Common Breast Patholgies

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- Breast is the most prominant superfecial structure of the anterior chest wall.
- It is composed of glandular and supportive structures embedde in fatty matrix.
- Boundaries? -
- Superior from the second rib
- Inferior sixth rib-inframammary fold-.
- Medially from lateral edge of the body of sternum.
- Laterally mid axially line.
- Quadrants? Most bulky quadrant is?
- axillary tail of Spence : superolateral extremity, where the breast tissue projects
- Into the axilla along the lower border of the Pectoral's major
- Base of breast?

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Anatomy

- Nipple-mostly smooth muscle fibers .
- Usually located at level of 4th ICS $% \mathcal{A}$.
- 15-20 lactiferous ducts open on to it.
- Areola.. Pigmented skin area around the nipple
- Montgomery gland? Sebacious glands
- open as montgomery tubercle for lubrication.
- Cooper's ligament: Maintain breast shape
- , separate secretory lobules, secure breast to the
- Skin and underlying pectoralis fascia











Patient profile

- 1. Name.2. Age.3. Marital status4. Occupation.5. Residency.6. Admission: date and time. And how (via ER, Referral ...)
- 2. C.C: chief complain and the duration

pain

SOCRATES

(site, Onset, character of the pain, radiation, associated symptoms, timing of the pain, exacerbating and relieving factors, Severity

Associated with?

Lump? Skin changes? Hotness? Skin discoloration?Nipp le discharge or changes? Relation of pain to periods? Fever, fatigue, anorexia, weight loss?

Lump

When did you notice the lump and How? What was the size of the lump when it was first noticed? Changed? disappear? Have you ever had a similar lumps before?other lumps?

Nipple discharge

When?Color? Spontaneously or induced? Unilateral or bilateral? Uniductal or biductal? Pregnant? Lactating? Symptoms of prolactinoma?Symptoms of hyperthydroism?

Nipple changes •

Discoloration. destruction (change in its shape). displacement (change in its site). deviation (change in projection). depression (retraction = inversion). Areola changes Pigmentations Ulceration Scales

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Menarche Menopause Parity Last pregnancy History of lactation Hormonal treatment

Medical and Surgical History:

-Have you had a breast CA or benign tumors in the past? Do you have any other medical problems? -Have you ever had any surgeries before? -Do you take any drugs? -Have you been exposed to any source of radiation? -Have you ever had a mammogram before? -Have you had any trauma recently?

Family history

-Do you have a family Hx of breast tumors?first degree? Number of members?
-FHx of uterine or ovarian tumors?
-FHx of other tumors?other illnesses?

Social Hx:

-Do you smoke? -Do you drink alcohol? How many Kgs do you weigh? -Do you eat a high fat diet?



| TABLE 31-1 | Risk Factors for Breast Cancer and Approximate Strength of Association | | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|--------|--|
| Reproductive | Hormonal | Nutritional/Lifestyle/Body Habitus | Other | |
| Early menarche | OC use (current vs. | Obesity (>30 BMI vs. <25) | Family | |

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| [+] | none) [+] | Premenopausal [–] Postmenopausal [+] | (mo siste |
|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| Age at first birth (>35 vs. <20) [++] | Estrogen replacement (10+ yr vs. none) [+] | Adult weight gain (postmenopausal) [++] | Family (firs rela |
| No. of births (0 vs. 1 child) [+] | Estrogen plus progesterone replacement (>5 yr vs. none) [++] | Alcohol (1 or more drink/day vs. none) [+] | Jewisl (yes |
| Age at menopause (5-yr increment) [+] | High blood estrogens or androgens (postmenopause) [+++] | Height (>5 ft 7 in) [+] | lonizir (yes |
| Breastfeeding (>1 yr vs. none) [-] | High blood prolactin [++] | Physical activity (>3 hr/wk) [-] | Benigi dise diac [++] |
| | | Monounsaturated fat ^c (vs. saturated fat) [–] | Mamn den (hig cate lowe |
| | | Low intake of fruits and vegetables ^c (specifically for ER-breast cancer) [+] | |

Gail model ??

https://www.mdcalc.com/calc/**3647**/ gail-model-breast-cancer-risk

Physical Examination

- Position:upright and supine positions.
- Exposure:
- Inspection: upright position, examine with the patient's when arms relaxed
- and then raised, bend forward, push waist looking for shape asymmetry, deformity, skin changes
- (e.g., erythema, edema, dimpling), nipple changes or discharge, and
- lymphadenopathy (axillary, supraclavicular, and infraclavicular),
- Palpation: supine position examine the entire breast systematically with the patient's ipsilateral arm raised above and behind Head .

Palpation techniques of the examination:

• Lymph node examination





Circular motions on all parts of each breast "Wedge" shaped movements from the outer breast to the nipple and back again



Up-and-down movements over the entire breast area



Diagnostic Imaging

- Mammograms :2 D imsge
- are performed in the symptomatic patient or to follow-up an abnormality noted on a screening mammogram.
- ***Contrast-enhance digital mammography:** particularly useful in patients who cannot tolerate MRI due to the presence of medical devices or claustrophobia.

*Digital breast tomosythesis: 3D image

• Ultrasound can determine whether a lesion is solid or cystic and can define the size, contour, or internal texture of the lesion.

If used as an adjunct with mammography, US may improve diagnostic sensitivity to greater than 90% among Patients who mamo sensitivity is Lower due to denser breast tissue.

* **B-mode** (grayscale) is one of the mc techniques.

*3D - US, color Doppler, power Doppler, automated breast ultrasound.

MRI: 1- screening patients with a high risk of breast ca 2-Preoperative evaluation (lobular neoplasia, tumor extent) 3-postneoadjuvant chemotherapy 4- positive surgical margins.

Biopsies

Palpable mass biopsy

Fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB)

can determine the presence of malignant cells and estrogen receptor (ER) and (PR) status . * Advantages :quick ,office procedure, non expensive , no incision ;less risk infections

*Disadvantages:does not give information tumor grade or the presence of invasion.

• Core needle biopsy

is preferred over FNAB. Same advantage as FNA ..It can distinguish between invasive and noninvasive cancer and provides information on tumor grade as well as receptor status

* Disadvantages: not used if lesion is near chest wall;or in presence of breast implants; may done in hospital if unpalatable lesion.

- **Excisional biopsy** should primarily be used when a core biopsy cant be done. Masses should excised as a single specimen and labeled to preserve three dimensional orientations.
- *Advantages:accurate and therapeutic
- *Disadvantages:expensive ;hospital proceduce;incisional so risk for infection , pain

Incisional biopsy: is indicated for the evaluation of a large breast masses suspicious for malignancy but for which a definitive diagnosis cannot be made by FNAB or core biopsy .

ex; **inflammatory breast cancer** with skin involvement, an incisional biopsy can consist of **a skin punch biopsy**.

- Non palpable mass biopsy
- Stereotactic core biopsy

CI: *-1 lesions close to the chest wall or in axillary tail and thin breasts that may allow needle strikethrough into the thorax. 2Superficial lesions and lesions directly beneath the nipple-areolar complex

US-guided biopsy:preferred method for lesions with a cystic component, as it can be used to aspirate the cyst as well as provide core biopsy specimens.

NLB







PRESENTING SIGNS/SYMPTOMS

DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP

Breast pathologies

| Category | Pathology / Disease | |
|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Developmental Abnormalities | Ectopic breast (mammary heterotopia) Underdevelopment of the breast (hypoplasia) Amastia (complete absence of both breast and nipple) Amazia (presence of only nipple without breast tissue) | Nipple (polythelia), areola, glandular tissue (polymastia) Congenital Uinar-mammary syndrome Poland's syndrome Turner's syndrome Congenital adrenal hyperplasia Congenital adrenal hyperplasia Radiotherapy |
| Inflammatory and related lesions | Mastitis Mammary Duct Ectasia Fat Necrosis | Acute mastitis Granulomatous mastitis Foreign body reactions Zuska's disease |
| Fibrocystic Changes | | |
| Breast Cysts | | |
| Adenosis | The Advances of the | |

Developmental anomalies

- 1_Ectopic Breast
- Polymastia: glandular tissue and areola
 - Poly thalia:nipple.
- 2_breast hypoplasia

Polythelia

Amastia

Athelia: absence of nipple.

Mastitis

- inflammation of the <u>breast</u> tissue and most commonly affects individuals who are lactating (<u>puerperal mastitis</u>).
 Nonlactional mastitis, although rare, can also occur.
- Etiology
- Staphylococcus aureus (most common infectious cause of puerperal mastitis)
- Other pathogens (e.g., <u>Streptococcus</u>, <u>Escherichia coli</u>, <u>mycobacteria</u>)
- Pathophysiology
- <u>Nipple</u> fissures facilitate the entry of bacteria located in the nostril and throat of the <u>infant</u> or on the <u>skin</u> of the mother into the milk ducts during <u>breastfeeding</u>.
- Prolonged <u>breast engorgement</u> (due to overproduction of milk)
- or insufficient drainage of milk (e.g., due to infrequent feeding, quick weaning, illness in either the baby or mother) result in milk stasis, which creates favorable conditions for bacterial growth within the <u>lactiferous ducts</u>.
- Clinical features
- Typically localized, tender, firm, swollen, erythematous breast (generally unilateral)
- Systemic symptoms (malaise, fever, and chills)
- Pain during breastfeeding

- Diagnosis is usually clinical.
- Diagnostic studies are indicated to evaluate for complications or alternative diagnoses in patients with atypical presentation or poor response to initial <u>empiric antibiotic therapy</u>.
- Breast milk culture
- Indications
- Inadequate response to initial empiric antibiotic therapy.
- Severe infection
- Recurrent mastitis
- Imaging (not routinely required)
- Poor response to empiric antibiotic therapy (e.g., within 48-72 hours)
- Evaluation for complications (e.g., <u>abscess</u>)

Biopsy

- Core needle biopsy: may be preferable for patients with imaging features suspicious for malignancy
- Punch biopsy: may be preferable for patients with features concerning for inflammatory breast cancer

- Management
- Puerperal mastitis
- Initiate supportive therapy : Rest, adequate hydration
- Warm and cold compresses
- Pain management NSAIDs
- <u>Breastfeeding</u> upon <u>infant</u> demand with alternate <u>breasts</u>
- <u>Referral</u> to <u>breast</u> <u>surgery</u> (e.g., for treatment of underlying <u>breast</u> a surgical drainage)
- Severe cases (e.g., <u>sepsis</u>): Admit to hospital and initiate IV <u>antibiotics</u>.

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Mammary duct ectasia

 a chronic inflammatory condition characterized by dilatation of the terminal (subareolar) <u>lactiferous</u> <u>ducts</u>, with a peak <u>incidence</u> in women between 40–50 years of age

- Pathophysiology
- Inspissated luminal secretion \rightarrow stasis \rightarrow periductal inflammation \rightarrow fibrous obliteration
- Clinical features

- Often asymptomatic
- Unilateral or bilateral non-milky gray, greenish, or bloody discharge
- <u>Nipple</u> inversion
- Firm, tender subareolar mass may be present (may mimic breast cancer)
- <u>Noncyclic mastalgia</u>

- Imaging
- Breast ultrasound: dilated subareolar ducts
- <u>Mammography</u>: dilated, <u>tortuous</u> subareolar ducts, branching calcifications
- <u>Biopsy</u>
- Periductal inflammation and/or <u>fibrosis</u>
- The ductal lumens may be obliterated or filled with inspissated secretions and inflammatory cells.
- Foamy <u>histiocytes</u> are characteristically present within the inflammatory infiltrate

Management

<u>Expectant management</u> is usually sufficient as most cases resolve spontaneously.

Consider surgical duct excision for patients with:

- Nipple discharge
- Other persistent symptoms
- Non-diagnostic <u>biopsy</u>

Granulomatous Mastitis

- It's a rare benign inflammatory breast disease of variable etiologies
- 1. Infection (e.g. TB)
- 2. Foreign material.
- 3. Systemic autoimmune diseases (e.g. sarcoidosis and Wegener's granulomatosis).
- 4. Idiopathic :
- A non-caseating granulomatous lesions without an identifiable cause.
- <u>Biopsy</u> is typically needed to confirm the diagnosis as clinical and imaging findings of granulomatous mastitis closely resemble those of <u>inflammatory breast cancer</u>
- Presentation
- Ill defined painful mass in the breast
- Can involve any quadrant
- Skin thickness, sinus and abscess formation
- Axillary lymphadenopathy
- Nipple retraction
- May be mistaken with breast carcinoma

- Expectant management may be considered in asymptomatic patients.
- Complete surgical excision whenever possible plus steroid therapy
- Abscess I&D

Fat necrosis

- <u>Fat necrosis</u> of the <u>breast</u> is a benign nonsuppurative inflammatory lesion affecting the <u>adipose tissue</u>
- Etiology
- Often associated with soft tissue trauma
- <u>Surgery</u> or radiation
- Clinical features
- Typically manifests as an ill-defined nontender breast mass
- Often periareolar in location; can also occur peripherally
- <u>Breast skin retraction</u>, <u>erythema</u>, and/or <u>ecchymosis (</u> may mimic breast cancer)
- Imaging findings
- <u>Breast ultrasound</u>: variable; may be solid or cystic and <u>anechoic</u> or <u>hyperechoic</u>
- Mammography
 - Fluid-filled oil cyst
 - Coarse rim calcifications
 - Spiculated mass

- Image-guided <u>biopsy</u>
- Indication: clinical suspicion of malignancy
- Findings
 - Foam cells and <u>multinucleated giant cells</u>
 - <u>Necrotic</u> fat cells
 - Hemosiderin deposition and <u>chronic inflammation</u>
- Treatment
- Expectant management is usually sufficient.
- Appropriate surveillance for benign or probably benign lesions
- Consider surgical excision if:
 - <u>Malignancy</u> can not be excluded
 - Imaging and pathology findings are discordant

RECURRING SUBAREOLAR ABSCESS (ZUSKA'S DISEASE)

- Rare, benign bacterial infection of the breast.
- • 90% of patients are smokers
- • Triad:
- 1. Cutaneous Fistula draining from the subareolar tissue
- 2. Chronic thick pasty nipple discharge
- 3. Recurrent mammary abscesses
- Treatment:
- Surgical drainage.
- Fistulectomy (Hadfield operation) and complete excision of the affected duct and sinus tract.
- Smoking cessation.
- Abscess may recur if the process develops in another duct.

Fibrocystic changes

- a nonspecific term that includes a heterogeneous spectrum of breast conditions. Women between 20 and 50 years of age are most commonly affected. Histologically, fibrocystic changes are divided into <u>nonproliferative breast lesions</u> and <u>proliferative breast lesions</u>
- Most common benign lesion of the <u>breast</u>
- Clinical features
- Premenstrual bilateral multifocal <u>breast pain</u> (cyclic mastalgia)
- Tender or nontender <u>breast</u> <u>nodules</u>
- Clear or slightly milky <u>nipple discharge</u>

| Nonneoliforative locione | т | Create | • 709/ of honign broast |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Nonpromerative resions | 1. | Cysts | • 70% of beingn breast |
| | II. | Papillary apocrine | conditions |
| | changes | | No increase in risk of BC |
| | III. Epithelial-related | | development |
| | | calcifications | |
| | IV. | Mild epithelial | |
| | hyperplasia | | |
| | V. | Ductal ectasia | |
| | VI. | Nonsclerosing | |
| | adenosis | | |
| | VII. | Periductal fibrosis | |
| Proliferative lesions without | I. | Moderate or florid | • BC RR increase 1.3-1.9 times |
| atypia | | ductal hyperplasia of the | |
| | usual type | | |
| | П. | Sclerosing adenosis | |
| | Ш | Radial scar | |
| | | Introductal nanillama | |
| | 1 V. | intraductar papinoina | |
| | | or papillomatosis | |
| Proliferative lesions with atypia | I. | Atypical ductal | • BC RR increase 3.9-13 times |
| (atypical hyperplasia) | | hyperplasia (ADH) | $\bullet > 80\%$ of patients with atypical |
| (atypical hyperplasm) | TT | Atomical labular | hymemlesie de net develor |
| | п. | Atypical lobular | hyperplasia do not develop |
Breast cysts

- Breast cysts are circumscribed fluid collections that most commonly occur in premenopausal women
- <u>Simple breast cysts</u> are the most common cause of <u>nonproliferative breast</u> <u>lesions</u>.
- Clinical features
- Maybe asymptomatic (detected incidentally)
- Single or multiple <u>breast</u> masses
- May be tender
- Variable size and texture (smooth, soft, firm)
- Usually mobile





| | Simple breast cyst | Complicated breast cyst | Complex breast cyst |
|---|---|--|---|
| Characteristic features on <u>ultrasound</u> | Round or oval well-defined, anechoic Posterior acoustic enhancement Thin walls No mural thickening No solid components No internal sepatations | Round <u>hypoechoic</u> well-defined mass with internal echoes May or may not have <u>posterior acoustic</u> enhancement No solid components or intracystic mass No internal septations Avascular on <u>doppler ultrasound</u> | Round well-defined mass with any of the following: Internal septations Mural thickening Thick walls Solid and cystic components |
| Risk of malignancy | • None | • Low (< 2%) ^{[2][8]} | • High (up to 23%) ^[8] |

Simple:

Asymptomatic cysts: no intervention required; most resolve spontaneously Symptomatic cysts :

Consider <u>ultrasound</u>-guided <u>fine</u> <u>needle aspiration</u>.

Complex :

Perform an <u>ultrasound</u>-guided <u>core needle</u> <u>biopsy</u> or <u>excisional biopsy</u> in all patients. **Benign lesion on <u>biopsy</u>**

Follow-up at 6 and/or 12 months for 1 year. Indeterminate lesion : surgical excision

Atypical Hyperplasia

- The most common form of proliferative breast disease.
- Classified into: 1. Ductal Hyperplasia. 2. Lobular Hyperplasia.
- Ductal Hyperplasia : Epithelial hyperplasia of terminal duct cells and lobular epithelium
- A- Usual Ductal Hyperplasia
- No Atypia
- RR for BC increase slightly (1.5-2X)
- B- Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia
- Atypia
- RR increase by (4-5X) associated with an increased risk of breast cancer in both the affected and contralateral breast.
- Mimics low grade DCIS.
- Surgical excision, followed by close surveillance for breast cancer and imaging
- <u>Chemoprevention</u>

Lobular Hyperplasia

- Includes :
- Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia
- Lobular Carcinoma In Situ (LCIS) : is a noninvasive proliferative lesion of the <u>breast</u> that arises from the <u>terminal ductal lobular units</u>. It is typically asymptomatic
- More common in premenopausal women.

- Diagnosis
- LCIS is usually detected **incidentally** during <u>biopsy</u> for another abnormality.
- Immunohistochemistry
 - <u>E-cadherin</u>: negative
- Management:
- ALH: follow-up and appropriate risk assessment.
- LCIS:
- Close clinical surveillance
- every 6–12 months
- Women ≥ 30 years
 - Annual <u>mammogram</u>
- Surgical excision
- Breast cancer risk-reduction options :
- <u>Chemoprevention</u>, Bilateral prophylactic mastectomy



Benign Breast Tumors

Fibroadenoma

Intraductal Papilloma

Gynecomastia

Phyllodes Tumor

Lipoma

Hamartoma

Granular Cell Tumor

Radial Scar



1-Fibroadenoma

- It is a benign tumor
- Fibroadenomas are the most common benign tumors in women under 35 years of age
- Peak incidence occurs mainly in 20 30 years; but can occur at any age
- The incidence of fibroadenomas decreases with age
- Composed of epithelial and stromal elements.



Etiology

- Idiopathic
- Hormonal factors (increased estrogen sensitivity or OCP in young age) are thought to contribute to fibroadenoma growth; as in pregnancy increased estrogen may stimulate growth thus fibroadenomas increase in size, and reverts after menopause.
- EBV in immunosuppressed women; data suggests that the infection is specifically localized to epithelial cells and plays a role in the pathogenesis of fibroadenomas.

How is it presented?

Clinical presentation

- Mostly asymptomatic
- Symptomatic
- Well-defined mobile mass.
- Non-tender
- Mostly solitary
- Located anywhere, but mostly in the upper outer quadrant

Red flags

- Pain
- Rapid growth
- Cosmetic effect
- Fear of malignancy

Diagnosis?

Breast Ultrasound



Mammography





Pathologic Classification **Size**

< 5 cm

> or equal 5 cm (Giant fibroadenoma or Juvenile giant fibroadenoma in young age)

Microscopic architecture of ductal elements

Pericanalicular. Intracanalicular. Simple Vs. Complex (i.e. with hyperplasia, metaplasia or sclerosing adenosis)

Rare types:

Tubular (pure) adenoma--- prominent adenosis with very little stroma Lactational adenoma---- lactational changes in secretory glands in fibroadenoma of pregnant or breast feeding women. Fibroadenoma Mx in women < 35 years old





2-Intraductal Papilloma

- It is a rare benign tumor that arises from the epithelium of the lactiferous duct.
- peak incidence between 30 50 years of age
- It is the most common cause of bloody or serous nipple discharge



Classification:

Classified into:

1-Solitary or Multiple (papillomatosis).

2-Central (subareolar) or peripheral.

Clinical presentation:

Central: spontaneous bloody, greenish, or serous nipple discharge / Rarely a mass.

Peripheral: Asymptomatic / incidentally discovered on imaging / associated with malignancy (especially when atypia is found).





Well-defined, solid nodule or mass within the dilated lactiferous duct

May be normal or show a well-defined mass with calcifications filling defect(s) within the lactiferous duct, duct ectasia or obstruction, duct wall deformity



Mammography

• Ductography





- Core needle biopsy
- <u>Indication</u>: all patients with suspected intraductal papilloma; for diagnostic confirmation and to determine if cellular atypia is present.
- <u>Findings</u>
 - Papillary structure with fibrovascular core covered by both epithelial and myoepithelial cells
 - Peripheral papillomas may be associated with Cellular atypia, DCIS, or invasive breast cancer



Treatment

Intraductal papilloma without atypia

- Surveillance
- Excision may be considered for symptomatic control.
- Intraductal papilloma with atypia
 - Surgical excision of the affected duct(s)
- Prognosis:
- Intraductal papilloma without atypia: good prognosis
- Intraductal papillomas with atypia: associated with an increased risk of breast cancer

3-Phyllodes Tumor (osteosarcoma phyllodes)

- It is a rare fibroepithelial breast tumor
- Can be benign, borderline or malignant
- Accounts for <1% of breast lesions
- Peak incidence: 40 50 years; but can also occur in younger women
- More prevalent in Latin American, white, and Asian populations



Presentation?

It usually presents as a rapidly growing but clinically benign breast lump. In some patients, a lesion may have been apparent for several years, with Clinical presentation precipitated by a sudden increase in size

More commonly found in the upper outer quadrant with an equal propensity to occur in either breast.

Rarely bilaterally

The median size is around 4 cm. 20% of tumors grow larger than 10 cm (giant phyllodes tumor).

nipple retraction is rare, the skin over large tumors may have dilated veins and a blue discoloration

Diagnostics

Ultrasound

Hypoechoic solid mass that may contain cysts

Mammography

Hyperdense mass







• Biopsy

• Indication:

As phyllodes tumors and fibroadenomas have similar clinical presentations and imaging features. If a phyllodes tumor is suspected, a biopsy is indicated to confirm the diagnosis.

- <u>Modalities:</u> core needle biopsy, or excisional biopsy
- <u>Findings:</u>
- Leaf-

like architecture with papillary projections of epitheliumlined stroma (connective tissue)

• Phyllodes tumors are histologically categorized as benign, borderline, or malignant.

Management

- While phyllodes tumors are typically benign, some are malignant and have the potential to metastasize. Phyllodes tumors should be considered malignant until proven otherwise.
- Borderline or malignant tumors can metastasize hematogenously.
- If a breast mass was confirmed to be a phyllodes tumor then it should be resected with a wide excision (>= 1 cm) margins especially in the borderline and malignant tumors.
- benign phyllodes tumor: surgical excision
- Borderline or malignant phyllodes tumor
 - Nonmetastatic disease:
 - Wide excision
 - Metastatic disease:
 - Palliative surgery

- Chemotherapy and pharmacotherapy can be used but it is still not definitive as it is yet to be extensively studied.
- Thus the role of adjuvant therapy remains uncertain.
- High recurrence rate after excision.

4-Gynecomastia

- Gynecomastia is the proliferation of mammary gland tissue in males, caused by an increased estrogen/testosterone ratio
- It is classified as physiological or pathological gynecomastia
- It is the most common male breast abnormality
- Pseudogynecomastia refers to an increase in fat but not concomitant ductal proliferation.



- Idiopathic
- Physiological
 - Also called senile gynecomastia

- Due to decreased levels of circulating androgens either to decreased production or increased peripheral conversion to estrogen

- Medication-related
- Chronic diseases (liver failure, renal failure, testicular tumors, adrenocortical tumors, pituitary adenoma, hypogonadism, hyperthyroidism, obesity, ectopic hormone release, etc.)

TABLE 2 Drugs associated with gynecomastia⁵

| Antiandrogens | Bicalutamide, flutamide, finasteride, spironolactone | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Antibiotics | Isoniazid, ketoconazole, metronidazole | |
| Antihypertensive agents | Amlodipine, diltiazem, nifedipine, verapamil, captopril, enalapril | |
| GI agents | Cimetidine, ranitidine, omeprazole | |
| Hormones | Anabolic steroids, estrogens, hCG, growth hormone, GnRH agonists | |
| Illicit drugs, alcohol | Marijuana, methadone | |
| Psychiatric drugs | Psychotropic agents, tricyclic antidepressants | |
| Other | Antiretroviral agents, digitalis, fibrates, methotrexate, statins | |

GI, gastrointestinal; GnRH, gonadotropin-releasing hormone; hCG, human chorionic gonadotropin.

Gynecomastia Pathology

Florid Phase (reversable)

- In 1st year of onset
- Proliferation of ductal epithelium and stromal elements
- Periductal inflammation and edema
- No fibrosis
- Mx: Non surgical treatment might be successful

Fibrotic Phase (irreversible)

- Start after 6 months
- Minimal ductal proliferation
- Hyalinized periductal tissue
- Mx: Only surgical treatment

Gynecomastia Stages

| Nodular Pattern | Recent onset < 1 year Fan shaped subareolar density Appear as hypoechoic subareolar mass with fat tissue surrounding | Reversible stage / no fibrosis established | |
|------------------------------|---|---|--|
| Dendritic Pattern | In more chronic stage Flame (or cone) shaped density infiltrate deeper, surround fat | Irreversible fibrosis | |
| Diffuse Glandular Pattern | US / Mammogram similar to female breast In patient treated with high doses of estrogen | | |

Clinical valuation and Workup

Clinical history and Physical exam

Assessment of regional lymph nodes

Distinguishing clinical feature is >> concentric enlargement

Frequently bilateral

Labs workup:

LFT, KFT, TSH, Prolactin, Beta-HCG, LH, Testosterone

Imaging studies: mammogram (sensitivity :92%/ specificity:90% in men)

Red Flags

- Unilateral
- Eccentric growth pattern
- Skin or nipple changes
- Nipple discharge
- Lymphadenopathy
- FHx of breast cancer

Treatment

- Look for <u>underlying causes</u> and treat it
- <u>Surgery</u>
- Mainstay of treatment in long-standing cases
- Subcutaneous mastectomy
- Liposuction
- Management of <u>high-risk</u> patients (prostate cancer)
- Radiotherapy
- Pharmacotherapy such as Tamoxifen is not yet FDA-approved.


- It is a benign tumor composed of adipose tissue, that is encapsuled with a connective tissue membrane
- It is the most common form of benign soft tissue tumor, but may be pedunculated
- Usually present in people aged 40-60 years
- Causes of lipoma is not nessecerly hereditary, although some hereditary diseases such as familial lipomatosis can increase the risk of lipomas
- Some cases of lipomas were found after minor trauma "post-traumatic lipomas"

Clinical features

- Localized
- Fluctuant
- Mobile
- Soft
- Painless and non-tender



Diagnosis

- Clinically by history & examination
- Imaging:
 - <u>Mammogram</u>: show on a mammogram as a translucent gray mass
 - <u>US</u>: mass parallel to the skin surface that is hyperechoic relative to adjacent muscle and that contains linear echogenic lines



Treatment

- Treatment is usually <u>not indicated unless</u>: large tumor, patient desire, pain or signs of malignancy "liposarcoma"
- Signs of malignancy: tumor starts growing, large >5cm & deep tumor
- Treatment: surgical removal

Hamartoma

 A breast <u>hamartoma</u> (fibroadenolipoma) is a rare, benign mass composed of well-encapsulated fatty, fibrous, and adenomatous elements

• <u>Clinical features & Diagnosis</u>

- Breast <u>hamartomas</u> often present as a prominent palpable mass or as gross breast asymmetry; they vary in size from 1 and 20 cm, with a mean size of 6 cm.
- The mammographic appearance of hamartomas is usually diagnostic. The lesion is circumscribed and contains both fat and <u>soft tissue</u> density surrounded by a thin radiopaque capsule, which is visible when fat is identified on both sides



Treatment

 Eradicating the lesion with a robust surgical margin is also essential because of the potential for recurrence and, rarely, possible malignancy foci within the lesion

Thank you