTPRD** 20%  
**NOTCH** 20%  
**KLF2** 17%

**PTPRD mutations are unique to nodal MZL**

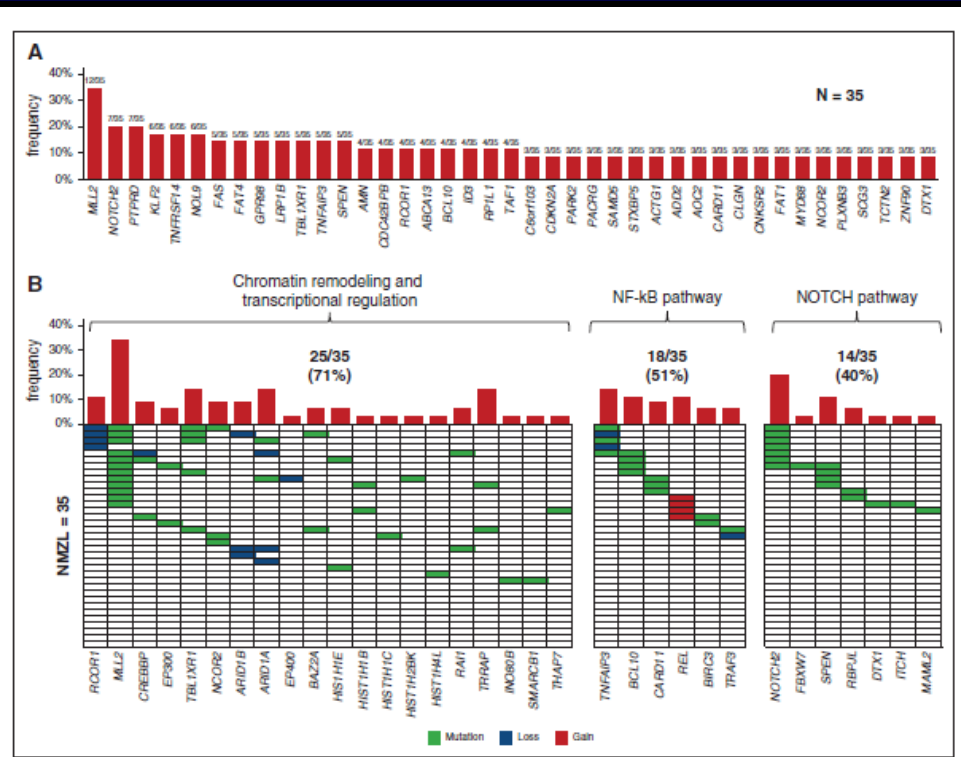


Figure 3. Genes and pathways that are recurrently affected by genetic lesions in NMZL. (A) Genes (n = 41) that were recurrently affected by mutations and/or focal copy number aberrations in ≥3 of 35 of NMZL. The bar graph represents the frequency of molecular lesions in each gene. (B) Molecularly deregulated pathways in NMZL. In the heatmap, rows correspond to genes and columns represent individual patients. Color coding is based on gene alteration status (white, wild-type; green, mutated; blue, loss; red, gain). The bar graph represents the frequency of molecular lesions in each gene. The overall frequency of genetic lesions in each pathway is indicated.

# Differential Diagnosis of Nodal MZL

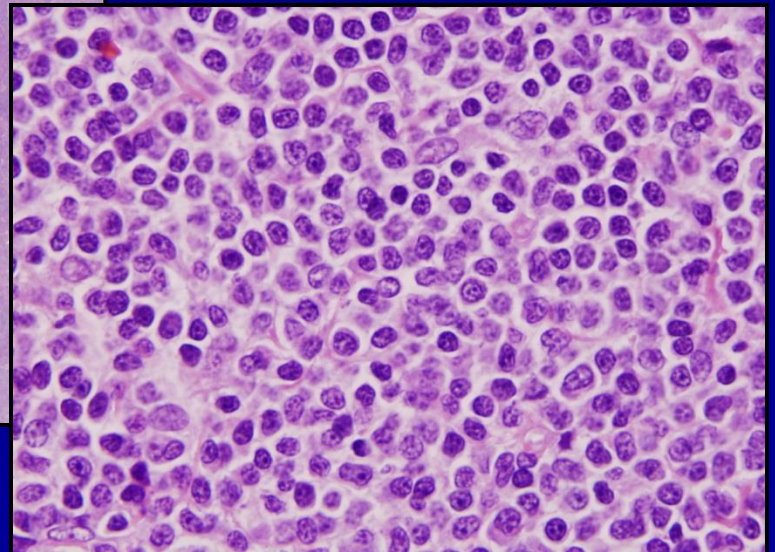
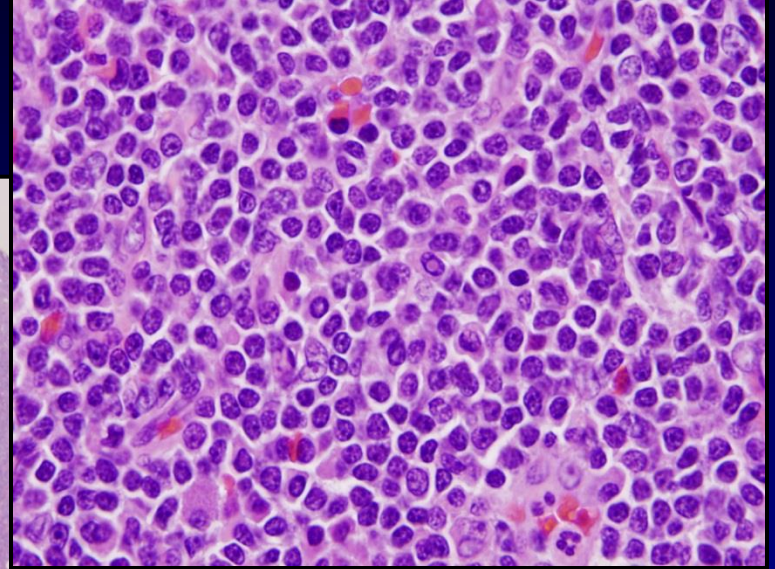
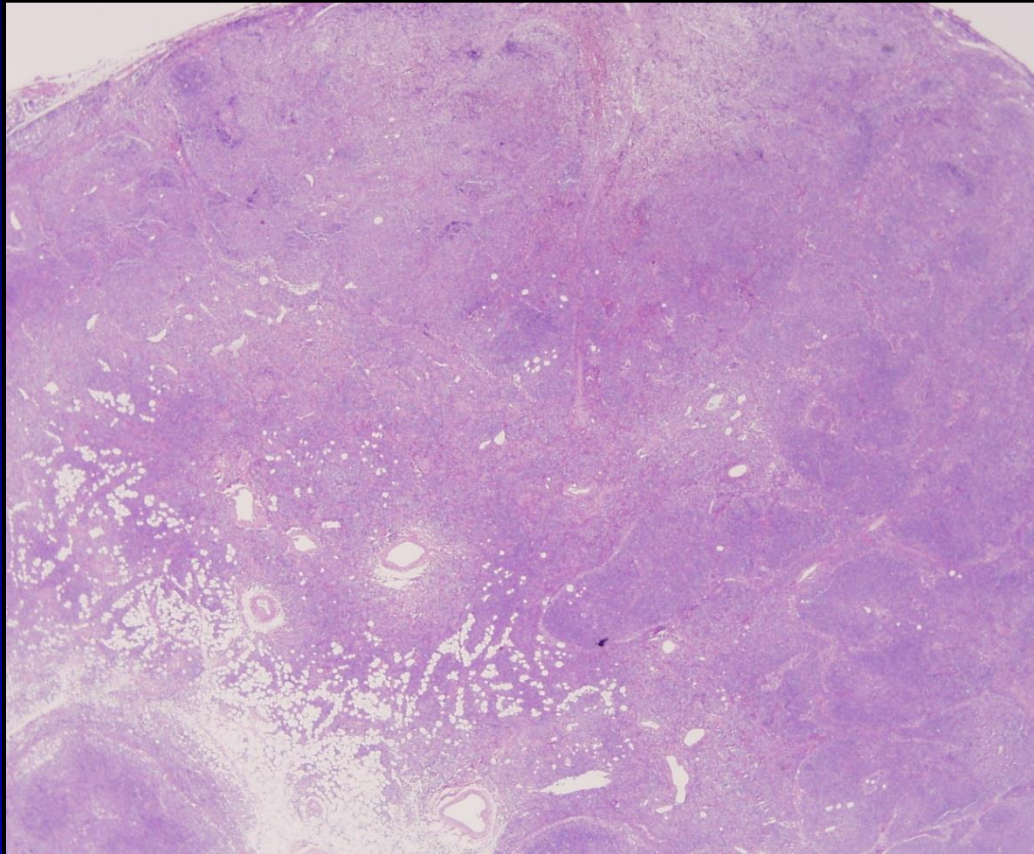
## Other types of MZL

Usually not too difficult because there are  
extranodal sites or spleen

**Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/Waldenstrom**

**Follicular Lymphoma**

# Lymphoplasmacytic Lymphoma/ Waldenstrom Macroglobulinemia

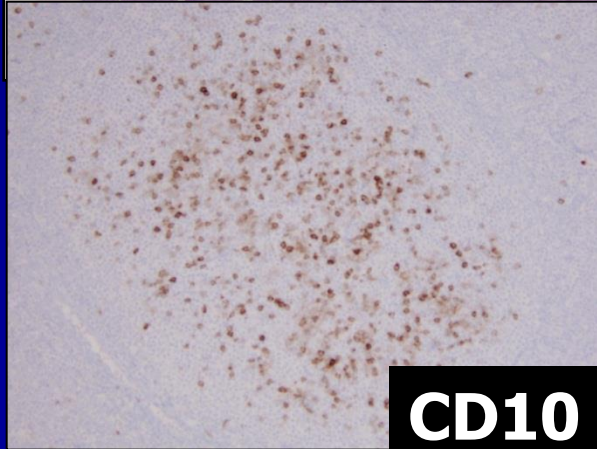
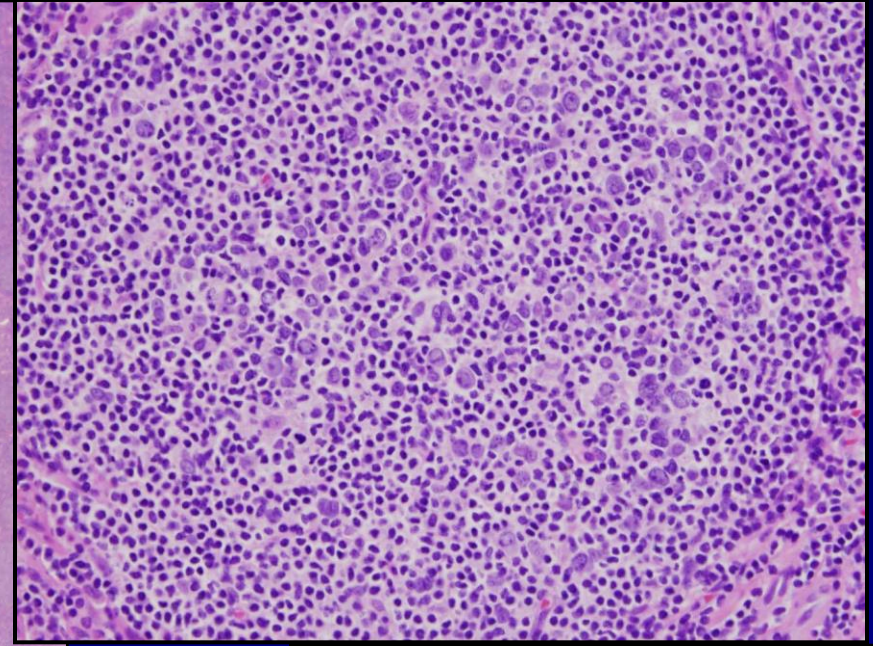
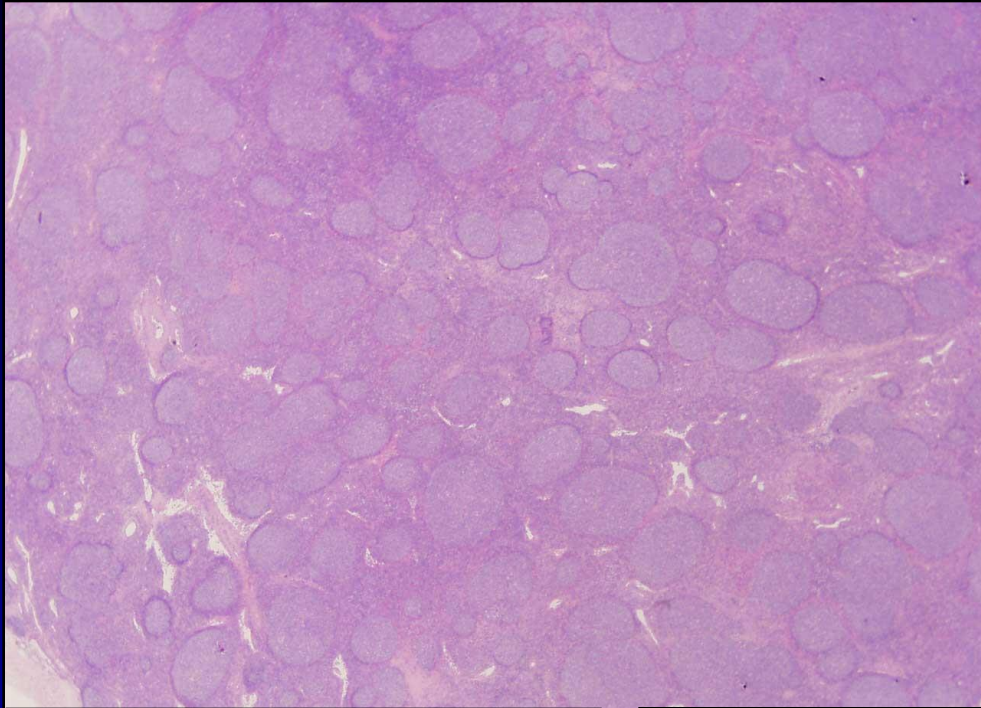


## Nodal MZL versus LPL/WM

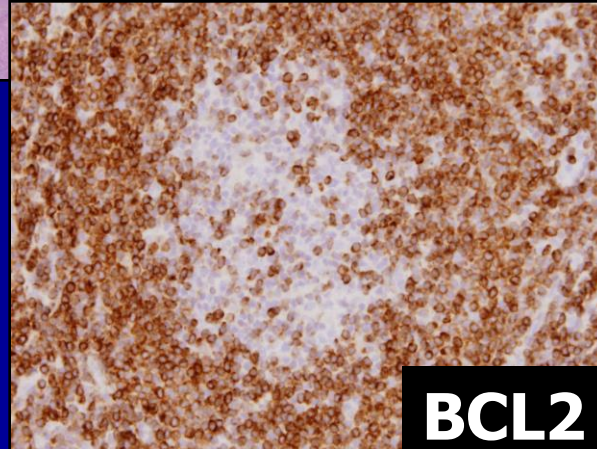
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Nodal MZL</b>	<b>LPL/WM</b>
<b>Serum IgM</b>	<b>~ 5-10% pts</b>	<b>100% of WM</b>
<b>Bone marrow +</b>	<b>30-40% of pats</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>Cortical</b>	<b>Medullary</b>
<b>Sinuses</b>	<b>Often effaced</b>	<b>Usually patent</b>
<b>Follicles</b>	<b>Large, reactive</b>	<b>Usually small</b>
<b>Cell cytoplasm</b>	<b>Pale (monocytoid)</b>	<b>Darker (purple)</b>
<b>Dutcher bodies</b>	<b>Uncommon</b>	<b>Common</b>
<b>IRTA1, MNDA</b>	<b>+/-</b>	<b>Negative</b>
<b>MYD88 L265P</b>	<b>Very rare</b>	<b>&gt;90%</b>

# Nodal Marginal Zone Lymphoma

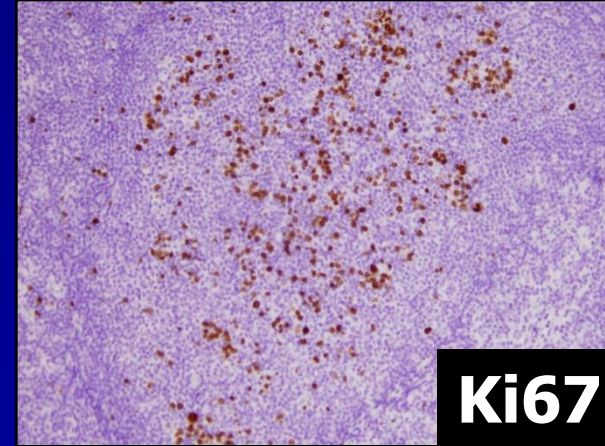
Can Colonize Follicles and mimic FL



**CD10**



**BCL2**



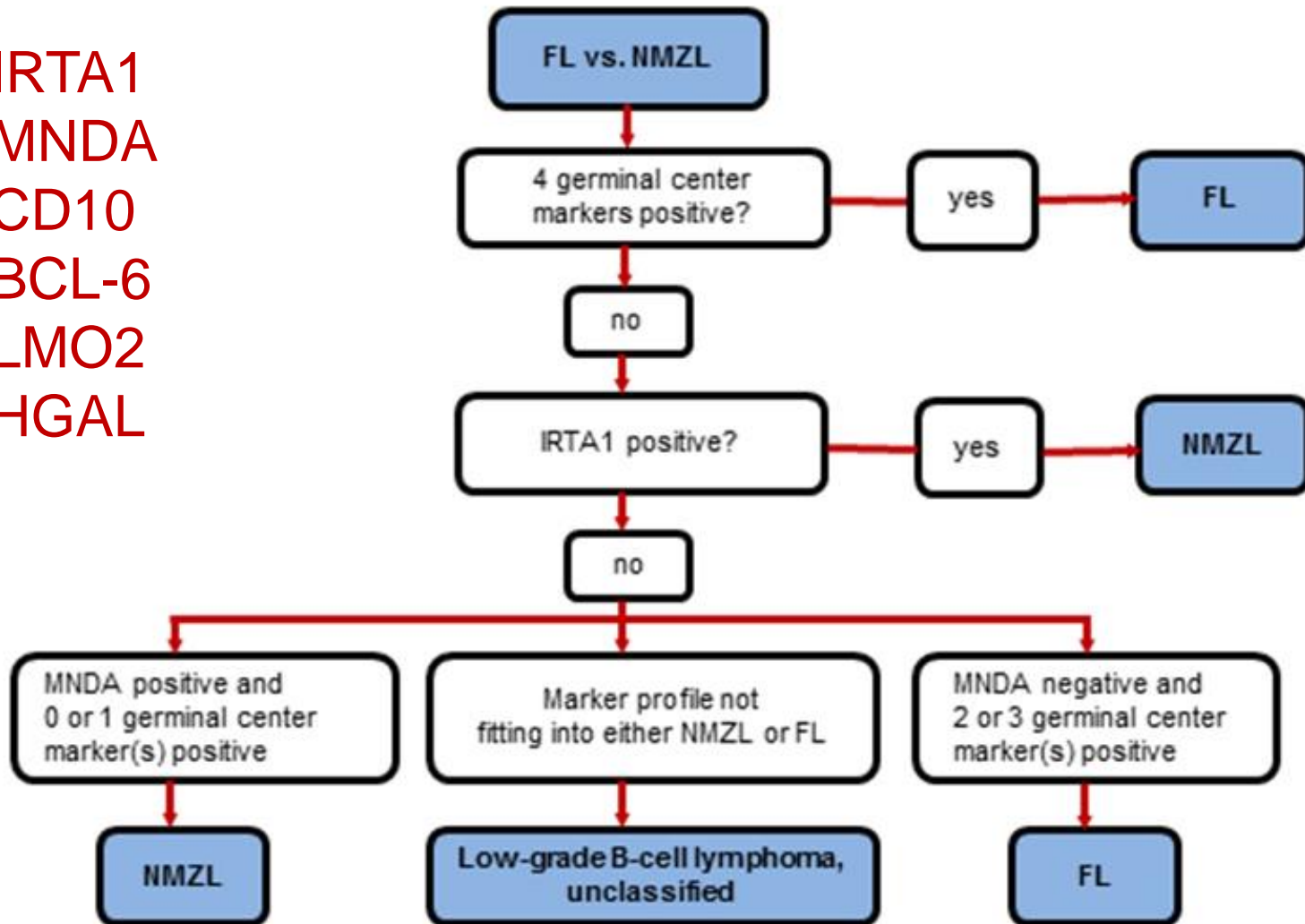
**Ki67**

# Nodal MZL with Follicular Colonization versus FL

<b>Feature</b>	<b>Nodal MZL</b>	<b>Follicular Lymphoma</b>
<b>Distribution of follicles</b>	<b>Confined to lymph node</b>	<b>Extend into perinodal fat</b>
<b>Growth pattern</b>	<b>Tumor begins outside follicle and grows in</b>	<b>Tumor begins in follicle and grows out</b>
<b>Cytology</b>	<b>Often rounder cells</b> <b>+/- plasm differentiation</b>	<b>Centrocytes/centroblasts</b> <b>Plasm diff is rare</b>
<b>Cell cytoplasm</b>	<b>Pale (pink)</b>	<b>Darker (blue)</b>
<b>CD10/BCL6</b>	<b>Germinal centers+</b> <b>Tumor cells-</b>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>BCL-2</b>	<b>Germinal centers -</b> <b>Tumor cells+</b>	<b>+/-</b>
<b>Ki-67</b>	<b>Germinal centers high</b> <b>Tumor low</b>	<b>Usually low</b> <b>(unless grade 3 FL)</b>
<b>IGH-BCL2</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Present</b>

# Follicular Lymphoma vs Nodal MZL

IRTA1  
MNDA  
CD10  
BCL-6  
LMO2  
HGAL



# **Nodal MZL versus Follicular Lymphoma**

## **Does It Matter Clinically?**

### **Patients with FL have**

**Higher stage**

**More frequent BM +**

**More abdominal LNs +**

**More frequent transformation to DLBCL**

**FL usually transforms to DLBCL of GCB type**

**NMZL usually transforms to DLBCL of non-GCB type**

**May not matter much for patient at diagnosis**

**Few therapeutic implications**

**Does have prognostic meaning**

# Clues to Diagnosis of Nodal MZL

**No extranodal sites of disease**

**Abundant pale cytoplasm**

**Marginal zone distribution**

**Dutcher bodies (many)**

**Appropriate B-cell immunophenotype**

**CD20+, CD5-, CD10-, BCL6-, cyclin D1-**

**IRTA1+ and MDNA+**

**NMZL is often a diagnosis of exclusion**

**There is overlap with lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma**

# **Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma**

## **Clinical Features**

**Median Age**      **65 years**

**Symptoms**      **Fatigue**  
**Abdominal discomfort**  
**May be asymptomatic**

**Laboratory**      **33 % paraprotein**  
**10% autoimmune phenomena**  
**? association with hepatitis C**

# **Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma**

## **Characteristic Disease Distribution**

**Spleen and hilar lymph nodes**

**Abdominal lymph nodes**

**Bone marrow (80-90%)**

**Peripheral blood ±**

**Liver ±**

# **Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma**

## **Pathologic Findings**

### **Spleen**

**Usually massive**

**Red and white pulp**

**± Plasmacytoid differentiation**

### **Bone marrow**

**Paratrabecular and non-paratrabecular**

**± Germinal centers**

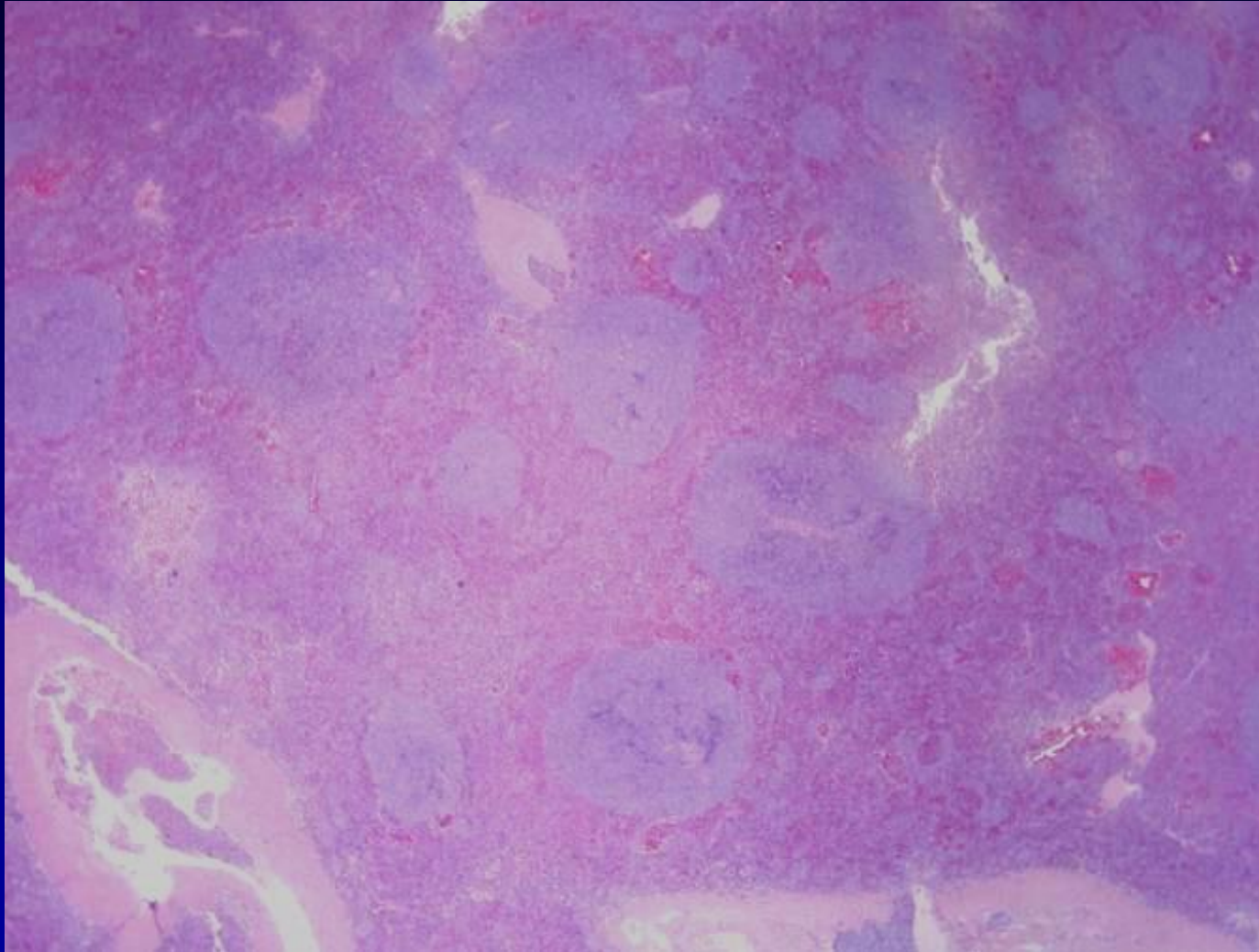
**± Intrasinusoidal (~33%)**

### **Peripheral blood**

**± Villous lymphocytes**

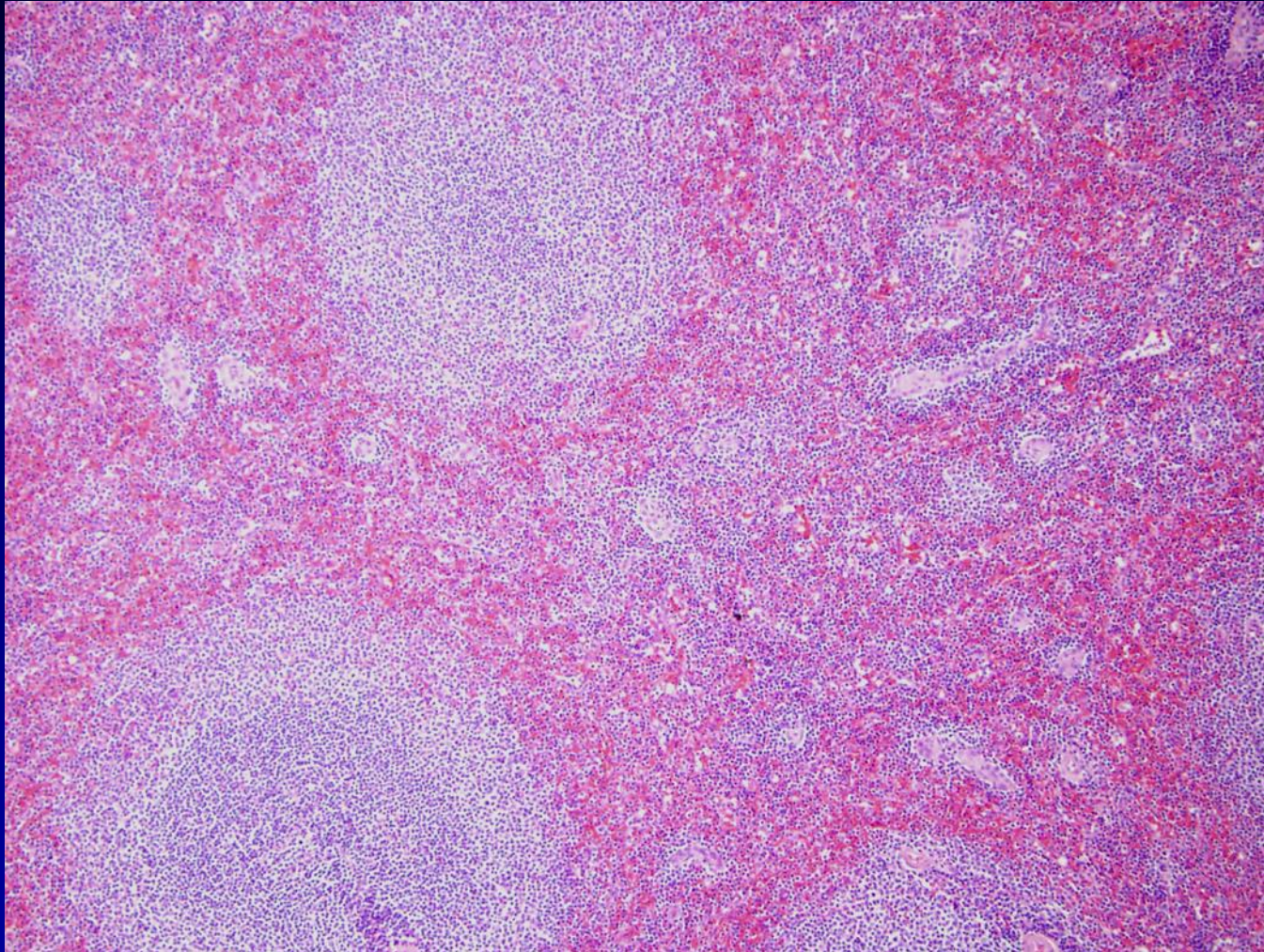
# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Spleen



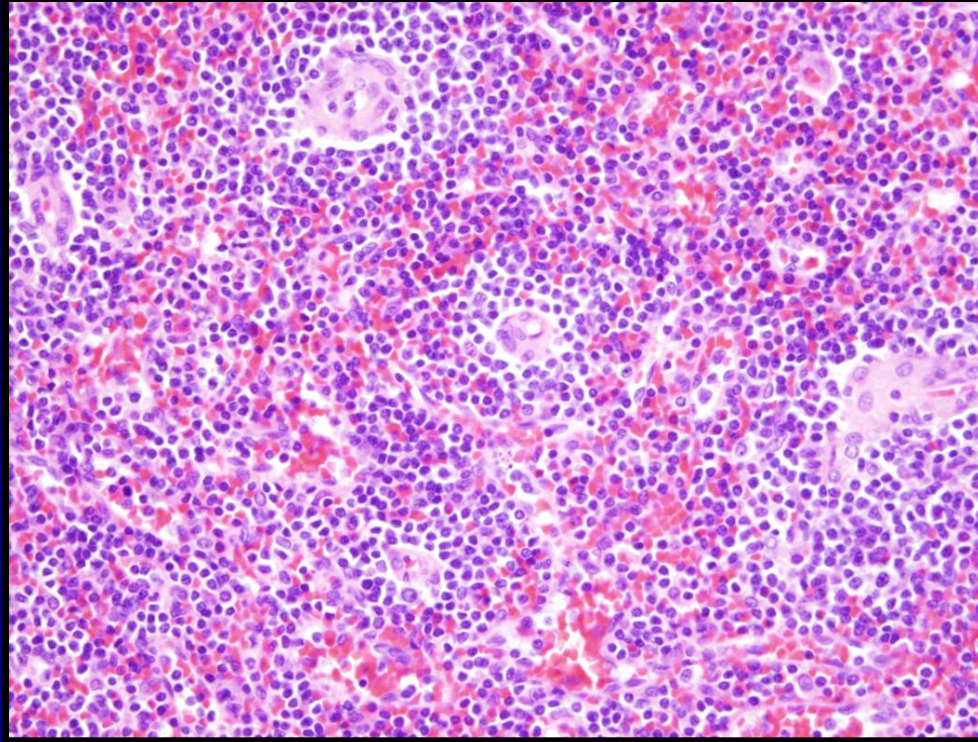
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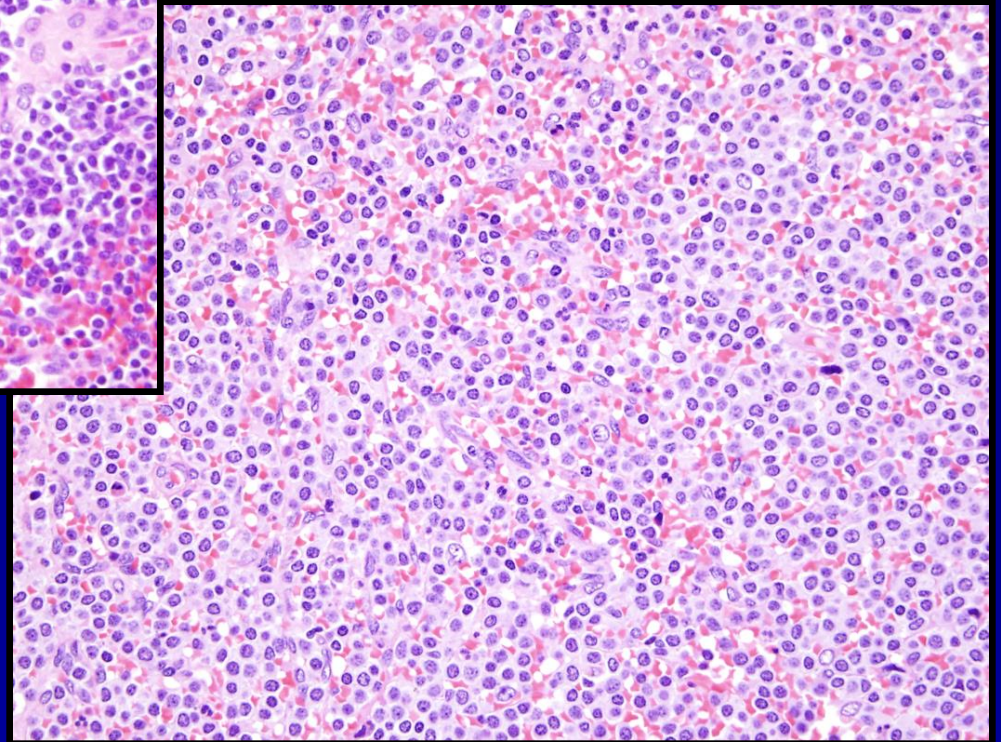


# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Splenic Red Pulp



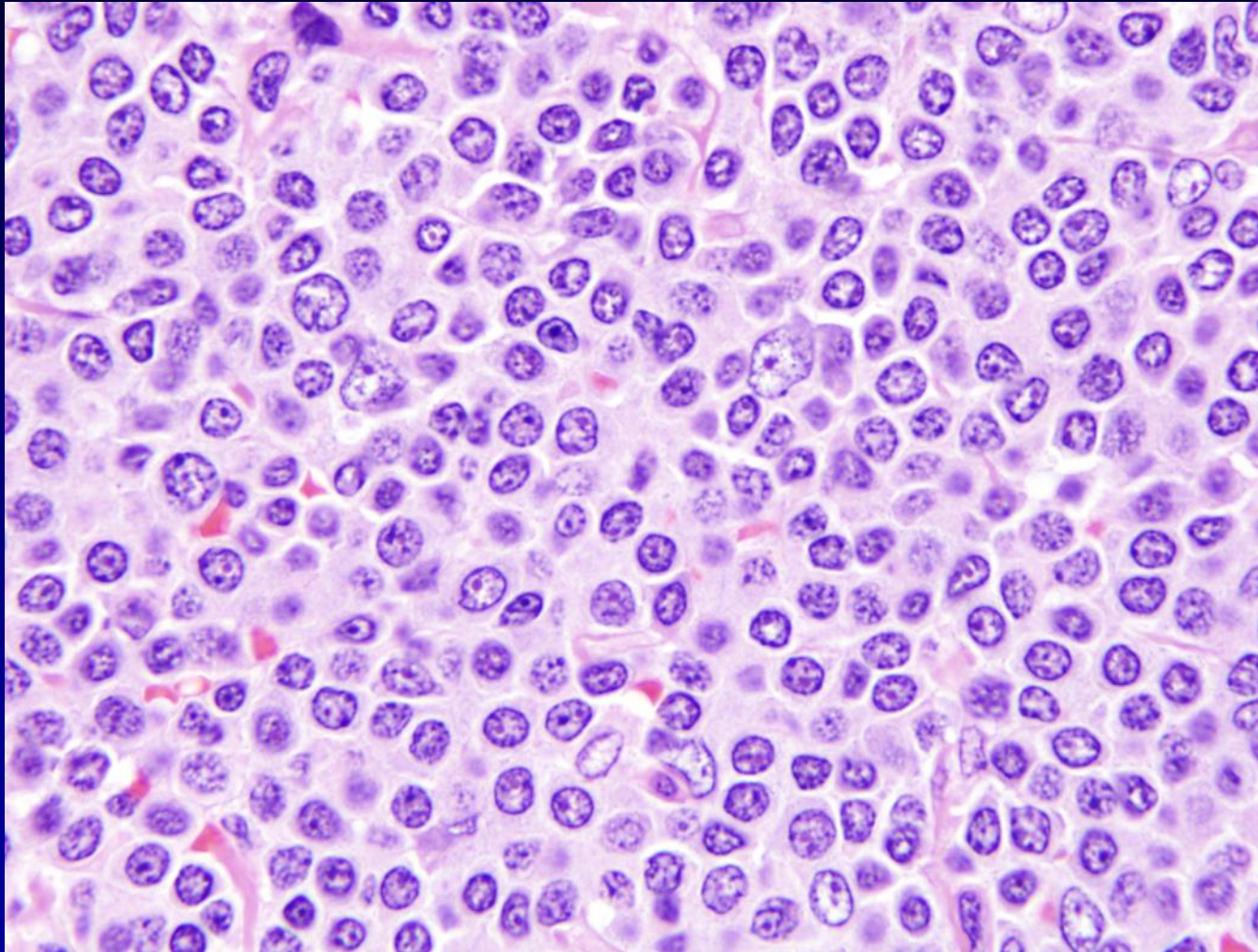
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Extensive →

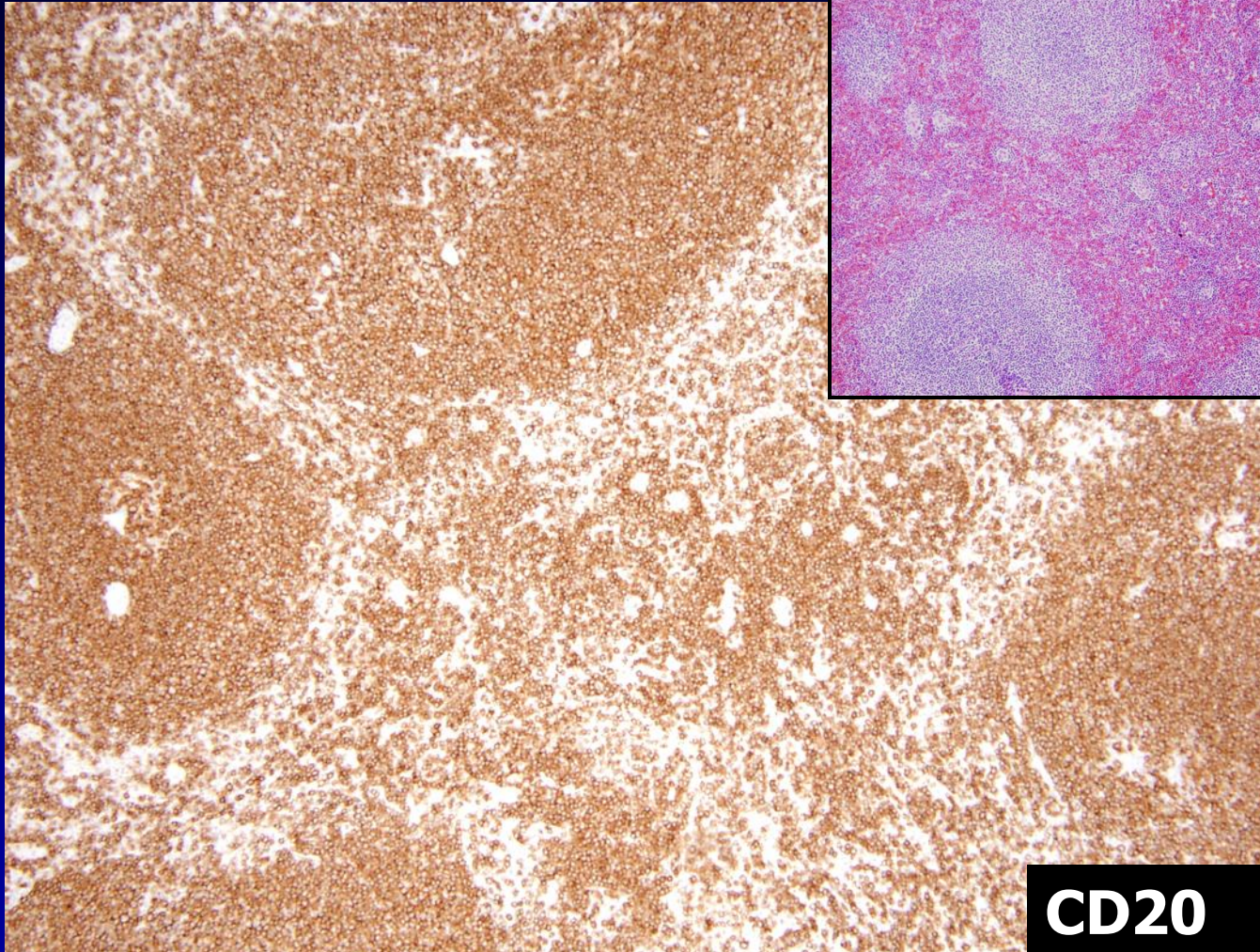
# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Cytologic Features



# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

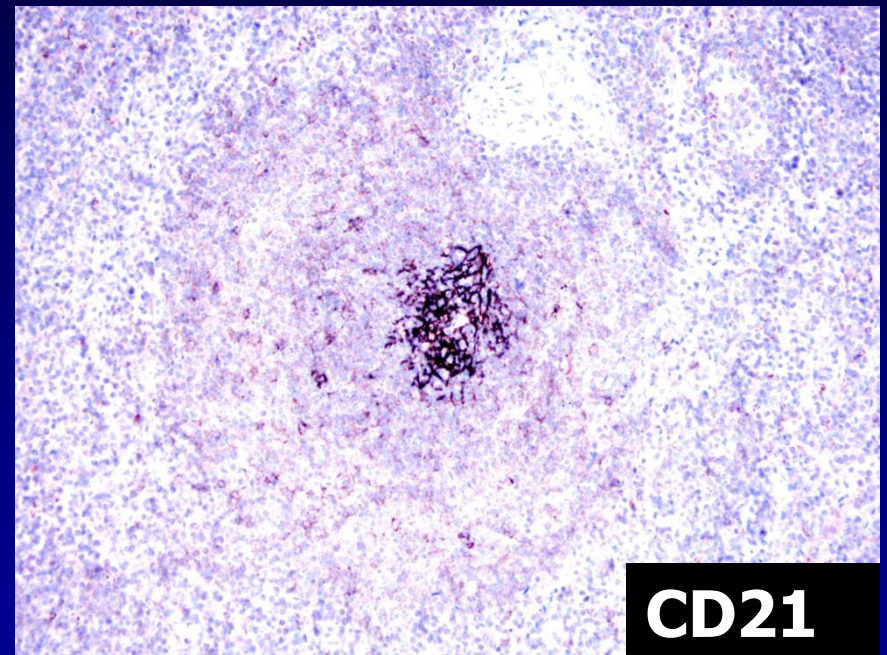
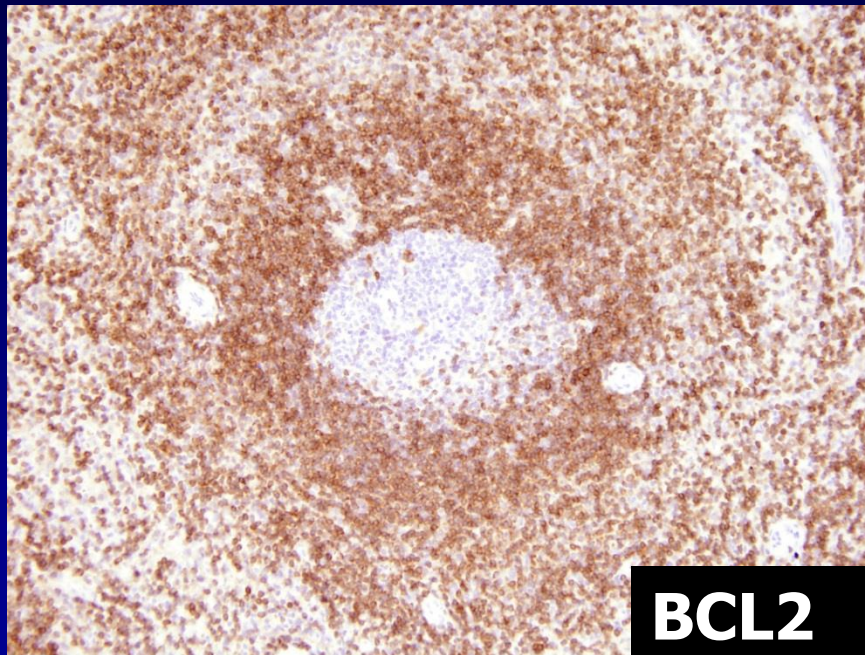
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**CD20**

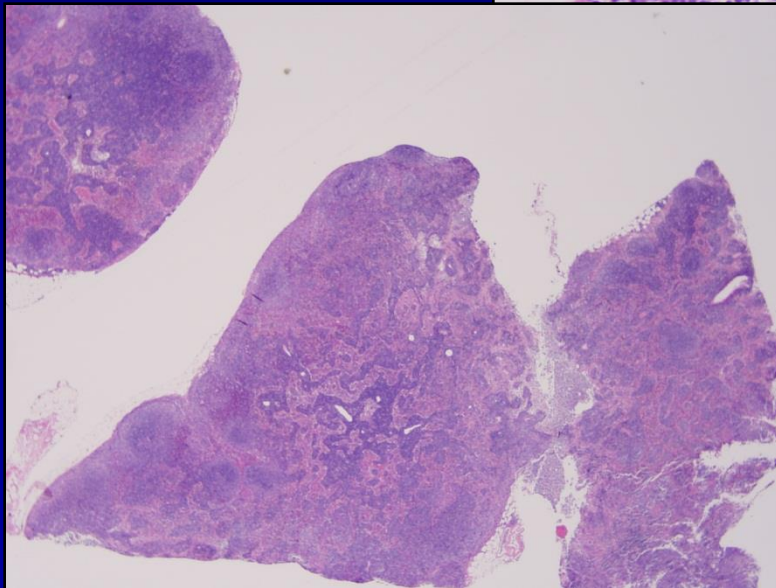
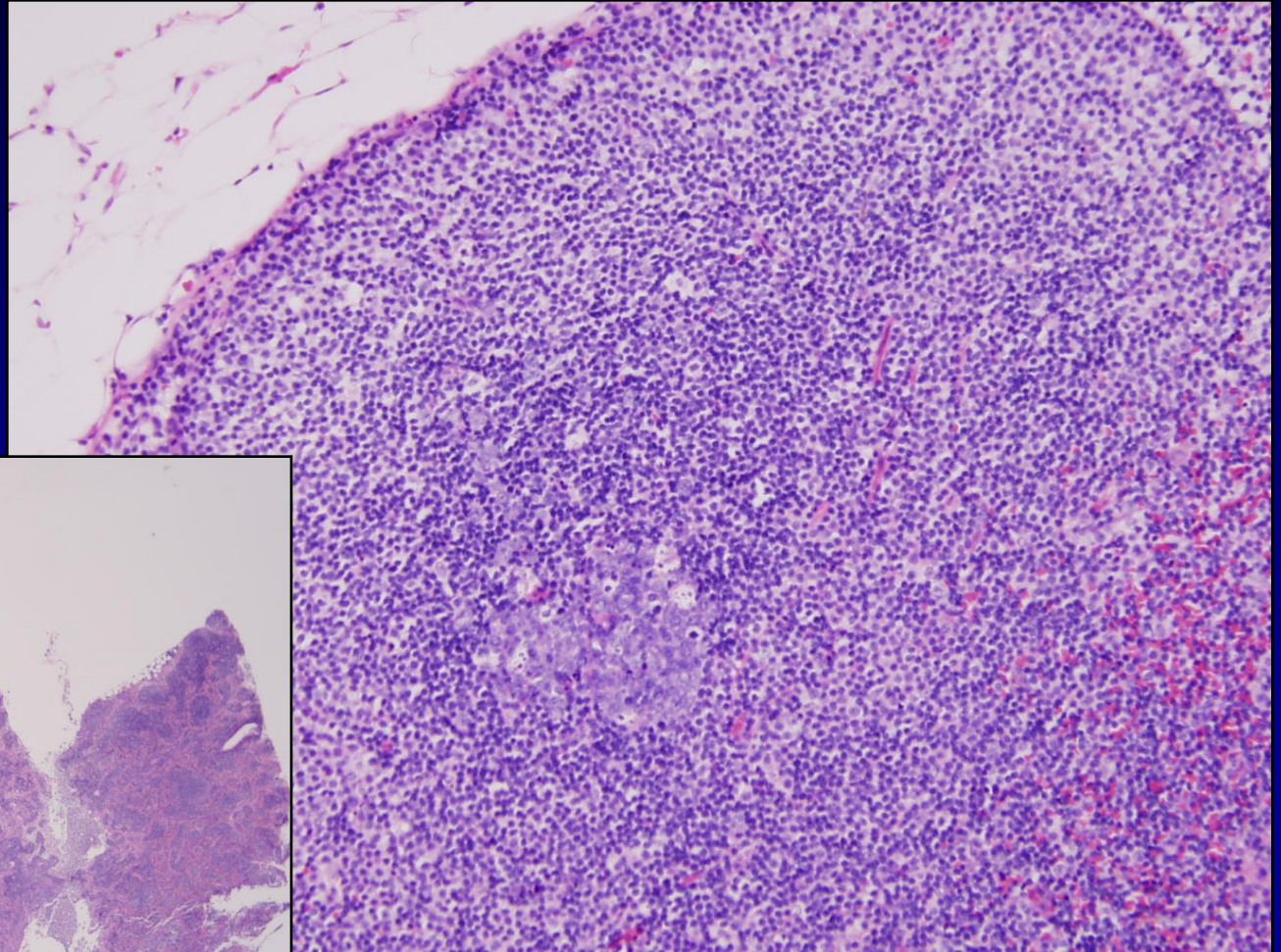
# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Splenic White Pulp



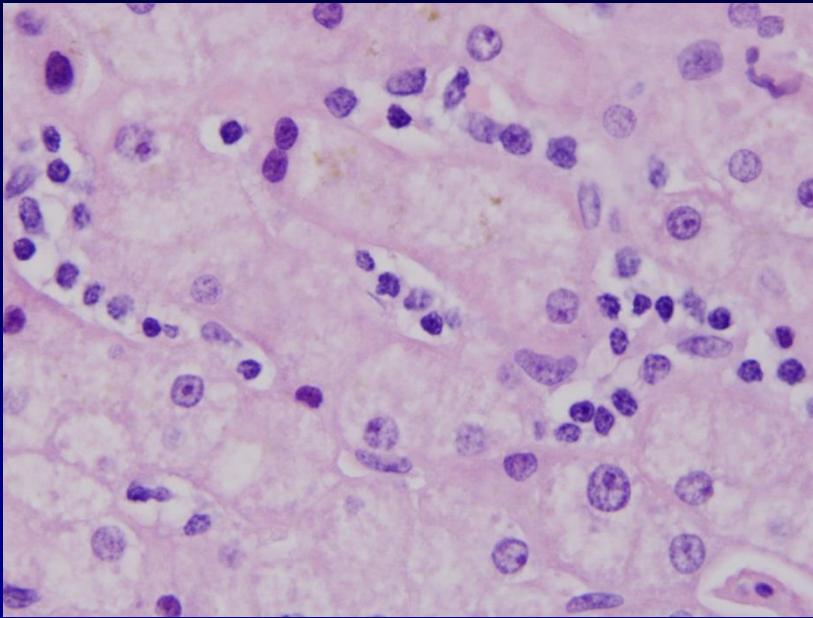
# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Lymph Node

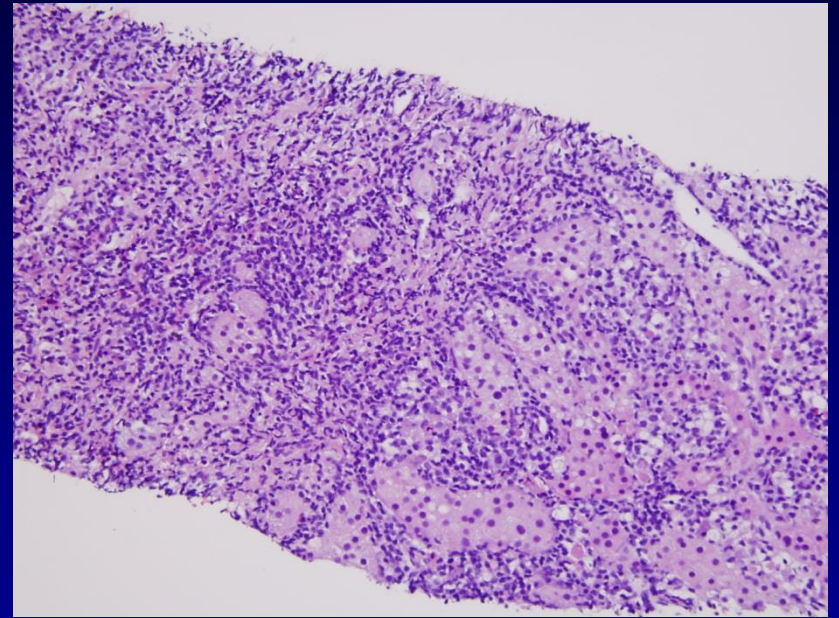


# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Liver – 2 Examples



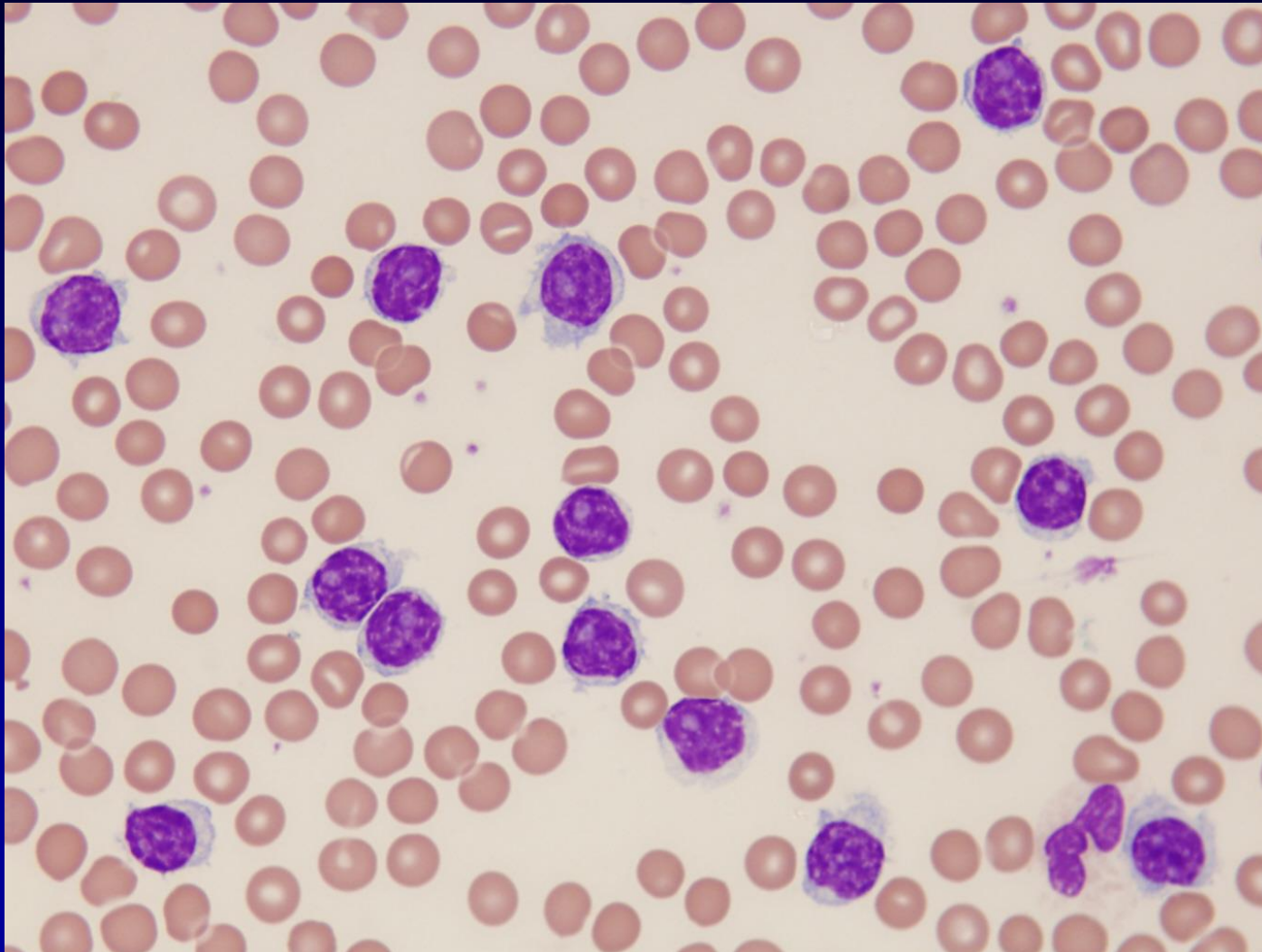
**Sinusoidal**



**Extensive**

# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Peripheral Blood Smear



# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Immunophenotype

**IpoX** CD20+, PAX5+, BCL2+, annexin A1-

**Flow** sIg+ (bright), IgM+, IgD+ (most)

CD11c+, CD5 -/+ , CD23 -/+ ,

CD10-, CD25-

## Cytogenetics

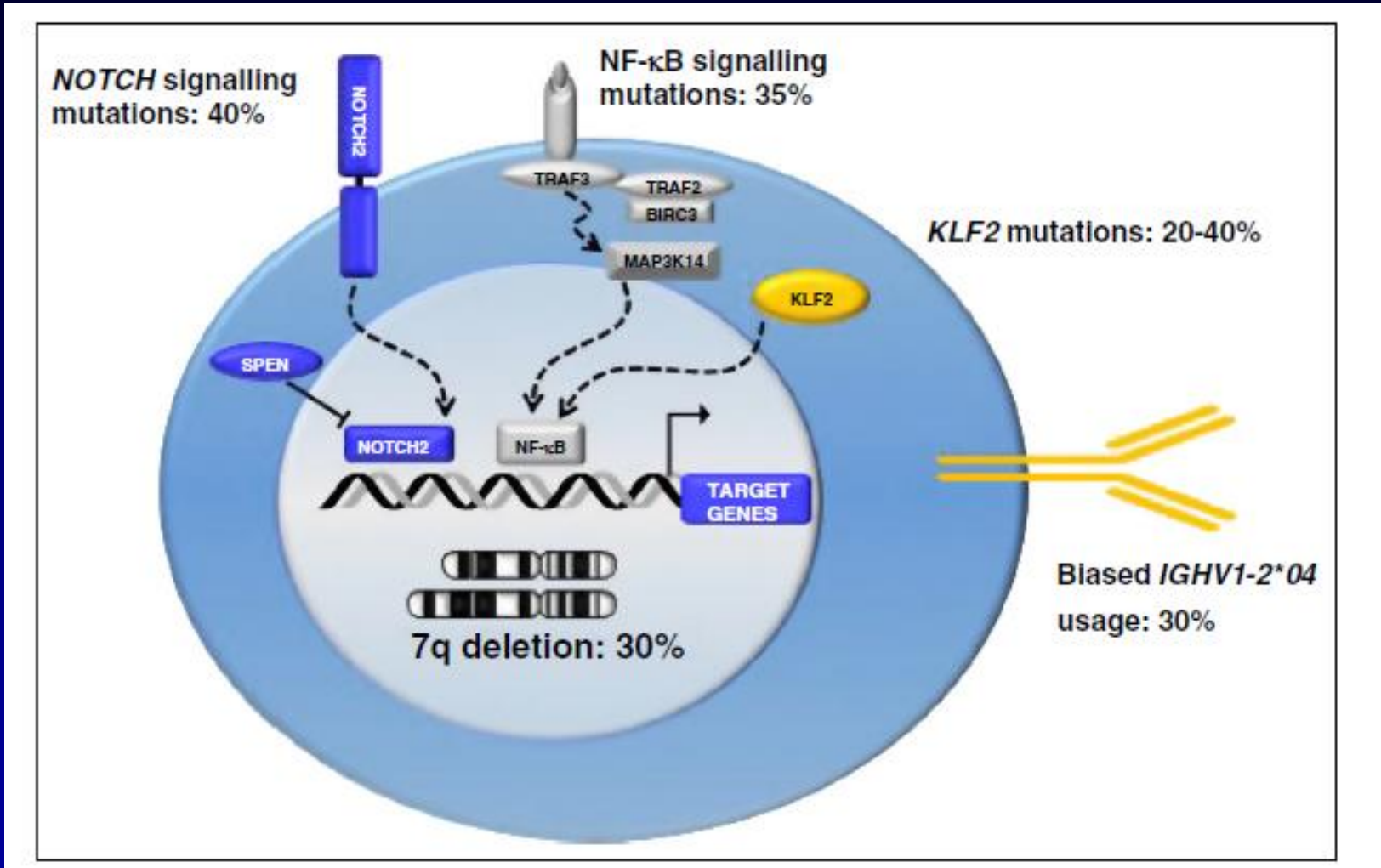
Deletion 7q/7q31-32                      40-50 %

Trisomy 3    15-35 %

## Molecular

Biased use of IgH variable genes (IgHV1-2)

# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma Common Mutations

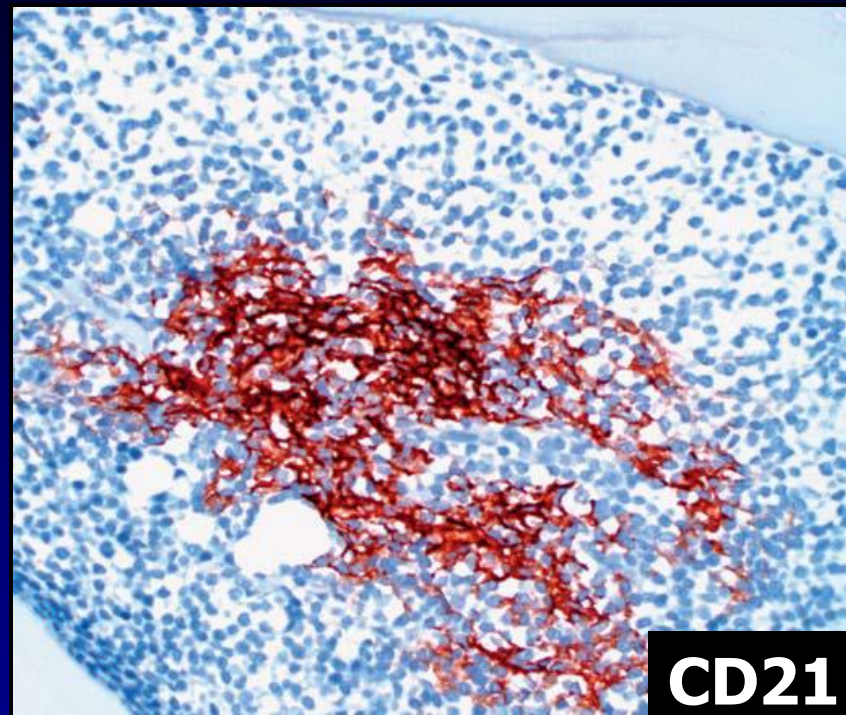
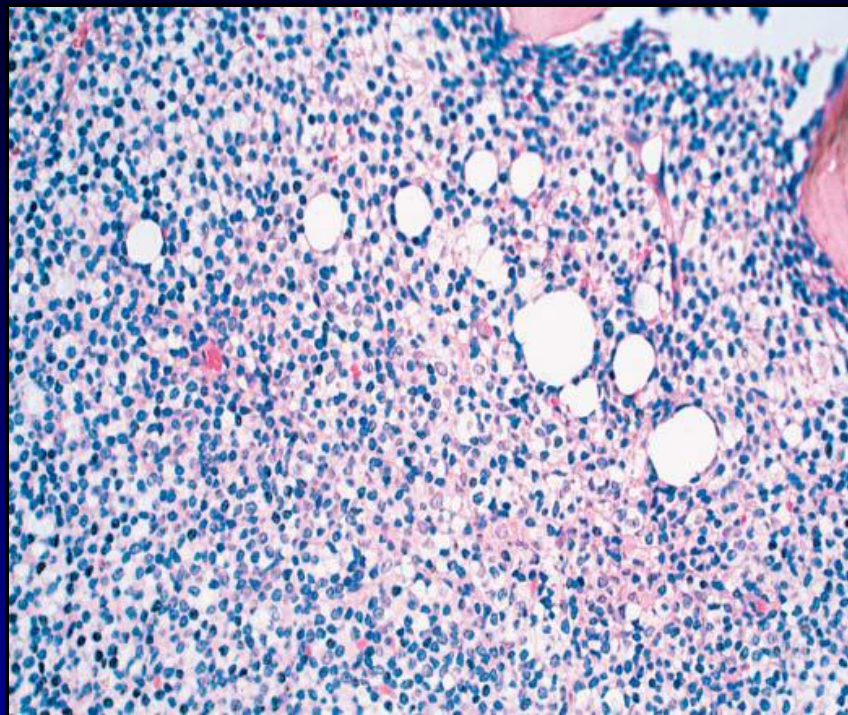


# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Differential Dx with Other Splenic Lymphomas

	SMZL	HCL	HCL-V	SDRPL
Age (yrs)	62	55	71	77
M/F	0.5	5	1.6	1.6
Lymphocytosis	+/-Moderate	No	High	Moderate
Monocytopenia	No	Severe	No	No
Survival (yrs)	10	12	9	10
Pattern	<b>White pulp</b>	Red pulp	Red pulp	Red pulp
Nucleolus	Small	No	Moderate or large	Large +/-
CD25	Variable	Bright	Dim or Neg	Dim
CD103	Neg	Bright	~ 60% dim	30%
Cyclin D3	Neg	Neg	Neg	Positive
Annexin A1	Neg	Positive	Neg	Neg
BRAF	Neg	Positive	Neg (MAP2K1)	Neg

# Can We Diagnose MZL by Bone Marrow Only?

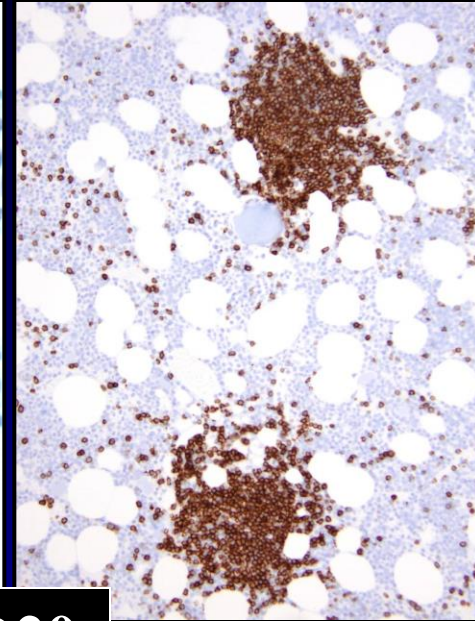
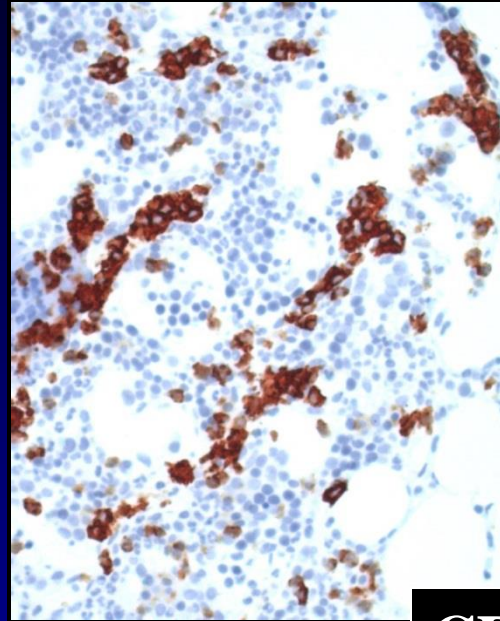
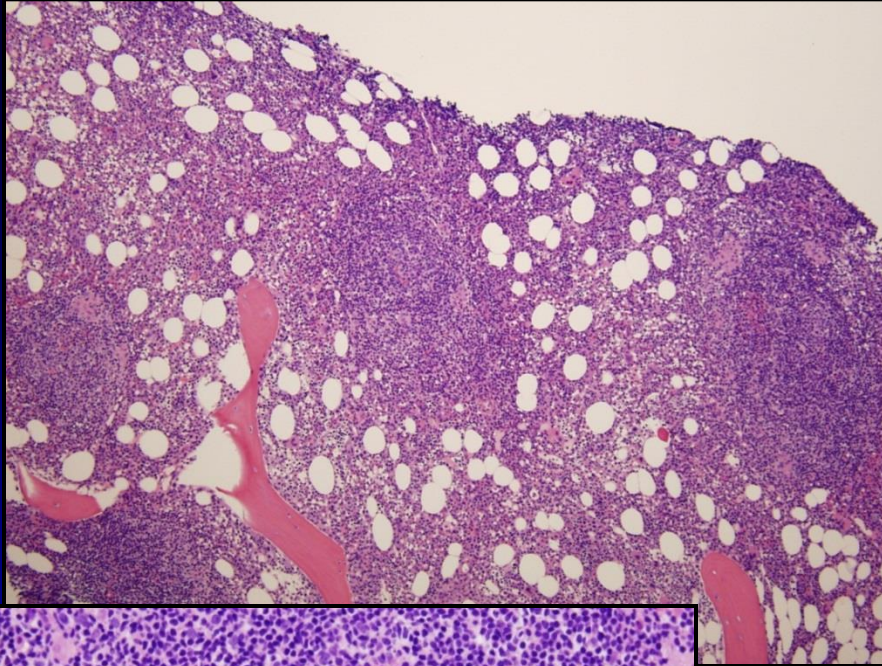


**MZLs in bone marrow are usually associated with follicular dendritic cells (CD21+ and/or CD23+)**

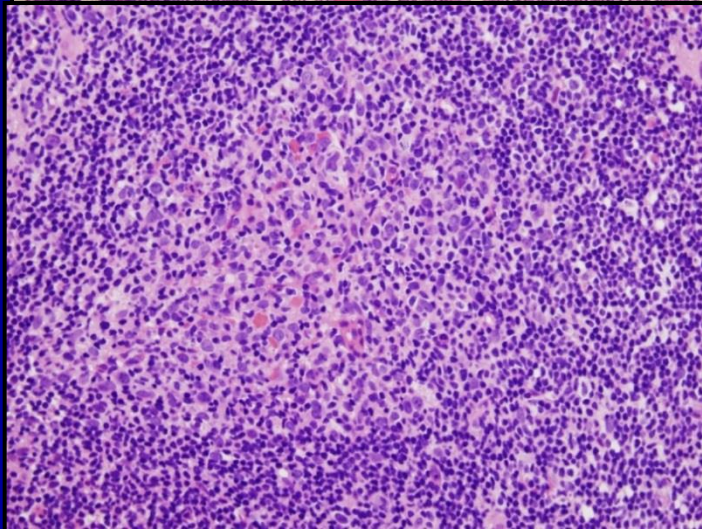
**Extranodal and nodal MZL are indistinguishable**

# Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma

## Bone Marrow



**CD20**



**Support for SMZL**

**GCs**

**Sinusoidal pattern**

**CBC abnormalities**

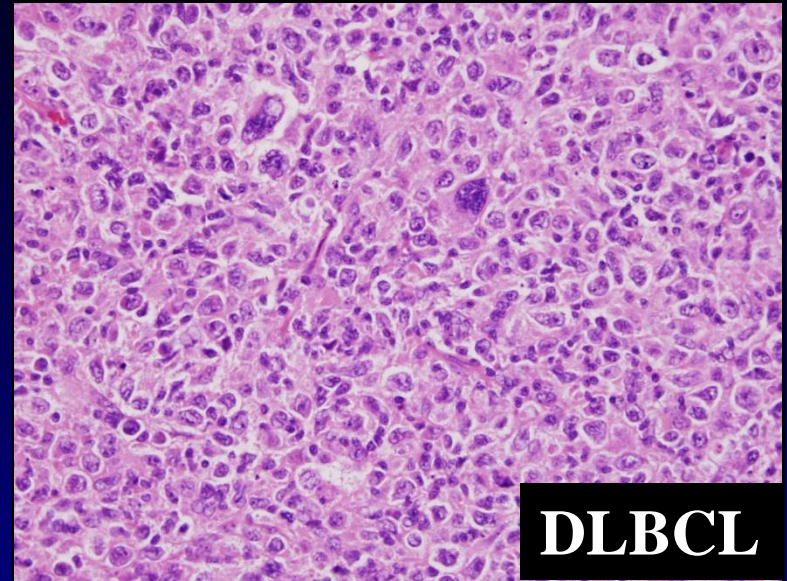
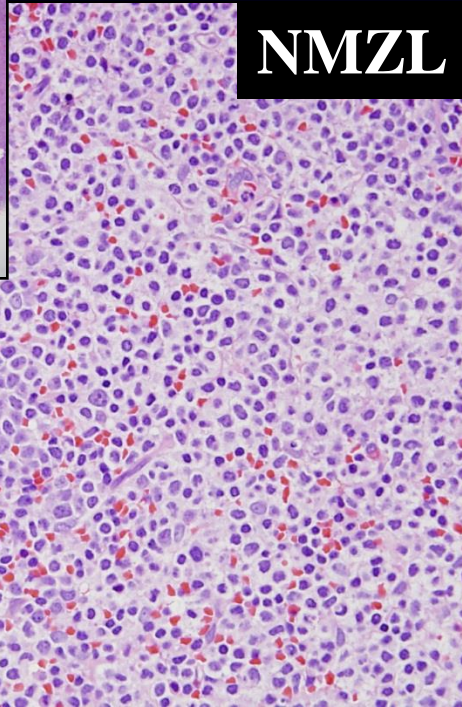
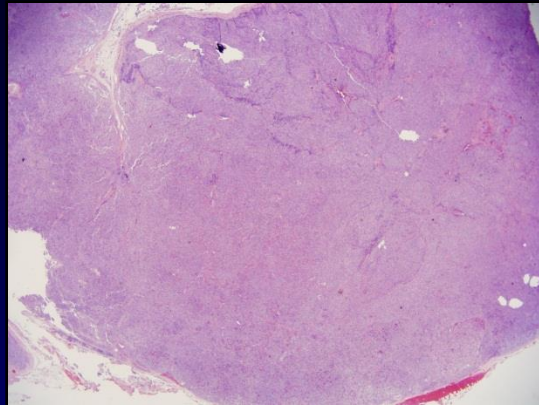
**Frequency**

**10%**

**33%**

**70%**

# Criteria for large cell transformation in MZL?



**16 months later**

**Sheets of large cells are best and perhaps only criterion  
Otherwise be conservative  
Ki67 and p53 can be helpful**